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## THE ANNIVERSARY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN PROPERLY CELEBRATED

Judge Travis Tells of the Noble Traits of Character of the Great Man at the Presbyterian Church While C. A. Rawls Performs the Same Duty at the Methodist Church,

From Monday's Daily.

The session of the Y. P. S. C. E. at the First Presbyterian church last evening was extremely interesting, the occasion being the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Judge H. D. Travis had been invited to be the speaker of the evening and a large audience assembled to hear him and pay respect to the memory of the great Lincoln. In fact it was the largest congregation which has attended evening service for a long time. The meeting was led by Miss Clara Wolfarth, who announced the topic and gave an interesting talk on the subject of the lesson. After the roll call Mr. C. W. Baylor sang a solo which was much appreciated by the audience. Mr. Baylor possesses a fine voice, which he has cultivated to a high degree of efficiency, and the impression left upon his auditors was marked.

The service was then turned over to the president of the society, Miss Johnston, who introduced Judge Travis as the speaker of the occasion. The judge prefaced his remarks by saying that it had been the hope of his parents to make a preacher of him, but the audience he had thus far been called on to preach to had been juries, and sometimes lawyers. He had read the biography of a lawyer whom the biographer wrote had died at the age of 22, a profound lawyer, Judge Travis was reminded by this of the words of the Psalmist, David, wherein David said: "In my haste I said all men are liars." In approaching his topic, "Abraham Lincoln," Judge Travis said in substance, that he did not live as a man at the time of Lincoln's great achievements. The speaker was but a boy when Lincoln came upon the stage of the world's activity. The speaker described the humble birthplace of the great man, the log cabin constructed from the rough hewn logs of the forest, and placed in the structure without a nail being driven. The chimney built at the end of the cabin from sticks piled one upon the other, and plastered with mud, and the floor made of puncheons, split logs laid with the flat side up. Lincoln was born in such a cabin in Kentucky, on the 12th day of February, 1809, and resided there in the forest for some time, going with his parents to Indiana, where his mother died, his father remarried and the future statesman was reared by a good stepmother. The speaker referred to the powerful physique of Lincoln, stating that his powerful body was ruled by a strong intellect, and that with less than a year of schooling, Lincoln had developed into a good lawyer, a strong orator, and a wise statesman. Judge Travis referred to Lincoln's high moral standard, his love of honesty, and his indomitable will. He began the practice of law in Springfield, Illinois, with a library of but a few books, and with a debt of \$1,100 hanging over him, but with his industry and ability to make friends, his never failing honesty, he soon had clients. The last of the debt he liquidated while a member of congress. Judge Travis then spoke of the stormy political time which swept Abraham Lincoln into the presidency. The speaker did not agree with the idea that Lincoln was raised up by God especially for the hour, but rather held to the idea that

his hard schooling and the education he had won for himself had fitted him for the place and time. The enmity of the jealous statesmen of the time was referred to as an obstacle which Lincoln was called upon to contend with, and which he overcame, and in spite of all opposition of the members of his own cabinet, he received the unanimous support of the people and was renominated for the presidency. Lincoln's Gettysburg speech was read and referred to as a classic. His warm feeling for the soldier boys, and his many reproaches of those sentenced to be shot, was referred to as one of the characteristics of the great-hearted head of the nation. Judge Travis read a few samples of the telegrams which Lincoln sent to the commanding generals, delaying executions until he could investigate the charges.

Judge Travis spoke for almost an hour, and was listened to with the closest attention, and at the close of the service received the congratulations of many on his able address.

Next Sunday evening Superintendent Abbott will address the young people on the subject of "Patriotism." The Bellevue quartet will sing at this meeting.

### At the Methodist Church.

The observation of the anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln was begun with the Sunday school at the M. E. church and ended with a fine address in the evening by ex-County Attorney C. A. Rawls.

The Sunday school hour was entirely taken up with the Lincoln day program. The male members of the school read extracts from the different addresses of Lincoln. Comments on the life of the great emancipator were read from Grant, McKinley, Grady and Emerson, and others. Hon. R. B. Windham read the letter from President Taft sent to the Sunday schools throughout the country.

At the close of the program a picture of Lincoln administering a pledge of total abstinence to a twelve-year-old boy, was unveiled by Percy Warthen, a boy of the same age. The pledge was then circulated among the members of the school and all above the primary signed the same pledge which Lincoln administered to the boy.

The Epworth League meeting in the evening was annulled and the service at 7:30 was also in keeping with the special occasion in memory of Lincoln. The church auditorium and lecture room was filled with the audience which assembled to hear Mr. Rawls' eloquent address.

Mr. Don York sang a solo, "America for Christ," and the choir and Glee club sang an anthem entitled, "Union and Liberty."

