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LEGION POST HAS ELECTION LAST NIGHT

LARGE ATTENDANCE OUT TO ASSIST IN NAMING OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

Last evening the American Legion club rooms were filled to overflowing by the members who had assembled from far and near to join in the selecting of the various officers who will conduct the affairs of the post for the ensuing year and incidentally, to enjoy the "feet" that Commander Emil Hild and Alfred Thomsen had provided for the evening and which came as the very pleasant finish of the meeting.

The matter of the election of officers was the first subject to be brought out on the floor and at the call for nominations for post commander, the name of Eugene Lister was offered and without further nominations, he received the unanimous vote of the members for the position of post skipper for the year. Mr. Lister is one of the active leaders of the blacksmiths' union at the local Burlington shops and a gentleman well qualified for the new position, and will give the post a most capable administration in every way.

Mr. Lister served in the navy during the world war and was an aviator while two army men have served in that capacity.

When the office of vice commander was reached a number of the members suggested that this honor be given to some of the out of the city members who have shown a keen interest in the advancement of the Legion work and the call for nominations met with a number of responses. Ralph R. Larson, of Louisville, Tom Short, Eugene Vroman, Orville Hathaway of Union, George Dolan of Louisville and Byron Babbit were placed in line with the result that Larson and Dolan were chosen by substantial votes, the one from the army and the other from the navy and the two seconds in command will hail from our neighboring city.

The selecting of the new executive committee of nine members was the next subject to come before the gathering and the nominations flew thick and fast for a few minutes. As there were so many to elect, the use of the ballot was necessary and Marion Duxbury, John Wichman and Albert Janda were named as the trio to distribute and collect the ballots. It required some time to canvass the vote and the result was given as follows: Eugene Vroman, 30; Marion Duxbury, 29; W. R. Holly, 24; Emil Hild, 21; Alfred Wilson, 21; Raymond Larson, 19; John Lyon, 18; James Persinger, 17 and Tom Short, 16. There were a large number of scattering votes, but these were the nine leading candidates and were declared duly elected.

Attorney A. H. Duxbury, who has been in charge of the service bureau of the post for the past year, and who has worked early and late to give all possible aid in securing the needed relief for the service men in the way of any matter that they might have pending with the government, presented a detailed report that was clear and concise and covered the workings of all of the various functions of the service department. On motion the report was adopted and Mr. Duxbury given a ringing vote of thanks from the post for his splendid services in the past year.

Prior to the meeting "Tommy" had been very active in selling the chances on a goose that had been secured by the post and was to be raffled off, and succeeded by his smooth eloquence in disposing of \$10 worth of chances on the \$2 fowl, and at the drawing Tom Short was the fortunate winner of the loud voiced bird and the post realized the sum total of \$8 as a result of the raffle.

The American Legion Auxiliary won a real warm place in the hearts of all the post members by two Christmas presents which they had sent to the meeting, one a package of "smokes" on the other a check for the January rent on the club rooms. The ladies received a rousing vote of thanks for their services and the hearty good wishes of the post for their success in the coming year.

The retiring post officers were also given the honors of a ringing vote of thanks for their service during the past year when they have been under the gun.

At this time the call to "chow" was sounded and an old time stimpede for the mess line indulged in and while "Doc" and George Conis were the last in the room, they were among those who slung out their mess kit at the head of the line. "Stupid" and other of the notorious characters of the post.

Immediately after the feast, the new executive committee assembled and Commander Lister announced the re-appointment of Adjutant Elmer A. Webb, which met with enthusiastic approval from the whole gang and the committee proceeded as keeper of the strong box, Eugene Vroman

being named for this office. A. H. Duxbury was reappointed by the Post Commander as service officer for the post and the committee outlined the work that the post will take up in the near future.

It was nearing the midnight hour when the members of the post departed homeward feeling that it had been a meeting of more than usual interest.

Post Commander Lister is giving the matter of the various committees for the year his studios attention, and will within a few days announce the appointments.

At the meeting last night, a lock was placed upon the outer door, this being the first time the club rooms were locked during the more than a year since they were opened. Keys are provided individual members and may be procured from the adjutant on payment of 25 cents.

