

THE BRIDGE... A Venture Plattsmouth Should be Sure And Gain. PONTON BRIDGE--WAT'POWER Let us Give The Iowa Bottom Farmers a Chance to Deliver Produce and Trade in Plattsmouth.

Just the Thing. EDITOR OF THE HERALD--While the rabbit was lounging in the shade the tortoise kept plodding on. While Truth slumbered Error got in her work. Opponents of the bridge have been busy and have made some people believe the things which are not.

It is absurd to talk of bridging the Missouri for \$10,000. No estimate as low as even \$20,000 was ever heard of till I made it. Those who talk of \$10,000 make little or no allowance for windlasses, crabs, piles, iron railings, couplings, shore dykes to the height of 1881 flood, many thousand feet of chain, flexible gangways, &c., which all together cost far more than the boats.

Everything has to be stronger and more costly than on a sluggish river. Even its scows have to be braced by keelsons every 4 feet.

But I will furnish my plans and superintendence for a reasonable price, and let any company or committee build the bridge. I am always over-confident and I am able to take a risk, but even I would not put a bridge on the Missouri without being well paid for my risk.

Even if I could build it for \$10,000 I would want the city to pay me about \$2,000 a year, for the first five years, for risk and decay and perhaps \$1,000 a year, the next five years--so would you--especially as a ferry must be kept on hand in connection with the bridge.

You put into the bridge \$17,000 cash plus a ferry, a total sum (which at interest will bring \$1,800) a year, or for the sake of argument say \$10,000 plus ferry. Now what does the city do for you? If at the end of eleven months your bridge is carried away the city pays you nothing. At the end of twelve months she pays you \$2,000. Now you have taken \$10,000 from where it was bearing 9 per cent (\$900 a year) and put it in your bridge. At the end of the year the city pays you \$2,000, less \$10 a day for time you were not in operation. If a flood, or a steamboat or ferry by accident or design carries away part of your bridge and it requires thirty days to replace it, the city docks you \$300. Yet all this thirty days you have been losing money also on your ferry, by carrying teams at 25 cents each way (as our agreement compels).

You might bring ten times as many farmers from Iowa to Plattsmouth as now come, and not take in \$2,000 tolls. Because there are now scarcely any farmers crossing. Most of the crossing is transient. Moreover we reduce rates to one-third. Most of what we take in tolls we must expend in attendance, repairing breakages, repairing dykes and annual launching placing and displacing.

We must look to the city for payment for risk, decay and interest in capital invested, even if the bridge only cost \$10,000.

Some say there is no reason why we should not continue to charge transients a dollar. Yes we might charge the transient \$25, take what money he has and one of his horses, his cow or his wife for the balance. But we shall not charge the poor traveller any more than the resident. Not if I have any control.

"AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS what is going to be done?" Suppose the bridge company says: "The travel is not yet sufficient to sustain it, you must give us \$1,000 a year for the next five years." Well, the city can grant it or can answer: "Go on without a bonus and charge what tolls you please," or can subsidize some other company at \$500 a year.

When five years have rolled away there will be other pontoon bridges on the Missouri and many bidders. Sufficient unto the five years are the advantages thereof which the city receives. Let the future take care of itself.

Some opponents have in mind only the fragile ranshackle pontoon bridges of the army. A permanent pontoon bridge is a steed of a different complexion; as little motion as in a pier bridge.

Some worthy citizens here are not only way behind on the importance of bridges but on water power. As one indication of the importance of free water power it may be mentioned that Buffalo, N. Y., offers \$100,000 for the best device for utilizing the power of a current in an open river.

A BRIDGE AT THE FOOT OF MAIN STREET it is useless to discuss, until your city is much larger. At present no company would maintain it for less than \$3,000 a year bonus. About two-thirds of the population opposite is south of Main street. A bridge at the point proposed will serve them better than at Main and will serve the others tolerably well.

When the city grows large enough the bridge can be moved to Main street and extended. As the pontoon bridge will aid the city's growth in many ways, the quickest way to get a bridge at Main street is to put it now at the only place where it is feasible.

