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## A LARGE SAVING.

Receiver Parmele and the Citizens' Bank Depositors Agree.

## LEAP YEAR DANCING PARTY.

Young Ladies Prove Excellent Entertainers—The "Jolly Six" Celebrate Miss Gering's Birthday Anniversary—Other Affairs.

## A Satisfactory Settlement.

Last Saturday afternoon the stockholders and depositors of the defunct Citizens' bank held a meeting at the office of D. O. Dwyer, at which time matter of applying for a new receiver for the bank was thoroughly discussed and as a result of the conference the petition praying for the appointment of a successor to Chas. C. Parmele was dismissed. The claim of W. H. Dearing was also changed from a preferred one to a depositor's claim, by consent of Mr. Dearing. The following resolutions were adopted by the meeting, which are self-explanatory:

WHEREAS, The stockholders of the Citizens' bank of Plattsmouth are desirous of negotiating a settlement with the depositors and creditors of the said bank, and

WHEREAS, Chas. C. Parmele, receiver of said bank, has consented that the order heretofore made, allowing him \$2,500 per annum for salary as receiver, may be changed and altered so as to allow him only \$1,500 for the first year and \$1,000 per annum thereafter, while acting as such receiver. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That our committee (J. G. Richey, A. B. Taylor and D. O. Dwyer) be and are hereby instructed to withdraw the application filed by them for the removal of the said receiver.

Mr. Parmele's action in the matter will prove a very substantial benefit to the depositors, as it will mean a saving to them of about \$1,500. It is hoped that the other matters will be amicably settled as these, and that litigation will be avoided.

## The Leap Year Ball.

The leap year ball given by the ladies of this city at Waterman's hall, Thursday night, was a happy commentary on the executive ability and rare qualities as entertainers, of those having the affair in charge. Ever since the advent of the new year, Plattsmouth's beaux and beauties have been looking forward to this event with the most delightful anticipations, and that these were fully realized, will be vouched for by every one who had the good fortune to be present.

It was evident that the ladies had exercised the greatest care in the arrangement of even the minutest details, and from the "grand march" to "Home, Sweet Home," not the slightest hitch occurred to mar the joyousness of the occasion.

Delicious punch was served by Misses Bertha Richey and Lulu Copeland. The floor committee was composed of Mrs. Sam Patterson, Mrs. Shuey, Mrs. Arch L. Coleman, Mrs. August Rheinbaker and Mrs. Logan Brown, who were untiring in their efforts to make the evening one of unalloyed pleasure for every one—and every one agrees that their efforts were successful. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Shuey, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Arch L. Coleman, The Misses Hickox, South Omaha, Bessie Osborn, Glenwood, Minnie Sharp, Mae Patterson, — Wilson, Rose Hyers, Menota Eikenbary, Dora and Mabel Swearingen, Clara Green, Bertha Niska, Mabel Unruh, Myrtle Levings, Ida Boeck, Hattie, Mamie and Anna Sullivan, Jeanette Ballance, Grace Walker, Lulu Leist, Minnie White, Jeanette Morgan, Florence White, Delia Tartsch, May Dutton and Mrs. August Reinbaker. Messrs. Frank White, Ralph White, Henry Goos, Henry Weidman, Sam Patterson, South Bend; Frank Johnson, Lincoln; John Langston, Havelock; — Brainard, South Omaha; Chas. Vallery, Will Hyers, Clyde Drew, Henry Snyder, T. Frank Wiles, France Ballance, Carl Fricke, Ray Waterman, Henry Tartsch, Dr. W. B. Elster, Chas. Sullivan and Lee Atwood.

## The "Jolly Six"

For several years past it has been the custom of the "Jolly Six" to celebrate the birthday anniversary of the members, and last Thursday that event was properly remembered at the Gering mansion on North Sixth street, it being Miss Barbara Gering's birthday. Those who have ever been fortunate enough to attend a "Jolly Six" recep-

tion can testify as to the excellent time enjoyed by all, and last evening the well-earned reputation was most admirably sustained. The entertainment was varied, consisting of cards, dancing, music, recitations, etc., after which the guests repaired to the dining room and did ample justice to a very dainty and toothsome repast.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Will Clement, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herold, Mrs. T. P. Livingston, Mrs. A. B. Warren, Misses Tillie Lehnhoff, Ella Clark, Verna Leonard, Lulu Burgess, Dora Herold, Teresa and Kate Hempel, Kittie Cummins, Julia Herman, Bertie Hyers, Edna Adams, Barbara and Mia Gering, Ella Dalton, of Ashland, Miss Berger, of Louisville, Messrs. Will Streight, Emil Wurl, Jno. A. Davies, D. C. McEntee, H. Guy and Stuart Livingston, Judge Spurlock, Geo. Lehnhoff, Clayton Barber, Frank Cummins, Matthew and Henry Gering.

