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PAVING PROPOSITION BEING TAKEN UP WARMLY BY TAXPAYERS

Committee Meets With Great Success in Securing Signers to Petition to Create New Paving District.

Plattsmouth will pave the streets about the proposed public building. This has been definitely determined, as a majority of the property owners in the proposed paving district have agreed to the project. This is the first step toward making Plattsmouth succeed.

Messrs. Parmele and Schmidtman this morning took around the petition creating the proposed district and they found no one to refuse to sign it as far as they had canvassed up to eleven o'clock. In fact, they were most pleasantly surprised when they approached the property owners in the blocks affected by the improvement and found them so enthusiastic in their desire to affix their names to the petition. While they had entertained no doubt of ultimate success in getting the required number of signers they were not altogether prepared for the success which attended their efforts nor the enthusiastic manner in which property owners greeted them. The committee feels that Plattsmouth is finally on the right road now and that the boom which has started in is a permanent one. The disposition to improve the city is such that they do not now fear a halt and they feel that the end of the year 1910 will see substantial progress in all lines in the city.

The petition which creates a new paving district provides for paving Fourth street from Main to Vine, Fifth street from Main to Vine and Vine street from Fourth to the west side of Seventh street. This makes a total of five blocks with three intersections and promises to furnish a lot of work for labor during the coming spring and summer. It is going to be an immense aid to the city in more than one way. It means a protection to the present pavement on Main and Sixth streets of incalculable value. The material which will be used will be brick, this having been used upon Sixth street long enough to demonstrate that it is the ideal pavement for the small city while it is much less expensive than granite blocks.

It has been proposed to add to the proposed district that block on Pearl street running from Sixth to Seventh as property owners in that part of the town have become thoroughly sick of the offensive condition of that street and want something permanent done with it. It is said that some of the more prominent property owners in that block want the street macadamized instead of paved and that this has caused a hitch in the arrangements for paving it. However, be that as it may, it looks as if something will be done with that block and that speedily.

Another scheme which has been suggested and one which is receiving consideration from property owners in the district affected is the creation of another paving district to cover the half block south from Main on Kichey, Third, Fourth and Fifth streets and the block on Pearl between Sixth and Seventh. This would include alley intersections at Kichey, Third, Fourth and Fifth streets and a street intersection at Seventh and Pearl which the city would have to put in. Whether this goes through or not remains to be seen.

One thing is sure the paving district north of Main street will be created. The city in this case will have to pave the three street intersections spoken of heretofore and also the space on Vine in front of the public library. It will also have to pave on Fifth and Vine where the new postoffice building is to go. This makes a large expense upon the city but it is a necessary one. So far no one has been heard to oppose it.

Plattsmouth wants the public building and wants it right now and the only way to get it is to go after it and make conditions such that Uncle Sam must carry out his start

Phillip Fornoff of Pekin, Ill., came in this morning to make a visit with Adam Fornoff and other relatives and friends west of the city. The young man expects to spend several weeks in this vicinity where he has a great many acquaintances and where he is assured of a fine time.

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Charles C. Parmele, chairman of the committee to secure signers to the petition, and the largest property owner affected by the proposed district, was in a happy mood this morning when he found how easy it was to make Plattsmouth succeed. He wore a smile all wool and a yard wide when asked as to the success which was crowning his efforts: "We haven't had a kick, he said. Everybody is satisfied and there is going to be no trouble in getting them on the list. I think personally, that the district should have included the block between Sixth and Seventh on Pearl street and believe we will talk to the property owners on that block and see what they say to it. I must say I am deeply gratified to find the people all pulling together as they are and that they want the work done at once." Wm. Schmidtman who is the other member of the committee accompanying Mr. Parmele on his trip after signers, spoke in a similar vein: "It is mighty nice, he said, to find the property owners all of one mind as they are on this and to find that there is no dissention among them as to paving these streets. Our block is all in line right now except the St. Paul's church and we have assurance that they will be in with us. I am really surprised at the unanimity of sentiment among the property owners."

D. O. Dwyer who is the third member of the committee to secure the adoption and who has been acting as the legal adviser of the committee, expressed himself as more than pleased at the outcome of the work which had been done up to noon. He said: "I can show what I think about it by saying that I drew the petition for the committee and was the first man to sign my name to it. I believe it to be a good thing and that the council should proceed to order the election at once, or as soon as the petition is presented. As I was detained in my office this morning, I could not get out to do active work toward securing signers but I am glad to hear of the progress which is being made. I am in hopes that the government will appropriate the balance of the money which had been appropriated for the site to paying for the paving around the village and this will relieve the city of that much expense. As it is, the city will have to pay for the three street intersections and the board of trustees of the public library will have to arrange for a levy to cover their share of that paving. On the whole, I am glad to see the matter underway and glad to know that the people want the work done."

