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MASONS VOTE \$50,000 FOR NEW BUILDING HERE

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, A. F. & A. M., GIVE LARGE SUM FOR INFIRMARY.

From Thursday's Daily.

The grand lodge of the Nebraska Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons, at their session at the Masonic temple in Omaha last evening after a deliberation of some hours voted the sum of \$50,000 for an additional building for the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city, which has in the last three years grown into a great monument to the Masonic order in their work of tender ministry to the aged and afflicted.

The grand lodge was much pleased with the presentation of the matter of the new building made by Judge James T. Begley, past master of Plattsmouth lodge No. 4, who urged the necessity of the building in the great institution that the great heart of Masonry has reared as a duty of love and kindness to its members. Judge Begley made a masterly plea for the cause and which won the approval of the delegates of the grand lodge and their offer to do all possible to advance the conveniences of caring for the old Masons and the ladies and children of the order.

In addition to the sum of \$50,000 appropriated by the grand lodge there is also \$10,000 available for building purposes, \$10,000 appropriated by the last convocation of the Knights Templar, and \$10,000 donated to the order by the late George W. Lininger of Omaha for a chapel building.

It is expected when the plans are drawn for the new building to have one in keeping with the dignity of the order and a structure that will be a credit to the great order that it represents. The new building will have a portion set aside for use as an infirmary, where the bedfast patients can lie, and where they can conveniently than at present and also have operating rooms and other aids to the care of the sick.

Included in the building will be an auditorium for the entertainments, for the entertainments of the members as well as services that are held by the different ministers of the city and also administration offices that are used in conducting the affairs of the home.

The action of the Nebraska Grand Lodge is one that will bring a sense of the deepest gratification to every citizen of Plattsmouth and the Masons of the state can rest assured that they will be given anything that the city and its people can give to make the home the greatest institution of its kind in the state. The warm cordial feeling of the members demonstrated last year by Plattsmouth toward the Home and the order made a deep impression on the grand lodge and they are showing that they appreciate this feeling and the citizens of Plattsmouth should see that they are doing much for the officials in making the Home a place that is truly a home.

Incidentally while on the subject of the great Nebraska Masonic Home Dr. George Condra has sent a force of landscape engineers from the state university to the Home and who are engaged in making a survey of the grounds with a view of making plans for driveways, walks and the placing of the trees and shrubbery that will be used in decorating the grounds of the Home.

President James M. Robertson of the board of control of the Home and Superintendent W. F. Evers have labored long and earnestly in the past two years to make the conditions at the Home the best possible and have received the strong support of the members of the governing board and the result is an institution that will be hard to equal in the state.

ENTERTAINS AT PICNIC

Last evening the employees of the office of Storekeeper W. F. Huneke of the Burlington shops, enjoyed a very pleasant outing and picnic in the cool shade of the bluffs along the Missouri river and spent several hours most delightfully in the open, near the ferry landing. The members of the party had taken their well laden baskets with them to the scene of festivities and when the heat of the day had subsided they spread their repast, and with the delicious coffee brewed by Mr. Grometer, proceeded to have a feast that will be well remembered by all of the jolly party. During the course of the gathering while the feast was being disposed of, Mr. Huneke gave a very spirited talk that was much enjoyed by the members of the party. When the evening had arrived and the moon cast its soft glow over the landscape the party wended their way homeward. Those enjoying the occasion were: Misses Mary Clark, Nellie Cowles, Madeline Minor, Mariel Straight, Mrs. Grace Sperry, Messrs. F. Jupiter Warren, John Wickmann, Jr., A. W. Hallmeyer, Paul Grometer, Frank Palacek, W. F. Huneke and Mr. G. E. Hahn of Chicago, new traveling storekeeper, and who was the guest of honor of the occasion.

HERE ON A VISIT

From Thursday's Daily.

