

TRIBUTES OF FRIENDS

Elks Conduct the Funeral Exercises of the Late Frank Mayo.

ROLAND REED DELIVERS AN ADDRESS

Speaks Feelingly of the High Ideals and Pure Character of the Deceased—Many and Beautiful Floral Offerings.

Memorial services over the remains of the late Frank Mayo were held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the lodge rooms of the Society of Elks in the Ware block.

The ritual of the society was followed throughout, Exalted Ruler W. B. Taylor presiding. Rev. T. J. Mackay, rector of All Saints' church, prelate of the lodge, acted as chaplain.

Mr. Reed then read the following letter that he had written to the lodge to be read at its meeting on Friday evening.

"On this occasion, when we are expressing your love and appreciation of our dear departed brother, Frank Mayo, I feel incumbent upon me, as a personal friend of many years' standing and as a brother of the late departed, to express to you the great qualities which were embodied in his noble nature."

"Here was a man, who, in his younger years, made such an impression upon me that I should never forget him. His great saying in his noble creation of Davy Crockett: 'Be sure you're right, then go ahead,' has been exemplified in his noble nature."

"I am passed away, the recollections, the impressions that he has brought to bear upon his friends and his art will last as a living monument to his noble nature."

"As he cannot speak now, so I speak for him, and tell you, dear brothers, that the hearts that have come out to him from the Omaha lodge of Elks I so thoroughly appreciate that words are inadequate to express my affection for the noble qualities of the greatest order that lives on God's green footstool—the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks."

Messrs. Joseph Harland, Alexander Cameron, Charles Kent and John Davis, all of the Primrose & West company, sang very sweetly an appropriate song written by himself, entitled 'Auld Lang Syne,' in an affecting manner. The floral offerings were elaborate and beautiful.

At the conclusion of the services the remains were escorted to the Union depot by the Elks. The pall bearers were: Frank Alken, Emmett King, William S. Gill, Frank Campau, Adolph Klauer and John P. Tucker, all members of the Mayo company.

The inquest over the body of Frank Mayo occurred yesterday morning in the rooms of the Elks, under the direction of Coroner Burkett, who had been requested to be present.

Dr. E. W. Lee was the first witness called. He had held an autopsy over the body of the dead actor after his arrival in the city, and from his examination found that death had been caused by an abnormal fatty growth of the body.

Mr. Mayo had the appearance of a man in the best of muscular and physical condition. W. J. Block, the theatrical manager of the Mayo company, had last seen the dead man alive about 11 o'clock Sunday night, when he appeared to be unusually cheerful.

Block entered the apartment about 10 o'clock, which was at that time occupied by a couple of other members of the company, and first learned from them that Mayo had not retired to a berth, but had spent the night in the smoking apartment, sleeping on one of the cushioned seats.

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EDUCATION DOES WONDERS

Closing Exercises for the Nebraska Institute for the Deaf.

TWO FINISH THE PRESCRIBED COURSE

Exhibition of the Work Accomplished in All the Grades of the School—Two Very Clever Pantomimes Given.

Yesterday afternoon occurred the commencement exercises at the Nebraska Institute for the Deaf. Fully 500 visitors received the cordial greeting of Mrs. Gillespie at the entrance before the exercises were given.

The program, which was very interesting in every point, was made up of regular school and general exercise, as well as the graduation of the two young women who were given the prescribed course.

Miss Nellie Burrows of Ord gave the first literary number of the program, subject, 'Study of Nature.' Her first sentence, 'Nature is the system of laws established by the Creator which secures the existence of things and the succession of beings'—was an adequate introduction for the theme.

The first grade, consisting of Eugene Hoegel of Omaha, Pauline Hanel of Ashland, Hattie Hauman of Concord, Eddie Gillson of Plattsmouth, Willie Stiekler of Lincoln, John Wright of Madrid, Clarence Pratt of Lincoln, Theodore Keiler of Madison, Cora Pellard of Lincoln and Lora Mean of Scribner, came upon the stage and recited the results of their school work on the part of their teachers. They could understand spoken language well, being able to obey commands and follow directions with surprising ease and rapidity, and speak distinctly and in some cases in tones well modulated.

This work, which was conducted by Mrs. Taylor, the efficient primary teacher of the institution, gave a clear idea of how this remarkable work, requiring such ceaseless patience and effort, is wrought. Little Cora and Willie, who are but 3 years old and is so sweet and winsome no one would dream of her deficiency. She gave evidence of having been well started upon the prescribed course, and speak without the aid of sound perception.

Miss Hattie McChene then came before the audience with Bessie Speaker of Omaha, Al Chase of Elkhorn, George Thompson of Cedar Bluff, Bertha Allen of Lincoln, A. L. Strain of Valley, Julia Stearns of Lincoln, Sarah Stroh of Lincoln, Clare Jensen of Marquette, Daisy Combs of Omaha and Lucy Foy of Fairmont, third grade pupils, showed their knowledge of geography by drawing and describing Nebraska.

