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PLATTE MUTUAL MEETING

Meeting is Held and Everything Very Satisfactory From a Business Standpoint.

The Platte Mutual Insurance Company held their annual meeting Saturday morning, and among other business transacted they elected the same officers that have so faithfully performed their duties in the past. The directors being elected for a term of three years, as follows: W. J. White, H. J. Helps and Henry R. Gering; President, W. J. White; Vice-President, H. M. Sennichsen; Treasurer, H. J. Helps; Secretary, Henry R. Gering; Executive Committee, D. O. Dwyer, C. S. Polk and C. A. Marshall. The treasurer's report showed a cash balance on hand of \$2,221.78, and 442 policy holders, with \$38,775 insurance now in force. The past year's losses were only \$35.50 by fire, and the interest on deposits amounted to \$45, which will be seen more than paid their losses for the year just closed.

The Platte Mutual are more than pleased with their business for 1904, which showed a steady growth during the entire year, and in the past eight years have saved their stock holders fully 400 per cent on their insurance, or an average of 50 per cent each year, and today have on hand a greater reserve for the amount of insurance in force than any of the old line companies doing business in the state.

This certainly is a good showing for the Platte Mutual; they have always paid their losses promptly, and to the perfect satisfaction of the policy holders. The eighth year just closed has been the most successful since its organization, and with the proper support from the people of Plattsmouth and Cass county, the year of 1905 should be at the head of them all.

Many Cars to Repair.

The Burlington shops still seem to have plenty of work in the freight car line, in fact the bad order freight cars seem to be daily accumulating. On the side tracks on the east side of the river there are nearly 25 bad order cars, and on the sidings here they have something like 25, all of which are ready for the shops for repairs, but orders seem to be issued for just so many at a time, and so it is with the cars that are to be destroyed. It would seem to one not in the railroad business that if these were placed in good condition it would to some extent relieve the present famine the grain dealers are experiencing in various parts of the country. 250 cars tied up like this looks to a man not understanding the situation as a great many, and that they would be rapidly repaired and pressed into service.

German Frau-Verein.

The twelfth annual meeting of the German Frau-Verein was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Chris Koehnke. The afternoon was spent in the playing of numerous games, social conversation and music. Prizes were offered the first of which was won by Grandma Horn, and Mrs. Anna Goos winning the booby prize. The meeting was a very successful one and the manner in which Mrs. Koehnke entertained them was certainly a source of much pleasure to all in attendance. A excellent luncheon was served at the usual hour and at the close all were unanimous in pronouncing the twelfth annual meeting one of the most enjoyable in the history of the organization. Following were those present: Mesdames Fred Ebinger, Chas. Herger, Wm. Weber, Weidman, Anna Goos, Droege, Wm. Hassler, Heitzhausen, P. F. Goos, J. P. Falter, Wm. Schmidtman, Baunmaster, Geo. Koehnke, Chris Koehnke and daughter, Miss Lulu, and Grandma Horn.

Cass Leads in Reading.

The Lincoln Evening News says: "Superintendent McBrien and his assistants have completed the examination of the papers submitted by the various counties in the recent examination for county certificates and within a few days he will be ready to announce the names of the contestants who were successful. In the examination Polk county secured a grade of 100 in arithmetic, Cass county got first place in reading with a grade of 99, while Dakota county secured first place in botany. This average is made up of all the papers submitted, but who the contestants were the state superintendent is not yet informed."

FOR RENT—Fifteen acres of land, good house and barn and other improvements, close to the Burlington shops. For particulars inquire of I. Pearlman, at the furniture store.

LOUISVILLE PEOPLE ANGRY

Because of the Failure to Get Commissioners to Repair Bridge.

The following Louisville special to the Lincoln Journal fully shows how the people of that town feel regarding the manner in which they have been treated by Commissioners Marshall and Switzer:

"Last spring the free wagon bridge which spans the Platte river at this place was partially washed out when the ice in the river broke up, and ever since that time the people of Louisville and vicinity have endeavored to get the county commissioners to repair the bridge. It seems that there was always some reason given by the commissioners that they could not get action, but since the late election a new member has been put on the board and the people expected great things from the new man.

