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Thirsty Omaha could do worse than to come to Plattsmouth next Sunday.

The Omaha World-Herald is tasting the fully earned delights of gently rubbing it into those who elected Frank E. Moores.

At Ashland next week the battalion of Omaha high school cadets will disport themselves upon the green grass and Ashland's generous waterways of the same hue.

An exchange says that Kearney merchants have subscribed \$5.00 to help their ball team. A former resident of that city wonders where the business men got hold of so much money at once.

Plattsmouth boasts of a young man of such a canny turn of mind that he put up with five aching molars for a month rather than have his teeth gold filled before the assessor made his rounds.

Minister Conger is crowding General Funston into the back ground. Swimming shallow Philippine rivers isn't in it with smuggling cipher messages from behind a Chinese wall and eating horse meat.

It should be a source of satisfaction to our people to have a modern hotel like the Riley under the management of Mr. Dunbar, which can be made general headquarters for such a gathering as the encampment.

Mayor Moores is giving South Omaha and Council Bluffs such a boom on Sundays as they have not seen in years. The traction companies find the capacity of their rolling stock taxed to the utmost to take care of the Sabbath hieghra from the fool burdened city of Omaha.

C. W. Sherman, former editor of the Plattsmouth Journal, and at present traveling in the interest of that paper, was an agreeable caller Friday. Mr. Sherman doesn't look to be any older than he did twenty years ago when we formed his acquaintance. He is an all-round newspaper man of merit.—Weeping Water Republican.

Omaha's mayor sometimes betrays a seeming disposition to be fair and impartial in spite of his habitual crookedness. After closing the booze shops he proceeds to show the saloon keepers that he is disposed to tote fair by declaring that he will close the mouths of Omahan's next Sunday so that there will be no dealing in osculatory intoxicants through the medium of ruby lips.

The presence of the veterans, and especially their ladies, here this week, prompted the street department to get out its plows and scrapers to demonstrate that somewhere between here and China our streets have a very respectable layer of paving. Beauty may be only skin deep, but the mud ugliness of our streets is often in the neighborhood of two feet deep—in rainy weather.

The report comes from Havelock of a contemplated move of the Burlington shops to Crete in order to take advantage of the clear pure water. The saline fluid in the vicinity of Lincoln and Havelock has proven ruinous to the locomotive boilers, causing heavy scaling, pitting and foaming. Well, what's the matter with the water round about Plattsmouth? Nothing better for the boilers than our filtered river water could be found anywhere.

Our republican friends used to contend that the Filipinos had no government because Aguinaldo persisted in moving about at times, carrying his cabinet and executive machinery of state about with him. According to the same logic the United States now has no government, for Mr. McKinley is on the go, his cabinet and secretaries with him, attempting to maintain the responsible and dignified functions of government as he flits from place to place.

It is a matter of wonder that our market gardeners are so slow to appreciate the value of the first fruits of the season. There is always a gift edge demand for the earliest vegetables and fruits, yet our local producers are notably slow to take advantage of the means at their command to hasten the development of such generally demanded stuff as young onions, lettuce, radishes, potatoes and strawberries. There is money in it for the first ones

to take advantage of the wonders that lie in a few pieces of window glass and the sunny side of a protected slope of the garden.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

The swift current of changing events is rapidly shaping new issues for the campaign of 1904. The vast consolidations of capital within the past few months indicate, as never before, that the next presidential election will witness a struggle between corporate capital on the one hand and the people, with their material personal interests arrayed on the other, in such a contest as this country has never before known in all its history.

All conditions show it, and all events trend toward the organization of the universal trust and the utter stamping out of the last vestige of individualism—a state wherein the combination of all industries and enterprises under one autocratic, absolute head, will endow a single commercial organization with the power of life and death over millions of the alleged free citizens of these United States.

For relief from the commercial tyranny which must grow out of such a state the people will look naturally to the two great political parties. But they will look in vain to the republican party, for that organization is in the trust business itself. Its greatest leaders and backers are the biggest trust magnates. Its chiefest interests are wrapped up in the welfare of the trusts. It can be depended on to live up to its old boast never to betray a trust.

On the other hand there is the democratic party, still standing true to the principles of popular government and arrayed steadfastly and unalterably against what it considers the greatest menace of the age, the resistless forcing of the masses toward a state of commercial and industrial serfdom. Its interests are wholly in the welfare of the people.

