

The Plattsmouth Journal

PUBLISHED WEEKLY AT
PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA.

R. A. BATES, PUBLISHER.

Entered as second-class matter,
February 1, 1891, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

These days are not only hard upon weeds but upon the human kind. A gentle breeze from Greenland's icy mountains would be welcome for a brief period.

ONE citizen who does things is worth more than a herd of people who stand around and tell what should be done, but who never takes a turn at accomplishing anything.

THEODORE JR. teaches a Sunday school class at Oyster Bay. He seems to have a good early start on the Roosevelt policies, and we wonder whether he will make a noise when he discovers the Ten Commandments.

THERE doesn't seem to be any republican coming out of the woods, ready to sacrifice himself for county clerk on the republican ticket. Can it be that the present incumbent, by his pleasant demeanor, has so endeared himself to the people that others are afraid?—Weeping Water Herald.

The smart attorney general, since reviewing the primary election law, has taken in his horns regarding the fusion question. He says now that there can be fusion. He should not have opened his head until he had thoroughly examined the law, and not "go off half-cocked" as he did in his first opinion.

The esteemed Indianapolis Sun is in great danger of bursting a blood vessel. Every time a Republican paper compliments Fairbanks or denounces Roosevelt it throws a fit and cries with pain. It's difficult to guess which worries it most—its adoration of the one or its hatred of the other. If love and hate each be physical pain, then the Sun writes in torture twenty-four hours per day.

The Atlanta Constitution has discovered Roosevelt's dark horse for the republican nomination next year. Here it is:

Root
Cannon
Knox
Fairbanks
Hughes
BeVeridge
Foraker
La Follette
Taft.

The Nashville American has no patience with the policy of the Big Stick when used to coerce appointees and other federal officials into trucking subservience and voices its disgust thus: "Roosevelt is a slick artist when it comes nominating time. A Congressman can frank letters, but Roosevelt makes the whole postoffice his election bureau. It saves money, at the public expense. Then, occasionally, at the proper time, the whole of the United States navy is pressed into service in order to promote his political fortunes."

PROSPERITY based on tariff protection is precarious; it makes princess paupers—commercial princesses of the trust magnates and paupers of those with incomes that do not respond to trusts high prices. Experience shows us that such Republican prosperity has always broken down of its own weight and financial disaster has followed very high prices. There are indications that the present boom is on the verge of collapse and it behooves wise men to be careful. On the farmer depends our future prosperity, and if the Republican policy of protecting the trusts could be abolished, so that the farmers and consumers would not be compelled to pay protection prices for what they buy, a year of light crops could be passed over without disaster. But as it is we must have big crops and high prices to be able to pay the trusts and corporations enough toll to keep them from bankruptcy that would effect everyone. Keep your eye on the crops.

The Journal is pleased to note from a recent issue of the Memphis (Mo.) Democrat that the many friends of Judge S. M. Pettigill are pushing him to the front for Judge of the St. Louis Court of Appeals. The writer has known Judge Pettigill for many years, and while editor of the Democrat suggested his name a number of times for a member of the Supreme Court of Missouri, knowing, as we did, his eminent fitness for the position. He is one of the very best men we ever knew, and is acknowledged by the bar of the state one of its best judges of law. We hope his friends in Northeast Missouri will put their shoulders to the wheel and work with a vim that will land him in a position for which he is so naturally well qualified. We are for "Pet" for anything, no matter what it is. There are very few who know him better than the writer and his friends in the grand old commonwealth is legion. But we desire to impress upon the minds of every one of his friends the necessity of hustling—you are the ones to do the work. You know how timid "Pet" is about such things. We may come down and lend a few strokes ourself. If you need us just holler, and we'll be on hand to help deliver the goods.

"THE stock market is weak and feverish." That is the case usually with the dropsical patient after being tapped.

A railroad president announces that his road is out of politics and done with lobbying. Well, really, when you come to think of it, there doesn't seem to be anything left to fight for.

Candidates for the office of Governor in New York will not under the new law be permitted to spend over \$10,000 on their campaigns. This is indeed the "poor man's country!"

A HEN'S peck killed a Missouri woman recently. Many a man has been heaped to death in other states and no particular mention was made of the cause of death by the enterprising newspapers.

An Indiana maiden lady has not spoken to a man for seventy years. The wonder is that some appreciative Hoosier hasn't long ago taken her silence for consent and married the priceless jewel.

THE city of Kearney loses its case in the supreme court against Governor Sheldon, in the veto of the appropriation of \$85,000 for the normal school addition. The decision is a just one, although rather distasteful to Kearneyites.

