

LOOKING BACKWARD
TWENTY-NINE YEARS

Suicide of Miss Vance Barnes at Plattsmouth
Her Body Recovered from the River

NEAR FOOT OF MAIN STREET

Some History of the Past Copied by Permission from Judge Ramsey's "Scrap Book."

NATIONAL, STATE AND COUNTY TICKETS

In 1876, a newspaper was published at Louisville, Cass county, Neb., in the interests of the old Greenback party. This paper had been started by A. B. Fox and J. V. Glover, then leading merchants of that place, under the firm name of Fox & Glover. The paper was called THE CHRONICLE and when started, was independent in politics. It subsequently became the property of one H. E. Wilson who conducted it as a greenback paper.

Under date of August 19, 1876, a correspondent of The Chronicle, writes from Plattsmouth as follows, concerning the suicide by drowning of Miss Vance Barnes:

"The body of this unfortunate lady was taken from the Missouri river near the foot of main street on Thursday last.

The sad occurrence has cast a gloom over the entire community. Perhaps nothing of the kind has ever occurred in Nebraska which seems so utterly inexplicable. The body now lies in the express office, encased in an iron coffin. Owing to the rapid decomposition, the body of this beautiful young lady when taken from its watery grave was not recognizable; but her clothing and rings showed too plainly that this was all that was left of Vance Barnes.

On a quiet Sabbath evening, after attending Sabbath school, with the memories of the day passing pleasantly through the mind, this young lady, as if impelled by some unseen, invisible hand, suddenly resolves on self-destruction.

The place and means are selected. To a secluded place, across the picnic grounds, where she and others of her age had often met, and shared the innocent joys and pleasures peculiar to childhood; down to the edge of the foaming, forbidding Missouri river, leaving two little foot prints as if to mark the wild, fatal, desperate plunge into eternity, and thus point out to weeping, anxious, distracted friends the road chosen into the mysterious hereafter!

Thus it seems that Vance Barnes, with a strange hallucination of mind, resolved to end her short life of less than sixteen years.

Her father, the Hon. J. W. Barnes, arrived from Beaver City this evening. The funeral takes place tomorrow."

From the same paper, a Journal reporter is permitted to copy the following from that most invaluable "scrap book":

"The Chronicle,
H. E. Wilson, Editor,
Friday, October 27, 1876
Independent Greenback Ticket.
For President,
Peter Cooper.
For Vice-President,
Samuel F. Cary.
Democratic Ticket.
For President,
Samuel J. Tilden,
of New York.
For Vice-President,
Thomas A. Hendricks,
of Indiana.

Republican Ticket.
For President,
R. B. Hays,
of Ohio.
For Vice-President,
W. A. Wheeler,
of New York.
County Tickets.
Democratic.
Senator—R. R. Livingston.
Representatives—J. C. Gilmour,
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Representatives—S. A. Davis, J. M. Beardsley, T. W. Babbitt.
Commissioner—H. Wolf.
District Attorney—George Smith."

Little Boy is Sent Back.

E. S. Henssenlow performed a painful duty Saturday afternoon. Six weeks ago he took a small boy by the name of Charlie Brodine from the child saving institution at Omaha to his pleasant home near Weeping Water. But it didn't take long to learn that Charlie is full of "viciousness." He ran away several times, not knowing why nor whither he was going. He liked his home and its comforts and its freedom, after the confinement of the home in Omaha. But Charlie has in his blood the genus of some vicious ancestor that won't allow him to be good.

The lad was a pitiful little figure as he stood at the station trying not to cry. He is only seven years old but his face has a peculiar expression of craftiness, which is not his fault but the fault of some ancestor. He cried bitterly as he was put aboard the train.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR

Rev. James H. Salsbury, of Lincoln, Receives a Call to This Pastorate.

The congregation of the Presbyterian church met Friday evening in the basement of the church for the purpose of electing a new pastor. Dr. J. T. Baird opened the meeting with prayer entreating the Divine guidance upon the important business to come before the congregation.

Dr. Baird remained chairman of the meeting. Mr. Thomas Pollock officiated as clerk. In due form it was moved that the congregation proceed to elect a pastor. This motion being passed, Mr. J. M. Roberts made a short speech reviewing the qualifications of Rev. James H. Salsbury of Lincoln to whom the congregation has listened the past two Sundays, and concluding by moving that a call be extended to him to become pastor of the church.

