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## Some Social Notes

Mrs. W. B. Alexander entertained the members of her Sunday school class on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. J. F. Whetstine entertained at a Kensington on Tuesday afternoon. A number of ladies were present and spent an afternoon of genuine pleasure. Mrs. Whetstine served dainty refreshments.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. will celebrate Lincoln's birthday at the hall this evening. The birthday of Lincoln is always observed by these two organizations and the occasion has come to be looked forward to with much pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kaiser entertained the Tyroleans at their home on South Stone street Sunday evening. The Tyroleans appeared in a concert at the Jenne on Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser entertained the musicians in a truly royal manner.

Mrs. A. G. Wanner and Miss Minnie McDonald entertained the members of the Junior Epworth League at the home of Mrs. Wanner on last Saturday evening. The guests were entertained in a most pleasant manner and the event was thoroughly enjoyed.

The H. S. M. club met on Saturday evening with Miss Nettie Cleveland. An excellent program was rendered after which a business meeting was held and the following officers elected: Anita Wilson, president; Reba Eversole, vice president; Georgia Beaulieu, secretary and Nettie Cleveland, treasurer.

Friends in Council met in regular session last Friday evening with Miss Grace Miner as hostess. The meeting was of rather an informal nature owing to the fact that the cold weather caused the absence of a number of the members. Nevertheless the meeting was a very enjoyable one. Special features were readings by Mrs. Stanbro and Miss Barry and the continuation of the study of "Much Ado About Nothing." Impromptu musical numbers were much enjoyed. Dainty refreshments were served.

The regular meeting of Sorosis was held on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. A. E. Hill. After the usual business was transacted the club was greatly benefitted

by two able papers. "Incidents Leading to Louisiana Purchase," by Mrs. Mauger followed by "Louisiana Purchase" by Mrs. Lyford gave us a fund of information especially apropos of the Fair so near at hand. The club then listened to two delightful original poems by their hostess read by Mrs. C. F. Reavis and Mrs. Wanner. Mrs. Hill was agreeably and efficiently assisted in entertaining by Miss Miller. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Jenne on February 24th.

## Court House News

The new hard pine floor just laid in the main corridor of the court house is a great improvement. It is so much better than the old one that the general public will not complain because it is not a tile floor.

County Recorder Rieger reports the following real estate transfers:

Corbett Wisdom to John Houck  $w\frac{1}{2}$   $nw\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 26, twp. 1 range 15. Consideration \$6,500.

J. N. Pfeiffer to John E. Stauffer,  $ne\frac{1}{4}$   $se\frac{1}{4}$  and s 65 acres of  $e\frac{1}{2}$  of  $ne\frac{1}{4}$  of sec 35; also  $w\frac{1}{2}$   $sw\frac{1}{4}$   $nw\frac{1}{4}$  sec 36 all in twp. 1 range 13, 125 acres. Consideration \$5200.

County Judge Wilhite has issued the following marriage licenses this week.

Egness Leecy, Arago.....	21
Louisa Bauman, Arago.....	19
Hayes R. Beyer, Kansas City.....	27
Olive Grace Garver, Humboldt.....	22
Oscar Bockin, Humboldt.....	24
Ethel Reimers, Humboldt.....	18
Charles Mackey, Fargo.....	21
Annie Bleiholder, Fargo.....	19

Since Charles Loree, clerk, has straightened out the debris resulting from the last term of the district court, his office has been a pretty quiet place. Only one new case has been filed this week and that was the application of Maude E. Miller for a divorce from Virgil Miller.

## Good Roads Day.

D. Ward King of Maitland, Mo., was in town Wednesday evening and Thursday morning and arranged for meetings at the court house next Tuesday, the 16th. He assures us he has nothing to sell but is employed by the state of Nebraska to explain to us his plan of cheap road working. He comes with the prestige of success and the endorsement of his and our own state authorities. The meetings will be held at the court house. At 10 a. m. the subject will be the horse. At 2 p. m. good roads

## James H. Ray is Dead

*Former Sheriff of Richardson County is Summoned By the Grim Destroyer.*

James H. Ray, a former sheriff of Richardson county, died at his home near Barada last Monday night. Mr. Ray's death was the result of an attack of pneumonia. The news of his death came as a great surprise to his many friends throughout Richardson county. But a few weeks ago he was seen on the streets of Falls City in his usual health and greeting his friends in his customary cheery manner.

James Harrison Ray was 67 years of age, having been born in Illinois in 1837. He was the eldest of a family of nine children. He grew to manhood in his native state, attending the public schools and developing habits of activity and industry that stood him in good stead in his later and more strenuous years. When about twenty years of age he entered Christian college at Jacksonville, Ill., and graduated from that institution with honors and then engaged in teaching, and later followed the same profession in Iowa. While teaching at Prairie City, Iowa, he was married to Miss Julia Cassel of that place.

In 1865 Mr. Ray came to Nebraska, crossing the Missouri river at Brownville. He took a homestead southeast of Humboldt and soon became prominently identified with the development of that section of the county. He shared in all the hardships of the pioneer and did his part in the upbuilding of Old Richardson. He was a man who made friends because he deserved to have friends and few were those who ever spoke of him in any but the kindest way.

In 1886 he became the republi-

can candidate for sheriff and was elected. So well did he serve the people in this capacity that two years later he was re-elected and served another term. As an official he was ever mindful of the trust reposed in him and he discharged his duties in a painstaking and thorough manner. Mr. Ray's wife had died many years before and in 1888 he was married to Mrs. E. J. Pope of Humboldt. At the expiration of his second term in office, he removed from this city to a farm near Barada, and there he lived until his death. Besides his wife he leaves seven children, four sons and three daughters. The sons are Lorin of Albuquerque, N. M., Ben, a United States soldier now serving in the Philippines, and Willis and Elmer of this county. The daughters are Mrs. Frank Pope and Mrs. Alex Hatfield of Oklahoma and Miss Neva Ray of Pawnee City. There are many people in Richardson county who knew Mr. Ray and who extend to his family the full measure of sympathy.

James H. Ray was in many respects a remarkable man. To him a generous nature forbade the accumulation of great wealth but as compensation it gave him friends of the kind that take no cognizance of a man's bank account. He was in every respect a good citizen. He was a man of pronounced convictions and of unquestioned integrity. Of him it may truly be said that a good man is gone.

His funeral was held on Tuesday and was attended by many of his friends and neighbors. The remains were taken to Humboldt for interment.

will be discussed. Mr. King is endorsed by the state and the meeting will be under the joint management of the commercial club and the agricultural experiment station.

## Farm House Burned.

The house on the Bert Wise farm, one and a half miles north of Reserve was burned to the ground about one o'clock Wednesday morning, entailing a loss of \$2000 with insurance amounting to \$1000. The house was occupied by Fred Oberst and the fire was first discovered by Mrs.

Oberst who thought the intermittent glow she noticed was caused by lightning. In order to more fully investigate she arose and opened the door and the smell of the smoke led to the discovery of the fire. Mrs. Oberst went up stairs and got the children out but by that time the fire had gained such headway as to prevent the saving of anything except a few articles of clothing. The origin of the fire is not known but it is supposed to have started from a defective flue.

The burned house was the property of John Mosiman.