

## ORGANIZING A FEDERATION

Merchants of Cass County Favor Move Instituted by State Association.

WILL HOLD CONVENTION IN THIS CITY

Object is to Create Good Will Among Merchants and Protect Them From Unnecessary Expenditures.

During the past week Williams Teitelbaum, state organizer of the "Federation of Nebraska Retailers," has been consulting with our merchants in regard to organizing "The Cass County Federation of Retailers."

The primary object of this association is to cultivate a fellowship and good will toward each other. To unitedly strive in upbuilding and by precept, create and encourage loyalty and pride in their respective local communities and to make opportunities for the future generations, so that they will not be forced to go to the larger cities to earn a livelihood. The state federation is taking up the organizing of every town, no matter how small or large in order to build up our towns, counties and state.

The merchant, like other callings, has abuses and evils, with which he cannot cope with single handed, and is banding together with his competitors and fellow merchants to eliminate the faker, the grafter, and the dead beat who have preyed on him in the past.

The valueless advertising fakes have multiplied so fast of late that it takes too much of the merchants time to listen to the grafters in presenting them, and the federation is bent on eradicating them.

The "dead beat," who has forced many a merchant to the wall and has caused thousands of them in the state to burn the midnight oil pouring over their accounts while the "dead beat" was having a good time with the money, which by right belonged to the merchant, will get a job by the state federation. Every county in the state is organizing to affiliate with the state association, which in turn is affiliated with the National Federation of Retailers. Each county is to establish a "dead beat" list, but no delinquent can be placed on the list before given opportunities by the county secretary, to effect or arrange settlement of a just account within a reasonable time.

Under existing conditions the honest laboring man in temporary straits to whom the majority of the merchants would gladly lend credit and favors often find it difficult to have either extended to him on account of the dishonesty practiced on the dealers by the "dead beat."

Where the system of the federation has been in vogue, the retailers have succeeded admirably, and the communities have also been greatly benefited.

The merchants are confident that every honest man who intends to pay for what he buys will applaud the stand that he is taking as he cannot pay his bills, support his family and help to maintain public and charitable institutions with dead accounts.

The federation is not established in order to form a combine for the advancement of prices, but for the good of all. The merchants of our city are practically unanimous in regard to this proposition, and have gone into it for the benefit of the people as well as for their own benefit. There will be a convention held in this city within the next few weeks for the purpose of organizing the retailers in Cass county.

After Thirty-Seven Years.

In referring to a former Plattsmouth railroad man, the Lincoln Journal says: "T. Marsland, general baggage agent for the Burlington lines west of the river, ended thirty-seven years of service with the railroad yesterday and left the employ of the company. His retirement was announced in advance, so the fact of his leaving the service did not come as a surprise. Mr. Marsland has held the position vacated yesterday in Lincoln for twenty-three years. He began in the service as a clerk in the mechanical department, and was later made agent at Plattsmouth. He has held many positions in the company service."

Successor to J. Russell.

C. M. Bevington, trainmaster for the Missouri Pacific at Little Rock, has been appointed superintendent of the Nebraska division of the Missouri Pacific, to take the place of James Russel, who resigned to accept the position of superintendent of the Beardstown division of the Burlington. Mr. Bevington has been with the Missouri Pacific at Little Rock for the last three years, and prior to that time was with the same road on the Louisiana division. Prior to that time Mr. Bevington was train dispatcher on the Alton. Mr. Bevington is a young man of fine appearance.

Its the highest standard of quality, a natural tonic, cleanses your system, reddens the cheeks, brightens the eyes, gives flavor to all you eat. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do this for you. 35c. Tea or Tablets. Gering & Co.

## The New Pension Bill.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

Will you please give the provisions of what is called the McCumber pension bill which has been virtually passed in both branches of congress. And thereby oblige. AN OLD SOLDIER.

The bill provides a pension on application of \$12 per month to civil war veterans 62 years of age and over; \$15 a month to those 65 and over, and \$20 a month to those 70 years and over. The bill similarly increases the pensions of Mexican war veterans, and provides that no pension attorney or agent shall receive any fee for prosecuting a claim under this act. Application is made directly with the pension office at Washington.

