

RECEPTION TO OLD-TIMERS

Omaha Club to Be Taken by Old Settlers New Year's Afternoon.

PIONEERS TO HAVE POSSESSION 3 TO 6

Managers of First Event of Its Kind in History of the Club Are Looking for Big Crowd of Old-Timers and Descendants.

For the first time in its history the doors of the Omaha club will be thrown open on New Year's day to what will be one of the most interesting gatherings ever held in the city or in the state. From 3 to 6 o'clock on Monday a reception will be given by the club to the old settlers of Omaha and Douglas county and their descendants. It is expected that more people than would constitute a full regiment of troops will pass through the club rooms during the three hours.

No speeches will be made and there will not be a banquet. Those things are entirely too formal and consume too much time that can be put in by the guests to better advantage in "just visiting."

Light refreshments will be served, though in the nature of a "smack," as it was called in the good old days. These will be served in the north end of the north dining room on the second floor.

Arrangements for the comfort of the guests, no matter how numerous they may be, have been looked after with great care. Forming part of the general reception committee will be several of the younger element, and their particular duty will be to see that the visitors to the rooms, especially the older ones, have due attention and consideration shown them.

At every stage of their progress after they enter the club rooms the pioneer men and women and their children will be heartily welcomed and made to feel entirely at home and among friends. They will be in the hands of "their own kind of people" in every sense, and their pleasure will be the common aim all along the line.

Acceptance Significant of Success.

From the letters of acceptance received those having the active management of the New Year's reception in charge express an enthusiastic confidence that it will be in many respects a remarkable affair among all the successful functions of the kind standing to the credit of Omaha. People who have been concerned in the earlier welfare and in the active life of Omaha will meet for the first time in many years, and the first time in a quarter of a century.

Major John T. Croft, now 90 years old, will leave his retreat at 1820 Ames avenue, to recall to other old-timers how it took him six weeks to cross the state of Iowa in 1856 on his way to Nebraska. The streams were swollen and the roads were practically nil, the season being at the break-up of winter.

Madam Powell, mother of Clarke Powell and Mrs. Elsie B. Nichols, will attend. She is now 84 years old and has resided here for forty-three years.

Mrs. William Lehman, mother of Joseph Lehman, who has seen the city grow from a mere hamlet, will also be present. Tom Swift will shake hands with old friends and make new ones. He will recall the story of his trip to Omaha from St. Louis in 1856 on the steamship "Keynote," which brought up the iron castings used in the old territorial capitol that was built where the high school building now stands.

Mr. Swift is a Kentuckian of the good old vintage, who was undaunted by the troubles in the seventeen days they spent in getting there from the Missouri metropolis. C. T. Evans of Benson had written to say he will come in to tell how Lorin Miller, father of Dr. George L. Miller, married him in Omaha in 1852. Lorin Miller was then mayor of the town and had the authority to unite folks in holy matrimony.

Uncle Joseph Bedman is coming in from his reservation on the north end of the city to bring with him a crowd of other old settlers.

Piles 14 Years

Terrific Case Cured Painlessly With Only One Treatment of Pyramid Pile Cure.

Free Package in Plain Wrapper Mailed to Everyone Who Writes.

"I have been a terrible sufferer of piles for fourteen (14) years and during all this time you can have an idea of how many kinds of medicine I tried. But I found no relief whatever. I felt there must be something that would cure me without having to undergo an operation which might kill me."

"Now, after trying but one treatment of your 'Pyramids,' I am free, free to tell all sufferers of this dreadful disease, to try this medicine—the Pyramid Pile Cure. It will cure who all others fail. Sincerely yours, George Branch, Schellburg, Mo."

Anyone suffering from the terrible torture, burning and itching of piles, will get instant relief from the treatment we send out free, at our own expense, in plain, sealed packages, to everyone sending name and address.

Surgical operation for piles is suicide, cruel, unnecessary and rarely a permanent success. Here you can get a treatment that is quick, easy to apply and inexpensive and free from the publicity and humiliation you suffer by doctors' examination.

Pyramid Pile Cure is made in the form of "easy to use" suppositories. The coming of a cure is felt the moment you begin to use it, and your suffering ends. Send your name and address at once to Pyramid Drug Co., 3645 Pyram Building, Marshall, Mich., and get by return mail, in plain, sealed wrapper.

