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Band Contests.

The musical contest of the Festival of Mountain and Plain and the verdict of the jury composed of Dean Howell, and Professers Richter and Lohman, was a great surprise for every man who understood music. The rules of the contest were absolutely wrong and against common sense.

In a contest of this kind the music must be selected by the judges and all bands must play the same selection. You cannot judge very well a band when the same comes with a selection of its own, practised for months before the contest, for the only purpose of getting a prize. The musicians must give a proof of their ability by playing a new piece, and the leaders will show their real talent and ability by the interpretation of something absolutely new for them.

I suggest—in the interest of music—to do that next year.

No band in the contest was perfect by the standpoint of the interpretation. But as they were not professional musicians in the contest, we cannot be very exigent on that account.

The best band in the contest was undoubtedly the McCook. The interpretation of the "Semiramide" of Rossini was imperfect in certain particulars. In one point, for instance, they played andante, while it was necessary to play allegro. But the execution was generally good, and all instruments were absolutely and harmoniously in tune. The first prize—with no doubt—would be given to the McCook band.

The second band in the contest was Las Vegas Military band, composed of only seventeen pieces. This band played the overture of the "Bohemian Girl" with great delicacy. In the last part the Las Vegas musicians don't give the exact interpretation but they played absolutely in tune and in tempo.

Third for merit in the contest was the Colorado Midland. The only fault of its members was an excessive nervousness, and I am sure the leader will agree with me on that.

To the Telluride band I would give no prize at all. Mr. Jones, the leader, knows very well that what I say is the exact truth. The Telluride band has, perhaps, the best reputation and has, perhaps, the credit of being the best band in Colorado. But I am compelled to judge this band by the rendition of Rossini's "William Tell." I realize that Rossini's "William Tell" is very difficult music. But any consideration of merit on the interpretation and on the execution of the music of the great Italian composer is absolutely out of order. While the Telluride band was playing, the flute rendered wrongly the variations and went out of tune and tempo, helped in that by the first clarinet and by the baritone, spoiling everything and causing trouble to the full band. That was sufficient to deprive the Telluride band of the prize. In another country—in France, in Italy or in Germany, for instance—in such an occasion the band would be terribly hissed.

Music is the most international of all arts, and has nothing to do with patriotism. If a band of another state wins the first prize, why not give it to the winner. It would be a good proof of the serenity of mind of the Colorado people to give the prize to a band of another state, if this band is really entitled to have it.

I wish the Telluride band will win the first prize next year. But in this contest—with or without the consent of Judges Howell, Richter and Lohman—the winners of the contest were McCook, Las Vegas and Colorado Midland.

This only for the truth.

NICOLA GIGLIOTTI.

Removal Sale.

S. M. Cochran & Co. are selling all lines of goods at a great sacrifice preparatory to moving into their new location in the A. O. U. W. temple building. In order to reduce their large stock and save cost of removal, all their goods have been marked down accordingly. You can buy anything in their line until they move at unheard-of prices. This is a genuine removal sale, no fake.

A full line of novelties manufactured from the big trees of California, consisting of Redwood, Manzanita, Yellow Mesquit, Acacia, Chapparel, Orange, Almond and Mountain Mahogany, now open for your inspection at THE BEE HIVE.

Leave your orders for a fine suit or overcoat. A perfect fit and lowest prices guaranteed for first-class work.

THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Reduced price on wall paper to make room for new stock at McMillen's.

Chamois, bath and carriage sponges at McConnell's.

McConnell's Balsam cures coughs.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

C. H. BOYLE was in Trenton, Thursday on legal business.

R. O. PHILLIPS came up from Lincoln on business, Monday night on No. 3.

REGISTER CAMPBELL indulged a flying business visit to the state capital on Monday.

JOHN BAUER and Fred Ottens have gone hunting near McCook.—Lincoln Journal.

J. C. HARLAN of the Cambridge Kaleidoscope was up to hear the Minstrels, and transacted some business on the side.

W. GEORGE SHEPPARD was up from Indianola, Monday, and tuned the opera house piano for the Minstrels, Tuesday night.

MISS EDNA MESERVE returned to Lincoln on Sunday night in order to resume her studies in the university on Monday morning.

H. E. DOLE was up from Bartley, close of last week, making some repairs on the house the family expected to occupy this week.

