Bohemian Turners and Their Successful Competition at Schuyler



OMAHA: GIRLS WHO TOOK RART IN COMPETITION



PLATTSMOUTH'S COMPETITORS.

HUYLER was dressed in its gayest holiday clothes August 2, 3 and 4, that being the occasion of the annual tournament of the western division of the Bohemian

Turners' society. The inscriptions quoted shove appeared on the handsome arches erected at the junctions of the principal streets. All the stores were decorated with the emblems of the turners, with flags, bunting and streamers. The governor of the state and the mayor of Omaha were among the speakers. There were dances and concerts and a general merrymaking. Mayor Rathsack of Schuyler handed over

The "sokol" is a bird noted for its

judges and preliminary business.

extended out to the sides in long lines.

Beautiful Sight at Park.

town was theirs.



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SCHUYLER GIRLS WHO WERE IN EVIDENCE.



SCHUYLER COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF THE CONVENTION AND COMPETITION.

the key of the city to the turners and the strength, grace and agility. The turners are known as "sokols," and the fine specimens of strong manhood and graceful womanhood found among them bear testimony that the name is fitting. The classes contestants began to arrive in Schuyler briday. Everywhere was heard the turner greeting, "Na-zdar." The men came from he takes a trick from grade 3 and performs the western division, was also in a car-only riage.

The appropriate the second record the second record r Dodge, Bruno, Crete, Clarkson, Howells, Ord. Plattsmouth, Wilbur, Omaha, Bouth Omaha and Schuyler. Girls' teams came from Plattsmouth, Dodge, Omaha, South 3 plus 2

Omaha and Schuyler. Friday was devoted Work was done by the men on the paralto getting acquainted, the appointment of lel bars, horizontal bars, horse, pole vaulting, long and broad jumping and in calls-Saturday was the day of turning. The thenics; by the girls in calisthenics, long weather was perfect and work was begun and broad jumping. with energy characteristic of the Bohemian

turners at 5:30 o'clock in the morning in Conductors and Judges Busy. Maple park, where the grandstand was Joseph Sterba of Omaha had charge of

crowded to overflowing and the spectators the men's classes in the tournament and through their drills. Eleven pieces of apparatus were going at one time and the Is there any prettier sight than that of twenty-seven judges had all they could healthy, graceful human bodies moving in do. Turning continued until II:30 o'clock. rhythm through intricate evolutions? The At 1 o'clock Governor Sheldon arrived and men in their uniforms of blue trousers. was met at the station by an immense with white armiess shirts, trimmed with crowd. A parade was formed headed by narrow bands of scarlet, and the women the Union band of Omaha. Ten Bohemian and girls in their short skirts and blouses lodges of Schuyler marched in the parade. made a sight which sent the spectators which passed through the city streets and into frequent wild cheers at the beauty of proceeded to the city park, where the the exhibition, and which caused Frank governor addressed the turners and where Slavotinski, the western division instruc- Mayor Rathsack presented the key of the tor, to smile all over with pride. The rec- city to R. A. Daricek, secretary of the ords made were excellent. Before giving committee. The governor's time was lim- Elliott, jump out of his seat, clasp his hand the points it is necessary to take some ited, and after he had left, turning con- to his breast, and exclaim, "My God, I'm notice of the precise and exceedingly strict tinued the rest of the afternoon. In the shot" method of marking adopted by the tur- evening the band and 1.300 people were. The man sank back in his seat, pallid, cialist in dipsomenia, was talking in New leading druggists proposes to retaliate by been invited to be present. Saturday even- car, although no shot was heard. ence and an expert in gymnastics. The ing there was a concert and dance in "I feel my blood slowly ebbing away; it "tricks" are divided into five grades. Tricks in the first grade are comparatively the easiest, and tricks in the fifth are comparatively the most difficult. In the inful day. dividual contests two judges watched each person. The marking was done both on the

Prizes Awarded Sunday.

dimoulty of the trick and on excellence of Three accountants were kept busy for execution. In this method of judging tricks hours figuring up the points made by the of hornet seen in these parts. He had been to him through the closed window to go of the first grade count 1; tricks of the contestants as marked by the twenty- stungfifth grade count 5. If the trick (in any seven judges. The results were not known grade) is executed perfectly the contestant until Sunday and the awarding of gold gets 5. This arrangement is such that and silver medals, honors and diplomas

