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Meisinger Family Holds Reunion Here Sunday

The Members of the Family Assemble at Garfield Park for the Happy Occasion

Sunday at Garfield park in this city assembled the members of the Meisinger family, one of the most prominent family groups in this part of Nebraska, meeting for the annual reunion.

The occasion brought a very large number here of the descendants of the early settlers of the family who came here from Illinois in the late seventies and eighties to make homes for themselves and families in the new west and who have proven real empire builders in the tilling of the soil and the making of this community into one of the greatest producing sections of the west.

The first members of the family settled in Illinois, in and near Pekin and later came west to settle in that portion of Cass county from Plattsmouth to Louisville and where in the tidy and well kept farms the descendants still carry on the splendid work of their forebears.

The picnic and reunion this year was in charge of L. G. Meisinger, Henry G. Meisinger and Anton Meisinger, and who had arranged the date and place of meeting at the pleasant city park here.

Many of the members of the family came from distant points and enjoyed the opportunity of fine picnic dinners in the pleasant surroundings of the park which was ideal for the purposes of the reunion.

There was no formal program arranged for the day and the time was taken up in visiting and a general family get together and which brought many here from near Springfield and Papillion and one of the family groups from the old home in Illinois were present to participate in the pleasures of the day.

The attendance numbered several hundred and the party were going and coming for the greater part of the day, those at distant points returning in the mid afternoon to their homes to look after their farming interests.

It was an occasion that all enjoyed to the utmost and brought together the aged members of the family as well as the third and fourth generations of the family circle.

RETURNS FROM RUSSIA

Miss Margaret Fedde, head of the home economics department of the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln, with Miss Bess Bell, of Omaha, were here Sunday as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Searl S. Davis, old time friends. Miss Fedde has just returned from a month in Russia, in Europe and six weeks of which was spent in Russia. Miss Fedde was a member of a party of six of the members of the International Educational institute, sent to look over the present day Russia and the workings of the educational system in the government was operated in the various lines of the national life. The party was escorted by the government officials in the different activities and which afforded them a fine opportunity of viewing the workings of the industrial system. The residents of Russia seemed to hold the United States as the greatest of the capitalistic countries and their great ambition was to surpass this nation in production in both agriculture and industry. The educational system is carried in the training of the youth of the country in the principles of the Soviet system, making a common interest in the nation and eliminating anything that is individualistic in any sense. The religious and home life is made communistic as largely as possible, the younger people being given no religious training and the home ties disregarded by the teachings. The trip was a wonderful experience to Miss Fedde and she made as close a survey as possible of the conditions of the new regime in Russia.

VISITING WITH RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Sprick, of Pilger, Nebraska, have been spending the past few days with the old friends and relatives in Cass county, in this city and the vicinity of Louisville, with the Otto Sprick family at the latter place and also stopping here Saturday to visit Mrs. John Albert, mother of Mrs. Sprick. They report the crop conditions in their locality as being in fair shape and feel fortunate that the conditions are as well as they are with many sections badly hit.

DIES IN WISCONSIN

From Monday's Daily—Misses Julia and Albina Svoboda received a message Saturday announcing the death of their brother-in-law, August Morawetz, which occurred at his home in Racine, Wisconsin on Friday. The funeral was held today at Racine. The deceased was well known here where he has visited at the Svoboda home often and the friends here will learn with sorrow of his passing.

RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Tuesday's Daily—This morning a message was received by C. E. Hartford from his sister, Mrs. J. C. Kerlin, of Boone, Iowa, announcing the death of her daughter, Miss Janet Kerlin, 22, which occurred last night at the family home. Miss Kerlin has been ill for the past two years, suffering from tuberculosis. The many friends of the Kerlin family here will regret very much to learn of the death of the daughter of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Hartford departed this noon for Boone to attend the funeral services.

Fitchorn Barn South of City is Burned Down

Another Mysterious Fire Destroyed Structure and Contents with Loss of \$3,000.

For the second time within a few months the locality of near Rock Bluffs suffered another serious fire and which inflicted a loss of \$3,000 on S. D. Fitchorn, one of the old residents of that section, the large barn on the farm with its contents being completely destroyed by the flames.

