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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.

The Shakespeare Club gave its annual New Year's dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Holland last Friday evening. About thirty guests attended, and afterwards pronounced it the most enjoyable social event of the season. Miss Gladys Holland, in the club colors, wearing the badge of 1910, attended the door, while Miss Anna Margaret Gist, as "Father Time" presided in the upper hall. Christmas greens and flags were used in profusion to decorate the rooms. Upon the two long tables, at which the guests were seated, smilax and cut flowers were used effectively with national colors. The place cards had the head of the great poet, done in pen and ink. After partaking of the splendid dinner served in courses, amusements provided by the ladies were indulged in until a late hour. The holiday cheer pervaded the whole affair to such an extent, that the Virginia reel was danced as a fitting close of the evening's pleasures. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Abbey, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gist, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hargrave, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Lyford, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Reavis, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Reavis, Mr. and Mrs. Isham Reavis, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Towle, and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wanner.

The following menu comprised the dinner:

Oyster Cocktail	Wafers
Olives	Celery
Roasted Turkey, with Giblet Sauce	Potatoes in Casserole
Cranberry Jelly	Hot Rolls
Pineapple Salad on Mayonnaise	Cakes
Neapolitan Ice-cream	Coffee
Cigars	

Miss Lela Powell's entertainment given last Friday evening for her guest, Miss Hoffnell of Abeline, Kas., was one of the largest and most enjoyable parties given during the holidays. Over fifty young ladies and gentlemen were present, including a number of out-of-town visitors in the city. A touch of beauty and cheerfulness was added to the rooms by bowls of cut flowers and potted plants placed to advantage. Cards and Som'erset were engaged in during the evening, the cheerful rivalry in the contests causing great merriment. At eleven o'clock Mrs. Powell served lovely refreshments. She was assisted in serving by Miss Lela, and her sisters, Misses May and Grace Maddox. When the birth of the New Year was ushered in the pleasures were at their height, for music, dancing and songs were in full swing and the jolly, light-hearted young people began the New Year in a pleasant and happy frame of mind with nothing but pleasure on all sides. It was a jolly party of young people, and they lingered long after the new year announcement to enjoy its first pleasures. Among the out of town guests present were: Miss Myrtle Hoffnell, Abeline, Kas.; Miss Jackson St. Joe; Miss Potot, Denver; Misses Powers, Manhattan, Kas.; Miss Gladys Stockton, Stanberry, Mo.; Messrs. Warren Jackson, St. Joe and Paul Morebury of Milford, Neb.

The A. B. Whist club gave a delightful party last Friday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schmelzel, at which the husbands of the club ladies were guests of honor. Whist was enjoyed until a late hour with unflagging interest. The honors of the evening for the most games won fell to Mrs. Spence. A splendid supper was served, such as would tempt the faintest appetite, to which all did ample justice. The New Year was ushered in, in the height of pleasure, for each guest seemed bent on making the beginning of the year one of the happiest possible. The evening was notable for many pleasures and as the first of the large parties given by the A. B. club was a decided success. Mr. and Mrs. James B. Davis of Humboldt were present.

The Elk's lodge gave a dance to its members and their ladies on New Year's night. Nothing that could add pleasure to the occasion was

omitted. The hall was effectively decorated with purple and white, colors of the order, the floors were in perfect condition, and Harnack's orchestra never played more "dancy" music. A huge box of carnations was provided for the ladies, and hot chocolate was served during the evening. About thirty couples attended. The University bunch of boys and girls added youth and gaiety to the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dittmar gave a delightful dinner for the clerks of the Dittmar store New Year's Eve. Covers were laid for twelve at a table tastefully decorated with a large floral centerpiece and many pretty shaded candles. The dinner of four courses was a sumptuous one, made up of the choicest delicacies of the season. The company lingered long at the table, and during the evening which followed enjoyed cards and games. Mr. Dittmar is not only an exemplary employer, but with Mrs. Dittmar extended to the ladies and gentlemen in his employ a cordial hospitality that made the event one of unusual pleasure for all, and opened the New Year with a feeling of personal pleasure and benefit and general good feeling.

The C. E. Society of the Presbyterian church was most pleasantly entertained at a watch party given by Carl Miller and his sister, Miss Dorothy, last Friday evening. Som'erset was the chosen game of the evening, and was thoroughly enjoyed until eleven o'clock, when lovely refreshments were served. The New Year came in amid song and laughter and jolly good wishes all around. The guests took their departure at a late hour, after spending a delightful evening.

