

PLAIN TALK ON THE JUDICIARY MADE BY JUDGE TRAVIS IN CHURCH SPEECH

Admits That Something Should Be Done to Remedy The Evils of The Judiciary But Does Not Believe That The Recall Is the Proper Remedy—Suggests Election of Federal Judges.

It is not often that a member of the judiciary as high as the district court talks as plain about the judiciary of this country as did Judge H. D. Travis of the district court in his address yesterday morning at the Presbyterian church on the subject of "Government." It was an audience made up mostly of women that heard this thoughtful address. The message was one that every man and school boy in Plattsmouth should have heard and thought about.

The feature of the address, because of its timeliness, was on the subject of the recall. Judge Travis does not believe in the recall of the judiciary. He admits that much of the criticism of the courts is deserved, but the recall is not the proper remedy, he believes. To subject the judiciary to the recall would throw every judge into the mire of politics. If a judge should not decide a case a certain way a litigant could go out and seek to have him recalled. This would throw the judges into politics.

Judge Travis said that the judges have not let politics alone and that is the reason for the outcry against the courts. The rights of the people have been violated by the judiciary. He gave an example from Cincinnati, where a noted political boss escaped trial through the flagrant aid of a judge. The judge before whom the boss was first brought, and who insisted that he be placed on trial, said, after this miscarriage of justice, that he favored the recall, not because he believed in it, but because something must be done to purify the courts.

Judge Travis stated that as between courts influenced by the people and courts influenced by the special interests, the former would be much the lesser of the two evils.

He said that one of the reasons for the present condition of the courts was that the judges were not selected from the people. Especially was this true of the federal judiciary. Point him a single federal judge, he said, who did not, before appointment, have connections with great corporate influences. He gave a specific example in the case of Judge Vandeventer, who owed his appointment to his present position through Union Pacific influences. He called attention to the fact that the federal judiciary is never recruited from the state courts, and told of the efforts to have Judge Deamer of Iowa, a really great judge, appointed to the place which was filled by Vandeventer.

As a remedy for the federal judiciary, he suggested that the federal judges be chosen by the vote of the people. He would take away from the president the

power of the appointment of all federal, circuit and district judges.

There was much interesting legal history in Judge Travis' address, which cannot be given here because of lack of space. He traced the beginnings of the liberties now enjoyed by the Anglo-Saxon people. He explained how the constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land, and it is upon the constitution that the bulwark of the people's liberties stands. He told of the decision in the supreme court of the case of Marborough vs. Madison, in which the court decided that where a law of congress was in conflict with the constitution, the constitution must rule. Judge Travis said he agreed with the courts that the constitution is supreme and ought to be that if any of its provisions could be set aside by statute, the time might come when congress could pass an act creating a dictator.

He cited the famous Dartmouth college decision, in which the supreme court decided that a charter given by a state was a contract and could not be revoked. And then the case of Fletcher vs. Peck, in which the court held that a grant of a legislature is irrevocable, no matter if it can be proved that it was secured fraudulently.

Judge Travis said that the remedy for the correction of the evils of the government was not revolution, not the nullification of the constitution or of the laws, but earnest study of the questions of government by the people. The people must study these things, he said, and must leave out politics. They must reason them out themselves and then have the courage of their convictions. He said that not one man in a hundred had read and studied the constitution, although it is the document upon which all his liberties rest.

Judge Travis, at the close of his address, said that when Rev. Gade asked him to fill the pulpit one Sunday morning, he suggested that he say something for the good of Plattsmouth. Judge Travis said that for some years there had been a spirit of pessimism here, which was bad for the community. He said that no city of this class in the state had more to be thankful for than Plattsmouth; more people were employed, he said, in proportion to population; no city had a better class of people; no city was more beautiful in appearance. He said that the people ought to cultivate a spirit of optimism. He said that homes should be built for people who would locate here if they could find good homes.

Mrs. Tom Patterson and Mrs. C. C. Parmele spent today in the metropolis.

ELMWOOD. Leader-Echo.

L. F. Langhorst left Tuesday for Alliance, Neb., on potato business.

Mrs. H. G. Wilkinson was called to Winterset, Iowa, today to be at the bedside of her sick mother.

Mrs. A. Muth and two children of Pella, Iowa, came Thursday for a visit with relatives and friends.