## SACKETT AMONG INJURED

Conductor of Harney Car, Which Got Beyond Control of Motorman, a Former Plattsmouth Man.

Among the list of those injured, as the result of a Harney street car getting beyond the control of the motorman and crashing into a building, we notice the name of N. P. Sackett, a former Plattsmouth man, who was conductor of the ill fated car.

Mr. Sackett resided in this city about ten years ago, conducting a dairy, and was quite widely known in this vicinity.

The accident occurred as a north bound Harney car, with nineteen passengers on board, slipped from the control of the motorman on a steep hill and jumped from the track at Sixth and Pierce streets, dashing into the drug store. In the collision with the telegraph pole it almost cut the car in two, while the entire north side of the car was crushed like an egg shell.

Sam Thomas, a man was standing on the curbing waiting to ride to his work at the Baum Iron company's plant, was pinioned between the car and the building, and his life crushed out.

The Omaha News speaking of the accident, has the following in regard to the injury of the former resident of this city: "Conductor N. P. Sackett of 2563 Popleton avenue, was collecting fares when the accident occurred, not knowing that his car had gotten beyond the control of the motorman and was running away."

The force of the collision threw him forward and a huge piece of wreckage pinioned him to the car, but he quickly freed himself. Notwithstanding the fact that blood was trickling from several cuts in his face, he assisted in rescuing the passengers. He then went home unassisted.

Depends Upon the Legislature.

Mayor Gering was in Omaha yesterday upon private business. After finishing the same and having a few hours to spare, he visited several of the parties who are interested in the building of the interurban line of railway from that city to Plattsmouth. He says the promoters are very enthusiastic over the project, and that there is but one thing that will prevent the completion of the same during the coming season. There is a bill pending in the legislature relative to the construction of these lines, and if this measure goes through, we are sure to get the interurban. It will be seen, therefore, that much depends.

In the High School.

It has come to the Journal's ears that a disturbance was created in the High school room yesterday, in which the principal and one of the larger male pupils were the chief actors. In our school days, when we went home after getting a good "licking" from the teacher, it was generally repeated before we went to bed that night. If this old custom was inaugurated in the schools today it would help the teachers. Some young men think they are too big to take a "dressing down" from the teacher. The sooner they get this idea out of their heads, the better it will be for them. As long as boys and girls go to school they must make up their minds to abide by the rules and regulations laid down for their government, and parents should encourage their children in doing so. Otherwise the most expect the unruly to get the worst of it in the outcome.

## Why Refer to Doctors

Because we make medicines for them. We tell them all about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and they prescribe it for coughs, colds, bronchitis, consumption. They trust it. Then you can afford to trust it. Ask your own doctor.

The best kind of a testimonial— "Sold for over sixty years."

Made by J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Also manufacturers of SANSAPARILLA PILLS. HAIR VIGOR. We have no secret. We publish the formulas of all our medicines. Ayer's Pills greatly aid the Cherry Pectoral in breaking up a cold.

## SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE CITY

Medal Contest at Christian Church Attracts a Large Gathering.

ENJOY AN AFTERNOON AT PETERSEN'S

Masons Confer Degree of Knight Templar Upon Byron Clark—Five Hundred Club Give Theatre Party.

To a house, that was crowded with expectant parents and friends, who inspired those taking part to do their best, the excellent program of the medal contest was rendered Friday at the Christian church. The music, which was under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Wescott, was especially fine, and drew forth many favorable comments from the pleased audience. The kindly assistance of Mrs. Beeson and Misses Josephine Graves and Anna Heisel are deserving of mention for the manner in which they also promoted the success of the affair.

A series of drawings by Miss Heisel, illustrated the effect of tobacco upon the system. The first picture of the series was the life size head of a boy, showing the results of the cigarette habit, while the last picture represented the boy faded to an old cod pipe.

In the medal contest proper, there were nine contestants who were very evenly matched and required some time for the judges to reach a decision. The judges were Principal Edward Hodapp of the Union schools, Principal Mrs. L. A. Queen of the Murray schools and O. A. Davis of Murray. Miss Maude Kuhney was awarded the silver medal, while second place was secured by Miss Marie Douglass, who had within a fraction of one-third of the entire number of points that were to be obtained.

