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WHY NOT JOIN IN SING WEEK

OTHER COMMUNITIES PREPARING TO TAKE UP OBSERVANCE OF SPECIAL MUSIC WEEK.

A number of the Nebraska cities including Omaha are preparing to set aside a week to be known as "sing week" and during which time there will be special programs of songs in the schools, churches and a general community "sing" in which everyone can join in and enjoy.

This is an event that certainly would be appreciated and enjoyed in this city where there is so much musical talent and where the citizens have so often evinced their great interest in the advancement of music and the enjoyment of songs whether old or new.

There is no one thing that has a greater effect on man or woman than that of music—it is the one thing in the world that touches the finer sensibilities of the average man or woman and under the power of the right and proper kind of music the enobling traits of character are brought to the surface.

There is no one that is not touched by some song that they have heard, or song, some melody that has been treasured in their memory either by some striking event that has held the strains of that particular melody in thei heart or their natural love of the beauty of the song. The old songs in particular are appealing to the vast majority of people as filled with tender memories of days long gone to rest, the songs of christian faith, the dreamy songs of the southland and the patriotic songs whose words are part of the history of our national life. When given an opportunity it is a rare pleasure to hear these songs even though to the younger generation their sentiment is not brought home so strinkyl and many of the songs of today carry with them many happy dreams of future years when they too will be loved and remembered as those of the past are now.

A few years ago a community sing was held at the Methodist church in this city and the event was enjoyed by a large number who joined heartily in the singing an din the enjoyment of the melody and the friendly association that was developed under the spell of the music.

We now have a fine community center in the public school auditorium where a community sing could be easily staged and proved an enjoyable form of entertainment for young and old alike as the young people of the public schools have developed unusual musical talent that should be given the fullest opportunity of expression.

If the demand for a "sing" week is found sufficient to warrant the work that may be necessary to organize it there are a number of the musicians of the city that may be induced to take the matter in hand and put over a very successful and pleasant week of music for the public and in the schools and churches of the city. If other places have derived the benefit that they have from this friendly gathering of their townspeople there is no reason why we should not do likewise.

GIVES BRIDAL SHOWER

The pleasant country home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Puls in the Maple Grove neighborhood west of Murray was the scene of a very pleasant gathering a few days ago, the occasion being a miscellaneous shower given in honor of the cousin of Mrs. Puls, Mrs. Frank Waldrick, of Weeping Water, whose marriage occurred on February 3rd. The guest of honor was formerly Miss Elizabeth Kastel. The event was one of the rarest pleasure with some forty of the relatives and friends gathered to take part and the bride was showered with a large number of handsome and attractive gifts from the host of warm personal friends.

The afternoon was spent in visiting and enjoying a number of games and in the peanut carrying contest Mrs. A. J. Engelkemeier was awarded the first prize and Mrs. Charles Engelkemeier received the consolation prize.

At a suitable hour a very delicious luncheon, composed of pressed chicken sandwiches, sweet pickles, fruit salad with whipped cream, Angel food and brownstone front cake and coffee was served by the hostess assisted by Jack est and James Tigner.

Owing to the bad condition of the roads many were prevented from taking part in the pleasant affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldrick are to commence housekeeping at once at Weeping Water, where the groom has a handsome and well furnished home awaiting the coming of his bride.

MRS. F. E. SMITH ILL.

The many friends in this city of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Smith, former residents of Plattsmouth, will regret to learn of the serious illness of Mrs. Smith, who is now at one of the Omaha hospitals. Mr. Smith is a former manager of the Nebraska Gas & Electric company and since removing from this city the family has been residing in Omaha.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Thursday's Daily.

Mrs. Albert Clabaugh, who is here visiting at the home of her parents, Col. and Mrs. M. A. Bates, received a message this morning from her husband announcing the fact of the death of his mother, Mrs. Sarah France Clabaugh, which occurred at Baltimore, Maryland, yesterday morning. Mrs. Calbaugh has been quite sick for some time and her age which is past seventy, made her case one difficult to recover from and she gradually grew worse until death came to her relief. The son was called to Baltimore Sunday and reached the bedside of the mother before she had passed away.

ARRANGING FOR A BAND CONCERT SOON

Elks Band Under Direction of Prof. Edward H. Schulhof to Hold Concert at the Parmele.

Arrangements are being completed for the holding of a concert in the near future at the Parmele theatre, at which the Elks band of this city will be the attraction, and this event promises to be one of the best musical features of the winter season.

It has practically been decided to hold the concert on Thursday evening, March 17th, and it will be a real treat to the music lovers of the city and vicinity.