THE evidence is all in at Boise in the murder conspiracy cases against the union labor leaders among western miners and a two weeks' gabfest by the lawyers for the prosecution and defense will now begin. The evidence is conflicting and much discredit has been thrown upon miners and mine owners for acts done during the past ten years.

THE Indianapolis Star urges in favor of farm work for women. We had no idea that Indiana's agricultural necessities were as dire as all that, but we suggest that she reconvert enough of her novelists, poets and politicians to fill the requirements. Indiana has spoiled more good farm hands by diverting their energies than any half-dozen other States in the Union.

It is barely possible that all the President's attacks upon trusts and combinations are not sham battles, but we are from Missouri and will have to be shown. Nobody has forgotten that he saved a member of his cabinet from criminal prosecution for rebating by allowing him to resign, calling off the prosecution and then forcing him upon the helpless stockholders of the Equitable Life Insurance company as its president. His name is Morton, Paul Morton, son of the late J. Sterling Morton.

THE one black spot in Judge Sedgewick's record as supreme judge, is his decision against the state in the Bartley embezzlement case. Bartley took state money, and was convicted. He was pardoned by a republican governor and now the bondsmen were let off from paying the shortage by a republican judge—Sedgewick. THE state by this suit loses about \$200,000, and the court must have known that Bartley got what the state loses. Such decisions will soon make us lose faith in the higher courts.

The South and the Presidency.
The writer in the North American Review who, over the signature "A National Democrat," urges the claims of the south as a source of presidential timber pays that section many compliments but wholly misreads a long-settled policy of the south in national politics.

The south has justly too good an opinion of itself to deny that it has many men who would make good presidents. During the two terms of president Cleveland it was demonstrated that the south is good recruiting ground for cabinet officers and justices of the supreme court. There is no lack of men in the south who would do as well in the presidency as southerners since the civil war have done in these offices.

But in a measure isolated, formerly by slavery and later by conditions incident to a large population of free negroes, the south has little sought the presidency since the "Virginia Dynasty" ended with Monroe. The south has wisely preferred to fortify itself against attack by alliances in the north and west, and the southern democracy in national conventions has generally supported available candidates belonging to those sections.

President Andrew Jackson, first a candidate in 1824, and first elected in 1828, was more a western than a southern man. The first mention of him for the presidency came from democrats of Pennsylvania. Since his retirement James K. Polk, elected in 1844, and John C. Breckinridge, defeated in 1860, are the only democratic candidates for the presidency taken from the south. And if Martin Van Buren, the northern candidate for the nomination, had not been opposed to the coming Mexican war, he, instead of Polk, would have been the nominee in the year first above named.

During the twenty years immediately preceding the civil war it was the steady policy of the southern democracy to seek a northern or a western candidate. It still adheres tenaciously to that policy, and will certainly continue in it until the country makes an imperative call upon the south to give it a president.

KOREA is now the seat of war, and it seems to be about ready for a good spanking.

THE best thing about the mercury is that it is confined inside the thermometer and can't climb out.

COLONEL HENRI WATTERSON and Colonel George Harvey can manage to make more noise over being wrong than an entire rump convention with a brass band. In an era of common sense one way to attract attention is by constituting the exclusive minority.

Good for the Farmers

One of the cheering facts of the money market of the west is that now, and for some years past, the farmers no longer crowd the banks and financial institutions for loans.

Loans on farm mortgages are a favorite investment, for they bear a higher interest than mortgages on city property, but in eastern Nebraska they are becoming almost as scarce as they are glittered.

In some sections of the west farmers themselves have become money lenders, and some town concerns which made a specialty of placing farm mortgages have been driven out of the business.

A succession of good crops, sold at good prices, explains the change. And while the record-breaking crops of wheat and corn made last year will not be duplicated this year there is every promise that the farmers will get good yields. In Nebraska, notwithstanding the recent heavy rains, the corn and wheat are reported to be in usually good condition. In Missouri and Kansas the wheat is threshing out much better than was expected, and the latter state is counting on a yield of not less than 70,000,000 bushels.

In this state agriculture, dairying and stock-raising are being as never before. In Oklahoma there is this year an increase of 20 per cent in the acreage of corn. The Indian Territory has a big crop of peaches which will be relished further north, where the peach buds were winter-killed, while in Texas there is a growing confidence that cotton will not turn out badly after all.

Everywhere in the west the prospect improves that the farmers are to have another year of bountiful prosperity in spite of a bad start with the season. And, as the prosperity of the towns and cities are measured by that of the farmers, we may well be in the humor to smile and look pleasant.

Railroads and Politics

The Rock Island company announces that it has gone out of politics, and the Burlington declares the same. The announcement of the Rock Island company is a gratifying one and the declaration of the Burlington is a surprising one. The Rock Island deserves credit alike for the frankness of its implied confession as to the past and its promise of amendment for the future. However, the latter company has never been very conspicuous in the politics of Nebraska.

