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## THE WEEK'S SOCIAL EVENTS

### AS 'T WAS TOLD TO OUR SOCIETY EDITOR

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

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Hurst entertained eight members of Mr. Hurst's original High School band and their young lady friends last Thursday evening. Early in the evening the young people were taken to Sowles' for a treat, returning to the Crook residence, where games and music were enjoyed until late, when Mrs. Hurst and her mother, Mrs. Crook, served dainty refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Hurst are general favorites with the young people and they made the evening a pleasant one for all.

Mrs. T. L. Himmelreich gave a delightful dinner party last Saturday evening for her mother, Mrs. Fox. It became known among the invited guests that September fourth was Mrs. Fox's eighty-fourth birthday and numerous gifts and quantities of beautiful flowers were showered upon her which completed the surprise. Twelve ladies were present and at six o'clock an elegant four-course dinner was served. The guests visited until late, enjoying the pleasure of celebrating the anniversary of such an elderly lady. Mrs. Fox has been kept in very close because of rheumatism but at the present time is unusually well considering her age.

The Friends in Council opened the club season last Friday evening, by holding their first meeting in the new club room over the library, and it was also the first time the room had been used for club purposes. There was an unusually good attendance, Miss Grace Saylor acting as leader. After a short business session, incidental to the first meeting of the year, the regular study was taken up. The first half of the year will be devoted to the study of Shakespeare, and Friday night the 1st scene of Acts I and II of Romeo and Juliet were taken up. The lesson was most interesting and bids fair to be followed by an unusually interesting and profitable year.

The ladies of the M. E. Kensington gave a very lovely party last Friday afternoon as a surprise for the few members of their society, who will soon leave the city. They are: Mrs. Simon Davies, Misses Lois Spencer, Mable Lyford, Pearl Hanna and Josephine Graves. The ladies were completely surprised, little dreaming that such an entertainment would be planned for them. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent with needle work, music and games. Nice refreshments were served at five o'clock. The regret was expressed upon the departure of the guests that the ladies would not be with them for the pleasures of the winter season.

The K. K. club was royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holt last Wednesday evening, at their home one mile west of town. The tables were placed for bridge, which was played with unusual zest until late in the evening. The interest in the game was intense and the contest spirited. Mrs. Holt was assisted in serving splendid refreshments by her sister, Mrs. Al. Spear. The evening was a pleasure to all.

One of the largest and most enjoyable of the week's social events was a Somerset party, given Tuesday evening by Miss Sarah Morsman at her home, 107 S. Harlan street. Guests for eight tables were present. Tables and partners were formed by matching numbers and colors of cards from a tiny euchre deck. The score of points was kept upon these cards and a small bow of ribbon pinned on for each game won. An elaborate supper was served in five courses. Mrs. Morsman and Miss Sarah were assisted during the evening by Mrs. Jenne and Miss Alice Jaquet.

Mrs. D. W. Sowles and the L. B. T. art club planned a splendid surprise upon Mrs. Mary Metz last Tuesday afternoon, knowing that to be her birthday anniversary, and succeeded admirably in carrying out their plans. However, Mrs. Metz quickly recovered from her surprise and was her genial, happy self, busy

at all times looking after the pleasure and comfort of her guests. Lovely refreshments were served by Mrs. Sowles and Mrs. Resterer, after which a beautiful solid silver spoon was presented to Mrs. Metz by each member of the club. Everything tended to make the afternoon one of the most pleasant of the week's social affairs. Mrs. George Mosley of Belton, Mo., and Mrs. Edith Resterer of St. Joseph were out of town guests present.

Mrs. Ada Wells entertained a few friends at dinner last Friday evening, complimentary to Rev. and Mrs. Martin. Covers were placed for six and a most enjoyable dinner served. The evening was given over to a good social visit, and proved a decided pleasure for all present.

R. A. Dittmar gave a dinner last Monday to the gentlemen clerks of his store, T. L. Himmelreich, R. Horrocks, Verne Roe and Ed. Poteet, and Rev. G. L. Neide. The day was the anniversary of the host's birth—he says the one hundredth, but we venture to state he neither looks, acts, or feels the weight of a century. At seven o'clock a dinner of several courses, such as would gratify the taste of the most fastidious, was faultlessly served. A smoker followed and an evening of great pleasure and enjoyment was passed until a late hour arrived, when the guests separated, wishing Mr. Dittmar many long years of happiness and prosperity.

#### PERFORMED OPERATION.

A Fourteen-Pound Tumor Taken From Mrs. S. E. Shaw.

