

ELKS INITIATE RECORD CLASS LAST NIGHT

PLATTSMOUTH LODGE NO. 739, IS INCREASING ITS MEMBERSHIP MATERIALLY.

TWENTY-SEVEN JOINED ORDER

And Already Four More Applications are Up—May Initiate a Second Class Next Month.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The largest single class of members ever taken into the local lodge of Elks, and we dare say into any local lodge for that matter, was initiated into the mysteries of Platts-mouth Lodge No. 739, B. P. O. E., at its regular meeting last night. In all there were twenty-seven candidates, and but for the absence of two whose applications had been favorably passed upon there would have been twenty-nine. These two will be held over and a second class of almost equal size will be initiated during the coming month, applications for membership having already been proposed. The members are making an effort to secure available good material and induce them to become members of the order.

According to the by laws of the order no more than twenty can be initiated into the order at any one time without a special dispensation from district headquarters. This was secured a few days ago, enabling the lodge to put through the large class at one session.

A large attendance was present to witness the work which was very ably put on under the efficient direction of H. A. Schneider, Exalted Ruler of Platts-mouth Lodge and the candidates were given cause long to remember the impressive scenes attendant upon their initiation into this purely American society, which stands for benevolence and protection.

After the initiatory ceremonies had been concluded, officers of the lodge and the newly admitted brethren headed a line of procession that passed from the lodge room through an adjoining room where a buffet luncheon was served, with coffee, cider and near-beer for beverages. The procession continued back thru another door into the lodge room, where the members elected to eat, drink and be merry until a late hour.

Platts-mouth lodge No. 739 has reason to feel proud of not only the size of the class initiated last night, but of the character and personal qualities of each individual member as well. While the lodge desires to secure as many new members as possible it does not propose to admit to membership anybody and everybody, and certainly no finer testimonial of this fact could be produced than that apparent from those comprising the large class taking the work last night.

WILL FARM THIS YEAR.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gerner who have made their home in Omaha, for some time past, are moving to the farm which was recently owned by George L. Meisinger, near Cedar Creek, and will farm for the coming year. Mr. Gerner has been employed with the Union Pacific as an electrician, and is an expert in that line. Mr. Charles Allen will make his home with them, and will do his portion of the work on the farm having engaged with them for the period of seven months. Mr. Allen is an expert farmer, and has had an abundance of experience in that line. Mrs. Gerner was formerly Miss Blanche Robertson.

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WERE HERE LOCATING A HOUSE SITE

J. H. Huffer and Capt. Harry Greer and wife were in this city yesterday from their home in Lincoln, where they come to locate a site for the construction of a house and barn on the farm which is owned by Mr. Huffer and on which Mr. S. E. Wixon lives, near Rock Bluffs. Captain Greer has but a short time since returned from the front in France, where he was in the trenches for ten months, and has since his return to America a few months since, been giving military training at a camp in the east.

SEED CORN FOR SALE.

Extra good early yellow seed corn. John Long, 2 miles east of LaPlatte.

ARE VISITING WITH FRIENDS.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. E. E. Ozburn, mother of Mrs. M. S. Briggs, and Mrs. W. L. Hunnicutt, sister of Mrs. Briggs, of Indianola, Iowa, arrived in this city and are visiting with their sister. Mrs. Ozburn has visited here a number of times the last summer, when she spent the summer with her daughter. Mrs. Hunnicutt has not visited in this city for about twenty-six years.

THE OFFICERS ROUNDED UP A TOUGH GANG

STATE "HOUNDS" APPREHEND FIVE SUSPECTS ARMED TO THEIR TEETH.

MUCH DOING LAST EVENING

"Wearie Willies" Suspected of Being Bootleggers, Have No Booze—One Was Intoxicated.

Last evening there was something doing for a considerable part of the night in and about the city, and not the least exciting of all was the apprehension of four alleged bootleggers, two of whom had been convicted in the county court here in the past, and two others with reputations, and whom the state men had been shadowing for some time.

State Agents Mathew, Buell and Flannigan this morning brought into the city five people, four claiming their home as Omaha, while the fifth comes from St. Joseph, Mo. The officers had expected to capture them with the goods on their persons, or having it in charge, but all they did get was the artillery and flash lights, or dark lanterns, the men carried.

They were placed in the county jail to await action and the filing of charges against them.

Upon arraignment before County Judge Beeson the entire crowd pleaded guilty to exceeding the speed limits, and were assessed a fine, the driver drawing \$5 and the others \$2 each, together with costs, amounting in all to \$24.70. The fines were paid promptly and the crowd were given their liberty. They gave their names as J. E. Nice, Roscoe Nice, Thomas Leneigh, J. L. Leneigh and G. E. Crouse.