Mrs. P. J. Flynn of this city and her family are enjoying a visit from her nephew, Ensign Milton S. Nicholson, U. S. N. Mr. Nicholson is one of the class of 150 midshipmen graduated from the Annapolis naval academy this year and is enjoying a short visit before taking up active duty. The young man will leave for New York tomorrow to report for duty on the battleship Arizona, and expects to leave soon for Australia, where the battleship is going to join the Asiatic fleet.

TENDER RECEPTION TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

Pleasant Gathering Held Last Evening at Christian Church and Quite Largely Attended.

From Thursday's Daily.

Last evening there was a very notable gathering held at the Christian church in this city when the church through the official board and the pastor, tendered a reception to the new members of the church who have been received during the pastorate of Rev. A. G. Hollowell, the present efficient minister of the church.

There were forty-eight of the men and women who have been led into the life of the church, present and present, in addition to the program there were a number of the old familiar hymns given by the members of the congregation.

At the close of the evening there were very delightful refreshments of strawberries, ice cream, and other things which aided in making an evening filled with the most unbounded good fellowship and enjoyment to all of the church members.

HAS CHANCE TO SECURE NATIONAL GUARD CAMP HERE

National Guard of Nebraska May be Brought Here For Annual Drill on the Range.

E. J. Richey, one of the leaders in the activities of the city, has received a call from Adjutant General John H. Paul, at Lincoln, inquiring as to the possibilities of this city caring for the annual encampment of the Nebraska National Guard that will be held in late July or August.

The government range north of the city is one of the best that can be found and the situation of the city with its excellent railroad service makes it a point highly desirable for a picnic for the encampment if a suitable site could be found for the various organizations to be quartered.

There will be at least 1,500 men in the encampment and their presence would be of material benefit to the city and as well as affording the residents here the opportunity of seeing the military life of the guard that they undergo in the period of the summer camp.

Mr. Richey has laid the matter before the chamber of commerce and it will be taken up with General Paul to see if suitable arrangements could be made that would allow this city to entertain the national guard for the first time in the history of the state.

The securing of the encampment should be pressed and if possible this gathering of the soldiers of Nebraska brought here for their two weeks of intensive training. Certainly no better spot could be found in the state for a gathering of this kind.

ANOTHER FALSE ALARM

From Friday's Daily.

This morning when Burlington train No. 4 arrived from the west they reported at the station to Agent R. W. Clement that there was a very suspicious looking character lurking in the west yards near the pumping station and who answered to some extent the description of Fred Brown the well known gentleman who has been keeping the officers of the law guessing for the past few weeks. Mr. Clement securing the assistance of Frank Detlef, county constable, visited the scene of action and rounded up the gentleman, who, however, was not as dangerous as the train crew had represented as he was merely one of the many thousands of former Harding voters who are floating around over the country at the present time.

CO. TREASURER'S OFFICE MAKES A FINE SHOWING

Auditor Finds That Condition of Office is One That Should Please Taxpayers of the County.

From Thursday's Daily.

For the past few days Walter B. Larzere, auditor and adjuster of the Fidelity and Deposit Co. of Maryland, has been engaged in checking over the books in the office of County Treasurer Mike Tritsch, and the result is one that is very gratifying to Mr. Tritsch and his assistants as well as to the taxpayers of the county to learn that the office is in such splendid shape. Mr. Larzere has been thorough and systematic in his work and has checked the office and its records thoroughly.

In the check of the books from January 1, 1921, to June 5, 1922, the auditor reports that on the date of January 1, 1921, the balance was \$231,464.49, and the receipts to date have been \$601,291.33, making a total of \$832,755.82. In the period of the time since January 1, 1921, there had been disbursements of \$402,939.92, and which left a balance of 429,815.90 at the close of business June 5, 1922. Of the balance on hand is \$417,879.51, carried on deposit in the banks of the county and carries a cash and cash items the sum of \$10,936.39 and which tallies the balance on hand at date of \$428,815.90.

The total amount of monies to be raised by the 1921 tax levy was the sum of \$841,471.92, and included all state, county, school and special taxes, and of this amount the treasurer's office shows splendid results as \$746,223.53 has been collected and leaves only \$95,148.39 as uncollected and which is a very fine showing and verified by careful check of the books by the auditor.

