

## THE WEEK'S SOCIAL EVENTS

### AS TWO TOLD TO OUR SOCIETY EDITOR

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

Miss Nell Cain entertained Kaffee Klatch, Tuesday afternoon of this week. Several invited guests were present besides a large attendance of club members. Musical numbers were contributed by several ladies present. Needle work occupied the time of the ladies while in social session. Splendid refreshments were served at five o'clock, Miss Snider assisting Miss Cain. Among the guests of the club were Mrs. Von Aven, of Spokane, Wash., Miss Stites, of St. Louis, Miss Kachelrise, Alma, Mrs. Robert Neitzel Mrs. Will Croog and Miss Holland.

#### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The D. of I. held a very pleasant session in the K. of P. hall last Friday evening. It was installation night. After the business had been disposed of the time was given to sociability. At eleven a fine supper was served. Father Loughran of Dawson was present and installed the following officers:

Grand Regent—Mrs. W. T. Fenton  
Vice Grand Regent—Mrs. E. E. Marr  
Financial Sec'y—Miss Clara Gagnon  
Monitor—Miss Lottie Putnam  
Treasurer—Mrs. Clem Firebaugh  
Organist—Miss Nellie Coup  
Historian—Mrs. L. P. Wirth

#### W. R. C. INSTALLATION

The ladies of the W. R. C. were in session in the G. A. R. hall Tuesday, installation of officers being the order of the day. There was a large attendance and all enjoyed the session. At six o'clock the husbands arrived and a splendid supper was served. The evening was very pleasantly spent socially. Conrad Beauchamp gave a very pleasing talk on his 157 days in Andersonville prison. He is a fluent speaker and his descriptions were very vivid. This was one of the happiest sessions the W. R. C. has held for some time.

Among the most pleasant social events of the week was the Kinsing given Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Burton Reavis and Mrs. Wm. Uhlig at the Reavis home, which is the first of a series to be given by these ladies. Fully forty-five ladies were present and the dainty needlework was in evidence, most of the afternoon was spent with entertaining guessing games. The ladies enjoyed the games and passed the time most pleasantly. Delicious refreshments were served in two courses at five o'clock. The Misses Grace and Ruth Reavis, and Annie Margaret and Elizabeth Gist assisting the ladies in serving.

Miss Alice Turner entertained a number of little friends on Tuesday evening the occasion being her eleventh birthday anniversary. All sorts of interesting games were played with hearty enjoyment by the little folks. Excellent refreshments, which were prepared with special thought for the likes and delights of children were served. Many pretty gifts were bestowed upon the hostess, and many hearty wishes for happy returns of the day.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbors for their kind assistance and expressions of sympathy extended us in the late bereavement and burial of our husband, brother, and uncle, Wilson H. Schock. We also wish to thank those who contributed the many beautiful floral tributes.

Mrs. W. H. Schock and relatives.

## WALTER WISDOM ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Sheriff Fenton was notified about 2:30 a. m., Wednesday that the wife and friends of Walter Wisdom believed he had been murdered as he was missing and there was blood in the kitchen. The sheriff left immediately and upon arriving at the Wisdom home a few miles south-west of Salem found the facts to be as follows. Mrs. Wisdom had retired early leaving her husband sitting by the table. About 2 o'clock in the morning she awoke and found that Mr. Wisdom had not gone to bed. She went to look for him and found a pool of blood in the kitchen. She called for help and when neighbors arrived, believing that the man had been foully dealt with, they at once called the sheriff. In the mean time the bloody trail was followed and Wisdom was found in a straw stack, his throat cut almost from ear to ear. He still held the razor in his hand. The jugular vein was partly severed. By the time the sheriff arrived doctors had been summoned. The ugly wound was dressed and the prospects are favorable for his recovery. It is believed that he went to the straw stack to complete the job begun at the house, but was too weak from loss of blood. No cause is advanced for the rash act unless it should have been worry over the difficulties of his brother Ed.

#### A GREAT LECTURER

Gen. Z. T. Sweeney is regarded as one of the greatest lecturers on the American platform today. He will give the fourth number of the School Entertainment Course at the Presbyterian church, Wednesday evening, February 1st. Gen. Sweeney has had a wide experience. He has held a number of prominent places in civic, religious and literary life of the country. He is a member of Victoria Institute, London; Institute of Christian Philosophy, New York, and the National Geographical Society, Washington, D. C. He has been President Indians Christian Sunday School Association, Chancellor Butler University, was Consul General to Turkey, Imperial Ottoman Commissioner to World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, and member of Advisory Committee of the World's Congress of Religions. He is the author of a book of travels, "Under Ten Flags," which has had a large sale.