Following the luncheon hour the commandery took up the work of the evening and the Temple degree conferred on Ed S. Tuttle of Murray. At the conclusion of the work the members were given a few short talks by Dr. A. D. Caldwell, Dr. R. P. Westover, Frank H. Johnson of Weeping Water, Ed S. Tuttle of Murray and Grand Captain General Green of Fremont, who paid the local organization a nice tribute on their work and that this commandery was the equal of any in the state. The attendance was quite large and it was throughout, an event that will long be pleasantly remembered in Masonic circles.

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SPEEDER GETS NABBED AT NEBR. CITY

Negro Driving a Large Auto Gets Away from This City but is Caught in Otoe County.

A few days ago a negro driving a large Cadillac car passed through this city and from the statement of the officers of the Nebraska City police and leaving a trail of smoke only to indicate his passage. Sheriff Quinton had met the man at the intersection of Chicago avenue and Pearl street and called to him to halt, but the dusky hued party only stepped on the gas and continued his journey southward in order to teach the reckless driver a good lesson, the authorities at Nebraska City were called up and warned of the coming of the speed fiend. Yesterday afternoon County Attorney A. G. Cole was called up and informed that the negro had gotten himself entangled in the meshes of the Nebraska City ordinances and had received a fine of \$25 and costs. Mr. Cole requested the Nebraska City authorities to hold the man or accept a \$25 bond for his appearance here on the charge of speeding, which they did. The negro declared as "John Doe" and from his actions living up the part of a notorious character.

He has been engaged in hauling strike breakers in Omaha and Nebraska City and evidently believes that this fact entitles him to drive at a rate of speed that endangers the lives of men, women and children.

PLATTSMOUTH WINS AGAIN

Last evening there was a very pleasing attendance of the basketball fans at the high school "gym" to enjoy the meeting of the Plattsmouth and Weeping Water high school teams and as the result of which the locals were the victors by the score of 66 to 6. In this game the stellar roles of the locals were played by Edward Dwyer and Frank Gradoville both of whom have every promise of being the best players seen on the local floor.

The opening game between the Reserves and the Junior high school resulted in the victory of the Reserves by the score of 20 to 6.

LOYAL WORKERS MEET

The Loyal Workers of the Christian church met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. F. Cluzey and spent several hours most pleasantly in the transaction of the routine business of the organization. One of the chief matters to be taken under the attention of the ladies was the election of the officers for the ensuing year and the following were selected: Mrs. Ed Ofe, president; Mrs. Thomas Wiles, vice president; Mrs. George Decker, secretary; Mrs. Bert Connor, treasurer. Delightful refreshments were served at the conclusion of the evening that added greatly to its pleasantness.

CHANGE TIME ON NO. 14

The Burlington is announcing a change in the running time of No. 14, the night passenger train over the Burlington between this city and Omaha and which has for the past year been scheduled to leave Omaha at 8:05 and reach here at 9:00 p. m. Under the new schedule, the train will leave Omaha at 8:30 p. m. and arrive in Plattsmouth at 9:30, a half hour later than at present.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

Yesterday afternoon County Judge Allen J. Beeson was called upon to unite in the bonds of wedlock Mr. Louis W. Paulson and Miss Mattie McClary, both of Weeping Water. The wedding ceremony was witnessed by Etta Potts and Jesse Smith, who motored over with the young people for the wedding.

Fresh Cow For Sale

I have a fresh 2-year old white Durham milk cow and an excellent milker with calf two weeks old for sale.

JULIUS RHEUMAN, Nebraska, Neb.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLD INSPECTION

Sir Knight Charles Green of Fremont G. C. G. of Nebraska, Makes Official Inspection.

Commencing yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock the members of Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, held an inspection. The inspecting officer being Sir Knight Charles Green of Fremont, Grand Captain General of the Nebraska grand commandery, James M. Robertson, grand junior warden, was also present as a member of the Mt. Zion commandery and of which Sir Francis E. White, grand recorder, is also a member.

At 6 o'clock the members were treated to a very enjoyable banquet in the new and spacious banquet room that has been arranged for the use of the Masonic and De Molay orders, and here the members enjoyed both the excellent menu that had been prepared and the delightful manner in which it was served to the Knights.

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PRESTON ACQUITTED IN SUPREME COURT

Opinion Handed Down Says Lack of Evidence to Convict Him—Case Drew Wide Attention.

