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Mrs. J. W. Maust of Strausville, gave a quilting party to a number of her friends on last Wednesday. The event was enjoyed by all present.

Perry Shaffer and family were the guests of Wes Nedrow and family on Sunday.

Cleon Peck entertained his cousin, Anson Kelsely, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz entertained a number of friends quite pleasantly on Sunday evening.

Last Tuesday evening about twenty gathered at the home of Clay Peck and wife and spent the evening with them. The event was a complete surprise on Mr. and Mrs. Peck, who soon recovered themselves and entertained their friends in a charming manner. Games and refreshments made up the program of the evening. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Ivan Keller was the guest of Ralph Rhodes on Sunday.

Rev. Gish of Beatrice, spent Saturday at the home of G. W. Peck and delivered two fine sermons at the German church on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

D. Sansman and Eli Bowers were guests of Eph Peck Saturday.

Wm. Bartlett and wife were visitors at the home of O. A. Burk and wife last Friday.

The Seven Day Advents held their cottage services at the home of Perry Shaffer last Saturday.

Wm. Huettner and wife spent Thursday at the home of Andy Ketterer and wife.

Albert Fuller has been laid up with a very sore foot, caused by stepping on a nail.

RULO.

J. H. Lynch of White Cloud, was a business visitor in this city Friday.

Rob Kanaly and sisters, Cecil and Mamy attended a dance at Dawson on Friday.

Bob Asher, from the reservation, was transacting business in Rulo last Saturday.

Harland Jones and wife were shopping in Rulo Saturday.

John Alexander of Rush Bottom was a Rulo visitor Friday.

John Caverzagie has bought the drug stock of R. S. Coupe and will take possession about the tenth of next month.

Alexander Harrison of Missouri was a Rulo visitor Friday.

Geo. Carpenter has put down a well in the rear of his hotel.

E. O. Martin was transacting business in Falls City one day last week.

Frank Cheyne of Big Lake, was in Rulo one day last week.

Ray Winterbottom of White Cloud, visited several days last week with his parents, J. S. Winterbottom and wife of this city.

The heating boiler at the high school building sprung a leak Friday morning and school was dismissed until Monday. Repairs were made Saturday.

Abraham Coghill came in from Fortesque Saturday. Abe says he got all the experience in wading around in the gumbo that he cares for and will stay in Nebraska hereafter.

Bud Packett and family, of Araga, visited with Elias Packett and family in this city on Saturday.

Ferd Jarrot made a business trip to St. Joe Saturday.

Frosty Evans was a business visitor to St. Joe visitor Saturday.

Peter Frederick visited with his wife and babies in Preston Sunday.

Born.—To Charley Boerner and wife, on Saturday, twins, a boy and a girl. The mother and babies are doing nicely. Charley will be himself again in a few days.

Hiram Kissel of Rush Bottom, was a Rulo visitor Sunday.

S. B. Palmer, one of Rulo's old pioneers died Saturday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Burbanks, in Nebraska City. He had been sick but a short time. The remains were brought to this city Monday morning and the funeral services were held at 2 o'clock. Interment in the Rulo cemetery.

Miss Essie Marsh very pleasantly entertained a number of her young lady friends last week. Dainty refreshments were served and a good time was had.

The Bachelor Girl's club met with Miss Vesta Van last Tuesday evening. The rooms were appropriately decorated in their honor, one of the chief features being the welcome corner, where Miss Edna Richardson presided over the punch bowl. The evening was spent in a guessing game in which Miss Edith Kern came out winner. At the eleventh hour a bachelor boy was admitted on condition that he sing love songs. The next meeting will be with Miss Ella Carpenter.

Ed McCellan came up from St. Joe Sunday, where he has been working the past four months.

George Davi- and Anna Miller, both of Rulo, were married in Kansas City one day last week.

The entertainment given Saturday night in Miles hall by the Morphet & Stephenson company was well attended.

Mr. Snapp of St. Louis, transacted business in Rulo Tuesday.

Eddie Brust of Nebraska City, was in the city several days this week, the guest of Miss Edith Kern.

VERDON.