A few months ago the barn at the farm of Michael Hauslaender, a few miles north of the Fitchorn farm was destroyed by fire and the origin of the fire as that at the Fitchorn farm is a matter of mystery.

Those attending were Miss Margorie Arn and Miss Hilda Johnson, who are returning to Peru State Teachers college next week for their second year; Miss Maxine Clout, who will attend Stephen's college for her first year; Miss Margaret Iversen, who will continue her teaching; Miss Wilhelmina Henriksen, who will continue her duties as secretary at the high school building; Miss Fern Stivers, who will continue working here in Plattsmouth this fall and the hostess, Miss McCusky, who will return to Hastings college next week for her Junior and Senior year, after attending summer school there this summer.

Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess and her mother, Mrs. McCusky.

Even the rain didn't dampen the spirits at this social affair.

SCHOOL FRIENDS ENTERTAIN

From Tuesday's Daily—Miss Catherine McCusky entertained a number of former high school friends yesterday afternoon at her home. The afternoon was spent in getting re-acquainted after a long absence and talking over old times and college experiences.

ATTEND OLD SETTLERS REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Briggs and Mrs. Lydia M. Davis of this city with Misses Betty and Jean Stangenberg, of Lincoln, motored to Salem, Iowa, Saturday where they attended a reunion of the old settlers of that section of Iowa. Senator Smith W. Brookhart, of Iowa, was the chief speaker at the reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Davis were born in the vicinity of Salem altho Mr. Briggs left there some forty-nine years ago and Mrs. Briggs forty-four years ago, but later returned to live there for a short time before returning to Nebraska where they have since resided. They made the trip going over highway No. 34, the all paved route to the eastern coast and on their return came through on No. 3, the southern route through Bloomington, Shenandoah and to Nebraska City.

MARRIED BY JUDGE GRAVES

Sunday Judge Charles L. Graves was called upon to join in the bonds of wedlock at his office in the city hall. Miss Cubert Ewing and Kenneth Kaiser, both of Ewing, Nebraska. The young people were attended by Archie Norton and Celia Norton, friends of the contracting parties. Following the wedding the young people returned to their home.

Platts Merchants Win Hard Game from South Side

Take Measure of South Side Merchants 2 to 1 With Locals Playing Great Fielding Game

The Plattsmouth Merchants baseball team Sunday at the local Athletic park, turned back the South Side Merchants of Omaha in the last moments of the ninth inning and after a contest in which the pitching of H. Ludwig of the visitors, the fielding of King Poissal and Poissal Herold as well as the stick work of Carl Hall featured.

The game was one in which the locals played a great game back of Walt Connors, veteran hurler, the only run of the south siders coming in the seventh inning when a wild throw to third by Connors allowed Tuttle to score. Herold and Poissal at third and short bore the brunt of the battle in the fielding with seven and five chances made good apiece.

The hitting star of the contest was Carl "Stormy" Hall, who was drafted to fill the vacancy in right garden and whose blow made possible the final victory of the team.

The locals were unable to hit Ludwig effectively to the eight innings he having the hitters hitting at his wide open ones, while Connors depended on the support that he received with no strikeouts being put over on the Omaha visitors.

With the game going scoreless up to the first of the seventh inning Tuttle of the visitors hit safely in front of the plate and which "Happy" Connors, catching, was unable to bring in time to retire the runner, a bad peg from third base allowed Hass to reach first safely, while P. Baker was safe at first on a fielder's choice.

Walt Connors throwing to third to retire Tuttle, but the ball soared high over the head of "Pud" Herold and the runner scored. Baker was caught trying for second and F. Ludwig and Zale were retired on short flies to second and short and the scoring of the visitors was at an end.

The locals entered the scoring list in the last of the eighth inning when Ludwig weakened, hitting Walt Connors, the first man up and then walking Happy Connors and Peter Herold to fill the sacks with no outs, Pud Herold was struck out when Richard Herold lifted a sacrifice fly to left that allowed Poissal, running for Connors to score. King Poissal closed the inning with a strikeout.

With the score tied the visitors made desperate efforts to bat out a run but three successive hot grounders to Pud Herold resulted in the retiring of the side. In the last of the ninth inning with extra frames looming as a possibility before the game was decided, "Stormy" Hall opened with a blow to left field that was good for three sacks and but for hitting a pole would have been a circuit drive. George Spidell was out on a pop up fly and Garland McCleary was struck out, when Walt Connors looking as a possibility before the game was decided, "Stormy" Hall opened with a blow to left and on which "Stormy" registered and the game was over.