Mr. Sweeney's lecture the "Golden Age," is one of the great masterpieces. In a thousand places it has moved and charmed great audiences. Sam Jones said of him, "He is a charming orator, with fresh, vigorous thought, and with the flashlight of illustration always ready. His logic, his rhetoric, his humor, his pathos, all combine to make him one of the best lecturers that it has ever been my good fortune to hear."

He will be at the Presbyterian church, Wednesday evening, February 1st. The fourth number School Entertainment Course. Children 15c. and 25c., adults 35c.

#### FIRE-MEN'S SMOKER

The fire men held a business meeting followed by a smoker in the Council Chamber, Monday evening. There was a good attendance. Fire Chief John Mosiman was elected president. He at once made the necessary appointments. A committee was named to confer with the council with reference to making some better provision for pulling the carts to fires, and also to provide rooms in the City Hall where two firemen could sleep and always be on hand for immediate action in the event of fire. There are now twenty-five firemen and it is hoped to increase the number to forty. This will make it possible to operate from two separate companies. Any wishing to join should apply to Chief Mosiman.

## BANQUET WAS A SUCCESS

### TWO HUNDRED ENJOY BUSINESS MEN'S HOSPITALITY

#### Cordial Welcome to the New Railroad People

That the banquet tendered the new railroad people by the business men of Falls City last Saturday night was a success, is the unanimous opinion of those who were present. The only unfortunate feature of the evening was the lack of room to properly entertain so many. As it is apt to happen, some of the visitors were left back for the second table a fact greatly regretted by all.

The gentlemen began to arrive at the New National by eight o'clock. There was an air of good fellowship and of good feeling that could not help impressing upon the stranger the fact that the citizens of the town in which he recently cast his lot were glad to make him one of their number. At 9:30 p. m. the large dining room was thrown open and with the assistance of H. C. Marion and G. J. Whitaker, the guests were seated. The room was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, ferns, and potted plants being used in abundance. The effect was all that could be desired from the point of beauty and good taste.

The ladies of the Christian church had been secured to do the serving. A splendid dinner was served in six courses. Mayor W. H. Keeling as toastmaster introduced the first speaker of the evening, Senator J. H. Morehead, as the next Governor of Nebraska, who was very much surprised at being called on for the address of welcome. Senator Morehead quickly regained his composure and in an easy manner bid the strangers a hearty welcome in behalf of the people.

Speeches followed by A. J. Weaver, C. F. Reavis and W. S. Leyda. In the absence of Supt. Wilson, Dispatcher R. H. Jones responded in behalf of the railroad men.

The spirit of good will and enjoyment prevailed throughout the evening. Among the railroad men present were the following:

#### Conductors.

George Rothrocks,  
C. C. Adams,  
W. I. Gale,  
J. L. Carson,  
G. H. Mellanger,  
John Gage,  
Harry Lovelace,  
F. W. Miller,  
J. H. McCarthy,  
W. W. Webster.

#### Engineers.

John Buford,  
Don Miller,  
O. N. Lindley,  
W. Nissen,  
G. P. Eckhart,  
C. Campbell,  
R. B. Becker,  
Joe Brummington,  
J. F. Hasel,  
W. O. Hanson,  
O. Wallard,  
W. F. Percy,  
W. S. Bernard,  
Julius Quiet,

#### Firemen.

R. B. Ward,  
H. M. Stiles,  
Howard Maze,  
E. C. Engles,  
Sidney Lapp,  
H. S. Fish,  
S. L. Brown,  
T. F. Schrader,  
A. L. Somey,  
Joe Williams,  
W. M. Eastrich,  
A. Nissen,  
S. P. Nelson.

#### Brakemen.

C. B. Goodwin,  
J. Plumb,  
G. L. Peckin,  
G. Page,

F. Vogt.

J. Brown,

Frank Spaulding.