THE POPULATION OPPOSITE we have underestimated. The two townships opposite poll 700 votes. In a farming community where people marry young and have good luck in children 700 voters indicate a population of 3,500 to 4,200. Moreover we can draw trade from six townships.

GRAIN FREE. We bind ourselves to permit all corn and wheat, no matter where from, to cross free for thirty days after the beginning of harvest, (30 days for wheat and another 30 days for corn). The teams and wagons to return free when carrying merchandise and farm implements.

IT HAS BEEN OFTEN SAID of improvements that men who are to be benefited must will sometimes, from some unaccountable impulse, oppose them. This is the case with several gentlemen here.

The columns of both newspapers here are open to the discussion of the bridge question. If any man thinks he can show a single reason why a city of \$3,000,000 real estate should not pay for a bridge the trifle of \$1 for every \$1500 of real estate--now is the time for him to come to the front and enter. Let him put it in print so that we can get at it.

There is not a man who has a dollar invested in Plattsmouth, but would get many times what he gives to the bridge. There is not a man in Plattsmouth but almost every day pays at least a little more for something--wood, hay, potatoes, onions, green vegetables, butter, eggs, chickens milk etc. than he would need to pay if the farmers opposite could get to him.

It is natural for men to take sides, and intelligent men will, in thoughtlessness, or from love of argument, talk against the interests of their own families and their own city. And after a man has started wrong, reflection rarely turns him, for pride still holds him to his error.

Although I would like to put in a bridge while sojourning here, (not for the toll nor the \$2,000 bonus, but for the power,) that desire would not of itself impel me to write so much as I have--yesterday and today--but it is a pleasure, bridge or no bridge, to show the people of Plattsmouth how different the real facts are from the imaginings of the opposition and to show that Plattsmouth has been offered an opportunity to try a bridge and water power without any risk whatever, a better opportunity than anyone ever expected, and one that does not often occur.

But of one thing you may be sure, I won't put any bridge in the Missouri river at my risk without at least a chance to make something out of it--nor will any other man.

Don't work against your own interests because you fear the projector of an enterprise will make too much. The question for you to consider is how much is it worth to you.

Now is the time for property owners of Plattsmouth to rise to the level of their opportunity and strike a blow for their town. S. N. S.

The Rain Caused the Fire. Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock the fire alarm sounded. The rain was coming down in torrents at the time, and that is the only reason we can think of why a large number of firemen could not wake up or hear the alarm. The F. M. Richey hose team was to the front, as usual, and did excellent work.

The fire was discovered to be in the rear of the Anheuser-Busch building, where the lime had been stored. The rain had been so heavy as to find its way through the covering over the lime, and a large quantity of water mixing with it caused it to slack, creating an intense heat, which caused the wood to ignite, and started the fire which brought out so many half-smoked cigars. Wonder where the first half of the cigars had been smoked.

Thanks Mr. Waterman. Mr. Editor:--The ladies of the Presbyterian church desire through your columns to return a vote of thanks to Mr. Waterman for so generously donating the use of the Opera House for their entertainment held Friday evening, April 27. Mr. S. M. CHAPMAN, Pres. OLIVE JONES, Secretary.

Card of Thanks. I hereby desire to thank those of my friends who so kindly lent an assisting hand during the sickness of my deceased husband and present bereavement. SARAH McELWAIN.

People in this city who are owners of pet dogs and ladies who have pups running at large, are requested if such parties care for their pets to live any longer, to secure them with the strongest rope or chain in their possession, as a certain school man of the high school has pronounced sentence of death on all the curs she should come in contact with. We believe this means sure death to the dogs, as she has a bad eye. Butchers, govern yourselves accordingly.