MISS LILLIE FITZGERALD, who has been visiting in Chicago, arrived home on Tuesday night, after a two weeks' absence.

PHILLIP MARSHALL, treasurer-elect of Dundy county, and Oscar Callihan of the Bank of Benkelman, were city visitors, Tuesday.

CALEB CLOTHIER was down from the Hayes county ranch, Tuesday, to hear the Minstrels. He was the guest of the Mayor and family.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE HOCKNELL came over from Norton, Kansas, Tuesday night, and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lawson.

MRS. L. H. ROONEY and little son were passengers for Kansas City on Monday morning. Mr. Rooney, we understand, is in business there.

MRS. WILLIAM MCCALLUM of Indianola has been spending part of the week in Omaha and Lincoln, buying goods and visiting friends.

MRS. WILL V. GAGE, who has been spending the Thanksgiving season with the family in Alliance, arrived home on No. 3, Monday night.

T. A. ERB and family departed, this week, for Akron, Colorado, where they take charge of the Burlington eating house. Success to them.

REV. C. P. EVANS of Arapahoe filled the Christian pulpit, Sunday. He has been doing some ministerial work in Laird, Colorado, and vicinity, lately.

MISS SELMA NOREN went down to Lincoln on Sunday night to be present at the opening of the university after the Thanksgiving holiday on Monday morning.

MRS. GEORGE HOCKNELL has been visiting over in Norton, Kansas, since last week. Mr. Hocknell is at that place much of his time now, and a sister of her's lives there.

FRED CARRUTH and family came down from Denver, Wednesday morning, and will make their home here. They will occupy the residence lately vacated by B. C. Monpleasure.

ED. MCMILLEN arrived from Pittsburgh, Pa., last Friday night, and has taken a position in the drug store of his cousin, Albert McMillen. He is a graduate of a Philadelphia school of pharmacy.

C. J. RYAN and George Poh went down to Sutton on Monday morning, to look at some land down in that neighborhood, where Mr. Poh thinks of locating and engaging in farming. They expected to make a short trip to Lincoln also.

REV. AUGUST GUEBERT departed on Tuesday morning for Siegel, Ill., where he will assume charge of another church. It is intimated that there is a parsonage attached and that the reverend gentleman will take unto himself a wife in the near future to help take care of his new home.

REV. JOHN FOSTER of Cambridge occupied the Congregational pulpit of our city, last Sunday morning and evening. The reverend gentlemen strikes right out from the shoulder in true, old-fashioned style, and his sermons were a source of pleasure and spiritual uplift to his hearers, who will welcome him should he ever preach here again.

F. O. FRITZ of Brownville arrived in the city, Tuesday, and on Wednesday entered the service of The Star of Jupiter as general organizer for the order. Mr. Fritz has been connected with the Modern Woodmen in the same capacity, and as an organizer has few equals. The people of McCook will have an opportunity of hearing him about the middle of the month.

A New Record for Speed.

Another phenomenal run was ground out on the Union Pacific, Monday, in which two mail coaches of the fast mail were bronght 520 miles into Council Bluffs in 540 minutes. Owing to the burning of a bridge at Medicine Bow, west of Cheyenne, the fast mail reached the latter part at 7:28 a. m., instead of at 2:40 a. m., or four hours and forty-eight minutes late. In order to catch the Burlington fast mail east at Council Bluffs it had to reach here before 6 p. m.

Taking the two mail coaches, it started out to make the trip. On the way there were something like a dozen stops made, and there was a change of locomotives at each division. Two minutes were lost at Julesburg waiting for connections, one minute at Kearney, five at Columbus and on the run between North Platte and Grand Island one engineer named Frederickson was unable to maintain the furious pace, inflicting a loss of five minutes, whereupon he was supplanted at Lexington by a young and husky engineer named Dickinson, who regained the lost time. The train was due at Council Bluffs at 4:45 and it reached there at 5:47 p. m., an hour and two minutes late and with thirteen minutes to the good for the Burlington connection. The actual running time was over a mile a minute.

All the regular stops were made and one extra, an air brake hose burst and had to be repaired at the expense of several minutes of time. It is necessary to reach Council Bluffs for connections or pay a heavy fine to the government. It was a most remarkable run against time.

