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## Interurban Railway Talk

### Proposed Line Should be for Benefit of All.

As announced in the first issue of this paper under the present management, the policy of this paper is to advocate only those things which will be for the general good, and not to advocate those things which are merely for the benefit of one man or any small group or set of men.

In the issue of this paper of March first, we advocated the building of an interurban railway through Cass county connecting Eagle, Elmwood, Alvo, Greenwood Murdock and Manly with Weeping Water and Louisville, another line from Murray to Manly, and another running from Plattsmouth to Union. We believe that these lines of interurban railway would be profitable and would be a most excellent thing for Cass county. We believe it would enhance the value of every farm along the route from \$10 to \$15 per acre. We believe it would make every town that it might reach a better town and more prosperous. We are confident that it would be as great a convenience to the farmers, as is now the telephone and the rural free mail delivery.

While we are heartily in favor of such interurban railway, we are not in favor of the granting of a franchise to a small group of four or five men for speculative purposes. For this line of interurban railway to be built it would be necessary to obtain a franchise from the city council, and village boards for the use of the streets, and a franchise from the county commissioners for the use of the public roads. This franchise when granted would become a very valuable asset. We believe that in the organization of such interurban railway much the same policy should be pursued, as in the organization of a farmers' elevator. We believe that there would be a community of interests exist along the entire route of such interurban line. We believe that the proper method of organizing and incorporating such company would be to permit the farmers along the route and the business men to be taken in on the ground floor of the organization of such company, and that they be the incorporators of it, so that they would have the say in the matter of issuing the stock, selling the stock, and selling the bonds, if necessary, to procure the funds for the building of such interurban line. We believe the capital stock should be fully paid up, and that there should be no watered stock about it. We are not in favor of granting a franchise to any half dozen men for exploiting purposes. We believe that there could be found a goodly number of farmers along the route, who would be glad to get the opportunity to assist in financing this proposition if they could get in on the ground floor and know that a few men were not issuing large blocks of stock to themselves for which they would not pay a dollar, and then issue other lesser blocks of stock to be sold to the purchasers at par

value. We favor an equal opportunity for all on the ground floor basis. We are not in favor of granting such valuable franchise to any half dozen men, however, good they may say their intentions are. They might change their intentions. Give all the business men and farmers an equal opportunity. That is what we stand for, and any other course will meet with our opposition.

## Mr. Pollard Returns Home

### Has Made a Good Record in Washington.

After three and a half years in Congress Mr. Pollard now returns to his farm at Nehawka. Being a farmer he has naturally devoted much of his time to the agricultural interests of his district. Through his influence the district has received a great deal of attention from the Agricultural Department. Demonstrations in spraying fruit trees, tests of the Department's new method of treating hog cholera, good roads meetings, and experiments in plant breeding, are some of the lines along which his activity has been directed. He now has fifty farmers in various parts of the district who are carrying on experimental work under the direction of the Department in breeding better strains of corn and other grains and in working out better cultural methods. He has assisted in the movement to improve the Missouri river as a means of carrying our crops to market at cheaper rates. He was largely instrumental in getting the Forest Reserve bill advocated by President Roosevelt out of the Committee on Agriculture of which he is a member, and through the House. Besides this larger work Mr. Pollard has endeavored to assist individual farmers by furnishing them information possessed by the department on various agricultural subjects.

While he has been criticised by some for his vote for ship-subsidy, yet, in so doing he was simply carrying out the pledges of the republican platform and voting for legislation advocated by Presidents Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft. President Roosevelt repeatedly recommended such legislation as an adjunct to the navy and as furnishing us a means of placing our products on the South American and oriental markets. He stood squarely by President Roosevelt on every point at issue by voting for the measures he advocated and by supporting him on such matters as his dispute with Congress over the Secret Service question. Some have disagreed with Mr. Pollard on matters of public policy but all those who are not opposed to him for political reasons will admit that he has conscientiously done what he thought was right. Mr. Pollard is the first farmer to serve in Congress from Nebraska and has demonstrated the wisdom of having a farmer represent an agricultural district.

Commercial Club Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, Coates' hall.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

### The Majestic, 5 and 10 cents.

See us for sale bills.

### C. A. Marshall, dentist

Farm for Rent. Inquire of E. Goodwin, Mynard, Neb.

Commercial Club Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, Coates' hall.

Rev. F. W. Brinks spent the day Friday at Council Bluffs.

Fred Peterson of Louisville transacted business in this city Friday.

Mrs. M. G. Churchill and little daughter of Murray spent the day Friday in this city.

County Clerk Rosencrans was a business visitor in the capital city the latter part of the week.

Commissioner M. L. Friedrich was looking after county business at Louisville on Friday.

H. H. Tyson, of South Dakota, has been visiting with his sister, Q. K. Parnele, for a few days.

George Rhoden from north west of Murray was a business visitor in the county seat this morning.

