



*Eastern Nebraska
Genealogical Society
Newsletter*

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO
ONE and ALL**

No December Meeting

Well, our November meeting was not to our delight, but you can't fool Mother Nature. She came to visit us in the afternoon with rain and ice pellets, then rain. In spite of the wet climate we had 6 devoted people attend, and so we went ahead with our meeting. Two witches appeared and they even brought their wires to check us out, either male or female. Because we were so good, treats were even handed out and popcorn too! Well, one of the witches put in a DVD in the TV and we viewed the first part of "Ellis Island" a new one from the History Channel. It comes in 3 parts, each are 50 minutes in length. Even the mascot cat "Snugs" ventured down to greet everyone.

Claire finished typing up the 1889 Voter's Registration for the 3rd Ward of Fremont and then indexed it. It is now in Renee's hands to put it on the web site. Renee is still working on the 1882 ship passenger list. It is so big it has to be done in increments???????? Well, it is 504 pages in length and 48 lines to a page, you can do the math.....

Past Happenings Reviewed

Items of local interest taken from the old files of
The News

28 December 1902 - Scribner News

From the issue of The News dated December 25, 1886:

George Ostenberg is now a part of the force at the depot.

James Ferrill has disposed of the City Restaurant and has sought greener fields.

The M E parsonage is completed and Rev Mr Luther expects to occupy it Monday.

An error was made last week in stating that Justice Briggs united in marriage Solomon Spangler and Miss Mamie Zeman. The ceremony was performed by Rev M B Harrison.

DAMAGED BY FIRE

Lacking ten days of the thirty-first anniversary of the big fire that destroyed what is now the brick block on the west side of Main street, fire Tuesday forenoon again threatened to devastate the block but the prompt and hard work of the firemen confined the fire to the Bucholz Brothers furniture store where it originated in the mattress section in the rear of the main salesroom on the first floor. The cause of the fire is unknown, and the first intimation that anything was wrong was made by Will Bucholz who was working in a rear room about twenty feet away from the mattresses. Noticing a strange light he looked up from his work to discover that all of the mattresses were ablaze. All of this happened in but a few moments time, as about ten minutes before that he had made a sale to a customer of an article near the mattresses. Nothing out of the ordinary was noticed then and Mr Bucholz went back to his tasks in the rear of the building. On discovering the flames he immediately sent in an alarm and although a quick response was made by the firemen with the chemicals flames were shooting in all directions, giving indications that the building, a two story brick, and contents were entirely doomed. It looked so threatening that aid was asked from Fremont, but their assistance was not needed. This unfortunate affair means a very heavy loss to Messrs Bucholz, not only in the damage to the stock and building, but also in the resultant trade they would have had while reconstruction and restocking is going on. The loss on the stock and building is fully covered by insurance. They estimate the value of their stock and building about \$30,000, but an estimate of the loss, which will be many thousand, will not be known until the insurance adjusters have completed their work.

The fire started at 10:15 and by noon was over with. During the fire smoke filled the office rooms of Dr M T Zellers and Drs Zellers & Howard over the Davies Pharmacy to the south of the furniture store and caused a hurried evacuation of these offices by the occupants and the removal of fixtures. Davies Pharmacy suffered a slight damage from water from a disconnected fixture in the dental office overhead. Olson's hardware store to the north escaped unscathed, although for a time it seemed as though it and other adjoining buildings would also be burned.

Hooper Sentinel 30 Dec 1920 1:1,2

Lemay Anderson reports that there is a very good search engine for use for the New York port from 1892-1924, either by name of ship or by name of family - using Ellis Island Foundation. Among 3 1/2 million ship manifest pages can be searched for free as part of the American Family Immigration History Center. Renee also uses the following www.ellislandrecords.org/ .

**Dodge County Nebraska Marriages Book 12
One Hundred Years ago - Dec 1908**

Louis William Ohmstede to Minnie M Johnson on 01 Dec
Emil J Spicka to Minnie Daniel on 05 Dec
Jerry Adams Jr to Julia Grover on 05 Dec
Cecil E Thompson to Kathaleen F Ward on 07 Dec
Fritz Michael Bielke to Mrs Alice Lumbard on 09 Dec
James Jorgensen to Matilda Nelson on 09 Dec
Clarence John Peters to Louise Borchert on 10 Dec
Ernest Clinton Combs to Louise Alfrieda Launder on 10 Dec
John Roscoe Gasney to Marie H Brauer on 15 Dec
Frank Lester Shivers to Minnie S Wapelhorst on 16 Dec
Lionel Richmond Swayze to Emma L Thielen on 19 Dec
Noah Felix Orr to Lean Randels on 23 Dec
Sidney E Moore to Mabel A McCluhan on 23 Dec
Martin L A Hostrup to Mary E Shultz on 23 Dec
Ira William Baker to Emma Rodgers on 23 Dec
Delno McDuffee to Beatrice L Rawlins on 24 Dec
Christian Fred Herre to Versa Leona Huff on 24 Dec
John Bruce Wilson to Lillian May Orr on 25 Dec
Samuel Thomas Evans to Edna M Kreader on 25 Dec
John Joseph Kelly to Fern LaBlanche Crocker on 27 Dec
Alfred Bushnell to Lucy Kelley on 29 Dec
William Keiser to Irma Fern Miller on 30 Dec
Joseph Fabian Meyers to Mary Foy on 30 Dec
John R Smith to Mrs Inez R Sheets on 31 Dec
Jacob S Thompson to Effie A Robinson on 31 Dec
Henry August Anderson to Bertha L Hoebener on 31 Dec
Arthur G Adams to Agnes May Coats on 31 Dec
William M Drew to Ayrta Z Petterson on 31 Dec

Miss Emma Lous Thielen and Lionel Richmond Swayze were married Saturday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs John Thielen, 504 East 5th street. Rev Frost of the St James Episcopal church performed the ceremony. The affair was quiet, only the members of the bride's family being present. The young people expect to leave for Omaha this evening, returning early next week. The bride is an estimable and winsome lady who has a host of friends in Fremont Mr Swayze has been in Fremont for several months. His industry has won him a responsible position on the morning Herald as city editor.

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**PLEASANT VALLEY WEDDING
Miss Lena Randels and Noah F Orr
Married at Bride's Home**

Pleasant Valley, Dec 29 - Mr Noah F Orr of Maplegrove and Miss Lena Randels of this vicinity were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs John H Randels, Wednesday evening, December 23. Only relatives and a few close friends were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev Ennis of Maplegrove, after which a bounteous supper was served.

The groom was attended by his brother, Dallas, and the bridesmaid was Miss Etta Randels, sister of the bride.

They will reside on a farm near Maplegrove.

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**SWAYZE-THIELEN WEDDING
Herald's City Editor and Winsome Miss Plight
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