"Wednesday a large delegation of prominent citizens went to the county seat to meet with the commissioners and ascertain why the bridge was not repaired and get them to take some action. The board was in session, but when they learned that the Louisville aggregation was headed for Plattsmouth they immediately adjourned and took an early train out of town. It was an angry and disappointed lot that returned home on the evening train.

"The people of Louisville are very indignant and expect to force the commissioners to take some action in the matter."

Party of the County Farm.

Thursday evening quite a number of young folks from town gathered at the county farm as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rouse, in honor of their son Wade Miner. The merry crowd gathered in the city and all went out in a carryall. The evening was most pleasantly spent in numerous games and instrumental music rendered by the Misses Weidman, Tuey and Dovey. The guests were most royally entertained and at the usual hour an excellent oyster supper was served, and at a late hour departed for home wishing their young friend many more such happy occasions. The following were present: Bulah Miner, Ruth Johnson, Ione Dovey, Helen Dovey, Margaret Mauzy, Ruth Houseworth, Ellen Windham, Francis Weidman, Bernese Newell, Gertrude Hartman, Zelma Tuey, Walter Palmer, Charles Mapes, Ernest Wurl, F. Ed Dawson, Max Adams, David White, Will Robertson, James Mauzy and Wade Miner.

The Burlington Defeated.

In the tax suits in the federal court, Judge Munger rendered an opinion Saturday, in which he dismissed the motion, by the Burlington railroad, asking for a permanent injunction against county treasurers issuing distress warrants for the collection of taxes due from the road in 1904.

It will be remembered that last year the Burlington and Union Pacific roads both refused to pay their taxes, but made a tender of a part of the tax as levied, and asked for a restraining order preventing the treasurers from collecting taxes by distraint. The temporary order was granted, and the case having reached an issue on the merits, the court overruled the motion, and refused to make the order perpetual. The same order will in all probability apply to the case of the Union Pacific which is pending; also, to the injunction that is asked for the year 1905, which has not yet reached a hearing.

Pension Increased.

We notice from the recent report issued from the pension department Col. Thrasher of this city has been granted an increase in his pension on the grounds of long and faithful service, and his present almost disabled condition. The Col. has not received his notification papers, and the exact amount of the increase is not known, but will probably be from \$12, which he now receives to \$35 or \$50 per month. We are glad to note the Col's good fortune as he is certainly deserving of it.

Presented With a Ring.

A very pretty touch of sentiment occurred at G. A. R. hall Saturday evening at the close of the exercises of installation of W. R. C. officers. Mrs. Wm. Slater, who retired from the office of treasurer after three years of faithful service, was presented with a handsome gold ring by the Corps ladies. Mrs. H. J. Streight making a happy presentation speech to which Mrs. Slater assented happily and very gratefully responded.

DEATH OF MRS. ED. MANN

She Passes Away at a Private Hospital in Omaha, Sunday, January 14, 1905.

HER DEMISE SURPRISE TO HER FRIENDS

Funeral Will Occur From St. Luke's Church, But Exact Time Not Known.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Ed Mann was received in this city Sunday forenoon, which was a great shock to her many friends in this city, where she was born and reared to womanhood, and where she was known to almost everyone.

The deceased had been in very poor health for some time, and upon the advice of her physician she entered a private hospital at Omaha last Thursday, where she was operated upon for peritonitis. It would seem from the best information we can secure that the operation was a success, but that in her weak condition it was doubtful, not only in her own mind, but also that of her friends, if she could withstand the operation.

The deceased felt so doubtful of surviving the operation that she told her husband what she wished to have done also as to the arrangements for her funeral. As pallbearers she selected the following young men of this city, who were her schoolmates and who have always cherished a most friendly feeling in her behalf: George Tartseh, France Ballance, Dr. Frank Cummins, Bob Mauzy, Ed Tutt and Emmons Richey. It was also her request that Ralph White, Miss Minnie White and Mrs. Hilc Wescott would sing at the services.

