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HOME TALENT PLAY IS VERY WELL GIVEN

"A COUPLE OF MILLION" WHICH HAD ITS PREMIER LAST NIGHT, FINE COMEDY

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening the premier performance of the clever comedy drama, "A Couple of Million," was offered at the Parmele theatre...

The play itself was one made largely for laughing purposes and kept the audience in a very pleasant humor from the starting of the tribulations of "Bemis Bemington"...

The leading character of the gentler sex was undertaken by Miss Thelma Hudson, who brought to the role of "Fay Fairbanks" a pleasing personality and stage presence...

Miss Gwendolyn Smith, as "Sammie Bell Porter" divides the honors with Mr. Cook and was an excellent supporting character. As Genevieve McGully, Miss Nellie Mae Coville was an ideal stenographer of the type most frequently found in the offices...

In the three last acts of the play, the scenes were laid in the southland and in these Raymond Rebel as "Squire Piper" and Fred Warren as "Beverly Loman," the county sheriff, made their appearance. As the squire, Mr. Rebel was typical of the old drowsy southtown magistrate...

The specialties of Mr. Hugh E. Wallace of Omaha, in song and of Messrs. George Dovey and Percy Field in black face were both highly entertaining and well received by the large audience. Mr. Wallace is one of the most talented vocalists in Omaha and his work was in his usual pleasing style...

Little Miss Charlotte Field was most clever and winsome in the two songs that she offered and it is to be hoped that this little lady will continue to develop her exceptional talent. The orchestra under the leadership of Miss Altman furnished some very pleasing numbers before the performance and after the first act of the play and the only regret was that they did not allow the audience more of the music.

HAS HOME ROBBED

From Friday's Daily. The home of M. Fanger, former Plattsmouth merchant, and now a resident of Omaha, seems to have been picked upon by the second story workers of the big town as the house was visited by burglars a few nights ago...

MODERN WOODMEN HOLD ELECTION

Cass Camp No. 332 at Session Last Evening Names Officers for the Ensuing Year.

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening the members of Cass Camp No. 332, Modern Woodmen of America, met at their lodge rooms in the Woodmen building and took up the matter of the selection of officers for the ensuing year...

The order has progressed very satisfactorily in the past year and shows a strong and healthy growth in the membership that will keep it in the front ranks of the fraternal societies of the city and county.

SEEK TO BE PLACED OUT OF CITY LIMITS

John Koukal and Other Residents of Northwestern Portion of City Desire to Withdraw.

From Thursday's Daily. This morning an action was filed in the office of Clerk of the District Court James M. Robertson, in which John A. Koukal, Elmer A. Taylor, John Zatopek and Thomas Kratichvil are the plaintiffs and the City of Plattsmouth, the defendant.

In their petition the plaintiffs ask that the land holdings belonging to them and which are now located within the corporate limits of the city, be set outside of the city. It is represented that this land is not in town lots and that the possibilities of its being used for other than agricultural purposes is very remote and that the property has none of the advantages of city government such as fire protection and paving and is situated two miles from the business section of the city.

COLORED MEN OUT

From Thursday's Daily. This morning the world took on a brighter hue for the two colored men, Ed Smith and Ed Jones, who have been enforced guests of Sheriff Quinton for the past six weeks, and the doors of the jail swung open to allow the men once more life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, but in the future they will be more careful as to the toting of fire arms. The two colored men were arrested in the vicinity of Rock Bluffs by the representatives of the law while they were there hunting and engaged in an argument and have since been the occupants of the county jail.

SOME CHRISTMAS GIFTS

On Christmas the American Legion of this city received two very acceptable presents in the shape of a box of excellent cigars donated by Fred Wagner of the Hotel Wagner and a very attractively embonflashed lamp containing a variety of varieties, which was presented to the service men by Mrs. Ione Dovey Betts, who herself was in the welfare service overseas for a period of several months and has a kindly feeling toward the men who were a part of the great A. E. F.

HOUSE BADLY DAMAGED

From Thursday's Daily. The residence of Will Rice on Win-terhill last night caught fire this afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock and before the flames were subdued the interior of the house had suffered considerable loss. The fire department extinguished the flames but the lower floor and hall were badly damaged and the whole house water-soaked.

WORK OF THE LEGION SERVICE DEPARTMENT

ATTORNEY A. H. DUXBURY, IN CHARGE OF WORK, GIVES REPORT OF YEAR.

From Friday's Daily. At the last meeting of the Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion of this city, the reports of Attorney A. H. Duxbury, post service officer, was submitted and the splendid work shown in the department for the time since its organization led the members to tender to their efficient officer a rising vote of thanks. All of this work, a great deal of which involved loss of time and much labor, was performed without a single penny of compensation and shows a lasting interest in the welfare of the veterans and their families. The report is published below in order that the general public may realize a little of what the Legion posts are doing.