Day for Reunions

These former leaders and mothers of the old time Omaha who will be in evidence at the reception. The wealth of reminiscence to be available will be bewildering to the more recent comers. The pleasure to be drawn from a recounting of the happenings and memories of the dear dead days will be a sight to behold. There will be many a loving chapter laid on long forgotten name and fame on Monday afternoon at the Omaha club.

FONTELLES' OPEN HOUSE

Club Holds a Reception that is Numerously Attended and Much Enjoyed.

The Fontelles club braves invited their friends to an open house and smoker at the club rooms Saturday night and about 150 responded to the invitation. Including the club members and candidates. None present would have the temerity to attempt to count the latter, as they were legion and comprised a large part of the gathering, according to a leading brave, who said: "I look as if every other fellow was a candidate."

Councilman candidates were the more numerous and these came from all wards, the Twelfth being especially well represented. For refreshments the club had provided cider, doughnuts and cigars, and these were enjoyed by all. The reception was held in the front room of the club, the dining room being lined up, and each member making himself a committee to see that the newcomers were introduced to the club members and other visitors.

James C. Lindsay, a member of the Board of Education, has announced himself as a candidate for the city council to represent the Twelfth ward.

HOPE BEHIND PRISON BARS

Man with a Pleasant Name Shows Anything But a Pleasant Disposition.

James Hope was captured and taken to the police station after an exciting chase through the streets of the Twelfth and Harney streets Sunday morning. W. H. Pierson, 124 Douglas street, caused the man's arrest, alleging that he was assaulted by the prisoner after refusing to give him money. The patrol wagon was just passing at that moment, and when he saw it Hope started to run. Pierson jumped out of the wagon, and although handicapped by several rods, caught up with the fleeing man after running more than a block. After being locked up on a charge of assault, the fighting spirit was still so strong in him that he attacked Pierson and reported to the police. It was necessary to place the man in another cell before quiet could be restored among the prisoners.

BURGLAR MAKES A GETAWAY

Stands G. F. Weingand Off with Revolver Stolen from Latter's House.

When the family of G. F. Weingand, 2012 Capitol avenue, returned to the house at 9 o'clock Saturday night, Mr. Weingand discovered that the front door had been opened. The intruder led himself out of a window on the second floor to the ground, injuring himself in striking so that he was seen to limp badly and fall several times. Weingand gave chase, but the man held him at bay and told him to go back, saying he had a revolver. The man made his escape, taking with him the revolver and some small trinkets of small value as loot.

ODD FAD OF COLLECTOR

Philadelphia Man Amasses Himself by Running Down Advertising Swindlers.

Advertising fakes are the things that a Philadelphia man collects. He has a more valuable collection than mine in this regard, and I don't doubt if there is one which affords its owner more amusement. My wife says I have thrown away quantities of dimes and quarters on mere foolishness, but when I think of the laurus I have had I consider that the money has been well spent.

He displayed two little blocks of plain, unvarnished pine, upon one of which was pasted a label reading: "Place this block on the ground; put the potato bug upon it; then strike it quickly and firmly with the other block. Repeat the operation once for each potato bug in your fields."

Another quarter, forwarded in answer to an advertisement, was a card which was a paper 'sure way to save your gas bills.' It brought a wire file, such as bills of all sorts are commonly kept upon.

A gem of the collection is an answer received to an advertisement which offered for a quarter to send a sure tip on how to get rich quick. The tip read: "Fish for suckers, as we do."

Similar to this is a card received in return for 25 cents sent to learn "How to make money fast." It read: "Glue it to the wall."

In fulfillment of a promise that for a dime or more he would make a good impression whenever he was to do so, came the instruction, "Sit down real hard in a tub of soft soap."

A little cardboard tray, over the surface of which are pasted diamonds cut from a pack of cards, came in return for 50 cents. The tray was the strength of an advertisement offered to furnish for that sum a tray of Montana diamonds.

"That is the most expensive exhibit but one in my collection," the Philadelphia man explained. "The exception is a rifle which was the first of fake advertisements to take me in."

"I take me by them, working on a farm. I read the advertisement, offering a splendid rifle for only \$5, and instantly sent three of my hard earned, hardly saved store."

