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CITY CORDIALS.

—Don't forget that the sunflower will blossom this evening at the opera house.

—Blossoms sweet, blossoms rare sunflower blossoms everywhere at the opera house this evening.

—Everybody go to the opera house this evening—to hear the music—see the sunflowers and eat ice cream. Admission 10 cents.

—E. J. Witte was elected a delegate to the general conference in connection with the Y. M. C. A., to be held in Council Bluffs tomorrow (Saturday).

—Everybody remember to attend the Sunflower sociable to be held at the opera house tonight. A grand evening's entertainment is anticipated.

—W. F. Kreklow, proprietor of the Perkins house saloon, is refitting the room formerly occupied by Thrakeld as a restaurant, expecting to move in on Saturday next.

—A new metal water-tough 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. Wonder how old he is.

—The latest booking at the opera house is for May 16 when the great New York success "The Hages of Sin" will be presented, a modern drama pure in morals, refined and noble in sentiments.

—The sociable which was to be given by the ladies of St. Luke's Guild last evening, was postponed owing to the inclement state of the weather. It will be held at that place next Monday, weather permitting.

—There will be an informal meeting of the Y. M. C. A., Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Methodist church, conducted by Mr. H. M. Gault. The topic will be "God's Mercies." All men are most cordially invited to attend.

—The usual services of the Quarterly Meeting will be held at the M. E. church next Sabbath. The pastor will be assisted by Rev. A. Madole in the absence of the presiding elder. An opportunity will also be given to unite with the church, when a cordial welcome will be extended to all persons who may desire to become members.

—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 Christian Endeavor will meet again this evening. Mr. Witte will take charge of the meeting. Their subject for this evening will be "Personal Responsibility." This society has grown to be quite a large one, and, as the young converts are taking considerable interest and keeping up a large attendance each evening. We bespeak for it, permanency.

—Mr. Coverdale, we are sorry to learn, is at present making arrangements to leave Plattsmouth. We are sorry to see him go, but as he has made up his mind to leave our thriving little city thinking he can "coia" more money in some new field, we wish him success. From here he goes to Missouri Valley, Iowa, where he will take possession of the St. Elmo, of that place, next week.

—Another slugging match occurred last evening about 8:30 in front of Beck's furniture store. One man claims to have been slugged and during the trouble pulled a revolver. Several ladies happened along at the time and were in the midst of the squabble, creating quite a sensation. As we were not eye-witnesses, and there were so many conflicting reports about the matter, we will say nothing more until the evidence is given in the trial which comes off tomorrow at one o'clock.

—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 BRIDGE QUESTION.

A Venture Plattsmouth Should be Sure And Gain.

PONTOON 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, cribs, 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 decks 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 \$8,000 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 8,500 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 most 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 center. 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 any one ever expected, and one that does not often occur.

But of one thing you may be sure, I went 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.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr E. H. Scott, of Omaha, was in the city yesterday on legal business.

Mr. Wilber Leyda, who has been visiting his brother, J. M. Leyda, returned home to Weeping Water last evening.

Miss Edith Wigggenhorn who has been visiting in the city for the last week returned to her home at Ashland, this morning.

Miss Mary Sage, cousin of Elias Sage, of Maiden Lane, returned this morning from Pekin, Ill., where she had been spending the winter with her relatives.

—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.

—The social to be given by the Y. L. R. R. A., of which mention was made a day or so ago, will not be held in the G. A. R. hall as was stated in the local then but as we have learned since will be held in Waterman's opera house, next Tuesday evening. A good time is anticipated and a full attendance should be the result.

—Mrs. A. Rasier, who has a millinery store in the Sherwood block on Fifth street has been making preparations for a summer stock which she expects in shortly. Her business has been rapidly increasing since she opened up a store in our city, which compelled her to enlarge the room she now occupies.

—Now is your chance if you wish a good watch send us thirty subscribers to the HERALD.

—Send us thirty subscribers to the WEEKLY HERALD and get a good watch.

A LETTER
 To F. M. Richey, Mayor of the City of Plattsmouth.

The following amusing letter has been received by our Honored Mayor, F. M. Richey. It is from Afton, Iowa, his old home and is signed by many of his old friends, the best citizens of Afton. We have persuaded him to publish it.

To the Hon. Francis Marion Richey, Mayor of Plattsmouth, whose honored name is fragrant with Revolutionary Sweet Potatoes.

MOST GLORIOUS SIR:—"Time makes all things even." There are several persons in Nebraska, somewhere upon its blizzard-swept plains, who left the sacred soil of Iowa by moonlight years ago, leaving dire debts upon our ledgers that are a demonstration of the maximatock words with which we commence this communication, because they are on the safe and merciful side of the "statute of limitations." But this was not our intended application of the words. It is a side-show not under the main canvass. They rather allude to the fact that the sow that was washed clean overboard two years ago, that was baptised in the muddy waters of defeat, that was dragged through the "Slough of Despond," that caused friends heaviness of heart, anguish of mind, and lamentations loud and deep; that clothed them with sack-cloth and ashes; that caused them to deliver up the key to the gate of your city, expressively clothed in the habiliments of mourning, after all trials, and tribulations, and fiery furnaces, and lion's dens, is again grazing in green pastures, resting on flowery beds of ease and downy pillows ditto, sailing on smooth waters, clothed with official robes, armed with official power, High Mayor and Grand Cockalorum of the Gate City of Nebraska, with all its honors, emoluments, opportunities and other refreshments, etcetera. Etcetera means "covers everything."