Elmont Preston, Buffalo county farmer, has a firm friend in the supreme court. A little while ago that tribunal overturned a conviction in Otoe county on the charge of having deserted his wife and child, the court holding that the evidence averaging that his wife had left him after he had refused to approve the purchase of an expensive rug. Wednesday it said the evidence upon which he was convicted of the charge of adultery in Buffalo county was insufficient, and practically ordered his discharge.

Preston was in the average number in each case. The last charge was that he had been guilty of adulterous relations with Margery Hays, an eighteen year old girl. A jury said he was, but the court, with Chief Justice Morrissey dissenting, says this conviction was on suspicion and prejudice. The girl had a child, but the court says the charge in this case does not cover responsibility for that, and that mere disposition and opportunity to commit a crime are not alone sufficient to justify a conviction. There must be circumstances inconsistent with any other reasonable hypothesis. There was evidence to show that the girl had accompanied him on a long trip to Chase county by automobile.

SHIPS FINE CATTLE

This morning Luke L. Wiles, one of the leading pure bred stock breeders of Cass county shipped a fine Red Polled bull to Fred Horne at Fremont, Nebraska, and this afternoon will ship another bull to G. H. Girrich of Aurora, Nebraska. These two animals are among the best that Mr. Wiles has in his excellent herd and will make great additions to the thoroughbred stock in the herds of the purchasers. Mr. Wiles has established his herd of Red Polled in the year 1895 and at the time had only a few head but he now has one of the largest and best in the state and their reputation is known all over the state and Iowa and a great many of the fine cattle have been purchased indicated by the market is again looking up and that the farmers are feeling some relief from the recent financial stringency.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Yesterday afternoon, Thos. Janda, who for the past month has been at the hospital in Omaha returned home to complete his recuperation here with home folks and enjoy the Christmas season with his family. Tom is doing very nicely but has not entirely recovered from the effects of his operation and it will be some time before he is able to be around to any extent. His host of friends here will be pleased to learn of his recovery and trust that he may continue to improve.

FOR SALE

Scotch and Scotch-Topped Short-horn Bulls, just weaned. Big Bargains. If taken at once, write to SEARL S. DAVIS, Murray, Neb.

Read the Journal want-ads.

RECEIVES SAD NEWS

Mrs. Cora Cotner, of this city last evening received a message from her sister, Mrs. George Cunningham, of Shenandoah, Iowa, announcing the death of the aged mother of Mr. Cunningham, which occurred yesterday morning at Shenandoah. The deceased lady was quite well advanced in years and is known to a number of the residents here as she was a visitor in this city at different times the family resided there. Mrs. Cunningham has for several years past been suffering from Bright's disease, which was the cause of her death.

AWAITS RELEASE OF FORMER HUSBAND

Second Wife of Harry D. Sneathen, Sent Up Here for Bigamy Willing to Wed Him.

The release of Harry D. Sneathen, who was sent to the state penitentiary from Cass county, on the charge of bigamy, is being anxiously awaited by wife No. 2 who was formerly Miss Esther Nord, of Oregopolis, the dispatches from Lincoln state.

Mr. Sneathen was sent up here on a sentence of from one to seven years on the charge of having added too many wives to his string and has been in the state prison for the past three years. Shortly after his marriage to Miss Nord, it was discovered that he had a wife and several children living in Council Bluffs and accordingly his dream of domestic happiness was shattered when the law intervened.

The prisoner has had his application before the parole board for some time and stated to them his willingness to support the children of his first marriage, but that rather than live with wife No. 1, he would remain at Warden Fenton's big stone home for the law breakers.

State Probation Officer N. T. Harmon stated that the parole board granted and that on his release, Mr. Sneathen would again be married to his second bride.

WANT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL LAW REPEAL

Aburn Citizens Favor This Action as Part of Work of Special Session in February.

Aburn, Neb., Dec. 22.—Repeat of the consolidated school law by the special session of the legislature because of the inconvenience caused by the provisions of the statute and the resulting ill health to small children of business men and farmers here today. Unanimous opposition was expressed to the law.

A committee headed by Edgar Ferneau was appointed to call on Governor McKelvie and ask to place the repeal request before the legislature.

It was pointed out that small children are handicapped by bad weather, or else their health is injured by traveling long distances in storms or waiting at crossroads for the regular conveyances. A number of children now ride more than six miles to consolidated schools in this county.

