

## BIG NIGHT AT PARMELE

### Booster Meeting Pulled Off With Success and Much Interest Awakened.

#### HOT SHOT FROM A LARGE GUN.

#### George B. Irving Tells What We Need and How to Go About to Get It.

For sometime before the hour of opening the lecture last night a large crowd of people, bearing on the lapel of their coats or cloaks, Booster buttons "See Plattsmouth Succeed" had gathered on the walk in front and in the corridor of the Parmele theatre, anxiously awaiting the minute that the show should end and the doors thrown open to admit the boosters.

The Plattsmouth High School a couple of hundred strong had acquired seats in the parquet, and within three minutes after the doors were thrown open the auditorium was filled with men and women anxious to learn how to pull the old town out of the rut. When the speaker attended by Mayor Sattler and other citizens appeared, the high school lead by Ben Windham pulled off several of their soul inspiring yells, then sang a song composed especially for the occasion, the burden of which was Plattsmouth wants a "Gym".

Don York, then sang "See Plattsmouth Succeed" the words and music by the "Poet Lauriette" of Plattsmouth Hilt Westcott. The song and singer were much appreciated by the audience, which was no doubt gratifying to the composer.

Mayor Sattler introduced the lecturer with an appropriate speech. Mr. Irving launched into his subject "How to make this city a better Plattsmouth", prefacing his remarks with the statement that is any excuse were needed for his being before his audience, it would be found in the fact that sometime since the Congress of this country on the recommendation of then president Roosevelt, had enacted a statute conserving the industrial life of the smaller towns and cities of the United States, and attempting to protect them from the encroachments of the great cities.

The lecturer said in substance that: There were several kinds of patriotism, and referred to the example of our grand sires risking their lives and shedding their blood that this country might have civil liberty, and our fathers who had fought to maintain our institutions. These were great struggles, but the speaker was of the opinion that the struggles now on between the economic forces of the country was even more momentous than those met and mastered in the past. He believed that the men of now, and within the next few years are to wage a bloodless battle between the economic forces of the country of far more importance than any bloody struggle of the past. Mr. Irving then referred to the disposition of the large cities to sap the industrial life of the smaller towns. He stated that the citizens were allowing it to be done, and doing it to a certain extent.

He praised the patriotism of our fathers for what they had done, but there was another sort of patriotism which was called for at the present and that is loyalty to home industries and home merchants. The money spent away from Plattsmouth by Plattsmouth citizens, if spent at home would enable the merchant here to build the factories, which were the one thing needed to make this city permanent. The speaker referred to the natural advantages of the town, and the enterprises already here, stated that what was needed was men to push, and work together to bring other industries in. He was against the interurban railway from Omaha, but said we should have one to the interior of the country. He advocated free delivery in the city limits. One of the things most needed here is the speaker's opinion was an industrial fund of 50,000 dollars, subscribed by the citizens of the town for use in encouraging small factories to locate here. On the other hand if nothing was done along this line, the way was left open for the man with the wild cat schemes to get in and take the surplus capital of the town away, and in most cases it never comes back. It was the idea of the lecturer that the surplus capital of Plattsmouth, invested in home industries for the next ten years, would double the population of the town and make the schools and other industries

of the city more efficient than now. He urged that the surplus capital be thus employed, it was done in other cities, and would work wonders here.

He said we were behind in enterprise exerted toward the beautifying of the city parks. And advised procuring the services of a landscape engineer and have this defect removed at once. Curbing was sadly needed as well as walks, especially toward the Burlington shops, where he had some difficulty in making his way over through the day. The shop people had to endure this every day, it ought not to be so. Mr. Irving spoke for an hour and a half, and left some valuable hints. The writer had heard many commendations of the lecture today

#### RAILROAD WRECK CASE STILL UNDECIDED.

#### Has Been on Trial All Day in Judge Archer's Court.

The trial of the railroad wreck goods men has occupied the attention of Judge Archer for the most of the day. Attorney for the parties have made extended arguments, the defendants council Mr. Gering contending that the ordinance violated is not valid, while the attorneys for the city were just as insistent that it was good law. At the time of going to press Judge Tidd was making his argument, and the decision of the court could not be given. There was considerable impassioned oratory in the discussion of the case before the court, and the outcome of the suit is a problem.

