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THE COMMISSIONERS REPLY

To the Charges Made By the Weeping Water Herald.

Is there anything wrong with you, Mr. Editor? Referring to several articles published in a so-called Weeping Water Herald in Vol. I No. 25, a baby six months old, in which he states that a prominent attorney from Platts-mouth gives him a pleasant little roast, and goes on to say that one of the members of the board of county commissioners is a partner with the bridge contractor and gets a rake off on every bridge built in the county.

Now, Mr. Editor, this prominent attorney voluntarily states that he never made such a statement to you nor anybody else; now, Mr. Editor, it is up to you to explain how and where you got your information, or else to admit that you simply lied; a man can be a man even if he publishes a newspaper.

You say that Mr. Falter is a partner with Contractor Sheeley in a western ranch. Mr. Falter will state right here that he has some shares in the Corona Cattle company in Walton, Colorado. Mr. Sheeley has some, and others have some, and if Mr. Editor wants some I think he can get them at \$100 per share by writing to the secretary of the company.

Now what in the world has this to do with county affairs, anyway? If there are any dividends declared in the above named company, Mr. Falter will get his part, Mr. Sheeley his, and others theirs. Mr. Editor, do you call that a rake off on bridges? Can't a man invest his money wherever he pleases, and was not Mr. Sheeley the lowest bidder since he got the contract in Cass county?

You also refer to old bridge lumber that has been dumped into creeks and stolen by farmers and sold to commissioners, which is really to sily to answer. Is not the supervisor supposed to take care of it and use it in building approaches and wings and is it not done? You name us a supervisor in the county but look after that; was not the lumber you refer to in Weeping Water, turned over to your town for approaches and sidewalks? Whose duty is it to take care of it, and was it not used for that purpose? To our knowledge, we do not know of a single commissioner ever purchasing any lumber fr on the county. We have sold some old bridges to individuals, and they paid for them, in cases where the supervisor had no use for the old lumber.

You also make a statement that the board of commissioners are a busy body at \$3 per day and expenses. Yes, we admit that \$3 per day is rather large pay, out as long as the legislature saw fit to make it that, we have to draw it. At the same time, the legislature saw fit this last session, and limited this body to \$1,000 each per year, so perhaps you can sleep over this proposition, as we will guarantee you it will not be over the limit.

You ask the question, "did you ever enter into a written agreement with Attorney Matthew Gering to fight the clock case for \$50 after the county attorney had advised you to settle the claim, and did not Mr. Gering agree to fight the case in the courts for \$150 in case he won; in case he lost receive nothing? Didn't he lose?" No sir, we say he did not lose, and if Mr. Gering would post himself, he might be able to tell the truth. Before Mr. Gering had this case, the supreme court held that the county was liable for the total amount \$981, with interest from date at 7 per cent, which would amount to \$1,067.75. When the case went to the supreme court the second time, it held that the county was only liable for the principal, or \$981. Did Mr. Gering not save the county \$86.95, and were his services not worth \$75?

If Mr. Editor had taken a little time to investigate the commissioners' proceedings of February 6, 1900, on page 92, he would have found the following:

William Coolidge was allowed \$900 per year as deputy county clerk for the ensuing term, if the fees of the office are sufficient to pay the amount. Signed, J. P. FALTER, T. B. BATES, J. W. COX.

He drew the amount accordingly, not out of the general fund as you state, but out of the fees of the office; and you further find that James Robertson, then county clerk, turned into the county treasury \$143 more than the combined salaries amounted to. You ask the question if this was legal; we will refer you to Chap. 28, Sec. 42, of the compiled statutes of Nebraska for 1901, and if you will read the last five lines of that section, you will get the necessary information.

You also invite the taxpayers to glance over the treasurer's statement for 1902, referring to the amount of bridge warrants registered. Great snakes! We hardly believed that we had to take Mark Hanna's place and was the cause of all the floods and washouts in the county, but nevertheless, Mr. Editor, you are again off your base, and are misrepresenting matters to your worthy subscribers. You will take up the bridge warrant

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book, you will find the following: Total amount of levy on bridge fund for 1902—\$18,626. Amount transferred from the general fund to the bridge fund on November 5, 1902—\$7,000. Total amount of levy and transfer—\$25,626. Amount drawn on said fund—\$21,495.53. So, Mr. Editor, if you will spare a little time, and sit down and figure, you will find that we did not exceed our levy by \$1,326.37. Of this amount Mr. Editor contributed a trifle less than seven cents.