There was a slight demurrer here. One member expressed the opinion that the church could get along without a regular pastor for a few months until the entire sum still due the retiring pastor had been paid. Mr. Pollock explained that Rev. Salsbury would begin his pastorate only after arrangements had been made to pay the balance due Dr. Baird.

Mr. Pollock answered another question as to the salary. \$1,000 per annum is the salary which will be paid Rev. Salsbury. But it was pointed out that he must be called immediately, as he had intimated to the church officers that he had another call.

The question was then put to a vote which resulted unanimously in favor of calling Rev. Salsbury.

A motion to appoint the elders and deacons a committee to draw up and extend the call in the official form was passed and the elders and deacons will therefore extend the call.

It is understood that the newly elected pastor will not begin his pastorate until after the meeting of the Presbytery the first part of September. He is still pastor of the Third Presbyterian church of Lincoln, and that relation will first have to be severed.

It was rather an unusual sight, the retiring pastor acting as chairman of the meeting for the election of his successor. It was a position which Dr. Baird fittingly filled on account of his patriarchal position which he holds and will hold all his life in the Presbyterian church of Plattsmouth.

Increase in Pay.

Beginning the first of the month, firemen on the Burlington Route, says the Glenwood Tribune, will be receiving the best pay of any railroad firemen in the United States. These new rates have just been decided upon by company officials at Chicago.

The recent introduction of the big engines have made the work very hard on firemen and the "Q" has been having much trouble in hiring men at the old schedule.

The scale of wages on the class A engines was increased from \$2.40 to \$2.60 per hundred miles, class K-3 and K-7 engines from \$2.80 to \$2.95 per hundred miles. All group 4 freight engines when run in the passenger service have been increased from \$2.55 to \$2.75 per hundred miles. Watching engines will pay \$2.40 for 10 hours work instead of \$1.55.

Firemen running on construction trains instead of receiving \$2.40 per day regardless of class of engines, will receive pay according to the class of engine on which they run. Group 1 will pay \$2.40 a day, group 2, \$2.50, group 3 \$2.75 and group 4, \$3.05. When more than a hundred miles is made in a day freight rates will be paid.

Back from the Rockies.

Mr. F. G. Fricke and son Edwin returned Saturday from a two week's visit in Rocky mountains. They had a most delightful time. The temperature was low enough to do away with all discomfort from that source. Less than a week ago several inches of snow and hail fell at the point where they were staying. The fishing in the mountain streams there is fine and they caught a number of fine trout. The place where they have been located was 25 miles from the nearest railroad.

PASTOR ACCEPTS THE CALL

Rev. Salsbury, of Lincoln, Will Come to Plattsmouth to Make His Home.

The committee of elders and deacons of the Presbyterian church appointed to draw up and extend to Rev. James H. Salsbury, of Lincoln, a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church of Plattsmouth have received a reply from Rev. Salsbury in which he accepts the call.

The call now having been extended and accepted is still subject to the action of the presbytery which will meet the first part of September. Assuming that the presbytery endorses the action which it is quite likely to do, Rev. Salsbury would not take up his new duties here until probably the middle of September. The committee is now looking about for a house for the new pastor. Rev. Salsbury has a wife and one child.

Entertained by Mrs. Waterman.

The Presbyterian Aid Society was entertained very pleasantly Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Waterman. The attendance was quite up to the usual standard notwithstanding the intense heat.

Mrs. Wagner has some very beautiful and unique souvenirs of her trip abroad and told many interesting things of the places she had visited and where she had collected the various articles, which she gave the ladies the opportunity of seeing and admiring.

Mrs. Marstrand and Mrs. Agnew, who are visiting in the city, were present and being former members of the Presbyterian aid society were gladly welcomed and made guests of honor. Refreshments were served on the lawn and the afternoon was pronounced a social success.

Cigar Factory to Change Hands.