Later: At the close of the argument of attorneys, Judge Archer summed up the case, discharging Harry Contor and William Warshaw and finding Nathen Grenberg guilty of violation of the "Bill Poster's Ordinance", which the court said he did not consider a very heinous offence and the sentence of the court should be that Nathen pay a fine of \$5.00 and costs of prosecution and fixed the amount of his appeal bond at \$50.00.

#### PATRONS OF ROUTES PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.

#### Do not Put Loose Coins in the Boxes for the Carriers to Pick Out.

Washington, Jan. 25, 1910.  
To the Postmaster:

Sir: In view of the extent to which the practice of placing loose coins in boxes by rural patrons has grown, and the delay in the delivery and collection of mails and the hardship imposed on rural carriers incident thereto, you are informed that commencing February 15 proximo, rural letter carriers will not be required to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes.

Patrons should enclose coins in an envelope, wrap them securely in a piece of paper, or deposit them in a coin holding receptacle so they can be easily and quickly taken from boxes, and carriers will be required to lift such coins, and where accompanied by mail for dispatch, attach the required stamps.

This should be promptly announced to the rural patrons through whatever means you may employ, without expense to the department, and you are at liberty to give the information embodied herein to your local paper for publication, if they so desire.

Respectfully,  
P. V. DeGraw,  
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

#### Under Quarentine.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Pollock, had occasion to be worried several days this week and last, the reason for it being the failure to receive a letter from their daughter, Miss Ellen who is at Evenston Ill. attending the young ladies seminary. Willard Hall the school where she is has been under quarentine for six days, one of the students, having scarlet fever. The authorities have been very cautious about allowing mail matter to be sent out. The letters which are sent are perforated with holes and fumigated before leaving the office.

#### Wins Prize.

James Higley Jr. won the \$5.00 prize offered by Mr. Irving to the boy or girl who would sell the greatest number of buttons boosting Plattsmouth. The next highest number was sold by Charles Dovey. The boys were present when the count was finished, showing the James Higley Jr. one of the carrier boys for the News had sold 74 buttons and Charles Dovey 64. Charles was game and showed he was made of the right kind of stuff, he reached his hand across the table and grasping "Jimmie" by the hand remarked, "shake old boy I am glad you won it." Thus the News scores another victory.

Mrs. McCrean, of South Center Kansas, arrived a couple of days ago to be the guest of W. D. Jones and family, departing this morning for Fairfield Iowa, where she will visit relatives for a time.

## NEWS REPRESENTATIVE AT TOWN OF ELMWOOD

### Spent Several Interesting Hours in the Beautiful Little Chautauqua City.

#### ONE OF THE VERY BEST TOWNS IN OLD CASS COUNTY

#### Businessmen Prosperous and Everybody Busy and Root- ing For Their Own Town.

Monday a representative of the Daily News went to the go-a-head city of Elmwood, and having visited the rustling community before we were not surprised to see them doing business. Located as it is on a commanding eminence, where a good view of the surrounding country can be obtained, one is impressed with what Uncle Conrad Schlater said away back in 1864, after having made a trip to Lancaster P.O. passing the present site of Elmwood, in which he declared he had, never seen a better site for the building of a city than there. Mr. Schlater tells the story of his trip on this occasion, as follows:

