

REAL POEM ABOUT SADIE

HERE'S ONE THAT WAS WRITTEN TWENTY YEARS AGO.

BY JOHN BRENNAN, SIOUX CITY

Behind This Poem is a Story of Charity That Welled up in Sadie's Heart and Cared for an Outcast—Beats the Sheep Theme.

There's a poem about Sadie Dubois that hasn't been printed anywhere for twenty years, and then it was in Sioux City. It was written by John Brennan, years ago a prominent citizen of Sioux City, and behind a poem is a story—a story of charity that welled up in Sadie's heart and prompted her to go down into the hovel of a social outcast, after all others had turned away, and nurse the woman during her dying hours. Sadie used to work in Sioux City and upon this occasion John Brennan wrote a poem that was printed. During the past few days Sadie has been the subject of a number of rhymes written in Norfolk and in towns near here, all of them having come as the result of a little suggestion, by way of jest, printed in this paper.

Following is the poem, written September 24, 1887, and a copy of which, printed specially for her in large type, hangs in a frame on the wall in Sadie's parlor:

Sadie Dubois.

Sadie Dubois is a maiden of forty,
Big as a barrel and black as the night,
Strong as a tiger, light hearted and hearty,
True to her duty and fierce in a fight;

Never was classified comely or clever;
No trace of beauty, her color annoys;
Still, as I pass her, I take off my beaver
And bow with affection to Sadie Dubois.

Down on the levee resided a woman,
Widow and mother of two little boys,
Sickness befell her—the creature was human—
Smothered her soul in the cup that destroys;

Helpless and friendless, miseries endless,
Famine and fever invaded her home;
Piety (?) turned up its nose at the friendless,
Decency under her roof would not come.

Still in the city one spirit had pity,
Courage to comfort the woman in woe;
Like a true woman, instinctively human,
Cared for the wretch who had fallen so low.

Tenderly cared her, kindly prepared her,
To start on the journey to regions of light.
This is why Sadie to me is a lady,
Black as a raven, with spirit so white.

When Gabriel trumpets the final reveille,
Calling us all on the terrible day,
The homely and pretty, the wise and the witty,
Each from his tenanted hovel of clay;

When at the moment the sentence is given,
Eternity's woe or eternity's joys,
Fondly I hope for a corner in heaven,
High in the circle as Sadie Dubois.

—John Brennan.

NORFOLK'S MEDICAL PROFESSION

Physicians and Surgeons.

Speaking of professional men of constructive value to a community brings up very naturally the discussion of the medical men, whose services mean more to any community than can be measured in dollars and cents, whose personal sacrifice is often very great, and who every day are saving human lives that, together, make up the very life of a locality. All this aside from their personal worth as citizens, for outside their professional capacities, men of medicine make first-class citizens in a town.

As Norfolk is liberally supplied with other industries unknown to most cities of this size, so also Norfolk has her quota of medical men—more high quality of physicians, perhaps, than a city of this size might really have claim to.

And here again enters the matter of Norfolk's admirable location as a railway center, the hub of a large wheel which centers here for medical consultation and discussion, just as for other commodities.

Norfolk surgeons have been carried on special trains for more than 100 miles to attend critical cases. In days gone by Norfolk was the home of physicians who rode and drove all over these frontier prairies, helping the ill and bringing them back to life and health.

Of such rank is the medical profession in Norfolk today that the Elkhorn Valley Medical association is said to rank well with the state association, and people are attending the sessions of that organization from points quite distant; even Sioux City, in Iowa, being represented at the last meeting here.

But that only shows the comparative prestige of this as a medical center.

Norfolk physicians and surgeons stand high among their fellows in this section of the country; their opinions are considered worth while in consultation. All of which merely impresses upon Norfolk the fact that the man who is ill should cheer up and call a doctor with the consoling thought that he will get a good one.

Imagine being brought from a sound sleep between midnight and morning to answer a doorbell or a telephone call on these nights of far below zero weather, only to find summons to drive out into the chilly air for several miles, to administer to the suffering. Yet, this is what we are calling upon our medical people to do every night of the week, and they do it without a word of protest. Such is the heroic sacrifice that the medical man is called upon to undergo. Yes, of course they get paid for it—sometimes! But rich or poor, well-to-do or destitute, the patient who is dying from fever gets all the attention from the Norfolk physician that his skill can suggest. Medicine and the medical profession is no respecter of persons, and it is a safe assertion that every physician in the city is carrying on his books accounts amounting to hundreds and hundreds of dollars that can never be collected under the sun. More than that, it is the family that is very large and frequently the one that is very poor, which courts the most disease and consequently a large part of the work of these doctors is of a charity sort.