no contestant will attempt a trick beyond took place at the grand picnic in Noha the silver medal with 45.7 points. Miss remarkable, his ability. Suppose there is a trick in grove on Sunday afternoon. The day Kment comes from a family of athletes, Among the fine showings made in particugrade 2 which he knows he can perform dawned cloudy and threatening. But at her two sisters, Tylic and Rose, having lar or special work were these: Anton perfectly; it is better for him to try that moon the sky cleared and the picnickers each won gold medals heretofore. Miss Pesek, first honors on the horizontal bars, trick than to take one from grade 3 which were favored with ideal weather. Headed Kment also distinguished herself by mak- 28.3 points; Frank Krecek, first honors on he can perform only passably. If he per- by the band the parade proceeded to the ing a standing high jump of four feet the parallel bars, 24.4 points; Frank Krecek, forms the trick in grade 2 perfectly his pionic. Mayor and Mrs. Dahlman occupied three inches. She and her sister, Tylle, pole vault, 9 feet 6 inches; Anton Krecek, score is 2 plus 2 (for perfect execution); if a carriage and Joseph Mik, chairman of were perfect in calisthenics and were the standing high jump, 5 feet 4 inches. These

cution, thus giving him a score of only at the grounds amid great enthusiasm. The men were divided into three divisions

Second Division—Gold medal, John Pesek of Schuyler, 148.9 points; sliver medal, John Holub of Schuyler, 146.2 points. Third Division—Gold medal, Rudolph Ko-var of Schuyler, 122.7 points; sliver medal, Bed Barta of Omaha, 111.3 points.

B. Bartos of Omaha conducted the girls Omaha carried off the gold medal with 45.8 made his first try for honors in the first of six men or girls. The results in men's points. Clara Zeleny of South Omaha was division at this tournament and the score class work were as follows: just .1 of a point behind her and took of 145.5 points made by him was considered Second Division-First honors, Schuyler,

Some Noted Athletes. Among the distinguished athletes in First Division—Gold medal, Anton Pesek of Schuyler, 1545 points; silver medal, Frank Kreecek of Omaha, 1455 points.

Second Division—Gold medal, John Pesek of Schuyler, 1689 points, a score nearly two of Schuyler, 1689 points; silver medal, John Pesek of Schuyler, 1689 points; silver medal, John Pesek of Schuyler, 1689 points; silver medal, John Pesek of Schuyler, 1689 points; silver medal, John Holub of Schuyler, 1689 points; silver medal, John Pesek of Schuyler, 1689 points and Anton Treska took first honors in this division on the parallel bars with 262 points, a score nearly two points higher than the highest made on the parallel bars in the first division. family. There are four brothers and between them they have a quart or so of medals to bear witness to what persistent Class work was done only in the second Among the girls, Mamle Kment of practice does for the turner. Frank Krecek and third divisions. Each class consists

ones among the girls to make this were all in the first division. In the second division Anton Tresks of Omaha took first honors on the herizontal bars with 26.5 points, Joseph Zikmund of Omaha took second honors in this division on the barr men's divisions are the names of the with 25.9 points and Anton Treska took

Hot Wenther Woe.

From Altoona, Penn., comes a tale of hot

weather woe. Tired of being prosecuted

and fined each week for violating the Sun-

must pay a fine so should the other.

the site of the present edifice. A few

years later a frame structure, originally

built for a barn, was bought some dis-

tance northeast. In 1866 this was re-

placed by a substantial edifice on the site

of the present building, the loss being

donated by E. H. Barnard, who also con-

tributed liberally for its erection. The

present building was constructed in 1882

and has been thoroughly repaired and

decorated at a cost of about \$6,000 and a

E. H. Barnard is the sole surviving

charter member of the church and has

members. During the larger part of its

lifstory he has served as a trustee or

Among the other pioneer members are

new organ installed at a cost of \$5,200.



Frank Slavotinsky, Joseph Sterba. South Omaha. New York. INSTRUCTORS WHO WERE AT SCHUYLER.

823.5 points; second honors, Wilbur, 745.4 keep up the work. This is not considered a

Among the girls the results of the class A great stride has been taken by the

work were as follows: First honors, Omaha, 249.4 points; second

made scores high enough to entitle them as traveling instructor. He goes to all the to promotion to the next division.

ing as it never has before. This was indi- among the highly accomplished sokols of cated by several things at the tournament. the old country. York about the cunning with which dipso- bringing the paid choirs of the city The attendance was large and the work. The Bohemian adage, "Co cech, to sokol," churches to book. He made known his in- done was of a high order. The number of or "A Bohemian, a turner," is proving tentions when he paid his fine for last Sungirls at the tournament was nearly twice itself to be true in the west, where men the number that ever attended a tourna- and women are continuing the healthful The druggist alleges that it is no more ment in the west heretofore. All this was exercises which they learned in the fathernot spoil the evening performance by over- freshing draft to a perspiring traveler on regarded with pleasure by the Bohemians, land. The Bohemians believe that by next a hot Sabbath than it is to sing in a to whom the art of turning is dear. "A year, with the work of Mr. Slavotinsky, the church choir for remuneration, and if one sound mind in a sound body" is the object showing made will be even much more

sacrifice, but rather a privilege by those Third Division-First honors, Omaha, 573.2 who are initiated into the real charm of points; second honors, Ord, 538.3 points. the exercise.