The most wonderful burst of speed was shown on the hundred mile stretch between Grand Island and Ames. This was covered in ninety-three minutes actual time. From this must be deducted five minutes for the delay with the broken hose at Columbus, making the time eighty-eight minutes, including all regular stops, or more than sixty-eight miles an hour.—Omaha correspondence Lincoln Journal.

The Merry Minstrels.

The Menard opera house was crowded, Tuesday evening, to hear the minstrel entertainment given by local talent. The entertainment was fair, but not up to the usual high standard of similar and other entertainments put on the boards by our excellent home talent. The first part was enjoyed and appreciated, but the second part (barring the musical sketch by Messrs. Beach and Stranahan which was meritorious but too long) might better have been omitted.

The costumes were pretty and attractive, the blending of blonde and darkey accentuating the scene.

The music by the Pythian orchestra was good, but rather loud for the solos and choruses.

The ladies of the cemetery committee are to be congratulated on the liberal receipts, which were in the neighborhood of a hundred and fifty dollars.

Hanlein-Kinghorn.

On Wednesday of last week, Rev. E. J. Vivian of Box Elder spoke the words uniting the hearts and destinies of Mr. George Hanlein and Miss Lulu Kinghorn, two of Box Elder precinct's sterling and very estimable young people. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Kinghorn, in the presence of relatives and near friends of the contracting parties. A wedding feast of the most attractive particulars followed the ceremony. The young folks were handsomely remembered in the way of gifts both useful and ornamental. The affair was replete with happiness. THE TRIBUNE adds its most cordial congratulations and heartiest well-wishes.

Smashed Two Panes of Glass.

E. H. Doan's delivery team ran away, last Saturday, smashing two of the large panes of glass in the north side of The Cash Bargain Store in their wild career. They started from in front of the Wilcox grocery store, and in turning into Dennison street struck the store front with the above result. In the collision both horses were thrown from their feet, and bystanders held them until they were released from their tangled condition. The damage is confined to the panes of glass, the horses escaping with slight injuries.

Mission at St. Patrick's.

Commencing at 10:30 o'clock on next Sunday morning, Reverend Fathers McGeough and Bond will open a mission in St. Patrick's church, to continue for one week. Services every day and evening. Evening services and sermons at 7:30. The public is cordially invited.

The Junior Endeavor society and the Junior League had a uuion meeting in the Methodist church, Sunday afternoon.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

GERMAN METHODIST—Regular services at 9 o'clock, every Sunday morning, in the South McCook Methodist church; services in German.

REV. M. HERRMANN.

CATHOLIC—Mass at 8 o'clock a. m. High mass and sermon at 10:30, a. m., with choir. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially welcome.

REV. J. W. HICKEY, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Morning service at 11:00. Evening service at 8:00. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Evensong on Wednesdays at 8 p. m.

R. A. RUSSELL,
Missionary in Charge.

BAPTIST—Bible school at 10. Preaching at 11. Young peoples' meeting at 7. Preaching at 8; the third of sermons on the Christ of Prophecy. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening. A welcome to all.

GEO. W. SHEAFOR, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10.00. Preaching at 11.00; subject from the 53d Psalm 1st verse. Class at 12.00. Junior League at 3.00. Epworth League at 7.00. Preaching at 8; subject, Running Water. Prayer and Bible study at 8.00, Wednesday evening. All are welcome.

J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Rev. Frank Fox of Three Oaks, Michigan, will preach in the morning and evening at the usual hours. Sunday-school at ten. Endeavor society at 7. Wednesday evening prayer-meeting at eight. All are cordially invited to all these services.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS.

Rev. G. W. Sheafor addressed the assembly on Monday morning.

The musical club is arranging for a recital some time about Christmas.

The lantern class for tonight will be given to the 4th and 5th grades, West ward.

There was no school in the 4th grade, West ward, Monday morning, on account of the inability to heat the room, the building having become very cold during the Thanksgiving vacation. School was resumed in the afternoon.

Word received from Mr. Cromer brings the information that the expected slides from abroad have not arrived, and consequently it will not be possible to commence the exhibition of the loan slides expected and announced for tonight.

The male quartette singing, Monday evening at lantern class, was a little mixed. The boys are up in Harmony and Tempo, but lack somewhat in Interpretation. Likewise in Appropriateness. The lads are the making of a harmonious and tuneful quartette.

