

SOCIETY NOTES

AS TWAS TOLD TO OUR SOCIETY EDITOR

Various Kinds of Entertainment by Individuals, Lodges, Clubs, Churches, Etc.

The Presbyterian Juniors were entertained at the home of John Sellers on Saturday afternoon. It was a taffy pull party and the forty guests present enjoyed it highly.

The W. C. T. U. will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. V. G. Lyford. This is the time for the quarterly silver free will offering. It is hoped there will be a good attendance.

The Friends in Council will meet this Friday evening with Mrs. Simon Davies. The place of meeting was changed from the regular program, made necessary by other arrangements, but it is earnestly hoped that all members will be present.

Wm. Deuchler planned a pleasant surprise for Otto Reiger on Tuesday evening in honor of his birthday. About thirty young people were present and report an excellent time. A splendid lunch was served and at a late hour all went home wishing Mr. Reiger many more happy birthdays.

A pleasant time will no doubt be the program at the home of Mrs. C. M. Wilson this (Friday) when the Misses Hand, Lookabill, Field and Agnew will entertain the lady teachers of our public schools. It is to be a "childs" affair and each guest is requested to dress in children's costume.

The Womans Club held its regular meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Fenton. There was a good attendance and a splendid program. Miss Schoenheit had the first number, a sketch of Nevins, and two piano solos by this composer, which were exceptionally well rendered. Two papers on Luther Burbank, the scientist and plant wizard, was the feature of the afternoon. The first a personal sketch, touching on the individuality and characteristics of this man, by Mrs. Cameron, was very interesting. What Burbank has done, by Mrs. Simanton, sr., was one of the most instructive papers written by a club member this year. It was complete in every way, leaving no questions unanswered in the minds of her hearers. The telling of the process by which Burbank created the Shasta Daisy with illustrations of the same was especially good. The club will meet Dec. 15th with Mrs. Keller.

Miss Myrtle Ramel gave a linen shower at her home Friday evening in honor of Miss Virgie Mead. The hostess spared no pains in making the affair both attractive and pleasant. The house was profusely decorated with cupids and hearts, and the program was most original and unique. The dining table was very pretty, the place cards being small hearts attached to ribbons leading to the center piece, a cupid surrounded by hearts which contained the fortune of each guest. Those present were requested to draw a picture of the groom and write a description of the wedding trip. These made an interesting book which was presented to the bride elect. She was also given a number of letters written by the guests, to be opened at stated intervals after marriage. It was indeed a pleasant affair and will long be remembered by those present. The out of town guests were Misses Lela and Irene Spurlock, Beula and Mary Russell and Olive Tilden of Salem and Mrs. Glenn Bronson of Shubert.

CITY COUNCIL

Busy Sessions Held During The Past Week

The city council met in regular session on Monday night and transacted much important business. Bills to the amount of \$10,589.08 were allowed on the different funds. On a motion by Hahn and seconded by Gehling, it was decided that the council ask R. C. Wood, our electrician, to take a state board examination and note his qualifications as to electrical and steam engineering.

The bonds of D. D. Reavis, L. P. Wirth and H. I. Hahn as park commissioners were approved and accepted.

The report of the chautauqua board was received and accepted and the sum of \$265 due the city, ordered paid to the city treasurer and credited to the general fund.

John Powell was granted permission to erect a brick building with metal roof on lot 16, block 70.

On motion of Reichers, seconded by Hahn the council was ordered to follow instructions given by the city attorney regarding Joseph A. Bortenlanger's contract with city and that the entire council, mayor, city engineer or any other competent engineer upon whom the council may agree, go to the electric light plant and check specifications in detail before accepting plant.

A warrant was ordered issued on city treasurer to pay for deed to lot purchased by park committee in addition to lots now owned by city for park purposes to the amount of \$112.50. After the usual amount of discussion the council adjourned.

THEY WENT LOADED

Fred Sayre and Wife Leave Their Friends Holding the Sack

Fred Sayre, a barber who has been working in the city for some time, quietly left town Saturday night taking his wife with him. Of course this was their privilege but they overstepped their rights when they loaded up with other people's property.