The band, which numbers among its members some of the best musicians in Plattsmouth, has been engaged in practicing the past winter under the direction of Prof. Edward H. Schulhof, and has at this time gained a splendid rank in the musical field of the city.

The program that is to be presented will number the best of the standard and classical music of the best composers and will be interspersed with the lighter popular numbers.

Vocal selections and piano numbers by some of the talented musicians of the city will also be made features of this concert.

MARCH MOVING IS UNDER WAY

Partial List of "Moves" That Have Been Made and Will Be Made This Spring

The nice weather this week has started the first of March moving. Among some of the "moves" that will be made and have been made are the following:

Harry Wiles, who lives on the B. E. Ruby farm northeast of town moved over near Plattsmouth last week. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wise will occupy the farm vacated by the Wiles family.

E. G. Gibbon from the Wiles farm onto the farm vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Claud Canaday.

Reul Sack moved from the Arthur Rough farm to the Frank Spangler farm. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rough will occupy their own place.

Nels Pedersen will move to the Henry Hubbard place vacated by George Jorgensen who moved near Syracuse. A. J. Patterson will move from the Mrs. J. H. Davis farm to the place vacated by Nels Pedersen. Knude Jensen will move to the Davis farm and Miller Christensen will come down from Omaha and take the place vacated by Knude Jensen.

George Brown will move to Overton, Neb., and Lee Brown will move to his own farm vacated by his brother, George.

F. M. Johnson who lives on the Peter Spangler farm east of town will move down near Unadilla.

Edward Schrieter will move up from near Avoca onto his farm which will be vacated by Chas. Spohn, who will move onto the W. M. Philpot farm.—Weeping Water Republican.

A PLEASANT EVENT.

From Thursday's Daily.

Those who visited the court house today were impressed by the even more than usual genialfty of District Clerk James M. Robertson and while Mr. Robertson is usually in an affable humor it was much more in evidence and for a good cause, as he is once more a proud and happy grandfather. This morning a fine little eight-pound daughter arrived at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Westover and announced her intention of making her home there in the future. Both the mother and little one are doing nicely and the doctor correspondingly happy over the addition to the family circle.

RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Thursday's Daily.

George W. Olson yesterday was called to Nebraska City by a message announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. Nels Olson, who died there yesterday afternoon after a brief illness of one day's duration.

Mrs. Olson was seventy-four years of age and has lived for many years in and near Nebraska City. The funeral will be held on Saturday morning from the home in the Otoe county city.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

WARD BURGESS SPEAKS AT THE C. OF C. DINNER

BUSINESS LEADER OF STATE WAS GUEST OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAST EVENING

From Friday's Daily.

There was a very large attendance last evening not only of the business men of the community but the citizens in general at the supper given by the Chamber of Commerce at the parlors of the First Methodist church, which had been arranged for the occasion. The ladies of the church had the serving of the dinner in hand and served a most pleasing feed that was heartily enjoyed by the banqueters. The tables were set with attractive decorations of flowers and the bright red candles which lent a pleasant touch to the scene.

The committee in charge of the supper had been most fortunate in their selection of the speaker and more fortunate in being able to secure the attendance of Mr. Ward Burgess, who is one of the big and busy men of the metropolis and they also wisely limited the speeches of the banquet to a few remarks prior to the speech of the evening.

Former mayor John P. Sattler, newly elected prseident of the Chamber of Commerce presided over the gathering and in his opening remarks made a plea for a united action on the part of the residents of the community for the betterment of the city—the throwing aside of petty differences between the residents and the concerted movement to secure for the community the best possible prosperity and to stand first, last and all the time for the city and its best interests. Mr. Sattler introduced Mayor H. A. Schneider, who in a few minutes of his rapid fire address called attention to some very pertinent facts concerning the city and its government and the conditions to which the people of the community should turn their attention, as regards the management of the city government. Too little attention is paid by the average citizen to the running of the affairs of the city and what little attention is given by the citizens is not at the proper time—that of the naming and selecting of the officials of the city who must expend the public funds and secure the best that they can for the city in return. The cost of the operation of the city government each year is $50,000 and of this amount the people show little real interest in selecting the best possible public officials and the business and professional men of the community fail to come forward to see that they do their part in helping carry on the city government. The mayor in touching on the conduct of affairs of the city in the past took up the matter of the refunding bonds that the city had been forced to issue last December and which covered, not the indebtedness of recent years but bonds issued away back thirty, forty and fifty years ago, some of the bonds being those that were issued to bring the Burlington railroad to Nebraska while others were those issued for the benefit of the Missouri Pacific. Had the proper interest been taken some means of paying those bonds would have been made at the time of their issuance. Mr. Schneider commended the policy which had been started under the administration of Mr. Sattler of creating a sinking fund that would care for the bond issues and which had paid off some $23,000 worth of the old refunding bonds of the issue of 1918 and in the future the bonds would be retired when they matured as the city council had arranged that $2,000 of the bonds were to be retired each year. The constant repetition of effort in work on the dirt roads over the hills of the city led Mr. Schneider to urge a more extensive plan of permanent street work and paving instead of each year being compelled to expend thousands of dollars on work that the first rain storm would wipe out of existence.