The tax situation is fast becoming unbearable, speakers declared, and their suggestion that repeal of the law be asked for as a relief was unanimously approved.

RETURNS FROM GERMANY

The Journal has just received a letter from Mrs. C. J. Purbles of Buffalo, N. Y., formerly Miss Gladys Vroman of this city, in which she states that her brother, Lester Vroman, who for the past two years and a half has been located in Germany is now in the United States, having returned the latter part of September and is now stationed at Camp Dix, New Jersey, to remain until he is discharged from the service. Mr. Vroman expects as soon as he is discharged to return to Nebraska and visit his relatives and old friends in this city. Mrs. Purbles states that Buffalo suffered a great deal from the recent storm and the damage will amount to several hundred thousand dollars and was one of the worst storms that ever visited that locality.

NOW DOING NICELY

Mrs. D. C. Oslin, former Plattsmouth lady, and who is now residing at Watson, Missouri, has for the past week been at the hospital at Hamburg, Iowa, recovering from an operation, is reported as doing very nicely and expects to return in a few days to her home at Watson. Mr. Oslin will come up to Plattsmouth Sunday and expects to accompany the wife back home.

FEELING VERY POORLY

D. J. Marshall, one of the employees of the Burlington, has been confined to his home for the past few days suffering from a re-occurrence of his sickness from which he has suffered more or less during the late summer and fall. The friends are hopeful however, that he may soon be able to be up and around as usual.

STRIKE OCCURS IN CITY LAST EVENING

Matters Adjusted in Short Time However and Pinochle Players Return to Their Pastime.

Last evening a real "walkout" occurred in this city and while the greater part of the inhabitants were unaware of the fact that a strike was on, it existed for some little time in one of the soft drink parlors where the customers are accustomed to gather each evening to enjoy a social game of pinochle or other card pastime.

The proprietor of the place, who is numbered among our most genial citizens, was unaware of the strike that was pending and was engaged in quaffing a glass of the famous orange juice, when at the stroke of seven o'clock last evening all of the players at the various tables laid down their cards and silently walked out of the place, leaving it silent and empty where once the cries of "forty pinochle," "fifteen hundred trump" and similar phrases were to be heard. The proprietor was dumfounded for a few moments at the sudden departure of his friends, but suspected that there was some joke attached to the leaving of the "gang." Presently one of the party, noted for his eloquence and long experience in matters diplomatic, appeared on the scene and laid down the terms that the striking players had prepared.

The armistice terms however were not as severe as those Marshal Poch handed to Kaiser Bill, and consisted in the demand that there be new decks of cards and fresh chalk furnished each ten days in the future and after some discussion the matter was settled and the treaty of peace signed by Mr. Donat on the one hand and Louis Leiner, representing the striking players, the pen with which the treaty was signed, was presented to the Journal reporter as a memento of the event.

FIRE FIEND BUSY ON CHRISTMAS EVE

State Fire Marshal Describes Horror of Holiday Accidents—Issues a Warning.

State Fire Marshal E. C. Hartford draws this picture of the fire fiend's interruption of a merry Christmas.

"Picture the family reunion—gathered around the annual Christmas tree—children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and all—delighting with its many decorations, its lighting effects, its imitation snow, tinsel, the presents for all—and Santa Claus with his white locks and flowing beard—when suddenly a flash, and the fiend—fire appears. Someone has been careless and the accident occurs. Some little fellow hopelessly scathed for life—or maybe the loss of life. The happy scene is changed without warning to one of sorrow, misery and despair. There is a Christmas, the horror of which is forever burned into the memory and hearts of those who but a short time before were so gay and carefree. A family reunion that will never be forgotten. But always the darkness of death or accident in the ascendant. The family with a home gone, a loved one burned, that scene that began so happily, changed in a moment to one of horror and distress.

RETURNS FROM MINNESOTA

From Friday's Daily.

This morning Mrs. T. B. Bates returned home from Minneapolis, where she has been for the past few weeks, a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Guy D. French and family. Mrs. Bates while at Minneapolis attended the graduation of her niece Miss Vera French, from the Minneapolis high school and enjoyed a few weeks in the winter climate that is prevailing in the Minnesota city. Miss French is expecting to complete her educational work in the University of Minnesota starting at the next term of the college.