A Public Institution

Last week the Parmele theatre closed a very successful season. The house will be used from now until the opening of the regular theatre season next fall for special occasions only. Otherwise the curtain will remain down, the house dark, the box office unlighted by the luminous smile of genial Billy Stadelmann, the swinging glass doors no longer reflecting the handsome physiognomy of Peggy Eaton.

During the season past the Parmele theatre has proven a standing treat to both old and young. The people of Plattsmouth have come to view it as one of the city's greatest public institutions. It has given a vast amount of pleasure, not only to the residents of the city, but as well to the people of the country round about, who have been liberal patrons of all the best plays given here.

The amount of satisfaction and recreation derived by the many who have been regular attendants at the performances of the very excellent productions brought here during the past year by the wide-awake management of the opera house, gives warrant for pronouncing the builders and owners of the Parmele theatre modest philanthropists and public benefactors. It was never expected that a theatre in this town would be a gold mine for the owners. It was a wholesome public spirit, nothing less, a desire to do something with their wealth that would give the greatest pleasure to the greatest number that moved the builders to give us the Parmele theatre.

Financially, however, the theatre has done remarkably well. Some of the best theatrical organizations of the year have played here to crowded houses, and the managers have all departed enthusiastic in their praises of the house, the management and the people of this city, and unanimously expressing their desire to secure a booking for next season. When a play house in a city of this size can secure in its first season such players as Blanche Walsh, Walker Whiteside and Clay Clement, it goes without saying that the house and the management must be of the very best. In the latter respect the house has been very fortunate in securing the services of William Stadelmann, an energetic young man whose metropolitan experience has given him a knowledge of all the tricks of the trade, and a personal acquaintance with nearly all the leading managers and booking agents west of London.

Stadelmann possesses in a pre-eminent degree the attributes needed to make a successful play house manager, tact, pleasing address, shrewdness, the keenness of insight to see what the people want and the perspicacity of insight to ascertain to a fraction of a cent what they are willing to pay for it, the ability to set forth the advantages of his house to managers, the happy faculty of making the best impression upon the advance agents and also of making the members of the companies see the city in the most favorable light.

Aside from the builders of the theatre Stadelmann has done more to advertise this city than could anything else short of producing a presidential candidate.

Next year for the Parmele theatre

and the amusement loving public promises to be a notable one. Among the many fine attractions already secured by the management are, Innes Band, Chauncey Alcott, Walker Whiteside, "Way Down East," Morrison's Faust, the Belle of New York operatic company, the "Dairy Farm," "Rupert of Hentzau," the "Pride of Zeniceo," and "Arizona," which scored such a popular hit here last winter.

Mayor Tom Parmele has set an excellent example to the young men of Plattsmouth. For so long a time that its origin has become almost a matter of ancient history, this city has borne the reputation of having more pretty girls and more unmarried men than any other city of its size in the west. But who could blame the young fellows as long as such men as the mayor, one of the councilmen, the superintendent of schools, one of the most popular divines and a number of other prominent citizens, all of them good looking, even handsome, hesitated to take the initiative? Now that the ice has been broken it may reasonably be expected that Judge Douglass will be kept busy disposing of no longer youthful couples hastening to make up for their waste of years. In consequence marriage licenses which formerly could not be given away, are now selling at face value and might in time admit if need be of a tax sufficient to support several other infant industries.

THE JOURNAL acknowledges the receipt of the initial number of the "Denrock Sun," the first and only paper published in the "toughest town in Texas, although the alleged municipality is but two and-a-half months old. It is still pretty much a city of the imagination—the chief industries—gambling and boot-legging being carried on in tents as are many of the less legitimate enterprises of store-keeping and bartering. It is said that if there is not at least one hold-up of a stranger or a tender-foot at night in the town the citizens talk of impeaching the city officials for neglect of duty. As for the editor of the Denrock Sun, we hardly know whether to credit the report that he punctuates his copy with a bowie-knife and collects his subscriptions with a pair of howitzers. It is probably not true, however, that the type with which he prints his paper was cast from metal extracted at post-mortems from the persons of visiting strangers.

