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## A Surprise Party.

Last Friday was a day long to be remembered by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Long.

On the morning of that day, our genial Sheriff, John Hossack drove to the home of Mr. Long and invited him to go with him to a farm some four or five miles distant. On their return to the home, Mr. Long was surprised to find it in the possession of 34 of his friends. To say that he was surprised is putting it mildly.

This surprise party was in honor of Mr. Long's 62nd birthday.

While there the ladies busied themselves sewing carpet rags, sewing 25½ lbs; the men folks talked crops and politics. Mr. Long was the recipient of many useful presents, among them being a box of cigars, pipe and tobacco, slippers and money.

At the noon hour the crowd was invited to partake of a sumptuous repast to which they did justice.

Toward evening they departed with many congratulations and wishes for the return of many such happy occasions. There were present ten men and twenty four women.

With the crowd, we extend our hearty congratulation, to Mr. Long and hope for many returns of the day.

## Mercy Hospital.

At the present writing Mercy Hospital is filled with patients. Drs. Wisner and Houston have had a very busy week of it.

Monday they performed a very serious operation on the person of George Ulrich, and old citizen of this locality; he is doing well.

On Tuesday the doctors operated on Mrs. Frank Smith of Nims City, the operation was an abdominal one and the patient is convalescing rapidly.

Tuesday evening, G. C. Boyle of Stella arrived for a stay in the hospital.

It is to be hoped that the people of Falls City and the surrounding county will show their appreciation of this institution, by making use of it whenever circumstances demand it.

## Friends in Council.

The Friends in Council were delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Schaible in honor of Miss Foster.

Twenty of the members responded to roll call with a current event which made this part of the program very interesting. Several readings by Miss Miner were greatly enjoyed. A vocal and instrumental selection was rendered by Miss Schick of Tarkio, Mo.

The "Friends were pleased to have as guests Misses Greig, Maddox, Schaible, Schick, Beachy and Mrs. Foster. Refreshments were served.

Hostess December 16, Misses Gehling.

## Lucky Thirteen.

The members of the Lucky Thirteen Whist club met Tuesday evening with Miss Grace Maddox as hostess. After several hours spent in whist Minnie Jussen was awarded honor prize while Mr. Himmelreich was given the consolation. During the evening elaborate refreshments were served to those present.

## The Royal Highlanders.

Tuesday evening was a joyous occasion for the members of the Royal Highlander lodge and its friends.

On that evening Falls City Castle No. 25, explained the mysteries of the order to one candidate, after which an election of officers occurred.

The following were elected for the coming year: Irvin Bode, I.P.; A. T. Foster, C. C.; Mrs. Nettie Stanbro, W.E.; W. K. Knight, Sec.; R.F.T. Preusse, Treas.; Mrs. Southard, W.; Mr. Jones, S.; G. H. Fallstead, M. 18 months. After the election of officers the doors were thrown open to outside friends who were invited to a musical treat given by Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Spaeth.

As soon as the musical part of the program was completed, the members and friends were invited to partake of an oyster supper prepared by the genial caterer W. E. Haner, and the way those oysters disappeared was evidence enough of the appreciation of the consumers.

There were twenty two out of town visitors in attendance; Auburn furnishing fourteen of that number; Tecumseh six and Barabara two.

Toward the midnight hour the guests and members departed for their homes, feeling that they had enjoyed an evening in a

## Gustave C. Kaiser of Preston Passes Away

Gustave C. Kaiser died at his home near Preston, of heart trouble and Bright's disease, on Friday, December 2, 1904. For several years he has been a great sufferer from the maladies which terminated his life. He has been a patient at the Mercy hospital most of the summer and everything possible to restore his health was done, but to no avail. And through all of his suffering Mr. Kaiser has been the same patient, Christian gentleman his friends have always known. Anxious to recover if possible, but ready to go if it should be the Master's will.

Gustave Kaiser, or Gus as he was familiarly and affectionately known to his friends, was born in the state of Illinois on April 1st, 1859. He came to Richardson county in 1868, where he has ever since made his home. He was married in this county to

Miss Deckinger, who with four children, are left to mourn his loss. He has always been prominent in all public enterprises and was especially so in his connection with the Evangelical church of Preston, having been superintendent of its Sunday school almost from its organization.

The funeral which was held from the Preston church on Sunday was largely attended by friends from all parts of the county. Rev. Linge of the Zion church delivered a funeral oration in German and Rev. Manshart of Falls City spoke in English. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful bearing mute evidence of the love and esteem which the living held for the dead. To the wife and children The Tribune extends the heart felt sympathy of the many who knew and loved Mr. Kaiser.

manner never to be forgotten.

This Castle was instituted in 1896 and has a very healthy growth, numbering today nearly two hundred members.

Success to Falls City Castle No. 25 of the Royal Highlanders, may it live long and prosper mightily.

## Her Only Sin.

Theatre goers of Falls City and vicinity were given a rare treat at The Gehling Monday night when Lincoln J. Carter's company headed by Miss Julia Gray, presented "Her Only Sin." There was not a dull moment throughout the entire play, the different scenes carrying the large audience from the ludicrous to the pathetic and back again with such speed as to make it difficult to distinguish tears of sympathy from those caused by too excessive laughter. Miss Julia Gray as an emotional actress has seldom if ever been equalled on the local stage, and her support was all that could be wished for. Taken all in all, "Her Only Sin" gave universal satisfaction.

## D. D. Club Meets.

Wilhma Cline most pleasantly entertained the members of the D. D. club and a few of their

friends on Tuesday evening of this week.

Miss Wilhma proved a delightful hostess and after indulging in various social amusements the guests were served with a dainty lunch.

## Broken Arm.

Twelve year old Bessie Rennels whose home is in the north central part of this city had the misfortune to fall on a brick walk Monday breaking her arm.

The injured arm is mending slowly and will keep Miss Bessie at home for a few days.

## Royal Neighbors.

The local order of the Royal Neighbors met around their camp-fire Tuesday evening. Regular routine work and election of officers for the ensuing year took up the entire evening. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Louise Farmer, O.; Mrs. McCleary, V. O.; Mrs. Ed Hall, C.; Mrs. Carrie Paxton, R.; Mrs. Josephine Lohr, I.S.; Mrs. Carrie Fisher, O.S.; Mrs. Zubrick, R.; Elva Seals, O. and George Fisher, M. After which camp closed in due form.

Mrs. N. J. Bergsma came down from Shubert to spend this week with her sister, Mrs. O. R. Ross.