In the delinquent taxes the collections have gone back as far as 1858 and brought the sum of \$8,929.98.

There are few counties in the state that can show better records than this county in the way in which the taxes are collected and the business handled and the efficiency of the office of the county treasurer is responsible for the excellent showing.

NEXT WEDNESDAY WILL BE FLAG DAY

Birthday of the Flag Honored by the Elks Lodge and Other Patriotic Organizations.

On next Wednesday, June 14th, will be celebrated the national holiday known as Flag day and one of the anniversaries that the patriotic societies of the nation honor. It was on June 14th, 1776, that the committee from the congress of the struggling colonies visited the home of Mrs. Betsy Ross in Philadelphia and placed their approval on the emblem that she had prepared under the direction of congress and from which the present national flag has been secured. With the passage of time changes have been made in the number of stars and stripes until the present day when the alternating red and white stripes represent the valor of the thirteen original colonies while each of the states of the union is represented with a star of white on the azure field.

The B. P. O. E. has made flag day a notable event in the annual calendar and will observe it fittingly and other of the patriotic societies will also urge the observance of the day by at least the display of the flag and lessons that will bring the ideals for which it stands more forcibly to the minds of the residents of the community.

VERY PLEASANT TIME

From Thursday's Daily.

The ladies auxiliary of the Presbyterian church was very pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon at the church parlors by Mesdames Jas. Burnie, John F. Wolf and J. H. Becker, who left today for Denver, and Mrs. J. J. Meisinger, who is to leave in a few weeks for California to reside in the future. During the afternoon a short program was given consisting of a piano number by Miss Ethel Quinton and a reading by Effie Patterson, both of which were very much enjoyed. Dainty refreshments served at a suitable hour added much to the delights of the occasion.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Thursday's Daily.

Today was the birthday anniversary of C. C. Westcott, president of the Plattsmouth Ad club, and in honor of the occasion, Mr. Westcott gave a treat to the members of the club at their weekly dinner at the Hotel Wagner this noon and delicious ice cream and cake was served to the members of the club and their guests. Just how old Cliff is, we are not in a position to say but he acknowledges that it is more than his sixteenth birthday.

PICK UP WANDERERS

From Friday's Daily.

Last night Officers Al Jones and William Heinrichsen, in their rounds discovered two men camping in the Burlington station and who were apparently at a loss where to find accommodations for the night and when questioned by the officers they stated that they were residents of the Glenwood institute and had sneaked away from the institution shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday and walked over to enjoy a flyer in city life here but were tired and ready to seek rest. The men were taken to the city jail and quartered for the night and this morning turned over to the Glenwood authorities who took them back to the shelter of the institute.

A VERY PRETTY WEDDING HELD AT WEEPING WATER

Miss Faith Allen Murfin and Mr. Seward P. Day United in Marriage on Wednesday.

An out of town wedding of interest was that of Miss Faith Allen Murfin and Seward P. Day, both of Weeping Water, which took place at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the home of Omaha was best man, and Mrs. C. S. Murfin of Weeping Water, Rev. W. H. Riley, pastor of the Congregational church, performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by the Misses Ramona and Frances Chamberlain of Blue Springs. David Noble of Omaha was best man, and little Leonard Switzer carried the ring in a lily.

As the bridal party entered the living room, Miss Mary Louise Bryan of Lincoln played the wedding march from Lohengrin. During the ceremony she played "To a Wild Rose" and the Mendelssohn wedding march as the recessional.

Yellow and white daisies were the decorations thru the house. The wedding ceremony was performed beneath a white wedding bell, with a background of ferns and daisies. The windows were hung with amethyst interwined with daisies.

The bride wore an attractive gown of peacock blue canton crepe with panels of white lace and carried a shower bouquet. Ices and cakes in yellow and white were served following the ceremony. The bride and groom and Mrs. John Robinson cut the ices, while the Misses Maude and Jessie Baldwin and Catherine Thomas served and Mrs. W. W. Swisher served the punch. A sister of the bridegroom pinned yellow lace knots on the guests after the wedding.