John and Stella Box returned Sunday evening from a visit with their brother, Arthur, at Wintetoon, Neb.

Walter Stutz and family of Millard, Neb., were guests of the C. D. Kunz, jr., and Emil Borne in their homes last week.

Everett Oxley and son, Oliver, of Belden, Neb., visited a few days last week with the former's sister, Mrs. J. Lean.

Noel Tyson, Sanford Clements and Pearl Roeltzer are increasing their store of knowledge at the Peru normal.

Dr. Alton went to Lincoln Tuesday evening to assist in the operation on Mrs. Horton at the Shoemaker hospital.

Miss Edith Moon went to Weeping Water Wednesday to attend the wedding of Miss Mayme Mills, a former teacher in our schools.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Kunz, jr., on Tuesday, September 12, a handsome baby daughter. All doing fine, and satisfactory with Dave?

There seems to be no great influx of live stock on the metropolitan markets at this season. However, the local buyer, Mr. J. F. Hoover, has managed to load out one car a week for the past four weeks.

Rev. Wilkinson handed in his resignation as pastor of the Christian church on Sunday last. He will go to Florida soon to look after his real estate possessions and other matters, but what he will finally do in the ministry is not known to us.

Contractors arrived Monday and immediately began staking and excavating preparatory to placing masons, diggers and helpers at work on the new school building. If present calculations do not fail the building will be ready for occupancy on or about January 1.

Mrs. William Smith received word Friday from Chicago bearing the sad intelligence that James Collins, cousin of the late William Smith, had come to his death by the accidental taking of turpentine. Mr. Collins is well known to many people here who will read this short account with much sorrow.

The Elmwood public schools opened Monday morning with the corps of teachers as announced in these columns a short time ago, with the exception of Miss Bell in charge. Mrs. Shepherd of Peru take the place of Miss Bell, who assumes the duties of housekeeping for her father, following the death of her mother. The first primary occupies the G. A. R. hall and the second primary, crowded out of the main building by the addition of the twelfth grade, will occupy the room at the rear of the American Exchange bank, until recently used as a living room by J. E. McGrew.

MUST BE CAREFULL IN ADVERTISING

Banks Cannot Make Misleading Statements to the People.

State banks under the guarantee act are permitted to advertise that "depositors are protected by the depositors' guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska," says the State Journal. Some state banks have been called to task by the state banking board for going beyond this statement. State banks advertise in various forms and the constant display of notices that "depositors are protected by the depositors' guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska" has called forth the criticism that the words "guarantee of the state of Nebraska" is intended to convey the idea that the state of Nebraska guarantees deposits in state banks.

A national bank in the southeastern part of the state has issued a circular setting forth its condition, the circular bearing a picture of "Uncle Sam," an American eagle and a shield with bars and stars upon it. A large scroll over the design contains these words: "The nation guards the money in the national banks." At the side of the design is the statement: "Put your money where it will be safe. It will come in handy some day."

It is alleged that if the state banks have exceeded their authority under the law in wording their advertisements, national banks are guilty of the same offense, the only difference being that advertisements of state banks are registered by law, but so far as known no national law governs the form of advertising of national banks. It is charged that one set of banks desires to create the impression that the general government is behind or "guards" deposits.

Statistics are said to show that a small fraction of 1 per cent of the deposits were lost in the national banks throughout the country during the past ten years and the same is true of state banks in Nebraska during the same period when no guarantee of deposits by law existed in the state. Careful supervision by both state and national officers is said to be responsible for this small loss.

A Valuable Speaker.

Dr. R. P. Shepherd of St. Louis, who is to be the chief speaker at the County Sunday School convention to be held in Plattsmouth October 16 and 17, is one of its most prominent men on the Sunday school platform. His real business is editor-in-chief of one of the large church publications, but his virile manhood and forceful manner of speaking have put him in demand as a public speaker from Maine to California. His activities are varied and numerous. Aside from being editor of a great magazine he is an active member of the National Congress of Farmers, the National Bureau of Legislation, the American Statistical society, the American Economical association, the American Sociological society, the International Bureau of Conciliation, the North American Religious Education association. So it can be seen that we are to have a man of no small caliber, a man of wide experience and large ideas, a man whose participation in the great movements of the day for the betterment of the world qualifies him to deliver the message we need to hear. We are indeed fortunate in securing Mr. Shepherd and the man or woman who fails to hear him will miss a real genuine uplift.