Messrs. Parmele and Schmidtman with the paving petition this morning having canvassed the entire district covered by the limits of the proposed district found that practically every property owner signed the petition, there being several out of the city just now and a few non-resident owners who will be seen later, then interviewed the county commissioners now in session with the result that the board proceeded to sign the petition by a majority of the members. Messrs. Friedrich and Chairman Jordan attached their signatures to the petition while Commissioner Switzer stood alone in his attitude of objecting to help Plattsmouth succeed.

It virtually completes the task and assures the paving of the new district. The two members of the county board who signed the petition were actuated by the proper spirit, having in mind the fact that Plattsmouth is the county seat town and the largest in the county and that what helps Plattsmouth helps Cass county. Plattsmouth people naturally feel grateful toward them for their action.

Joe Bell and wife who have been in this neighborhood since last fall visiting with his father, Chris Bell and family, departed this afternoon for Portland, Ore., where they formerly were stopping before coming here. Mr. Bell accompanied them to this city this morning.

A FREE ASSURANCE POLICY

The Public No Doubt Will Feel Somewhat Leary of Such a Scheme and Wonder Where the Company Will Profit.

The Journal was recently offered a good thing which it had to unfortunately or fortunately as the case may turn out, turn down. It offered to give the people too much for their money and the Journal is wary of "Greeks bearing gifts."

The beautiful scheme as proposed by the smooth-tongued agent who labored with the publisher for several hours was in effect to give the subscribers of the Journal a free insurance policy. This policy is to be issued by the North American Assurance company of Chicago and provides for a stated amount for about half a dozen different injuries. It is not a blanket policy covering all injuries from whatsoever cause but it is limited in the number of injuries and the manner in which they happen.

The scheme was presented by an agent for the Peerless Advertising company who asked the publisher to buy of them 1,000 application blanks for \$30 or at the rate of 3 cents a piece. This was the first cost. In addition there is what is known as a registration fee of thirty cents on each policy issued. This makes the cost of each policy to the publisher thirty-three cents and the proposition is to add fifty, sixty, seventy cents or one dollar to the price of the paper and give the subscriber this beautifully lithographed policy of insurance for one year.

As the case was presented to the Journal the insurance company gets nothing for its policy but it stands good for accidents of limited class. This looks like a pretty scheme to help the public by a philanthropic insurance company and in fact, it looks altogether too good for the publisher of the Journal to want to monkey with. How the company is going to keep in existence and still not take in any policies is shrouded in deep mystery but they claim they can pay.

Sizing the entire situation up, the Journal concluded that it did not care to give away such a bargain. It preferred to give its patrons something which it knew they would have no trouble with and if they sustained injury it wanted them amply protected.

The Journal has not been informed as to whether this company is authorized to do business in this state but if it is, it would appear that its management should be investigated as they seem to be handling insurance at a remarkably low price.

Whether other papers have been approached with this proposition or not the Journal is not informed but it certainly looks like too much of a good thing. There are few people or corporations nowadays doing business for their health and the insurance company which tries it must inevitably let loose of some of its surplus capital before it finishes.

Union to the Front.

Matt G. McQuinn, one of the good citizens of Liberty precinct, came up last evening from his home to attend to some business matters in the city last night and this morning. Mr. McQuinn reports matters in his home neighborhood as rather quiet except that there is a great amount of building being done in Union and that rush work is being put in to get the new buildings in shape for occupancy. He says that Union presents quite a different appearance from what it used to present before the wave of progress struck it and that it looks now what it is, one of the best towns in Cass county. The new hotel is being put into shape as quickly as possible for occupancy and it promises to be a big help to the town as well as a paying investment. Mr. McQuinn returned to his home this morning on the M. P. train.

George Hild and Joe Bell were passengers on the morning train for South Omaha where they will visit the cattle market and see what they can pick up in the way of good cattle. Mr. Hild is a good judge of the animals and if he runs across some bargains, he will undoubtedly take advantage of them and invest.

Visits City.