General Superintendent.

western division recently in securing the

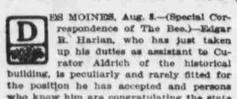
Bohumil Barton

Omaha.

Diplomas were granted those who had services of Frank Slavotinsky of New York towns and cities in the division where The gymnastic work of the turner so- sokols are maintained and devotes three cieties in the western part of the United weeks to giving instructions in scientific States is being greatly revived and is grow- turning. He was one of the best turners

for which the turners are working. Three flattering than at the successful tournament an infraction of the law to furnish a re- evenings a week are required in order to just closed at Schuyler.

New Iowa Historian Installed



building, is peculiarly and rarely fitted for the position he has accepted and persons who know him are congratulating the state of Iowa on its new acquisition to the of-

Mr. Harlan was raised in Van Buren county, where many of the more important events of Iowa's early history took place.



EDGAR R. HARLAN,

ES MOINES, Aug. S .- (Special Cor- He was a descendant of a historic family life at the Home of the Little Sisters of the respondence of The Bee.)-Edgar and married the daughter of George Duf- Poor. R. Harlan, who has just taken field, one of the pioneer settlers of Iowa, and a man who has devoted much of his time and attention to preserving the early history of the state. Mr. Harlan's early years were spent in Keesauqua, which in an early day contained the biggest men of the state and was thought to be destined to be one of the most important cities of the state on that account.

As a young man Mr. Harlan came to her cot. Des Moines, where he entered Drake university, and later graduated from the law school of Drake It was more of a historical interest in accounting for the existence of English jurisprudence that lead him to the study of the law than an admiration for the practice of law, and throughout all his life his interest in everything has been she added: "That makes 128," and later, sistance. first its historical worth. Mr. Harlan some ten years ago was made secretary of the Van Buren County Pioneers' association. He secured in that way a list of the early settlers and with diligent work gained from those still alive a fund of information on

the early history of the state. The county of Van Buren and a few others in the southeast corner of the state, including Des Moines county, were the sum total of the state over which organized society first extended. Over this section of have luck the number may reach 150 by the state Mr. Harlan has traveled with the time we get to Boston." all the interest of the original researcher and the results of his work is recorded in articles contributed to the annals of Iowa. As assistant curator to the historical de- termilk cocktail. partment Mr. Harlan is in a work of love. This is a new brand of dampness which acation of the annals and will relieve Mr.

Romantic Capers of Cupid Curious

His Bullet Was a Hornet. bound trolley car from Chester, structed according to the following recipe; it yet. Pa., on the line of the Chester Traction company, were startled of ice, insert a long slice of cucumber, to see a well-dressed man, named

ners. There were twenty-seven judges, at the station to greet Mayer Dahlman and the passengers clustered around him. every one of them a man of long experi- of Omaha and Mrs. Dahlman, who had thinking some miscreant had fired into the

both girls and men and a speech by Mayor his hand in, placed it on his arm, groaned, Dahlman. A dance finished up the event- and pulled it out again covered with-perspiration. The conductor, assisted by a dows, doors-everything was locked and sympathetic passenger, with great care barred. pulled the man's coat down over the shoulder and then exposed the largest specimen the street, showed a greenback, and bawled

A Century and Ten.

Mrs. Mary McGrath, whose claim that she will be 110 years old on August 15, is generally believed by old time residents of Fond du Lac and Bradon, who know that she has lived in Wisconsin for seventy years or more, was brought to Milwaukee last week to be cared for during the remainder of her

few years ago, but otherwise seeming in corner quite gloriously drunk.' perfect health, Mrs. McGrath made the journey from Brandon in a baggage car. Until the accident which crippled her Mary McGrath tilled the three acres of ground with a maddened bull at his farm near her a living clay pipe which she smokes as she likes on became unconscious and died.

What She Was Counting.

On the way to Coney Island a weman finally knocked him down. Being a powerwas heard wrestling with some mathe- ful man, he grabbed the horns of the anmatical calculation, relates the New York "That makes 127," she said. Presently

"That makes 129." Persons sitting near looked around wonderingly, trying to discover what it was efforts in his struggle with the frensted that had reached the prodigious figures of bull. 127, 128 and 129. Finally the woman's companion explained.

"She's counting cemeteries," he said. We've passed 129. She's hoping that if we port gasp.

The Buttermilk Cocktail.