"I received this little cardboard tray, with it came a letter. Here is your rifle, Willie. Learn your lesson and don't kick. There's lots more in the same fix; besides, experience is cheap at any price."

"I didn't kick, but I'm afraid I didn't learn my lesson. Possibilities of hidden humor had been revealed which appealed to me. I kept the rifle, and years afterward, when I could see occasional dimes and quarters for amusement, I started my collection."—New York Sun.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Sewer Commission Votes to Accept Stock Yard Company's Offer.

DIFFERENCES OVER DATE OF ELECTION

Charles Carson Probably Fatally Cut by Men Packing House Employees.

The sewer commission, after a heated discussion in the council chamber last night, adopted a resolution in favor of the proposition as offered by the stock yard company. The features of this resolution are as follows:

The committee will recommend to the mass meeting of the South Omaha citizens that they call for a special election to vote for the proposed \$100,000 bond issue. This election to be held on the 15th of January, 1906, and the date of the election will be as early as feasible afterward. If the bonds carry then there is the agreement of the Union Stock Yards company, which includes the following factors:

First—The company agrees to take up \$100,000 of the bond issue within five years. Second—It agrees to contribute to the city the portion of the eight-foot sewer between L and Q streets.

It was further incorporated in the agreement last night that the stock yards company would pay all the interest on the bonds which would naturally be paid by the city. The company also agreed to bear the expense of the special election. It was ordered that the chairman call a mass meeting of the citizens within the next ten days.

When the motion was made by David Anderson to adopt a resolution in favor of the plan proposed by the stock yards company, Mr. Montgomery, who headed the forces in favor of a general election, immediately offered a substitute incorporating this item; but in other ways was exactly of the same purport as the original motion, with the exception that this resolution did not go on record as saying that the proportion of the taxes paid by the stock yards company was fair.

Then the great fight of the evening began. There were speakers all around. The arguments were warm and earnest, but on the whole within the pale of true discussion. Both sides were entirely in earnest.

The main point tried to make was that the date respectively associated would be the proper one to secure the best expression of the people on the bond issue. Each side contended that theirs was the only way to eliminate the element of politics from the question.

Battle of Two Ideas.

Mr. Montgomery advanced the idea that as the bond issue was of so great importance that it would receive more attention at the general election, when every candidate would have a chance to express himself as to his position on the matter, at a time when the people were all interested in the affairs of the city.

On the other hand, Mr. Carson and others said that there never had been an election when a matter of bonds had not been neglected in the eagerness to express a political preference. He said that at a special election there was no other matter to be voted upon except a yes or no on the bond question.

Mr. Kenyon advocated his original proposition for a special election, which would date so that the details of the bond issue could be effected in time to begin work with the opening of spring. He stated that it would require at least six months to complete the system as planned, therefore, part of the work would put off until spring, if the question were put off until spring, it would be following year.

When the question finally came to vote the ballot stood 9 to 7 to defeat Mr. Montgomery's substitute for the original motion. When the vote was taken on the original motion the vote again stood 9 to 7 in favor of a special election and the acceptance of the proposition offered by Mr. Kenyon. This insures a lively time in the approaching mass meeting. There will be a majority and a minority report. To all appearance from the personnel of the two factions there will be the most strenuous fight in the history of the city.

City Council Lets Contracts.

The city council met last night in an adjourned session and passed on the following bids of the yearly requisitions. After the council was called to order in the council chamber they at once adjourned to the city clerk's office to give the sewer commission a chance to hold its session. Lumber and hard coal will be furnished by J. B. Watkins & Co. Soft coal will be furnished, as well as feed and hay, by A. L. Berquist & Co.; sewer pipe, brick, cement and sand by Broadwell, Rich & Co.; drugs will be contracted to C. E. Scarr.

All the former bidders were in on the matter of stationery, and it was found that Oliver, White & Co. were the first bidders. They bid \$131.30. B. Coppenbarger bid \$77.75, while the Howe Printing company bid \$68.15. On a motion by Mr. Queenan the contract was awarded to Oliver, White & Co.

The bids of F. Thomas for the heating and plumbing of the new fire hall was referred to the city attorney. The council then adjourned to meet its regular session next Tuesday. After the adjournment most of the councilmen listened to a lively discussion of the sewer question in the council chamber.