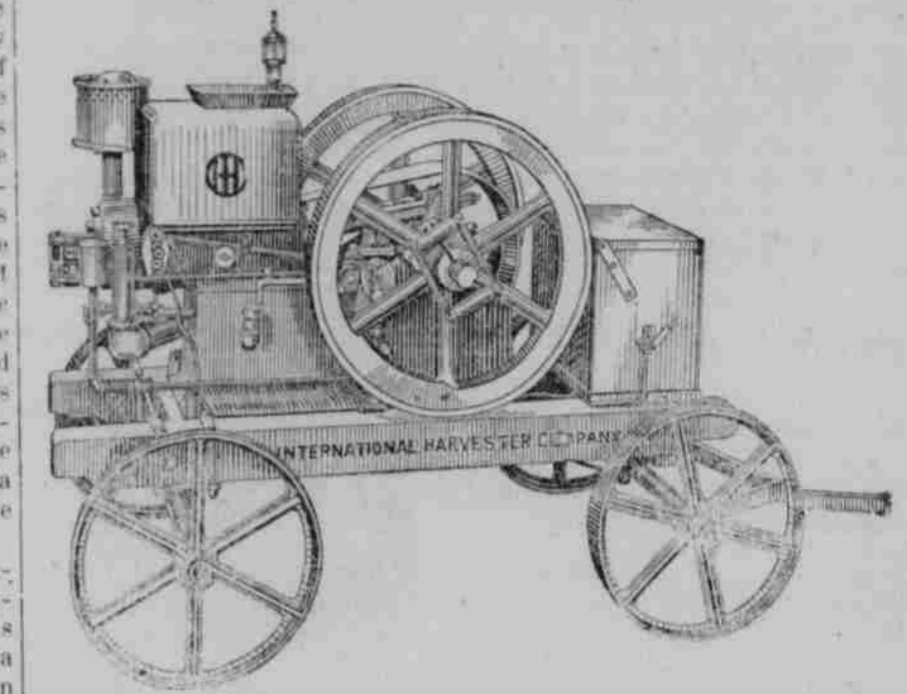
Rosebud Land Opening.

During October the U. S. Government is going to open up to settlement one-half million acres of land in Mellette and Bennett Counties, South Dakota, in the celebrated Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations. A sectional map of Mellette County, S. D., has just been issued showing all the land open to homestead entry, gives the names of all Indians allotted and the numbers of their allotments; shows all streams and gives a good topography of the country in general. I will furnish this map and full information regarding the opening, homestead laws, etc., upon receipt of fifty cents. J. A. Flynn, Corn Belt Bank Bldg., Gregory, S. D.

Johnnie Leiftheiss, the accommodating clerk at H. M. Soenichsen's popular grocery store, has been on the sick list for several days, but is now able to be around. His many friends are always happy when they behold Johnnie's smiling countenance.

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FREIGHT TRAINS MILE LONG IN THE FUTURE

Long String of Cars That Now Pass Plattsmouth Will Seem Short to New Trains.

A railroad expert has made the statement that the construction of locomotives is still in its infancy. "The mallet engine may seem large now," said C. T. Ripley, assistant engineer of tests of the Santa Fe, "but within a few years there will be still larger types. The mechanical officials of the Santa Fe are now working on patents by which three engines will be coupled together, instead of two, as in the present compound Mallets."

With larger and larger freight engines, the length of the freight trains will be greater and greater. Now it is quite a favorite pastime of people at the Burlington depot to count the number of cars that pass through here. Trains of from 70 to 80 cars are the usual thing, while sometimes they have 90 or a 100 cars. With engines twice as powerful as the big ones that come through on the Burlington, train a mile long will probably become the rule, as it seems to be the practice of the officials of that road to put on as many cars as is possible. Many of the freight trains that come from the east over the Burlington have to be helped up the hill at the bridge by an additional engine.

Big Dance.

There will be a dance at the T. J. Sokol hall on Saturday night, September 23. The public is invited to attend. A good time is assured to all. The admission will be 50 cents to men. Ladies will be admitted free. The music will be by the M. W. A. orchestra.

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