## Kensington Party.

A delightful Kensington and elegant luncheon was enjoyed by a few friends of Mrs. T. P. Livingston at the beautiful home of Mrs. F. E. White Friday afternoon. Some embroidery, with conversational accompaniment, was indulged in till four o'clock when a new feature in "progressive hemming" was introduced. The award was for the finest stitches. Ladies Burgess and Pepperberg were the competent judges, awarding to Mrs. James Donnelly the prize, which was a pretty, hand-painted photo frame. The flower and favors were exquisite and the afternoon was one long to be remembered by those present. The following ladies were present: Messdames R. R. Livingston, H. B. Burgess, Jacob Vallery, jr., Julius Pepperberg, James Donnelly, Joseph Kline, W. W. Drummond, C. E. Westcott.

## May Not Be Appealed.

From the present outlook the rank decision of Judge Chapman in reference to the Nebraska City precinct bonds will not be appealed from, as those residing outside of the city, who are supposed to be plaintiffs, take no interest in the matter. The county commissioners will be compelled this year to levy a tax for the payment of the bonds, if they are not fought, and this means an additional levy of about forty-five mills on the dollar valuation of all property, both in the city and precinct. In other words, there will be about double to pay on your property this fall what you pay this year in city tax and, in addition to that, you will have to pay your county and state tax. It will fall heavily on all and will open the eyes of some of the people who opposed testing the legality of the bonds. For instance, if a man paid \$100 this year city tax and \$80 county and state, next year he will have to pay \$100 city, \$80 county and \$100 precinct bond tax, making \$280 tax for next year, where this year he paid only \$180. The tall kicking will come when the individual comes to pay the tax and it will be a hard blow on those who desire to sell any real estate in this precinct.—Nebraska City News.

## A Frightful Accident.

A dispatch in Saturday's World-Herald from Ashland says: "A horrible accident occurred at the Burlington & Missouri switching yards in Ashland about 1 p. m. today. George Marney, a boy 16 years of age, while attempting to cross the track between the cars of freight train No. 30, while in motion, slipped and fell beneath the wheels, which severed his right arm and part of his shoulder from the body. He immediately got up, and picking up his arm from the ground, called to his mother, who was standing in the door of her home not forty rods distance. Drs. G. W. Meredith and Mansfield were summoned, but the injury was too great and he died at 2 p. m. His mother was watching him when he climbed upon the cars and called to him to get off, but he would not, and in an instant went down to his death. The funeral will be held Sunday."

## In District Court.

The following cases have recently been filed in the district clerk's office: Jno. A. Donelan, as receiver of the Commercial bank of Weeping Water, vs. Thomas M. Howard, a suit in foreclosure.

Sarah Ellen Smith vs. Nelson A. Smith. Petition for divorce.

Volney W. Jeffery vs. Henry Thomas and Sylvia A. Thomas. Petition in foreclosure.

Farm loans made at lowest rates. T. H. Pollock, over First Nat'l Bank.

Frank Green was in Omaha on business yesterday.

## SHOCKING DEATH.

The Body of Claus Speck Found Cold In Death.

## HE FELL DOWN AN AREA-WAY.

Attempted Suicide, in Chicago, of a Man Who Is Supposed to Have Formerly Been a Resident of Plattsmouth—Notes.

## Claus Speck Found Dead.

About eleven o'clock Tuesday morning the people on Main street were startled by the report that the dead body of Claus Speck had been found by officers Dunn and Fitzpatrick in the area-way at the rear end of the vacant store room in the Anheuser-Busch building. In a short time a large crowd of people had gathered at the scene. He had apparently fallen into the pit, which is about ten feet deep, early Monday night, and his body was frozen stiff when found. The position of his body indicated that he had fallen on his shoulder and head, and death was probably instantaneous. It was decided not to hold an inquest, consequently a thorough examination of the remains was not made.