Mrs. Elberta Duke Mann was the daughter of Capt. L. D. Bennett, and was born in Plattsmouth on the 24th day of January, 1880, and was united in marriage with Mr. Edward Mann, also of Plattsmouth, on the 26th day of August, 1896. To this union was born two little daughters who, with their father, survive the deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann have always resided in this city until a few months since when they moved to Omaha, where the former was employed, and where they were getting along so nicely when the blow fell so heavy upon the bereaved husband and little daughters.

The Journal joins the many friends in extending sympathy to the desolate husband who is almost heartbroken in the loss of his dear companion.

EXPECT RAILROADS TO PAY

State Officers Desire to Invest \$250,000 in State Bonds.

The opinion prevails at the state house, says the Lincoln Journal, that the Burlington and the Union Pacific roads have had enough litigation in their attempt to avoid paying taxes, and that they will now pay up. Attorney General Brown has received no further word, and knows nothing of the intention of the railroads. An appeal can be taken to the circuit court of appeals any time within six months, and a much longer time is allowed for an appeal to the United States supreme court.

State Treasurer Mortensen believes there will be no appeal, and he hopes to receive delinquent taxes from the various counties without much delay. This is the month for the annual settlement of county treasurers with the state, and considerable money is coming in. Boone county paid the state \$20,000 yesterday. \$14,000 of the amount being permanent school money. These payments and the prospect of the collection of railroad taxes due the state and counties has caused the board of educational lands and funds to look about for further investments for trust funds. A meeting will be held today for the purpose of buying bonds of other states. At least \$100,000 is available for investment, and bonds to the amount of \$250,000 may be bought.

James Barr Dead.

James Barr, a brother of "Dick" Barr, publisher of the Nehawka Register, and an uncle of Mrs. Will Wynn, died at his home in Chicago, yesterday. Mr. Barr has been very feeble for some time, and only a few weeks ago when "Dick" was in Plattsmouth he expressed his desire to go to that city once more before his brother died. We did not learn whether or not "Dick" will attend the funeral.

REFORM IN MARRIAGE LAWS

Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Reform Marriage and Divorce Laws.

John Gibson Hale, a Chicago attorney, is evidently trying to do some good for the human race in the adoption of a constitutional amendment, which, in substance, is given below. A special from Washington says:

"Radical reform as to marriage and divorce are proposed in the draft of a sixteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States today submitted to the judiciary committee in the house by John Gibson Hale, a Chicago attorney, with offices in the Marquette building. Hale's demands, verbatim, are:

No Caucasian to marry anyone bearing more than one-sixteenth of the blood of another race.

No insane persons to marry.

A medical examination of all candidates for matrimony, and all diseases calculated to retard the development of the human race to consist of an absolute bar.

Legal age for matrimony to be 21 years for males and 18 for females, though these limits could be reduced two years by consent of parents.

No felons or first cousins to marry, and marriage prohibited between persons whose ages differ more than twenty-five years.

American heiresses who marry foreign nobles to be deprived of their citizenship and the right to hold property in this country.

As to divorce, Mr. Hale wants them granted only for causes which could not have been discovered before marriage."

Majestic Ranges for the Burlington.

A. L. Mullen, one of the big contractors for the Burlington railroad company, has been in the city several days the past few weeks having a number of cars rebuilt and remodeled to his own ideas, to be taken to the Big Horn Basin country, where the Burlington are engaged in putting in a new line, for railroad work. Among this number is one cooking car, in which there was needed four large size hotel ranges, and having had experience with the long livity of the popular Majestic steel range, he called on our hardware dealers, John Bauer & Son, and ascertained his price on the desired article and number, which was very satisfactory and the stoves were ordered by wire, and arriving here were taken direct to the Burlington shops to be installed in the cooking car. This speaks pretty well for the home merchant and his prices. This car is built for the accommodation of 150 laborers, and for that number the ranges will be kept pretty busy the greater part of the time.