They had been boarding at the city hotel, and when they failed to put in an appearance on Sunday, inquiry was made and it was learned they had left town, and it was soon found that they went loaded. Mrs. Shields is unable to say just what she has lost, as every day new discoveries are made, but so far she has missed a great deal of clothing, bed linen and towels and a \$12 board bill. The couple also bought groceries from F. E. Schmidt to the amount of nearly eight dollars and there are numerous other victims around town.

Sheriff Fenton soon scented the trail and located the pair at Valley Falls, Kansas, and he and Mr. Shields left Thursday morning for Horton, where they will meet the couple and justice be given them.

Shelving Broke

One of the shelves in the back show case in the jewelry store of Davies & Owens, broke Saturday evening and caused quite a smash up in his elegant line of cut glass and china. The loss to these gentlemen was about \$50, but with such an immense stock as is carried by this firm the Christmas shoppers will not notice the vacancy.

Marriage License

Henry Stephens, St. Deroin..... 24
Minnie Carter, Dawson..... 22
Isaac Phillips, Verdon..... 30
Mrs. Daisy Goolsby, Verdon..... 24
Emery Stanley, South Omaha..... 29
Eva Cooper, Humboldt..... 25
Earl Wilson, Stella..... 21
Viola Crofford, Stella..... 21
Lester Miller, Shubert..... 25
Rose Weick, Shubert..... 21

DEATH RECORD

THE GRIM REAPER CLAIMS TWO VICTIMS THIS WEEK

Rev. Englebrecht and William Niemeyer Called to Join the Great Majority

Rev. Otto H. Englebrecht died at his home, six miles north of this city December 4, 1908, aged 31 years, 10 months and 2 days.

Deceased had been a minister of the German Lutheran church north of this city, and was loved by every member of his congregation.

He was untiring in his efforts for good and in ministering to the wants of his fellowmen, and it will be hard to fill the vacancy thus caused by the seeming untimely death of this much needed man. He leaves no family.

The high regard in which he was held by the people was evinced by the manner in which the church rallied to the help and support of their pastor, meeting all expenses attending his death and burial.

The funeral was conducted December 6, by Rev. Bartz and the remains shipped to Chicago, his boyhood home.

William Niemeyer died at his home in this city on Sunday, December 6th, after only a short illness, aged 71 years, 5 months and 9 days. Deceased was born in Griesen, Hanover, Germany, June 27, 1837. He came to America at an early age and many years ago came to this county and settled on a farm near this city, making a decided success of his chosen vocation. About two years ago he gave up active farm life and moved to this city, and has always been numbered among our most respected citizens. He leaves a widow and three sons, Charles, William and Henry, and one daughter, Mrs. Gus Lippold all of this county, who will ever cherish the memory of a kind husband and father.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Wednesday afternoon and the remains were laid to rest in the Steele cemetery.

ARM CRUSHED

Warren Briggs Injured While Shelling Corn Near Stella

An accident took place at the home of S. T. Banks near Stella on Saturday, and as a result Warren Briggs' arm was so badly crushed that amputation was necessary.

Mr. Briggs was helping in the corn shelling, and in attempting to adjust a defective oil pipe his mitten was caught in the cogs thus drawing his arm between them. The arm was badly crushed and the hand almost cut off. Drs. from Stella and Auburn were summoned but could do nothing to save the injured member and it was amputated about two inches below the elbow.

Elect Officers

At a regular meeting of the M. W. A. held on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected: J. V. Kottmann—V. C. E. Costney—W. A. O. Wachtel—Clerk. C. M. Wilson—Banker. John Ross—Watchman. A. J. Wandle—Sentry. Samuel Marts—Janitor. After lodge closed a banquet was served and a social evening enjoyed.

Elks Have Busy Session

The Elks had a busy and interesting time at their hall Thursday night, initiation being the program. The candidates were J. L. Hopkins, Lewis Edwards, Glenn McMillan, Joe Miles, jr., and Alex Leo. From all reports there must have been something doing.

IS A SURE THING

THE CHAUTAUQUA FOR 1909 IS NOW ASSURED

Officers Elected at an Interesting Meeting at the Court House Tuesday Evening

In answer to a call issued by the president, a meeting of the stockholders of the Falls City Chautauqua association was held at the court house Tuesday evening. A number of interested citizens were also present and a general discussion of the chautauqua question was taken up. All were enthusiastic and the present prospects are that one of the very best chautauquas will be held in this city next year.

