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THE BANQUET A BIG SUCCESS

The Dahlman Democratic Club Did Itself Proud
at the Auditorium in Omaha Saturday Night

PLATTSMOUTH'S SPECIAL TRAIN

Carried Over One Hundred Guests to the Metropolis to Hear Nebraska's Favorite Son and Other Prominent Democrats.

A Journal representative had the pleasure of attending the banquet given by the Dahlman democratic club in Omaha Saturday night, and to say that we were proud of the magnificent delegation that Cass furnished, but half expresses our delight. The special train, secured through the personal efforts of Mayor Gering, departed from here at 6:30 promptly, having on board over one hundred enthusiastic democrats. Besides those who went from here on the special, there were at least one hundred from various other sections of Cass county. We noted that Elmwood, Louisville, Cedar Creek, Union, Murray, Mynard and other sections were represented, making double the number that were present from any one section in the state outside of Omaha and Douglas county.

Arrival at the Metropolis.

There were no stops made between here and Omaha, and on our arrival there we began a search for a reception committee. Finding none present, Mayor Gering proceeded to line up the boys, and were marched to the Auditorium in one body, where the feast took place and where all went mostly because the great Nebraskan would be present to address the assembled masses. Our arrival at the banquet hall was early, but notwithstanding this fact, hundreds of eager democrats from out of town were already there. On entering the Auditorium a committee took us in charge and seated our party altogether near the center of the spacious hall. About 8 o'clock, or perhaps a few moments later, all eyes were directed to the entrance, where Mr. Bryan and party came in, which was the signal for

A Grand Ovation.

The guests all arose to their feet and the waving of small flags (one of which had been provided for each guest) began with slapping of hands, which lasted for several minutes, or until the noblest Roman of them all had been seated in front of the stage. The party that accompanied Mr. Bryan were Geo. Rodgers, president of the club; John H. Atwood, (toastmaster) of Kansas; Henry C. Richmond, of Fremont; James Manahan, of Minnesota, well known to many people of Cass county, as the gentleman who made the race for congress against Burkett, the first time he ran for that position. The convention that nominated Mr. Manahan was held in Plattsmouth. Others of the party were ex-Mayor James A. Reed, of

Under Goes an Operation.

Mrs. James E. Banning, who has been ill for the past two weeks took a sudden turn for the worse last Saturday, developing an acute attack of appendicitis. Sunday morning Dr. Allison from Omaha, who is a specialist in that line was called and an operation was performed, the vermiform appendix and a cystic tumor were removed. She stood the operation in good shape and at this writing is making rapid improvement. It will only be a matter of a few days until she will be around again.—Nehawka Register.

Took the Whole Hog.

Wylie Mead butchered a fine hog for family use last Saturday, and after removing the backbone and ribs on Sunday he deposited the hog in the smoke house for safe keeping—but it didn't keep—it was swiped and carried away by some prowler who didn't leave even a little grease spot. Wylie waited next night hoping the thief would call and demand the bones and tail.—Union Ledger.

Kansas City; M. V. Gannon, of Davenport, Iowa, and a former resident of Omaha; Roy Hoffman, of Oklahoma, who was defeated for senator of the new state by Senator Gore, the blind man, by less than one hundred votes in the democratic primary. Had Mr. Hoffman been elected he would have been the youngest member of that illustrious body.

The Principal Speakers.

While nearly all went to see and hear the great commoner and idol of Nebraska, there were several very interesting speeches delivered. "To our nation," the best one, (barring our own patriotic son) was that of Hon. James A. Reed on "The Attitude of Missouri." While his address was somewhat lengthy, rapt attention was given by the immense audience throughout. The speaker fully showed them that he was from Missouri, and the assembly was delighted with the entire speech. Mr. Reed fully demonstrated the conditions in his state, and stated that Mr. Bryan as the democratic standard-bearer, Missouri was good for from 50,000 to 100,000 majority on the national and state tickets.

The Closing Hours.

As it was nearing the hour of midnight the masses began to get restless, many declaring that they had come to hear Bryan and they wanted to hear him. During the entire program repeated calls were made for him, and in the ending speeches were cut rather short, and at last Mr. Bryan ascended the platform, and when his form towered up, it was the occasion for a general rising of the audience, and waving of flags. It was fully five minutes ere they tired and sat down to hear the next president's speech. It is unnecessary to say that he held the crowd spellbound for fully one hour. After which, a few moments more indulged in hand-shaking. It was after one o'clock when our train left the Union depot on the return trip, and we arrived at home at about two o'clock, feeling a little careworn, and also believing that it was "good to be there."

The banquet was a grand success in every respect, no less was a deficiency on the part of the reception committee. Our party should have been received at the depot in some sort of manner, out of respect to Mayor Gering, who made such a desperate effort to get up the excursion party. As this was the first annual banquet of the club, their mistakes are overlooked, and we hope in the future they will guard against such.

Died After Long Illness.

