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Silver Wedding

Thursday evening, Jan. 30, at 8 o'clock a large number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley H. Maddox to celebrate with them the 25th anniversary of their wedding.

About 9 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Maddox returned from A. F. Schaible's where they had been invited to a 6 o'clock dinner. They were delightfully surprised to find so many of their friends assembled, their daughters from the Nebraska Wesleyan University and Dr. John Gallagher who performed the wedding ceremony in 1883.

After greetings and general conversation the bride and groom were seated beneath a white bell decorated with smilax and the dates 1883-1908 in silver color. The family were grouped about them while G. J. Crook recited reminiscences of the life of host and hostess from chilhood to the present. Rev. Mastin then gave some well-worded comments on the present occasion.

Dr. John Gallagher of Fairmont who performed the ceremony in 1883 spoke in beautiful and appropriate words; recalling the event of 25 years ago, the pleasant association with them in intervening time and his pleasure at being present on this occasion.

The decorations were appropriate, the color scheme of green and white being carried out by use of potted plants, smilax and white carnations. Miss May Maddox presided at the punch bowl.

V. G. Lyford in a few well chosen words on behalf of the guests presented Mr. and Mrs. Maddox with a number of beautiful gifts, as tokens of the high esteem in which they are held, Mrs. Maddox responding in a pretty speech of acceptance.

A two course luncheon was served in the dining room after which the bride cut a large white pyramid cake garlanded by smilax and decorated with silver hearts. The guests departed wishing the host and hostess many happy returns of their anniversary.

May Work Rulo Coal Vein

Governor Sheldon's visit through Kansas where convicts mine coal for all state institutions, has caused him to look about for possibilities in Nebraska. It has occurred to the governor that the little coal field at Rulo, might be worked if some state institution having wards that are able to perform labor could be established there or removed to that place. This vein of coal is much thicker than the one worked by Kansas convicts.

Treasurer Brian, who is a member of the board of public lands and buildings, is outspoken in his opposition to renewing the present prison contract with a broom making company at 50 cents a day for each convict. He thinks this not enough pay for the labor. Working this Rulo coal vein would afford labor for at least a part of the 400 convicts now in the prison, and save money for the state.

A Splendid Lecture

Owing to the inclement weather the lecture by Rev. Bailey at the Presbyterian church was not so well attended, but those who braved the elements were amply repaid, as the lecture is declared by all who heard it, as one of the most scholarly as well as instructive talks ever given in our city, and it is to be regretted that more were unable to hear it. Besides the talk there were several musical numbers which were greatly enjoyed.

Married

BUCHHOLZ-BUTHMAN

The Catholic church was the scene of a very quiet, but pretty wedding on Wednesday morning, when Father Bex pronounced the words which united Edward Buchholz and Frances Buthman in the holy bonds of matrimony. Only a few intimate friends and relatives were present, and after the ceremony the wedding party and guests went to the home of the groom, where an elaborate wedding breakfast was served.

In the evening a dance was given by the newly wedded couple in Highlander hall to which a large number were invited and spent a most delightful evening.

The bride and groom are both well known in this vicinity, the groom being one of our prosperous young farmers, while the bride, who has made her home in this city for a number of years, is loved by all for her many womanly traits. Both young people have scores of friends here who wish them unbounded happiness in their married life.

They will go to housekeeping on a farm near town.

Died

BAUER

Joachim Bauer died at his home 3 miles east of Verdon on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, at the age of 74 years, 9 months and 25 days.

Mr. Bauer is one of the best known and oldest residents of this county. He was born in Mechlenburg, Germany, where he spent his boyhood days. In 1857, he in company with his brother, our townsman, John Bauer, who died here a few years ago, came to this country locating in Illinois, where he remained for a short time. In 1859 he came to Richardson county, arriving here almost penniless, settling on the farm where he died, and where by industry and honest methods he had amassed a goodly fortune.

Realizing that the end was near, Mr. Bauer disposed of all his worldly possessions as he thought best. After providing for his aged wife he gave each of his sons 160 acres of land, and each of them in turn gave their sisters $500 in cash. He leaves besides his wife, four sons, Joe, who has served this county so faithfully as supervisor, Henry, John and Herman, and two daughters, Mrs. John Harkendorff, Mrs. Wm. Gebhardt, all residents of this county, who will always have a pleasant memory of a most affectionate father, one who has lived a good life, both in his home and among his fellowmen, and has gone to receive his sentence, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon Feb. 9, 1908, from the Lutheran Evangelical church.

LEMON

Esther Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lemon, died at the home of her parents on Thursday, Jan. 30th, 1908, at the age of 2 years, 2 months and 2 days.

Funeral was held from the home, south of the Falls school house, Saturday, Feb. 1st, at 1:30 p. m., Rev. Dunkelberger officiating. Interment in Stelle cemetery.

Be Patriotic

Show your patriotism by attending the Lincoln birthday celebration at Major Keeling's next Wednesday evening, given by the ladies of the Episcopal church. There will be a fine program appropriate for the occasion, also refreshments, all for 25 cents. A cordial invitation is extended to all, and a good time is promised you.