A special lantern class was given, Monday evening, London being the subject. The lantern used belonged to the Riley Bros. of Cambridge. Their "dissolving views" and color effects were fine and highly appreciated. About seven dollars were gathered into the lantern fund.

PROGRAMME

For Friday evening lantern class, Dec. 3.
Solo.....MABEL PERRY
Pictures.....
Quartette....FRANK COLFER, HARRY TROTH, GEORGE CAMPBELL, ALBERT THORGRIMSON.
Solo.....LIZZIE ANTON
March.....MAUD WOOD

Charles H. Hamilton Married.

The following information is gleaned from the Brookhaven (Miss.) Times: At eight o'clock tonight Mr. Charles H. Hamilton, the upright and successful young business man, and Miss Lillian Cooke, one of Brookhaven's sweetest and most modest belles, will be united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Charles Oberschmidt, and will be very private, only the near relatives of the contracting parties are to be present.

No couple ever started their life together in Brookhaven with more hearty good wishes than will these popular young people. Possessed of a sterling character, the groom counts as his friends all who have met him in either a business or a social way. The bride is the personification of all that is admirable and lovely in woman's character, and will be a true wife to a loyal husband.

The Times, in common with a host of friends, wishes for them the happy fulfillment of their fondest anticipations on this, their nuptial day.—The Brookhaven (Miss.) Times of Nov. 11th.

MRS. HUGH SWEET, who has been visiting for the past three months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Kinghorn, up in Box Elder precinct, left for her home in Buda, Ill., Thursday.

If you are going to make a present, don't fail to visit the BEE HIVE.

The Imperial Quartet.

The Imperial Male Quartet and Concert company of Chicago will give an entertainment in the Congregational church next Friday evening, December 10th, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society. Mr. J. A. Parks, the composer, is at the head of this company, and it is highly recommended by the church societies of Iowa and Northeastern Nebraska. Our citizens are sure of being highly entertained.

The Fremont (Neb.) Tribune says: "The concert given last night at the Congregational church by the Imperial Quartet was a highly enjoyable musical event. There was a good audience present to greet the company. It was not only large but was likewise enthusiastic, and paid the performers the rare tribute of encoring the first number. The Imperials present a varied programme that brings out to excellent advantage the versatility of the company. The renditions of the male quartet were perhaps the most enjoyable numbers last night, though the work of Mrs. Cowan, accomist, and Mr. Tout, trombone soloist, was of a very high order. The whistling quartet number and the Zobo response to the encore were novelties, the appreciation of which was shown with thunderous applause."

Annual Temperance Meeting.

An annual, union temperance meeting was held in the Baptist church, Sunday afternoon last, under auspices of the W. C. T. U., and Mrs. Traver presiding. Similar meetings were held on that day all over the world where the union has gained a foothold. Rousing addresses were made by Rev. John Foster of Cambridge and Rev. C. P. Evans of Arapahoe. Many others took brief parts. It seemed to be the general desire that some active work be done in the temperance work in this city. The attendance was smaller than should have been present. No effort was made to organize a W. C. T. U., although there seems to be a demand for such an organization here.

Bean Supper and Camp-Fire.

The Old Soldiers' Annual Bean Supper and Camp-fire will be held at the Menard opera house on Friday evening, Dec. 17th. The following committees have been appointed: Executive committee—G. W. Dillon, B. F. Olcott and Charles Weintz. Committee on hall—Jacob Steinmetz, Joseph Spotts and Henry Walker. Committee on programme—H. H. Berry. Committee on invitation—J. M. Bell, J. S. LeHew and J. H. Yarger. Soliciting committee and committee on tables—Mrs. G. W. Starr, Mrs. George Burns, Mrs. J. M. Bell and Miss Blanche Starr.

Of Interest To Housekeepers.

Inasmuch as the World's Fair and the Iowa and Minnesota State Boards of Health, condemned baking powders containing alum it will be of use to our readers to have an official list of some of the powders in order that they may be able to distinguish between them and the pure and wholesome cream of tarter article. This is not an easy matter, as none of the alum compounds is labeled as such, but all masquerade as "pure," "best in the world," "none so good" etc. Our space will not permit of a complete list and we give the powders most generally sold in this section, which are known to contain alum.