Your service bureau begs leave to submit for your consideration the following report of its activities and accomplishments during the year of 1921. Scope of This Report. In submitting this report covering the past year's activities of your service bureau it has been deemed best not to go into a detailed statement showing the various claims and applications which have been made upon, for a great many reasons, therefore this report will be found to cover in a general way only the results of the activities of your service bureau. Furthermore your service department has taken the liberty of herein making certain recommendations which would greatly facilitate the prompt adjustment of the claims of our disabled comrades should the U. S. Veteran's Bureau be prevailed upon to adopt same.

Policy of the Bureau. This department has at all times earnestly endeavored to take up and settle in early stages all claims believed to be meritorious and worthy of attention on the part of the U. S. Veteran's Bureau, believing that in order that the men who were really entitled to compensation and vocational training should be able to wait for attention, while claims which were not deserving of assistance were occupying the attention of the Veteran's Bureau. It has also been the policy of this bureau to inform all worthy ex-servicemen of their rights under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act as passed and approved by congress and to this end we have had the most splendid support of the Plattsmouth Journal. No worthy comrade has been refused the best attention we have been able to render, merely because of the fact that he was a member of the American Legion, but we have endeavored to assist both members of the Legion and non-members in the same manner. No charge has been made for any service rendered to any ex-serviceman, it being the opinion of the post service bureau that this was the intention of your executive committee at the time of the establishment of this bureau.

Co-Operation With Other Agencies. In the assisting of our comrades in obtaining the attention of the United States Veteran's Bureau, we have had the most splendid support from the American Red Cross, which at the headquarters of the Veteran's Bureau. The Cass County Chapter of the American Red Cross, through its chairman Henry A. Schneider of Plattsmouth, has rendered valuable assistance in tendering loans to worthy comrades who were in immediate need of financial assistance during the pendency of the adjustment of their claims, and also in granting contributions to such men who were not in a position to repay the loans. In the matter of acquaintance and informing disabled service men of their rights, a vote of special thanks is due to the Plattsmouth Journal.

General Activities. VICTORY MEDALS—Your service bureau has been able to assist in the obtaining of 103 Victory Medals from the Victory Medal Department of Minneapolis, Minn., during the past year, included among which were the Victory Medals of two of our comrades who were killed in action, the applications having been made by their reports.

STATE AID FUND—Thus far, because of the assistance of the local County chapter of the American Red Cross, it has only been necessary to ask aid from the New State Aid Fund for one comrade. A check for the desired amount was promptly sent to this comrade upon his making application.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING—Until recently a great deal of difficulty has been encountered in the obtaining of vocational training for disabled comrades, so that they could afford to take advantage of such training. At the present time nine ex-soldiers and sailors are taking vocational training under Section 20 at various universities and training schools from Cass county, all of which were applied for through your service bureau. Two other men are now preparing to take up their training, same having been awarded.

Six or seven men have been granted vocational training under Section 20 of the Vocational Training Act, but have been financially unable to take advantage of the same, owing to the fact that the man is required to defray his own expenses, while undergoing training. Several men who received compensation did not apply for vocational training in any form.

HOSPITALIZATION—In the matter of obtaining hospital and medical treatment for disabled comrades there has been less difficulty than in any other claims. Practically every man who had his application for hospital treatment has been sent to some hospital for treatment except in a few cases where no finances were available to the care of the comrade's family. However this difficulty has been eliminated now, by the volunteering of the American Legion in advancing money and in the establishment of the Nebraska State Fund.

COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Your service bureau has encountered the greatest difficulty in being able to establish the right of disabled service men to compensation. It seems to be the attitude of the Veteran's Bureau to require an almost unlimited amount of information regarding the claim of a disabled man, and it is oftentimes almost impossible to get the address of men who have the information and who are the necessary affidavits. Up to the close of the year 1921 upwards of 43 disabled comrades have filed their claims for compensation in the bureau, 26 of which have received compensation in various amounts, the total of which amounts to \$2,900.00 which was back-pay and monthly compensation allowance of \$510 which is being received by disabled men in this country at the present time. There have been several cases which did not receive any compensation, which were the result of your service bureau entitled to same, but in these cases it has been impossible to contact the prevailing disability with the period of service. There are at the present time seven cases for compensation now pending which will be adjusted in the course of about two or three months.