John McNurlin and wife have gone to Stanton, Neb., when they will visit the family of Edward Sprick.

Mrs. I. N. Woodford of Weeping Water was the guest of Mrs. H. D. Travis of this city over Sunday.

Thomas Stokes, the carpenter, has been doing some work for Arthur Sullivan and wife south of the city.

Ray Christwiser from south west of Murray accompanied by his wife were looking after some business matters in the city this morning.

Chris Gauer of near Cedar Creek, one of the prosperous farmers of Cass county was a business visitor in the county seat this morning.

Frank Boyd, the carpenter, who has been working at Walthill for some time past, has returned to Plattsmouth to nurse an attack of the grip.

W. E. Jenkins of Murray, the Marshall Field of that stirring city, was transacting business in the county seat the latter part of the week.

John Eagle paid the NEWS-HERALD office a pleasant call. He is a nice gentleman to meet and has been a subscriber to this paper for a long time.

Mayor Fred Gordor of Weeping Water and little daughter were visitors in the city over Sunday, the guests of Mr. Gordor's mother Mrs. Fred Gordor Sr.

Miss Alma Parker, who has been working at Omaha for some time past, came down the latter part of the week and is visiting with her parents in this city.

Miss Marie Kaufman of the firm of A. Kaufman & Daughter, of Cedar Creek was a business visitor in the city

### Horse Starts Home Alone.

Wm. Heil who lives west of Mynard and about nine miles from Plattsmouth, was in the city this morning looking after some business matters, and had a load of goods to take home with him. He hitched his team and placed them in the sheds, on Fifth street feeding them, while he was at his dinner, one of the horses got loose, and no doubt thinking that the business of the day was over, departed for home saying nothing to his master regarding the matter. Mr. Heil when he found out the state of affairs, was compelled to secure a rig at the livery stable, and go after the truant horse, as he would be compelled to leave his other horse and load here until he could get the runaway.

Later—Some boys caught the horse in the west part of town this afternoon thus saving Mr. Heil a trip home.

### The Japanese Footfall.

One of the odd things which strikes one in Japan is the footfall, so different from the sound made by shoe leather, filling the ears in say a crowded station in Tokyo with its European looking trains, platforms, ticket offices, bookstalls and other familiar objects!

The musical clicking noise of the wooden sandals or clogs, which are worn out of doors by all classes of Japanese and which are raised above the ground at varying heights, according to the state of the roads, is one of the most characteristic bits of detail of the country, and any picture afterward recalled to the mind has this clinkety clink, clinkety clink, as a running accompaniment.

this morning and made this office a very pleasant call.

Commercial Club Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, Coates' hall.

Mrs. M. W. Thomas living in the southwest portion of the city who has been so seriously sick with an acute attack of appendicitis is reported as some what improved and hopes are extended and of her entire recovery.

Gust Johnson, who has been confined to his bed for some time with the pneumonia, is again so he can be around and is on the street again, but not yet fully recovered to that extent as to be able to resume his work at the Burlington shops.

Geo. L. Farley, the real estate man, who has been in Alberta, Canada, for the past two weeks looking after some land transactions, returned home Friday morning. Mr. Farley is very enthusiastic over that country, and says it has a great future.

Paul Budig the cigar maker was a passenger to Iowa points this morning in the interest of the out put of his cigar factory of which there are a number of very popular brands. The "Denver special" being the one most pleasing to the critical smoker.

Frank R. Gobleman, manager of the Plattsmouth Stock and Grain Co., of this place who has been troubled with a white swelling on his right leg, was compelled to go to Omaha, where he is to have an operation performed at the Immanuel hospital. It is hoped that he may return in the near future entirely cured. Oscar Wilson has charge of the business while Mr. Gobleman is away.

J. M. Meisinger, one of the prosperous farmers west of the city and son, Henry, were looking after some business matters in the city this morning. Mr. Meisinger will in the near future begin the erection of a house on one of his farms west of Mynard. The building is to be 16x32 4 story and a half containing for rooms, and will be used for a tenement house, and occupied by the party farming his place.

Carl and Hugo Asemissen, formerly members of the firm of H. L. Asemissen & Sons, last Saturday disposed of their interest in the firm and the business to George Klinger jr., who has assumed charge in connection with the senior member of the firm Mr. H. L. Asemissen. Mr. Carl Asemissen, will remain in the city for the present until he shall determine what he shall take up in the future. Mr. Hugo Asemissen, having accepted a position in a general store in Iowa some time since, where he is at present employed. We predict for the new firm a good business as has been that of the house in the past.

