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TEACHERS' INSTITUTE CLOSED AT NOON

AFTER A MOST SUCCESSFUL FIVE DAYS' COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

THEATRE GUESTS LAST NIGHT

Instructors and Teachers Attended Movie as Guests of the Commercial Club.

From Friday's Daily. A most successful county institute closed at noon today. Visitors who have come after being in other teachers' institutes in the state this summer have been very complimentary in their remarks as to the excellent attendance and quality of the instruction offered.

Yesterday at 1:30 the Misses Judith and Phyllis Stroub, of Avoca, gave an excellent vocal duet and were followed by Miss Ione Dovey's most interesting talk on her experiences as a Y. M. C. A. canteen worker in France. Miss Dovey displayed some French and German shells, a German private's helmet and numerous articles collected in French villages and at the battle fronts.

At 3:30 yesterday, Dr. J. S. Livingston explained to the teachers the provisions of the new state law requiring a physical examination of each school child. He defined the methods of detecting defects of hearing and vision and emphasized the need of precautions against contagious disease.

Through the courtesy of the Plattsmouth Commercial club the teachers enjoyed a very excellent film at the Parmele last night. A large attendance indicates enthusiasm of the county teachers and the instructors for this form of entertainment. Three cheers for the Plattsmouth Commercial club from the Cass county teachers!

The opening exercises this morning were an example of saving the best until last, when Mrs. Wescott favored the teachers with two vocal numbers. She was most ably accompanied by her daughter, Miss Helen, who shows great promise as a pianist. The response accorded Mrs. Wescott was most hearty and sincere in some measure expressing the very great appreciation of her generosity in giving so freely of her time and talent.

At 11:20 Mr. R. W. Eaton of Omaha explained in detail the plans for spelling contests to be conducted throughout the state during the coming year. It is to be hoped that many contests will be conducted in Cass county.

Miss Peterson merits congratulations from every resident of Cass county for the untiring efforts she is making for the improvement of the teaching profession in Cass county and her work is best reflected in the quality of teachers who will instruct the youngsters in the public schools during the coming school year.

RETURNS FROM FRANCE.

From Thursday's Daily. M. M. Beal, of this city, has received word of the arrival in the United States of his grandson, Richard Kirkham, of Belle Fourche, S. Dakota, who has been in service in France for the past eighteen months. He has been for a greater part of the time at the general postoffice of the A. E. F. at Bourges, France, where all of the mail for the American forces is handled and sent from there to the American army post-offices. Mr. Kirkham is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Kirkham, former residents of this city and he entered the army early in 1917 as a member of one of the South Dakota regiments, but on his arrival in France was taken from that organization and assigned to work in the postal department, as he was formerly engaged as a clerk in the Belle Fourche postoffice. It was hoped by Mr. and Mrs. Beal that their grandson might be able to pay them a visit before returning to his home, but this seems to be impossible.

PARMELE TO BOOK STAGE OFFERINGS

TUNEFUL MUSICAL COMEDIES AND DRAMAS ARE TO HOLD FORTH NOW AND THEN

INSTALLING A HEATING PLANT

Three Unit System Will Provide Ample Warmth for Auditorium, Wings and Stage.

From Thursday's Daily. The Parmele theatre, under the management of August Cloidt and A. O. Moore, promises to enjoy one of its most successful theatrical seasons this year, as the managers are making every effort to care for the comfort of the patrons of the theatre. As during the summer the two rustling managers strove to have the coolest and most comfortable playhouse in the state, they will this winter try and have the Parmele always comfortable for those who enjoy attending a good show or the best type of moving pictures.

Three of the largest size Campbell furnaces are being installed at the Parmele now and when completed will furnish ample heating facilities for the building. Heretofore the large stage has proven a hard problem in the way of heating, but with the additional heating capacity and the added fact that the furnaces will be located at the rear of the stage it is thought that this will be overcome and the stage be thoroughly heated, which will prevent the cold drafts which have made the auditorium uncomfortable during the severe winter weather.

These changes are made at this time in order that the theatre may be in readiness for the opening of the legitimate dramatic season and this year the amusement lovers of the city are promised a strong billing of the best and most popular shows on the road. Several of the tuneful musical comedies with many fine features have been lined up for an early appearance at this popular playhouse, bringing with them to the Parmele the latest song hits and a bevy of principals and chorus that are always such a strong feature of the drama a number of the season's strongest plays will be shown at the theatre at different times through the season and only the best of the companies will be secured.