ENJOYABLE DIVERSIONS. Two pantomimes proved enjoyable diversions in the program. The first, 'A Fishing Scene,' by Mrs. E. H. Stearns, was well done. The perfect play of expression in the young comedians' face was its crowning excellence.

The other pantomime was a Hunting Scene,' by Martin Kennealey. The young man carried his audience entire while he loaded his old-fashioned gun, bagged his prey, found a nest of birds' nest and while well laden with spoil disturbed a swarm of bees.

The boys and girls in the drill kept good time and did well in blackboard and sketches under the magic touch of Otis Crawford, Bertha Bowen, Lloyd Blankenship and Martin Kennealey.

The valedictory was given by Miss Cora Reed of Fairbury. Her essay, 'Preparation for Life,' was full of clear, sensible ideas. After speaking of many ways in which they had learned to do for themselves in this, their alma mater, she said: 'We cannot get anything for ourselves without work. The world does not owe us a living, and we must go to it for it to do so we must give something more to the world than get out of it, something to make the world better, brighter and a pleasanter place in which to live. We will add to the sum total of human advancement.'

PRESENTING DIPLOMAS. Prof. Gillespie presented the diplomas to these two fair and interesting young women, making his farewell speech in the beautiful expressive sign language, amidst a silence so great that the hearing ears were almost pained.

The hearing numbers were furnished to the musical audience by Miss Rene Hamilton, and to the mute audience by choral work with the sign of gesture. This school throughout is one of the most interesting educational institutions in the reach of the people of Omaha. Its work is conducted upon two distinct plans. There is the manual department, whose work goes on by means of a sign system, which is by means of the sign of gesture.

Messrs. T. T. Moseley and R. E. Stewart and Misses O. W. Crawford and Ella M. Ruid are the teachers. Their work is oral and aural department, whose teachers are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Taylor and the Misses McChene, Reigner and Connett. Here the pupils are taught to read lips and to understand the sign of gesture, and to express thought by oral language. But this is not all. In many children considered deaf some slight sense exists. Here this matter is carefully tested, and if any symptoms of sound perceptions is discovered it is carefully guarded and developed.

Mr. Gillespie is the pioneer in this line of work with the deaf, and feels gratified to know that it is making its way in all up-to-date institutions. By following out this of young girls whose hearing is deficient that he may not get his schooling with hearing children, is saved from being merged at once with the totally deaf, and is able to attend to his studies as in any other matters, it is not the black or white, but the gray, which requires the careful handling. By this method, to which Mr. Gillespie has lent his life work, he believes he most nearly obliterates the difference between the deaf and the hearing, prevents them from feeling and being classed apart; in short, does what all valuable methods of education seek to do—puts its pupil in touch with the largest circle of the world's thinking people.

Summer Excursions to Colorado. The 'Rock Island Route' has now on sale tourist tickets at greatly reduced rates to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo. Return on the only line running its own trains without change from Omaha to all the above points. For full information call at Rock Island ticket office, 1622 Farnam street.

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Best quality heavy matting, 18c worth 25c. Machine thread, 15c spool. Linen thread, 10c spool. Best quality heavy matting, 18c worth 25c. Machine thread, 15c spool. Linen thread, 10c spool.

Where Are You Going? Never before has such an excellent opportunity been given for making a trip to the main points of interest in the west, reached via the Union Pacific O.M.V.A.

Home-seekers' Excursions, June 9 and 23. Rates, one fare for the round trip, plus \$2. Junior Order United American Mechanics, Denver, Colo., June 20-21. Rate, one fare for the round trip, plus \$2.

National Electric Medical Association, Portland, Ore., June 16-18. Rate from Nebraska or Kansas, \$2 for the round trip. American Society Civil Engineers, San Francisco, Cal., June 30. Rate, \$30 for the round trip from Missouri river and west.

Fire Insurers' Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 10-14. Rate, one fare for the round trip, plus \$2. Summer tours to Denver, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo, May 15 to September 30. Special reduced rates from Kansas and Nebraska.

Special Reduced Rates to Buffalo and Return. Via the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and the Erie Railroad. Extreme return limit September 1. Stop at Chautauque on return trip if desired. A splendid opportunity to visit Niagara Falls. Circular giving full particulars will be sent on application to B. P. Humphrey, T. P. A., Kansas City, Mo., or C. K. Wilber, A. G. R. A., Chicago.

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD. OMAHA-ST. LOUIS. Only line without change of cars. Leave Webster street depot 3:45 p. m. Arrive at St. Louis union station 7:20 a. m. CITY OFFICES. N. E. Corner Thirtieth and Farnam Sts.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES. William Dillon, the saloon keeper, has time after time been blackballed and kicked open after the midnight hour. A complaint has been issued against Charles W. King charging him with stealing a bicycle belonging to Andrew L. Underland.