An arrangement was completed Monday whereby Bookmeyer will sell his cigar factory located on the south side of Main street between Fourth and Fifth streets, to Messrs. A. J. Kanka and John Ulich. The actual transfer will not take place for several weeks because of the fact that Mr. Bookmeyer has a considerable number of boxes already labeled with his name stamped and the internal revenue laws would not permit the use of these boxes by another firm.

Messrs. Kanka and Ulich are both thoroughly practical cigar makers, experienced in every line of the business, and their success is assured.

Mothers' Meeting.

The mothers' meeting held on Monday afternoon at the Masonic home was largely attended and an interesting program given under the leadership of Mrs. L. A. Moore. Noted temperance men leaders in the war against the vice of intemperance, were made subjects of papers and readings and some music diversified the program. A vote of thanks was tendered the matron at the conclusion of the exercises for the use of the parlors for the meeting of the society.

Hurt While Playing Ball.

A special to the Omaha World-Herald says: "Weeping Water has organized a baseball team that is doing some good playing. Last week they played Louisville and Alvo, and won both games. Today they played the Elks of Plattsmouth, resulting in a score of 5 to 4 in favor of the local team. During the game today, Ed. Kennedy, one of the Weeping Water boys fell on third base and split his right kneecap diagonally. Drs. Butler and Riekard were on the grounds and reduced the fracture; but it is a serious hurt and will lay him up for some time."

Give the Journal Credit.

The Lincoln Evening News yesterday printed an article clipped from the Plattsmouth Journal. It was the article about the unsuccessful effort of a white man and colored woman to take out a marriage license here. It was the Journal's leading article Tuesday. On Wednesday it appeared "verbatim, literatim and punctatim" under a big double head on the first page of the Lincoln News.

That was all right. It was interesting reading. The News or any other paper is welcome to any of the good things found in the Journal. But here's what we want to say—give us credit for it.

We believe this was merely an oversight on the part of the Lincoln News, or perhaps their reporter in this city.

Change Place of Business.

In a letter from our young friend Paul Roberts, who for several months has been engaged in the lumber business in McCook, Nebraska, we note that he has removed from that place to Niles, Kas., to become the manager of the Leidigh & Havens lumber company at that place. It gives the Journal great pleasure in noting Paul's advancement in business circles, as he is a most deserving young man.

Dr. Elster, Dentist,
Waterman Block.

Money for Our Soldiers.

A Washington dispatch says: The firm of Calhoun & Sizer, attorneys-at-law of this city, today received notice from the auditor for the war department that the officers and of the First and Second Nebraska regiments, which served in the Spanish-American war have been allowed the sum of \$5,012.85, being the amount, due them under a recent test case in the court of claims here. Governor Mickey believed the troops were entitled to additional pay, and asked the firm of Calhoun & Sizer to look into the matter, with the above result. Mr. Calhoun said today that the Nebraska troops may later receive an additional payment of two or three thousand dollars.

MOST BEAUTIFUL MEMENTO

Received by Mrs. John N. Wise From Her Former Professor in Wilwaukee, Wis.

When Mrs. John N. Wise recently attended the reunion of former pupils of Prof. O. M. Baker in Wilwaukee, she asked the old professor a question. There were two words—the meaning and pronunciation of which she had not been able to find even in Webster's unabridged dictionary. The words were "argophila" and "maschitna."

This question might have been asked with propriety of Prof. Baker for two reasons. First—because he was a professor and Mrs. Wise his former pupil, and secondly, because he is now president of the G. & C. Merriam Publishing Co. of Cambridge, Mass., the greatest dictionary publishing house in the world.

Yesterday Mrs. Wise was surprised to receive a double memento from Prof. Baker. The first came by mail and was a letter, accompanying which was meaning derivation and pronunciation of the two words about which Mrs. Wise had expressed doubt to Prof. Baker.

The second memento came by express and was a magnificent edition—de-luxe of Webster's collegiate dictionary with flexible morocco cover, thumb tabs and gold lettered binding. The dictionary is published by the company of which Mr. Baker is president and inscribed on the fly leaf by Prof. Baker is the following: "To Mrs. Frankie Wright Wise with the compliments of the publishers."

Prof. Baker went into the book business soon after Mrs. Wise graduated from his school, beginning as a common agent. He now is president of the big Merriam company and is very wealthy. He is the inventor of the thumb tabs used now so extensively on dictionaries, bibles and cyclopedias. This invention went begging for many years until the Century company finally took it up.