The usual program of moving pictures will be continued throughout the season on the evenings when there are no other attractions booked and the management is confident that there will be no cause to complain this season over the fact that the theatre is not warm and comfortable. The announcement will be pleasing to the lovers of the stage in the city, as last season it was impossible to secure suitable bookings and Omaha was the only refuge of those desiring to witness a first class musical offering or drama.

RESIGNATION OF TWO HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

From Thursday's Daily. The school board of the city is facing the proposition of filling two of the positions on the faculty of the high school as the result of the resignation of two of the young ladies engaged for the ensuing year. The lateness of the season and the near approach of the opening of school will call for some quick action on the matter.

VISITS IN THE CITY

From Thursday's Daily. Dr. B. F. Brendel, of Murray, was in the city yesterday afternoon for a few hours, being enroute home from Omaha, where he has been visiting with Mrs. Bert Cline and the little eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wiley, both of whom are at the St. Joseph hospital in that city. Dr. Brendel reports the patients as doing nicely. Dr. J. F. Brendel motored up from Murray to meet his father and accompany him home from this city.

DEATH OF AN AGED CASS COUNTY LADY

MRS. MAHALA P. GRAVES PASSES AWAY AT PERU, NEBRASKA LAST EVENING.

WAS A PIONEER RESIDENT

Having Settled in Rock Bluffs in 1864—Had Attained Age of Ninety-Eight Years.

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening at the home of J. D. Graves, at Peru, Nebraska, occurred the death of Mrs. Mahala P. Graves, or "Grandma" Graves, as she was better known to the old neighbors and friends in Cass county. This venerable lady whose years of life lacked but two brief years of a full century, is one of the last of the pioneers who assisted in making this community what it is today, as she with her husband came here at a very early day and by hard work and perseverance made a home for the family along the bluffs of the mighty Missouri near the old town of Rock Bluffs, and the old homestead still stands as a monument to the worthy pioneer couple the last of whom has now answered the summons of the Master to her last long rest.

In the past few years Mrs. Graves has been failing in health and has made her home with her son, J. D. Graves, at Peru, and just a short time ago enjoyed the privilege of having the children gather with her in what was destined to be the last reunion of the family upon earth.

Mrs. Mahala P. Graves was born in Knox county, Tennessee, September 24, 1821, and was married in that state to William W. Graves on October 2, 1837. Mr. and Mrs. Graves removed from Tennessee to Iowa in 1852, pre-empting a quarter section of land three miles east of Glenwood. Here the family resided until 1864, when they moved to the new state of Nebraska, and settled near the then flourishing town of Rock Bluffs. Here they saw the community in which they lived pass from a flourishing community of several hundred population to a mere collection of empty stores, as monuments of past grandeur; the country which at the time of their coming was but scarcely known aside from the few settlements along the river grew into one of the greatest agricultural empires of the world. It was given this venerable lady to see three times the nation take up the gage of battle, and two of these conflicts were the greatest that the world has ever known, the great strife of state against nation and of the greatest republic of the world against the greatest empire of the world.

It is wonderful to contemplate the changes that this worthy lady has seen develop during her years of life and fitting that as the peace long prayed for came to the world her spirit should pass on giving her the peace and calm that comes at the close of life.

The Graves family resided at Rock Bluffs up until a few years ago and there on October 6, 1895, the husband and father was called home to rest. Since the death of the husband, Mrs. Graves has resided with the children. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Graves as follows: A. J. Graves, deceased; J. D. Graves, Peru, Neb.; Mrs. Harriett Miller, Glenwood, Ia.; A. N. Graves, Murray, Neb.; C. M. and E. L. Graves, North Yakima, Washington; Mary E. Burnett, Rock Bluffs; A. S. Graves, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charles L. Graves, Union, Nebraska; Mrs. Ellen O. Lacy, Omaha, deceased, one child died in infancy and Orlena Graves died in Cass county in 1865, aged 19 years.

Funeral announcement of this venerable pioneer will be made later.

P. A. Hild and son, John, of near Murray came in this morning from a trip out in the western part of the state where they have been visiting for the past week.

ANNUAL RE-UNION OF THE WILES FAMILY

TWELFTH SUCCESSIVE REUNION OF RELATIVES WAS HELD HERE YESTERDAY.

A MOST ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Descendants of Thomas Wiles, Pioneer of Mills County, Iowa, and Cass County.