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS CLASS OF '21 TODAY

Special Convocation This Morning for Those Graduating Last Spring—Eleven Present.

This morning a special convocation was held at the high school auditorium in which the present members of the high school paid their respects to the class of 1921 who were able to be present at the convocation.

The entire membership of the last graduating class had been invited but only eleven of the class were able to enjoy the occasion of meeting with their former schoolmates in the renewal of the ties of school life.

Those members of the 1921 class who were present were Mason Westcott, Alice Pollock, Clara Tritley, Bertha Schuback, Genevieve Goodman, Carl Schneider, Fae Chase, Clara Mae Morgan, Kathryn Waddick, William Rainey and Gustave Brubaker. The young people, the greater part of whom are now attending other schools or colleges, related their work and experiences, which proved very entertaining to the present members of the high school.

It is expected to make this event an annual affair in the future, and the members of the last graduating class will be guests of the high school on the last day before the Christmas vacation.

VOTES IN CONTEST

The votes in the most popular lady contest that the Knights of Columbus are staging as the prelude to their banquet to be held in January, is attracting more or less attention and the votes for the contest are placed at 100 votes for 1 cent, so that the boys will have ample chance to donate a few cents each day to push the lady of their choice onward toward the coveted goal of victory, and to secure the beautiful gold wrist watch that the Knights are offering as the prize in this contest.

RETURNS FROM SCHOOL

Miss Kathryn Waddick, who has been engaged in work as instructor in the musical department of the St. Katherine's college at Davenport, Ia., one of the leading Episcopal church schools in the west, has returned home for the holidays. Miss Waddick while at St. Katherine's had charge of the instruction work of the choir of the school as well as the general work in the musical department and scored a great success in her work there.

DEEDS OF GOOD MARK

Lightening of Burden of Unfortunate is Noted on Part of De Molay Chapter Here.

Giving aid to those who have felt the bitter pinch of want and the chill and suffering that winter brings is one of the most commendable of acts and one that marks the real prompting of the love of the unfortunate of the world.

A few days ago a Journal representative was in one of the coal offices of the city conversing, when a representative of the local chapter of the Order of De Molay entered and placed an order for two tons of coal to go to the homes of two of the families of the city that were in want and who were without the means of protecting themselves from the cold winter.

This is showing the real spirit of the good Samaritan, who bound up the wounds of his suffering brother and the young men who are carrying on this work are to be commended for their generous and thoughtful action. Their acts of this nature are numerous and done quietly and in this one case the fact fell under the eye of the press and while they do not approve of this manner of publicity still one cannot but feel that they are deserving of a more clear understanding of their work by the public and that they are laboring in the great cause of humanity.

MAKING REPAIRS ON BRIDGE

The Platte river and wagon bridge is receiving a thorough overhauling and repairing, the work starting at once and when completed the bridge will have a new flooring as well as a great deal of work on the piling of the structure.

Mr. T. H. Pollock, owner of the bridge is personally supervising the work and will see that the bridge is placed in first class shape as far as it is possible to do. The low stage of the water in the river at this time has made it possible to do some much needed work on the piling that was not possible during the summer and this, with the work on the structure will place the bridge in the best of shape. This bridge is one of the most important on the highway systems of eastern Nebraska as it is a connecting link between Omaha and Kansas City and the southwest and during the summer months thousands of autos pass over it.

WEDDED IN OMAHA

The Omaha papers give the announcement of the issuance of a marriage license in that city to Mr. Tom J. Janda of Havelock and Miss Ida M. Benney of Lincoln, who were to be married in that city. The groom is a former Plattsmouth man and is a brother of Tone Janda, Mesdames Joseph Hiber, John J. Svoboda and Thomas Svoboda of this city.

Your ad will carry punch if you write it as a plain "selling talk" instead of trying to fuss it up with frills and exaggerations.

Lost anything—found anything? Try a Journal ad. "They satisfy."

STRENGTH SERVICE

CHRISTMAS!

Is there a season of the year that means more to the hearts of old and young alike than Christmas time?

To the young folks it is the one day of all the year toward which their thoughts turn most gladly and eagerly.

To grown-ups it is the time for the home-coming—the reunion and renewing of home ties and friendships.

To all in the circle of our acquaintance and friendships we, too, would extend our sincere wishes for a happy Christmas.

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