Mrs. Floyd Stearns and children, of Hyannis, Neb., came down for the wedding of Claire Stearns last week.

Fred Henemkn and Wm. Fisher shipped cattle last week.

Amrt Volis is making preparations to start a millinery store in the Fogle building.

Mr. and Mrs. Penninger of Davenport, Neb., visited friends and relatives in Verdon last week.

E. A. Harden spent a few days at Omaha last week.

Wes Stump went to Lincoln on business last week.

Mrs. Griffith has returned from Oklahoma.

Robert Mickle visited his family here last week.

Mrs. C. E. Goolsby was operated on last week and is doing very well.

Miles Mayfield left for Kansas City where he will make his future home.

G. Gates of Stella, was a Verdon visitor last week.

W. Bridgeman visited in Auburn last week.

Mrs. Ocam of Rulo, visited C. W. Ocam and family last week.

Mart Miller was an Omaha visitor last week.

G. B. Kirk is in Peru, visiting his daughter, Elnora.

Dr. Keeney was in Omaha last week.

Mildred, daughter of Christ Jorn, is very sick with pneumonia.

STELLA.

Guy and Lucile Harris saw Ben Hur in Lincoln last week.

Jean McMullen and Mabel Craig of Tarkio, Missouri are spending the week at the home of Rank McMullen.

Andy Curtis expects to move back to his farm north of town the first of March.

A. Tynan and wife attended the funeral of Mrs. J. M. Demaree in Auburn last week.

A racket store has been opened in one of the Clark buildings.

Henry Nedrow and wife of Norton, Kansas, are spending the week with relatives at this place.

Tom Higgins expects to move to a farm near Howe soon.

Mrs. W. W. James of near Shubert left last Thursday for San Bernardino, California, to visit her son at that place.

W. L. Robinson of Carroll, Nebraska spent a few days with relatives at this place.

Jessie Kenton, who is employed as a stenographer at Nebraska City, is visiting at her home east of town.

E. A. Monod has been suffering with the rheumatism the past week and has been unable to leave his room.

George Randall and family of Auburn spent the first of the week with Mrs. J. M. Raper.

New gasoline lamps have been placed in the Lutheran church.

Florence Vance who has been staying at F. W. Vance's has returned to her home in Iowa.

Rev. Clarence Swihart of Denver spent a few days last week with his parent east of town.

Jennie Higgins returned from Kirksville, Mo. Tuesday where she has been to consult an osteopath physician.

A. B. Ritchie and wife went to Omaha Sunday where an operation was performed upon Mrs. Ritchie at a hospital there.

Rev. McBride and family are moving to Stonington, Illinois where he will preach the coming year.

Ira Martin and wife of Abeline, Kansas are expected here soon. They will probably make their home here.

Will Morris has rented a farm in Gage county and expects to move his family there soon.

Mike Beauchamp, who has been living north of town, moves to Niwot, Colorado, today.

Hazel Hegreife and Mrs. Mary McDowell spent a few days in Omaha this week.

Essie Marsh returned from Rulo yesterday where she had been staying since Christmas.

Preston.

L. Banks and wife came over Saturday from Napier where they are spending the week with friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. Morris and daughter Marie were in Falls City this week.

Mr. J. Harris is seriously ill at his home southwest of Preston this week.

Mrs. F. Mason and son went to Falls City Monday.

Revival meeting after a four weeks service closed Sunday evening much good being done.

W. A. Margrave shipped two car loads of cattle to Kansas City Mo., Monday.

Mr. F. Mason went to Rulo yesterday evening.

Anna Woescher north of Preston has greatly improved after a few weeks illness of pneumonia.

Charles McCumber came up from St. Joseph, Mo. and is visiting his brother L. D. McCumber.

HUMBOLDT

Mrs. Crane entertained the Presbyterian Kensington club Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Roscoe Anderson left Sunday for a visit with relatives in Tecumseh.

L. J. Segrist is attending a lumberman's convention in Kansas City this week.

Mrs. O. L. Unkefer returned Monday from a visit with friends in Lincoln.