Miscellaneous Activities. In addition to the activities enumerated above your service bureau has been able to assist a great many comrades in the filing of application for back pay, travel allowances, lost liberty bonds, certificates in lieu of lost pay, and other claims, and in the obtaining of a complete outfit which was not given the men at the time of being discharged. A few applications for the \$60 bonus have also been filed during the past year by your bureau. There is but little difficulty in obtaining the same, but with the exception of the usual endless red tape required.

Recommendations. In view of the fact that in many cases thus far handled, the claims get to a certain point where the United States Veteran's Bureau requests certain information which is impossible to obtain and thus stop the progress of the claim, your service bureau would recommend that the delegates to the next state convention be instructed by the local post to do all in its power to obtain resolutions at the said convention which would enable the U. S. Veteran's Bureau to appoint without contact of officers so that they may be able to visit the various counties at regular intervals at which time they may meet with the disabled men and advise them as to what course should be taken when their claims are stopped as above stated. Although placement officers are now in the field, the number is far inadequate to supply the need and no regular time being set when these men are to visit the various towns, the men do not know when the placement officers are to visit their cities and therefore the opportunity for efficient service is greatly handicapped.

Conclusions. It has been a real pleasure to be able to assist in the adjustment of the various matters coming before the service bureau in behalf of our disabled comrades and others, and although there has been several claims which perhaps have not had the best adjustment, we are confident that within the next few months under the improved conditions of the United States Veteran's Bureau, every disabled man may have received just consideration. Trusting that this report will sufficiently cover the activities of your service bureau for your information I respectfully submit the same for the consideration of the officers and members of the U. S. Veterans Post No. American Legion, Department of Nebraska.

A. H. DUXBURY, Post Service Officer.

CHANGES RESIDENCE

A. M. Arries, who has since his arrival in the city, several years ago, been making his home in the J. G. Richey residence at 11th and Granite street, has removed to the Barclay property on South 5th street and is now settled in the new home. The change will save Mr. Arries a long walk to and from his home as the residence he has just moved into is only a block from the pool hall.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

From Friday's Daily. This morning at the court house occurred the marriage of John Keszinger and Miss Julia Odey, both of Fairbury, Nebraska, who arrived in this city this morning and at once sought the chambers of Judge Beeson where the ceremony was performed.

SHOWERS FOR BRIDE-TO-BE ARE HELD

Mrs. Pollock Parmele, Mrs. Ed Gansemer and Helen Hunter Entertain for Bride-to-be.

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Pollock Parmele entertained very charmingly at her home in the new apartment in honor of Miss Helen Keszinger, whose marriage to Mr. Wallace Hunter will take place on Wednesday, January 4th. The event was in the nature of a miscellaneous shower and in honor of the occasion the bride-to-be was showered with many pleasing gifts and a large quantity of the various articles were placed in the new home of the bride.

The Parmele apartment was very tastefully arranged in decorations of sweet peas that made a pleasant setting for the gathering of young ladies comprising the party. At a suitable hour a dairy 2-course luncheon was served that added greatly to the pleasantness of the event. Those in attendance were: Mrs. Woldemar Soennichsen, Mrs. Gerald Holcomb, Mrs. Guy Davis, Misses Mary Soennichsen, Margaret Dodelan, Harry White, Catherine Parmele, Leona Becker, Helen Hunter and the guest of honor, Miss Roberts.

At the Gansemer Home. Another very delightful shower was tendered Miss Roberts last evening at the Ed Gansemer home when Mrs. Gansemer and Miss Helen Hunter presided at a miscellaneous shower. The rooms were very prettily decorated in dark pink roses that added their beauty to the scene of pleasure. The evening was spent in the preparation of advice for the bride-to-be which was written by the various guests and then read by Miss Roberts and from which they derived a great deal of merriment. Another of the pleasing features of the evening was the mock wedding that was staged in a most impressive manner by the ladies. The part of the ceremony was taken by Miss Bernese Nowell and the sermon for the occasion was one that had been prepared by Mrs. Jessie Robertson for the event and very effectively led up the parties in the mock ceremony. Miss Leona Becker officiated as bride and Mrs. Gansemer as bridegroom with an over-dress of pink crepe de chine and wore the traditional bridal veil with orange blossoms. Miss Marie Philipp took the difficult role of groom while Miss Elva Hartford in pea green crepe served as the maid of honor. Miss Edith Hansen acted as best man, Waldemar Soennichsen served as the ring bearer and carried the love token in a large American Beauty rose. Mrs. Guy Davis sang preceding, the wedding and to the strains of the wedding march by Mrs. Christine Coughlin, the bride party descended the stairs and took their stations in the parlor where the "ceremony" was performed.