Old Settlers' Reunion.

Next week is the old settlers' reunion at Union. Of course you will be there. If you ain't, you ought to be. Lay aside your work for at least one day and enjoy meeting your old friends, many of whom you perhaps have not seen since the last reunion. It will do you good, and then you know you and your family deserve a day or two of enjoyment, after your hard spring and summer's work. Besides an excellent program has been prepared for both days. On Friday the Ritchies will entertain and there will be a discussion on the subject. "Resolved, that our present jury system should be modified." County Attorney Rawls will take the affirmative and County Judge Travis the negative. On Saturday the Plattsmouth turners will give an exhibition. Senator Burkett will orate, and the Ritchies will again entertain. Special rates on the Missouri Pacific. Don't forget the dates—Friday and Saturday, August 18th and 19th.

Improvements at Dovey's Store.

A new cash carrier system is being installed in the store of E. G. Dovey & Son which will be a great improvement over the old. An arch has been cut in the middle wall at the rear end of the store and the cashier's desk moved to that place and elevated several feet. The old carrier apparatus has been taken out and the new and improved system is now being put in. Mr. Peter Bates is doing the work. It is also intended to cut an arch in the middle wall near the front of the store.

Who Can Beat It?

Behold the wide field of the tasseling corn. As it's crowned by the dew of the shimmering moon; 'Tis as stately in bearing as a proud king in goodly robes. For it proves to mankind "a true friend in need."

The above is true to the letter. In Cass county never before in its history have the farmers been promised a more bountiful yield. To give the readers of the Journal a fair specimen of the crop in this county we want to say that J. C. Peterson brought to this office this morning a stalk of corn that measures 14 feet and 3 inches in length. The first ear on the same will have to be reached by a stepladder. Now this is no "joke," and the stalk can be seen any day at this office. Call and see it.

SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA O. K.

Glowing Crop Reports from the Twenty Counties So Constituted—Hurray for Southeast Nebraska

Butler—Wheat all stacked and most of the oats; fall plowing begun; corn growing very fast; plenty of moisture. Cass—Fall wheat all stacked or threshed; oats mostly stacked or threshed, quality good; corn earing well and growing fast. Clay—Most wheat stacked or threshed; considerable plowing done; ground in fine condition; corn growing very fast. Fillmore—Threshing and stacking well advanced although delayed by rain in south part of country; corn growing very fast; fall plowing in progress. Gage—Corn excellent, some roasting ears; too wet to plow; threshing delayed; hay large crop; apples poor crop. Hamilton—Wheat threshed or stacked; hay progressing; corn doing finely; potatoes not yielding as well as was expected.

Jefferson—Wheat and oat threshing progressing nicely; some stacking done; corn looking splendidly; too wet to plow. Johnson—Many heavy yields wheat; more rain would be beneficial to corn crop. Lancaster—Wheat and oats yielding well; hay good crop; corn looking fine but somewhat late. Nemaha—Threshing and stacking about done; oats good; corn earing well and looks fine; hay good; pastures fine.

Nuckolls—Stacking and threshing retarded by rain; oats better than expected; fall plowing begun; corn extra fine. Otoe—Threshing retarded by rain; wet weather fine for corn and fall plowing. Pawnee—Threshing from shock not quite finished; pastures in fine condition; corn fine; plowing progressing, soil in excellent condition. Richardson—Threshing from shock nearly finished; pastures in fine condition; plowing progressing; corn growing fast; light crop fall apples maturing fairly well.

Saline—Threshing retarded by rain; shock threshing nearly done; corn earing well; growing fast; much plowing done; hay good. Saunders—Corn and grass growing well; threshing progressing; more rain would be beneficial; rather dry for fall plowing.

Seward—Threshing and stacking delayed by rain; corn doing well, promises large crop; fall plowing progressing nicely. Thayer—Threshing retarded by rain; stacking mostly done; corn earing well and growing rapidly; pastures good; fall plowing in progress.

York—Threshing and stacking delayed by rain; fall plowing progressing well; corn growing finely. Burr—Oats about all cut; threshing delayed by rain; some plowing done; corn growing finely.

Pleasant Party.