The studded scare head over an article in the South Omaha Tribune one day this week announced that the city authorities had taken decisive steps to prevent the spread of smallpox. The article proceeded to tell of the organization of a class to study the language of the sons of Erin, explaining that the chance was open to anyone regardless of nationality. Whether or not the study of Irish is intended to be taken as an antidote for smallpox, a substitute for vaccination, we do not pretend to know. But any sensible man ought to appreciate that the acquisition of the Irish language should be enough to render the Mikeroles innocuous.

The Journal is indebted to a kindly contributor for the following:
"Little Mary she is safe.
In the arms of Jesus safe.
She took the cup of life to sip.
Too bitter 'twas to drain.
She put it meekly from her lip
And went to sleep again."

Public Take Notice.

A number of severe and different kinds of contagious diseases are prevalent in our city at present, and we wish to impress it upon every parent and individual that your hearty co-operation with the board of health in preventing their spread and stamping them out entirely, is a plain duty that you owe to yourselves, your family and the public.

If all citizens will only assist the health officers in maintaining quarantine over all contagious diseases instead of disobeying and showing utter contempt for all quarantine regulations, as some are inclined to do, the good health of the community will soon be restored and possibly a number of precious lives saved.

It is the duty of every person to report any and all cases of contagious diseases which they know of, or have reason to suspect, to the city physician and an investigation will immediately be made by him.

Parents should carefully watch their children and if the slightest indication of sickness appear, they should be promptly kept from school until complete recovery is established.

We do not consider that the condition of affairs existing at present in any wise necessitates the closing of the schools, and unless the conditions grow more serious they will remain open for four the weeks still ensuing.

Those who disregard the rules and law of the board of health, take warning, for said rules will be enforced in detail hereafter, and those who fail to comply must suffer the consequences.

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Turners Saturday Night.

The unspeakable condition of things overhead and under foot last Saturday resulted in postponement of the Turner exhibition to Saturday night of this week when the whole thing will be given with added specialties. In addition to the drills and gymnastic exercises by the Turner active class which is in training to attend the tournament at St. Joe, there will be an exciting bout of wrestling, several fencing matches, both of which sports have never before been given in public here. The boys will give an exhibition on the parallel bars, a comely young lady will give an exhibition of fancy club swinging, and last but not least there will be the high diving of the jumping frogs.

Dancing and refreshments will conclude the evening's fun, to which the price of admission is 25 cents.

Climate and Crops.

The first part of the past week was warm and dry, with high south wind. The last days of the week were cool, with heavy general rains. The daily mean temperature has averaged from 10 to 12 degrees above the normal. The weekly maximum temperatures were generally between 85 and 90 degrees.

The rainfall of the week fell on the last days of the week, and generally exceeded the normal for the first week in May in the eastern part of the state. In the western counties it was about or slightly below normal. In a large part of the eastern portion the rainfall ranged from 1 to 2.5 inches.

The past week has been favorable for the advancement of farm work, and generally for the growth of vegetation. The high south wind dried out the top of the ground and in some instances retarded the growth of oats, wheat and grass, but no damage resulted to any crop, because of the timely rain the last of the week. At the close of the week winter wheat was in very fine condition. Oats and spring wheat are coming up evenly and growing well. Grass is still somewhat backward, but is now sufficiently advanced in pastures to sustain stock. Corn planting has made good progress in the southern counties, where about one-third of the crop is planted and a little of the earliest planted is up. Corn planting has commenced in nearly all parts of the state. Fruit trees are blossoming very fully in all parts of the state.

Emil Plak and John Bajack are filling up the upper rooms in the Rasgorshok block for the purpose of starting a cigar factory. Both young men are practical and experienced cigar makers, and are well known here.

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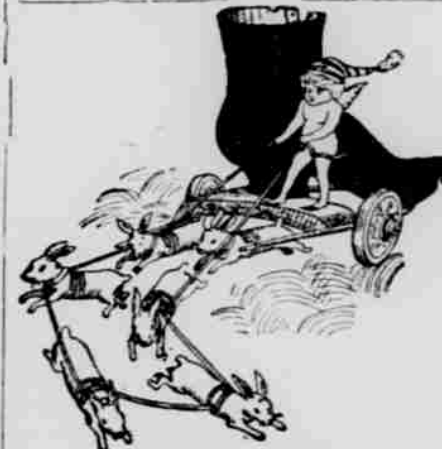
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