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WEDDINGS.

Albert S. Miller and Abby H. Goff were solemnized in holy matrimony by Rev. A. L. Zimmerman at home of the bride's parents, Dec. 24, 1903. Miss Abby H. Goff is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Goff. The bride is well known in this county and is one of Litchfield's estimable young ladies. Mr. A. S. Miller came to Litchfield almost three years ago and for a time clerked for Mr. Lang. He then attended the Business college at Grand Island. On his return again he clerked for Mr. Lang but recently entered into a co-partnership with Harry Goff in the mercantile business and also purchased Banker Terhunes residence property where he and his bride will go to housekeeping March 1st.

Dec. 24 will be a memorable evening to the Dr. and his family as all of his children were present. The presents to the newly married couple were numerous and valuable and as it was Christmas Eve there were many presents exchanged by all present.

We take pleasure in announcing the marriage of Mr. Charles F. Schoening to Miss Elsie Knox, on Christmas day, December 25, 1903. The marriage took place at the county judges office in Loup City at 2 p. m., and the contracting parties returned to the home of the bride's parents where a crowd of friends and relatives awaited their return and a sumptuous dinner was served. Mr. Schoening is an old resident, is well known as a young man of industry and enterprise. He has lived in Sherman county with his parents for many years and has been the main hand on the farm. The bride is an accomplished lady, with many friends, who with us, extend best wishes. The ceremony was performed by Judge Angier.

The marriage of Mr. Henry Bade to Miss Verna Rentfrow took place at the home of the brides parents last Friday, December 25, 1903, Geo. W. Hunter officiating. Miss Rentfrow is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rentfrow, living near Austin. She was raised in Sherman county and for several years attended the Loup City schools. The groom is an industrious young man who has resided near Austin for some time. They start out in life with the best wishes of all.

Wilhelm Behrens and Lena Luebs both of Sherman county were, by Judge Angier united in marriage in Loup City, December 25, 1903. They reside in Rockville township where they will continue to make their home. We wish them many happy and prosperous new years.

Judge Angier reports the marriage of Fred Rasmussen to Miss Anna Jensen. The ceremony took place at Loup City, Friday, December 25, Mr. Angier officiating. The contracting parties are both of Sherman county. The NORTHWESTERN extends congratulations.

Mr. Gustave Axelsen and Miss Clara Hooker, both of Sherman county, were married at the St. Elmo Hotel December 30th, 1904, Judge Angier officiating.

Mr. Everett Englemann and Miss Agnes Patterson, of the west part of the county were married Monday Dec. 28th, 1904.

'Twould Be Grand.
He—If I stole a kiss would it be pett larceny? She—I think it would be grand.—Smart Set.

Dog Specials.
Berlin (Germany) local trains now have special compartments for "passengers with dogs."

CHRISTMAS CHIMES

The Christmas exercises at the German Evangelical church were quite largely attended and a splendid program was well rendered. We have heard very favorable comment on the singing by the choir. The little folks did well. A Christmas tree was beautifully decorated and many were the presents distributed.

From reports, there must have been a merry Christmas at C. M. Snyder's farm residence in Clay township. We learn that R. A. Emery and family took Christmas dinner at the Snyder residence, while in the afternoon and evening the young folks went to the large reservoir and had a good time skating. Again on Tuesday night a crowd of about sixty young people gave the Snyder boys, Gordon and Russell, a surprise by visiting their home and from there to the reservoir for skating.

Wednesday, Dec. 23, the school in District No. 10 gave a Christmas party. About 1 o'clock, 46 people had arrived with their lunch baskets. Two long tables, one on each side of the school room, were loaded with good things. The menu consisted of bread, coffee, potatoes, beans, salads, meat, chicken, pickles, pies of all kinds, tarts, cookies, etc. After dinner the pupils gave a program of songs and recitations. Santa appeared and delighted the children. Presents were then distributed followed by a pleasant social time. The people of the district always do things right. Their cozy school room is a great credit to them.

Owing to the fact that the church was too small to accommodate the crowd that was expected, the M. E. Sunday school held their Christmas exercises at Pilger's opera house. Their expectations were fully realized because early in the evening the sign of "Standing Room Only" was out. The hall was tastefully decorated with the national colors, tissue paper and Christmas emblems. A beautiful star and bell hung over the stage which was festooned with ropes of the tissue paper. The program was indeed well rendered and received. There is one number of which we wish to speak especially and that is the song by four "little" boys, Messrs. W. R. Mellor, L. N. Smith, C. G. Hoyer and Albert Johnson. A treat of barber pole candy was given to all who attended and the Sunday school scholars each received a sack of candy and nuts besides. Santa Claus was there in his glory with a fine lot of presents which he distributed among the delighted young folks and the much pleased older people. The whole entertainment was a grand success and all who attended went home well satisfied.