A LINE ON THE FIRE. The bachelor club was sleeping sound as the alarm of fire it did resound; The boys all got up and flew, But "Backy" was stopped to get his shoe. And for the hose cart they did go And at the fire they made a good show; Old "Theodore" fell flat in the mud But got back to the room all well and good. Old "Chippie" was drunk when he went to his bunk While all was wise around him; They ratched the crowd too wild; For he thought they wanted to drown him. Old "Cassidy" felt queer, for he had a beer, And the gang began to guy him; He kept getting worse and began to play horse But "Theodore" still pursued him. "Becky" and "Jack" they got up their back And they were wet to the skin; Cass came along and they sang him a song For they wanted to wet within. Old "Sop Cow" did run as a committee of one And for the fire he did hasten; He stuck in his toes and grabbed the hose And he thought he had a tussle. Old "Chick" did at come, he stayed at home, He thought the crowd too wild; He thought he would wait till a later date And make a trip to Nebraska City. Old "prohibition lunch" he lay in a bunch, Asleep in Mayer's store, And he got out of queer with the fire so near And he so close to the door.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES. The attendance is now over twelve hundred, 66 2/3 per cent of all children of school age. What city has a better showing. The work of grading the High school grounds was faithfully and well done by Mr. Fred Kroeger. It is to be hoped the board may see fit to have him level and grade the ward school lots.

If we had more room and teachers I think it would be safe to say the attendance would be increased to a very great extent. When the rooms are so crowded it is extremely difficult for the teachers to create the interest and enthusiasm to the best success.

Now that so many improvements have been made in the appearance of the school grounds, it is quite probable they will be fenced very soon. In fact it is necessary to protect the trees and grass that they either be fenced or the ordinance prohibiting cows from running at large be strictly enforced. Hardly a day passes but from one to a dozen cows must be driven from the lots.

Yesterday was pay-day and the smiling face of the teacher, as she wended her way to the secretary's office, plainly exhibited the fact that she was not loth to receive a portion of the where-with-all to keep the wolf from her door. Speaking of pay I wish to ask why Plattsmouth, the fourth city of the State, does not pay as good wages as several other cities. Comparisons may be uninteresting, but friends, look at these, see that Plattsmouth pays her assistants less than any other places mentioned:

Table with columns: NAME OF SCHOOL, Salary of Supy, No. of Pupils, Average Salary, Length of Term. Rows include Omaha, Hastings, Pawnee City, Onawa, Harvard, Long Pine, Sutton, Plattsmouth.

*Average salary assistants for month. By assistants we mean all teachers exclusive of the superintendent.

Papillion. Ed Ferry accidentally shot himself in the hand Thursday. District court began Monday with Judge Doane on the bench.

The Rev. St. Clair, pastor of M. E. church, spent last Sabbath at Schuyler. Wm. Allen, a prominent teacher of the county, was in town recently visiting friends.

Morris Hancock, of the Times force, has been west for some days looking after business interests. Ira V. Randall, a relative of Sam Randall, of Pennsylvania, was admitted to the Papillion bar.

On account of preparations for the term of district court the Papillion literary society did not meet on Saturday evening.

Mrs. A. J. Spearman gave a dancing party a few evenings since in honor of her daughter, Miss Mattie. Those who participated report it a pleasant affair and that they were well entertained.

Oscar Thompson, the Sheriff of Clay county, Missouri, who is noted for fighting the notorious Frank and Jesse James, is here as a witness in the case of the State vs. Brumbaugh and Davis, for horse stealing.

Last Saturday night the house of Major Reemer, who lives toward South Omaha, was burglarized, and about \$6, a knife and some tobacco was taken. There was over \$20 left in his clothes by the burglar. It is evident he was not an expert.

M McElwain's Funeral. The funeral of the late Marshall McElwain took place yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock, from his residence, Oak street, and proceeded to the Christian church. A large number of friends had assembled in the church before the arrival of the funeral cortege, and before the service was commenced seats could not be found for one-half the people, and a large number were obliged to remain outside. Singers from each of the city church choirs were present and took part in singing the well selected and beautiful hymns, "Nearer my God to Thee," "Go bury thy sorrow," and "Home of the Soul," which were rendered in a very effective style, bringing tears to the eyes of many present. The funeral services were conducted by Elder Cyrus Alton, of Elmwood, who had been an intimate friend of the deceased for many years, assisted by Elder Hampton. Marshall McElwain was born in Portage County, Ohio, August 18th, 1836; came to Plattsmouth in 1857, where he has since resided, consequently, he was one of the

oldest settlers in Plattsmouth. During the war he enlisted twice and served both terms to the expiration of his enlistment. In 1866 he was married to Miss Sarah Harper, by whom he became the father of four children three boys and one girl, the oldest, twenty, the youngest eleven. Mr. McElwain leaves a wife, four children and a host of warm friends to mourn his loss. From Friday's Daily.

