

A PLAN FOR A CITY HALL

Ex-Mayor Richey Gives His Ideas on the Subject.

A COMBINATION SCHEME.

The Sewer Extension May Have to Wait, that Something More Important can be Built—Other Local Affairs

Richey on Improvements.

Ex-Mayor Richey is one of the most original of the progressive citizens of Plattsmouth. He is a business man. He is a large property holder. He has faith in the town. He is a practical man of affairs. For these and various other reasons his opinions have and ought to have weight. In talking about the improvements suggested and affairs in general with a number of others, in the presence of THE HERALD, he talked substantially as follows:

"Now I have given this improvement matter my careful consideration and I will tell you what I believe. What we now spend should be so spent as to show. Let our works be seen. Until the present time I have been opposed to the building of a City Hall by the city. This was because I believed the time and conditions were not such as to make it advisable. The right time seems to have arrived. We have no opera house, and, although men have signified their willingness to go ahead and build another, possibly they have not considered the idea which seems to me a good one. It is this. That a few individuals, or a stock company, build a modern opera house—ground floor—with street-floor storerooms. Then have the city put the second story to it for a City Hall, police court room, council chamber, and the various city offices. It could be located where it would show off to advantage. It would be of permanent value to the city. It would aid in pushing the rebuilding of the opera house. It would furnish a much more satisfactory manner of using this surplus sewer fund money. But, in case the city rulers do not look favorably upon this project, allow me to suggest another.

Let the city say to any individuals who may propose to aid in the completion of such a work: Go ahead and the city will exempt you from taxation for a certain period of time. In case the city does not want to do this, it might say to these projectors: Go ahead and the town will agree to rent these upper rooms for council room, mayor's office, clerk's office, police headquarters, etc. for a stipulated rental for a certain number of years. This, with what rooms could be contracted as office suites to prosperous lawyers, would make it an inducement to capitalists to invest."

Any of these propositions are worthy of consideration. There is something practical in them and each of them. The opera house is to be rebuilt. Some progressive men have already their plans outlined and the cash ready. THE HERALD wishes that the best policy for the city as a whole shall be pursued, and it is with that end in view that this talk is given to the public. The men who have the re-building matter under consideration are those who are willing to listen to reason and who will give consideration to all plans. Let us consider promptly, but maturely, all suggestions and then do what is best for all concerned.

Plattsmouth is moving forward.

The Case Not Decided.

Calling the attention of Judge Chapman to the reported condition of the bridge tax injunction case at Nebraska City as written up by the Press of that town yesterday, the judge informs THE HERALD that he has neither made nor announced any decision in that case. That, having allowed plaintiff to amend its petition, he ordered copies of the amended petition served on the city and school district, defendants, and gave those defendants time to examine the same and be heard further in the case.

The judge said the matter would be disposed of when finally submitted and he had arrived at a conclusion in the premises; that if anyone else decided the case sooner than he did it would be no uncommon occurrence in a law suit, although the speech and decision delivered by the court, being the last one, generally knocked out the law as laid down on the street corners and at the taverns.

THE HERALD tenders its cordial sympathy to the warring democrats of Cass and hopes to see them humble, united and contrite in November. They shine best as minority leaders and the people seem to have recognized this fact at last.

PEOPLE AND AFFAIRS.

WHY BRYAN SMILES.

The News is not in politics, and therefore does not see things through party colored glasses, so that its criticism is just and unbiased.—Evening Pirate.

The B. & M. is hauling dirt and filling up the hole on the site of the old Wheeler block. The intention of the company is to level up all the ground west of the depot and utilize the whole for yard room. There is ample opportunity for a great deal of improvement in the depot surroundings and even a new depot—but no, we believe that subject has been exhausted.

"I am simply in the newspaper business to get even with my enemies"—Milton D. Polk.

The boys have a good joke on Judge Chapman. The judge went fishing last week and dropped back into his boyish habits and sported in the water like the American small boy. Like the same boy he afterwards enjoyed the effects. For several days the judge has been doctoring a blistered epidermis.

Editor Sherman has presented his daughter Mary with a handsome new piano.

The Louisville Courier-Journal of Cass county prints a little sneer about THE HERALD and its representative's mission in that town last week, to which we may reply by saying that more people at and near Louisville read THE HERALD than read The Courier-Journal or any other newspaper, and the post-office officials will bear out this assertion.