Do Not Want Bonds.

A telegram was received from Hayes & Sons of Cleveland, O., yesterday, directed to the city clerk, in which the company relinquished all claims in the matter of the city hall bonds, they being the original purchasers. They agreed to return the history of the transaction on the receipt of \$9 to pay them for the expense of printing the bonds, which they are insured.

Probably Fatal Affray.

A serious if not fatal affray occurred at L street on the Boulevard last night. A man by the name of Frank Noonan, a butcher, met Charles Carson there, and after a few words the two came to blows. In the course of the fight Carson's throat was cut and a second slash was made in his neck. The man fled, but was captured by the police. The man who was injured is now in the hospital, and it is believed that he will not recover.

Noonan made no effort to get away and was locked up in the city jail at about 6:30. When questioned concerning the affair he said that Carson had been boarding with him and owed him about \$5 or \$6. He asked him for it and then Carson became angry. He further declared that it was Carson who had the knife, and that when he threatened to use it he, Noonan, in guarding himself pushed Carson's arm back over his head. The man hung on to the weapon in such a way that the keen blade slashed him across the throat.

There is a different version of the affair that makes Noonan the aggressor. The police incline to the idea that the quarrel was the result of an old grudge, lasting since the time of the strike last year, when, it is said, Carson would not go out with the rest of the men. After the strike

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END TWO-PLATOON TEST

Chicago Firemen Quit the Game and Return to the Old System.

The two-platoon system was finally eliminated from the Chicago fire department at 6 o'clock Thursday night and the men in the Franklin street engine house were happy. The men themselves petitioned Chief Campion to revert to the old system and Mayor Dunne gave his consent. Thirteen transfers are involved in the ending of the system.

For the last week the system has worked a hardship upon the men, particularly the officers of the two companies, hook and ladder No. 6 and engine No. 40. Before the Shonk fire one lieutenant and two men were sick in bed and, according to the rules formulated for the test, the other men were compelled to do the work of those off duty. This necessitated some of the men remaining on duty twenty-four hours at a time and the officers were compelled to work in eighteen-hour shifts. Since the death of Lieutenant Henry Bassett at the Shonk fire neither of the companies has been able to remain on duty. The result was the men were extremely anxious to have the old system again installed.

It is remarkable that the two-platoon advocates made no provision for sickness, injuries or deaths. Everyone knew that an accident would occur to remain on watch for eighteen men in the two companies. No one man was injured or became sick while the double shift system was working under the jurisdiction of the commission. The day former Marshal Mushan handed his report to the mayor one man went home sick and two others soon followed. Other firemen were compelled to remain on watch for the three men who were sick at home under the rules governing the test.

Firemen have been trained not to talk freely, so it is impossible without an order from the fire marshal to get a vote of the men who took part in the test. Upon receiving the order the firemen were used, some of the firemen gave their opinions of the two-platoon system. Only one man favored it unqualifiedly and a majority expressed condemnation of the system.—Chicago Chronicle.

Grabs Woman's Pocketbook.

A pocketbook snatcher operated among the crowds on the streets Saturday night and at 9 o'clock grabbed a handbag containing \$100 from Miss C. E. Danville, 60 North Nineteenth street, at eighteenth and Chicago streets and succeeded in making his escape before the police could catch him. She reported the matter to the police, but no trace of the thief could be found.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

E. H. Wilson, of the MacCarthy-Wilson Tailoring company, has returned from work. Perfect CURE GUARANTEED. Men who have indulged in excesses, overwork, or mental worry—a word with you. Many of you have Nervous Debility, Loss of Memory, Organic Weakness, Dependancy, Failing Memory, Loss of Ambition or similar symptoms, which rob you of your manhood and ability to do your duty for life. Our treatment will correct all of these evils and restore you to what nature intended—a hale, hearty, happy man, with all powers, vigorous and complete.

Our treatment is the result of the permanent cure, the many cases of all stages of the disease we treat daily. This great experience has enabled us to perfect a treatment that is harmless, pleasant to take and the greatest blessing to humanity. IT CURES QUICKER than any other treatment. We know this is a BOLD statement to make, but we are prepared to prove to anyone interested by getting the facts from patients treated, who will substantiate every word of the above. Investigate IT. No other treatment will give you the same results.

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