As it is a bit of mighty good fortune that there lives in a community a keen attorney to fight the legal battles for his fellows, or an able minister to lift up the civic ideals and morals, so it is also a fortunate city that possesses medical men who are painstaking and conscientious and skillful.

Such factors are vitally constructive factors in any region of the world.

THE ANTI-PASS MEASURE

AGREED UPON BY MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

PROVISIONS ARE STRINGENT

Employees of Railroads, Attorneys and Physicians Who Receive Salaries of \$500 a Year, Caretakers of Stock and Few Others May Ride Free.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 9.—Special to The News: Under the provisions of the anti-pass bill agreed upon by the members of the railroad joint committee, the only exceptions made are employees of the roads and allied corporations and caretakers of stock. The short list of exceptions is said to be due to the announcement of Governor Sheldon that he would not sign a bill which did not conform closely to the party platform.

The argument on this bill was long and loud, special effort being made to include the inmates of old soldiers' homes and ministers on the list of exceptions. The wording of the anti-pass bill, as it was introduced, in naming the persons who may properly ride on passes, is faulty, as it says "bona fide employees" instead of "employees of railroad corporations," but the members of the joint committee insist that this was an oversight in drawing up the bill, and that it will be corrected by adding an amendment.

A fine of from \$100 to \$1,000 is provided for violations of the provisions of the bill, and the one who accepts a pass is made equally liable for prosecution with the giver. This last clause has roused much opposition.

Both the anti-pass bill and the two-cent fare bill were introduced in the house yesterday afternoon. As the commission bill, which is about 10,000 words long, was not copied in time, it was held over until today for introduction.

The text of the anti-pass bill as introduced is as follows:

A bill for an act entitled "An act regulating and limiting the issuance, giving, receiving and using of free tickets, free passes or free transportation in any form for transportation of passengers over any and all the lines of railroad within the state of Nebraska and to provide penalties for violations thereof."

Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Nebraska:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any railroad company or corporation owning or operating any line or lines of railroad in the state of Nebraska or any officer or agent of any such company or corporation to directly or indirectly issue or give to any person or persons any free tickets, free pass or free transportation in any form for the transportation of any passenger or passengers over or on any lines of railroad or any part thereof so owned or operated by it in the state of Nebraska, except to persons hereinafter designated and limited; and it shall also be unlawful for any person or persons not included within such classes hereinafter designated and limited to accept and use any such free ticket, free pass, or free transportation in any form (so issued and given in violation of this act) for travel on or over any line or lines of railroad or any part thereof in the state of Nebraska.

Provided, however, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to prohibit or make unlawful the issuing or giving of any such free ticket, pass, or free transportation to any person or persons within the classes hereinafter designated and limited or the acceptance and use of the same persons within such classes, viz., bona fide employees and their families, officers, surgeons who are annually employed at a salary of not less than \$500 per year; attorneys who are actually employed and receiving salaries of not less than \$500 per year; necessary caretakers of livestock, poultry and fruit; to employees on sleeping cars, express cars and baggage cars; and to linemen of telegraph companies; to railway mail service employees; baggage agents; and persons injured in wrecks and physicians and nurses attending such persons.

Provided, further, that the provisions of this act shall not be construed to prohibit the interchange of passes for the officers and bona fide employees and their families of other railroad companies, nor to prohibit any railroad corporation from carrying passengers free with the object of providing relief in cases of general epidemic, pestilence or calamitous visitation.

Any railroad corporation violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and for each offense on conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000.

Row Over the Brewers.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 9.—Special to The News: So demonstrative did John W. Parish and Elmer E. Thomas become in speaking respectively for the brewers and the Omaha Civic federation in the hearing before the senate committee on cities and towns that Senator Gibson had to spring between the two men and insist on order. The hearing was on the Gibson bill to prohibit brewers from owning saloons and to limit the number of saloons in a locality to one for every 1,000 of population. Senator Patrick and Senator Gibson, as well as Mr. Thomas, defended the bill. Senator Gibson explained that the bill was introduced for the benefit of the retail liquor dealer and to prevent a beer trust. Mr. Parish insisted that there is no beer trust, and said that the brewers,

SOCIAL EVENTS OF WEEK

SOCIAL WHIRL CONTINUED TO BE ACTIVE.

