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THE WEEK'S SOCIAL EVENTS

AS 'TAS TOLD TO OUR SOCIETY EDITOR

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

One of the most pleasant events the Sunny Slope ladies have planned and carried out was the union supper held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Will last Wednesday evening. Fifteen families were represented, over sixty were served supper. The members were dressed in tacky costumes which afforded plenty amusement during the early part of the evening. Games were played by the younger people on the lawn until they were called to the parlor to listen to the program which was as follows: Instrumental music, Mrs. Elmer Kuhn and Miss Grace Kelly; recitations by Virgil and Edna Kuhn, Beulah Martin, Hattie and Vera Stewart and Gertrude Bowman. Vocal solo, Mrs. J. N. Deaton. Each number was well rendered and enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Dick Goolsby graced the occasion by her unexpected presence; living so far away all were pleased to see her in our circle once more. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and children and Miss Crofford were guests of the evening.

The friends of Fred Gerit gathered at his home last Sunday evening and gave him a happy surprise, the occasion being his birthday anniversary. A bountiful dinner was served, the table fairly groaning with the abundance of good things prepared for the feast. The evening passed all too quickly amid the many pleasant associations and the hour was very late when the guests departed wishing their amiable host many happy returns of the day. The guests numbered about forty.

Mrs. P. H. Jussen entertained the Bridge club on Monday of this week and made the afternoon an exceptionally pleasant one for all present. Guests for two tables were present, Mrs. Jussen's daughter, Mrs. Kennedy of Okmulgee, being among the guests. The time allotted to the game was passed most pleasantly and some very good scores were made. At five o'clock excellent refreshments were served, after which the club adjourned.

Mrs. P. H. Jussen is entertaining this, Wednesday, afternoon with a five-hundred party complimentary to her daughter, Mrs. Kennedy of Okmulgee.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Beachy have issued invitations for a large dinner party Friday, the 23d to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary.

Mrs. W. R. Holt and Mrs. A. E. Spear gave the second of a series of parties complimentary to Mrs. Martin of Lincoln last Thursday afternoon at the country home of Mrs. Holt one mile west of town. The decorations in the Christmas colors, carried out with cut flowers and potted plants, were beautiful and the brilliancy of the many lights added to the beauty of the surroundings. Fifty ladies were present and passed a delightful afternoon with needlework and guessing games which were also provided for their amusement. Excellent refreshments were served in two courses at five o'clock. Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Spear are delightful hostesses and their entertainments of the past week have given many pleasures to their friends.

One of the most pleasing as well as profitable sessions of the Woman's club was held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Simpson on Tuesday afternoon. The delightful day made it possible for a goodly number of members to be present. Roll call was responded

ed to from topics assigned the members. Miss Anita Wilson gave an interesting talk upon the Drama of Parsifal. Her clear, forceful way of presenting the subject gave her hearers the best possible idea of the Drama as heard by Miss Wilson on her recent visit to Chicago. Mrs. William Wilson in her usual pleasing manner gave "Parsifal and the Flower Maidens." Mrs. Charles Wilson read well chosen selections from the History of Parsifal. During the business session arrangements were completed for sending a Holiday box to the inmates at the poor farm. The club adjourned to meet January 3d, with Mrs. William Wilson. Practical demonstrations in Domestic Science will be made and refreshments served. All club members are requested to be present.

The Holiday Rush.

The merchants are surely enjoying an immense holiday trade this year. The late season held up trade for a time but now every store is crowded from early morning until long after supper and the number of autos lined up on the streets gives our little city quite a metropolitan appearance. Falls City is the best town in miles around in which to trade and the crowds shopping here show that people find it so.

Fire Sale.

Samuel Wahl opened his store on Tuesday morning for the big fire sale. The crowd was enormous. There was hardly standing room. Fifteen extra clerks augmented the usual large force and it was impossible then to wait upon the patrons. The rush still continues. The goods shown this week are not so badly damaged from fire or water—they are materials rumpled and soiled in moving out. The prices are reasonable and the sale no doubt will continue to draw crowds.

