

Our Library.

With a tribute to Mrs. Lydia Bruun Woods. A paper read by Mrs. Himmelfreich before Sorosis, April 8.

Falls City never had greater cause for rejoicing than when it was announced in 1899 that Mrs. Lydia Bruun Woods had bequeathed to her ten thousand dollars for a public library and reading room. The need of a library had long been felt, thought and talked of, but how to raise the required funds was a question. So when this legacy came I doubt if there was a book lover in town that did not feel like shouting it from the housetops. It was not only the book lover that rejoiced, however, but every citizen that had the future welfare of our city at heart.

While the advantages of a good library are incalculable to grown people and their taste for reading is raised to a higher standard by the use of it, it was for children this need was most felt, that they might have a place of entertainment where they might find food for pure and noble thoughts, to give their minds and habits tendency which would help determine character and destiny. I doubt if in our most vivid imagination we had any conception of what a promoter of intellectual pursuits and an educator it would prove to be.

Mrs. Woods left to her husband and different relatives stated sums, — to a library at Colorado City a certain amount, to York and Falls City each ten thousand dollars, the residue to be given to an orphanage at Denver. But owing to the laws of Colorado allowing only one-half of an estate to be willed from the family, the will was contested, so that the amount received was only about nine thousand seven hundred dollars. This seemed a small sum, but through the gift of the ground by our esteemed citizen, Mr. J. H. Miles, and the splendid judgment of the building committee, who conceived the excellent plan of building the council chambers over, and the fire department in the rear, thus creating an income for the running expenses, our library was built and opened May 1st, 1902, with 1865 books.

There are at present 3,624 volumes, not counting government documents or bound magazines, almost doubling, you will see, in six years. The average attendance a day at first was 20 or 30. During the month of February of the present year, the average was 77. The number of books loaned for the same month was 2200 twenty-eight per cent of which were non-fiction, — almost a phenomenal growth in every way.

Our neighbor has criticised our building. It is plain, we realize it, but what of that? We do not claim perfection for our library, but we know that it ranks with the very best in the state outside of Omaha and Lincoln, and that any artistic beauty lacking on the exterior is entirely overshadowed by the interior and its splendid management. One need only to carefully survey the shelves to feel sure we have a capable and painstaking book committee.

Among the children's books, there may be found well-selected volumes of biography, which has

been called the "soul of history," and a powerful force in character building; of mythology that so develops taste for classic and historic reading; fables, that illustrate and inspire truth, and fiction with well delineated characters, inspiring ideals of manhood and womanhood. For the advanced reader, there are the best of books in biography, philosophy, religion, sociology, natural science, fine and useful arts, history, poetry and fiction, — some may think too much — but Nature has not been prodigal with all of us in the way of brains, nor can we all be scholars, still we like to read, and surely the reading of good fiction occasionally not only rests the tired body and takes us away from the monotony of the daily grind, but also creates a desire for something better. One must make thorough use of, and keep in close touch with our library to realize all that it means to our

little city and fully appreciate the efforts that have been put forth by the executive board and book committee to bring it to its present degree of excellence.

Lydia Bruun Woods was born in the New England states, at what place and date I have been unable to ascertain, and though Miss Spencer, our librarian, and myself, have exhausted every resource we could learn of to find something of her girlhood, we have been unsuccessful. She came to Pawnee City in 1870 or 1871 to live with her brother, General Remick, where she met and married Mr. Charles Bruun. After his death, which occurred some eight or nine years later, she made her home at Humboldt, during which time she presented the library in his memory.

On August 6, 1884, she was united in marriage to Mr. Woods at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuelson. They afterwards went to Denver, where together they planned and built the ideal home she had anticipated with so much pleasure and where her remaining days were spent. Her soul took its flight October 17, 1899, her body being brought to Humboldt for interment.

