

SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

Nebraska Celebrating Her Twenty-fifth Birthday.

LINCOLN DRAWING LARGE CROWDS

Distinguished Speakers Review the Past and Predict the Future and Recalling the Struggles and Trials of the Early Settlers.

From Thursday's Daily.

The silver anniversary celebration of Nebraska's admission into the union was inaugurated at Lincoln last evening. The city was crowded with people and the streets were gaily decorated. Exercises last evening were purely of an oratorical and literary nature. The dancing theater was crowded at an early hour. The main floor of the auditorium was reserved for the men and women who have resided in Nebraska for over a quarter of a century or more. The old settlers were out in full force and the entire auditorium was filled with men and women whose frosty brows bore the touch of time. Upon the stage were ex-Governors Robert W. Furnas, and James W. Dawes, and Judge M. L. Hayward, of Nebraska City; Hon. T. M. Marquette, of Lincoln; Hon. W. F. Norris of Norfolk; Mr. Madison of Fall City, the latter being the oldest living pioneer of the state and Mayor Weir.

Back of the speakers were massed the Lincoln festival chorus of 100 voices. The exercises of the evening opened with a magnificent rendition of "The Heavens Are Telling," from Hady's "Messiah." Short addresses were made by ex-Governor Furnas, ex-Governor Dawes, Judge Marquette and Judge Hayward, and the final oration of the evening was delivered by Hon. W. F. Norris of Ponca, who spoke on "Nebraska as a State." Judge Norris' address was a fitting close to the exercises of the evening. It was a masterly effort and seldom has the grand state of Nebraska been so eloquently described. The speaker touched upon the wonderful fertility of soil, the marvelous development of agricultural resources and the magnificent future of the state. "Nebraska," he said, "is the great home state of the Union, the highest dignity and honor which any state can attain. Nebraska is the central state of the Union—the keystone state of America."

Judge Norris' address closed the exercises at the Lausung opera house, the last word not being spoken until after 11 o'clock.

County Clerks Organize.

The county clerks resumed their session yesterday morning at 10:30 in the senate chamber, and the committee on constitution and by-laws reported a code, of which the preamble reads:

"We, the county clerks of the state of Nebraska, believing that by a united and vigorous effort, legislation may be effected that will inure to the benefit of the incumbents of the offices of county clerk and ex-officio registrar of deeds, etc., and to the welfare of the public at large, do hereby recommend the organization of an association to be known as 'The Association of County Clerks of Nebraska.'"

The constitution limits the membership to county clerks and their deputies, except that honorary memberships may be retained after expiration of office, and defines the association's officers.

The second Tuesday in December of each year is designated as the day to hold the annual meeting and the next meeting will be held at Lincoln.

After the constitution had been adopted, the following officers were elected:

President—J. D. Woods, Lancaster. Vice-President—R. M. Taggart, Otoe.

Secretary—F. J. Sackett, Douglas. Treasurer—J. Kavanagh, Greeley. Executive board—G. W. Phillips of Platte, John C. Maher of Dawes, E. P. McCullom of Butler, S. O. Salisbury of Sarpy, and L. W. Shumah of Hamilton.

District Court.

The jury in the case of Hays vs. Mokaska Manufacturing Co., after being out forty-three hours, brought in a verdict for Hays for \$50.

The jury is still out in the Fairfield vs. Karnes case.

This afternoon the case of Stoetler vs. Sam Archer will be tried. During Archer's term as chief of police he arrested Stoetler and kept him in jail over night and now Stoetler wants \$1,000 damages for false imprisonment.

In the case of Fairfield vs. Karnes wherein the plaintiff sued defen-

dant for \$100 and the jury brought in a verdict for defendant for \$230.

The jury was still out in the case of Stoetler vs. S. S. Archer when THE HERALD went to press.

John P. Lewis vs. Dwyer, Walling & Livingston dismissed on demurrer.

The case of W. H. Miller vs. the City of Plattsmouth occupied the attention of Judge Chapman all morning. The case was brought by Miller against the city for damages sustained by the city granting the right of way of the M. P. through the city and Miller brought suit for \$700.

City Attorney Polk held that the streets had never been legally vacated and as they had never been legally vacated Miller had no action against the city. The jury was withdrawn and the case was continued, the costs assessed to plaintiff.

The schools close June 17. Dennis Murry and Mary Skomal were married this forenoon.