Miss Florence Baird entertained a party of girls Wednesday from 4 to 7 p. m. at her home in honor of Miss Mabel Salmon, of Omaha.

The time passed quickly and pleasantly in playing games and partaking of the refreshments. Miss Florence Fassbender won the prize—a beautiful hand-painted china cup and saucer. The following were present: Francis Weidman, Ruth Johnson, Florence Fassbender, Katie Shields, Ethel and Alice Kempster, Gladys Marshall, Florence Baird, Mabel Salmon, Gladys Sullivan and Ruth Helps.

Mrs. John Hiber and daughter Francis went to Crete this morning to spend a few days visiting with relatives.

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Institute Notes.

The Cass County Institute last week at Weeping Water had enrolled one hundred and forty. This is the greatest number since 1901.

For the first time in four years there will be issued at the beginning of the school year no third grade certificates. The Beginners' Round Table, conducted by the county superintendent, had thirty-six members. This is also larger than usual, the general rule being that about one-third of the rural teachers are beginners each September.

The male teacher is fast disappearing. The state superintendent says that some Nebraska counties have none at all, as indicated by the institute enrollments, even the towns having lady principals. There were eleven enrolled at Weeping Water this year, as compared with thirty-eight in 1896. Lady principals have been employed at Union, Eagle and Nehawka, with Cedar Creek and Alvo yet to hear from.

The school officer's meeting on Monday, the first day of the session, was not as well attended as it should have been. About thirty members in all were present. Of course the extremely busy season kept many away. Mr. B. Wolph, of Nehawka, read a most excellent paper on "The Teacher from the Viewpoint of the Board." The proper comment on the article would be to publish every word of it. Hon. J. L. McBrien, state superintendent, addressed a joint meeting of the boards and teachers on the subject "The Teacher of the Future," giving many incidents in his own career in school work. It should be especially helpful to young teachers, but was appreciated by all who listened.

The following are the principals or heads of schools in the various graded schools in Cass county: Supt. E. L. Rouse, Plattsmouth; Supt. W. T. Poucher, Weeping Water; Principal N. W. Gaines, Louisville; Principal J. W. Gamble, Elmwood; Principal T. R. Cooper, Greenwood; Principal Cora E. Smith, Eagle; Principal V. W. Ryan, Murdock; Principal Leona Pollard, Nehawka; Principal J. A. Dimmick, Avoca; Principal Mary Foster, Union; Principal A. D. Sargent, Manley; Principal A. H. Earhart, Murray; Principal V. H. DeHolt, South Bend. Cedar Creek and Alvo have not yet contracted with principals. The above means a change from last year at Eagle, Nehawka, Union, Murray, Cedar Creek, South Bend, Murdock, Alvo and Greenwood. Most of the principals above mentioned will be local managers of the Reading Circle sections of the county. The county is divided into ten or eleven divisions for carrying on the work.

Many public school men of note in the state appeared before the institute body during the week, and many good things were heard from them. One of the interesting statements from one was that he understood that our teaching force did better Reading Circle and associational work and received better wages than that of any other county in Nebraska. I do not know whether either is true, and I have seen no figures on the latter, but my opinion is that he was correct in each. Constant study and preparation on course, such as has been done at the regular R. C. meetings, equips one better and better, and school boards usually find out and properly reward the ones in earnest in keeping themselves abreast of their profession. With less than half dozen teachers, none of whom will be in the county this year, I believe that bona fide efforts were made to get the most and best out of our work last year and there is promise of even more effective work for the year ahead. Besides the three books especially recommended by the state board: Louisiana Purchase, Putnam's Psychology, White's Pedagogy; the following books: Mrs. Wiggs of the Patch, and the Simple Life, have been designated for side reading and review. They are good, wholesome, and popular among late books. In addition they have an endorsement of all who have read them, including a presidential indorsement of Mr. Roosevelt.

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.. " tan " " " " " " " " " "	50
.. " Patent Slippers " " " " " " " " " "	50
.. " Red " " " " " " " " " " " "	50
.. " Patent 4-strap, 5 to 8.....	85
.. " Tan 4-strap, 5 to 8.....	1.30
.. " Patent Wine Top, 2 to 5.....	1.40
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