We receive the key. We have hung it up in a conspicuous place so that a way-faring man, though he be a fool, can read. We have issued a mandate that daily for a period of six months. Bill Cullison, Bill Staggs, Tom Little and other distinguished and venerable friends of your earlier days shall bow before it on banded knees in commemoration of the exalted position you have attained. Wishing that you may jump from one glory to another, until you ascend the highest pinnacle of fame, there to roost through all the ages of eternity, we subscribe ourselves joyfully, congratulatory and with a booming Hallelujah your old time friends, with our seal of great joy attached. S. Ragent, M. V. Asley, T. H. Weeler, J. E. Cherry, I. N. Epperson, R. B. Kelley, W. S. Camp, J. Gadd, A. W. Enoch, P. C. Winter, A. W. Penshaw, C. M. Bird, J. F. Sapp, Wm. M. Rakum, Joshua Keating, Will D. Christy, M. D. Ph. D., R. Truman, T. H. Epperson, Benj. Hubbell, Theo. F. Slunk, Truman Swaine, D. W. Sapp, P. S.—Let no humanity go to spilin, Boss.

Our Fire Department.

The Plattsmouth Fire Department last year selected from among their number a running team, and named the same the "Neville Running team." This team took part in the tournament held at Kearney, Neb., and by their efficient work and good conduct while at said tournament won for themselves the admiration of the State Association, and convinced many people of the State of Nebraska that there was a city somewhere in said State by the name of Plattsmouth. The boys tell a story like this: That one Kearney man said to his neighbor, "Where did these Neville boys come from?" and received the reply, "Plattsmouth," whereupon he said, "Oh, yes, I know, that is some where between Omaha and St. Louis." And the boys, feeling that the reputation of as good a town as there was in the west was lost unless something was done,—and done quickly, commenced to tell where Plattsmouth was, and in fact there seemed to be a strife which one of them could earn the name of "El" first; and before they came home they succeeded in establishing, not only the exact location of Plattsmouth, but also the number and nature of the residents; and so well was the same done that when the Association selected a place to hold their annual convention, Plattsmouth was the choice, and the convention, when assembled, was the largest one ever held in the State. Each and every man that came here went home feeling that Plattsmouth was a good, live town to come to, and as Mr. Dibble, of York, expressed it, "I have been through here several times, but only saw one street, and did not believe you had much of a town, but it is a good town and a large one." This was the opinion that was prevalent with them all. And we venture to say that of all the money expended last year in advertising the city, that doing the most good and yielding the best results was the money furnished the fire laddies for the two purposes named. And as appeared in last evening's HERALD the boys are on hand again this year, and have already started the ball in motion by announcing that they will commemorate the last year's celebration, then held the fifth day of May by holding a celebration upon the eleventh day of May this year, and that on said day the entire Fire Department will turn out in parade, and with races between the several teams for prizes, and that they will conclude the day with a grand dance the proceeds to be given to the "Neville Running Team," to be used by them to assist in defraying expenses at the next Tournament, which is to be held in Beatrice. We would ask and deem such request proper, that each and every one of our citizens will help the boys in their project and make the same a perfect success. As an advertisement this will be worth many dollars. To Plattsmouth it is "the constant dropping that wears away the stone." In the past it was the old fogysm and pull backism that has always kept Plattsmouth at a stand still. "Let her drop." The fire boys will do their part to pull forward.

BARGAINS IN OUR Linen Department.

Towels - Towels

A good Linen Huck Towel only 10 cents each.

" Fancy Bordered Damask Towel, size 17x33, only 15c or \$1.75 dz.

" " " " " " " 19x37, only 20c or \$2.25 dz.

" " " " " " " 20x43, only 25c or \$2.60 dz.

Extra value " " " " " " " 20x44, only 35c or \$3.75 dz.

" " " " " " " 20x44, only 40c or \$4.40 dz.

" " " " " " " Open work border 50c or \$5.35 dz.

" " " " " " " Plain white Damask Towel size 24x52, only 75c or \$8.25 dz.

Table Linens.

Turkey Red Table Linens at 25, 40, 50, 65, 75 and 85 cents per yard.

White and Cream Damasks from 25 cents to \$1.50 per yard.

Extra Values at 45, 50 and 60 cents in Cream with Red Borders.

Fine Table Linens in Sets—Napkins to match,—from \$5.00 to \$10.00 a Set.

Table Spreads all Sizes and Qualities at Low Prices.

Napkins - Napkins

White Doyles at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 a dozen.

White Napkins from 75 cents to \$4.00 a dozen.

Cream Napkins from \$1.25 to \$3.25 a dozen.

WHITE TOILET QUILTS. Full Line at Popular Prices.

F. HERRMANN & CO.,
 One Door East First Nat'l Bank.

NOTICE

We earnestly request all of our friends indebted to us to call at once and settle accounts due. We have sustained heavy loss by the destruction of our Branch House at Fairmont, Neb., by fire and now that we need money to meet our obligations, we hope there will not be one among our friends who would refuse to call promptly at this particular time and adjust accounts.

Trusting this will receive your kind consideration and prompt attention, we remain,
 Yours Truly,
SOLOLMON & NATHAN.