Society News.

The Woman's Club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Banks. Because of the unfavorable weather the attendance was small, but the members present were well rewarded by a very interesting program. The last two movements of the symphony in C Juniter by Mozart, arranged as piano duet, was played by Mrs. Chas. Wilson and Miss Anita Wilson and was received with great appreciation. Two numbers postponed from the previous Handel program were then given. Some historical and descriptive notes in regard to "The Messiah" were read by Mrs. Oswald, and Miss Wherry Lowe gave a very well conceived and expressive rendition of the overture and pastoral symphony from the same oratorio. The next meeting of the club will be held Feb. 18.

When Elmer Heiser returned from his place of business on Tuesday evening, it was to find his home occupied by about forty guests, who had been invited by his mother to help celebrate Elmer's birthday. He was greatly surprised at first but finally got his bearings and proceeded to make things pleasant for his guests. They brought with them many well filled baskets, and as a result an elegant supper was soon prepared. They all had a most pleasant evening, and it will be some time before Elmer will forget this one particular birthday, but says they will not catch him so easily another time. It was at a late hour when the guests departed, wishing their host many more birthdays.

Mrs. Harry Jenne, the Misses Hutchins and Miss Carrie Slocom will entertain the members of the Presbyterian Kensington at the home of the latter this afternoon. A good time is expected and it is hoped all the ladies will be present.

On Wednesday of last week Mrs. John Hossack entertained at dinner in honor of her mother Mrs. Jane Sinclair. Old neighbors and friends were once more gathered together and the day was very pleasantly spent visiting and talking over old times. Among those present were Mesdames Jane Kelsey, Rose Heaston, Margery Grant, Anna Freel, Mary Firebaugh, Katherine Hoppe, Mary Oharen, Margery Sinclair, James Casey.

The dance given by the R. L. C. A. on Saturday evening at the Highlander hall, while not largely attended, was a very pleasant affair.

Thorns and Orange Blossoms.

On Wednesday, February 12 for one night only, the Rowland & Clifford Amusement Co. will present Bertha M. Clay's greatest masterpiece, "Thorns and Orange Blossoms," a society comedy drama, founded on English aristocracy. Scenically and dramatically the play is wondrously strong.

To Be Commended.

Upon the advice of Dave Reavis, our undertaker, after his return from his duties at the Seabring home, Sam'l Marts circulated a paper telling of the wants of this unfortunate family, and in a very short time $112 was raised by our good citizens, besides a liberal supply of groceries. The contribution was added to on Sunday evening when the congregation at the Brethren church gave $25.

This is certainly a sad case and the spirit in which our citizens responded to the call for aid is to be recommended.

J. W. Crook was on the Kansas City market yesterday with a carload of stock.

Farmers' Institute

The Farmers' Institute opened Wednesday afternoon on schedule time, but up to the hour of going to press, Thursday noon, the time was devoted to getting the exhibits in place, and even then the task was not completed.

The display is large and contains the very best of everything from an agricultural standpoint, proving conclusively that old Richardson is the garden spot of the earth. The corn, oats, wheat, in fact all the grain cannot be equalled, or at least beaten, in any country, while the apples, which everyone supposed were a failure the past season, are the best ever, and the potatoes, well, just visit the institute and see for yourself.

The ladies also come in for their share of praise, as the display of bread, cakes, pies, butter, etc., proves them all to be experts in the culinary department, and we only hope we may be able to get in when the samples are passed around.

Next week, we hope to be able to give a detailed account of the meeting together with the prize winners.

In the meantime let all take a day off and attend the institute.

State Debt Lowered.

Taxpayers will be glad to note the following taken from the Tuesday's Lincoln Journal, as the state tax this year was equal to that of the county, a condition never before known:

"State Treasurer Brian will call in $15,500 of state warrants today and thereby reduce the state debt to $993,000. This is the first time the debt has been below one million dollars within the memory of the oldest watchdog of the treasury. The oldest book now kept in the state auditor's office shows that the debt was $1,500,000 in 1897, and it has not since been less. The state treasurer will not have to wait on people to walk to the state house to present the warrants called in or for the receipt of them by mail. He can turn to the vault and lay his hand on them any time. They are owned by the state, having been bought as an investment for the school fund. The interest on the warrants is paid by the state to itself and will go into the temporary school fund for distribution semi-annually to aid school districts.

The reduction of the debt is looked upon with pleasure by State Treasurer Brian. He has never been much in sympathy with the argument that a mortgage is an evidence of prosperity. The wiping out of the state debt is due to an act drawn by Governor Sheldon when he was a member of the state senate. It provides that a levy of one mill shall be made upon all taxable property and used for the redemption of outstanding state warrants that constitute the only debt the state owes. The present revenue law authorizes the board of equalization and assessment to make a levy for this purpose, but the first board that acted under the law did not do so and it was generally thought that if the redemption of warrants was left to a levy made by a state board the board might never act. The levy is now compulsory."

Steps Down and Out

After six years of faithful service as janitor in and around the court house, Henry Ruegge on last Friday turned the keys over to his successor, Mr. Higgins, and stepped down and out. Mr. Ruegge will be greatly missed by all about the court house, as he has certainly been a faithful employe.