Miss Florence Boose paid a compliment to her Sunday School class of boys last Thursday night by entertaining them royally at her home. Many interesting games were prepared for their amusement and a jolly evening spent. Refreshments were served which appealed strongly to the boys. They considered the occasion a very enjoyable one.

Mrs. Charles Wilson entertained the Degree of Honor Kensington on last Friday afternoon with a splendid musical program. There was a large attendance and a very pleasant afternoon spent. Nice refreshments were served at five o'clock.

Mrs. George Wahl gave a very enjoyable New Year's eve party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Quiett, for her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Timney of Kansas City. Som'erset was played during the evening and with the usual pleasure. A number of vocal selections, as well as piano numbers were a pleasure to all. The guests remained until the new year had arrived before saying good-night, after such a pleasant evening.

Miss Louise Rule gave a delightful little dinner last Friday evening for her friend, Miss Helen Jackson of St. Joe and Miss Myrtle Hoffnell of Abeline, Kas. The guests were limited in number, but a delightful evening was passed. A lovely dinner was served at six o'clock, and until the hour for the evening parties the time was passed most agreeably with games and visiting. The dinner party was a very pleasant one.

The Knights of Columbus gave a dance in their lodge room in the Wahl building last Thursday evening and a royal good time is reported. Almost all the members from over the county were there, as well as the Daughters of Isabella. During the evening a nice lunch was served in the dining room, also a large bowl of punch was placed in the main room.

Mrs. Fred Mosiman delightfully entertained a number of lady friends last Wednesday evening for Mrs. Verne Ripley of Council Bluffs. Many games furnished entertainment for the guests and a jolly, social evening was the result. Refreshments of most tempting nature were served and at a late hour the ladies returned to their several homes.

Miss Edna DeWald gave a very enjoyable and informal dinner last Sunday evening for Miss Myrtle Hoffnell of Abeline, Kas. The guest list was limited. A delicious dinner was served, and an enjoyable evening passed by Edna's guests.

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## MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED

### VICTIM A FORMER RESIDENT OF FALLS CITY.

#### The Self-Confessed Murderer Also a Resident of Falls City—Shock to Community.

Neil McCoig, at one time owner and proprietor of the East Side cafe in this city, was found dead by a hunter in a lonely spot in the outskirts of Kansas City, Kas., about two weeks ago. For several days the identity of the man was not known, his face was so badly disfigured and all marks of identity having been removed from his person by his slayer, who had robbed him.

The police force of Kansas City, Kas., had several theories—after the body had been definitely identified by the description telephoned to the Chief by a former business partner, Sam West, from here—and worked each thoroughly, the result being that several arrests were made before the guilty one was found.

It is not going to be The Tribune's purpose in the affair to give a "yellow" account of it. The Kansas City dailies have already covered that portion of the case thoroughly—and for us to rehash and tell of the awful tragedy, of the details of the confession of the self-confessed slayer, would be of no avail. It would only make the burden of his rela-

## WAKE UP, THE WATCHWORD

### CLEAN AND IMPROVE THE ORDER OF THE DAY.

#### Talk About Your City and Talk Favorably—Pulling Together Makes Town Grow.

If you want Falls City to improve, improve it. If you want Falls City lively, make it so. Don't go to sleep, but get up and work for it, talk about it and talk favorably. If you have property, improve it; clean up your alleys and back yards; make your surroundings pleasant, and you will be worth more in the market. Keep your money at home as much as possible, and it is likely to help you in return. The successful towns have been made by the property owners pulling together. Public improvement is an investment that pays. Don't waste your time over dirty quarrels and hold back your aid from good objects through spite, but work for some good and you will find yourself benefitted.

#### Ankle Broken.

When attending John Majerus' sale near Rulo, Herman Hahn jumped from his wagon out on the frozen ground, and came with so much weight upon his ankle that it broke. He was immediately taken home and Dr. Henderson set the bone. It is a very painful injury and in a bad place. It looks as though Herman will be crippled up for some time.