WENT TO BEGIN WEDNESDAY

The Past Week Has Been One Pleasure-Filled, and Three Large Dinners are Scheduled for the Coming Week. Details of the Calendar.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The social whirl in Norfolk, which has been unusually active during the present winter, will continue to a certain extent through the Lenten season, though perhaps not quite so many events to fill the calendar as have prevailed during the forepart of the season. Next Wednesday will mark the beginning of this forty-day period. The past week has been marked with many pleasures and three large dinners are scheduled for the coming week.

St. Valentine's day, next Thursday evening, will be the occasion for merriment and hearts will have their inning.

Pleasures of the Week.

Monday night was the sixty-sixth birthday of Dr. A. Bear of this city and it was also the occasion for a dinner party in the Bear home on Norfolk avenue. A large number of friends were seated at small tables at 6:30 o'clock and served in four courses. Gentlemen after dinner enjoyed cigars in a cozy little den, after which covers were cleared for an evening of six-hand euchre. In this the shouting prizes were presented to Mr. Gow, Mrs. Mittelstadt and Mrs. Boas, while high score prizes went to Mrs. N. A. Huse and Mr. Weatherby. The ladies received carnations and books. At the close of the games a little surprise was sprung on the host when Mr. N. A. Rainbolt, in a witty and ideally fitting little speech, presented Dr. Bear with a handsome silver loving cup with his name and the date engraved on the outside. Mr. Rainbolt said that a small cub of years ago had grown into a good sized bear and that he had been bearing the burdens of life for sixty-six years. He presented the gift as a token of the esteem from a few old time friends. The evening was an altogether delightful one in many ways.

A delightful dinner party was given in the home of Dr. P. H. Salter Friday evening by Mrs. G. B. Salter and Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Salter. A dinner in four courses was served at 6:30 o'clock, the half hundred guests being distributed about the home at small tables. Cigars were enjoyed by the gentlemen after the dinner for a half hour, six-hand euchre afterward centering the attention. In the series of games during the evening the ladies' shouting honors were taken by Mrs. O. J. Johnson, the ladies' high score by Mrs. W. N. Huse, the gentlemen's shouting prize went to Mr. Mayer and the gentlemen's high score to Mr. Reynolds. The ladies received pretty sterling silver, gold lined individual salts, and to the gentlemen went dainty decks of cards.

The Epworth League social at the M. E. church last night was a success in every way, a large crowd being in attendance. The musical program was good, the male quartet, composed of Lawrence Hoffman, Ross Tyndal, Harry Faucett and Claude Ogden, deserve special mention. A nice sum of money was cleared for the society.

Mrs. G. B. Salter and Mrs. P. H. Salter delightfully entertained a company of ladies Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock luncheon, euchre following as an after-luncheon pastime. In the playing Mrs. George H. Burton and Mrs. W. N. Huse were the successful winners in the form of bud vases.

Miss Small and Miss Von Goetz delightfully entertained a few friends last evening at the home of Robert Utter. Cards were the feature of the evening, after which a dainty two course luncheon was served.

The chess club was very pleasantly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haase at their home on North Eighth street Tuesday evening. Refreshments were enjoyed at the close of the games.

Coming Events.

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Miss Edna Loucks will entertain her Sunday school class this evening at a masquerade party.

An informal concert and dancing party at the insane hospital will be given Saturday evening.

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Weddings.

A pretty home wedding took place on Tuesday morning when Miss Della Herrington, one of the popular young ladies of Norfolk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herrington, became the bride of Ralph D. McKinney of Omaha. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. Turner of the First Congrega-

BIG BOOST FOR M. J. GOLDEN

IS TO BE ASSISTANT GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT.

WITH HEADQUARTERS IN CHICAGO

Will Have Charge of All Local Freight Traffic in the State of Iowa—Has Been Traveling Freight Agent for Eight Years.

Michael J. Golden, who for the past three years has been traveling freight agent for the Northwestern road, with headquarters in Sioux City, and who held a claim on the Rosebud reservation four miles southwest of Dallas, has been appointed assistant general freight agent, with headquarters in Chicago, effective February 15. He will have full charge of all local traffic in the state of Iowa.

C. B. COOKE DEAD.

Well Known Northwestern Conductor a Victim of Typhoid Fever.

Boone, Iowa, Feb. 9.—A telegram received in this city today announced the sudden death of Conductor Charles B. Cooke at Longview, Tex., of typhoid fever. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke and two children left here on the 21st of December on a pleasure trip, also to visit Mr. Cooke's brother in Texas, and the news of his death was quite startling. He has been on the Northwestern road here since 1874, and was a son of a prominent Presbyterian divine. The remains will be brought here for burial.

SUPT. WHALEN INJURED.

Northwestern Official Struck by a Freight Train at Boone.