A new metal water-trough is being erected on Sixth street in the vicinity of Donnelly's blacksmith shop, to be used for watering horses and cattle, as a public accommodation.

When a reporter asked Dr. Salisbury for a news item today, he said he could think of nothing except that thirty-two years ago they had a big time back home. Wender how old he is.

Yesterday the teachers of the high school added an additional decoration to the grounds in the way of trees. They planted a large number of cedars on either side of the walk leading to the school house and gave it the name of "Teachers' Avenue." It tends to improve the appearance of the grounds to a considerable extent.

The "Kaffee Klatsche" is the name of a society in town consisting of a number of the leading ladies of the social circles. When asked the object of this society, they declined to give any information beyond saying that it was merely a social society, and said that the rest could be found in its name, Kaffee Klatsche. The society meets every two weeks at the home of some one of the members.

When you meet a man he will say: "How are you?" He doesn't wait to hear how you are, and you don't expect him to. Instead of answering him you say: "How do you? You don't pause to hear how he does, and if he wanted to explain you wouldn't listen to him. He goes his way, and you go your way. He forgets all about you, and you forget all about him. You meet another man and talk with him a few minutes, and when the parting occurs you say: "So long." He says: "Ta ta." What does "so long" mean? What does "ta ta" mean? What's the matter with Volapuk? Since we are eternally saying things which "little meaning, little relevancy bear," what's the difference about language? --Lincoln Journal.

The value to the farmers of Nebraska of the present rains is incalculable. Still some people will kick. They kick because it is too dry; kick because it is too wet; kick because it is too hot; kick because it is too cold. Indeed, they are chronic kickers, never satisfied. Did you ever think of it, the merchant complains when it rains because he can't sell umbrellas, and when it is dry because he can't sell umbrellas. Railroads kick because their employes strike, -- strikers kick because the company will not take them back. Some kick because Col. Stewart wants to build a bridge; others will kick if he don't.



The Return Home. "Just look at my dress. It is almost spoiled. We had one of those small sieve dusters. They are no good."

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INSURANCE. Consult your best interest by insuring in the Phoenix, Hartford or Aetna companies, about which there is no question as to the high standing and fair dealing. TORNADO POLICES--The present year bids fair to be a disastrous one from tornadoes and wind storms. This is fore-shadowed by the number of storms we have already had--the most destructive one so far this year having occurred at Mt. Vernon, Ill., where a large number of buildings were destroyed or damaged. The exemption from tornadoes last year renders their occurrence more probable in 1888. Call at our office and get a Tornado Policy. Unimproved lands for sale or exchange.

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THE WONNER OF MODERN TIME. Bismarck to the Reichstag, May 14, 1892.

The success of the United States in material development is the most illustrious of modern time. The American nation has not only successfully borne and suppressed the most gigantic and expensive war of all history, but immediately afterwards disbanded its army, found employment for all its soldiers and marines, paid off most of its debt, given labor and homes to all the unemployed of Europe as fast as they could arrive within its territory, and still by a system of taxation so indirect as to be

perceived, much less felt. . . . Because it is my deliberate judgment that the prosperity of America is mainly due to its system of protective laws, I urge that Germany has now reached that point where it is necessary to imitate the tariff system of the United States. ALLISON'S FOLLOWING. Senator Allison will undoubtedly have a very strong following in the convention next June. He is at least an able man who would unite and harmonize all contending elements in the great party which has it within its power to elect the next president of the United States if it proceeds rightly.--Hastings Nebraskan.