William Stohman, the jolly and hustling citizen of Center precinct and Democrat committeeman from that bailiwick, was in the city today and while here called at the Journal office, renewing his allegiance to the paper and making a pleasant visit with the editor. Bill is one of the kind of Democrats who are a holy terror to his opponents and while keeping an eye on the interests of the party in his own precinct, he also manages to get over into some of the adjoining precincts and disturb their peace of mind. He returned to his home on the Schuyler train this afternoon.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY COMING

Plattsmouth Merchants Have a Beautiful Line of Valentines

The near approach of St. Valentine's day, Feb., 14th, calls forcibly to mind the change which has come over the observance of the day within the past few years. Time was when Valentine's day was a day sacred to lovers alone but nowadays things have changed and husbands send valentines to wives and wives to husbands. Mothers send the pretty missives to daughters and daughters to mothers while the son also remembers the mother and sister and the mother and sister the son. This change in the observance of the day has had its effect on business and where formerly there was a small stock of cheap and inexpensive valentines carried in stock, today the stores have nice large assortments which really make a handsome gallery of beauty.

The dealers in Plattsmouth are no exception to the rule and this year they are carrying a greater stock than for years past. Where thirty, forty and fifty dollars worth of this stock was considered large several years back, today the values amount into the hundreds and many of the business houses carry stock valued at \$300 to \$500.

Among local dealers John Nemetz this year is carrying one of the largest and most expensive stocks. His valentines range in price from the very sum to several dollars in value, the higher priced ones being real works of art and worthy of careful preservation. The prevailing interest in aeronautics is exemplified in the design of many of the handsome valentines to be seen on his counters. There are dirigible balloons, their baskets occupied by lovers, there are monoplanes similarly loaded, there are biplanes with a pair of cooling and billing lovers at the wheel and there are other innumerable examples of up-to-date flying machines. And these are only a small part of designs which have been put out to attract the purse strings of the lovers.

Henry Herold is another dealer carrying a thoroughly up-to-date stock with all the latest and hand-somest designs which brilliant minds can produce. Mr. Herold's stock also is much larger than formerly carried and it is one well worthy of looking at. There are designs in each of these two large and attractive stocks separate and distinct from the other and both stocks are splendid in assortment.

Another unique idea this year is that of sending valentine photographs. These make handsome and interesting gifts suitable to the season and the day and the idea has taken well all over the country. In this city the Greenwald studios are making these a specialty this year and some handsome photographic valentines are the result of their efforts.

J. W. Larkin is another who is in the market this year with a handsome line of valentines comprising the latest patterns and prettiest designs.

The matter of opening a road from the ferry below the bridge to this city was put under headway yesterday by County Clerk Morgan who appointed County Surveyor Fred Patterson to go and view the proposed road. Upon the completion and filing of his report with the clerk, the matter will be taken up by the county board. This will probably be up for hearing at the next meeting of the board.

REV. JOHN T. BAIRD PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER DIES

For Years Dr. Baird Was Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of This City—Death a Great Shock to Community.

Died—Baird, Rev. John T., D. D., at his home in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, of neuralgia of the heart, at 5 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, February 3, 1910, aged 72 years, 1 month and 23 days. Funeral on Friday afternoon, February 4, 1910. Interment at Oak Hill cemetery, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

The news last evening of the sudden death at his home in this city of Rev. John T. Baird, for more than thirty years pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city and one of the most widely known and respected of the Nebraska clergy, came as a great shock to all in this city. While it has been known for several days that Dr. Baird was quite ill and some little apprehension had been felt the great mass of the people were not prepared to hear of the sudden and fatal termination of his illness. Neuralgia of the heart was the affection which had seized upon him, the sickness only becoming acute a few days before his passing. The attending physicians had not looked for so sudden a change in the patient's condition and his death proved a most sad surprise.

Dr. Baird had long been a landmark in annals of Nebraska Presbyterianism and he was known throughout the length and breadth of the state as a learned divine. Aside from his high standing in the church which he had devoted his life to, he was known and esteemed as one of the best men in its confines. He was in his lifetime, the exponent of broad, liberal minded and charitable views. He was one of the surviving clergymen of the old school who believed in the uplifting of his fellow men through the intercession of divine power of sentiments. He was both within and without the church, most highly esteemed as a shining example of a most christian gentleman and an ideal citizen.