Prayer was offered by Rev. Ratcliffe, of the Christian church. The address of the evening was delivered by Mr. Rawls, who prefaced his remarks with a tribute to the flag, and to the remnant of the Grand Army of the Republic and Women's Relief Corps, before him. The speaker occupied forty-five minutes and received the undivided attention of the entire congregation from the youngest to the oldest. The address was replete with eloquent periods, and words of eulogy for the great Lincoln and the work he wrought.

### Returns From Jefferson County.

A. B. Kreager and William Orth, of Ontario, Canada, returned Saturday evening from a trip to Jefferson county, Nebraska, where they had been to visit relatives for a week. Mr. Kreager saw lots of corn in the crib while on this trip, the crops having been rather better in that locality than here. He was well pleased with the lay of the country there, and enjoyed his visit. Mr. Kreager drove in this morning, bringing Mr. Orth to the Burlington station, where he boarded the train for Peoria, Illinois.

## HARDWARE MEN WANT GOOD ROADS

Several Good Things Recommended in Resolutions Unanimously Adopted.

Previous to adjournment of the Nebraska Retail Hardware association in Omaha Friday, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the members of this association recognize the harmful effects of dishonest advertising practiced by many irresponsible individuals and firms, not now amenable to our laws, and herewith petition our representatives in congress to urge the passage of a law prohibiting all untruthful and deceitful advertising.

"Resolved, That we most earnestly protest against the delay in bringing about readjustments of rates charged by the express companies, believing as we do that nine-tenths of the citizens of our country, regardless of location or vocation, feel the injustice of allowing this octopus to prey upon them from year to year. We appeal to our interstate commerce commissioners to see that the laws on our statute books be properly and promptly enforced to that end, that we be relieved from such injustice.

"Resolved, That we urge our representative in congress to assist in securing the passage of a law reducing the postage on first class mail matters from 2 cents to 1 cent. We further urge them to favor postal legislation, tending to adjustment of rates to the end that each class of mailable matter bear its just proportional rate of cost.

"Resolved, That recognizing the importance, economically, socially and educationally of good roads to all citizens of the state, we commend and encourage all efforts in the direction of road improvement whether they be made by public officials or by private individuals. We further urge upon the present legislature the adoption of road laws which will not only make it possible, but highly probable, that we shall speedily secure better roads.

"Resolved, That we do most heartily endorse house roll No. 240, a bill to provide for a universal hunting license, for the reason we believe it will ultimately produce a fund sufficient to buy and maintain a game farm for breeding and distributing wild game for the further reason that said fund will be paid by the hunter who derives the benefit and not by the taxpayer in general, and that a copy of this resolution be mailed the secretary of the senate and the clerk of the house without unnecessary delay.

"Resolved, That we recommend the passage of house roll No. 183 appropriating \$500 for improvements and betterments at the state hatcheries, and \$3,000 for seining overflow ponds and shallow waters and conservation of our native fish."

### "Tattler and Gossip."

The following, from an exchange, contains so much truth in a very little space, that we give it a place in the Journal: "How much happier we would all be if we would attempt to build instead of tearing down; how much sweeter our lives would be, if we would encourage, by kind words, those of our fellowmen and fellow women who have fallen by the wayside; extend a helping hand, whisper words of encouragement in their ears, and oh! how much brighter our lives and theirs would be. Give no heed to the Tattler and Gossip, turn a deaf ear and tell them that you are otherwise engaged, when you find them inclined to talk and very soon the tattlers will find their profession gone."

Mrs. Sharp accompanied her son L. C. Sharp, to Omaha this morning, where she spent the day with friends.

## A PRETTY HOME WEDDING AT ELMWOOD

Miss Edna Louis Leffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leffer of this city, and Lloyd Miller, also a resident in the near vicinity, were married Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the bride's home, the Rev. J. W. Davis, pastor of the M. E. church, officiating. Wright Gonzales and Daisy Langhorst were the attendants. The wedding music was furnished by Miss Emma Stirtz. Miss Minnie Sutherland sang "For Love's Sweet Sake," after which Medelssohn's wedding march was played. The bride and groom then took their places under an arch in one corner of the reception room where the words were spoken that made them man and wife.

The bride wore a beautiful white gown trimmed in white messeline, while the groom wore the conventional black. The ever popular ring ceremony was used. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

A fine array of presents attest the esteem in which the young folks are held and will serve as life long mementoes.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Leffer and Harry Leffer, Peru; Mrs. John Phelps, Louisville; Miss Emma Watson, Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. Millard Leffer, Gordon, Nebraska, and Mr. H. Thomason and daughter, Blanche, of Winthrop, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller will go to housekeeping on one of the Miller farms southeast of town. This paper is pleased to be numbered among the host of friends who will wish them Godspeed.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARTY SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The cozy home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pitzer was the scene of a delightful birthday party Saturday afternoon, when their son, Master Leroy, entertained a large number of his little schoolmates and friends in honor of his eighth birthday anniversary. The little folks spent a very happy afternoon, the greater part of which was devoted to various games and pranks which children delight in and which aroused considerable merriment for them. Then too, there was a most delicious birthday supper, which was served at a convenient hour and which was likewise thoroughly enjoyed. For the occasion and in deference to the Valentine season the rooms of the Pitzer home had been prettily decorated with little red hearts and angels. Master Leroy was the recipient of many handsome gifts, which will assist him in remembering this happy event.