The contest was exceptionally well arranged and was conducted in a manner satisfactory to everyone. At Coates' hall this afternoon the ladies of the W. C. T. U., under whose auspices the medal contest was held, gave a reception in honor of those taking part in the program. The hours were from 2:30 to 5 o'clock, and in that time a large number of parents and others interested in this work attended and partook of delicious refreshments that were served during the afternoon.

For the success of the affair last evening much credit is due Mrs. L. A. Moore, who had charge of the contest, and who is so well pleased that another is planned for the near future.

In Honor of Mrs. Pearlman.

The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Petersen was the scene of a delightful company Thursday afternoon, when the latter entertained a number of friends as an evidence of the high esteem in which Mrs. Pearlman has always been held. The afternoon passed almost too quickly at progressive high-five and a general social time. In the entertaining game played Mrs. Troop carried off first honors, while Mrs. Rosenkrans was awarded the booby prize, which consoled her in the loss of the most games. At the close of a most enjoyable afternoon, a welcome diversion appeared in the form of a three course luncheon, which added further to the sociability of the affair. Those to take part in the happy afternoon with Mrs. Pearlman, were Mesdames M. A. Dickson, W. E. Rosenkrans, L. B. Egenberger, Robert Troop, F. R. Guthman, H. D. Travis, Phillip Sauter, Val Burkel, Z. T. Brown, Carl Kunsman and F. H. Steinkner.

A Pleasant Theatre Party.

At "The Pit," which appeared at the Parmele Friday, the members of the Five Hundred club pleasantly entertained a theatre party complimentary to Miss Ida Pearlman, who expects to remove soon to Omaha. The evening proved to be a delightful affair, and was enjoyed immensely by the young ladies, who are making the most of the last days in which Miss Ida is with their society.

The following composed the party: Miss Weideman, Margaret Mauzy, Margaret Dovey, Gretchen Donnelly, Zetta Brown, Helen Dovey, Ellen Windham, Emma Falter.

Neighbors Got Fooled.

"I was literally coughing myself to death, and had become too weak to leave my bed; and neighbors predicted that I would never leave it alive; but they got fooled, for thanks be to God, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It took just four one dollar bottles to completely cure the cough and restore me to good sound health," writes Mrs. Eva Uncapher of Grovertown, Stark county, Ind. This kind of cough and cold cures, and healer of throat and lungs, is guaranteed by F. G. Fricke & Co.

The Best Physic.

When you want a physic that is mild and gentle, easy to take and pleasant in effect, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25c. Every box warranted. Get a free sample at F. G. Fricke & Co.'s and A. T. Fried's drug stores and try them.

## Thoughtful Thinks.

Easter is as early as possible this year, coming on the 31st day of March. Wise prognosticators are encouraging the coal consumer by predicting a short winter; and it certainly has been a mild one so far.

Our citizens ought to put aside bickering and pull together along rational and practical lines for the betterment of local conditions for the upbuilding of our city and its commercial interests. Don't try to kill any enterprise, for we need all we have and more too.

W. J. Connell, a prominent attorney of Omaha, and the gentleman who wears the distinction of having been defeated for congress by W. J. Bryan, when he ran the first time, was fined \$100 for contempt for practicing his bulldozing methods in court. The day for winning cases by browbeating the witnesses and the court has passed. Even lawyers must learn that others have some rights which they are bound to respect.

The Fremont Herald truthfully remarks: "Observe closely, gentlemen, and you will find that every ring newspaper of the republican persuasion is manifesting signs of delight that the state legislature is not making good its promises. Some of these old grafters would be broken-hearted to see the reform element of their party remain virtuous. But there is not much danger."

Some of the members of the Nebraska legislature want their salaries raised to \$10 per day, and a bill has been introduced to that effect. "Gee, whiz!" remarks a Cass county farmer, "don't that beat the Jews? Why, the majority of those fellows up at Lincoln can't earn \$10 a week scarcely when they are at home." Which is about the truth.

According to the action of the republican members of the legislature they propose to leave the 2-cent passenger and freight rates with the railroad commissioners. And right there is where the railroad corporations want it to rest. And this is the manner in which the republicans expect to keep faith with the people.