Isn't It a Shame?

One way of ruining a town is going away to buy goods. And those who do not go away, by purchasing goods of men who come out from Omaha to solicit orders. One class is about as bad as the other. But what makes the matter so much worse is the fact that some of the latter class are property owners and men that one would judge would suffer their heads severed from their shoulders rather than do anything that would injure the business interests of their town. But they have been guilty of buying groceries from these Omaha sharks, simply because they could get them a very few cents cheaper than the same kind of goods here at home. Is it any wonder that some of our grocerymen complain? It would not look so bad if they were not citizens who are property owners, and should do every thing in their power to help build up the business interests of the town instead of tearing them down.

Handsome Calendar.

The prettiest calendar that has come under our observation this year is the one issued by the Missouri Pacific Railway company. It contains twelve beautiful sceneries along their lines in Missouri and Arkansas, one for each month. The calendar is beautiful enough to adorn the walls of any parlor in any house; besides the calendar proper is one that is very valuable and useful as well as ornamental. Through the kindness of W. A. Swearingen, the gentlemanly agent of the Missouri Pacific at this place, the Journal has been favored with one of these handsome calendars.

Increase Capital Stock.

The Lincoln News of yesterday says: "W. F. Tracy, a banker of Union, called at the office of the secretary of the state banking board this morning and discussed the advisability of increasing the capital stock of his institution. His capital stock at this time is \$5,000."

OLD AND NEW RELIGIONS

Church Members Eager to Pay Evangelists to Detriment of the Local Preacher.

The other day we read in one of our exchanges that William A. Sunday, the once crack baseball player, but now an evangelist, often gets as high as \$3,000 for holding revival services six weeks. The reading of the article set us to thinking. Whether or not Mr. Sunday is classically educated we are not informed, but judging from his former occupation the proposition would seem against him. It may be said that education is not necessary to the success of an evangelist. We grant it. Many men imagine they are "called" of God to the ministry. The agency through which they are called varies in almost every case. Sometimes we believe some of them are mistaken as to the source of the call. We will illustrate the point by quoting what we once heard a preacher say on the subject. At a revival the minister explained how he first began preaching. He said: "My call to the ministry came this way. One night I stepped out into my yard and looked up at the sky and there I saw outlined the letters G. P. C. After due deliberation I interpreted the letters to mean, Go Preach Christ. And here I am, brethren, filling my mission." An old brother in the audience arose from his seat and said: "Brother, after hearing you preach a number of times I am convinced that you did not properly interpret the letters G. P. C. I am convinced that they meant, Go Plow Corn."

Now let us return to Mr. Sunday's \$3,000 proposition. Who pays to him this big sum of money? The congregation that employs him. Now why not increase the local preacher's salary to the point where he feels that he must do something to earn his salary. That will infuse new life and more zeal into his pastoral work. Away back in the dim vista of the past we see a character who possessed all of the highest and holiest virtues that can be given to man. "Never man spake like this man." His mission was peace on earth, good will toward men. He went about preaching and doing good. But in vain do we search to find how much his annual salary was or that he accepted a "call" from another church because of a raise in the salary. In vain do we search through the life of His ministry for conventionalities that mark the life of the ministry of today. The old-time religion practised by this great Prince has given way to the new religion whose expounders first ascertain the annual salary before entering upon the high calling that in the misty long ago was divorced from the monetary standard. Too many Sundays make it hard on the weak day fellows who earn their money by the sweat of their brow.

THE POLITICAL POT SIMMERS

The Railroads Select Weston for Governor and Millard for Senator.

The Lincoln correspondent of the Omaha Bee gives the following state political news: "Senator Cady of Howard county, was here last week and urged Mr. Mortensen to make the race and others have argued with the state treasurer that he could have the nomination for the asking. Inasmuch as the pressure has been so strong the report that Mortensen had finally capitulated to the wishes of his friends and consented to get in the running is believed around the state house.