For the benefit of you, Mr. Editor, we will say that the reason we cited you to come before us was that we thought you was gentleman enough to explain to the board where and how you got your information, referred to in your first article, and we now come to the conclusion that it was turned out of your own manufactory and could not turn it on anybody but yourself, so you preferred staying away rather than be caught in a lie.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

A Victim of Labor.

Vincent Zabratski, of Donora, Pa., was returning home from his daily hard work, being completely exhausted and hardly able to walk. A cold, sharp wind was blowing and within a few minutes the body covered with sweat was shivering. At home he immediately went to bed, but shortly afterwards began spitting blood. For a whole week he was confined to the bed and lost all hope to get well again. Then he received Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine which completely cured him. He wrote a letter where in he expresses the wish to have his letter published for the benefit of others. Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine restored his lost vitality, brought all organs to their regular activity and gave strength to all tissues. Thus serious diseases can be averted and cured. In all cases of weakness, languor and fatigue, this remedy stands without a peer. It will not only expel all impurities from the blood, but will make new blood from perfectly digested food. At drug stores and at the manufacturer's, Joseph Triner, 709 south Ashland avenue, Chicago, Ill., Pilsen station.

A Surprise Party.

Miss Alma Soemichsen, who expects to depart next month for a visit to her old home in Germany, was most agreeably surprised on Friday evening by a number of her most intimate friends coming in to spend the evening as a farewell party. The event occurred at the home of her brother, H. M. Soemichsen, and the evening was most delightfully spent in social amusements of various kinds. When the hour of departure arrived, all repaired to their homes with the wish that Miss Alma would enjoy a most pleasant trip.

Those who composed the party were: Misses Christine Hansen, Alvina Hoffman, Mary Jess, Kathryn Barkman, Mary Martens, Alma and Emma Goos, Mary Tams and Maggie Jess; Albert Fricke, Max Ploeger, George Nichols and Henry Kemp.

In Honor of Prof. McHugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Dovey, entertained a few friends on Thursday evening of last week in honor of J. G. McHugh, former superintendent of the Platts-mouth schools. The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Spurlock, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Straight, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Parmele, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pickett, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gass, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Coates, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Leinhoff, Misses Mia and Barbara Gering, Florence Waugh and Messrs. H. B. Gering and Fritz Fricke. Light and elegant refreshments were served.

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"ON THE OLD PLANTATION."

An Interesting Program Rendered and a Most Enjoyable Time.

One of the most interesting and enjoyable entertainments that has been given in this city for some time was the program rendered by the Platts-mouth Woman's Club at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall on Friday evening last, in the presence of a large number of the club and visitors. This was what is termed an opening meeting, and in the fullest sense, "An Evening on the Old Plantation," under the leadership of Mrs. L. A. Moore, ably assisted by Miss Nell Hopping, of Galveston, Texas.

The following program was carried out to perfection, and it is unnecessary to say it was enjoyed by all:

"Hush, Little Peccaninny," Mrs. G. F. S. Burton; "Old Black Joe," Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Johnson; review of Mrs. Ruth McEnry Stuart's late work, "Napoleon Jackson," or "The Rocking Chair Nigger," Mrs. H. D. Travis; an instrumental number, "Susanne River," Miss Verma Cole; "A Definition," Mrs. Moore; "Pig Jowl and Greens," a recitation by one of the peccaninies; quartette, "Memories of Old Kentucky," America's only original music, by Mrs. Rouse; sketch of Joel Chandler Harris, Mrs. Moore; quintet, "My Creole Sue," solo by Master Milford Bates; "Sleep My Honey Babe," girls' club solo; "I've Got My Eyes on You," Miss Hopping; history of the cake walk, illustrated by four little girls; quartet, "Po' Little Lamb;" "Social Evolution," by Hon. E. Flat Turner. The exercises closed with "Dixie," chorus and dance.

Some who were down on the original program were absent, but substitutes were pressed into the service, and the program supplemented by a duet by Mrs. Burton and Mr. Windham and a few excellent solos by Miss Hopping.

Modesty naturally would forbid us to speak of the solo by Milford Bates, but those who are better judges than we are, say he did most remarkably well, and was the recipient of many flattering comments. All agreed that with the proper advantages, he bids fair to become a shining mark in the musical galaxy.

The Mystery Solved.