Millie Emkite, a girl 16 years of age, was arrested yesterday morning on the complaint of the parents. She is charged with seducing a young man from home. The family lives at Fourth and Walnut streets.

A room worker touched a number of the guests at the Merchants hotel Monday night, setting away with a large sum of money. The manager for the Roland Reed company was a victim to the tune of \$150.

The Omaha Women's Christian Temperance union will hold its annual convention at the Commercial club rooms this afternoon. The business in hand being, as it is, matters which will be of interest to every member is particularly desired.

D. H. Wheeler, Jr., received notice a few days ago of his election as a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society of the University of Nebraska. Mr. Wheeler is the class of '83. Among the other members of the same class were G. G. Hitchcock, Edson Rich and Matt Zuckert of 816 North Sixteenth street was tried yesterday morning in police court on the charge of keeping a vicious dog, but the case was dismissed on his promise to kill the dog. The animal is said to have bitten a child living in the neighborhood of Zuckert.

President Oxnard of the Norfolk Beet Sugar company has returned to the city yesterday morning. He is feeling very jubilant over the recent decision of the United States supreme court in favor of the claimants of sugar bounty. Mr. Wheeler was present at the decision was announced.

The city hall was closed at noon yesterday in deference to the opening of the races, and quite a number of officials were in attendance at the fair grounds. A party headed by City Clerk Higby and Comptroller Westberg went over to Manawa, where they spent the afternoon. Carl A. Swenson, one of the representatives to the Swedish Lutheran synod, which is meeting in the city at the present time, is a delegate to the republican national convention from Kansas. He is a resident of Lincoln, Kan., and is president of Bethany college, which is located there.

In the United States court yesterday morning Benjamin Ackerman was fined \$25 and given twenty-five days in jail for sending unmailable letters. Henry L. Givens got \$30 and costs and five days for cutting Uncle Sam's freeword from the Sioux reservation. John Crowell was arraigned for selling whisky to the Indians, pleaded not guilty, and was remanded for trial.

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OMAHA'S CHANCES ARE GOOD

Traveling Men Very Likely to Visit Us in Exposition Year.

INVITATION FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED

Several State Delegations Pledge Themselves to Vote for Omaha in the Next Year's Session, Which is Held in Nashville.

Secretary O. C. Holmes of the Manufacturers' and Consumers' association has returned from Terre Haute, where he went to present the resolutions of Omaha for the convention of the Travelers' Protective association in 1898. He appeared before the national convention of the association and feels confident that a reasonable amount of work next year will result in securing the convention to this city for the year of the Transmississippi exposition.

To a Bee reporter yesterday morning Mr. Holmes stated that the first thing he did after arriving at Terre Haute was to interview all the delegates he could, and on their breasts pin satin badges of white and blue, the colors of the association, bearing the inscription, 'Omaha Convention, 1898.'

Besides getting a large number of the delegates to wear these badges, he induced many of the female visitors to do likewise. He also distributed several hundred copies of the last issue of the Omaha Trade Exhibit, containing pictures of Omaha's prominent buildings and reading matter descriptive of the city.

During the two days he was in the city Mr. Holmes talked with a large proportion of the delegates. He found many who were in favor of coming to this city, because they had never had an opportunity of seeing the western country. Those who had been here were in favor of locating the 1898 convention here, and all were pleased with the prospect of being in Omaha at the time of the great exposition.

There is a provision in the constitution of the association which prevents any delegate action this year concerning the location of the 1898 convention. When the roll call of states for the location of the 1897 convention came along, however, Mr. Holmes stated that Omaha would claim for the convention in favor of Nashville, with the expectation that the convention of next year would locate the 1898 meeting at Omaha. After the announcement of the vote, which was in favor of Nashville, National President John A. Lee called on Mr. Holmes for a brief speech. The latter presented letters of invitation from the Commercial club and Mayor Broach and said, among other things, that no city in the country could offer the same inducements as Omaha for the 1898 convention.

When he had finished, Delegate Randall of New York moved to refer the invitation of Omaha for the 1898 convention to the meeting of next year, with favorable recommendation. This motion was carried with a shout. Mr. Holmes states that he has pledges of support from the following state delegations: New York, Illinois, Missouri, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Oregon, Washington, Iowa, Colorado, Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Texas, Florida, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Arkansas.

The convention was composed not only of traveling men, but also of jobbers and manufacturers. The association has a membership of 12,000 and its membership roll is increasing. There were present at the Terre Haute convention 200 accredited delegates and 500 visitors. It was the smallest convention held in the last five years. This fact is due to no lack of interest, but to the refusal of the railroads to grant the same rates that have heretofore prevailed. It is estimated that at least 2,000 will attend the convention of 1898.

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