Mrs. Woods was small of stature, pretty, with a face indicating strong character and intelligence. She was quiet, unassuming, charming in manner, radiating love, influence and happiness to all with whom she came in contact. She was a philanthropist in its truest sense, giving of her means to those who most needed and where the greatest benefit would be derived. She was above the average in intelligence, strong in her ideas of right and wrong, believed it our duty to make the most of our God-given talents and to help those who were less fortunate. She was untiring in her effort to do for others, and doubtless many a dreary pathway has been softened and sweetened by her kindnessness. She believed with Olive Shreiner that "true holiness is infinite compassion for others." Hers was not a life of busy idleness. Her talents were employed in practical efforts to improve the condition of those around her, not looking for material reward, but willing to take it in the inward satisfaction such life must bring. Browning has so well said: "Give earth yourself. Go up for gain above."

Lydia Bruun Woods, though gone to her reward, has left an enduring testimonial of her greatness of heart. Strength and gentleness, simplicity and vision were hers.

She received her inspiration from a higher source than human thinking. No method can measure what her gift has done for Falls City. Of her we may well say she tread the beaten path of life, and in her wake the way appears a little greener where her feet have trod.

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Perhaps a Ball Team

Some of the Elk's lodges close to Falls City are getting a little chummy about their ball teams. St. Joe, Nebraska City and Lincoln have teams that they are particularly proud of. The local lodge believe that they have members who know something of the game and are now organizing a team to cross bats with these cities. While the nine is not complete yet, it will probably include such players as, Potet, catcher; Roy Heacock, pitcher; Fred Kellar, George Holt, Chas. Davis, Bert Reavis, James Jellison and others in the lodge who know the game. It is expected that the boys will soon commence practice and hope to play Nebraska City here in the near future.

Market Letter.

Kansas City Stock Yards, April 27, 1908.

The advance of 25 to 50 cents on beef cattle last week had the effect of drawing out a good supply today at all the markets, and lower prices are the result. The run here is 12,000 head, more than twice as many as arrived last Monday and many good to choice steers are included. Heavy steers are 10c to 15c lower, light steers, cows and heifers are steady to 10 lower. Chicago has a run of 30,000 today, market 10 to 20 lower on steers. A string of four loads sold here today at \$7 and another lot is being held at \$7.15. Yearlings brought \$6.80, quarantine steers \$6.85 and northern Colorado steers \$6.65. Packers have gotten rid of a good portion of the meats that were burdening their coolers in the last two or three weeks and with a slightly improved demand and sharply reduced receipts last week the market showed great activity and made the good gain noted. The heavy run today is not expected to be continued this week, or thereafter, as the feed cattle are now mainly in the hands of professionals who will market them in a manner calculated to secure best results. Cows bring \$3.50 to \$5.75, heifers \$4.50 to \$6.50, bulls \$3.50 to \$5.50, calves \$4.50 to \$6. Stockers and feeders advanced 25c last week, about steady today with receipts of that class very small, stockers \$3.50 to \$5.50, feeders \$4.75 to \$5.80. Cattle receipts for April at all the markets show a shortage of nearly 40 per cent as compared with April last year and it looks like the showing for May would be not much better than April has made.

Hogs declined 17c per hundred last week, although receipts were only 47,000 head, against 64,000 head same week last year. The run is 10,000 today, market 10 to 15 lower, top \$5.40, bulk of sales \$5.25 to \$5.35. Declining prices of provisions and the limited outlet for fresh meats are the basis on which packers continue to talk for a lower range, but there is still a contingent of salesmen who hold that if the volume of receipts keeps smaller than a year ago, an upturn of the market is inevitable.

The mutton market was full of soft spots last week, although the best stuff closed the week about steady with the opening. Market today is 10 to 20 lower, receipts 11,000 head and as a good run is in sight for the balance of the week, the market will do well to hold steady. Best woolled lambs sold at \$7.35 today, medium grades \$6.95 to \$7.30, clipped lambs \$6.25 to \$6.60, clipped fed western muttons \$5 to \$5.75, Texons \$4.75 to \$5.50, goats \$3.40 to \$4.

McKinley Home As Hospital.

The McKinley home in Canton has been donated to Bishop Ignatius F. Horstmann of the Cleveland Catholic diocese to be used as a non-sectarian hospital. "It will be open to everyone" Cleveland Catholic authorities said. The home was bought by Mrs. Rose Klorer of Canton, for \$20,000, it will be known as Mercy hospital.

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