The guests were the invited to the dining room where a very pleasant 3-course luncheon was served which completed the happiness of the day. A large basket was then brought in and the bride told to examine the contents and found therein many beautiful and handsome gifts from the friends. Those to attend the event were: Misses Margaret Dodelan, Mary Soennichsen, Elva Hartford, Leona Becker, Bernese Nowell, Helen and Fern Gansemer, Marie Hunter, Marie and Irene Phillips of Omaha, Edith Hansen of Nelawka, Mathilde and Edith Peters of Weeping Water, Mesdames Waldemar Soennichsen, Pollock Parmele, Guy Davis, Charles Dovey, W. K. Fox, Gerald Holcomb, Christine Coughlin, Will Rapp of Omaha, William Hunter, and the hostesses, Miss Hunter and Mrs. Gansemer.

RESTAURANT IS ROBBED

From Friday's Daily. The town of Union which has been visited by burglars so often that the residents have lost track of the number of times, was again nicked by the burglars last night and the restaurant of Earl Merritt, the place selected for looting. The culprits made their visit after the closing hour when the peaceful residents of the town were in slumberland and made their entrance to the building by raising a window in the rear of the structure and then proceeded to ransack the restaurant. A large quantity of canned goods, tobacco and cigars and one pound of real country butter was the total of the goods stolen and in real money amounts to close to \$100. There has been no clues unearthed as to the robbers. Recently the Farmer's Mercantile Co. of that place was also robbed and shortly thereafter the discovery was made of a large number of cigars and other articles taken, concealed in a haystack near the town and it seems as though the burglars are doing a wholesale business with Union as the base of operations.

DRAWS DOWN FINE

From Thursday's Daily. This morning the county court was the clearing house of a small fine encounter that occurred yesterday in the streets of our neighboring town of Murray and in which Jack West and Dick Wells were the participants. The full particulars were not aired in the court, but Mr. West pleaded guilty to the charge of fighting and was given a fine of \$5 and costs, amounting to \$8.50, which he paid and was allowed to go on his way rejoicing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD SELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Governing Body of Methodist Sunday School Picks Out Those Who Will Take Charge.

From Friday's Daily. The official board of the Methodist Sunday school held their annual meeting at the church on Thursday evening and the officers for the school and the various departments of the Sunday school were selected with the following persons being named: Don C. York, superintendent; Harry White, assistant; Mrs. Emma Pease, treasurer; Miss Margaret Mapes, secretary; Alvin Craig, assistant secretary. In the department work the various superintendents named were: primary, Mrs. C. T. Peacock; assistant primary, Mrs. Harriett Peacock; junior, Mrs. Frank Sivey; assistant junior, Mrs. Lee Copenhaver; intermediate, Mrs. John Calvert; home, Mrs. Phil Harrison; missionary, Mrs. Robert Hayes; temperance, Miss Golda Noble; craft roll, Mrs. William Heinrich; chorister, Mrs. E. H. Westcott; librarian, Robert Hunter.

At the conclusion of the meeting excellent refreshments were served under the direction of the committee, Mrs. Frank Sivey, Mrs. W. P. Crum and Miss Agnes Young.

AN AUTO WRECK

From Friday's Daily. Last Sunday evening about 8 o'clock a peculiar auto accident occurred at the O. street crossing of the Missouri Pacific, two miles west of Plattsmouth, one of whom was driving the car, and two men were going to Lincoln to Omaha. When they reached the crossing the lady driver mistook the railroad for the auto road and veered to the left started up the track for Eagle, left at altogether too high speed, however, she was unable to make the turn and struck the signal post, wrecking the car and seriously injuring herself and the other lady passengers. One of the men was able to get to town and secure assistance in bringing in the wrecked car and having the injured removed to the hospital at Lincoln. We were unable to learn the names of any of them. The car, a Chalmers, was badly wrecked, and is now at George Allen's garage. It bears an Omaha wheel license No. 13847.—Eagle Beacon.

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, Nelawka, Neb.

RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS

Mrs. Jay Johnson of St. Joseph, Missouri, is in the city enjoying a visit at the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Adams, and recuperating from her recent operation and illness. Mrs. Johnson has also spent some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Johnson near Weeping Water and is feeling much improved from her sojourn in the country. Mr. Johnson has been here enjoying a short visit with his wife and old time friends.

STILL VERY POORLY

From Friday's Daily. Mrs. George Schantz, Sr. of this city has been very poorly for the past few days and is now confined to her home suffering from a recurrence of her illness of some months ago. The many friends will regret very much to learn of her sickness and trust that she may soon be on the highway to recovery.

Advertisement for The First National Bank, featuring a logo with 'STRENGTH' and 'SERVICE' and the text 'When You Need Counsel'. The ad describes the bank's services and provides contact information for the Plattsmouth branch.