The 9-months-old babe of August Holmberg died this morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Coates came in from Galesburg, Illinois, this morning to visit with friends.

John Pittman of Nehawka came in this morning from Ottawa, Kansas, and is going on home this evening.

The Missouri Pacific is now running all stock trains to South Omaha through this city. Last Tuesday evening was when the first through stock train for the south passed through.

Miss Georgia and Maggie Oliver left this morning for Central City. They go to attend the wedding of their friend Miss Nellie Taylor, who will be married next Wednesday to a Mr. Withrow.

Mr. White, of the Brick and Terra Cota works, has contracted to supply 125 cars of brick for the new government building in Omaha. The contract calls for two cars every day until the 125 cars are delivered. This speaks well for one of Plattsmouth's industries and shows that the brick made here is of the first class.

We knew Editor Polk of the Plattsmouth News was tricky, but we did not believe him capable of stooping so far beneath his profession as to garble an article in such an untruthful manner as the one he credited to this paper last week. The News is welcome to use the shears on the Republican, but it is not showing a fraternal spirit to use the lead pencil in the manner referred to above.—Weeping Water Republican.

Editor Burton of the News has been raised for the benefit of Editor Burton of the News to get him to come out here to write up the little springs of water and lovely shady dells. His poetic fable can be sharpened on the Eagle's beak.—Weeping Water Eagle. Burton has found it impossible to go to Weeping Water to write up the "little springs of water and lovely shady dells" on account of increasing business (?) but has delegated the slick and smooth Editor Polk to do the business.

Twenty-five young men from the First congressional district assembled at the office of Congressman Bryan in Lincoln yesterday to undergo the competitive examination for an appointment to the West Point military academy. But three of them succeeded in passing the somewhat rigorous physical examination. Their names are John P. Jack, Peru; Edward Y. Porter, College View; Horace F. Bishop, Lincoln. They were undergoing the regular examination as to their knowledge of English branches yesterday afternoon.

A large sized smile stole over the countenance of the public last evening on reading "Current Comments" in the Evening News, Editor Polk's paper. It appears Editor Sherman has started out on a tour of the county, probably collecting from his democratic subscribers, who take their democracy "without money and without price," and the News grows humorous over it in its usual placid style when its political editor descends to humor. But the richness of the joke comes in when it is understood that the News concern, with its paucity of subscribers, readers and supporters, is starting the great and only reliable political editor out on a tour of Cass county to beat up subscribers for the News. When that missionary of morals and veracity gets home, the one subscriber which Brother Sherman caught will be just about one hundred per cent in advance of the support the "stick" editor of the News will bring in. Polk poking fun at Sherman is enough to give the horses of all Cass the lockjaw. One blessing, however, arises from the pilgrimage of the editor and proprietor (?) of the News, and that is, Gus Hyers will give us a readable paper in his absence.

KILLED AT THE TABLE.

Man's Duplicity and Woman's Worse Than Weakness.

ANOTHER TRAGEDY AT LINCOLN.

W. H. Irvine Shot and Instantly Killed C. E. Montgomery Yesterday Morning—He Declares His Wife was Ruined by His Victim.

From Friday's Daily.

The Lincoln Journal gives the following account of the tragedy yesterday:

"Yesterday morning while all Lincoln was rejoicing in anticipation of the festivities attendant upon the silver celebration, a terrible tragedy was enacted in the dining parlors of the Hotel Lincoln.

Mr. Charles E. Montgomery, one of Lincoln's foremost citizens, president of the German National bank, was shot and almost instantly killed by William H. Irvine, a prominent real estate man of Salt Lake City and a member of the Utah territorial legislature. The tragedy occurred at 7:30 and was witnessed by a large number of guests. The affair is the most sensational that has ever occurred in the city, while behind it lurks a tale of domestic infidelity of more than ordinary interest. The tragedy has caused a profound sensation in the city by reason of the prominence of the parties and the unexpected developments that followed.

STORY OF THE SHOOTING.

The particulars of the shooting, as related by eyewitnesses, are to the effect that Irvine entered the dining room of the Lincoln hotel and hurriedly glanced around saw Montgomery seated at a table at the right of the entrance, facing to the south. He stepped quickly toward the table when Montgomery looked up and started to rise to his feet. Quick as a flash Irvine drew a revolver from his hip pocket and fired twice in rapid succession. Montgomery staggered around the table over to the entrance of the dining room and then fell, and with a moan expired. In the meantime Mr. D. B. Smith wrested the revolver from Irvine. The latter drew some papers from his pocket and holding them up, exclaimed:

"Gentlemen, I killed that man because he ruined my family, and here are the papers that tell the story."