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday at Garfield park in this city was held the twelfth annual reunion of the Wiles family, an event that has brought together each year the representatives of this family that number some of the most wealthy and influential residents of Cass county.

In the early fifties there came to Mills county, Iowa, Thomas Wiles and his wife, Elizabeth Hobson Wiles, and with their family they settled on a farm five miles south of Glenwood, where by the most strenuous labor as required by the hardships of pioneer days, they made a home for themselves and the family of nine children. This family has grown apace with the country in which they have made their home and today throughout Mills county and in Cass county there are representatives of the family, who perseveringly with the spirit of their father, grandfather and great grandfather have made homes for themselves and made their family tree one that they can look upon with pride.

At the reunion yesterday there were over 100 representatives of the family gathered together from the Iowa and Nebraska branches of the family and the day was spent very pleasantly in visiting and renewing the family ties. The cool and inviting shade of the park made a very pleasant scene for the gathering and at the noon hour large tables were spread beneath the trees and here the members of the family gathered to enjoy a feast that was thoroughly delightful.

In the afternoon the business meeting of the Wiles family association was held and the officers elected for the ensuing year. Marion Wiles, of Glenwood, Iowa, was elected as president; Edwin Wiles, Glenwood, treasurer and William T. Adams, Plattsmouth, secretary. It was decided that the next reunion will be held with the Iowa members of the family at Glenwood, as it has been the custom to alternate the meetings between the Iowa and Nebraska branches of the family.

The only living child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wiles, Captain Isaac Wiles, of this city, was unable to be present at the reunion, being at the home of his relatives at Minatare, Nebraska, and unable to reach this city to attend the family gathering.

The oldest members of the family present yesterday were Mrs. Elizabeth Wiles, residing southwest of the city, who has reached the venerable age of 89 years, and Mrs. Anderson Davis, of near Murray, who is 88 years of age.

The families attending aside from the members residing in this portion of the county were Charles Wiles and family, Glenwood; Edwin Wiles and family, Glenwood; Isaac Wiles and family, George Wiles and family, Leslie Wiles and family, Ray Wiles and family, all of Weeping Water, James Breckenridge and family of Manley, Max Adams and family of St. Paul, Nebraska.

QUICK SALE FROM ADVERTISEMENT

From Friday's Daily. The real estate firm of J. P. Falter & Son last evening had their advertisement in the Journal advertising the sale of Cass county land and this morning bright and early, made the sale of a fifty acre tract to Fred Oldenhausen, Jr., who seeing the ad in the Journal at once got busy and procured himself this choice piece of land. The farm sold in the Seybert place just north of the Oak Hill cemetery. This is another case of where advertising pays.

THE AMERICAN LEGION ORGANIZATION HERE

SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF ALL RETURNED SERVICE MEN IN CASS COUNTY.

IS TO BE MADE PERMANENT

Now That Majority of the Overseas Men Have Returned—Called Meeting at Early Date.

From Friday's Daily. Several months ago when the first movement for the inauguration of an organization of soldiers and sailors of the world war was presented to the service men it was the American Legion that was first in the field as an organization that would be to the men of the war of 1917-1919 what the Grand Army of the Republic has been to the grand old veterans of the conflict of '65.

At that time it was decided that it would be fitting that a post of this order be established in this city and accordingly the men who had served in the army and had been discharged from service gathered together and formed a temporary organization to make the later permanent one possible and await the arrival of more of the soldiers and sailors who had been in service on the high seas and in France and Germany.

Now that practically all of the men from this community who were in active service with the armed forces of the nation have returned home, it is time the organization is now given the amount of support that is justly due it as an organization composed of and representing the soldiers and sailors, as well as Red Cross nurses and canteen workers. There are several hundred here who have been in active service during the war and it is up to them to make the Legion a vital organization in this city. Those who have had the matter in charge have felt that they were merely holding it in trust for the boys until such time as their return from abroad would permit of forming a permanent organization.

Throughout the state and nation the American Legion is growing in strength and there is no reason why there should not be a large and active organization in this city, as there are plenty of boys who have been through the war in either the army or navy to make the membership one that will number several hundred. In the near future it is hoped to have a meeting of the returned soldiers and sailors, which they should all make it a point to attend and take up this proposition, as the organization is one that will be of much mutual benefit to them all.

A great many have objected to the order as being that of an officers' affair but this is largely through misunderstanding as there is nothing in the rules of the Legion that discriminates in any way against any former soldier or sailor. The bars are down to anybody from a buck to a general in the army and there is no reason to believe that it is to be an officers' club in any way.