Mr. Speck for several years operated a saloon in this city on lower Main street, but lately has been doing odd jobs about town. He was considerably addicted to the drink habit, but lately has been quite sober. His family assert that he was perfectly sober Monday, and this report is verified by several people who saw him as late as half-past seven o'clock at night. At about that time he was seen by Marshal Dunn and several other men going around to the rear end of the building, where his dead body was found next morning, and he probably stumbled into the area-way a few minutes after that hour. The family became alarmed Tuesday morning when Mr. Speck failed to come home, and the search was instituted, which resulted in the horrible discovery. The body was taken to the home of the deceased, on West Oak street.

Mr. Speck was about fifty-six years of age, and has resided in Plattsmouth for the past twenty-five years. A wife and nine children survive him, the only married one being Mrs. John Lutz.

## Was It Peter Wickham?

Last Sunday's Chicago Tribune contained the following, which is believed to refer to a man named Peter Wickham, who worked in the B. & M. shops here for about a year, and afterwards was employed for about four months in the office of City Attorney Polk, a couple of years ago:

"Down hearted after many months of troubles and without a cent, George Pecham, once one of the best known lawyers in the state of Nebraska and formerly Assistant City Prosecutor of Plattsmouth, decided three days ago to die. His attempt proved futile, and he is now in a cell at the Harrison street police station crying bitterly at the ill luck which has been his during the latter years.

"He was formerly rich and influential among the people of Nebraska. But after passing through a severe sickness he found himself in a bad way financially, and although his friends came to his aid time and again he went swiftly down from the high position he had in life to that of a man without a home or penny in his pocket."

"It seems that the young man had contemplated committing suicide, but afterwards weakened and stole a grip instead, in order that he might be placed in jail, and thus kept from obtaining liquor for a time. The description and actions of the man correspond with those of Peter Wickham.

## Granted an Extension.

W. S. Raker and Charles Cummins have been granted an extension of forty days in which to file their bills of exception for appealing their cases to the supreme court. Raker was sentenced to one year for libel and is out on bail. Cummins was sentenced to ten years for manslaughter for killing Jud Vance of Plattsmouth during a quarrel, and is in the penitentiary.—World-Herald.

A "Trilby" social was given by the Daughters of Rebekah at Wahoo Monday night. An immense crowd was in attendance. A program of various novelties was given, after which a general treat was participated in.

## Appointment Finally Made.

As was predicted in THE JOURNAL several times, Harry Northcutt has been appointed by Judge Ramsey as official court reporter for this district. The appointment was formally made Friday afternoon, and the following is a copy of the court's order:

The state of Nebraska: In the matter of the appointment of court reporter and stenographer for the second judicial district of Nebraska, composed of Cass and Otoe counties.

HARRY NORTHCUTT, Esq., Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Dear Sir: I take pleasure in hereby appointing you stenographer and court reporter for the above named judicial district, your appointment dating from and taking effect on the ninth day of January, A. D., 1896.

BASEL S. RAMSEY, Judge of the Second Judicial District of Nebraska.

## A Pump Handle's Victim.

Last Saturday morning John Kuhney's little daughter, Lizzie, was the victim of a peculiar and very painful accident. She had been sent out to the pump to get a bucket of water, and after turning the crank for some time without getting any water she let loose of the handle, which flew back with lightning-like rapidity. The iron handle struck the little girl a fearful blow on the forehead, knocking her several feet. When picked up her face was covered with blood, and a physician was hastily summoned. It was found that the flesh was laid open from the top of the forehead down almost half the length of the little girl's nose, but fortunately no bones were broken. It required several stitches to close the wound, which was extremely painful.

## A Foolhardy Risk.

Fisherman Barton, a resident of East Plattsmouth, attempted to cross the river last Monday in a skiff, but the floating ice caught his craft, and carried it down stream a considerable distance, where it landed against a big ice gorge. He was rescued from his perilous position by the O'Neill brothers, who operate the ferry down near the bridge. Barton has lived and worked about the river nearly all his life time, but his attempt to cross the "Big Muddy" when it was full of floating ice seems to be an ordinary being a very foolhardy act.