The body of the murdered man was removed to parlor C to await the coming of the coroner. Dr. Burnett, leader of the Archer band was in the hotel and made an examination of the body. One of the balls entered just to the left of the left nipple, struck a rib and glanced under the skin across to about two inches below the right nipple, from which point it was removed. The other ball entered between the left nipple and the breast bone, probably grazing the left vertebra of the heart and lodging to the left of the spinal column. Death was caused by internal hemorrhage.

After Irvine had been taken to the police station he implored the officers to send for Attorney Abbott. Later in the day the prisoner was removed to the penitentiary.

SOME INSIDE HISTORY.

Montgomery and Irvine were on terms of the closest intimacy, both in a business and social way, and the former was a frequent and welcome visitor in Irvine's home, where he was received almost as a member of the family. Montgomery and Mrs. Irvine were seen frequently out riding, while the world looked on and wondered. Gossip soon began to connect their names quite freely, but the unsuspecting husband knew it not.

The reputed intimacy existing between Mrs. Irvine and Montgomery was brought to a temporary termination by the removal of the Irvines to Salt Lake. At that place, as in Lincoln, Irvine was prosperous and accumulated money rapidly. The events which led directly to the unfortunate tragedy had their inception in a visit Mrs. Irvine made to Lincoln, Omaha and Chicago last winter. She arrived in Lincoln last January and spent two weeks here, visiting in the family of N. C. Abbott. At the expiration of that time she went to Omaha and spent about two weeks there visiting friends. On or about February 23 she left Omaha for Chicago and rumor has it that Montgomery was on the same train with her, and that they spent several days at a hotel as man and wife. Mrs. Irvine afterward went to her old home at Marion, Ind., to spend the remainder of the winter.

Meantime Irvine remained at Salt Lake in ignorance of his wife's downfall. He arrived in Lincoln Sunday

from Salt Lake and remained here until Monday, a guest of his former partner, Mr. Abbott. It was while here that he received the first intimation of his wife's infidelity, and the shock came like a thunderbolt in a clear sky. The unfortunate man's movements from this time until the deplorable tragedy were related to a number of close friends yesterday afternoon.

MRS. IRVINE CONFESSES.

The intelligence of his wife's dishonor, he said, almost drove him crazy, still he was loth to believe it. That Montgomery, his intimate and close friend, had deliberately done him this great wrong was incomprehensible. He determined to know the worst and on Monday he took the 2:40 p. m. train for Chicago where his wife was to meet him with their little daughter and they were then to go east and spend the summer on the seashore. He arrived in Chicago on Tuesday and confronted his wife with the terrible rumors that had reached him. Mrs. Irvine broke down and confessed everything. She made a statement in writing acknowledging her faithlessness. Armed with this document, Irvine left post haste for Lincoln with the intent, as he says, of consulting Attorney Abbott in relation to the proper course for him to pursue. He arrived in the city on the early flyer at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, and first went to Abbott's residence, 1708 M street, but the latter had not yet made his appearance, and not wanting to disturb his servant to awaken him, he then walked over to his former home next door. As he contemplated the place where he had spent so many happy hours a flood of tender memories arose and many lights and shadows flashed across the camera of his brain. With the sight of the happy home of other days and the knowledge that his life was ruined forever came the desire for vengeance. Irvine then returned to Abbott's residence, and not finding him up, came down town and went directly to the Lincoln hotel, where he remained until the tragedy was enacted.

THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

A Number of Early Representatives Meet at Lincoln

The celebration of the twenty-fifth birthday of Nebraska at Lincoln was a big day in the history of the state capital. Hon. G. M. Lambertson delivered an eloquent and masterly address. The industrial parade was fully three miles long.

An ode to the Nebraska silver anniversary by Mary Bird Finch was read.