The little people who participated in this most enjoyable birthday party were: Virginia, Grace and Elizabeth Beeson, Gertrude Ramsey, Isabel, Carra and Wilma Rainey, Mabel and Helen Pitzer, Newell Roberts, Roscoe Hill, Dean Douglass, Gilbert Silence, Carl Schneider, Leroy Pitzer, Marion Mauzy, Lyda Johnson, James Harold Ramsey.

## CASS COUNTY COUPLE MARRIED IN OMAHA

Last week two of Cass county's popular young people decided to surprise their numerous friends by getting married. They also made the surprise all the greater by having the knot tied outside the limits of the county. The groom was Mr. Claud Mayabb and the bride Miss Mary Barker, and in company with the groom's brother, Seymore, and the bride's sister, Martha, made their way to the Burlington station Thursday morning, giving it out that they were bound for South Dakota for a visit with friends, but purchasing tickets for Omaha, where the young people were joined in wedlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayabb returned to Plattsmouth and will make this their home, he having a good position with Mr. Wiles, near the city.

**Card of Thanks.**  
The undersigned wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the neighbors and friends who so kindly tendered aid and sympathy during the recent illness and death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Marshall. May a kind, heavenly Father reward each one.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith.

## ST. VALENTINE'S PARTY SATURDAY

There Was a Large Crowd in Attendance at Coates' Hall and a General Good Time.

The St. Valentine party given at Coates' hall last Saturday, under the auspices of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Austin, in honor of the St. Luke's choir, was quite largely attended, and was one of the most enjoyable events of the season. The object of the gathering was for sociability, and the very nominal admission fee was simply to defray expenses, and not for a revenue gain. There was considerable over one hundred in attendance and the affair was all that could possibly be expected, a grand success in every particular. The entire hall and banquet rooms were very prettily and appropriately decorated with a variety of sizes of hearts, red in color, denoting in whose honor the occasion was given. The decorating committee was composed of Mrs. H. S. Austin, Miss Violet Dodge and Miss Gretchen Donnelly. The M. W. A. orchestra were present and furnished music for those who wished to dance. Tables were placed in the banquet room for those who preferred the cards. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served at the usual hour.

As stated above the affair was given by Mr. and Mrs. Austin, who have always taken a great interest in the church work, and they have worked doubly hard in the interests of the choir, exerting every effort to place their musical numbers at the very highest standard, to which end the members of the church well know the fruits of their labors. Thus the party was given by them with but one point in view, to create just a little more enthusiasm and good spirit among the members, and they feel, as well as all the members of the choir, very jubilant over the results of the party last Saturday evening.

There was quite a number of friends from out of the city in attendance as follows: Miss Florence Fassbender, Love Ballard and Hazel Clauson, Messrs. Mones Hawley, Carl Stahlhut, M. R. Wessel and Geo. Slack, all from Nebraska City, and were guests of Miss Gretchen Donnelly, while in the city, and remaining over Sunday; F. M. McCarthy, of Union, Chas. McCarthy and Miss Bessie McCarthy, of Wyoming, who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Selvers; Misses Dora Spetman, Ella Spetman, Vera Spetman, Ada Spetman, Maud Egan and Mattie Barnes, of Council Bluffs, Al. White, Will White, Fred Arant, Walter Breadbeck, Oscar Irwin, Harry Jeffries, Harold Jackson, James Phillips, sr., of Omaha, both parties from Omaha and Council Bluffs, being guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Baylor, Guy and Carl Reese. Misses Lucetta Patterson and Alice Buchanan, of Omaha, guests of Miss Helen Dovey.

### No Longer Mayor of Kenosha.

Our good friend L. B. Brown, former mayor of Kenosha, was in the city today, visiting with his many friends, and of course did not forget the Journal office. "Lig" says he has resigned as mayor of Kenosha, and at the last meeting of the municipal officials, they decided to discharge the chief of police and police judge, as all the citizens of that vicinity had become so law abiding that they found no necessity for such officials. This is Mr. Brown's first visit to the county seat since the first of the year, and we were pleased to see him and learn that his health has been good all winter. His sister, Mrs. Nix, has not been enjoying good health this winter, suffering with the grippe. While here, Mr. Brown renewed for his daily, also, for the two weeklies he sends to Frank Bourgeois, at Pineville, Oregon, and one to Mrs. Kittle Tucker, at Willard, Colorado.