## A Lively Time.

About a dozen young men from the city went to Eight Mile Grove Friday evening to attend a literary. The literary is reported to have been a very successful affair, but at its conclusion the party adjourned to a neighboring farm house, where a dance was in progress. A lively time ensued there, and several of the Plattsmouth boys came home wearing highly discolored optics. They say, however, that the other fellows were given the "worst of it." Too many sour apples probably caused the trouble.

## Candidate For the Reform School.

It is quite probable that Ida May Christensen will be sent to the reform school at Geneva. This is the same girl who was sentenced by Judge Ramsey to the reform school several months ago, but sentence was afterward suspended pending the future behavior of the girl, who is about fifteen years of age. The case is being heard in county court this afternoon. The girl is a step-daughter of David Neal, and he says he is unable to manage her.

## In Justice Archer's Court.

The replevin suit of Jno. R. Denison vs. Jacob Meisinger, which was taken under advertisement last week, was last Monday decided in the plaintiff's favor.

The suit on account of Elson vs. Nelson Jones, for \$4.40, was decided Monday morning, the plaintiff getting judgment for \$4.10.

There will be a district meeting of the Knights of Pythias at Nebraska City this evening, the occasion being the visit of the Grand Chancellor to that city. A number of Knights from this city have signified their intention of going down, among them being Dr. Humphrey and Geo. Houseworth.

Mike Mauzy went up to Omaha this afternoon.

## HE WORKED MANY

A Very Old Game Perpetrated By a Smooth Young Man.

## ALSO JUMPED HIS BOARD BILL.

An Inquest Held Over the Remains of the Late Claus Speck—Verdict Exonerates all Persons From Blame—Other Notes.

## Worked an Old Game.

A few days ago a tall, curly-headed man drifted into town and registered at the Hotel de Woodson as C. C. Wilson, Omaha. He commenced canvassing of the town, claiming to represent a picture-enlarging concern in Omaha. For one dollar he would have any photograph enlarged to life-size. But in order to secure this "unprecedented bargain," it was first necessary to pay the fellow fifty cents in advance to "insure his company against loss, in case of the failure of the parties to take the work after it was done." It is reported that the fellow reaped a rich harvest, and also secured a number of photographs, which were almost priceless to the owners, on account of their home connections.

Wilson left town Tuesday very hurriedly, so suddenly, in fact, that he forgot to "dub up" \$4.25 to Mr. Woodson for his board bill. He also overlooked a small livery bill at one of the local stables. Landlord Woodson, when he discovered the situation, swore out a complaint against Wilson in Justice Archer's court, and the same was given to Sheriff Holloway, who went up to Omaha Tuesday to make a search for the wily board-bill jumper.

He was unable to locate his man, however, and returned home on the late train, after leaving the warrant with the police authorities at Omaha. Mr. Woodson swears he will find his man if he has to run him to the ends of the earth, and will make him produce that \$4.25, or board for a while with Jailor Holloway.

LATER—Mr. Woodson received a letter from Wilson, mailed at Nebraska City at noon yesterday, informing him that he needn't be alarmed about the non-payment of his board bill, as he intended coming up in a day or two and paying up.

## Decided to Hold an Inquest.

Tuesday evening the family of the late Claus Speck, whose dead body was found in an area-way at the rear end of the vacant room in the Anheuser-Busch block, Tuesday morning, decided that they wanted an inquest held over the remains. Coroner Clements was accordingly summoned from Elmwood and arrived yesterday morning. A jury was empaneled, and the work of taking the testimony was begun at about ten o'clock, and was finished at noon. The verdict rendered was as follows:

## STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss. Cass County.

At an inquisition, holden at Plattsmouth, in Cass county, on the 12th day of February, A. D., 1896, before me, John Clements, coroner of said Cass county, upon the body of Claus Speck, lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said jurors, upon their oath, do say that Claus Speck came to his death from causes unknown to the jury, and see no reason for attaching blame to any person.

J. W. HENDER, Foreman,  
J. S. DYKE,  
F. A. MURPHY,  
WILL J. STREIGHT,  
J. H. DONNELLY,  
E. B. KOON.

Attest: JOHN CLEMENTS, Coroner.