A board of managers consisting of the following members were elected:

John Lichty, president.
Dr. Reneker, vice-president.
R. R. Teeter, secretary.
W. A. Greenwald, treasurer.
George Holland,

It was the voice of those present that this board act independently as regards the talent, and they are now busily engaged arranging a strong and entertaining program. The date has not yet been decided upon.

Treasurer W. A. Greenwald presented the following report of the last chautauqua.

To Falls City Chautauqua Association, Falls City, Neb.—I beg to make the following report of receipts and disbursements for 1908 chautauqua and balance on hands for previous year to-wit:—

Total ticket sale per Holladays report	\$3,294.00
Due Mr. Holladay as per contract	2,500.00
Am't divided between Holladay's Assn.	\$794.00
Associations part 1/2 of \$704.00	\$352.00
Holladay exp't of work and auditorium	300.00
Concession receipts	109.00
Rental for tents	114.80
Holladay 1/2 Custer bill	2.00
Total receipts on part of Assn.	\$877.80
Paid Kilgus Mfg. Co. for tents	\$106.20
Expenses as per vouchers	240.80
Paid city use of Park	265.36
	\$612.44
Net amount due Association	\$265.36
Tickets sold and paid for 1909	6.00
Balance from 1907 Chautauqua	41.56
Total amount now in hand of Treas.	\$312.92

The above total is deposited in the Falls City State bank on a time certificate of deposit drawing 3 per cent interest.

W. A. GREENWALD, Treasurer.

We, the auditing committee have this day checked all the items above, found them correct as set forth in the treasurer's report. We also find that the officers of the association did all the work connected with the association free of charge and that not a single penny was used for their own purpose.

JOHN L. CLEAVER,
J. H. HUTCHINGS,
Auditing Committee.

TO THE FRONT

John Crook Received News of Important Promotion

John Crook, our city engineer, this week received a letter, the contents of which caused a thrill of justifiable pride, not only to himself but all his friends. It was from New York and signed by the national secretary of the American Society of Civil Engineers, announcing the fact that John had been promoted to the next highest membership in the association. Mr. Crook has been a junior in the society for some time, and this last honor has been gained only by deep study and hard work, and there are but four others in Nebraska who have succeeded in passing the rigid examinations.

There is but one more membership in the association to strive for, and as this must be gained before the age of thirty-five years, we are confident Mr. Crook will be one of the few successful ones as he has six years in which to prepare himself.

John's many friends congratulate him upon the fruits of his hard study and efforts.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR

Mrs. T. J. Gist Entertains Her Friends With Musical Program

Mrs. T. J. Gist was hostess to the Sorosis club and a number of invited guests on Wednesday afternoon. As it was the only program during the year which was given entirely to music, Mrs. Gist had full charge of it. About 50 ladies assembled including the following out of town guests: Mesdames Cooper and Liggett of Humboldt; Mrs. Basil Boyle of St. Louis and Miss Winifred Raper of Chicago.

After a piano solo by Miss Anna Margaret Gist, and a vocal duet by the two little Gist girls, the musical melo-dramatic setting of Enoch Arden by Strauss was rendered by Miss Floy Grinstead as reader and Mrs. Gist accompanist.

To the lovers of poetry and music, especially the poetry of Tennyson and the music of Strauss, it was an entertainment of the highest artistic merit. The interest never for one moment flagged, but grew until there were tears in the eyes and emotion in the hearts of all who listened.

Miss Grinstead's interpretation of the poem was especially fine. She entered into the spirit of it with a poise and temperament that were a surprise to her friends. Every member of her audience listened with emotion to her splendid portrayal of the sufferings of the shipwrecked sailor waiting for a sail and the delirium of his torture as he watched the home scene of his wife—his wife no more—down to the last words, "So passed the heroic soul away."

Mrs. Gist, as accompanist, again demonstrated that she is one of the most accomplished musicians in these parts. Her interpretation and execution of the difficult music, was entirely satisfying in the sympathetic quality so necessary to this production. Space forbids mention of the various motifs introduced in this musical gem, but the name of the composer, Strauss, is sufficient to give it dramatic and artistic interest of the very highest.