The New York Sun is the ablest, the most manly, the most courageous democratic newspaper in the Nation today. It is reading the democratic managers some very wholesome sermons these days. As the democratic journals are too cowardly to print these sermons, THE HERALD proposes to furnish the people of this district with them.

DIAGNOSTICATES ITS OWN CASE.

Disaster invariably follows a newspaper whose policy changes and shifts like weathervane, with every gust of wind, for its honor is too elastic for stability, and its best friends become suspicious of its motives.—Evening Pirate.

On Sunday Aug. 28 1892, there will be an excursion over the B. & M. R. R., leaving Plattsmouth at 8:15 a. m., arriving at Burlington Beach, "The Great Salt Lake of the West," at 11 o'clock a. m. Returning, will leave Burlington Beach at 7:30 p. m. The fare for the round trip will be but \$1. There is no finer pleasure resort in the west than Burlington Beach, a body of water two miles long by one mile wide. The celebrated steam boat, "City of Lincoln," makes regular trips around the lake, accompanied by a superb band of music. Sail boats, row boats, and bathing, the finest in the land. A magnificent pavilion standing out in the lake, supplied with a No. 1 brass band, free to all. People pay hundreds of dollars to go to some noted water place and get no more than they can at Burlington Beach for a dollar or two. The bathing at Burlington Beach is equal in every way to Salt Lake, Utah. Very truly yours, THE SALT LAKE CO.

Watermelons at the Presbyterian church Friday night.

Dispatches from Creston, Iowa, state that the Blue Grass Palace exhibition there this year is greater and better than ever. The state exhibits are drawing features of this year's exposition, and among these the agricultural exhibit of Nebraska is the most extensive and attracts the greater attention. The stock exhibit is very large and covers a broader field than ever before.

That new opera house ought to be started in time to be finished for the winter campaign. It would be an awful lonesome winter in Plattsmouth without an opera house.

The Silver-plated Bryan seems to have about all the joint debate business on hand that he can attend to and he has declined to meet the Hon. John C. Watson before the people. There is not nearly so much confidence in the democratic camp as there was a month ago. Good wages, plenty of work and low prices at the stores have discouraged our William.

Go to the Presbyterian church Friday evening and eat watermelons.

ARE YOU SURE OF IT?

It is said that Church Howe, who is well known to have been out of

politics for a long time, is about to re-enter the dizzy whirl and become a candidate for United States senator. He will find Senator Paddock very hard man to defeat. In fact, it is conceded that if the republicans have a majority in the legislature, Paddock will be his own successor. The few who are now opposing his re-election will all swing into line before the campaign is over.—Seward Reporter.

An employe named Sharp fell from a crane in the B. & M. blacksmith shop and sustained a bruised hip.

Judge Archer sends to THE HERALD a communication in which he reiterates charges against the sheriff's office, denies those made against him, and declares that he is not on trial, but that he is willing that the public shall decide. The communication is too long to publish today and does not add much material evidence to that already submitted. This whole matter has reached a stage where an official investigation, with the witnesses under oath, is the only manner in which it can be satisfactorily settled, and both sides express a willingness to have the affair probed to the bottom and seem confident of their ability to show clean records for themselves and bad ones for the other side. Meanwhile the whole community hopes, for the credit of the city and the county, that affairs are not so bad as they have been made to appear.

GOSSIP AROUND COURT ROOMS.

C. L. Cadle vs. Mrs. Nellie Archer. Suit in Archer's court for rent.

Z. W. Cole vs. Richard Oldham. Suit in Archer's court for taxes amounting to \$1800.

There will be a teachers' examination at the central school building, Plattsmouth, Aug. 30.

E. L. Siggins vs. John Vorhis. This suit was dismissed at defendant's costs.

The Anton Seiler vs. Chas. Vanderventer case has been granted a charge of venue from Archer's to the county court.

In the district court clerk's office Fred S. Clinton has filed a suit for \$1,175 damages against Nehemiah Klepser. This suit grows out of a disrupted land trade near Weeping Water.

Peter Nelson and Ernst Rasmussen, two Swedes employed at the stone quarries at Cedar Creek, came to town Friday and tampered with the flowing bowl until they became obstreperous. Officer Black grasped them with the strong hand of the law and landed them in the city bastille. This morning they appeared before His Honor Judge Archer, plead guilty to the charge and were fined \$5 and trimmings. They gave an order on the proprietor of the quarry for the amount and were allowed to go.