Sheriff McBride, who has been diligently at work on the case since the robbery was committed several weeks ago, has now the satisfaction of having the guilty parties behind the bars. It will be remembered that the house occupied by Mrs. Gresson and Mrs. Chambers was entered at the dead hour of midnight, both women occupying the same room, but separate beds, and while one of the robbers, as it was then reported, holding Mrs. Gresson while the other robbed Mrs. Chambers of \$75, which her husband had sent her from Oklahoma.

As soon as Sheriff McBride learned the circumstances in the case, he immediately made up his mind as to who were the guilty parties, but as no positive evidence could be obtained, no arrests was made, the sheriff keeping posted as to the whereabouts of the suspects. In the meantime John Gresson left the city for Fremont. He had not gone but a few days when the sheriff took Harvey Lovelady, the other suspect in charge, and succeeded in gleaming the whole story of the deed from him. He stated that Gresson entered the house and secured the money while he waited at the door, and that they hid the money under the sidewalk in the south part of the city, and that Gresson got all the money (\$75) but two dollars.

Gresson is a son-in-law of Mrs. Chambers, knew that the money had been sent her and knew the direct spot to place his hand upon it, but when searched the next morning not a cent could be found upon the person of either Gresson or Lovelady. As soon as Lovelady confessed the sheriff notified the authorities at Fremont to arrest him, which was done, and that officer went up to Fremont Thursday and brought the prisoner down Friday and he and his pal Lovelady are languishing behind the bars, with good prospects of serving a term in the penitentiary.

The prisoners were arraigned in Judge Kroehler's court Saturday morning on the charge of robbery. Each one pleaded not guilty, and was remanded to jail to await their preliminary examination set for next Saturday. Sheriff McBride in this, as in every case he undertakes, never let up until he landed the robbers in jail, and deserves great credit for his usual vigilance and energy, as an officer.

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The Story Considerably Magnified.

The story of a gang of smooth confidence men, who visited Omaha some time since, and remained several weeks in their efforts to "take in" some parties to the tune of \$10,000 or \$15,000 on their get-rich-quick proposition is greatly magnified in that it refers to Mr. T. E. Parmele, of this city. The World-Herald is wholly responsible for the story as it appeared in numerous papers, and for perhaps a day or so did create a little ripple in Platts-mouth. But those who knew Mr. Parmele's shrewd business qualities were not for one moment inclined to believe the tale as it was told by that paper.

It was several days before the World-Herald reporter "caught onto" the scheme, that a member of the gang appeared in this city and made his proposition known to Mr. Parmele, who was too shrewd to bite, much less take the cork under. When Mr. Confidence Man failed to get Mr. Parmele interested in the sale of his mining stock he remarked that he believed he could dispose of it in Omaha, but was unacquainted, and insisted upon Mr. Parmele going to that city with him and introducing him to parties who would be likely to invest in that sort of a proposition. This Mr. Parmele finally consented to do, all the time convinced in his own mind that the proposition appeared somewhat "fishy" and would bear investigation. After arriving at Omaha, Mr. Parmele questioned Mr. Confidence Man further, and it was when he was asked if he did not have \$10,000 to buy the mining stock, that a good sized mouse made its appearance and began to penetrate the atmosphere around the particular spot they were occupying. Mr. Parmele replied that he had just two dollars with him. But when asked if he could not get the money, he replied that could but would not, and immediately left the party. Mr. Parmele hunted up Chief Donahue, told his story, but ere the officers arrived at the hotel where the gang were occupying the handsomest quarters in the house, they had "flew the coop" and got out of town in less than an hour from the time Mr. Parmele left them.

This is as near as Mr. Parmele came to being "roped in" for \$10,000, as some of the papers would have it. The World-Herald reporter approached Mr. Parmele on the matter, and because that gentleman failed to accede to his wishes for particulars, the reporter evidently fixed up the story to suit himself, and made Mr. Parmele appear in the role of a gold brick victim, and in as ridiculous plight as possible. Those who know him, however, know that Tom Parmele is not one the kind to be swindled by such smooth guys.

A New Lodge in Town.

A lodge of the Fraternal Order of Eagles was instituted in Platts-mouth last Sunday, with a membership of 80. Quite a large number of visiting brethren were here to assist in the ceremonies. D. W. McClain, state deputy president of the order, was chief of ceremonies. The following officers were installed: President—Dan Smith, Vice-President—F. G. Egenberger, Past President—Henry Donat, Chaplain—H. D. Travis, Conductor—C. C. Postel, Outside Guard—J. Svoboda, Inside Guard—Matt Lueck, Trustees—Chas. Vesley, W. J. Bookmeyer and James Rebal.

Orange Blossoms.