Tuesday of this week Dr. Greene performed an operation on Mrs. S. E. Shaw of Salem, who was brought to this city on Monday. A fourteen-pound ovarian tumor was removed. Other complications made the operation a very delicate one. The operation in itself was a success and it is believed the patient will recover. Dr. Green was assisted by Dr. Boose and Dr. Miner administered the anesthetic. The patient is being looked after at the home of Mrs. Snidow, in the east part of town.

#### WITH THE BALL BOYS.

Monday's Game Postponed Until Wednesday, September 15.

The ball game advertised for Monday was postponed, on account of the rainy weather, until Wednesday, September 15th—German Day. Horton will be here and a good game is "doped."

Seventieth Birthday Celebrated. Special from Stella.

Monday was Mrs. C. T. Baldwin's seventieth birthday and her daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Mesdames A. J. Baldwin and S. H. Bailey, planned a surprise for her, in the form of a Kensington, the ladies meeting with Mrs. Weaver going to her home in the afternoon—in the rain, too. Those present were Mesdames Stinecypher, Wood, Weaver, Allemond, Fraker, Shafer, Hinkle, Copher, Baldwin and Bailey. Mrs. Baldwin received several nice tokens of remembrances. A nice two course lunch was served at five o'clock.

#### Will Holt at State Fair.

Here is what Will Holt did at the State Fair with his bunch of Berkshires:

- Four champions.
- Eight firsts.
- Five seconds.
- Two fourths.
- A dandy loving cup.
- His young bull, Choice Goods, was awarded first place.

#### A Correction.

Special from Nims City. The item in the Journal one day last week, stating that Mrs. Charles Wise was in a hospital at Omaha and her illness was so serious that her mother had been sent for, was a mistake. Although Mrs. Wise has not been in very good health all summer, her late illness was not at all serious and she has recovered nicely.

#### Cemetery Association.

The ladies of the Cemetery association will meet at the home of Mrs. Margaret Maddox, Monday afternoon, September 13. As this will be the last meeting for the season, let every member try and be present.—Secretary.

## CROSSES MISSOURI PACIFIC

### THE LITTLE DREDGE BOAT NOW EAST OF RAILROAD.

#### Much Interest Manifested By Citizens in the Work—A Large Crowd of Onlookers.

Saturday night the ditching machine in the lateral ditch just south of town reached the Missouri Pacific trestle work at the place of crossing, and Sunday last, at 2:00, after No. 103 had passed over, was the time selected for the ditching machine to pass through the trestle. All arrangements had been made. The telegraph wires had been raised in readiness, and the pile driver and a force of men awaited the moment of commencing operations. When all was in readiness there was some quick work done by experienced and efficient men. The timbers were removed, the piling drawn from their resting place and the little ditching machine signaled to go ahead, which she did in a manner that startled the natives. The engine coughed and strained, and the big scoop-bucket worked with a precision and speed that was good to look upon. To pass through and clear the trestle called for an excavation of 9 feet in depth, 20 feet in width, for a stretch of 90 feet. The ditching machine commenced operations at 3:00, completing its task at midnight, when the piling were hurriedly replaced and all work done necessary for the passing of trains.

The ditching machine now has an unobstructed line to follow to Pierson's Point, where its labors will cease for this lateral. It will then be dismantled and removed to a new seat of operation.

#### BEAT A WOMAN

And Judge Spragins Said, "Twenty-Five Dollars."

Athur Nixon of Barada, who has figured quite largely as the defendant in boot-legging prosecutions for several years past, suffered a brain storm last Sunday and got up courage enough to whip his wife. The unusual battle took place on the road, about a mile from Barada, while the parties were in an automobile which Mr. Nixon sports. The man, or brute, just as you please, blacked the lady's eye, cut her lips, and bruised her cheeks until they were badly swollen and discolored.

Judge Spragins said, "twenty-five dollars" when this estimable citizen plead guilty, and promised a winter in jail if the offense was repeated. We think it was a French lady who said, "The more I see of men, the better I like dogs," and she didn't know Nixon, either.

#### TO THE STATE FAIR.

Will Holt Took His Bunch of Fine Berkshire Hogs.

Will Holt took one of the best bunches of Berkshire hogs to Lincoln for the State Fair that he has ever yet taken up. There have been times when he has taken more but when it comes to blood and condition they will have to go some to catch up with "Billy." We have't the least doubt but what he will bring home as many or more honors as has attended his exhibits heretofore. He also took the little spotted Shetland pony, belonging to his little daughter, Nellie Lee Holt.

#### Talent Was Appreciated.

Miss Agnew and Miss Cornford were the recipients of many cordial and sincere compliments upon their music last Sunday at the Salem Assembly. They are both talented young ladies and well deserve the praise.

#### Professional Seamstress.

The Matthews-Little Co., have secured the services of Miss Gauer of Omaha, a professional seamstress, who will have charge of the alterations in their Ladies Suit department.