John Simpson, contracted with me to go to Lancaster P.O. now Lincoln, and buy a piano for him and bring it home with me. I had my instructions as to what I was to give for it if it should come up to what was desired. Starting early I made the trip to within a few miles of the place where I was to go before night. Along in the evening I came to Salt Creek, and as it was early in the spring, the ice had not gone out of the stream, but was in a very weakened condition and would not support a team. There being no bridge I was compelled to follow down for about five miles, before a crossing place could be found, which fortunately was but a short distance from Mr. John Gregory's the place where I was going to. In attempting to ford the stream the front wheels of the wagon dropped into a sink hole and my team were not able to pull it out. I leaned over unhitched the traces and allowing the tongue to fall mounted one of the horses and left the wagon in the midst of Salt Creek. Going to the house of Mr. Gregory, I applied for lodging, also said I could stay, but as there was nothing to eat I could not have anything until the arrival of Mr. Gregory who had gone to Nebraska City for supplies. Just after dark Mr. Gregory came with his horse loaded down with provisions and our hunger was satisfied. Satisfactory terms were made regarding the purchase of the piano, and with the use of two yoke of oxen the wagon was dislodged from the bed of Salt Creek.

The next morning the piano was loaded and the wagon taken back across the stream with the oxen before hitching on the horses. On the return I passed through where Elmwood is now situated a little before noon and was impressed with the beauty of the country, and excellent location for a city, which I then believed would be selected for one in the future. With no further incident I arrived home that night late. While at Lancaster P.O. Mr. Gregory tried to get me to take a homestead and pointed out the exact quarter where the state capital now stands, saying that would be valuable some day. I thought the land too salty and would not take it.

In this city the News man found things wide-awake, and the people alive to the best interests of the town. One thing impressed us, a number of boys we saw on the street it being near the time for the afternoon session of the public schools. It was not alone the number of the boys which impressed the writer (while we admit our weakness for the boy in general) but the character of the boy, the man of tomorrow, for he seemed wide-awake, full of fun, but well behaved and good mannered. This fact with many others made us loath to leave this city. The schools of Elmwood employ six teachers and have eleven grades. The teachers being, J. H. Suetron, Theodica Camp, Minnie Mills, Josephine Mueller, Minnie Everett, and Carrie Moon, all giving good satisfaction in their respective positions.

The Union Lumber Co., with Herman Ruge manager, and assisted by Harry Tueller are doing a fine business and carry a stock much larger than places of more population, but the business justifies it.

We noticed the place of Joseph Williams, who has a machine and general Blacksmith shop was closed, on making inquiries found that Mr. Williams had sometime since suffered a stroke of paralysis and was now

staying with a brother at Staplehurst, Kansas.

At the blacksmith and machine shop of Wm Mueller we found that gentleman very busy along with his two assistants as well. A glance at this bee hive of industry would tell any one that it was on the crest of the wave of prosperity.

At the place of J. F. Thorne we found that gentleman busy with his restaurant and confectionery. Here we met H. C. Richards, of Wabash who has just returned from the southeast where he has been visiting all winter. Mr. Richards first went to Pennsylvania in the fall where he visited and later at Richmond Va. Mr. Richards, has much to say in favor of Richmond, as a commercial center, as well as a manufacturing city. Not alone in this respect does this historic city excel, but as an educational center as well, having numbers of Universities and colleges of all kinds and many technical institutions of learning.

At the drug store of L. A. Tyson we found that gentleman busy and while so enjoying a good business, agreed to look after the interest of the Daily News in the matter of correspondence. We were more than pleased that it was a busy man that we could get to represent us, as it is the busy man that does things and not the one who has nothing to do. When we had completed arrangements with Mr. Tyson, we were reminded by our Ingersol that the Missouri Pacific was expected any moment and we hiked for the depot. Here we found W. H. McDaniel formerly of Plattsmouth in charge of the railways affairs, having the day before been transferred from Cook to Elmwood.

The banks of Elmwood which are as good as any in the state were doing a business which showed signs of prosperity and solidity being well managed and in a safe and conservative manner.

At the pool hall of L. F. Coon we found H. W. Thomas formerly of this place engaged with the proprietor in a game of pool and the manager Mr. Coon said that business was good. Mr. Thomas expects to move to Montana during the early spring where he thinks to make his home in the future.