Mr. Wm. Chandler and Miss Emma Reynolds were united in marriage at the bride's home in Nehawka, April 15, 1903. The bride has been for a number of years a resident of Nehawka and has the best wishes of her many friends. The groom has been in business in the town for some time and has won the confidence and friendship of the people.

At 7 o'clock in the evening the happy couple appeared before the guests and Rev. C. S. Long spoke the words which mean so much. Congratulations, supper and the usual festivities of such an occasion occupied the evening.

Many useful and beautiful presents and tokens of esteem and friendship were left by the departing friends. All wish them well and high hopes and aims for the coming years, presage a happy future.

Wedded Bliss.

Wm. Brantner and Mrs. Mary E. Curtice, of this city were united in marriage at Council Bluffs, on Wednesday, April 15, 1903. After the wedding the happy couple returned to this city, where a splendid wedding feast had been prepared for them at the home of the bride, and which was also enjoyed by several relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The Journal extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Brantner.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Raspin's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For ulcers, wounds, piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co., druggists.

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A MAGNIFICENT AFFAIR

The P. E. O's Are Banqueted at the Palatial Home of Mayor Morgan.

That realization affords greater happiness than anticipation was most clearly proven last night when the P. E. O. society enjoyed the hospitality of their gentlemen friends. The entertainment was a return party given by the husbands and young gentlemen who have been entertained by the P. E. O. ladies, and was in the form of a banquet; and did, without doubt, out-rival any affair of this nature ever given in the city.

Mr. Frank Morgan kindly opened his elegant home for this occasion, and a more suitable place could not have been found. The guests were requested to be present at 7:30 o'clock, and at that hour everything was in readiness. The table was spread through the dining room, library and music room, and when the guests—forty-eight in number—entered, a glimpse of real fairy-land was revealed.

The table was artistically decorated with flowers, ferns and trailing vines. A large floral design in the shape of a five pointed star, the emblem of the society colors, formed a most fitting center piece. The brilliantly lighted rooms, the beautiful floral decorations the sparkling cut glass and silver, the elegant costumes of the ladies, the bright and happy faces of those present presented a picture which will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

A nine course dinner was served, and in point of excellence and daintiness in serving, was indeed fit for a king. A number of the ladies were called upon for speeches, and responded in a most gracious manner. The health of the M. M's. (Married Martyrs) both real and prospective, was proposed by Mrs. Parmele, and the ladies, standing, drank from a glass of clear, cold water, the toast proposed.

Miss Seale, vice president of the society, in the absence of the president, in a few well chosen words thanked the gentlemen for the courtesy they had extended, and expressed for the society the pleasure in being so thoughtfully remembered, so cordially received, and so royally entertained. At 11 o'clock the guests repaired to the parlors, and before taking their departure, spent an hour in music and general conversation. Too much praise cannot be given to the gentlemen for planning and executing such a delightful entertainment, and especial credit is due to Mr. Frank Morgan, H. J. Helps, Fred Murphy and A. E. Gass, the members of the committee in charge.

See President Roosevelt

Who will be in Lincoln from 1:30 p. m. to 3:40 p. m., April 27. Round trip tickets at fare and one-third from points within seventy-five miles. Tickets on sale April 26 and 27. Parlor matches only 1c a box, at Gering & Co.'s

PERSONAL POINTS.

Of a Purely Personal Nature. Pertaining to Goers and Comers.

Byron Clark was in the state capital on legal business Monday.

S. H. Atwood returned Sunday from a visit to his old home in Illinois.

James Archer came down from Havelock and spent Sunday with his parents.

Henry Smith, of McCook, visited his brother, Washington Smith and family this week.

W. L. Withrow and family visited in Arapahoe, Neb., several days the past week.

Attorney Matt Gering had business in the supreme court at Lincoln, Monday and Tuesday.

W. A. Haynes, a Chicago capitalist was visiting the family of his uncle Wm. Atwood, here last week.

Halsey Duke, of the Havelock shops is at home this week to recuperate, being sick with a severe cold.

Miss Mary Rotter departed for Chicago, Friday morning, where she will spend a few weeks visiting relatives.

Mrs. Washington Smith and daughter, Louise, visited in Lincoln Saturday and Sunday, the guests of Mrs. C. M. Butler.

Mrs. A. W. Atwood returned Friday morning from a month's visit with relatives in Jacksonville, Illinois, and reports a most pleasant time.

A. L. Buzzell, who spent the greater part of the winter in California, Washington and British Columbia, returned Saturday with his health greatly improved.

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