When marriage comes so thick and fast that a St. Louis priest nearly makes the mistake of uniting the wrong couple in his long waiting line, there need be no fear of the divorce evil decimating our population.

No man is excused from wrongdoing on the plea that others would do the same wrong if opportunity offered.

The legislature wants to go slow on the increased salary business. The taxpayers are not going to stand \$10 per day for members of the legislature. If any there be who can't serve for \$5 per day, let them make way for some one who will.

Carrie Nation has moved the headquarters of her paper, The Hatchet to Washington. Formal announcement, probably, on February 22.

Fifty years ago the governor of Illinois compelled the restoration of an evening train from St. Louis to Springfield. Such information as this compels belief in "the good old days" of song and story.

If people understood how much an editor appreciates the voluntary handing in of local items, more folks would take pains to see that he gets items which they know about.

It is not always the laziest man in town who is the last to get the snow cleaned off the sidewalk. Sometimes his wife gets ashamed and shovels it off herself.

Give me the man who can hold on when others let go; who pushes ahead when others turn back; who stiffens when others weaken; who advances when others retreat; who knows no such word as "can't" or "give up," and I will show you a man who will win, no matter what opposes him, no matter what obstacles confront him.

The home merchant needs the assistance of the farmers, and in like return the farmer needs the assistance of every business man in the county. Patronize home business houses and home institutions of every description, thereby you build up your own financial condition.

Most people are now satisfied that there is something in the "shadow" of the ground hog, after all. We certainly have been enjoying some biting winter weather since that eventful day, with the thermometer ranging from five to twelve degrees below.

Senator Patrick of Sarpy county has favored the Journal with a copy of his road bill. After reading the same we find that it is the proper thing all through. Senator Patrick is one of the ablest members of the senate, and is always alert to the interests of the people. Of course he is a democrat.

The lobby, which was to have been killed, was not killed. This is where platform pledges diverge from the real thing.

## NO STATE BASEBALL LEAGUE

The Cause a Defection Among the Hastings Base Ball Players.

Formation of the proposed state baseball league, for the season of 1908, has been practically abandoned and organized baseball in Nebraska will be deferred until 1908, says the Omaha News.

The principal reason for the failure of the scheme is said to lie in the defection of Hastings, which was depended upon as one of the best cities in the circuit.

This is not attributed to any lack of interest on the part of the Hastings fans, nor to a lack of financial support, but mainly to the inability to find a location for a ball park near enough to the center of the town to make the venture a self-supporting one.

The men who were behind the organization this year state that it has merely been postponed until 1908, when a state league will undoubtedly be formed, with six or eight good towns in the circuit.

If the plans of those interested can be carried out the association has a promising prospect for success, with a circuit selected from the following Nebraska cities: Hastings, Kearney, Grand Island, Norfolk, South Omaha, Beatrice, Fremont, Nebraska City and Plattsmouth.

If the local option baseball law is passed by the present legislature it is expected to materially aid the state league, as it will permit Sunday ball playing in towns where it is now prohibited.

Why Not in Plattsmouth?

Tecumseh proposes to try municipal ownership—provided a sufficient number of people favor the proposition to vote bonds and build a lighting plant. David City has just completed a new plant costing \$19,000 and Tecumseh will follow in her footsteps. Why not give it another trial in Plattsmouth? Properly managed, it would undoubtedly be a success here as well as elsewhere. All that is needed is honest management.

He Was From Weeping Water.

Wednesday Dan Donahue, who hails from Weeping Water, drifted into the city, frequented several saloons and then was gathered in by the police. He claimed to have had \$30 when he reached town, but when he was arrested he had no money, and was serving out his fine in jail. Yesterday he was looking through his pockets and in one of them found a \$10 bill which he did not know he had. When he made this discovery he gave a shout of joy and yelled for the police. When they arrived he told them of his find and wanted to pay the amount he owed the city and get out of jail as soon as possible. The change was soon made and Donahue started for the depot at a lively pace with the intention of taking the first train home. He refused to remain in such a hole as is the city jail.—Nebraska City News.