The tabulated score:

Platts Merchants—		AB	H	PO	A	E
H. Connors, c	3	0	0	0	0	0
Pud Herold, 2b	2	1	1	1	1	1
P. Herold, lf	4	0	3	0	0	0
Poissal, ss	4	1	2	5	1	0
Hall, rf	4	2	1	0	0	0
Spidell, cf	4	0	3	1	0	0
McCleary, 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0
W. Connors, p	3	2	0	1	0	0
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South Side Merchants—

AB	H	PO	A	E
H. Ludwig, p	4	0	0	0
Koch, c	4	2	13	0
J. Baker, 1b	4	0	5	0
Tuttle, 3b	4	1	3	1
Hass, lf	4	1	1	0
P. Baker, 2b	0	2	1	0
F. Ludwig, ss	4	1	3	0
Myers, rf	2	0	1	0
Zale, cf	3	0	0	0
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HAS CLOSE CALL FROM DEATH

Mrs. Paul Stangenberg, of Lincoln, cousin of Mrs. M. S. Briggs and Mrs. Lydia Davis, was in a very close call from fatal injuries at her home in Lincoln Monday afternoon. Mrs. Stangenberg was engaged in canning fruit and in this process had a kettle of paraffin boiling on the kitchen stove. It suddenly bursting in flames and threatened to engulf the kitchen. Mrs. Stangenberg carried the burning kettle from the house and in the process the flames caught her dress and only the presence of mind of the lady saved her from death. Her clothes blazing, Mrs. Stangenberg rolled on to grass of the lawn and was able to extinguish the blaze, but suffered severe burns on the arms and legs before the blaze was out. She is under the care of physicians and will be forced to remain inactive for several days at least. The two daughters of the family were here over Sunday and were not aware of the accident until last evening when the father came down to take them home.

HAS TIRES SLASHED

Henry T. Woster, who in the hours when he is not engaged in book work at the office of the county treasurer, is a devotee of the angling and swimming pastimes, was the victim of a very dirty trick Saturday night. Mr. Woster, with several companions had gone to the Platte river to fish and had left his car parked near the sand pits, returning later to find that someone had slashed two of the tires and made a get away. A further investigation revealed that two tires on the car of Ed Yelick, another member of the fishing party, had also been slashed. The matter was reported Monday to the office of Sheriff Bert Reed and the matter is now under investigation in the hope of revealing the party that did the slashing and bringing them to justice.

Two Inch Rain Falls in This Section of the State

Brings Much Rejoicing to the Farmers of County and Will Refreshen Vegetation

One of the best rains of the summer season fell in this city in showers Monday from 5:30 to 9 o'clock and the total rainfall was some two inches, doing a wonderful good to all the crops, pastures and to the relief of the residents from the sultry and oppressive condition that prevailed all day Monday.

The storm swept down from the north and west where about 4:30 a heavy wind storm struck north Omaha and brought with it a rain that caused water to flow through the streets in small torrents.

From Hastings and Ravenna east to Lincoln a one-fourth of an inch of rain was reported but from Lincoln east the rain was ranging from one to two inches.

The rain did no damage as far as reported in this section, it passing off nicely in the watercourses and sewers and with the shower like frequency the sewers were able to carry the flood water with ease.

Reports from the farmers in this section are that the rain was an untold good to all of the crops and pastures which had suffered from the effects of the intense heat of July.

Many Social Events Held for Bride-to-Be

Miss Helen Wurl Honor Guest at Showers for Forthcoming Marriage

Miss Helen Wurl, whose marriage is to take place in this city on September 10th, was honored guest at a large number of social events the past week in which the friends joined in the several happy events for the bride-to-be.

The first of the pre-nuptial events was the bridge held at the home of Miss Amelia Martens on Friday and on which occasion Miss Wurl was presented with a large number of very beautiful gifts in honor of the forthcoming nuptials.

On Tuesday Miss Helen Farley and Miss Helen Valley entertained at the Farley home at a pre-nuptial breakfast for the bride-to-be and which brought a large number of the old school friends to join in the pleasant event.