The statement of the Burlington that it is out of politics will not be believed by any, because it is not true. The company has been active and aggressive in the politics of Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska. Its law department is made up largely of men who are selected because of their skill in political intrigue and maneuver. They appear as members of state committees and as delegates to state and national conventions. Their prominence and power are not due, as in the case of the ordinary politician, to party services openly and publicly rendered, but are due entirely to the pass, which the company has put in use indiscriminately, so be it they are Burlington men.

The Burlington is not affiliated with any particular party, or rather it is indifferently affiliated with all parties. It has been more distinctively Democratic in Missouri and Republican in Iowa and Nebraska, but in every State it is Burlington. It can not disclaim responsibility for its political representatives because they derive their power from the pass, a gift which the company bestows. Moreover, it has had men on its salary roll in Nebraska, and no doubt in other states, who, whatever their nominal functions have to politics in the interest of the company. The names of some of these men will suggest themselves at once to every intelligent reader, and the company certainly does not need to be reminded of them. And the methods of these men have not always been consonant with public policy nor in accord with public law. The anti-pass law cuts no figure with these fellows. They belong to the Burlington "force" and ride on a pass just the same.

Therefore, the statement of the Burlington, in view of notorious facts, we repeat, is untrue. If jestingly intended the humor was ill timed. The suggestion is that, unlike the Rock Island, it proposes no change, and that it is now doing and will do in the future as it has done in the past. The company should hasten to make correction of its statement, acknowledgment of its past offenses and promise to take the passes from every county official who is now guilty of carrying one. They were taken from newspaper men, and county officials are no better than common every day editors, who are too poor generally to pay railroad fare.

IN the case of a nineteen-million-dollar trusts there's likely to be enough water in the churn.

THE Theatrical Trust may be "a blow to art," but think of the thousands it will support to whom art is a stranger.

IF the democrats of Cass and Ote will get busy and nominate Judge Travis of Plattsmouth for district judge there will be a change in the political attitude of that district after next November.—Lincoln Herald.

WHEN the trusts get behind a candidate they should take care to select one of sufficient proportions and consistency to screen them from view. We suggest that Secretary Taft is a good candidate to hide behind.

IF the few men who are working so hard for the advancement of the interests of Plattsmouth, were to sit down and do nothing, what would become of the old town? It would go to the bow-wows quicker than you could say "scat!"

Here's to the skeeter,
The human blood-eater,
Whose drill is as long as his legs,
He hovers and hums,
Then finally comes
And sucks all our juice but the dregs.

Two republican candidates for judge of the district court—Root, of Cass, and Warren, of Ote. They will each carry their respective county, and as they are near equal in republican voters, it will be Nip and Tuck between them, with the chances in favor of the one who can carry his county by the largest majority.

It would not be true to assert that the Chicago News (rep.) is always dull and uninteresting. Listen to this: "In the course of its long and chequered history, tariff revision has acquired a fixed habit of postponing itself until after the next election. The habit may prove embarrassing to a hopeful political party some day."

WHENEVER the courts assess a heavy fine upon the Standard Oil company, the railroads or other corporations, they are simply punishing the people. The corporations have no money except what they receive from the people. They make a fine or penalty as one of the fixed charges of doing business and the people have to pay it.

THE St. Louis Globe-Democrat, one of the stinkiest and most uncompromising republican papers in the United States, admits that the democrats are in overwhelming majority in Oklahoma and that they will elect nearly all the state and congressional candidates. But it is fair enough to not oppose statehood on that account and urges the republicans to put up their best men for party sacrifices.

FROM reports throughout the country, Mr. Bryan has strengthened himself immeasurably by his declaration that government ownership will not be an issue of the 1908 campaign, and party leaders everywhere give expressions favorable to the great Nebraskan as the ideal candidate for president. Even Roger Sullivan says: "I am pleased at the announcement. It may mean a party victory next year." Charles Williams, editor of the Indianapolis News, says: "The democratic party will be helped by Mr. Bryan's latest declaration, for it is now made clear that there will no attempt to commit it to any such radicalism, and that the campaign will be fought on other and more radical issues."

Here's Your City Farmer

Nelson Morris, America's biggest feeder of distillery cattle, has just cleared \$1,000,000 in Chicago by the present advance in prices. The big packer bought cattle last fall at \$3.50 and \$4.00 per cwt., and this week sold them at \$6.50 and 7.00 per cwt., or \$15 per head higher than last fall.—St. Joseph Star.