It was 9:47 yesterday morning when Mark Dunham of Omaha called to order the members of the legislature of 1867; also those of the session of 1896, and those of the preceding territorial sessions, which was the first scheduled meeting of the day. The following members answered to the roll call:

Session of 1867—Martin Dunham, I. S. Haskell and E. P. Childs of Douglas; George N. Crawford and T. W. Trumbull, Sarpy; Lawson Sheldon and Isaac Wiles, Cass; J. E. Kelley, Platte; J. A. Muthank, Washington; T. J. Majors, Nemaha. Session of 1896—H. W. Parker and Nathan Blakely of Gage.

Hon. I. S. Haskell of Omaha thought the members should attend the general exercises in the other end of the building in a body. He added that the members present should indulge in recalling the events of the early legislative history of the state.

Mr. Wiles of Cass thought the members of the legislature of 1896 should receive a special invitation to participate.

The president explained that by the terms of the call convening the session, all members of any session previous to 1867 were included.

Mr. Wiles told how he had the honor to introduce the bill which defined the design on the great seal of Nebraska, and that in his mind the words "equality before the law," which are made a part of the seal of the state, meant and should be made to include and guarantee to women the right of suffrage.

He was followed in a speech by Kelley of Alma, who in 1867 represented Platte county, and who eloquently pictured the phenomenal growth and progress made by Nebraska and the nation since its admission and he also pleaded for equal rights for women. Speaking on the subject of national appropriations he said that he was in favor of "\$1,000,000,000 or \$2,000,000,000 if the expenses of the government make it necessary." He thought "no other state offered so good an opportunity to make a home and acquire a competency as does Nebraska, whether in the professions, at the forge or in the fields."

Dr. L. E. Roe of Council Bluffs and Mr. Hamilton Norton of Omaha were in the city to-day and made a pleasant call at THE HERALD office.

Charles Swan of Union was in the city yesterday on business.

CYCLONE VISITS KANSAS.

Wellington, Kansas, Struck by a Destructive Cyclone.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN THE DEBRIS

The Grand Army Hall Turned Into a Hospital and the Dead and Wounded are Being Cared For—The City in Ruins.

This morning papers announce that Wellington, Kansas, was struck by a terrible cyclone last evening and the entire city was destroyed. About fifty people were killed and 125 injured, but the confusion was so great that the exact loss of life could not be stated definitely last night. Among the dead are:

MRS. WILLIAM SASHEN, KITTIE STRAHN, SILVIA and WALTER FORSYTHE, IDA JONES.

The Wellington hotel and the Phillips house, the two largest hotels in the city were completely wrecked and the ruins of the Phillips house took fire. Many of the guests were doubtless burned to death.

A heavy storm of wind and rain preceded the cyclone about half an hour. A few minutes after nine o'clock the cyclone struck the city, coming from the southwest. There were no premonitory signs. Every body was indoors and the clouds passed with its destructive rush unseen. Washington avenue, the principal business street, is lined on both sides for blocks with ruins. To add to the horror fire broke out in the debris of Colonel Robinson's block and a woman, Mrs. Susan Ashe, is supposed to have perished in the flames, and the Monitor, Press and Voice printing office lie a head of brick and mortar.

Just across the street a laborer named Fanning was taken out of the ruins dead, and there are supposed to be other bodies in the ruins. Hundreds of dwellings are either totally destroyed or more or less damaged. The city is in darkness, as broken mains made it necessary to shut down the gas works and save destruction from fire.

Hon. James Lawrence, candidate for attorney general, had an arm broken. Walter Forsythe was taken from the ruins dangerously wounded, and his brother Ed was talking for an hour before his relief. Seven bodies have been taken out of the Phillips house ruins, and a large force of men are hard at work removing the debris. Two members of the Salvation army are expected to die from injuries received.

At Squire Smith's residence seven persons are more or less injured. The streets are littered with tin roofing, cloth awning, broken glass and timbers. Everybody is on the streets carrying lanterns, and it is utterly impossible to get to the exact facts. The destruction is simply awful, and every minute adds to the horror of the situation.

The Standard and Mail offices are wrecked. The opera house and dozens of the best business buildings are useless. Fine school buildings and churches are ruined, and the loss will foot up many thousands of dollars. No reports have been received from other points.

The storm came from the southwest and beyond demolishing a few residences did no material damage until Jefferson avenue was reached; here the Lutheran church was totally destroyed. The storm continued eastward, raising every building in the two blocks bounded by Jefferson avenue, Sixth, Seventh and Ninth streets.