More Fire Stations.

The results of the fires this week have again demonstrated the need of better fire protection. The firemen are willing and respond promptly but their work or their homes take them to all parts of the city, blocks from the engine house and it is expecting what is beyond reason to expect them to be able to be on hand as soon as is really necessary. We need more stations and then the firemen in the different wards could report to their own station. There are some difficulties that the most willing hearts cannot overcome. We have simply outgrown the present equipments and we feel sure the city council and all our citizens see the necessity for some sort of improvement and will take steps in this direction in the near future.

Miss Minnie MacDonald goes to Council Bluffs next Saturday to spend the holidays.

Miss Dorothy Morehead returned Wednesday from the University at Lincoln and will spend the holidays at home.

Miss Ruth McMillan was among the students who returned Wednesday from Lincoln to spend the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. DePutran of Lincoln will arrive Saturday to spend Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Holland.

A Christmas tree and treat will be held at the Mission Sunday School on Friday night for the children and they are looking forward to it with great pleasure. The people have been very liberal in their donations for this Sunday School.

J. M. Bower made a trip to Omaha a few days ago to get some motion pictures, especially appropriate for Christmas, which will be shown at the Electric Theater Friday and Saturday nights of this week. No extra charge of admission will be made to see these pictures.

Will Resterer came up from Kansas City Tuesday night for a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. Al Resterer.

Quite a number of people are eager to have the Kansas City Star delivered at their homes. We are doing our best to get a steady and reliable boy, but have thus far failed. If all who would like to have the paper delivered will call up this office it may be possible to make arrangements to favor them. We will at least try.

The Christmas Story

Luke 2 1-21.

Now it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled.

2. This was the first enrollment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

3. And all went to enroll themselves, every one to his own city.

4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David;

5. To enroll himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child.

6. And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered.

7. And she brought forth her first-born son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8. And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field and keeping watch by night over their flock.

9. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people:

11. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

12. And this is the sign unto you: You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

15. And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16. And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

17. And when they saw it they made known concerning the saying which was spoken to them about this child.

18. And all that heard it wondered at the things which were spoken unto them by the shepherds.

19. But Mary kept all these saying pondering them in her heart.

20. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken unto them.

Children's Christmas Dinner.

The committee in charge of the Children's Christmas dinner to be given at the National on Christmas day informs us that the people have been most liberal with their donations. Not one person has been solicited yet there is an abundance on hand. There is a little shortage in milk and perhaps in candy for the after dinner treat. If you have not yet contributed perhaps you can help a little along this line. Over sixty tickets have been given out to the little folks.

Business Changes.

Last Friday a deal was closed for the sale of Dr. W. H. Kerr's drug store to the Harlan Bros. of Beatrice. The gentlemen took possession at once. They are drug men of years of experience and are estimable business men. We are glad to welcome them to our city and hope their business here will be a prosperous one and that their life among us may be happy and congenial. Falls City is a hospitable little city and her people are always glad to welcome desirable new citizens.

Dr. Kerr Retires.

By the sale of the drug store last week Dr. Kerr is permitted to retire from active business. His serious illness of the past two months unfits him for cares of the store. For over twenty-five years the doctor has been a practicing physician in our city and for about six years has conducted the drug store. It will be considerable time yet before he will be able to give any attention to his practice and in the meantime the store must be looked after by strangers hence the desire to sell. His many friends are glad to hear he is on the way to recovery but will be sorry to know he is withdrawing from the active business life of Falls City.

Shilling.

Peter Shilling died at the home of Henry Rlenke Saturday morning, Dec. 17, 1910 at eight o'clock death being due to paralysis. The funeral was held Monday, December 19, at nine o'clock a. m. and the interment was made in the Catholic cemetery at Barada.

The deceased was born at Wertenburg, October 28, 1835 and came to America when sixteen years of age. He married Miss Kate Sanford in Falls City. She died about ten years ago. He leaves to mourn him a son and daughter living in St. Joe, an invalid sister and a host of friends and neighbors.