Mrs. C. E. Hartford and Mrs. Evi Spier were joint hostesses at a bridge held on Friday at the Hartford home and where the ladies spent several hours most delightfully with the friend who is soon to leave for her new home. In the playing Miss Ruth Tidball was awarded the prize. Miss Wurl was showered with a large number of beautiful remembrances.

Miss Helene Perry was hostess Saturday at her beautiful country home at a bridge in honor of Miss Wurl, the home being very attractively arranged for the event. Mrs. Ralph Petring was prize winner in the bridge playing, while Miss Wurl was presented with many attractive remembrances from the old friends.

MARRIAGES BOON IN CASS

County Judge Duxbury of Cass county has had two very prolific months in the way of the marriage licenses issued and for the two months of July and August there were forty-seven licenses issued as against nine for the same period last year. Depression has failed to make an impression in the license market as August this year was the largest in point of number that has been recorded in the office of the county judge, there being twenty-eight issued against six last year. In July there were nineteen issued against three last year. The licenses issued largely represent Nebraska applicants and but few of the number applying here have been from Iowa points.

Veteran Railroad Worker Visits in City

Albert Jones of Niota, Illinois, is Here to Visit Half Brother, F. R. Gobelman.

Frank R. Gobelman of this city, who has just returned from an auto trip to Oklahoma to attend a family reunion held near Edna, Kansas, brought back with him from the reunion his half brother, Albert Jones, of Niota, Illinois, who was also here for the reunion.

Mr. Jones, who is 74 years of age, is a veteran of the Santa Fe railroad, having served some forty-five years as a member of the bridge and traveling carpenter force of the railroad, starting with them as a young man back in Illinois and continued at that work until a few years ago when he was able to retire on a pension, being at the time of the retirement a superintendent of the construction work. When the Santa Fe railroad built the bridge over the Mississippi river near Madison, Iowa, Mr. Jones was one of the workmen and forty years later as the superintendent he had charge of the work of building the new structure that now spans the river.

Since his retirement he has spent the time largely visiting with the children who reside in various parts of the country and in the winter he makes his home in California, where he has a sister residing.

This is his second visit to this city to spend a short time with his half brother and today he was a guest of Mr. Gobelman at the Rotary club weekly luncheon. The two brothers are also planning an auto trip to Omaha and Lincoln to view the many points of interest in the two Nebraska cities.

HEAR FINE ADDRESS

The Plattsmouth Rotary club at their luncheon today had the pleasure of a very fine address from Rev. Samuelson, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Valley, who had as his subject, "Possess Your Possessions," touching on the appreciation of the possessions that are a part of man's home and family, his business and social life. The address was one that was appreciated to the utmost by the members of the club and was a broadening and inspirational line of thought which all gathered much valuable knowledge.

In the musical portion of the program Frank A. Clout, one of the club members was heard in two very delightful songs, "Brown Birds Singing" and "Sittin' a Thinkin'." Given in the usual delightful manner of this talented singer.

R. E. Bailey, the club president, who has just returned from a conference of the nineteenth district presidents and secretaries which was held at Yankton, South Dakota, gave a review of the work of the conference and the fine interchange of ideas among the officers at the meeting.

The program was given under the leadership of R. W. Konr and was one that was filled with the greatest interest to all.

WIN HARD HITTING GAME

The Business Men's team of this city and the All Stars west of this city staged a great slugfest at the Graham pasture west of this city Sunday and in which the Business Men were the winners by the score of 23 to 17, making the games now one all.

Phil Hinz served as the hurler for the Business Men with Gilbert Hinz doing the catching while for the All Stars, the veteran hurler, Floyd Becker, did his stuff and the catching was looked after by Ben Speck in his usual effective way.

The hitting of Pat Reed, Howard Fullerton, Fritz Tritsch and Roy Tschirren featured the game while in the fielding Speck back of the bat and Pat Reed at second served to add to the interest of the game. W. T. Distell, who used to play ball back in the old bare handed days was at the third sack for the town team and showed his old time form.