John Graham is performing the duties of City Marshal during the absence of Wm. Schwass, who is visiting in Frontier County.

Grandma Inizida is quite sick at her home in this city.

John Brenner of Table Rock was in this city Friday.

Byron Atkins of York arrived in this city Saturday to join his wife who is visiting relatives.

Several of the churches were without services Sunday night, as the machinery at the electric light plant was being repaired, and the necessary light could not be furnished.

Boyd Unkefer departed Saturday for his home at Hyamis, Neb., after a visit with relatives at this place.

B. Strammer made a trip to St. Joe this week.

F. R. Butterfield was a Table Rock visitor Monday.

Frank Katonc of DuBois was in the city Tuesday.

Joseph Kozel of Ravenna, this state is visiting relatives in Humboldt.

O. P. Tucker of Violet was transacting business here, Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Johnson of Wymore is visiting Humboldt friends.

Nannie Shawhan is visiting relatives in Lincoln this week.

Frank Nims, of Nims City was in this city the latter part of last week.

A. L. Shaffer left for Thompson Neb. Saturday.

An explosion of gasoline, in the rear of N. C. Campbells grocery store on Monday evening, caused one of the most destructive fires Humboldt has had for some time. Prompt action on the part of the fire boys and others saved the building, but the stock of goods was badly damaged.

Mayor Leyda of Falls City was in the city Tuesday evening.

Warren Berry had his hand quite badly burned in the gasoline explosion in Campbells store Monday evening.

Lloyd McConnell is absent from school this week as he is quite sick.

Lewis Edwards came up from Falls City Saturday.

A jolly crowd of tenth grade pupils met at the home of Ralph Hanes Friday night.

John R. Gossin who is Assessor of Pawnee county spent several days visiting in Humboldt the first of the week.

Willard Marburger received quite a gash on his forehead last Friday, by running against a ladder used by the workmen who were painting the Phillip and Tanner lumber shed. Dr. Morris attended to the wound and Willard is now in school again.

An appreciative audience listened to the lecture delivered by A. McLean at the Christian church Sunday morning.

DAWSON

Mrs. Lafler came up from salem Tuesday to spend a week with her daughter here.

W. B. Alexander and J. E. Etherton were county seat visitors between trains Tuesday.

James Riley came down the first of the week from W. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha to spend a short time among relatives here.

Ralph Phillipot and Rob Edie of Humboldt were Sunday visitors in Dawson.

D Harbaugh of Miles Ranch went to Kansas City Monday night with a couple of carloads of fine cattle.

The Candlelight Club was pleasantly entertained on Friday evening by Mrs. Joseph O'Grady, at which eight members were present. "Whist" was the order of the evening Miss Margaret O'Grady capturing first prize. The consolation was awarded to Miss Mamie Riley. After partaking of substantial refreshments, the members voted Mrs. O'Grady an ideal entertainer and adjourned to meet next with Misses Mamie and Nelle Riley.

Marvin Alexander of Table Rock was the guest of his old playmates here over Sunday.

Ola Eckard came home Friday evening from Holdrege, Nebraska where he has been painting for the past several months.

Geo. Belden returned home Saturday evening from Lincoln where he

had spent a few days with his brother, Chester.

Miss Pearl Garver of Humboldt was the guest of May Crawford over Sunday.

Mrs. Ted McGinnis came in Saturday evening from St. Anthony, Idaho to spend some time with J. G. McGinnis and family.

Robert Kanav of Rulo was a guest of his aunt, Mrs. Anna Ryan the last of the week.

Maggie O'Grady left Sunday for Omaha where she has entered the millinery department of J. L. Brandies & Son's store, to learn the trade as trimmer.

Charlie Schlosser has gone to Omaha to take medical treatment at St. Joseph Hospital.

Thos. Fenton came down from Burchard Sunday evening to spend a day or two among old friends.

Ira Draper visited over Sunday with his brother, Tom Draper and family in Humboldt.

Jasper Williamson went to Haddam, Kansas to spend several days looking after business matters pertaining to the settlement of his father's estate.

