

## IS NOT A CANDIDATE

Hon. E. M. Pollard Not a Candidate for Nomination.

### BUSINESS MATTERS GIVEN AS REASON

Lumber Company of Which he is Member Requests this Action

(From Thursday's Daily) A telephone message from Hon. E. M. Pollard to the News this afternoon announces that he has decided not to become a candidate for the congressional nomination in this district.

He gives as his reason for taking this action that after a two days session of the lumber company of which he is a heavy stockholder they unanimously decided to ask him to retire from the political field and take the business management of the company.

This is the company which owns a large acreage of timber on Hayti, where Mr. Pollard spent the winter and from which place he returned last week and they consider that his management of the same cannot be dispensed with.

The people of the First district will receive his announcement with much regret, for he made a good record the four years he served the district and would be in a position if elected to give the district valuable service.

### WAS A BUSY DAY FOR THE FIREMEN

Called Out Early in the Morning and Again in the Afternoon to Small Fires.

Plattsmouth has been having more than her share of excitement in the fire line in the last day or so. Besides the fires which necessitated the use of the department apparatus, there have been one or two conflagrations for which there were no alarms turned in, but which created quite a flurry in their immediate locality. The blowing of the fire whistle in one of yesterday's scares was only prevented by the people at the telephone offices.

Yesterday well brought out the necessity of the statement recently issued by the firemen who demand that a blaze really need the attention of the city department before the alarm is turned in, three or four score men called from their work, and the expense of hauling the apparatus thrown on the city. There are many instances where a tea cup and the proper treatment with a quart of water would give much quicker and better results than the tooting of the fire whistle, and the calling out of the good laboring men, who perhaps are working by the hour and before reaching the scene, find the flames have been extinguished by a pot of tea.

A conflagration that might indeed have been a serious one, was narrowly prevented yesterday afternoon about 3:45 by the timely arrival of the fire hose. A small frame shed in the rear of the Otto Herold residence on South Sixth was discovered ablaze and after a few minutes of useless fighting, the alarm was turned in which brought the boys to the spot in a very short time. In the shed was a five gallon can of kerosene that got nearly hot enough to melt the solder before the flames were extinguished, but very luckily the oil did not ignite. The cause of the fire is a matter of doubt to the residents of the neighborhood for there seems to have been no one near the place that afternoon.

There was a gasoline stove explosion not far from the Herald place in the south part of town later in the day, but little damage was done and the fire department was not called out.

### Eastern Stars Initiate.

The Eastern Stars held forth last evening at a big meeting in their lodge rooms. One of the largest crowds of the year was present and nearly every member of the lodge was in attendance. Four new members were initiated into the mystic rites of the organization and following the initiation delicious banquet was partaken of. The new members taken into the lodge were Mr. and Mrs. Guy McMaken, Miss Clara Weyrich and James Mauzy. Different forms of amusement were indulged in and it was a late hour before the jolly party was adjourned.

### A GOOD SOUTHERN PLAY BY THE GREW COMPANY

Miss Iva Bowman as "Aunt Ca'line Scores the Big Hit of the Evening."

(From Thursday's Daily)

To say that the Grew Stock Co. pleased the house which greeted them last night is employing a term of microscopic significance. The Sweetest Girl in Dixie is a drama of the Southern type and was well handled by Mr. Grew's corps of players. Miss Pettes as usual attained the high standard of quality of work as in former appearances and it is with regret that we learn that last night was her last appearance with this excellent company, and in the future her role of leading lady will be taken by Mabel Cullen. "Bobbie" Enders who played "Uncle George", the old colored servant in Major Howards family, was the cause of much hearty applause and many outbursts of laughter equalled only by that coat ripping variety with which the Colonel, in the palmy toddy days, was possessed. Occasionally "Bobbie" in his black face dialect would play a measure or two from "ach lieber stein" but this we all know is due to the fact that Mr. Enders is a "faderhand" character and as a German comedian is as strong in his place as an onion in a hamberger, and has few superiors. His interpretation of the negro of the Southern type was near perfect, and very cleverly displayed the ignorant humor with which this class is noted, and today the South has many black men of which he was a counterpart.

Taylor Bennett as "Col. John Howard," again pleased a Plattsmouth audience, and while there was nothing of moment to the part he played, yet he was possessed of those stern characteristics which are always admired in true Southern gentlemen, and when virtue, in the balance with money was weighed, his emphatic decision in favor of the former brought forth applause that proved beyond doubt the realistic impression he had left with the house.

Manuel Snyder, as "Matthew Martin" played in his usual form, and the cold heartedness towards those over whom he had financial control, was so well handled that he won the "hatred" of his audience as easily as that of the Colonel when he tried to "buy" Barbara with the price of a mortgage. And who would have thought that chocolate colored Amazon "Car'line" was Miss Iva Bowman? If an actor ever made a hit at the Parmelee it was she. Every detail of her make up, every move in her actions was in accord with the "Aunt Jemima" character she displayed. Her peculiar laugh, that care free outburst of the negro wench, was soon grasped by the audience and every time Car'line turned it loose there was a hilarious echo from all over the building. Her walk was something great and could be compared only to a one legged man with the St. Vitus dance trying to do the Nashville salute. Her manner of perambulation could not be improved and she had the real crow hop of a black mammy down to a frazzle.