The wedding guests were present, including a number of friends from Lincoln, Omaha, Wabash and this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Day will make their home in Weeping Water, where Mr. Day is in business. They left Wednesday afternoon by motor for Omaha and from there went by train to Colorado to spend a month.

Mrs. Day is a graduate of Lincoln high school and has attended the University of Nebraska and taught school in Weeping Water. Mr. Day has also attended the university.

BOY FROM GLENWOOD CAUSES SOME ALARM

Lad Who Wandered Away From the Iowa Institute Causes a Stir Near Cullom Yesterday.

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday near the noon hour a young man called at the Fritz Seimoneit home in the vicinity of Cullom and asked for something to eat as he claimed he had been walking some time and was tired and hungry. The hospitable family gave the stranger his meal and he then requested a place to lie down to rest and was allowed to repose and in the meantime Mrs. Seimoneit called up one of the neighbors, talking in German so that the stranger would not get wise to the subject under discussion, and asked that Sheriff Quinton be notified of the visitation of the stranger. As the report circulated of the fact of the stranger being in the neighborhood it caused more or less excitement, but the young man gave no indication of doing anything out of the way and apparently satisfied with only securing some shelter. Investigation by the sheriff on his arrival at the scene revealed the fact that the stranger was one of the residents of the Iowa State Institute at Glenwood who was A. W. O. L., to use an army expression, and had decided to see what Nebraska looked like. The young man was returned to Glenwood last evening well satisfied with his spurt out in the open and ready to remain at the institution and receive his three square meals a day.

Word was received Friday from Edgar Westcott announcing that the young man had arrived in Los Angeles safely and was beginning to enjoy to the fullest extent the coast country.

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AUDITOR MAKES A REPORT ON THE CITY TREASURY

Representative of Fidelity and Deposit Co., of Maryland, Completes Audit of Books.

The Fidelity and Deposit company, of Maryland, which company has the bonds of both the county and city treasurer for the present year has through their representative, Walter B. Larzere, of Omaha, auditor and adjuster, just completed a check of the books of City Treasurer C. E. Hartford and which is given below. The company is one of the few that makes a yearly check for their patrons and thereby renders a great service to the public as well as to the officials who have an accurate check made on their books thereby.

In the statement of the auditor on the city treasury, there is much that shows improvement in the clearing up of the overdrafts on various funds. The report is as follows:

The report covers the period from January 1, 1922, and ending May 31, 1922, and since the close of the period for which the report has been made there is a greater amount of funds ready to be turned over by the county to the city treasurer.

On January 1, 1922, there was a balance in the treasury of \$37,681.75 and during the period to May 31st, there was collected \$167,523.21, making a total of \$205,214.96. There were disbursements made of \$165,482.26, and which leaves the balance as of May 31st, \$38,752.60.

The actual amount on deposit in the banks is \$35,068.17 and the cash on hand is \$2,684.

The various funds of the city are divided as appears below:

Overdrawn	
General City	\$ 1,929.04
Police fund	248.59
Library fund	99.28
General School fund	2,504.22
Paving Dist. No. 14	119.67
Total Overdraft	\$ 4,900.89
Balances	
Road fund	\$ 3,392.61
Sidewalk fund	2,357.75
Business fund	646.59
Refunding Bonds	2,086.28
Sewer Dist. No. 2	469.08
Fire Hydrant Rental	2,019.43
Park fund	199.12
Fire Department fund	3,107.23
Street Lighting	808.11
Sinking fund	5,848.95
Cemetery fund	886.38
Building fund	2,120.68
Dog Tax fund	183.99
Teachers' fund	269.49
Curb and Guttering Int'l's	5,031.84
Refunding Warrants, Int'l.	6,677.15
Sewer Dist. No. 1	805.76
Paving Dist. No. 5	90.32
Paving Dist. No. 6	441.44
Paving Dist. No. 7	225.10
Paving Dist. No. 10	439.53
Paving Dist. No. 11	349.89
Paving Dist. No. 12	1,882.43
Paving Dist. No. 13	842.76
Paving Dist. 15-16	678.41
Paving Dist. No. 17	202.11
Paving Dist. No. 18	349.67
Paving Dist. No. 19	176.89
Paving Dist. No. 21	832.41
Paving Dist. No. 23	692.45
Paving Dist. No. 24	396.22
Total Balances	\$42,653.49
Less Overdrafts	4,900.89
Balance on hand May 31	\$38,752.60