The grain business of the surrounding country is cared for by the Farmers Elevator Co., who succeed Dick Smith, who has moved to Vernon this state, and Herman Ruge whose place is conducted by Chas. B. Bechwith, while Wm Sharp conducts the elevator for the farmers company.

At Pentermann Bros. store business was being done in the most up-to-date manner and everything around had an air of prosperity.

At the Green Pharmacy we found the proprietor in charge and was satisfied with the good business which his good treatment has won. Both the barber shops, which were in every respect up-to-date, were busy and prosperous. The east one owned and operated by West and Rosenow, was the first one visited and the boys were getting there Eli on the work which was crowding them, and they seemed happy. The shop formerly owned by W. E. Rosencrans, near the postoffice, was also busy and is owned and conducted by C. E. Branson who is assisted by Harry Carpenter, who we were informed was no relation to Frank, of Omaha Bee fame.

Mrs. Anna McFall the milliner was satisfied with the business she was doing, and says when spring opens there will be more business than can be taken care of.

At the place of C. Schunder the harness man we found that gentleman sick, but trying to care for his business as he could not get any one to take his place. He has a good stock of goods and does a good business notwithstanding his being sick.

We met C. D. Clapp, who said that things were looking alright in the city and inquired regarding Plattsmouth, complimenting the Daily News and News-Herald upon the aggressiveness and go-a-head spirit mani-

festated, and the ably edited paper it is at present. He was also well pleased to note the manner in which Plattsmouth is going after things for her good, and thinks that the county seat will make good this year and those to come.

Prosperity had left its impress on all the surroundings at the place of B. I. Clements and although Mr. Clements was just at the moment that we were there, out, the business told for itself the way it was pushed by the proprietor.

At Dittman's store, plenty of evidences of prosperity was in view, and no one could mistake the permanency of it.

The store rooms of Swartz & Winchell, were well filled with the best and choicest of goods, which considering the high range of values now prevailing the country over are all bargains, and that grade of goods which always brings the purchaser back for more of the same kind.

Both the meat markets were busy C. F. Wood having scarcely time to attend to the business which favored his place, and get the other work accomplished. At the market of Hoover & Bogenreif, the same condition prevailed, busy as bees.

At the restaurant of C. D. Brittell who formerly lived in Plattsmouth we were informed that another son R. N. Brittell of O'Neill, had just paid his parents and brother a visit departing Monday for his home in the north.

Dr. J. M. Neeley was busy and said that his practice was extensive and kept him going most of the time.

Dr. Munger at his institution was looking after the enormous practice which the institution and the way in which he has conducted it, brings him.

L. W. Roettger, the hardware man said business had been all he could wish, and that he was perfectly satisfied, and his place spoke as forceable as he himself.

At the finely appointed jewelry store and optical parlors of A. W. Neihart, who is doing a good business, we met Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Koil of Eagle, who kindly inquired of Col. H. C. McMakin, saying that formerly they lived neighbors to him and were well acquainted in Plattsmouth. They are very glad to "see Plattsmouth succeed."

Our time was curtailed on account of the coming of the train on which we had to depart from the city, and we were unable to visit all the business places, while we cannot at this time mention them all, will in a future letter. One thing among the others which make good in Elmwood, is the Elmwood Mills which are managed by John Olson, and the best of flour made by Claus Breckenfeld.

The happy busy citizens of Elmwood, are building greater than they think, and doing it in such a nice way as well. They are all busy, but while this is the case, they can find time to greet other visitors kindly, and then back to their business. These tactics have already made this city which has a name of being one of the foremost cities of its size in the state, and will work additional wonders in many directions for it in the future.

#### CASS COUNTY EDITORS FORM AN ORGANIZATION

#### They meet at Weeping Water and Elect a set of Officers.

At a meeting held at Weeping Water Friday the editors of the county perfected an organization to be known as The Cass County Editorial Association and elected the following officers:

President—P. A. Barrows, of the Plattsmouth Daily News.