### His American Souvenir.

John Schmidt was young and German. Shortly after he came to New York his friends in Germany wrote: "Send us as a souvenir something typical of American habits." So John Schmidt looked around. After observing Americans at home and in public for a period of three weeks he considered himself competent to comply with the request. Last week he sent home the thing which, in his opinion, most adequately represented American customs and institutions. He sent six packages of chewing gum.

### During Gun Firing.

The British admiralty has given attention to the question of ear protection during heavy gun firing, and it has been decided to use plasticine, with the addition of cotton wool, but the form of ear protection to be used is to be left to the individual choice of officers and men. Plasticine may be supplied to ships and gunnery schools if specially demanded. The addition of 50 to 60 grains of cotton wool has been recommended to insure perfect safety. It is pointed out that the cost of the material is very small and its use is often desirable.

### Was Buried Today.

Peter Turin, for a number of years a citizen of this city, and a native of Sweden, who has been a familiar figure on our streets, after a sickness of some time, died last Saturday, at his home and was buried today, the remains being interred at Oak Hill cemetery, the funeral being held from his late residence. Mr. Turin was honored and respected by a large number of friends.

**Attention!**  
Knights and Ladies of Security members, you are requested to be present at the next meeting Monday evening, March 15. After the regular meeting a social reception will be given and refreshments served in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Soper and Miss Clara Brown, who will soon depart for their new homes.  
C. M. PARKER.

## Takes Shot at Col. Bates

### Weeping Water Republican Man Discusses Libel Bill.

Our silk-tiled friend with a stately tread, Colonel M. A. Bates, the editorial representative of Cass and Otoe counties, has introduced a bill in the House affecting newspaper editors who are sued for libel. This, of course, is one bill we favor. It provides that the editor who has published some mean thing about his political opponent, or any undeserving or unworthy being, can make retraction in a stated period, and by being sorry, can escape the punishment that would otherwise be meted out to him. It is a blessing to know that you can if necessary, but we have never yet been very sorry for anything we have published, for it was as near the truth as was possible to get, and we felt safe. But we can understand Colonel Bates' position and realize that if we had published one-half as mean things as he has, and told as many untruths, we would feel that it would take not only a legislative measure to square us, but about six months of prayer and penance.

## Ossenkop Case Next Saturday

District Judge Travis, who is holding court at Nebraska City, was an over Sunday visitor at his home in this city, returning to his work this morning. The judge says that the present term at Nebraska City will continue about two weeks, but he thinks he will find time next Saturday to hear the arguments for a new trial in the Ossenkop case.

## Disastrous Conflagration

### Burlington Freight House Is Entirely Consumed by Fire.

The quiet slumbers of Plattsmouth citizens were rudely broken by the prolonged blowing of the shop whistle giving the alarm of fire yesterday morning. Those who braved the fresh morning air found when they got to the scene of action the Burlington freight depot enveloped in flames and almost consumed. The cause of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to have originated from a defective flue in the freight house office.

The fire department did all that could be done to extinguish the flames, but the fire having gained such headway it was not possible to save any part of the building except the floor. A string of freight cars standing along side of the depot were badly scorched, and one was almost destroyed.

It is understood that the Burlington will immediately commence the erection of a new structure to take place of the old.

### Republican Convention.

The Republican Party will hold a mass convention at the Council Chamber, at 8 o'clock p. m. Friday, March 19, 1909, for the purpose of nominating one candidate for mayor; one for treasurer; one for clerk; one for police judge; two members of the school board; one for councilman for the full term from the First ward; one from the Second ward; one from the Third ward; one from the Fourth ward; one from the Fifth ward; and one for one year to fill vacancy from the First ward; to be elected at the next general city election to be held on Tuesday April 6, 1909.

T. L. MURPHY,  
Chairman.

### Commercial Club.

The regular meeting of the club will be held Tuesday evening, March 16th, at 8 o'clock, at Coates' hall.

Frank Boyd who has been at home for the most of the past week on account of an attack of the gripe departed this morning for his work again at Walthill, this state.

## OUR FIRST DAY



Was a big success. It was far better than we had anticipated. We had been told by some people that we were putting on too much style. But after our first day's business, we feel more than safe in saying that the people appreciate a modern equipped store.

We just received our fourth large shipment of Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits and Cravettes. And can now show you an assortment of new shades in grays, greens, London smoke, blues and blacks, which has never been equalled in Plattsmouth.

All new patterns, made up in the new long lapel, dip front models. Some staple, others more extreme, but none freakish. All Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits are guaranteed to hold their color and shape.

Prices \$18.00 to \$30.00.  
Others 7.50 to 16.50.

Come in and see our new Hang up System.

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We bought a choice lot of raincoats at a bargain when in the Eastern market last month and we will sell them at bargain prices. They are new, fresh goods in 1909 models direct from our leading overcoat house. They come in brown, gray and tan, also black in regular or auto collar.

Prices, \$10, \$12, \$13.50

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