RECEIVES APPOINTMENT

ADMIRAL'S CLERK TO SERVE CHIEF HASKELL

J. Thurston McCoy of Falls City Was Appointed Secretary to St. Joe Chief of Police

J. T. McCoy, who was secretary to Rear Admiral Wainwright of the United States navy, and who was given an honorable discharge several weeks ago, will be appointed secretary to Chief Haskell of the police force by the police commissioners at their meeting today to succeed Roy B. Morgan, who has resigned to enter business in Oklahoma.

While in the navy, McCoy was stenographer at a number of court martial trials. He made the trip around the world with the fleet, visiting practically every civilized country. Before joining the navy McCoy lived in St. Joseph and Falls City, Saturday, St. Joseph Gazette.

Insurance Adjusted.

The insurance on Samuel Wahl's stock of goods which was carried in the Hartford Insurance Co., has been adjusted through their agent here, W. H. Maddox. A little over \$12,000 was carried and \$8,000 damage was allowed. This is considered a splendid settlement.

Basket Ball.

Our boys High School basket ball team met the Hiawatha Academy team, in the Jenne opera house last Friday night and did everlastingly wallop them. The visitors outclassed our boys in size and we expected something better. But when it comes to ability the Orange and Black team is there. Their team work was fine and only consideration for the visitors kept them from running up a better score in the last half. The score was 67 to 20.

TWO HOUSES BURNED DOWN

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED OUT THREE TIMES MONDAY

The Firemen Worked Hard But Could Not Save The Buildings

The house on the Morgan property in the northeast part of town and occupied by Albert Werner was burned to the ground Monday. Fire was discovered a little before noon and is supposed to have originated in a faulty flue. All the household goods were saved and much of the contents of the cellar. The house which was a one story, four room was totally destroyed although we understand it was insured.

Mr. Werner moved at once into the Litzke house just north of Ward Knight.

About one o'clock Monday night the Ellen Moran house, one block south of the Central school was discovered on fire. It was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Will Patterson who recently moved here from Salem and the latter was in Salem visiting at the time of the fire. Most of the household goods were saved but the house is practically in ruins. Both the house and its contents were insured.

Run-away—Two of 'Em.

V. G. Lyford's delivery horse took fright Monday morning and took a little spin down Stone Street to warm himself up. He was stopped near the Christian Church and little damage was done. His speed, however, set the pace for Neal Thornton's delivery horse which followed suit but came to grief in the first block. Somebody trying to stop him turned him toward the little building south of the city hotel. He fell just north of the building and was quite badly cut but not seriously so. The delivery cart was pretty well broken up.

Smith.

The Latham Mirror contains the following sad news: "Last Sunday morning the friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith, who live three miles north of Latham, Kansas, were shocked to learn that their six year old son, Marion Harlan, had died of that dread disease of membranous croup. Little Marion was born at Barada in 1904. He leaves a father, mother two sisters and four brothers to mourn his loss." The friends at Barada extend sympathy.

W. C. T. U.

7960b Sec. 245r 2 (Cigaretts Material Prohibited) That it shall be unlawful on and after the date this act shall go into effect, to manufacture, sell, give away, or willing allow to be taken, any cigarette or the material for their composition known as cigarette paper within the state of Nebraska. (1915, H. R. 72).

A Miserable Scoundrel.

A masked man entered the home of Mrs. Harshberger in Humboldt one night last week and demanded money from the frightened lady who assured him there was none in the house, whereupon he beat her up badly trying to force her to tell where money was kept. Leaving her in a semi-unconscious condition he ransacked all the drawers of machine, dressers and tables but found nothing and left. As soon as Mrs. Harshberger could control herself she summoned help and her sons were sent for but no trace of the scoundrel could be found. Such a beast should be given tar and feathers if ever found out.

He who makes play of work never tires; he who plays when at work loses his job.