Marion and Estelle Dillow and Arthur Klima took the Teachers examination at Falls City Friday and Saturday.

ora Davis and family visited the last of the week with Webb Tyree and wife.

Henry C. Smith of Falls City transacted business in Dawson Friday.

Prominent W. C. T. U. Worker Dies.

Mrs. J. Demaree died at her home in this city Saturday evening, January 13, aged 57 years, one month and three days.

Anna Swan was born in Bureau county, Illinois, December 10, 1848 where she lived until about ten years of age when she accompanied her parents to Peru. She was married in March, 1871, to John M. Demaree. To this union three children were born, two preceding her to the great beyond. She leaves a husband and one son, Donald, to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother. Mrs. Demaree was a sister of Mrs. T. S. Horn of this city and Rev. J. W. Swan of University Place.

Mrs. Demaree has been actively associated with the W. C. T. U., the Equal Suffrage club and various aid societies for many years, and has always had charge of the Demorest medal contests held in this section.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning at the Auburn Methodist church, several of the ministers of the city participating. During the hour of the funeral all the saloons of the city were closed.

Interment was made in the Peru cemetery.—Auburn Republican.

Segrist & Stout of Humboldt will put up for sale on Friday, Feb. 2, 1906, some of the best bargains ever offered in Poland China hogs and Jersey cattle. They have 40 heads of Polands, among which are the best stock in these parts. Notice their ad on page 5 of this issue and wait for this sale.

I will sell at public sale at the Mowery sale pavilion, Stella, Saturday, Jan. 27, 1906, 22 head thoroughbred Duroc-Jersey sows. Sale will begin at 1 o'clock.

M. M. HENDRICKS.

May Be a Mo. Pac. Line.

The announcement made elsewhere that the meeting of the board of directors of Falls City, Sycamore Springs, Sabetha & Southwestern railroad has been postponed until spring, came directly after a visit to Sabetha of W. A. S. Bird, of Popoka, Mo. Bird is attorney for the proposed railroad and also the attorney of the Missouri Pacific. Some believe that the latter road is back of the scheme. The company need not be secret about it if it is so. People would be glad to have the Missouri Pacific build the road. If the Missouri Pacific would build a line from Falls City to Gofts via Sabetha, it would do us good. We would be the best town on the line, and would draw trade from a much larger territory.—Sabetha Herald.

Division Removal Brakeman's Talk.

J. J. Skinner, trainmaster of the Missouri Pacific road, was in the city last Saturday. Mr. Skinner has his headquarters at Atchison. When asked as to the rumors of division removal of the Missouri Pacific road from this city to Falls City, he replied:

"That's all brakeman's talk. You will hear it every spring and fall as regularly as the year rolls around. So far as I know there is nothing of the kind on foot and nothing definite regarding the subject has come from headquarters."

The Missouri Pacific authorities are planning at the present time for a great amount of improvement work on its lines from Kansas City to Omaha. The roadbed will all be strengthened and the heavy grades cut down. A vast amount of money will be spent and when all the improvements will have been made heavier engines will be put on this division and the tonnage to the train will be greatly increased.

During the coming year Auburn will be the headquarters for a large number of laborers engaged in the improvement work and it is safe to predict that a large amount of their monthly wages will pass through the hands of the business men of this city.—Auburn Herald.

Points of Similarity.

A young merchant recently presented to his better half an elaborate piano lamp. He was much flattered when she told him she intended to give it his name, until he asked her reason for so peculiar a proceeding.

"Well," she said, "you know, dear, it has a good deal of brass about it; it is handsome to look at; requires a good deal of attention; is remarkably brilliant; is sometimes unsteady on its legs; liable to explode when only half full; flares up occasionally; it is always out at bedtime, and is bound to smoke."

Col. Harding of Humboldt cried a sale north of this city during the week.

Lois Spencer who has been ill for some time has now almost completely recovered.

Mrs. Weiman of St. Joe, spent several days of last week at the home of Geo. Reichers.

A local physician is responsible for the statement that half of Falls City has the grip.

T. J. McKeiver was taken suddenly with an attack of heart disease on Sunday morning.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hurt a son, on last Sunday evening with Dr. Boose as physician.