### Coates Block Sold.

At sheriff's sale today the Coates block was sold to P. J. Cunningham, the third mortgagee, for \$36,000.00. Mr. Cunningham bid to protect his third mortgage interest.

Mr. D. Shrader, of Elmwood, and his brother, Homer, from near Nehawka, drove to Plattsmouth this morning and transacted business matters which demanded their attention for a time.

### An Appreciative Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Domingo were in the city over Sunday, visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ray Smith. Saturday Mr. Domingo gave the Journal a pleasant call, which we highly appreciated, and while here renewed his faith in the Old Reliable another year. Mr. Domingo is one of the substantial citizens of Cass county, and is president of the City National Bank of Weeping Water, and a citizen for any community to feel proud of. The Journal is proud to number Mr. Domingo as one of its patrons. Mr. and Mrs. Domingo returned home today.

## B. B. WARTHEN HAS EXCITING TIME WITH COW

Saturday afternoon Mr. B. B. Warthen had an exciting experience with an enraged bossy which he met on his way to town. The cow is said to be the property of Max Herman, and as Mr. Warthen crossed the bridge coming from Winterstein Hill to the city, he noticed some yards in advance a cow coming toward him on the walk, but paid no attention to her, supposing she would step aside when he reached her, but not so, instead of doing so, the animal snorted, ducked her head and charged Mr. Warthen, who was too close to retreat. He grasped the brute by the horns and struggled with her for some minutes before she freed herself and backed up for a second charge.

Mr. Warthen happened to see a club lying near which he secured and struck the animal several hard blows before she would leave the fray. He came on to town and was completely exhausted by his encounter.

Mr. Warthen does not care to have another such experience, and it is fortunate that the animal did not attack a child or a woman, as they would have undoubtedly been injured.

## COUNCILMAN NEUMAN FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Plattsmouth, Neb., Feb. 8, '11.  
To the Editor of the Lincoln Herald:  
Dear Sir—The remarks you made in the Herald about Plattsmouth soon to have a tussel with the water franchise and to establish a city plant and save money is O. K. I, myself, have been fighting for the same for the last ten years, and will run for mayor this spring on the socialist ticket and will work for municipal ownership of the water plant. Please give it a boost in the Herald. Yours truly,  
Frank E. Neuman.

Mr. Neuman has served the city of Plattsmouth a number of years as a faithful and efficient councilman and though elected as an independent, he has for years been a very pronounced socialist. Plattsmouth has a large contingent of socialists and Mr. Neuman will poll a large vote for mayor, if indeed he may not be successful. He certainly has a live issue for his campaign—city ownership of the water system.—Lincoln Herald.

### Loses His Coat and Hat.

Our genial friend, M. Mauzy, called at the Journal office last Saturday evening to renew for the copy of the daily he sends to his son, Robert, in Denver. In conversation with him he tells us that Bob, who is in the Pullman service, as conductor, and running west from Denver, had the misfortune to have his coat and hat stolen from the car on his last run, which, although quite a loss, Bob says he made no effort to recover, owing to the fact that he was suspicious of the "nigger" porter. He says he would never wear it again should he find it on the back of Mr. "Coon."

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stockholders of the Burlington & Missouri River R. R. Company in Nebraska, will be held in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, at 10 a. m., February 23, 1911.

The meeting will be held for the election of nine directors of the company to serve until their successors are elected and qualified, and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it.

W. P. Durkee,  
Secretary.  
Omaha, Nebraska, January 19, 1911

## COUNTY JAIL HAS BEEN BRIGHTENED UP SOME

If you have not been to the county jail, you should walk over and take a peep at the interior. The walls have been decorated with a couple of coats of fresh new paint, and the ceiling frescoed in the latest approved style. The color is pea-green and very soothing to the eye of the inhabitants. The material was furnished by the commissioners, and the artistic work was done by Oklahoma Vandervert. The chief did not commit himself, but the reader can form his own conclusion as to whether the cleaning up was in anticipation of the return of Fred Ohm, an erstwhile inmate

who gave leg bail some weeks ago, in preference to giving a peace bond. At least as soon as the painting was done Fred came back to town, and last night the hard-hearted officers of the law thrust him back in jail.

### Observe Lincoln's Birthday.

From Monday's Daily.  
This morning in recognition of the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, in the high school, was read the little booklet by Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews, entitled "The Perfect Tribute." A little story containing the Gettysburg address. We regret that space will not permit the reproduction of the little gem.

Elmer Spies returned to the Omaha commercial college this morning, having come to Plattsmouth on business yesterday.