The second speaker of the evening was E. H. Wescott, the chairman of the arrangements committee to whom was given the honor of introducing the speaker of the evening, Mr. Burgess, and to whom he paid a most glowing tribute to the distinguished visitor of the evening and his work for the nation and state in the late war and the business world of Nebraska in which he is a commanding figure.

Mr. Burgess in his opening remarks expressed his feeling of pleasure at being present with the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce, but denied being a public speaker, which fact was later belied in the excellent straightforward and matter of fact talk given on the general business condition of the country and some of the problems of the present day.

The speaker pointed out the conditions of the early days of world war when the world was suddenly thrown from the peaceful pursuits to those of bloodshed and destruction and the enormous amount of the product of America that the warring nations had demanded from the factories and mills of the United States and which was later followed by the entrance of the United States into the war. From that time forward the greatest effort of the nation and its people had been directed to the winning of the war and when the strain had been relieved the people had entered on a period relaxation and buying that had brought up the prices of all lines and brought a high tide of the greatest prosperity that the nation had ever known and whose peak had been reached on last July. From this had come one of the greatest periods of depression as the natural result of the turn back toward the normal balance of conditions of peace time.

The speaker took a clear view of the situation of the world in general and the unfortunate stand that the United States had taken at the conclusion of the war, in regard to the other nations of the world. The European nations were indebted to this country for some $10,000,000,000 which had been loaned during the war period and at the close of the war the nations found themselves impoverished and in need of the materials to carry on their reconstruction program and in this period the United States had failed to aid them in getting on their feet that the nations might be in a position to repay and to restore the world to its normal balance. Had this country entered into the program of reconstruction and laid aside the political phases of the case it would have opened up the markets of the world to American products and made us the friend and benefactor of the world and kept the American industrial condition at the best and at the same time by creating the spirit of competition given the buyers the benefit of more reasonable prices.

Mr. Burgess took the bright side of the present situation by stating that the present money situation was growing better and that in his opinion the time was short until the general improvement would commence and continue to improve until the normal balance was reached over the country. There would never be a return to the pre-war prices or wages the speaker stated and he did not think that anyone would care to see the backward swing that would reduce the wages or price to their former figures.

The address of Mr. Burgess was excellent in every way and well suited to the occasion and gave the banquetors an opportunity of contact with the personality of the able gentleman who has become a nationally known figure.

At the conclusion of the dinner the members of the party were requested by Mr. Sattler to arise and join in the singing of "America", which they did with vigor, the singers being led by Rev. A. V. Hunter.

LADIES AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS

Presbyterian Church Organization Entertained Yesterday Afternoon at Church Parlors.

From Thursday's Daily.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church were very pleasantly entertained on yesterday afternoon at the church parlors by Mesdames H. A. Schneide, H. E. Becker and Louis Meisinger, and the occasion proved one of much pleasure to the members of the organization.

The parlors were arranged in the patriotic decorations of Washington's birthday and made a very attractive picture as the ladies gathered for the session of business and pleasure. One of the chief matters to come before the meeting was that of the annual election of officers and the following were chosen: President, Mrs. H. A. Schneider; first vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Hartford; second vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Mann; secetary, Mrs. John F. Wolff; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Troop.

During the afternoon the members of the party were treated to dainty refreshments which had been prepared for the occassion by the hostesses.

ASKS MARRIAGE BE SET ASIDE

Samuel V. Bumgardner Asks Court to Separate Ties That Bind Him to Rhoda Bumgardner.

From Friday's Daily.

A petition was filed today in the office of the Clerk of the District Court James M. Robertson by Samuel V. Bumgardner in which the plaintiff asks that the bonds of wedlock that exists between the plaintiff and Rhoda Bumgardner, be severed by the court. The plaintiff alleges among other things that they were married at Ashland on June 25, 1914, and that the defendant later left him for a period of two years and then returned and that they have been living together up to the last few months. It is also alleged by the plaintiff that he has been informed that the defendant was married to another party at the time of her wedding to the plaintif and he therefore asks that the ties that unite the two parties be declared null and void and their freedom restored by the due processes of justice.