SUFFERS A RELAPSE

Lyle Lawton, who has been suffering from an attack of the mumps, last week felt so much improved that he took up his work in one of the local garages, only to be taken with a relapse on Saturday. The young man has run a high fever for the last two days and medical assistance was necessary. He is reported to be doing just as well as possible at this time and it is hoped that in a few days he may be able to be up and around again as usual.

DOING VERY NICELY

The many friends over the city of Mrs. Vaclav Belohavy will be pleased to learn that she is doing very nicely at the Methodist hospital in Omaha where she underwent a serious operation some two weeks ago. The patient is doing very nicely and it is hoped that the operation will prove a success in every way and restore the patient to her former good health.

ENTERTAIN GUESTS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Turner was the scene of a very pleasant house party of relatives over Sunday, motoring in to spend the day and a most pleasant outing. Those here were Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Turner, the former a brother of Mr. Turner, of Marquette, Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Cook and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Rothwell, Mr. and Mrs. William Winkler and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Kazmark and O. S. Turner, father of the county treasurer, all of Elmwood. The day was one that all will long remember with much pleasure.

Teaching Force of City Schools is Now Assigned

Superintendent R. E. Bailey Makes Announcement of Teachers for Coming School Year

The assignment of the members of the teaching force of the city schools has been made by Superintendent R. E. Bailey, preparatory to the opening of the school on Tuesday, September 8th.

All of the teaching force with two exceptions will be here for the work this year. Miss Mary Tidball, teacher of English and dramatics in the high school having resigned the past week which position has not as yet been filled and in the grades there will be one less teacher used unless the enrollment of the grades is larger than last year.

In the high school the teaching force will comprise R. F. Patterson, principal; Estelle Baird, languages; Florence Beighley, mathematics; Gerald Kvasnicka, history; Pearl Staats, normal training; Tressa Haley, domestic science; Harold Jordan, commercial; Leland Sterrett, commercial; Russell Reeder, science; A. Roberts, manual training; Marie Kaufmann, penmanship and art supervisor; Cora Williams, music supervisor.

In the junior high school the teaching force will comprise the following: Jessie Whelan, geography and music; Lara Weyrich, arithmetic and sewing; Helen Struble, history and civics; Hazel Struble, English and reading.

In the grades the teachers and assignments will be as follows: Amelia Martens, Plattsmouth, Central Bldg. Principal & Grade 1; Bernese Ault, Cedar Creek, Grade 2; Central Bldg.; Selma Diehm, Sterling, Grade 3; Central Bldg.; Evelyn May, Beaver City, Grade 4; Central Bldg.; Agnes Muenster, Millard, Grade 5; Central Bldg.; Amama Hiatt, Rising City, Grade 5; Central Bldg.; Alice Bly, Beaver City, Grade 6; Central Bldg.; Grace Nolting, Plattsmouth, Grade 6; Central Bldg.; Vivian Johns, Lincoln, Kdgt.; Central & Columbian Bldgs.; Helen Quinby, Lincoln, Grade 1 & 2; Columbia Bldg.; Gertrude Mortensen, Herman, Grade 2 & 3; Columbian Bldg.; Nettie Hawksworth, Burlington, Iowa, Grade 4; Columbian Principals.

Ruth Tidball, Plattsmouth, Kdgt. & Grade 1; Wintersteen Bldg.; Edith Cook, Omaha, Grade 2 & 3; Wintersteen Bldg.; Helen Farley, Plattsmouth, First Ward Bldg.; Rose Prohaska, Plattsmouth, West Second Ward Bldg.; Alice James, Ord, Mercerville Bldg.

TO ENTER MORNINGSIDE

Miss Jean Hayes of this city, one of the popular and high ranking students of the graduating class of 1931 of the Plattsmouth high school, is preparing to take up her college work in the next few weeks, entering the Morningside college at Sioux City, Iowa. This is one of the large Methodist colleges of the country and the mother of Miss Jean, Mrs. Robert B. Hayes, also attended this school, being an alumni of the class of 1907.

The dormitories of the school has been furnished by the alumni of the school and Mrs. Hayes furnished one of the rooms in the new wing that is devoted to the second and third year students, the second year in the school Miss Jean is to have the room that represents the mother's tribute to her school.

Miss Hayes is to enter the fine arts department of the college and expects to major in music. Morningside having one of the best known music departments of any of the western colleges.