"Should the report be true that Weston has been agreed upon as the candidate, friends of Mortensen say they will force Mortensen into the race whether he wishes or not, as the issue then would be fairly drawn between the railroads and the people. Both Mortensen and Weston made records as members of the board of assessments. Mortensen being the real factor in securing the increase of the railroad assessment, and Weston at all times representing that faction which was opposed to an increase.

"That the railroads of this state have sent out instructions to their men to support Charles Weston for governor, and that the Union Pacific and Burlington have sent out instructions to support Senator Millard for re-election, there is in my mind not the least doubt.

"That Millard and Weston have been decided upon as the candidates for these two high offices I am positive. For some time rumors to that effect have been current in Dodge county, and from information I have received I believe the rumors to be facts."

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK

George L. Loomis Forecasts Coming Events.

George L. Loomis, prominent in Nebraska politics, expressed himself as follows in Lincoln the other night: "What the democrats will do, I do not know, but I am positive I will not be a candidate for governor and at this time I feel certain that I never again will run for office. I have never yet made a fight for a nomination, and I never will, and am safe in saying I never will again be a candidate for any office. I understand that A. C. Shallenberger of Alma, will be a candidate for governor and that George W. Berge would accept the nomination. I believe that if that if the democrats secure control of the legislature William J. Bryan will be chosen United States senator without opposition should he be willing to accept the office.

"The railroad question will be the issue in the campaign and I believe the men who will be elected, whether on the democrat or republican ticket, will be men who are absolutely known to be in accord with the policy of President Roosevelt. The regulation of railroad rates is now the leading issue in the republican party and it will result in that party being badly split. President Roosevelt will have the fight of his life with the senate and this is going to split the republican party clear down the line. This investigation of the Panama canal was begun merely to embarrass the president and everything possible will be done to interfere with the construction of the canal. Of course in this the railroads will fight the president as they will in his efforts to bring about the regulation of railroad rates.

"As far as Nebraska is concerned the sentiment is with the president and I believe the people are thoroughly in earnest and will remain that way until the railroad domination of affairs in this state is at an end. I look for a rousing campaign."

ARRESTED FOR EMBEZZLING FUNDS

Fred Carey, Former Cashier of the Morton Printing Company, Appropriates Money to His Own Use.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Jan. 16.—[Special to Journal.]—Fred Carey was arrested at Lincoln last night and brought to this city today. He is charged with embezzling \$1,011.56 from the Morton Printing Co. He was their bookkeeper and cashier for nearly three years, quitting them last October. He was arraigned in county court this afternoon and preliminary hearing set for Saturday. His arrest was a surprise to all. His father was pastor of the St. Mary's Episcopal church here for many years.

Not Our Will.

A special from Cheney, Neb., says: "Word was received Monday from South Omaha that Will Ramsey and Miss Morton, who eloped from this place Sunday evening, after attending church, had been apprehended there and are being held for an officer from here. The constable left for South Omaha tonight and will bring them back. Miss Morton is the daughter of L. A. Morton of this place." The above appeared in the State Journal of Tuesday morning, and for fear that some of our readers might think that it refers to our Will Ramsey, we desire to disabuse their minds of this fact. Our Will Ramsey is attending faithfully to his duties at the state university, and when the date for his matrimonial venture arrives, he won't have to elope to get the girl of his choice.

Roadbed to be Strengthened.

The Missouri Pacific authorities are planning at the present time for a great amount of improvement work on its lines from Kansas City to Omaha. The roadbed will all be strengthened and the heavy grades cut down. A vast amount of money will be spent and when all the improvements will have been made heavier engines will be put on this division and the tonnage to the train will be greatly increased.

Presents For Mail Carrier.

J. M. Young, rural mail carrier of route No. 3, was again made happy this week by being presented with a number of presents from his patrons, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hild and Mr. and Mrs. Adam Schaffer. Mr. Young expresses his thanks for the kindness shown him along the route by his patrons.