A. J. Johnson & Co. commenced suit in Judge Archer's court Friday against William Schildknecht on an account for \$38.25. The case will be heard August 23.

Hiram Taylor vs. Martin Probst is the title of a new case filed in Judge Archer's court. The suit was brought to collect \$30.27. It will come up for a hearing on the 27th.

The commissioners are not at the court house this week. Mr. Dutton is at Denver, and Messrs. Loder and Tritsch are at their homes. Next week they will be at the office again.

C. C. Parmele is at Nehawka today, but his auditor-of-state boom is in town and growing like a weed in damp weather.

Judge Ramsey yesterday at his home united in marriage Ada E. Liggitt of Mills county, Iowa, Secrist of Fremont county, Iowa. This is the couple who made an attempt at getting married at the court house recently, at which time the bride fainted and the ceremony was postponed. The present Mrs. Secrist went through all right this time and THE HERALD wishes her good luck during the remainder of the voyage of life, etc.

Lawyer H. J. Whitmore of Lincoln was a court house visitor today.

Hank Pearson was arrested and taken before Judge Archer, charged with having stolen a pair of shoes at the ball park July 7. He pled not guilty and his trial has been postponed until Saturday. In the meantime Pearson is at liberty on his own recognizance.

Chas. Shubert was arrested, charged with fighting Saturday evening. He claimed to be innocent and the trial will be held Thursday before Judge Archer.

W. T. and Gus King, father and son, were arrested Sunday evening, charged with having too much liquor on board. Mrs. King paid eleven dollars for the father's appearance and both were allowed to go until this afternoon. Both denied their guilt.

Phil Harrison vs. Phillip Knus

JOE WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 1. THOSE WHO ARE INDEBTED TO ME WILL PLEASE CALL AND MAKE THEIR REGULAR MONTHLY PAYMENTS. SEPTEMBER 1 he will open in the Stadelmann Block A NEW STORE WITH NEW GOODS My Headquarters FOR THE PRESENT WILL BE AT F. S. White's Store. Call and See Me And watch this space Daily for Particulars. JOE, The Clothier, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

was set for 10 o'clock today before Judge Archer. At the appointed time the defendant and attorney were on hand, but the plaintiff failed to put in an appearance. The defendant agreed to confess judgment to the amount of \$4.25 and the case will in all probability be settled that way. The Kings concluded they were guilty and paid their fines—\$5 and costs each. John Teatum was allowed to go this morning by paying the costs. He was on a plain spree. A. W. Crites vs. J. W. Hendee. Suit for damages on contract. This is in Archer's court. M. B. Murphy & Co. have filed attachment suit for \$23.40 against Frank Conkling in Archer's court. Lilley Burke appeared before Judge Archer and filed suit for \$3, against John Carnes. This amount is claim to be due Mrs. Burke's minor child for labor. The sheriff is this afternoon selling the W. S. Wise real estate in which C. H. Parmele has a monetary interest. E. H. Woolley of Lincoln is a court house visitor today. Allen Beeson has obtained a temporary injunction against the M. P. R. Co. restraining it from putting in gates at the crossing at his homestead grounds. The company had notified Mr. Beeson that it would put in these gates, which compel him to open and close two every time he went to or from his place, unless he paid \$64 for putting in cattle guards. The lawyer believes he can beat the railroad company in court and he will give the matter a test. Notice. We will have our office in the White building, west of Keefe's harness shop, for the purpose of settling up our business preparatory to opening up again. All those knowing themselves to be indebted to us will please call and settle. M. B. MURPHY & Co. List of Letters. The following letter list remaining in the post office for the past week: Bowman, Geo. Nixon, I. N. Crisman, Will. Pence, Sam. Goettman, Geo. Pearman, H. H. Gibson, G. W. Small, W. B. Graves, Mrs. Maria N. Stevens, Ed. Harney, W. H. Taylor, Frank A. Johnson, Chas. Vanfleet, F. A. Johnson, Lynk Wilmoth, P. L. Keetnes, Mrs. Jennie Walker, Hattie A. Knecht, Wm. Wilson, Rev. L. Persons calling for the above will please say "advertised." H. J. STREIGHT, P. M.

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