FOR SALE

Five room cottage on easy terms; also some well located vacant lots. 3td 3tw. R. B. WINDHAM.

WRITES FROM FAR OFF ORIENT LAND

Miss Rachael Stander, Louisville Girl in Mission Work Tells of Japanese Customs.

One of the Cass county young people to have taken up the work in the foreign mission field is Miss Rachael Stander of Louisville, who has for several months past been in Japan and her letters home have been of interest to the many old time friends. She is teaching in the American college in Aokio and has had many strange experiences in the land of cherry blossoms. The Louisville Courier has a very interesting account of some of the incidents of her experience there which are given below:

"Miss Stander has extended the time for her return and will probably remain in the orient another year. Her first contract was for a year's work, which would terminate next October, but she has been persuaded to extend the time. She says the days are pleasant and warm, but as soon as the sun goes down it gets very cold. The plum trees were beginning to bloom when she wrote, and she says they were early as their time to bloom is in February.

"The school boys in far-away Japan must be very much the same as here, for Miss Stander tells that the normal seniors had a "sneak day" that week and as a result they were suspended.

"She tells of a day's shopping in the city of Yokohoma. Upon entering the stores in that country, one leaves one's shoes outside. While there, she saw two Chinese women with bound feet. There are a great many Chinese there but they were the first she had seen with small feet. Men and women alike wear trousers.

"The president of their college, a distinguished man and a splendid Christian character, who had been seriously ill with typhoid, died in January. He was a native Japanese. The funeral was very impressive. All the 1200 students were there in uniform and there was a wonderful floral display. The women of the family wore white kimonas, as white is the mourning color. The two sons thanked the congregation for the kindness. The picture of the departed was displayed above the urn that contained the ashes, as they nearly always cremate in that country. At the door, everyone left his card with a gift of money and later a gift is returned from the family.

"Miss Stander told of having been entertained in a Japanese home by a young man. She was accompanied by another young American lady and she says they deserve a Carnegie medal or the decoration of an iron cross or something for tasting some of the dishes that were set before them. Upon entering the home they removed their shoes, as is always the custom, and were served with tea and cakes and later dinner was served. As foreigners, they sat upon borrowed chairs, as the natives sit upon cushions on the floor. The chief delicacy of the dinner was fried octupus and they declare they actually ate some of it as well as a little of everything that was set before them.

"Miss Stander sends greetings to her Cass county friends and says she will have many more interesting things to tell them upon her return that would take too much time in a letter. She is enjoying the best of health and feels that her experience is wonderfully educational as well as entertaining and interesting."

NEWS OF OLD RESIDENT

The death by electricution at North Platte, Nebraska, of Bons Trexler, a few days ago, brings to the old residents here a word of the grandfather of the unfortunate lad, H. M. Bons, who was for a great many years a resident of Plattsmouth and very active in the business life of the city. Mr. Bons is now located at Phoenix, Arizona, where he is the proprietor of the Occidental hotel and has been quite successful there. The older residents will recall Mr. Bons who was for a number of years the manager of the Perkins hotel and later was engaged in the saloon business in this city before leaving for the southwest. The word of the whereabouts of Mr. Bons was received here by William Weber an old friend of the family who received the notice through the medium of a copy of the Arizona Republican, published at Phoenix.

The unfortunate lad who was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bons has never been known to the friends here but during their residence in Arizona has visited often at the Bons home.

NEW EASTER CUSTOM.

One of the customs of recent years at Eastertide is that of sending to the friends and loved ones cards of greeting and remembrances of the season which has grown greatly in popularity in the last few years. The sentiment of the Easter time, the spirit of the new lif esymbolized in the risen Lord, is one that makes this custom one of beauty and is growing to be more and more appreciated by the residents of the community.

The most exquisite line of birth day and gift cards to be found anywhere! At Journal office.

MAJOR HALL SICK

From Thursday's Daily.

A message was received here today by Dr. J. H. Hall announcing the fact of the illness of his brother, Major A. Hall at his home near Grant, Nebraska. Mr. Hall has been poorly for the past few weeks and has not been able to be around as usual but the message did not state the seriousness of his illness. Dr. Hall will leave this evening for Grant to assist in looking after the care of the brother. The many friends of the Hall family throughout the county will regret to learn of the illness of Major Hall and trust that he may have a speedy improvement.