Ed. Note—In addition to the sum named above there will be available from the county treasury the sum of \$16,000 that will aid in boosting up the showing of the various funds.

"THREE MEN IN A BOAT"

From Friday's Daily.

This was the title of a well known fiction work by Jerome K. Jerome, the well known English humorist, but in our tale there happened to be five men. These five young men had gone down toward the river in search of a suitable place that they might disport amid the rippling waves of the Missouri and enjoy the delights of swimming as of old. When they reached the locality where the "dump" is located, the five young men found that they would have to take a skiff and row over to the first channel of the river if they desired any good swimming. With shouts of glee they hurried themselves in an old row boat that was nearby and started out but had traveled only a few feet when they discovered that the boat was a delusion and a snare and that they were in a few minutes in the dirty, stinking water that had poured from the accumulations of debris that had been dumped there.

It is reported that the gentlemen had to be assisted to shore but more reliable information states that after the first fright was over they were able to wade out and were assisted to the river by a number of other boys who were returning home from bathing. The gentlemen returned late in the evening to the city, having been compelled to make a detour of the town on account of the peculiar odor that they threw off.

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MARRIED AT PARSONAGE

Miss Freda Fifer and Mr. Roger Reeve are Joined in the Holy Bonds of Wedlock.

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday at the Methodist parsonage occurred the marriage of Miss Florence Wheeler and Mr. Louis H. Howe, both of Lincoln. The bridal couple accompanied by Mrs. Helen Wheeler and Miss Annetta Wheeler, motored to this city and at once visited the home of Rev. Calvert where the wedding was performed. The ring service was used in the tying of the nuptial knot. The bridal party returned in the late afternoon to their home in the capital city.

YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK

Miss Freda Fifer and Mr. Roger Reeve are Joined in the Holy Bonds of Wedlock.

On Wednesday evening promptly at eight o'clock occurred a beautiful home wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Fifer, when their daughter was joined in the bonds of wedlock with Mr. Roger Reeve. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Emory Gonzales and the bridal party marched through little gates to the beautiful arch where hung a wedding bell and where the wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. F. E. Sala of the Elmwood Methodist church. The bridal party was attended by Verne Fifer and Miss Edith Reeve, and Herbert Reeve and Miss Delta Fifer, the bride being given away by her father.

The relatives of the contracting parties and intimate friends were present.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fifer and is a young lady of a lovely disposition and many fine attainments.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Reeve and has spent most of his life in this community. He is a boy well known to all and is a young farmer and man of excellent character and liked by all.

The bride wore a dress of white satin with a covering of shadow lace and an orange blossom veil. The groom wore the conventional suit.

This happy young couple have the best wishes of their host of friends for a long, happy and prosperous voyage over life's matrimonial sea—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

ATTEND WEDDING

From Friday's Daily.

Sheriff C. D. Quinton and family were at Avoca last evening where they attended the wedding of Miss Margaret M. Bogard of that place and Mr. Averil E. Thomas of Chester, Nebraska. The bride is a daughter of Postmaster William H. Bogard of Avoca, and the family are old friends and neighbors of Sheriff Quinton. The newly weds will live on a farm just over the Kansas state line from Chester.

CALLED EAST BY ILLNESS

James Kuykendall, superintendent of the Nebraska Lighting Co., was called to Neoga, Ill., by the serious illness of his father at that place. Mrs. Kuykendall has been at Neoga for several days past assisting in the care of the aged gentleman and they will remain until there is some change in the condition of the father.

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