He will have active charge of the pub- was devised at the University of Chicago. quaintance Be Forgot." The luncheon was tional council. The buttermik cocktail, which is a pretty and touching, with weeping cupids Aldrich of much of his more arduous and snakeless combination of two thirst cures of Trianon in ices, and orange flowers and Joseph J. Hawthorne, a staunch adherent recently encountered by Vice President resumary decorations, and a toast of "lov- of historic Congregationalism for half a

Fairbanks, was served for the first time ers once, friends now," closed the odd en-HE PASSENGERS on a Darby- on the university commons. It is con- tertainment, and Newport is talking about honors, South Omaha, 236.8 points.

day's violation.

Pioneer

then fill with buttermilk. That's all! Dr. Herbert Gresham James, the spe-

Take a tall, thin glass, drop in a chunk

manlacs in confinement will obtain liquor. "A certain noted but intemperate actor," Janecek's hall, fancy calisthenic drill by is way down my arm," said Elliott. He put up by the manager in order that he might drinking. His confinement was close. Win-

> "But the actor beckened to a man in and buy a bottle of brandy and a clay When the man returned with these pur-

chases, the actor called: "'Stick the pipe stem in through the keyhole." "This was done. " 'Now,' said the actor, 'pour the brandy

carefully into the bowl." "As the fluid fell into the bowl the actor sucked it up, and when his manager came Crippled by the breaking of her legs a to release him that evening he lay in a

> Fight with Bull Kills Him After struggling for nearly half an hour

left by her husband, and made it produce Neshaminy, Pa., George L. Stantz, aged 45 years, was rescued by neighbors and was She now finds her chief comfort in a short able to walk home, but shortly afterward Stantz was digging a ditch when he was and his wife. For about three years serattacked by the bull. He kept the animal vices were held in private houses. The at a distance for a time, but the bull first church was built of logs and was on

> gered bull and kept him from goring him for nearly twenty-five minutes, when neighbors saw his plight and ran to his as-It is believed he died from a ruptured blood vessel, due to his almost superhuman

> > "Divorce Party" the Latest.

Newport has done so many wild things in "She's been at it all the way from Kan- the way of fresh entertaining that it takes sas. We're traveling from there to Boston, something unusual to raise a ripple there Even on this two-day stopover in New any more. But the latest dinner party idea seen it increase from seven to over 400 York she can't quit counting graveyards. Is so extraordinary that it made even New-

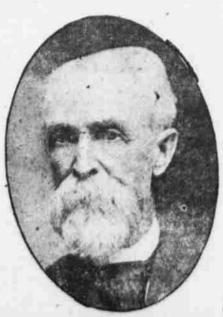
It was an original luncheon given by one treasurer, and until prevented by age of the foremost exponents of the trini mar- and failing health has taken a leading riage, reports the Broadway Magazine, part in its religious activities. He was She conceived the idea of gathering together a member of the first Association of Con-Throat parched? Irrigate it with a but- all the former husbands and wives of her gregational Churches of Nebraska, has little set and sending them to the dining served that body as scribe and as modroom to the strains of "Should Auld Ac- erutor and has represented it in the na-

Church Celebrates Congregational century and who has done much to pre- thought; Dr. A. T. Swing, now professor church, which celebrated its serve the facts concerning the early his- of ecclesiastical history in Oberlin Theosemi-centennial last week, is tory of the denomination in the west; logical seminary; Rev. Loren F. Berry, next to the oldest church of that Mrs. J. J. Hawthorne, who is a daughter who was succeeded by the present pastor, denomination in the state. The of Mr. Heaton; Mrs. A. B. Reynolds, Mr. Rev. W. H. Buss, in 1890. Mr. Buss retown was less than a year old and did and Mrs. Albert Johnson, R. D. Kelley and signed in 1961 and was succeeded by Rev. not number 100 people when on August I. P. Gage. It has always numbered John Doane, now of Greeley, Colo. In 2, 1857, Rev. Isauc E. Heaton, a graduate among its communicants many of the 1965 be again accepted a call to the pasof Brown university of Providence, R. I. leading business and professional men of torate. He has always been a recognized a man of scholarly attainments and of the city and has been a liberal contributor broad and liberal views, organized it with to missions and charities. Its success and been a member of the national counseven members, Edwin H. Barnard, Wil- high ecclesiastical standing has been cil. Ham R. Davis, Henry N. Heaton, Rev? largely due to the characters of the The Nebraska State association was or-Isaac E. Heaton, Mrs. Miranda N. Heaton, clergymen who have occupied its puipit, Mrs. Alicia Marvin and Henry A. Pierce. among whom have been Rev. Roswell

ing ony three members besides the pastor for their independence and liberality of who was a representative to it.

leader in the state association and has

ganized in Fremont in 1867, with only three churches, and next fall it will celo-Three months after Henry N. Heaton died Foster, one of four brothers, all of whom brate its fiftieth anniversary here. Mr. and Mr. Davis returned to the east, leav- entered the ministry and won high rank Barnard is the only person now Bying



E. H. BARNARD



BEIV. EL HEATON.