When the meeting is called, let there be a large attendance of the service men to get the organization going.

NEW HOME

From Thursday's Daily. Joseph E. Wiles and wife, who have been residing in the former residence of Mrs. Dora Moore, on Chicago avenue, have decided that this residence property is one that suits them in every way and have closed the deal with John H. Hallstrom, the present owner, whereby they become the owners of the property. This residence property is well located along the beautiful Chicago avenue driveway and is of easy access to the main part of the city, making it very desirable for a home. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wiles will be well pleased to learn that they have decided to permanently locate in this city.

PRESBYTERIAN S. S. PICNIC YESTERDAY

WELL ATTENDED DESPITE THE MOIST CONDITION OF THE ATMOSPHERE

HELD ON THE RIFLE RANGE

Which Afford an Excellent Place for Such a Gathering—Delicious Eatables Enjoyed.

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday despite the threatening weather conditions a large number of the attendants at the Presbyterian Sunday school gathered at the church where automobiles were awaiting and were taken to the rifle range north of the city to enjoy in their usual pleasing manner the annual picnic of the Sunday school. The spot selected for holding the picnic was an ideal one and here for the afternoon fun and merriment reigned supreme. The members of the party spent the time in a general good time with those desiring indulging in games while the others found diversions equally interesting in conversation. Of course, the usual feature of a first class picnic, lots of dainty and delicious eatables had been provided as well and this was enjoyed by all of the members of the party. There were a very large number present and all report having had one of the times of their lives although the happy occasion was necessarily shortened in the evening by the lowering clouds which gave promise of rain and which sent the picnickers homeward much, sooner than they desired.

At the home of Mrs. George Bristol, 1422 Capitol avenue, Omaha, on Tuesday evening, August 26th occurred the marriage of Miss Leta Lair of this city and Mr. Clayton Hanks, of Bushford, New York. The wedding was a very quiet one and was attended by only a few of the relatives and close friends of the two young people.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lair of this city and is a young lady possessing a host of friends who will extend to her their best wishes for a long and happy married life. The groom is a splendid young man and is in the employ of the Northwestern railroad, running from Clarion to Council Bluffs, Iowa.

MARRIED AT OMAHA TUESDAY EVE

Miss Leta Lair Joined in Wedlock to Clayton Hanks—Will Live at Clarion, Iowa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hanks will make their future home at Clarion, Iowa, where the groom has a charming home prepared for his bride.

LOUISVILLE'S HOME COMING BIG SUCCESS

CITIZENS TO WEST OF US HOLD OPEN HOUSE TO RETURNED SERVICE MEN.

CHICKEN DINNER THE FEATURE

Of Three Day Entertainment Being Staged—Preceded by Parade of Soldiers Yesterday.

From Friday's Daily. With the reputation of never doing things by half, the good people of Louisville, who have been holding a home coming celebration at their enterprising little city this week welcomed home the returning soldiers and sailors yesterday in a manner that made those attending realize that the residents of that community appreciated what the men had done during their service with the army and navy and that their friends and relatives were all glad to welcome them home once more. A big carnival company furnished a part of the entertainment of the day together with special sporting events and this served with the excellent band concerts to make the entertainment program complete.

The service men were treated to a most delicious fried chicken dinner, with all the accompaniments that go with it, which had been prepared by the good ladies of Louisville and vicinity and the big treat reflected great credit upon William Stohman who originated the proposition as well as upon the ladies in the vicinity of Louisville, who donated the ingredients for the big feed.

District Judge James T. Begley, of this city was the orator of the day, and delivered a splendid address that made a deep impression upon his hearers and expressed to the returned soldiers and sailors the appreciation that the community felt for them.

Quite a number from this city motored out in the afternoon and evening to attend the carnival and meet with the Louisville people.

MARRIED BY COUNTY JUDGE.

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon Chas. Wood, of Sloan, Iowa, and Mrs. Annie L. Brown, of Fairplay, Missouri, called at the court house to interview County Judge Beeson as to having their life's happiness sealed in the bonds of wedlock, and securing the necessary license, the judge was called upon by the happy young couple to perform the ceremony that would make them one. The judge in his usual pleasing and impressive manner, pronounced the words that united the couple as man and wife, and at the close of the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Wood returned to Iowa where they expect to make their home at Sloan.



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