Delicious light refreshments were served after the program was rendered, and Mrs. Gist was given a vote of thanks for her splendid entertainment.

THE HOLIDAY FETE

Now in Progress and Will Continue Balance of Week

A great deal of credit is due the ladies of the Presbyterian church for the grand success they are making of the Holiday Fete now in progress. That they have worked hard is proven by the beauty of the scene upon entering the building.

There are eight beautifully decorated booths, where everything imaginable is sold, while the display of farm products and culinary department are complete.

Plenty of amusement has been provided so there will not be a dull moment throughout the entire session. Don't fail to visit the Holiday Fete or you will regret it.

Degree of Honor Elect Officers

On Thursday evening the D. of H. elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Mrs. C. M. Wilson—Chief of Honor.

Mrs. J. C. Tanner—Past Chief of Honor.

Mrs. Frank Pecht—Lady of Honor.

Mrs. Neal Mulligan—Chief of Ceremonies.

Mrs. O. P. Heck—Usher.

Mrs. D. P. Lowe—Inner watch.

Mrs. John Jones—Outer watch.

Mrs. A. Neitzel—Trustee.

Mrs. B. F. Foster—Recorder.

W. A. Greenwald—Receiver.

Mrs. Ferd Parchen—Financier.

ELKS' MEMORIAL

THE DAY PROPERLY OBSERVED BY FALLS CITY LODGE

A Splendid Program Rendered as a Tribute to the Memory of Their Departed Brothers

Despite the disagreeable weather on Sunday evening, the spacious Methodist church was almost inadequate to care for the immense crowd which gathered to witness the beautiful memorial service of Falls City Lodge No. 963, who on that evening were to pay tribute to their departed brothers.

Promptly at 8 o'clock Mrs. T. J. Gist sounded the organ prelude and the long procession of Elks, headed by Rev. G. L. Neide of St. Thomas church, filed in and took their respective places. After the opening ceremonies by Exalted Ruler C. F. Reavis, and Secretary G. B. Holt, Miss Jessie Paxton, accompanied by Mrs. G. L. Neide, sang "Shepherd Divine." It was a beautiful selection and well rendered.

All were deeply impressed with the ceremony in which each officer and member was reminded of his duties, not only as an officer but as an Elk, and with such principles, the great order of B. P. O. E. can be nothing but a power for good.

After the opening ode by the entire lodge, Rev. Neide pronounced the invocation and then followed the eulogy by Brother C. F. Reavis. Mr. Reavis was at his best and his remarks upon the departed brothers, William Nye Jenne and Charles D. Campbell, were most appropriate, and the beautiful lessons drawn by the orator sunk deep into the hearts of his hearers with a lasting impression.

Mrs. George Wahl never sang better than on this occasion. Her selection "O, Eyes That are Weary," was most suitable to her voice, and all were pleased. She was accompanied by Miss Sallie Schoenheit.

The address of the evening was by Brother Arthur J. Weaver. When he faced the audience all wondered what there was to say after the preceding speech, but wonder was turned to surprise by the splendid talk he made. Mr. Weaver is one of the very best speakers in the state and that of Sunday evening proved one of his best efforts. He told of the vast amount of good work the Elks have done and are doing every day all over the country, and he explained the teachings and principles of the order in such a convincing manner that those who were skeptical before are skeptical no longer. His was a speech that will long be remembered.

Mrs. Ed May who has always been a favorite with Falls City people, sang the closing solo, a beautiful selection, in her own inimitable style, accompanied by Mrs. T. J. Gist.

After the closing ceremonies by the exalted ruler and officers of the lodge, the Doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced and the B. P. O. E. memorial services for 1908, were a thing of the past, but the good derived therefrom will ever be a monument to Falls City Lodge, No. 963.

"The faults of our brothers, we write upon the sands; their virtues upon tablets of love and memory."

G. A. R.'s to Elect Officers

All G. A. R.'s are earnestly requested to meet at their hall Saturday afternoon as there will be an important meeting. The annual election of officers will take place and other important business will be transacted.