## CONSIDER "THE FOLKS AT HOME"

The management of The Tribune realizes that it is the mission of a newspaper to print the news; to impart information as to what is taking place in the world,—as to what those in the "palace halls" are doing as well as the unfortunate in the "street below." But there are times and events, when we are prone to say to our readers, "look elsewhere; seek the horrible details in the metropolitan daily."

When a great crime has been committed, there is always one home and one town where the event is regretted in a measure far exceeding that of homes and towns in general. It is the parental roof and the home town where the shock is greatest and the regret is keenest.

Concerning the Mower case The Tribune seeks to touch upon the details as light as is possible, trusting that its readers will find elsewhere that which will satisfy and enlighten as to the awful deed and the incidents attending thereto.

We feel that by this time "the folks in Falls City" know all,—know the worst, and nothing that we could print would add to or take away one iota to the history of the crime, the victim or his slayer, and to those who revel in the history of a great crime, and readily absorb every little detail—who yearn to wallow, as is were in the gruesome—we say, seek elsewhere. In this instance, The Tribune will dodge the particulars and be content with what it has already printed, and trusts its readers will be of the same frame of mind.

tives here, who are among Falls City's most honorable and respected citizens, harder to bear. It could not undo the awful deed.

Last Sunday afternoon Ward Mower and Samuel West accompanied a detective to Kansas City to aid in the search of the slayer of McCoig. Mower's stories were not as accurate as the police thought they should be and they questioned him pretty closely. The heavy load of his secret and the sharp questioning of the detectives weakened him until he finally admitted that he left Falls City with McCoig, robbed him, and that he alone lured him to that lonely spot, where death was meted out to him.

The Kansas City Star was never more right than when it said, "Falls City will be one of the most surprised little cities in Nebraska, when it learns of the confession." Ward Mower has grown to manhood in this community and comes from one of our best families; his reputation has never been questioned—why wouldn't we be surprised?

Some who have known Mower for years are strongly of the opinion that he was surely of unbalanced mind. They say that he was an extremely nervous man, and as a boy he was very easily plagued and joked.

#### Childrens' Day.

The News secured the right to the Lyric theatre New Year's day and extended an invitation to all the children in town under fifteen years of age to enjoy a free entertainment at the picture show. Quite a number of little folks availed themselves of the opportunity, and from all appearances had a fine time and enjoyed the treat.

## BASKET BALL SCHEDULE.

### Where And When The Future Games Will Be.

Following is a schedule, showing where and when the Falls City Basketball teams will play in the near future.

#### Girls Team.

Cotner University at Falls City, January 10th.

Sabetha, Kas., High School at Falls City, February 26th.

#### Boys Team.

Auburn High School at Auburn on January 15th.

McPherson College, of McPherson, Kas., at Falls City, January 20th.

Syracuse High School, of Syracuse, Neb., at Falls City, January 28th.

Wilber High School, of Wilber, Nebraska, at Falls City, February 2d.

Seneca town team, Seneca, Kas., at Falls City, February 4th.

Manager Cain is claiming the state championship for the girls' team, and is making fast strides toward the same championship for his boys' aggregation. They have played some of the fastest high school teams in the state and have never been defeated by a high school bunch. In order to win the state championship with the boys' team it will be necessary to play several hard games, and the team will need financial aid. It now becomes the duty of all patriotic citizens to attend all games possible and support the team in a financial way.

#### HOLD-UP AT STELLA.

##### William Hill, a Farmer, Slugged And Robbed.

Special from Stella. Stella is trying to keep up with Kansas City. Monday Will Hill, who lives a few miles north of town, came to town and sold some hogs. By evening he became "quite weary" and during the early evening he was slugged, and left unconscious. He would have frozen to death had he not been found and taken to a hotel. He had been relieved of all his money except 85 cents. The robber escaped, but was probably some one well acquainted with Mr. Hill.

#### The Union Prayer Meetings.

The week of prayer is being observed in union meetings by the churches of the city. The meetings have been very well attended and have been very helpful and interesting. Those who are not coming out are missing that which they need most. The meeting Thursday night will be in the German Evangelical church. The devotional service will be led by Rev. Brooks and followed by a talk on "Soul Winning" by Rev. Reichel. Friday night the last meeting will be in the Brethren church. Devotional services led by Rev. Day and followed by a talk on "Personal Work" by Rev. Nanninga. We want to see you there.—Secretary

#### Not so Bad After All.

The Falls City High School basketball boys were badly beaten by the Lincoln Y. M. C. A. team recently, but when you consider what the Lincoln Y. M. C. A. did to the Chicago team, one of the strongest teams in the west today, we think our boys had pluck to tackle them. Lincoln beat Chicago, all professionals, by 43 to 39. The Lincoln half back only got two goals off Amos Yoder, who was only substituting for George Gilligan, and Amos got one off of him. The Lincoln half-back got four off of Chicago halfback who also only got 1 off of him. Our boys are not so slow, and they were boys against men.