Calumet,	Climax,
Hotel,	Standard,
Mokaska,	Taylor's One Spoon,
Loyal,	Manhattan,
Chicago Yeast,	Rocket,
K. C.,	Town Talk,
Cameo,	Grant's Bon Bon.

Reject all brands sold with a prize or at twenty-five cents or less a pound as they are made of alum. Be on the safe side and accept none other than Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder, which received the highest praise and honors at the World's Fair.

Election of Officers.

All members of J. K. Barnes post No. 207, G. A. R., are requested to be present at the next meeting of the post on Dec. 14th, 1897, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

G. W. DILLON, Post Commander.
Official: J. H. YARGER, Adjutant.

Turkeys Wanted.

We are wanting an unlimited supply of Turkeys, for which we will pay 5 cents a pound. Turkeys must be young and their craws empty. This price holds good until December 15th.

CARSON & MATTHEWS,
2t Proprietors Palace Meat Market.

Mrs. M. E. Barger wishes to announce to the ladies of McCook and vicinity that she will close out her stock of millinery, both trimmed and untrimmed hats regardless of cost. We make a specialty of dress-making and guarantee satisfaction.

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

McConnell's Balsam cures coughs.

Drums for the boys at the BEE HIVE.

A full line of celluloid goods at the BEE HIVE.

Chamois, bath and carriage sponges at McConnell's.

Thirty-six styles of celluloid goods at the BEE HIVE.

We will make low prices on candy in quantities at the BEE HIVE.

Reduced price on wall paper to make room for new stock at McMillen's.

William Lewis opened a saloon in the burg of Benkelman, close of last week.

Be in the swim. Buy one of those wonderful Vive Cameras from H. P. Sutton.

W. R. Starr is putting on a kitchen addition to his residence on North Main avenue.

FOR SALE—A good office desk in first class condition, at a very low price. Call at this office.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Inquire at the residence of H. M. Tyler on North Manchester street.

The Epworth League has arranged for the appearance of William Hawley Smith in our city on the 27th day of January.

20 per cent off on all wall paper purchases for a limited time.

L. W. MCCONNELL & CO.

Come in and select your dolls while our assortment is complete. We have twenty different kinds at the BEE HIVE.

Buggies are included in the removal sale prices at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s. Prices cannot be equaled in this part of Nebraska.

Mrs. C. T. Brewer will take orders for Pastel and Oil Paintings; also Embroidery and Stamping. Orders for Christmas solicited.

We hear it stated that the Courier office will some time in the future be moved down into the basement under the Famous Clothing store.

Your attention is directed to the holiday advertisement of L. W. McConnell & Co., in this issue. Their large display is now ready for inspection.

Snow, a chinook wind, a cold wave or two, more snow, and a below-zero lot of weather, have been among the offerings of the weather clerk for this week.

I now have samples for ladies' mackintoshes in various styles and colors. The latest tints and figures. Call and see them. 2t I. T. BENJAMIN.

Have you seen our little boys' Chinchilla Reefer coats, Tam O'Shanter hats and Junior suits?

THE FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.

Do you want to rent or buy a house? The Building Association has several good houses to rent or sell. Inquire of F. A. Pennell, Sec'y, at First National Bank.

J. E. Kelley has received from the J. B. McFarland Co. a consignment of buggies—a carload—for immediate sale. See him before buying. He will save you money.

The following letters were advertised, November 28th: Charles Carter, Mr. J. E. Cassels, Mr. Emmet Evans, Mr. F. M. Graham, Harry Harvey, Mr. J. W. Hoult, Mr. Kirk.

Attention is called to the fact that the usual and regular services will be held in the Congregational church on next Sunday morning and evening. The sermons will be delivered by Rev. Frank Fox of Three Oaks, Michigan, who is a candidate for the pastorate of the church.

The Franklin store room, south of the Garber's will be occupied by Pade & Son early in the new year. Some changes will be made in the line of convenience. They will also have storage rooms upstairs where the banquet and ante-rooms are now situated.

The first bad snow storm, this winter, cost the company a nice penny for stock killed in the cuts up in Eastern Colorado, where the stock drifted into the railroad cuts for protection against the very heavy storm that prevailed. The snow plow killed some sixty head of cattle in one cut, the largest number ever killed at one time on this division. In all 72 head were killed.