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## BILLY HEARST ENDORSES BILLY TAFT

Visits the White House and Comes Away Enthusiastic Over the President.

## HAS CRITICISM FOR ROOSEVELT

Mr. Hearst Says That Taft is Doing What Teddy Roosevelt Ought to Have Done Long Ago.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—William Randolph Hearst, former aspirant for the democratic nomination for the presidency, issued a remarkable statement over his own signature, in which he unqualifiedly endorses Mr. Taft.

In doing so he also criticizes in severest terms the administration of President Roosevelt and in so many words warns the American nation against a renewal of the political domination of the former president.

Mr. Hearst called at the White House this afternoon. He spent a half hour with the president in the executive office. Upon leaving Mr. Hearst said he had called merely to pay his respects to Mr. Taft, whom he said he admired. Later he issued his endorsement of the Taft administration.

"No one can talk with the president without appreciating and respecting his earnestness and sincerity," the statement proceeds. "Personally I believe also in his efficiency. He has been one year in office, and he has certainly accomplished more in that one year than Roosevelt did in his first year."

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CENTURY PLANT OUT FOR SUMMER AIRING

Big Plant Has Been in the City For About Thirty Years and Never Bloomed.

It looked like a sure sign of spring today when the big century plant, the property of the Burlington, was brought down from the shops and placed in its usual summer position on the depot lawn. If the ancient old plant could speak, it would tell some interesting things about its experience for it has been a resident of Plattsmouth for thirty years. For about 26 years it held a prominent position in the Perkins house but of late it has been turned over to the care of the Burlington and ever summer it adorns the little plot of grass at the foot of Main street.

It is now looking rather pale, after being brought out of its winter confinement in the shops and it is a matter of doubt whether it will ever become hale and hearty again. It did not do very well last year and a number of the large leaves had to be cut off of the big plant on account of their poor condition. It has been in a warm steam heated room at the shops and is thought that the heat had a bad effect on it, for when the aged plant made its winter headquarters at the hotel dining room, the place was only heated at meal times, and the plant was in the coldest part of the room, yet it always seemed to be in good condition.

There is a general supposition that the rugged old century plants do not bloom till they have reached the age of 100 years. How true this is, cannot be stated, but no one seems to have ever observed a blossom on the Plattsmouth specimen, and if the story of its blooming is true, there are few that will be present when it does bloom about 70 years hence.

Mulvaney to Wed Chicago Girl

William J. Mulvaney, head electrician of the Burlington shops, started out Tuesday to seek himself a bride at the Windy City. Mulvaney is one of the most popular young men of the city and is considered a "good

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J. W. Pittman of Union is a visitor at the county seat today.

C. B. Harmon of Auburn was one of yesterday's callers in the city.

Mr. L. A. Moore is one of today's callers in the Gate City.

Mrs. D. L. Redfern of Lincoln is in the city a guest at the home of her mother Mrs. F. S. White.

Judge Travis has confirmed the sale of Riley hotel block which was made by the sheriff a few days ago.

Dan Allen of Glenwood was in the city yesterday on business, registering at one of the leading hotels.

Mrs. A. F. Knoflick left on the 8:15 train today for Omaha where she will make a short visit with friends.

Judge Travis and Martin Friedrich left today for a few days visit in Kanass where the judge is an owner of a valuable farm.

Mrs. Edward Johnson and daughter Josephine of Lincoln are in the city for a brief stay as guest at the home of J. W. Johnson.

Mrs. J. E. Nemetz and Mrs. Joseph Hiber took the eight-fifteen train this morning to make a short visit with friends in Omaha.

Mrs. V. V. Leonard returned yesterday from Lincoln yesterday where she has been making a short stay with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Worley.

The shoemen of Plattsmouth are being visited today by representatives of two large foot wear factories, one at Chicago and the other at Columbus.

J. P. Meisinger a resident of Cedar Creek was among the callers at the county court house today. Mr. Meisinger is the precinct assessor of Eight Mile Grove.

Mrs. Walter White and daughter Mabel were among the Plattsmouth people who are spending the day in the metropolis, going up on one of the early trains this morning.

As a gentle reminder, it might be well to say, the revival meetings are still in session at the Methodist church and every evening's program is and interesting an instructive one.

Charles Brightman, one of the prosperous farmers of this precinct was in the city a short time this morning on his way to Omaha where he is combining business and pleasure in a brief stay.

Mrs. J. H. Johnson of Greenwood was in the city last evening at the home of Mrs. Philip Bachelor south of town. She and Mrs. Bachelor left this morning for a brief stay in Omaha where the latter is under medical care.