## Entertained the "Razzledazzlers."

The commodious home of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Fox was the scene of a most delightful entertainment: Friday evening, when the "Razzledazzle" club met with them. Various games at cards was the chief amusement until 12 o'clock, at which time a veritable feast was spread, to which all present did ample justice. Twelve gentlemen comprise the club, and they unanimously voted Mr. and Mrs. Fox royal hosts.

A wagon train of three prairie schooners came through town yesterday afternoon. On the side of the canvass of one of the wagons was inscribed "From Cleo Springs, O. T." (Oklahoma Territory), and the other side the suggestive motto, "Sneaking Back to Nebraska." They have evidently had enough of the sunny south and will resume relations with their old love in the best state in the Union.—Fremont Herald.

Union revival services are being conducted by Brock churches.

## G. A. R. Encampment.

The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Nebraska, has been in session at Omaha since Wednesday morning, for the transaction of such business for the organization as is done at sessions of grand lodges of other orders, such as the annual reports of officers, the election of officers, the location of the reunion, etc. J. H. Culver of Milford was elected department commander, Louie Earnst of Wayne, senior vice and Thomas J. Majors junior vice. Lincoln was chosen over Hastings as a location for the reunion for the next five years.

The Plattsmouth post had as representatives there Jas. Hickson, H. J. Streight, C. W. Green, L. C. Curtis, George Niles and S. R. Carrigan. H. C. McMaken and C. W. Sherman were also there. The Woman's Relief Corps of the state also met in annual convocation at the same place. Mrs. McElwain, Mrs. Carrigan and Mrs. McMaken were in attendance from this city.

## Poor John.

John Robbins, in his "High School Notes" in last evening's News, bemoans the fact that the teachers are unfortunate in regard to holidays for the rest of the school year, inasmuch as Washington's birthday falls on "Saturday, March 22," and "Easter come on Sunday." It is indeed inconsiderate in the "Father of His Country," to change his birthday from Feb. 22 to March 22, while it is equally unfortunate that Easter should occur on Sunday this year, purposely, as it were, to beat the poor school ma'am out of a holiday.

## That "Crambo" Party.

The "Crambo" party that was to have been held at the residence of Henry Hempel on Tuesday, Feb. 18, will be held on Saturday next, the change in date being rendered necessary by other entertainments on the original date. Nobody knows just what a "Crambo" party is, but that it is something pleasant and entertaining, goes without saying. The proceeds of the party will be used to purchase magazines for the library. Everybody is invited to turn out and find out what a "Crambo" party is and, incidentally, to help a worthy cause.

## NEBRASKA NEWS.

A farmer's institute will be held at Norfolk on the 19th and 20th inst.

Four dead coyotes was the result of a spirited wolf hunt in Antelope county.

The people of western Dodge county have become interested in raising chicory.

Nuckolls county is blessed with snow enough to furnish plenty of moisture until the April rains.

Litchfield's dramatic club gave a clever entertainment for the benefit of the poor.

The Odd Fellows of Newman Grove entertained a crowd Monday night with music and addresses.

Revival services are being conducted at the Christian church of Falls City by Evangelist Speak of Council Bluffs.

This evening the York military band will give a leap year band concert. Only the ladies of that city are in receipt of invitations.

A free silver debate will be held in the college at York February 25. The debate will be under the auspices of the Amphiction literary society.

Charles Johnson of Holbrook didn't know the old shot gun was loaded until it "went off," demolishing a glass door and barely missing his face.

John Augustine and his son, Tom, were arrested for chopping open a pony with an axe. Both were bound over to the district court and sent to jail in default of bonds.

A young Fremont tough while under the influence of liquor entered the barracks of the Salvation army during battalion drill and started a disturbance. He was captured, imprisoned over night and fined \$6.

A young woman arrived in North Bend a few days ago direct from California, for the purpose of being united in marriage to a prosperous farmer in Saunders county. The parties have been engaged eight years.

Three men have been in the city several days appraising the Fitzgerald estate, or, rather, that portion of it lying in this city. These men, whose names we were unable to ascertain, have been appointed by the court, and will appraise all the real estate owned by the estate, preparatory to a division of the same among the heirs.

Milton Davis, the laundryman, was a passenger for Omaha this afternoon.