Boone, Iowa, Feb. 9.—Yesterday afternoon at about 3 o'clock Superintendent W. H. Whalen of the Iowa division of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway company, was struck by a freight train in the yards and injured. He had been in the yards with the division engineer and was returning to the city when the accident happened. At this time his injuries are not thought to be of a serious nature. He is now at the Eleanor Moore hospital.

"The Burglar and the Wait."

It was a better sized audience that witnessed the performance of "The Burglar and the Wait" at the Auditorium than the thing deserved; it was melo-comedy, melo-romance—melo-everything that the crowd saw. Miss Marie Young, as Little Captain Polly, was pretty and petite, though not so young as the role would make her appear. Willard Ward as "Bub Brink," a lad who stuttered and wore overalls, brought applause from the galleries. Incidentally his whistling was the best feature of the whole show. S. T. Leonard, as John Livingston, was not bad. But on the whole the production was disappointing in many ways. After the heartrending struggles had been conquered several heroes sent bullets into the villain's back altogether, and they all lived happily after that.

DR. BEAR HAS 66TH BIRTHDAY.

Old Time Friends Present Silver Loving Cup to Him.

Dr. Alexander Bear celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday in this city last Monday night at a dinner party. At the close of the evening's pleasure, a silver loving cup, a token of the love and esteem with which his old time friends regard him, was presented to the host, the presentation speech being happily made in apt fashion by one of Dr. Bear's friends of longest standing, Mr. N. A. Rainbolt.

In responding to the presentation, Dr. Bear remarked that he wouldn't have known it was his birthday if his wife hadn't told him; that he had reached that age in life where one wishes to forget rather than remember the passing mile posts.

Dr. Bear was born in Virginia on February 4, 1841. He came west to Norfolk in 1871, at the age of thirty. Here he has resided ever since and, besides growing day by day into the affections of his neighbors and fellow-men, he has built up a large practice and a large fortune. Today he is one

of the extensive property owners of the city.

In the early days, when this was the center of a frontier section, Dr. Bear did untold good deeds among the settlers; he would ride in below-zero weather for miles and miles to care for the ill and injured, and as a result he came to be regarded as one of the very foundation rocks of the community.

He has been a life-long democrat. Born in Virginia, he served as a surgeon in the confederate army during the days of the civil war. Since coming to Nebraska he has been prominent in the affairs of state, having at one time been a member of the state legislature.

Though still as young in his ways as a boy of twenty, Dr. Bear asserts with seriousness that he has really and truly come to the 66-mark, and during the past year he has taken into his office as a partner in his practice a rising young physician who was born and bred in this city, Dr. Walter Pilger.

Atkinson Items.

Atkinson, Neb., Feb. 11.—Special to The News: M. F. Harrington spoke to a good sized audience on government ownership of railroads in the town hall Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Pat Barrett, living seven miles in the country, is very ill and it was found necessary to remove her to Omaha on the early train Dr. Douglas will accompany her to the hospital, where it is hoped an operation will be successful.

Before Lenten Society.

Lindsay, Neb., Feb. 11.—Special to The News: Mrs. Hollaran entertained numerous lady friends at cards Thursday afternoon.

Thursday evening the band gave their last dance, the best one of the season.

Sunday night Mrs. J. F. Finch entertained the whist club. Friday night Mrs. B. G. Walker gave a farewell party to the doctor and his family, who are moving to Omaha.

Monday night the ladies of the Royal Neighbors gave a hard times social.

COMMITTEE IN TIGHT PLACE

UNCERTAINTY AND HESITANCY OVER PRIMARY BILL.

THE MEMBERS ARE "STUMPED"

Committee to Prepare a Primary Bill Does Not Know Which Way to Turn. To Adopt System Pledged Would Obliterate the Party.

Lincoln, Feb. 11.—Special to The News: Uncertainty and hesitancy mark the demeanor of the members of the subcommittee selected to outline a primary bill.

It is now an open secret that the members are "stumped." It is claimed that they do not know which way to turn. To adopt the "state wide" system pledged in the platform means an obliteration of the party, claim many who discuss the matter this morning. The primary advocates would completely "gig back" if they dared. However, it is insisted that they must report some semblance of a primary bill to silence the "fake reform" shouters.

Teachers Institute.

Ainsworth, Neb., Feb. 11.—Special to The News: The Brown county teachers' institute convened here Saturday and held an exceptionally good meeting. The teachers were here from Long Pine, Johnstown and all over the county and the new principal, Mr. Graybiel, appeared to give perfect satisfaction to all the teachers, as he stood before them and conducted an impartial program, giving the country teachers the same chances as the town teachers.



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