DEATH OF FATHER OF LUTHER PICKETT

Passed Away Yesterday at His Home Near Auburn, Neb., After Illness of Some Duration.

From Friday's Daily.

Luther F. Pickett of this city received a message yesterday afternoon announcing the sad news of the death of his father, Elza Pickett, at his home at Auburn, Nebraska. The illness and death of the father came at a very trying time for the son, as he has sickness at his own home and his partner, Ward Clark, has been off duty for some time caring for his wife during her illness and this has laid quite a burden on Mr. Pickett so that he has not been able to get away to be at the bedside of the father and following the news of the death of the father yesterday afternoon a little son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Pickett at an early hour this morning, making it very difficult for him to go to Auburn.

The deceased was sixty-seven years of age and has been a resident of Nebraska with the exception of a few months since 1882, and the greater part of that time has resided at Auburn and vicinity. Five years ago the wife of Mr. Pickett was called by death and he has since made his home with his children. He leaves to mourn his passing eight children, nineteen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at Auburn and the body laid to rest in the cemetery there beside that of the wife.

The many friends of the Pickett family here will join in their expression of sympathy for the loss that has come to our fellow townsman in the death of his father.

ST. LUKE'S GUILD MEETS

From Thursday's Daily.

The St. Luke's Guild of the Episcopal church was very delightfully entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. P. Livingston and the ladies in attendance at the meeting were more than pleased with the delightful manner in which they were entertained.

STILL QUIET SICK

From Thursday's Daily.

Miss Jessie Moore, science teacher at the local high school, who has been confined to her home for the past ten days by illness, is still quite ill and unable to resume her work in the school. John F. Nelson, of Lincoln, is acting as science teacher during the enforced absence of Miss Moore.

WAS GREATLY SURPRISED AT CHARGE

Elmort Preston Ran Into a New Net Yesterday Morning in Court at Nebraska City.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon when Elmort Preston, who was charged with deserting his wife and baby and found guilty of deserting the child, was brought before Judge Begley, he was given a chance to slip out fairly easy by furnishing a bond for the support of the child, but he refused to do anything and the court gave him a sentence of one year.

This morning his attorney, D. W. Livingston went to Lincoln and secured a stay of execution on a writ of error and a bond was to be given for Prestons appearance in court when the case was decided by the supreme court. He was brought up from the jail at noon to appear before the court and sign the bond, which was placed at $500. He signed the bond and then turning to Deputy Sheriff Fischer and said: "Well, I have furnished the bond and things are settled, so I guess I will go." Deputy Sheriff Fischer smiled and said: "Please wait a minute. I have a letter down in the office which I want you to read before you leave." When he reached the office of the sheriff he looked over the letter and his face no longer wore a smile. He was taken down to jail aagin, because the letter was from officers in the western portion of the state asking that he be held, as he is said to have another wife, or a woman with whom he has been living and a child was born on the fore part of this January. He is wanted out there to settle this matter, which is at Pleasanton, Nebraska, and then he can finish his case here. The letter stated the officers would be here in a few days after him. He is still in the county jail and has nothing to say regarding the matter.—Nebraska City News.

SICK IN HOSPITAL.

From Thursday's Daily.

Glen Perry departed this afternoon for Omaha, where he goes to visit his son, Russell Perry, who is at the Ford hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis performed a few days ago and he is reported as doing very nicely and it is hoped will soon have a speedy recovery. Mrs. Glen Perry is also at the hospital, where she was operated on yesterday for the removal of her tonsils and which has proven very successful and it is hoped to have the patient home in a few days.

TO HUNT FOR EVIDENCE

Complaint has been registered with the chairman as well as other members of the village board, that "hooch" is being sold promiscously in Louisville and that some of it is made inside the village limits.

The government laws prohibit the drinking as well as the manufacture and sale of intoxicants. In order to get at the root of the evil, the Courier would suggest that a special detective be employed to inspect the noses of the inhabitants as to color and other signs of indulgence.

Once we find evidences of guilt it will be easy, by use of Sherlock Holmes methods, to follow up the craft and land the bootleggers in jail.—Louisville Courier.

STRENGTH SERVICE

When Winter Whispers "Wait!"
Bank-by-Mail

You need not delay making deposits at this bank because the wintry weather and roads make it hard to get to Plattsmouth.

Slip your livestock and grain checks and drafts into an envelope—address it to the First National Bank—seal it—stamp it—drop it into your mail box and your banking is attended to without leaving the cozy warmth of your hard coal heater.

When you bank here either by mail or in person, you have back of your business transactions the services of a Federal Reserve System member bank—strength, service, satisfaction.

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