Sample Newlor a lawyer of Hiawatha assisted in the defense of Bert Odgen the first of the week.

From now on we will have a local reporter on Fort Hazel affairs and there will be items of general interest therein.

Mrs. Logett who has been taking a three week's course of treatment returned Wednesday to her home in Barada.

Frank Rutherford of North Dakota formerly a Richardson County farmer is visiting with friends in Falls City and vicinity.

W. B. Albright of Humboldt assisted Col. Harding in crying a sale north of Falls City on Wednesday and while here visited his brother George Albright and family.

The business meeting of the M. E. Kensington was held at the home of Miss Etta Reichers on Wednesday afternoon. The following officers were elected to serve for the coming six months: President, Mrs. Dr. Roberts, Vice President Mrs. W. A. Greenwald, Treasurer, Miss Emma Schaible, Secretary, Miss Minnie McDonald.

The third number on the lecture course was delivered by a magician and ventriloquist at the Gehling theatre last Friday evening. It was very entertaining and up to the usual standard.

Lawrence Weaver, of Oregon is visiting with his brother Paul in this city. Mr. Weaver until three years ago was a resident of this city, but is now located in Oregon where he is earning well deserved success.

Lexia Houck who had been attending college in Emporia Kan., and was taken ill last fall with typhoid fever, under the careful attention of Dr. Boose was able to resume her studies at the college on Wednesday of this week.

WHY OPALS ARE COSTLY.

Perfect Gems Must Be Bright and Without Streaks or Spots—Cutting Is Important.

Veins of opals are usually met with in soft formations, where nothing above ground indicates their presence. The search for them, therefore, often requires considerable time. But it is not extremely difficult, for opals are generally found near the surface. Indeed, it was thought for a long time that they were not to be found as deep as 12 feet below the surface. This opinion has, however, given way in the light of evidence, because opals of great value have been discovered at a depth of 50 feet, says the Jewelers' Circular.

The value of opals depends upon several considerations, of which the principal one is the color. It is important that they should be bright and not present streaks or spots alternating with uncolored substance. The most valuable are those which have red fires or mixtures of red, yellow, blue and green. Opals of a single tint are of little value, unless the tint is particularly striking and the figure beautiful. Indeed, one of the essential qualities of the opal is the arrangement of the figure, which sets off strikingly the hue of the stone.

When the figure is quite regular and distinct it is the more valuable, much less so when the grain is quite small and irregular. Sometimes the color appears as a single blaze or with figures irregularly spaced. It may then be of a fine ruby red and is much sought after, but oftentimes the uniform tint is only green or reddish, and has but little brilliancy to speak of.

The cutting is important for the opal; thus a thick stone will be much less beautiful than a thin one, which, on losing part of its volume, loses also the figure. The foundation tint contributes much to the beauty. It ought to be transparent, slightly milky, and harmonize fully with the different reflections of the opal, which, when it is really beautiful, presents a variety of hues infinitely pleasing to the eye.

Bluebirds as Pets.

The bluebird makes a very playful and affectionate little pet. Mr. A. Raddylyffe Dugmore tells of a very interesting one he possessed. "While I am writing," he says, "a pet one, but three months old, is sitting on my paper, seeming to wonder what I am doing and why I do not play with him. He nips my pencil, but I pay no attention to him; then he tries to creep up my sleeve, and still I pay no attention; so, disgusted, he flies off in search of ants and other small insects. After a time I raise my hand and call; back he comes like a flash, and hovering, more like a moth than a bird, he perches on my finger, singing at the time a soft little song that is his method of speech."—St. Nicholas.

Choate on Texas Justice.

One of Ambassador Choate's legal stories told at a gathering of lawyers on his last visit to this country related to a Texas judge before whom a prisoner was brought charged with horse stealing. The judge promptly sentenced the prisoner to be hanged, but his lawyer interrupted.

"You can't hang this prisoner according to law, your honor," he said.

"Guess you're right," said the judge. "Well, I'll discharge him and it's up to the boys to hang him according to the regular custom."—N. Y. Times.