#### Baptist Ladies Kensington.

The Baptist Ladies Kensington will meet at the church next Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Everyone is requested to be present, ready for work. We have much to do.

#### Presbyterian Exchange.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold their regular exchange at Sowles' on Saturday.

#### AN APPRECIATION PARTY.

Henry C. Smith Was the Recipient of The Honor.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church and the members of the choir gave a very pleasant surprise for H. C. Smith last Thursday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bailey. Mr. Smith was invited with his brother, Charles E. and wife, to spend the evening at the Bailey home and when he arrived he found the house filled with friends, gathered in his honor in appreciation of his liberal service and donation to the new church. He was equal to the occasion and in a few well chosen words thanked those assembled for the compliment paid him.

There were numerous musical numbers, which were greatly appreciated, some readings, an address by Chas. E. Smith, touching on his early associations with the Presbyterian church and much that was interesting in the lives of his wife and himself in the Holy Land.

After the program various games were enjoyed, until a late hour when refreshments were served. The evening was one of the most pleasant social events of the week.

#### BACK TO THE HOLY LAND.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Smith Left Last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Smith left last Friday on their return trip to the Holy Land, after a short visit with relatives and old friends here. Mrs. Smith came back to the States over a year ago, and Mr. Smith came about two months ago. Mr. Smith still has two years of study and research work, and at the end of that time they will return to the States, probably locating in California, where they have purchased property.

#### GOOD ARTICLE CROWDED OUT.

Synopsis of Alaskan Trip By Two Falls City Women.

The Tribune has a fine article, a sort of synopsis of what Misses May Maddox and Alice Keeling saw and how they liked the Alaskan country, which was crowded out this week. It will appear next week. It treats of the customs of the people, a little history, some peculiarities, etc., and we are sure that their friends will anxiously await its appearance in print.

#### A Good Enrollment.

Miss Susan Gehling tells us that in the Harlan kindergarten, of which she has charge, there were twenty little tots Monday morning that were enrolled for the first time and eighteen who had attended last year. When we recall the fact that Monday was a rainy, disagreeable day, an enrollment of thirty-eight is not a bad showing. Miss Gehling is equal to the strain and the first bright day you will see the large majority of this flock following her about town as they would their mamas.

#### Special Notice.

The Leo Cider & Vinegar Co., will buy apples on and after September 15th. They will pay 25 cents per 100 pounds.

Owing to the incompleteness of the new plant, we find it impossible to accommodate farmers with cider.

The apples should be delivered to the new plant, one block south and two west of Gehling's brewery—follow the road south leading to the plant.—Leo Cider & Vinegar Co.

#### Mrs. Herbert Kerr III.

Dr. W. H. Kerr went to El Reno, Okla., to bring Mrs. Herbert Kerr home. She has been in a serious condition in a hospital there, and she was brought to this city where she could be given special treatment and home care. She is still extremely ill.

#### State Fair Special.

The Burlington Special will run Friday morning at the same hour as on previous dates. This will be a big day at the state fair as rain has held the races back. Be at the depot Friday morning at five o'clock.

#### The Fast-Haeffle Sale.

The public sale that Col. Marlon 'cried' for Dr. W. S. Fast and Fred Haeffle on Monday, in spite of the rain, was a success. Nearly everything sold high and all concerned were well satisfied.

## FALLS CITY CLIMBING FAST

### THE TREND IS UPWARD AND ONWARD DAY BY DAY

#### The Wave Too Strong to Be Influenced By "Knocker" or Envious Neighbors.

The crying need of Falls City is for men to do the work and houses to accommodate the people. One landlord reports seven applications for a house Saturday that will not be vacated until the 20th of this month.

The rainy weather has hindered the operation of the paving work. We may expect this to be rushed along soon without further delay.

There were those in Noah's day who laughed at his ark and who said that it wasn't to be much of a flood anyway. The slighting remarks made by neighboring papers concerning the division to the effect that it won't amount to much, shows that Noah's contemporaries have their descendants even to this day.

If the division is to be of such small consequence, why is it that the railroad is preparing more than thirty acres of ground for side tracks? And why will a twenty-stall round house be built when the Atchison division has found an eight-stall house sufficient for all purposes? It will require more than the jealous outburst of our neighbors to prevent the growth of the future city of south-eastern Nebraska.

The John Gilligan sale was an eye-opener with regard to our real estate values to some of the fellows who have to be shown. Of course the sale was splendidly conducted and the auctioneer was an artist, but the values were there and will grow several fold within the next few years.

Falls City, which will become the division point of the Missouri Pacific, is seeing visions of future triumphs. It is taking for granted that the rumor of a new Missouri Pacific line from Falls City to Topeka will become a reality, although the rumor is a year old. It has figured that the new line will be built through Sycamore Springs, Sabetha and Goffs, and connect at Topeka with the Missouri Pacific line which runs to Coffeyville, Ft. Scott and other southern points.