IS HOME ON FURLOUGH FROM NAVY

Glen Neill is Spending a Few Days With Relatives Here and at Waterloo, Nebraska.

Sunday evening Glen Neill arrived home from New York, having been away for about a year and a half, during which time he has been in the Navy. He was first sent to San Francisco, being stationed for a time at Mare Island, then getting his chance at Pacific waters and later was changed to the Atlantic. He is now stationed on the "Rochester" and has made a number of trips over the Atlantic since being stationed in eastern waters. He comes home on a ten day furlough, exclusive of traveling time. Glen has been visiting with relatives in the city for the past few days and this morning departed for Omaha, and from there will go to Waterloo, Nebraska, to spend a short time with relatives before the expiration of his furlough when he will be required to return to the east coast and take up his work on board the Rochester again.

RECEIVES NOMINAL JUDGMENT.

In the case in justice court this morning, wherein Geo. H. Dennis brought suit against Dederich Koester, for payment for the drawing of plans and making specifications for building to be erected, a judgment was awarded the plaintiff in the sum of fifty dollars and costs.

Mr. Dennis was represented by C. E. Tefft, Weeping Water's attorney, while Mr. Koester had his interests in the case looked after by D. O. Dwyer of this city. Mr. Koester will make arrangements for perfecting an appeal to the district court.

IS PASSING THE 66TH MILESTONE

From Wednesday's Daily.

Jasper M. Young, who has lived in this city for many a year, and has raised bees and sold honey to the inhabitants of this peaceful little city, this day passed his 66th year, and is feeling pretty fine, thank you. He received a present via parcel post this morning from his sister Mrs. W. R. Olmstead of Carrol, which he appreciated very much.

TELLS OF TRIP TO CUBA ON U. S. S. ALABAMA

GEORGE LAMPHERE WRITES INTERESTING LETTER TO HIS MOTHER HERE.

HAD FINE TARGET PRACTICE

Five Gun Turrets on Board—Says Very Warm in Cuba—Pens Best Regards to All.

Mrs. George Lamphere, Sr., is in receipt of a letter from her son, George, who is a member of the U. S. N., and has just lately made a trip from New York to Cuba. The letter follows:

U. S. S. Alabama, March 5. Dearest Mother and All:

Just a few lines to let you know I am still alive. But its damned hot. The water here is 86 degrees and the heat in the sun from 110 to 115 degrees. Talk about the sunny south; these South seas are "L." Well, we've been out with the New York and Texas to fire. We towed targets for them.

It was great sport and I am sending you a printed detail of our trip to Guantanamo Bay from the Roads. We left Guantanamo Bay Saturday night at 7:30 enroute for the south coast of Cuba. We were until 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon reaching where the fleet was anchored.

But the firing was fine. The ships had five gun turrets, three aft and two forward and all five went on Salvo. We could see them flying through the air and strike the target which was five hundred yards astern of us. Some of them would fall a bit short of the mark and hit the water, glancing into space again. The projectile could thus be followed until it sloped and the ships of the fleet certainly can shoot.

The New York fired Monday and the Texas Tuesday. Monday when we anchored we lost our anchor and Tuesday we looked for it. The water is so clear that one can see bottom at 12 fathoms. But the anchor could not be found. A diver went down where some of the officers thought they saw it, but it wasn't located and it was too rough this morning to dive or even for an open boat to venture out, so we are left with but one anchor and suppose some time will be sent to find it.

We leave for Hampton Roads on Monday. There are nothing there but Spicks, "natives."

Well, we are having movies to-night, so will close, with love for all. Write soon. From, your son, GEORGE LAMPHERE.

WILL SELL THE TURNER HOME.

From Wednesday's Daily.

As the Turner society, the Turnverein, is not active any more, there has been maintained no instructor for some time, those having stock in the property which has been used by the society in the past, held a meeting a few days since, to determine what should be done with the property. After mature deliberation and thorough consideration of the matter in hand, it was decided to offer the property to the highest bidder.

The place which is known as the Turner Hall, is well situated, and would, transformed into some other kind of a building, make a good place for many purposes. This would be a good place for another garage, a good place for a hospital, an apartment house would be a good thing to have there. A large broom factory, and not a bad place for a shirt factory. Any way it is to be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

Address your bids to Adolph Giese, make it what you can afford to pay for the purpose for which you want the property, and do not be too late about placing your offer.

SPEND PLEASANT AFTERNOON.