Among the others present were: Lee Stuart, operator; J. W. Cooney, express messenger of the Burlington; J. L. Wilson, secretary of Supt.; I. McDowell, plumber; J. R. Gorell, ironworker; G. G. Shumway, chief clerk to F. M.; V. L. Duff, engineer at coal station; E. J. Moeser, chief dispatcher north division; W. B. Davis, machinist; A. R. Heiderman, clerk to Supt.; A. W. Painter, assistant hoisting engineer; Joe Lissel, dispatcher; N. L. Wilson, clerk to Supt.; F. Pearson, foreman of round house; S. J. Atwood, coal station; E. F. Barnes, engineer and time keeper; Ben Hinton, store keeper; R. W. Bostwick, supply department; Ed McHugh, telegraph department; E. J. Poulson, electrical department; F. H. Lively, fire builder; H. O. Moore, account Supt.; D. W. Roberts, chief clerk to E. C. Ricket; P. O. Gushard and A. Panton, freight department; A. A. Walker, and H. Miller, machine department; L. T. Smith, operator; C. A. Poland, W. B. Wood, Supt. bridge and buildings; L. B. Lane, Dispatcher; W. D. Kellesting, machinist; C. A. Forbes, manager telegraph; C. E. Demifer, machinist; T. Van Camp, concrete and bridge; T. F. Laird, dispatcher; H. B. Harmon, telegraph; T. J. Doman, J. R. Walters, operator; Ross Souffers, E. E. Marr, local agt; L. Wolfe, civil engineer, O. W. Campbell, stenographer; R. L. Wilson, dispatcher; T. A. Smith, carpenter; R. Jones, chief dispatcher; H. M. Alexander, train master; W. C. Reid, foreman of master mechanics; L. H. Dilly, trainmaster.

#### ROBBERY AT RESERVE

The sheriff and city officials received word early Wednesday morning of a triple robbery at Reserve, Tuesday night. A store and two houses were burglarized. The officers proceeded to the yards to investigate and search boxcars, but found nothing. The Beatrice blood hounds were sent for and put on the trail Wednesday evening. The sheriff accompanied the party in the cross country drive to Reserve. He said on his return that the dogs took the scent fine from the residences and from the store, but each time they stopped at a culvert on the railroad track north of town. Here evidently the thieves either took a hand car or climbed onto a passing freight. The dogs could go no further and were brought to Falls City, and returned to Beatrice that night. There is no further trace of the robbers.

#### RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF WILSON H. SCHOCK

A meeting Friday evening of the Odd Fellows Lodge the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, in the death of brother Wilson H. Schock, Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 36, I. O. O. F. has lost a worthy brother, therefore be it resolved:

That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife in her deep sorrow trusting that he loving Father may sustain her in her hour of bereavement.

That the Charter of this Lodge be draped for thirty days in remembrance of our deceased brother.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the wife of our deceased brother, to the city papers, and be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge in loving remembrance of a faithful brother Odd Fellow.

Frank E. Day

Vet Simanton

Aaron W. Loucks, Com.

#### W. C. T. U.

The temperance pledge will be a jewel in your nature, and a talisman against temptation when social custom would lead you astray.—Geo. W. Bain.

#### TAKEN BACK TO ROCKPORT

Sheriff Fenton picked up a bad man from Missouri, last Tuesday, by the name of Herbert Robinson, who was wanted in Rockport for stealing a diamond ring valued at \$725 from a lady there. Deputy sheriff Andrews came, Wednesday for Robinson and took him back to answer to the charge of grand larceny.

#### LIVELY CHANGES IN BUSINESS.

Two important changes were made in the business circles of this city on Tuesday and others of importance are likely to follow in the near future.

L. P. Wirth sold his hardware store to Jacob Bloom and Howard Long. Mr. Wirth has been in the hardware business in this city since the spring of 1892 when, with Will Winterbottom, bought the Maddox hardware store. Later Mr. Winterbottom disposed of his interest to his brother, Thomas, who sold to Mr. Wirth and for over a year he has been sole proprietor. During his years in business here he has built up a fine and prosperous business and an enviable reputation as a business man. His firm have enjoyed a large share of the trade in this vicinity and we can wish the new firm of Bloom & Long nothing better than that they may be as prosperous and well esteemed in business circles as their predecessor. We are glad to welcome these gentlemen, both well known in this vicinity, into the active business life of our town and wish them every success.