Claimed Two Victims.

One of the saddest cases which has been brought to our notice for some time, was the deaths which occurred in the Sebring home, from that dread disease diptheria, of which mention was made in this paper last week.

The family is composed of nine members, the father, mother and seven children, all of whom were stricken by this dreadful malady, and to add to their sufferings was the poverty which had been brought upon them by a series of disasters.

About three years ago they lost all they had by fire, and they were just recovering from that when the floods of last year drowned them out, and now, worst of all the cruel hand of sickness and death lay hold of them.

The first victim was their oldest son, Wilbur, aged 17, who died Thursday night, and in just three short days the fond parents were called upon to give up another of their loved ones, William Alphonso, aged 6 years.

All that is possible is being done for the unfortunate ones, and at this time the other members of the family are a little better and it is now hoped the disease is under control, and all will soon be able to again take up the burdens of life, which perhaps will be lightened to some extent by the knowledge of the deep sympathy accorded them by the general public.

Rev. Meyers of Preston conducted the funeral services of the two children who were laid to rest in the Preston cemetery.

Of Interest to Hog Raisers

During the hearings before the agricultural committee recently, a statement was made by Dr. Melvin of the Bureau of Animal Industry, that a cure for hog cholera had been discovered. It is not only a preventative but will perfect a cure after the herd has become infected with the malady. The only drawback is that the method requires an expert to administer it, but it is hoped that a system can be arranged whereby it will be possible for the farmer to handle it himself.

Mr. Pollard has taken the matter up and says that if there are any epidemics of hog cholera existing in the First District he will be glad to take the matter up with the Department with the view of having an expert sent to the neighborhood who will be prepared to administer the treatment to the diseased herds if the existence of such epidemic is brought to his attention.

Basket Ball.

The basket ball game at the Jenne this evening between the Tecumseh and Falls City High school teams, will be the last of the season. The teams are evenly matched and the contest will be a good one.

Owing to the great amount of sickness among its members, the St. Agnes Guild will not hold their usual exchange Saturday afternoon, but hope to have a big supply of edibles on hand for the public in two weeks.

All will be pleased to know that the little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Crook, who has been so sick during the past week, is now much better.

Mrs. Mary Oharen and two sons Harry and Roy left Tuesday for Artesia, New Mexico, to make their future home.

Alex Freel of Onage, Ks., is in the city this week the guest of his uncle John Hossack and family.

That Convention.

The democratic county convention was held in this city on Wednesday afternoon of this week. None of the delegations were full and owing to the few delegates present, the convention was held in the county judge's office, which was large enough to comfortably seat the crowd. George Fallstead called the meeting to order. Prof. Oliver was elected chairman, and C. C. Davis secretary. Prof. Oliver started the ball to rolling by making a speech lauding Bryan but failed to arouse much enthusiasm. He gave it as his opiuion that Bryan would certainly be elected this fall, and declared Bryan without an equal.

H. C. Davis introduced a resolution in favor of the selection of John H. Morehead as a delegate to the democratic convention at Denver, which carried. A committee of three was appointed, upon the recommendation of Mr. Morehead, to select the delegates to the congressional and state conventions.

Then came another speech. Mr. Morehead took the floor and thanked the convention for the honor conferred upon him. He declared that he had heard Mr. Blaine, and Foraker and many other great men but Bryan was the greatest man in America. Then, characteristic of democracy which makes great promises and many speeches, came another speech. Father Sorren of Dawson, warned the faithful that if Mr. Roosevelt was renominated, that he would beat Bryan. After a fifteen minutes speech in which he upheld Bryan's plan of paying off debts with fifty cent dollars he closed.

Next came another speech. Mr. R. C. James, declared that he had always been a democrat. That he went all the way from Syracuse to Lincoln to see Bryan in 1896 and that he then thought, and still thinks Bryan is the greatest man the world has ever produced. He did not say however, whether he meant as a wind jammer or as a statesman. The committee having given in the names of the delegates and there being no other business to come before the meeting, and no more speeches to be made the convention adjourned.

Union Revival Meeting

The Falls City churches were so well pleased with the great tabernacle meeting last June, that they have arranged for a similar meeting to be held in March.

Dr. John A. Earl of Chicago has been secured for the leader and preacher in these meetings. Dr. Earl is not a professional evangelist, but is the pastor of a great Chicago church, and is a strong man who has been singularly blessed of God in the winning of men.

Car Broken Into

A freight car on the Burlington was broken into Wedneshay night and among other damage done a box of clothing owned by Wahl & Parchen was opened and parts of three suits of clothes taken and several extra pairs of pants. A box of shoes belonging to Harry Jenne was also tapped and several pairs of shoes taken.

These burglaries are becoming quite frequent, and seem to baffle our officers.

Marriage License

Emmett Gleason, Rulo.....21
Emma Zimmerman, Rulo.....17
Edward Buchholz, Falls City..23
Frances Buthman, Falls City..19
B. F. Furrow, Humboldt.....50
Mary Furrow, Humboldt.....35