Russell Highly Honored.

Thirty-four Missouri Pacific men from the passenger and freight departments, maintenance-of-way, locomotive engineers and trainmen Thursday night tendered a banquet to former Superintendent J. J. Russell of the Omaha division of the road, who later left for his new post at Beardstown, Ill., where today he will enter upon his new duties as division superintendent of the Illinois division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.

The banquet was an elegant eight-course affair at the Henshaw. Assistant General Freight Agent Phillippi acted as toastmaster.

At the conclusion of the function Mr. Russell was presented with an elegant gold watch, chain and charm, a leather traveling bag, a silver-mounted toilet set and a beautiful clock.—World-Herald.

Small Blaze at Karvaneck's.

The explosion of a gasoline stove at the home of John Karvaneck in the second ward, was the cause of a small blaze about 10 o'clock this morning. The fire alarm sounded, but the services of the department were found unnecessary, as the neighbors, who had promptly responded, extinguished the flames before any damage was done, beyond the scorching of the wall paper.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by E. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY, Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## Heart Weakness

The action of the heart depends upon the heart nerves and muscles. When from any cause they become weak or exhausted, and fail to furnish sufficient power, the heart flutters, palpitates, skips beats; and in its effort to keep up its work, causes pain and distress, such as smothering spells, short breath, fainting, pain around heart, arm and shoulders. The circulation is impeded, and the entire system suffers from lack of nourishment.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure makes a heart strong and vigorous by strengthening these nerves and muscles.

"I had palpitation and pain around my heart, and the doctors said it was incurable. I don't believe it now, for after taking six bottles of Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, three bottles of the Nervine and three boxes of the Nerve and Liver Pills I am entirely cured, and feel better than I have for five years, and it is all due to these remedies. I want you to know that your medicine cured me. It relieved me from the first dose, and I kept right on till the pain in my chest was gone, and I kept on feeling better even after I quit taking it." JOHN H. SHIRMAN, Belding, Mich.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure is sold by your druggist, who will guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. If it fails he will refund your money.

Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Railroad Commission's Power.

The joint committee on the railroad commission bill is gradually whipping things into shape. It has practically agreed upon a method of procedure that has for its first object the speedy trial of all rate cases. It provides that the commission shall take as maximum rates the one in force on January 1 of this year, and shall have the power to make new schedules which shall go into force at least sixty days thereafter, says the Lincoln News. This gives the railroads time to file objections. A hearing is then given, and if the roads appeal therefrom they must do it before the date set for the new rates to go into effect. The hearing on the appeal shall be in the district court, and upon its merits. The railroads must attach to any petition for an injunction all of the evidence and the findings of facts made before the commission, and no injunction shall issue until after a trial, which is a new procedure in rate cases, and prevents any holding up of a rate until after the equities have been fully determined.

Realizing that fines against a railroad disobeying an order of the commission are of little value as deterrents, the new law will affix penalties upon officers, agents and employes who violate these orders, fines ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 for each offense, or imprisonment for from ten to thirty days. The bill will fix the salaries of commissioners at \$3,000 a year, and makes the attorney general the legal representative of the state in all hearings. The sub-committee has a paragraph making rate of fare two cents a mile.

Masons Enjoy Banquet.

The Masonic lodge rooms were the rendezvous of a large number of that order Friday to witness the ceremonies and participate in the festivities, incidental to conferring the degree of Knight Templar, upon Byron Clark. At the close of this ceremony, an elegant banquet prepared and served by the ladies of the St. Mary's Guild, was partaken of by those in attendance. The evening proved to be a very enjoyable one for everyone, and it was with regret that at a late hour the lodge adjourned and the members departed for home.

Those from out-of-town in attendance were Messrs. Joe Neely of Lincoln, W. B. Banning of Union and Joe Tubbs of Mynard.



Don't allow money to lie around. It is easier to spend it and easier to lose it.

## SAVE MONEY

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Capital Stock \$50,000, Surplus \$15,000

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T. M. Patterson, Cash.

You can give a check for any part of it at any time and so have a receipt for payment without asking for one. When you have a bank account you will be anxious to add to it rather than spend from it. Don't you want to know more about it.