In this city where the best years of his life had been spent and where his work for the church had borne its ripest fruit, none knew but to love and respect him. Here he had raised a family bringing them up within the straight and narrow way and making of them the most ideal examples of what a good and true father can do. Of late years, Dr. Baird's health had not been such as to permit him to do much active work in the ministry and the closing days of his life had been much as the last days of a good ship which has made its last voyage and anchored within the haven to await in peace and resignation the close of its allotted time.

Dr. Baird's life closes that of a man truly great—of one whose greatest and most lasting monument will be the good words of everyone with whom he came in contact, of their utmost esteem and respect and such respect as amounts almost to veneration. To the entire community his passing is that of one of its best citizens and one who can ill be spared. Especially does his loss fall upon the score of the stricken to whom he had ever ministered and whose burdens and sorrows he had made his own. To those who are left within the darkened home there is no healing words which can express the deep sympathy which all

Most Delightfully Entertained.

A delightful afternoon reception was given at the home of Mrs. J. L. Thompson on last Friday afternoon, the occasion being a reception tendered Mrs. Dr. A. A. Randall by the ladies of the Methodist church. Mrs. Randall who is the charming wife of the former pastor of the church and who now resides at Osceola, Neb., is a favorite among the ladies of the church and they gathered to the number of forty to pay their respects. The afternoon being most delightfully spent, there being a musical program of much merit, Mrs. L. A. Moore being in charge of it and the numbers being especially selected for the occasion. This was followed by a very fine three course luncheon, one worthy the hostess and greatly appreciated by the guests. The occasion was most memorable, not alone in the hearts of the guest of honor Mrs. Randall, but in the hearts of all present.

feel with them. He was a loving and kind father, a noble husband and for everyone beyond his immediate family circle, he was a most dear friend.

Rev. Dr. John T. Baird was a native of the state of Ohio, having been born in Cincinnati on December 3, 1834. His early boyhood was spent in that city and its vicinity and at the proper age, his chosen field of work, that of the ministry, was taken up. Preliminary to this, the young man Baird entered Yale college and in the year 1858, he graduated with high honors. To complete his course and to fully prepare for his work in the field of ministering to men's souls, he took a course at Princeton theological seminary, then, as now, a remarkably high class school for the ministry. He was graduated from Princeton in the year 1861, and returned to Cincinnati where he was licensed by the Presbytery of that synod. This was at the time when the country was rent and torn by civil strife, when brother fought with brother and father with son and Rev. Baird entered upon his task on the borderland where this strife rolled back and forth and where the utmost exertions of the ministry were called in play to stem the tide of the terrible internecine warfare. For three years he labored in this vineyard and by precept and example he strove to call men to Christ even when conditions were most unfavorable.

It was in 1864 that Rev. Baird entered the field in Nebraska, locating at Brownville and in that town he remained for ten years preaching the word. At the conclusion of his service there he came to this city, where he accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church over which he destined to preside until some three years ago when failing health prompted his retirement, he being succeeded by Rev. J. H. Salesbury.

Dr. Baird aside from his work in the ministry in this city had taken great interest in the progress of Bellevue college, a Presbyterian institution, and for many years was a trustee of that institution. The degree of D. D. was conferred upon him at the time of his graduation from Princeton Theological seminary and later the degree of LL. D., was given him by Bellevue college for which he had done so much. In addition to this Dr. Baird had during the long period of his stewardship on the church here acted as stated clerk of the Nebraska City Presbytery and the Presbyterian synod of Nebraska.

He is survived by a wife and five children, the latter being William N. Baird, son, now at Salida, Col., Mrs. George L. Farley, and Misses Caroline, Estella and Florence Baird, all of this city.

The funeral will take place on next Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church where the long years of his life were spent. The services will be conducted by Rev. Thomas L. Sexton of Lincoln with whom Dr. Baird had maintained the most intimate and cordial relations and with whom he has followed church work for more than forty years. Interment will be had at Oak Hill cemetery west of this city.

Jas. Fitzgerald coming Home.

Miss Marie Fitzgerald departed this morning for Omaha expecting to return on the noon train with her uncle James Fitzgerald, who has been having a long siege at the hospital in that city. Mr. Fitzgerald is getting along nicely now and is well on the way toward good health, the only serious drawback now being his weakness the natural result of a long illness. This will speedily be overcome by attention to developing his strength and he will soon be able to be about town and meet his many friends.

H. S. Vernon of Antelope county, Neb., who has been visiting with B. J. Reynolds and family, departed this morning for Thurman, Ia., where he will make a further visit with other relatives before returning to this home. He is an uncle of Mrs. Reynolds of this city.