"Such a line would give the Pacific a good north and south line, and remedy the confusion and long delay of sending all their through freight through Kansas City," says one Falls City paper. And of course, Falls City will become the division point of the new line, thinks Falls City. At present the outlook is that Falls City will be the division point of five lines. One to Kansas City, one to Omaha via Plattsmouth, one to Omaha via Weeping Water, one to Crete via Auburn, and one to Lincoln via Weeping Water. The Falls City people say it is a fact that the new round house to be built there will be a twenty stall affair, with a possibility of thirty-nine stalls in the future. The building will be made of reinforced concrete, and 372 feet in diameter. The ash pits will be built of concrete, and the coal chutes will be the latest improved devices. The new turn table has arrived there, and is seventy feet long. Falls City believes it owes a "card of thanks" to Mr. J. Russell, formerly superintendent of the Omaha division, now a general superintendent in Portland, Oregon. It is said that Mr. Russell insisted, while superintendent of the Omaha division, that Falls City should be made the division point, and labored "diligently to correct the situation.—Atchison Globe.

When the wrecking train was tearing out the Missouri Pacific trestle Sunday and the little dredge was biting great holes in the earth as it slowly but surely worked its way down the bottom the people grew enthusiastic as they watched the work. How many thought of the strong and rugged character that stood on the outskirts of the crowd, silent but appreciative, and who is responsible for the whole thing? The great drainage proposition is largely the work of R. E. Grinstead. The thought was his; days and nights and weeks and months of work have been his. It was his dream, and his is the courage and labor that makes dreams come true. Other men have contributed largely but the proposition would not be a reality at this

time had it not been for Mr. Grinstead. A man is entitled to pride when he accomplishes some really big thing, and after the years of labor that seemed unappreciated, after abuse and misrepresentation on the streets and in the press. We wonder if the silent man on the outskirts of the crowd was not just a little proud as he saw the enthusiastic people watching the dredge bite its way through a valley as rich as the valley of the Nile. We wonder if he did not look a little farther into the future and see the muddy grass removed from this land and the rich fields of grain and pasture thriving on land that has been a waste these many years?

The time has come when all our people are filled with the spirit of progress. There is, possibly, one now and then whose liver is torpid and who nurtures a chronic grouch, but such are inconsequential and will have to get out of the way or get run over. Falls City is "going up" and the height to be attained rests entirely with her citizens. Get in the elevator, for we will leave the basement floor soon and are headed for the top.

The interest that our people are taking in the "boom" was shown by the fact that several hundred people were down at the division yards and at the dredge Sunday afternoon. There were people on-foot, horseback, in carriages, hacks and automobiles, and everybody was smiling and everybody said "this looks like the real thing." The work on both these enterprises goes along day and night, Sundays and week days. Before very long the yards will be complete, the round house constructed and the engineers, firemen, conductors, brakemen, wipers and switchmen will be here with their families looking for homes. These homes will have to be built for them for there is not an empty house in town. The great influx of people has come without the help of the division. You can imagine what the old town will be when this is added to our growth.

#### DIED AT STELLA.

The Only Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Tolly Died Thursday.

Special from Stella. Ralph, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tolly, died at their home one mile north of Stella on Thursday evening, August 2, 1909. He was almost three years old and had been sick only one week. Although never a healthy child, the end came as a thief in the night. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Gould from the M. E. church, after which a large concourse of sorrowing friends followed the remains to Prairie Union, where the little fellow was laid to rest. The family have the deep sympathy of the entire community, and we can but commend them to Him, "who doeth all things well."

#### LIBRARY BOARD MET.

Bills Were Allowed and Librarian's Report Accepted.

A business meeting of the Library board was held Tuesday evening with Mesdames Abbey, Banks and Gist, Messrs Hutchings and Cameron present. Bills for the months of July and August were allowed. Considerable time was spent in planning improvements in the library which is becoming quite crowded and little space for shelving is available. The report of the librarian for July and August was accepted and is as follows: Books loaned—Juvenile—July, 590; August 696. Adult—July, 852; August, 913. Visitors—July, 1651; August, 1936.

This shows an increase of circulation for August 1909 over August 1908 of 341 volumes.

#### Mrs. Anna Harpster Dead.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Anna Harpster, wife of Bera Harpster, formerly of this city, was received here Tuesday. Mrs. Harpster had been in a hospital in Beatrice, where she died, and was taken to Blue Springs for burial.

The funeral was held Wednesday, September 8th. John Neitzel and family of Preston attended.

Mrs. Harpster was a member of the Falls City K. L. of S. When they resided here Mr. Harpster was cashier for the Burlington.