Vice Pres—Harry Graves, of the Union Ledger.

Secretary—L. J. Mayfield, of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Treasurer—George Olive, of the Weeping Water Republican.

The object of the organization is to conserve the best interests of the publishers of the county. For years the newspaper men have neglected their own interests while serving the dear public and have now conclude to work for a time for their own homes and firesides. There is no set of men who give so generously of their time and energies to the public as the country newspapers men and none are so freely kicked and abused as are these same men. The boys do not have to take this abuse and we do not believe that they will permit themselves to be imposed upon so much in the future as they have in the past. All hail to the new organization. May it accomplish great good for the members at least.

#### In County Court.

Administration of the estate of Gustave Buss, deceased was granted today on the petition of the widow, to H. O. Wellensiek of Avoca. The deceased was a merchant of Avoca, and was post master of the village for a number of years, and left quite an amount of property.

## DIAMOND DIDDINGS

### Things are Transpiring Be- fore the Base Ball Sea- son Opens.

#### PLANS TO FORM A STATE LEAGUE.

#### Such a League Ought to Win in Nebraska.

The Sporting News says that the western League had 27 players over 300 last season and thinks it does not speak well for the pitchers. It wasn't a case of pitchers, my dear beloved brother, it was a case of manipulators.

The movement which has at several times been started to form a state league of base ball clubs in Nebraska has again been revived. There is no reason why Nebraska should not have a base ball league and a league which would be prosperous. It is true that there are not many cities which are very large, yet there are enough of sufficient population to support the game in good shape providing the salary limit was put at a reasonable figure. A state which has furnished so many good ball players of national reputation ought certainly to be able to have a state league. There is Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, South Omaha and Nebraska City which ought to be able to support good teams, while Columbus, Central City, Seward, Plattsmouth and some of the other towns of the state would probably be able to support a team and some of them much better than the larger ones. It is not always the size of the town which counts in base ball, but the enthusiasm of the people who live in it. We would like to see the scheme go through

Jimmie Sullivan has got his eye on a man to fill that hole in second base for the Lincoln team. That means that the sack will be played in a manner which will make that infield of the Links invincible, for when "Sully" dopes a man he generally dopes him right. Holy Smoke! Think of it! Jack Thomas on first, Jimmie Cockman at third, Eddie Gagner in the short field and a man equally good at the second sack. The only way they will ever get them away from that bunch will be to knock them over and then they will have to go so high and so fast that that other invincible trio' Waldron, Davidson and Hogriever out in the field cannot reach them. Then too with that bunch of pitchers there isn't going to be very many of them hit anyway. Here's to the best team in the Western League—Lincoln. May she cop the flag and make millionaires out of her dandy owners Despain & Stoner.

Following are some of the changes made in the playing rules for the coming season in base ball:

Two umpires, one behind bat whole cheese. Crowd required to divide remarks equally.

Umpires can fine substitute players and put them off grounds. Has no right to police protection.

If batter throws hat and hits umpire will be fined five dollars. If it knocks him over, fine remitted. If it hits him salary raised.

Catchers box extended fifteen feet. Special rule in favor of Babe Town so he can get in front of batter.

Once pitcher has assumed position, batter cannot stop over and pick up dirt.

Ball knocked past fielder and hit umpire real hard, batter is given three bases.

If umpire is struck by the ball runner cannot score until after the funeral.

If games are called by agreement to allow teams to catch train, crowd required to keep seats until after train is caught.

Teams agreeing to stop at game certain time to catch train, train must be held until home team has most scores.

Throwing mask or glove at batted ball allows runner 30 minutes for refreshments.

All batters hitting 276 at close of season shall be given 100 points additional.

#### Sermon to the Boosters.

At the Methodist church Sunday evening Rev. W. L. Austin, will speak to the boosters of the Plattsmouth Commercial Club, his topic being the "Ancient Booster". You will miss it if you fail to hear him.