The Christmas entertainment given at the Baptist church on Christmas day was well attended and all seemed to enjoy themselves. There were not so many presents to be given, outside of those given to the members of the Sunday school and as a treat to all present, for the reason that the majority of those having presents to give chose to do so on Christmas Eve, and for the further reason that there was a misunderstanding in regard to bringing presents on Christmas night. The church was beautifully decorated and much credit is due to those having this matter in charge. A large fireplace had been constructed between the two chimneys at the west end of the church and a chimney was built from this to the ceiling large enough for Santa Claus to come down with his sack of presents. Santa's sack was so large and his whiskers so long that in coming down the sack was torn open, the apples rolled out on the hearth and his whiskers were partly torn from his face, much to the delight of the young people, as he made a grotesque figure, with his beard almost trailing the floor. The program provided was well carried out, the little ones doing themselves much credit.

STILL IN LEAD.

Our exchanges over the country are commenting on the wonderful production of the Loup City hen. We are pleased to reproduce these articles and to further state that Loup City has indeed the hen or hens which in the great Australian hen-laying contest have thus far taken the championship of the world. About six months ago, Mrs. Hansel shipped to the Petulema Incubator company in California seven birds of the Rose Comb Brown Leghorn variety. These birds were by this company sent to Australia to be entered in the contest, and recent advices are to the effect that in the first six months the Loup City hen was handsomely in the lead and would undoubtedly remain so. Mrs. Hansel has devoted her time and attention for some years past to the care of her flock which at times is very large. She has recently sold several shipments to parties in different parts of the state, and we are pleased to note that in every case she has been highly complimented on having the best fowls on the market. A large henery has been erected this year on the Hansel farm a half mile north of town and many needed improvements have been made. The following is taken from our exchanges:

Mrs. A. H. Hansel's Rose Comb Brown Leghorns are making a remarkable record in the Australian egg contest. They took the lead the first month and are still at the head of the list of seventy pens, having been at the top all the time. The secretary of the contest in Sydney N. S. W., says they are looking better than ever and are sure to win. Nebraskans should feel proud of the record being made by Mrs. Hansel's hens in far-off Australia as they are in competition with the best layers in the world. Since August first she has made five consignments of birds to Australia and expects to ship another lot this month. One pen of seven birds netted her \$147.—Ansley Nebraskan.

The North Loup Loyalist is authority for the statement that a Loup City resident is the proud possessor of the champion egg manufacturer of the country. In a recent contest the Loup City hen succeeded in putting all the other contestants to shame carrying off the championship with apparently no exertion whatever. In ordinary times this feat would be no great thing to boast of but with eggs selling at thirty cents per doz Loup City will gain more notoriety out of the incident than had a gold mine been discovered in the immediate vicinity.—Ord Quiz.

There has been an unusual large number of train wrecks during the last few months and in almost every instance great loss to property and life has resulted. A recent dispatch tells the result of an awful accident which occurred on the Pere Marquette railroad when two passenger trains collided. Twenty-two lives were lost. It is said to be the most disastrous wreck in the history of that road and is due to the wind which extinguished the red signal light in the order board at McCord's, Mich., station.

Animal Prices.
The lion is worth to the animal dealer \$1,500; the lioness, \$500; the leopard, \$300; the panther, \$250; bears, \$50 to \$500; an elk, \$200; the camel, \$300, and the elephant, \$500.

Colonial Possessions.
The colonial possessions in the world number 141, and all of them are tropical or subtropical in location, except Canada. Their population aggregates 485,000,000.

OFFICERS ELECT.

L. OF G. A. R.

Last Saturday afternoon the Ladies of the G. A. R. met in Society hall and after transacting general business named the following officials for the coming year: Mrs. L. J. Holcombe, Pres.; Mrs. J. A. Converse, S. V.; Mrs. Clemma Conger, J. V.; Mrs. Isabelle French, Chap.; Mrs. L. Bechthold, sr., Con.; Mrs. Val. McDonald, Guard; Nettie Conger, Treas.