Robert Newell is confined to his bed with a painful attack of appendicitis. He was taken sick Monday and his condition has continued about the same. It has not been decided whether he will undergo an operation or not.

Miss Louise Glenn of Gothenburg is in the city for a few days visit at the home of her mother Mrs. Thomas Glenn. The ladies went up to Omaha this morning on a short pleasure trip expecting to return either this evening or in the morning.

The commitments for James MacMichael, the diamond swindler, and Fred Ossenkop, the murderer were issued by the district judge this morning and it is probable the men will be taken to the penitentiary tomorrow to commence on their long terms.

Joseph Wiles is today mourning the loss of a fine four year old mare that died at his place south of town last night. The animal was an excellent horse that had recently received an injury in some unknown manner, which caused its death last night.

The new headquarters of the Olson Photo Printing Machine company are beginning to put on the appearance of a real manufacturing plant these days. When the new machinery is all installed and the plant completed it will be shown open to public inspection, this will probably occur the later part of next week.

J. B. Austin, train master of the Burlington with headquarters at Omaha and Earl Geis who holds a position in the local store house, returned to this city last evening after being out on the line since Saturday checking cars. Mr. Austin returned to his home in Omaha after being here a few hours while Mr. Geis resumed his work at the shops.

### SANDBAR AT RIVER AN EYESORE FOR CITY

Scene from Foot of Main Street Gives Travelers Bad Impression

There is a condition that exists today and has been existing for some time before the eyes of not only every citizen, but of nearly every traveler who passes through the city of Plattsmouth, and that is the filthy condition of the river bottom at the foot of Main street.

The big rugged sand bar that juts out into the river at this point, instead of being a pretty characteristic bit of nature has been converted into the vilest dump heap by the thoughtless people of the community until the place is a damnable eyesore of which we are reminded every time we take a train at the Burlington depot.

The travelers on the through trains that go speeding through the city without giving the passengers but a single glance at the city, must carry a lingering remembrance of Plattsmouth as being a little place built on the edge of a great dump pile. Of course if they were to tarry longer in our city, they would be shown more interesting scenes, but the first impression is oftenest the strongest.

The bar dotted here and there with a few scrubby trees, irregularly cut by wandering creeks, along which grow patches of rank grasses and sunflowers; with its shining dunes of white river sand and imposing background of the brown waters of the Missouri, spanned some distance down by the graceful railroad bridge; the scene should represent a peaceful, rugged example of Nature's landscape artist.

But how different it looks today after a few years work by the hand of man. Stuck imposingly in the foreground, is a brilliant sign of "Bug-Duckson," an Omahog, who is trying to hog a fair portion of the Plattsmouth landscape. To the left of the big sign board is the "bum shanty" an awe inspiring piece of architectural execution which is used as a club house for the Anti-Laborers society.

Its rough walls would give out the impression to a passing traveler that the city was making a hog run of that portion of the sand bar.

Immediately in front of the Main street subway, lies a pile of smouldering straw that might serve a purpose were it in the time of the mosquito, but at present, it's smudge is very disagreeable to any people who are forced to the leeward side of the stench. Between the straw pile and the river banks are piles of old metal, pieces of delapidated furnaces, and tin cans enough to furnish a goat's diet for years. Nearer the river are piles of garbage, litter and old paper that have been set on fire and are now sending up a stench that would put SouthOmaha to shame. The smell from the place at certain times yesterday morning was enough to make a traveler ask if this were a glue or tannery town, or to cause inquiries as to where the packing house was located. The bleaching bones of an antiquated horse and dog, partly cremated by the executors, and nearly concealed by a growth of weeds, may be observed not far from the water's edge. To make it plain its an awful looking frontispiece for Plattsmouth.

It's time some definite action were taken on the conditions of the place, when the warm months come on, it is going to form a breeding place for deadly diseases and it's unhealthy effect can not be overestimated. It would not be a matter of great expense or labor to make the spot a smiling introduction to the Plattsmouth visitor and a permanent source of pleasure to the resident of the city. With a few hours work of the ax, the proper application of a quantity of kerosene and a match, the corner stone of a natural beauty spot would be set. What do you think about it? Hadn't we better get busy.

### Boys and Girls Will Meet.

The State Superintendent of Public instruction has arranged with the County Superintendents of the state to call special meetings in every county for the purpose of organizing a boys club in Agriculture and a girls club in Domestic Science. Next Tuesday April 26, is the date of this special meeting in Cass county. The meeting will be held at the office in the court house of Miss Foster, the County Superintendent and will begin at 1 p.m. Mr. A. E. Nelson, director of the University Short Course in Agriculture and Domestic Science, will be present and outline the plans for conducting the work for the boys. Miss Gertrude Brown, of the State Agricultural College, will organize the girl's club in Domestic Science.

A large attendance of the young people of Cass county is expected and all boys and girls under 21 years of age, whether in school or not, are eligible to membership in the clubs.

Large line of sterling and plated silverware at Crabbill's