W. C. T. U. spent a very pleasant afternoon at the home of Mrs. Don York Monday. The subject for afternoon was "Tobacco." A number of readings were given on this topic.

W. C. T. U. now have on a million dollar drive. The money to be used to rid the world of vice of all kinds. Their motto is: "For God and Home and Every Land." Key note: "Sound the Jubilee."

Nebraska's apportionment is \$25,000.00. The hostess served very dainty refreshments. The meeting then closed by all joining hands and giving the W. C. T. U. Benediction.

BECOMES CITIZEN OF PLATTSMOUTH

From Wednesday's Daily.

B. F. Wiles who some time since purchased what is known as the P. P. Lee place, which is in the extreme south portion of the fifth ward, moved in some days since but on account of having to plaster some, Mrs. Wiles has been staying at the home of her son, on the place, where they have lived before. They will make their home in the city hereafter.

We consider this a valuable acquisition to the city, as this is an for more of this kind.

PERSHING BIDS RAINBOW UNIT GODSPEED HOME

PRESENTS DECORATIONS TO MANY MEMBERS OF THE 42D DIV. SOON TO SAIL FOR U. S.

Coblentz, March 17.—General Pershing said goodbye to the boys of the 42d division today. In a farewell address to the troops of the Rainbow unit, who are preparing to start for home the first week in April, the American commander-in-chief wished them all good luck in the peaceful occupations into which they will go on the other side of the Atlantic.

The inspection and review of the division took place in a great field near Remagen, on the west bank of the Rhine. From the heights across the river hundreds of German civilians assembled and watched the review through field glasses. General Pershing spoke from the rear end of a wagon, with the soldiers gathered about him.

Before his address the commander-in-chief presented one congressional medal of honor, two distinguished service medals and 46 distinguished service crosses to officers and men of the division.

Manning Decorated.

The medal of honor was pinned by General Pershing on Corporal Sidney Manning of the 167th infantry for leading his platoon during an attack on the Oureq after its commanders had fallen. Despite wounds he had suffered, Manning led the men forward and gained and held an important position in the face of terrific enemy fire. All but seven members of the platoon were killed or wounded. Manning himself was wounded nine times in this attack. When the United States entered the war Manning was a farmer boy near Brewton, Ala.

The distinguished service medals went to Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur and Colonel William Hughes, jr.

Sunday morning General Pershing inspected the troops of the Third corps near Vallendar.

After the review of the 42d division General Pershing went by automobile to Coblentz, where he had dinner with Major General Dickman.

MYNARD TO HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Contract Being Let to A. B. Wilson Of Nebraska City, For the Extension of Service.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A contract was given to A. B. Wilson of Nebraska City for the extension of the electric light service lines from the Murray Service lines which pass east of Mynard to the village of Mynard which is a distance at a little less than a mile. This will give this little city electric lights, and make them in this phase of the proposition metropolitan.

This is another step towards a city for that place. They can now enjoy the service just the same as the larger places.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL.

After some time spent at the hospital of the Mayo Brothers at Rochester, Minn., where she has been receiving treatment, for the restoration of her health, Mrs. T. M. Patterson, returned home this afternoon feeling some improved, and hopes that her improvement may continue.

Mrs. Patterson has been in poor health for some time, and that she may return to her usual former health, is the wish of her many friends.

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WILSON PRINCE IN DISGUISE

Lower Austrians Led to Believe He Is No Other Than Assassinated Heir to Throne.

Washington, March 17.—Washington was amused today when copies were received here of the Vienna Bulletin, an Austrian propaganda organ with headquarters at Rotterdam, containing a queer story to the effect that inhabitants of lower Austria believed that President Wilson is none other than Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria, who was assassinated near Baden in 1889. The following is the story:

"According to the Neue Wiener Journal, a serious newspaper, the rural population of large districts of the provinces of lower Austria never believed in the death of Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria, who was assassinated in the castle of Meyerling near Baden together with Countess Vevesera in 1889. The people refuse to accept this official statement and their suspicion was nourished at the time by the fact that the coffin of the crown prince at the funeral was extremely small, while the crown prince himself was a powerful man.

"The story went the crown prince had really not been murdered at all, but that he had fled. Ever since the war there is a growing belief among the rural people that the crown prince, who, as will be remembered was addicted to scientific researches, is identical with Professor Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America.

"The remarkable thing is that there is an evident optimism as to the future of Austria connected with this legend, for the people say it is plain that Wilson, being in reality Crown Prince Rudolph, will not let his beloved Austria perish. It may not be surprising if at the coming election for the national assembly President Wilson will be nominated by the country people of lower Austria as principal candidate and land as the first president of the German-Austrian republic."

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