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P. E. O. Chapter X. P. E. O., meets the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, at 2:30 p. m., at the homes of the various members. Mrs. G. H. THOMAS, Pres. Mrs. O. H. MEERER, Cor. Sec.

A FINE SIGN LANGUAGE

Droll Incident in the Reign of James I. of England.

A TRICK ON AN AMBASSADOR

The Different Interpretations of the Same Acts Performed by a Crochety Spaniard and a Hard Headed and Canny Old Scotch Butcher.

It is said that King James I. on removing to London was waited upon by the Spanish ambassador, a man of erudition, but who had a crochet in his head that every country should have a professor of signs to teach him and the like of him to understand one another. The ambassador was lamenting one day before the king this great desideratum throughout all Europe, when the king said to him: "Why, I have a professor of signs in the northernmost college in my dominions—viz, at Aberdeen—but it is a great way off, perhaps 600 miles."

"Were it 10,000 leagues off I shall see him," said the ambassador, "and am determined to set out in two or three days." The king saw he had committed himself and wrote, or caused to be written, to the University of Aberdeen, stating the case and desiring the professors to put him off some way or make the best of him. The ambassador arrived, was received with great solemnity, but soon began to inquire which of them had the honor to be professor of signs.

Being told that the professor was absent in the highlands and would return nobody knew when, the ambassador said, "I will wait his return, though it were twelve months."

Seeing that this would not do and that they had to entertain him at a great expense all the while, they contrived a stratagem. There was one Geordy, a butcher, blind of an eye, a droll fellow, with much wit and roguery about him. He was got, instructed to be professor of signs, but not to speak on pain of death. Geordy cheerfully undertook the role. The ambassador was told that the professor of signs would be at home next day, at which he rejoiced greatly.

Next day Geordy was gowned, wigged and placed in a chair of state in a room in the college, all the professors and the ambassador being in an adjoining room. The ambassador was shown into Geordy's room and left to converse with him as well as he could, the professors awaiting the issue with fear and trembling.

The ambassador held up one of his fingers to Geordy; Geordy held up two of his. The ambassador held up three; Geordy clinched his fist and looked stern. The ambassador then took an orange from his pocket and held it up; Geordy took a piece of barley cake from his pocket and held that up. After which the ambassador bowed to him and retired to the other professor, who anxiously inquired his opinion of his brother.

"He is a perfect miracle," said the ambassador. "I would not give him for the wealth of the Indies."

"Well," said the professors, "to descend to particulars."

"Why," said the ambassador, "I first held up one finger, denoting that there is one God; he held up two, signifying that these are the Father and Son. I held up three, meaning the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost; he clinched his fist, to say that these three are one. I then took out an orange, signifying the goodness of God, who gives his creatures not only the necessities, but the luxuries, of life, upon which the wonderful man presented a piece of bread, showing that it was the staff of life and preferable to every luxury."

The professors were glad that matters had turned out so well; so, having got quit of the ambassador, they next got Geordy to hear his version of the signs.

"Well, Geordy, how have you come on and what do you think of your man?"

"The rascal!" says Geordy. "What did he do first, think ye? He held up one finger, as much as to say, You have only one eye. Then I held up two, meaning that my one eye was perhaps as good as both his. Then the fellow held up three of his fingers, to say that there were but three eyes between us, and then I was so mad at the scoundrel that I steaked my neive and was to come a whack on the side of his head and would ha' done it, too, but for your sakes. Then the rascal did not stop with his provocation here, but, forsooth, takes out an orange, as much as to say, Your poor, beggarly, cold country cannot produce that. I showed him a whang of a bear bannock, meaning that I did na' care a farthing for him nor his trash neither as lang's I ha' this. But, by a' that's guid," concluded Geordy. "I'm angry yet that I didn't thrash the hide of the scoundrel!"—London T. P.'s Weekly.

BARTLEY.

Mrs. Olmstead left Bartley, Thursday on 13, for Black River, Washington, with her son Will. Mrs. Olmstead has been a long time resident of Bartley and has property here. She is going for her health but will not sell her residence here so that she will have a good home in a good town if she desires to return.

Mr. and Mrs. Rae Hindman were over, last week, to visit Mrs. Hindman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Axtel. They returned to the Beaver this week.

W. P. Wade of Holdrege was in Bartley making arrangements to erect a business building, to be used exclusively for furniture and undertaking goods.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. DeArmond are rejoicing over the advent of a fine girl baby, born Tuesday morning.

The Lewis Stock company occupied our opera house three nights, last week. The play was entirely satisfactory to the attendance. The receipts for the three nights were \$321.35. Blind Boone will be here one night, May 21st.

Postmaster S. W. Clark put in 500 feet of cement walk in front of his business lots, last week.

The Duff elevator has just been fixed up in first class shape with several hundred dollars repairs.

Two thousand dollars has been subscribed to put up a cement telephone office just south of the post office. We will then have both day and night service. About 200 new phones have been ordered in the town and country.

The high school social in the Christian church, last week, was a pleasant affair and netted a nice sum of money.

C. E. Matthews and Will Flint went to Holdrege, Wednesday, to the Bryan banquet.

Town election passed off quickly. Officers elected: A. F. McCord, Jas Sipe and Frank Prouers. Ira Sheets was the only hold over trustee.

GRANT.

Jake Wesch, who has been sick the past week, is recovering.

B. W. Benjamin's children, who were down with pneumonia, are a little better this week.

Edwin Towle entertained H. Blunk and family last Saturday.

The Banksville base ball boys organized, Sunday. They expect the Prairie Dogs to play on the Banksville diamond, Friday, April 17, 1908.

Mrs. August Wesch, who has been visiting at Hastings, expects to return Thursday.