The city farmer made a fortune. The country farmer, who is the real farmer, can now get a pencil and figure out how much he made by reason of a protective tariff on livestock. It's an easy job. He can figure it out after his noonday meal while waiting for his team to eat before going back into the field to plow corn so as to raise a good crop to feed more cattle for the city farmer. By the sweat of his brow shall the farmer learn the beauties of protection.

E. F. Warren a Candidate.

Hon. E. F. Warren this morning filed with the county clerk his application to have his name placed on the primary ballot, as a republican candidate for district judge. As yet no candidates on the democratic side of the house have filed their applications and it may be the democrats may experience some trouble in inducing some one to make the race. It is understood that Jesse L. Root of Plattsmouth republican candidate for district judge, has filed his application with the secretary of state. It will be more than likely that Hon. E. F. Warren will get the vote of this county for the nomination.—Nebraska City News.

John Albert from Cedar Creek had business in the county seat this morning coming on the early train.

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhoea and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

Bears the Signature of

Chas. H. Fletcher

The Kind You Have Always Bought

In Use For Over 30 Years.

THE CASTORIA COMPANY, 27 MURRAY STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

Bryan and Government Ownership

If Mr Bryan is sincere, and his enemies have never questioned his sincerity, he has done much to clear the Democratic atmosphere by his repudiation of the public ownership of railroads and the initiative and referendum. When he returned from his trip abroad the whole country delighted to do him honor by the greatest popular demonstration ever accorded to a private individual with nothing but the prestige of defeat to awaken such enthusiasm. He was hailed as the greatest private citizen in the whole world and was received and welcomed as no other man has ever been received since time began. But his speech upon that memorable occasion threw cold water on all enthusiasm and lost to him the hearty support which was sure to be his had he been less radical and more conservative in dealing with such questions. His utterances as to ownership alone caused potent allies to drop off, one by one, and these were from sections where the Democratic nominee for the presidency must receive electoral votes in order to win. Even with this handicap he easily continued to be the most popular man in his party, but under such a handicap he could never expect to be elected President of the United States.

With objectionable fads eliminated and with confidence in his safety restored to those who feared his radicalism upon these two questions, he may again become the idol of all Democrats, as he easily was upon landing after his trip around the world, and he has once again become a probable nominee of an united and aggressive Democracy. The public confidently expects to hear further and more definitely from the distinguished Nebraskan along the lines mentioned and if his abandonment of those two fads is unmistakably certain then he will have gone far toward again becoming the world's most popular and deserving publicist.—Kansas City Post.

ROOSEVELT is missing the chance of his life. Wolves are very bad and annoying to farmers along the Platte river over in Sarpy county, and if our Oyster Bay ennued president would only run out and catch a few of them alive he would make a hit with some people who do not now take him seriously or regard him highly. If he can only show these Platte bottom settlers that he "catches 'em alive" some of them could forgive Nick Longworth for being a hopeless mollycoddle.

TRUTH hath her victories no less renowned than political prevarication. Grover Cleveland won a national election by urging his friends to "tell the truth" about a certain line of former conduct, and the Republicans seem sure of losing the text election through failure to tell the truth about governmental policies and canal crookedness.

The Way to do it

At the present time retail merchants are devising ways and means to meet the competition of the mail order houses. One of these is to boycott wholesalers and manufacturers who sell to mail order houses. The mail order business appears to be the biggest thing in Chicago, and the trade derived from it approaches the business of the big wholesale houses in many lines. The best way to defeat the mail order house is to advertise your own territory.—Beatrice Sun.

Cauarrh Cannot Be Cured

with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucus surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acts directly on the mucus surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, price 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

The "Jolly Six" Return

The "Jolly Six," who were entertained at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Weckbach at Crete for the past few days, returned home this afternoon. They had a fine time and were loath to leave a home made so inviting as the one prepared for the entertainment of the old time friends, who had met so many times for a pleasant hour in old Plattsmouth in the years gone by.

Bad sick headaches, biliousness or constipation are quickly relieved by DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Small pill, sure pill—prompt and pleasant in action. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co.

A Narrow Escape

Robert Brisey, the manager of the freight house for the Burlington, had a very narrow escape from sunstroke yesterday while loading some caskets that are being reshipped, for refinishing. He got into the freight house but when he got down he could not get again when he wanted to. After some rest and cooling off, he went home, but is not feeling well yet this morning.

Harsh physics react, weaken the bowels, cause chronic constipation. Doan's Regulets operate easily, tone the stomach, cure constipation. 25c. Ask your druggist for them.

Convalescents need a large amount of nourishment in easily digested form.

Scott's Emulsion is powerful nourishment—highly concentrated.

It makes bone, blood and muscle without putting any tax on the digestion.

ALL DRUGGISTS: 50c. AND \$1.00.