COMBUSTION STARTS FIRE

A roll of tar paper in the cellar of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nelson on North 5th street, Tuesday afternoon started a fire that did considerable damage to the steps leading to the cellar and filled the house with smoke. The combustion of the paper started a smoldering fire which soon rolled up clouds of smoke and the alarm was turned in for the fire department. On the arrival of the firemen it was but the matter of a few moments until the fire was out and the spread of the blaze checked.

Watch for the opening of The Reliable 5c to \$1.00 store. A31

Early History of Plattsmouth is Recounted

By ROBERT FOSTER PATTERSON, Principal Plattsmouth H. S.

CHAPTER II The South Platte Route and Steamboating

In the decade between 1860 and 1870, Plattsmouth waged a valiant fight with Omaha and Nebraska City in an effort to secure the lions share of the business incident to the overland trade to the gold fields of the west which lured thousands of immigrants westward during this period. The leaders of Plattsmouth exerted their untiring efforts to divert as much traffic as possible through Plattsmouth and it was in this enterprise that the competition with Omaha and Nebraska City had its inception.

The entire movement was wholly mercenary despite the exaggerated and almost aliusious benefits to be derived from using Plattsmouth as a point of embarkation for the west and as a base for the purchase of supplies. If immigrant trains came to Plattsmouth, they would naturally purchase their supplies at Plattsmouth and it was to capture this business that Plattsmouth became the champion and chief advocate of the South Platte Route.

Enterprising citizens of this western river town began to dream of becoming a vast western trade center as early as January 11, 1861, when the Plattsmouth, Oregopolis and Denver Express Freightline Company was incorporated with a paper capital stock of \$50,000 and another even more pretentious in its ambitions was chartered at the same time known as the Chicago, Plattsmouth and Pike's Peak Express Company with a capital stock of \$1,000,000.

While there was considerable freighting to the west beginning at this time, no evidence has been found to indicate that either of the aforementioned enterprises were anything more than speculative, more indicative of aspiration than of actual operation.

With Omaha, Nebraska City and Plattsmouth vying with one another for the western business, there arose a spirited and vitriolic controversy as to the relative merits of each place as a starting point westward.

During the period 1860 to 1870, there was no railroad paralleling the Missouri River north of St. Joseph, Missouri, where the Hannibal and St. Joseph had its western terminus. The Burlington and Missouri Railroad had for its western terminus, Ottumwa in central Iowa and goods freighted from the east came over a wagon road to Glenwood, Iowa, or to Council Bluffs, Iowa, and from St. Joseph came up the river by boat.

It was the immediate western terminus for this trade area so the routes from all three competing river towns converged at this point. From Nebraska City, the freighter could follow what later became famous as the Steam Wagon Road in a northwestern direction toward Ft. Kearney or go in a more northerly direction and connect with the South Route in the vicinity of the present site of Ashland.

The South Platte, originating at Plattsmouth, got its name from the fact that it followed the south bank of the Platte River directly from Plattsmouth to Ft. Kearney. The advocates of this route argued that it was the most direct route with no troublesome streams to ferry en route. Opposition to the Nebraska City route was based on the contention that there was a scarcity of water along this course for both travelers and teams.

The North Platte Route originated at Omaha and struck the Platte river near Ashland and followed its north bank to a point opposite Ft. Kearney on the frontier where the Platte had to be crossed by fording or ferrying to get into Ft. Kearney.

It was argued against the North Platte Route that Omaha was located twenty miles north of the Platte at the outset and that this, coupled with the fact that the freighter had to travel around the long bend of the Platte, would increase the distance by at least thirty-five miles. Furthermore, the Elkhorn and Loup rivers had to be crossed and when Ft. Kearney was reached the Platte still had to be crossed as the Fort was on the south side. The Plattsmouth advocates pointed out that there was a distinct advantage to be found on the South Platte route where there were no streams of any consequence to be crossed.

For a time the Omaha Republican, The Nebraska Herald and the Nebraska City Press urged legitimate arguments for the respective routes which each advocated but when these were exhausted, vituperation and caustic personal attacks and charges took their place. These comments have no particular bearing on the point under discussion in this chapter aside from showing the temper of frontier journalism and this, too, is outside the province of this work.

Nevertheless, the Herald charged the Republican with having men on

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