Clara Cunningham visited with Mrs. Alma Johnston near McCook, last Saturday.

This is examination week in district 51. Also practicing for the entertainment to be given the last day of school on the evening of April 17. All patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited.

Ernest Anderson and Miss Daugherty were visitors at the J. Wesch home one evening during the past week.

[TOO LATE FOR LAST WEEK]

Peter Wesch, a well known old settler of Grant precinct, died March 28th, 1908. He was 74 years, 5 months and 21 days old at his death. Deceased was born in Germany, Oct. 4th, 1833. He has lived in Red Willow county, this state, for 22 years and was well known by everybody. Six sons in Red Willow county and one daughter in Portland, Ore., mourn his death.

Jacob Wesch and son sold a fine bunch of red hogs to W. Waldo, last week.

RED WILLOW.

Mrs. Sawyer's excellent well, one of the very few dug wells still in use, caved in last week. She is having a new one drilled close to the old one.

Mrs. Taylor and son Horace have been quite sick with gripe. Horace is better but Mrs. Taylor continues ill.

Mrs. Sexson is still very sick with gripe.

Vira Loomis returned from Haigler on April 5th, and went to Michigan on April 8th. Mrs. Rose Hauxwell is the only one of the Loomis family left in this country.

Lucy Miller, who has been with Mrs. Owens Longnecker for the past three months, left on Monday, to take up the position she formerly occupied in Hardy's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Daharsh were visitors at Mr. Sexson's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and sons and Miss Rozelle took dinner at John Longnecker's, on Sunday.

INDIANOLA.

"April fool's day," had its usual number of victims.

Mrs. F. S. Phillips has gone to Yampa, Colorado, for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Little.

Marjorie Phillips has the scarletina. The family are under quarantine.

The first of the series of lectures commenced at Short's opera house, Wednesday evening, by Rev. Simpson of Cambridge.

Eunice Horton and Maude Goben left on train No. 14, Wednesday evening, for the east. Miss Horton goes to her home in Indiana and Miss Goben goes to visit relatives in Milton, Illinois.

INDIANOLA.

Mrs. Hammond of Denver is in town visiting old time friends and neighbors.

Young Stothard and wife of Kearney, Neb., came on No. 13, Monday morning. They intend making this their home.

W. H. Smith and wife left Thursday night on train No. 14 to Oklahoma for a visit with the children.

G. W. Burt was at McCook on business, Monday.

Patrick Callan has a sick son at his place.

Frank Marsh left, Tuesday evening, for Omaha to be a member of the federal grand jury.

The election held here, Tuesday, resulted in the license victory with a majority of nineteen votes.

Dan Cashen of Danbury was in town, Wednesday.

The Indianola jail is completed.

Mrs. T. Haley returned home, Wednesday evening.

C. W. Dow and J. L. Sargent went to Yampa, Colorado, Tuesday.

A small crowd attended the Bryan meeting at Holdrege, Wednesday.

DANBURY.

Mrs. R. E. Pogue and two children of Bertrand, Neb., arrived here, Tuesday, for a four weeks' visit.

Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Moore of Lebanon were Danbury visitors, Monday.

Quite an excitement was caused in Danbury when Al Boyer's house caught fire from an overheated stove, but was soon extinguished.

Mrs. Alfred Ashton and children visited at the DeMay home over Sunday.

Isaac Wade of Lexington, Indiana, delivered a temperance lecture to a large crowd at the Congregational church, Sunday night. He departed for his home, Monday, after two weeks' visit with friends and relatives in this community.

Will DeMay of Marion was a Danbury visitor over Sunday.

The Royal Neighbors had a dinner in the town hall for their children, Monday. All enjoyed themselves.

Harvey Creasman, who was severely injured by a horse, is improving.

W. J. Stijgebauer and wife and S. W. Stijgebauer attended the funeral of Herbert Drath at Herndon, last week. Mr. Drath was a grandson of S. W. Stijgebauer by marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thomas visited in Atwood, last week.

Minnie and Esther Dolph gave a party for their friends, last Saturday evening. About \$51 was cleared at the school entertainment last Friday evening.

Mrs. James Morgan and daughter departed for Kansas City, where Mr. Morgan is.

Joe McGuire and wife will move into the house vacated by W. R. Burbridge.

Miss May Moss went to Cedar Bluffs, Monday, to assist Mrs. Alfred Ashton in her housework.

R. F. D. No. 1.

Mrs. Joseph Downs and son Ed were out from McCook, Sunday, visiting Ash Creek friends.

Grant Clark of Albia, Iowa, was a guest of W. P. Broomfield and Jos. Downs, Saturday-Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Warfield are with his parents while he is recovering from an attack of rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fiechtner and Mike Fritz and family were visitors on School Creek, Sunday.

A moving picture show was an enjoyed entertainment in the Nelson Downs school house, Tuesday.

Dr. Campbell and chaffeur of Lebanon met with an accident, Wednesday of last week, while returning home from McCook. Just south of their middle river bridge, while running their chuff wagon at a good speed the auto ran into a deep hole, with the result that the doctor was thrown out of the car headlong into the river. The medic waded out and went on his way as soon as the chaffeur could restrain his laughter.

He Drew.

A very pretty girl had a bashful artist for a sweetheart, but he would never come to the point. One night after he had made a desperate attempt to test her feelings she looked at him in a very significant way.

"What do you mean by that?" he asked, with a startled look.

"Do you profess to be an artist?" she replied evasively.

"Yes."

"Do you think you are a good one?"

"I flatter myself that I am."

"Well, I don't think so."

"Why not?"

"Because you cannot even draw an inference."

He did, though, and now they draw conclusions.

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