R. A. M.

Joppa Chapter No. 52, met in their hall on annual election night and elected the following named persons as their officers for the coming year of 1904: J. S. Pedler, H. P.; R. L. Arthur, K.; Carsten Truelsen, S.; C. W. Conhiser, Capt. of H.; J. W. Landers Prin. Sojourner; W. T. Chase, R. A. C. and Treas.; L. Hansen Sec.; W. H. Morris, A. M. Bennett and Wm. Rowe, M. of V.

K. OF P.

Marmion Lodge No. 111, K. of P. met and elected officers as follows: Aaron Wall, C. C.; H. S. Conger V. C.; R. J. Nightingale, Prelate; S. N. Sweetland, K. of R. S.; S. E. Gallaway, M. of E.; D. D. Grow, M. of F.; W. R. Mellor, M. of W.; H. W. Pedler, M. at A.; W. J. Mulick, J. L.; Fred E. Odendahl, O. J.; J. W. Long, J. S. Pedler, and W. G. Odendahl Trustees.

R. H.

Matland Castle, No. 162, Royal Highlanders have chosen the following officers for the year 1904: G. Lorenz, T. P.; Mrs. O. F. Peterson, C. C.; Mrs. Geo. H. Gibson, W. E.; O. F. Peterson, Sec.; T. M. Reed, Treas.; Will Zimmerman, Censor.

L. M. L. A.

Loup City Council, No. 146, L. M. L. A. elected officers as follows who will occupy the several stations of honor and trust for this year: D. C. Leach, W. C.; W. B. Reynolds, V. S.; Mrs. James W. Conger, Prophet; G. W. Hunter, Sec.; Reed Cook, Organist; Mrs. T. M. Reed and R. D. Hendrickson, Trustees.

The Legion served a banquet to its members Wednesday evening and about 60 of the members attended. Supper was served at both the Model and Herman Jung's restaurant and it is reported that a fine time was had. A dance was also held in Society hall and the young folks tripped the light fantastic until the early hours.

UNITY CLUB

The members of the Unity Club have elected the following officers. Miss Ella Long, Pres.; Mrs. Starr, V. P.; Mrs. Kate Main, Sec. and Treasurer.

The town of Boelus twenty-two miles southeast of here, in Howard county has again had experience with burglars who entered a general store on the night of December 26 and made off with about \$500 worth of general merchandise. The stuff taken includes clothing, shoes, boots, two fur overcoats, jewelry, razors, revolvers, etc. The burglars made good their escape and no clue as to their whereabouts has yet been found. It is believed that these are the same fellows who operated at Pleasanton some ten days ago. Blood hounds were sent for and the authorities are at work on the case.

The state teachers' association in session at Lincoln proposed to do away with log-rolling, according to public report. And then the leaders pursued the usual log-rolling methods in vogue as of yore.

DIVIDE NEWS.

A. W. Throckmorton is wearing a 2 by 6 smile these days, Uncle Sam has recognized his claim for a pension.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jens of Grand Junction Colo. are here visiting their relatives and friends. They with Mr. Stemig and son of Grand Island attended the Knox-Schoening wedding Dec. 25.

Mr. L. E. Sadler and family attended the Patterson-Englieman wedding Monday December 28th.

Miss Emma Bell closed her school in district No. 47, last Thursday for a weeks vacation and is visiting her parents in Loup City this week.

Fritz Bichel and family spent Christmas at the home of Mr. Gus. Kasch

Miss Hattie Throckmorton closed a four months term of school in district No. 64, Thursday evening December 24 with an entertainment and Christmas tree. Santa Claus was there in his best clothes and in his genial way remembered every one. School will be reopened the first of March for three months spring term.

Mrs. M. E. Roberts who has been visiting in Ashland, Nebraska and vicinity the past fifteen months has returned home and is now visiting her sister Mrs. A. Throckmorton.

Before the tinkling bells of Old Santa Claus sleigh had died away we heard the merry jingle of wedding bells. This time it is the marriage of our genial friend Chas. F. Schoening and Miss Elsie Knox who were joined in Holy Wedlock by Judge Angier in Loup City Dec. 25. Quite a few of the immediate relatives and a very few special friends assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Knox to greet the bride and groom on their arrival and to partake of the sumptuous Christmas dinner. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Schoening a long and happy life. Below is the list of presents:

Mr. and Mrs. John Schoening bed spread and table cloth. Mr. and Mrs. John Jens, dresser. Mrs. Hanna Stark, Grand Junction Colo. set silver knives and forks; Frank Stark, glass set; Carl Stark, cups and saucers; Emilie and Adalie Stark's fruit and sauce dishes; Mr. Mrs. Elmer Walker, easel. Lucy Schoening, salt and pepper shakers. Mr. and Mrs. Stemig of Grand Island, set silver table spoons; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Throckmorton and Ralph, parlor lamp. Miss Hattie Throckmorton crumb, tray and brush.