Mrs. Sashen and Miss Strahn were sisters. They were killed by the collapse of the Sashen & Kirk carriage factory and their bodies are in the burning ruins of that structure. Silvia and Walter Forsythe received fatal injuries. Ida Jones was a dining room girl in the Phillips house and was instantly killed. Her body was the first to be taken from the ruins of that building.

Grand Army hall has been converted into a hospital and hundreds are now employed in carrying the dead and injured to places of safety.

Wellington is the county seat of

Sumner and has a population of over 10,000 inhabitants. It is in the center of a thickly settled agricultural district and is the most prominent town in Southern Kansas.

Delegated Elected.

At a recent meeting of the business mens association delegates were elected to the state convention to be held at Omaha June 13, 14 and 15. The following were elected:

DELEGATES. Charles Cummins, Fred Herrmann, Ed Oliver, A. B. Knotts and O. H. Snyder.

ALTERNATES.

L. D. Bennett, F. G. Fricke, Fred Range, Jno. Hatt and C. A. Marshall.

Every local merchant that attends the third annual convention will be well repaid for his time and expense and everyone who is interested in securing legislation in the interest of the retail merchant should attend.

District Court.

The jury in the case of Stotler vs. Archer, wherein Archer was sued for \$1,000, a verdict was rendered in favor of plaintiff for \$10.

Judge Chapman has adjourned court until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Fred Schroeder, of Cedar Creek, is in the city to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Swearingen went up to Elmwood to visit over Sunday.

Deputy Oil Inspector F. S. White went up to Omaha to-day on official business.

Miss Edna Adams and Miss Mary McClelland went up to Omaha this morning.

Mrs. Wm. L. Wells of South Bend, is in the city, the guest of H. J. Streight and family.

The heavy rain last night caused the water to back up and flood Charley Black's cellar.

The sociable last night at the Christian church was a success both socially and financially.

Mrs. Arthur Jackson came in from McCook last night to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Streight.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murphy are rejoicing over the advent of a boy baby that made its appearance last night.

The assessors from Eight Mile Grove, Center and Greenwood precincts have made their returns to the county clerk.

Robert Donovan, an inmate of the asylum at Lincoln, escaped again yesterday and walked to this city arriving here this afternoon. The officers have him in charge.

Real Estate Transfers.

Following are the real estate transfers for the past week as compiled by Polk Bros., abstractors and publishers of the Daily Record:

F. J. Nichols to J. J. Shannon, lot 1, blk 20, Eagle.....	\$ 50 00
J. J. Shannon and wife to J. Q. Adams, lot 1, blk 20, Eagle.....	600 00
South Platte Land Co. to C. A. Masher, lots 23, 22, Louisville.....	50 00
J. Gordon and wife to J. Perry, pt. of sec. 4, 33-11.....	150 00
H. E. Rockwell and wife to C. A. Masher, lot 164 Louisville.....	250 00
N. Jefferson to J. D. Jefferson, lot 28, blk 19, Vallery Place add to Plattsmouth.....	450 00
C. Munger to A. A. Evans, w. 1/2 of nw 1/4, 35-19.....	1 00
L. Lazarus and wife to W. T. Stanton, lots 12, 16, blk 6, Vallery Place add to Plattsmouth.....	300 00
Eliza Lackey and husband to J. A. Green, pt. of sec. 9-19-11.....	150 00
M. E. Baer and husband to E. L. Shelton, part of lot B, West Greenwood.....	400 00
A. N. Smith to H. J. Helps, lot 19, Porter Place add to Plattsmouth.....	625 00

Elected Officers.

Bud of Promise lodge, D. of R., held their regular election of officers last night, resulting as follows: Noble Grand—Laura Twiss. Vice Grand—Mary Kroehler. Secretary—Mrs. Alice Coyle. Treasurer—Mrs. F. H. Steimker. Miss Hattie Shipman was elected as representative to the grand lodge, which meets in Omaha in September.

FRED GORDER AND SON,

HAVE A VERY LARGE STOCK OF Harness - and - Buggies.

AND A FULL LINE OF FARM MACHINERY, SUCH AS HOOSIER SEEDERS, PLOWS, HARROWS, ETC.

WE CARRY THE TWO LEADING CULTIVATORS NW DEPARTURE TONGUELESS, AND BADGER RIDING CULTIVATORS

They also carry a full line of implements at their house in Weeping Water.

FRED GORDER & SON

Plattsmouth, - - - - - Nebraska.