#### Evans-Brockhahn.

Charles T. Evans of Hamlin, Kas., and Miss Sophia Marie Brockhahn were married at the residence of Rev. R. Cooper Bailey, Tuesday, Jan. 4th, at two o'clock. The father of the bride and her aunt, Mrs. Bluh, witnessed the ceremony.

They are well known young people in this vicinity and have the congratulations of their friends. They will go to housekeeping at once on the groom's farm near Hamlin, Kas.

#### Falls City Chorus.

The regular meeting of the Falls City Chorus will be held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles Banks. All members are requested to be present, as the books have arrived and the new work should begin with the entire chorus.—Director.

## ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATE

### HOLD ANNUAL NEW YEARS CELEBRATION AT HALL.

#### A Fine Program Rendered and Refreshments Served—A Joyous Occasion.

On New Year's day the members of the local lodge of the I. O. O. F. held their annual celebration of the new year. The families of the Odd Fellows and a few invited friends began to gather in the hall soon after seven o'clock, and when the entertainment for the evening was begun the room was completely filled, and several of the men were standing in the rear of the hall.

Dr. Bailey acted as master of ceremonies, and one of the very best programs that has been given in the city was presented.

C. E. Smith was chairman of the program committee, and it is evidence of his tastes and skill that the program from start to finish was one of merit and ability. The Rev. Mr. Brooks gave a very interesting and instructive talk during the evening, which elicited appreciation from all present.

While it is true that every number of the program was given in such uniform good style, and met with unlimited applause, it would not be wise for the reporter to speak of the work of any individual performer.

The refreshment committee came up to their standard of excellence and a dainty banquet was served at the close of the program. It was the intention of the committee in charge to have had a few toasts given by some of the well known orators of the order present, but the combined efforts of the refreshment committee, and Brother John Hinton, made speaking during the banquet an impossibility. At a late hour the friends left for their homes, having had a most enjoyable evening, and wishing all might have a New Year's day much oftener than once a year.

#### The Last of His Race.

With all its wealth of special scenery, gorgeous costumes, bright and catchy specialties—is the attraction at the Gehling opera house Saturday, December 8th. This piece, which has attained such an enviable reputation and secured such a hold on the hearts of theater goers from one end of this broad land to the other—is from the pen of Mr. Clarence Bennett, author of the "Holy City," another notable success. Mr. Bennett has located his scenes near the city of Mexico, and based the fabric of the play on events that actually occurred during the brief reign of the unfortunate Emperor Maximilian. The success of this piece has been so phenomenal in America that the firm has decided to present it next year in England.

#### Sailors-Dunn.

Special from Barada. On Thursday, December 30, 1909, Otis B. Sailors and Miss Lottie Dunn were married at the home of Rev. P. B. Ruch near Shubert. The bride was dressed in a charming gown of white silk. They were accompanied by Miss Hazel Dunn and R. H. Slagle, who acted as bride's-maid and best man.

This young couple have grown up in our midst and are beloved by all. We wish them a very happy and prosperous journey through life.

#### Dedication Services.

Special from Barada. The dedication services will be held in the Evangelical Church in Barada, January 9th. Bishop W. F. Heil of Highland Park, Ill., will conduct services as follows:

- Saturday evening 7:30.
- Sunday morning 11:00.
- Sunday afternoon 3:00.
- Sunday evening 7:30.

The Sunday afternoon sermon will be in German, everybody cordially invited. A. ESSLEY, Pastor.

#### Wing-Brenner.

Special from Verdon. George L. Brenner of Humboldt and Miss Hazel Wing of Falls City arrived here Wednesday morning and were united in marriage at the Evangelical parsonage by Rev. Gerries. Immediately after the ceremony they departed for Salem to take the train for Humboldt, where an elegant wedding dinner was prepared for them.