On Tuesday, also, Peter Frederick, Jr., bought the Grusk & Stetzer garage. He will consolidate his own and the garage just purchased, conducting the business at the Grush-Stetzer plant, where special attention will be given electrical work of all kinds as well as repairing and storing of automobiles.

#### TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Last Friday and Saturday, county Supt. Oliver held the regular teachers' examination and the attendance was unusually good, teachers from almost all towns in the county being present. Among them were:

Ruth Jones, Salem  
Ethel M. Slater, Salem  
Ethel Crook, Salem  
Ruth Argabright, Stella.  
Emma Marie Mathill, Rulo.  
Priscilla Woodring, Falls City  
Beulah Spickler, Shubert  
Jennie Brown, Shubert  
Nellie Harmon, Shubert  
Church H. Smiley, Shubert  
Carrie M. Bricker, Shubert  
Fay DeWald, Falls City  
Francis Knisely, Falls City  
J. G. Feicht, Falls City  
Maude Woy, Falls City  
M. W. Blough, Falls City  
C. Anna Norris, Dawson  
Bertha Trefges, Falls City  
Laura Trefges, Falls City  
Fredia, Fehr, Falls City

#### ELK'S INITIATION

Next Friday night will be a gala night for the Elks in their new club rooms. Initiation is the order of the evening and a very large class is in waiting. Many are from the surrounding towns, including some from Tecumseh. A smoker and banquet will follow.

#### GEORGE GRINSTEAD HURT

Uncle George Grinstead fell from a step-ladder at his home Monday morning and sustained a badly sprained ankle and back. He had scarcely regained his strength from a recent attack of the grippe and this will likely lay him up for some time.

## RESTERER'S HOUSE ROBBED

### RANSACKED BY THIEVES WHILE OWNERS WERE OUT.

#### Burglary Committed Early in The Evening.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Resterer was entered by thieves early Monday evening and was completely ransacked. All of Pete's good clothes were taken, in fact he says he did not know he had so many or he would not have left them for an unwelcome visitor to appreciate. Mr. and Mrs. Resterer spent the early part of the evening at a meeting in the Christian church and with Mrs. Sowles. A little before ten they returned home and found the side door unlocked which surprised them and entering their home found other unusual things, but a few steps farther told the tale. The sideboard drawers were open and looking into a bedroom they saw the contents of two trunks thrown helter skelter upon the bed. All dresses drawers had been ransacked. Everything in sight by way of jewelry was taken, a solid gold watch chain in a dresser drawer was overlooked and a watch and silver dollar on the side board was overlooked for five pennies in a cup. The night watch was notified but no traces could be found and up to this writing there is no clue to the identity of the thieves though the officers believe it the work of local crooks. We feel sorry for Mr. Resterer as the following list of articles taken shows him rather shy on clothes:

1 overcoat,  
2 black suits,  
1 pr. grey pants,  
1 tan vest,  
1 brown hat,  
2 pr. gold cuff links,  
1 pr. gold cuff buttons,  
1 gold bracelet,  
1 belt buckle,  
1 garnet pin,  
1 solid gold pin,  
8 stick pins,  
Silver comb and brush,  
1 white shirt waist,  
2 pr. shoes and, 1 pr. rubbers.

#### PHONE CO. ELECTS OFFICERS.

The stockholders of the Southeast Nebraska Telephone Co. met in the office of the County Judge last Thursday for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and planning improvements for the system.

The officers elected are as follows: W. S. Korner, president; J. S. Frederick, vice-president; E. H. Towle, secretary; J. H. Miles, treasurer. Directors: W. S. Korner, E. H. Towle, G. W. Duerfeldt, J. S. Frederick, A. J. Weaver, A. E. Gant and J. H. Miles.

During the past year the office at Salem has been entirely rebuilt and only last week the company moved into their fine new quarters. This is a very complete and up-to-date office. Many improvements are to be made by the company. A new switch board will be put in at Barada and other improvements will be made in the Barada line. The lines are being extended all through the country to give better rural connections and to provide more conveniences for subscribers. There is strong talk of a new building and as soon as a suitable location can be secured a modern and thoroughly up-to-date telephone building will be erected. Many things that prevent the company from giving perfect service at the present time will be done away with or improved in the new building.

This will be both a credit to the city and an improvement the subscribers will welcome.

To possess information is a desirable thing. Even a fence should be well posted.