736 Dead.

Wednesday's dispatches tell of the most appalling accident ever in the history of this country. A fire in a Chicago opera house at a matinee created a panic, resulting in death by fire and stampeding of the people to the unparalleled number of 736, besides hundreds of others more or less seriously injured. The details are heartsickening and too horrible to relate.

Judge Gutterson closed his Judicial work as judge of the Twelfth Judicial District yesterday just before noon by adjourning court sine die. It is with regret we see Judge Gutterson work close as judge. A more conscientious and honorable judge never distributed justice in the district. From a financial view doubtless he will make more clear money practicing law than he would on the bench. He will resume the practice of law in the city as soon as his term expires.—Broken Bow Republican.

NATIONAL GUARDS

A meeting was held at Society hall last Thursday evening and was well attended by the young men of the town. The object of the meeting was to organize a company of national guards. All present took good interest. F. S. Robbins was elected chairman and G. H. Gibson secretary of the meeting. The following commissioned officers were then elected:

Arthur Inks, Captain; Simpson Criss, First Lieutenant, A. T. Conger, Second Lieutenant.

Following are those who enrolled their names as members:

C. A. Inks, Francis H. Peddicord, Romeo Conger, H. B. O'Bryan, W. H. Simpson, D. Mulick, O. O. Howard, Frank Winkelman, E. Rowe, Oscar Swanson, Fred Houck, Arthur Conger, Lewis Perkins, Wm. Bowman, A. S. Main, Wm. DeGroff, F. S. Robbins, C. G. Hoover, W. C. Wharton, Ray Emery, James Emery, Aaron Cowling, A. T. Conger and Fred Winkelman.

The little town of Loup City up in Sherman county where several good people from this county have gone during the past year to make their home are rejoicing over a small-sized boom for their county seat. A special to the Lincoln Star has this to say:

"Nine new residences have been built here during the past season, three more are in process of erection two of them made of brick. Four more are expected to be built before spring two of which are to be brick. The intermediate and grammar departments of the city high school are so crowded that another room is talked of to take part of the scholars from each of these rooms. The efficiency of the schools has brought a large number of scholars in from the country districts and this with the increase in population is taxing the present capacity of the school to the limit.—Aurora Sun.

TOO MANY LITTLE BROTHERS.

Why Sister Regretted Her Part in the Transaction.

Archbishop Ireland, who is never without a good story, tells one that he holds to be one of the best illustrations of faith as well as of confidence in individual supplication at the throne of grace. The little six-year-old daughter of one of his parishioners is an exceedingly bright child, a little too bright, as the bishop explained, and she has been praying to have a little brother sent to her. When her prayer was answered she was delighted and her faith greatly augmented thereby. But when one day, less than two years later, the gift was repeated, she looked gravely apprehensive. "I don't want two brothers," she explained, "and I am sure I prayed too much. I hope God won't answer every prayer I made for a little brother by sending one for each."

But the best evidence of the responsibility she felt in the matter was disclosed on a subsequent occasion, when she heard her father and mother discoursing to a dinner table full of guests upon the merits and attractions of these two little sons.

"Yes," taunted this superior elder sister of six years, "and you wouldn't have had either of them if it hadn't been for me."—New York Times.

The Teachers Went Wading.
Some of the visiting teachers were so impressed with the scenery at Amesbury, where Whittier lived, that they took off their shoes and stockings and waded in the favorite brook of the Quaker poet. Reverse Beach is better for that.—Boston Advertiser.

Clay Pipes.
Five-sixths of the clay pipes so much used by smokers are made at Mogadore, O. The industry began twenty-five years ago on a small scale. Now the plant is the largest in the world. It is not an unusual thing for a boy to make 16,000 in one day.

Bad Break.
"That fellow you advertise as a professor of physiognomy is a rank impostor," said the little man with the scanty locks.
"What makes you think so?" asked the museum manager.
"Because," answered the kicker, "he said my wife had a weak chin."