Mrs. W. A. Johnson passed peacefully to rest Sunday morning, December 1, 1907, at 5 o'clock, aged 72 years.

She had been a sufferer for a number of years and was only waiting for the end. She was born in Chandless Cross, Antrim county, Ireland, and came to America in 1871. In 1877 she was married to W. A. Johnson. She has been a resident of Louisville for twenty-one years.

She was a member of the Catholic church. The funeral was held from the Catholic church at Manley, Tuesday at 10 a. m., conducted by the pastor, Father Hennessey. Her two brothers, Philip and Patrick Brady, of Des Moines, Iowa, were present at the funeral.

The aged husband has the sympathy of the people in general in his sorrow.—Louisville Courier.

For Sale at a Bargain!

A fine Kimball piano, mahogany case, in splendid condition. Enquire at the Journal office.

Has Faith in Advertising.

We know a merchant in Plattsmouth who started in business about fifteen years ago on a capital of less than \$5,000. Today he can cash in for \$25,000. During this time he spent over \$2,000 for advertising alone. He attributes his success mostly to advertising. He believes that judicious advertising will bring results and would not do without it.

STABBED AT SOUTH BEND.

Homer Foster Found Upon the Street
in a Serious Condition.

A special from South Bend under date of December 6, says: "Homer Foster was found between 8 and 9 o'clock last night lying on the street here with numerous cuts on his person, one of which, on his temple, bled so profusely that he was nearly dead from loss of blood when found. He has been working for Dan Phelps, a farmer. Tuesday he went to Omaha. He returned in company with another man, who as yet is unidentified. They grew mutually suspicious and finally engaged in a fight. He was still alive at noon. His home is in Fowler, Kan."

Relative to the above, a warrant was issued last evening by Judge M. Archer, upon complaint of County Attorney C. A. Rawls, charging the same Homer Foster of taking from the person of Lawrence Smith, the sum of five dollars while holding his victim in fear by threats and otherwise intimidating him. Sheriff Quinton departed last evening for South Bend in quest of Mr. Foster, who was found at the Hotel at South Bend, and in charge of Dr. I. D. Jones, of Murdock, who thought his condition was not such as would warrant his removal before Monday next.

He was according arrested by the sheriff and placed in charge of the Marshall of South Bend, who has him in custody at this time. Mr. Smith, is the man referred to in the above dispatch, and admits of having stabbed Foster, while he (Foster) was attempting to abstract money from his (Smith's) pockets. The preliminary will probably be held Monday.

Then and Now.

A. B. Burger dropped into the Tribune office Wednesday just to remind us of the sort of weather Mills county people were having fifty-one years ago now. Quite a difference between then and now. Now the ground is bare and dry and the sun shines brightly most of the time. Then there was ten and twelve feet of snow in places, with several feet on the level.

Mr. Burger said it was the beginning of the coldest winter he has ever known in the 58 years that he has lived here. It opened with a rain on December 1, turned into snow later in the day. The storm lasted three days. The snow staid on the ground till late in March.

Mr. Burger knows that the Missouri river was frozen over as late as the 12th day of March that year. On that day he was married and some of his wife's people crossed the Big Muddy on sleds, coming to Glenwood from Nebraska.

Wolves were very numerous that year. The deep snow on the ground shut off much of their supply of food and farmers suffered much from the loss of chickens which the hungry wolves would carry off.—Glenwood Tribune.

Warden Beemer Reports.

The semi-annual report of Warden A. D. Beemer, filed with the governor yesterday shows that for the six months ending November 30, 1907, convicts of the penitentiary earned \$18,156.99 of which \$9,082.54 is unpaid by the prison contractor. The total cost for this period for maintenance was \$37,696.33. The total per capita cost for the six months was \$98.72, per capita earnings for the same period was \$50.03, making an actual net per capita cost to the state of \$48.69. The warden reported that the convicts had earned in making repairs and improvements around the institution \$9,007.60 and for the value of farm produce consumed, \$3,872.07, he credits the institution. Claims against the maintenance fund amount to \$4,983.10; against the general repair fund, \$432.76; office and contingent expense fund, \$89.32.

Has a White O'Possum.

L. C. Stull, who lives about four miles north of the city, captured six o'possums the other day, four of which were coal black, one gray and one as white as snow, with pink eyes. Lawrence thinks this quite an acquisition, and would not take anything for it. A white o'possum is an animal that is not very plentiful in these parts.

HUGE CROPS ARE PILING UP

The Country on the Threshold of
Another Boom.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Evidence direct from the farms, positive in nature, corroborates E. H. Harriman's statements made in New York yesterday that the country is on the threshold of a boom unparalleled in history. The evidence in the forms of statistics covering the products of the nation for the year and they show that the farmers are fairly wallowing in their wealth, that the vaults of the country banks are groaning under the heavy weight put upon them, and that never in history has the farmer been in such a good position as he is today.

The statistics were gathered by C. R. Erwin, president of the advertising agency of Lord & Thomas, who for a number of years has collected figures to determine the pulse of the business of the country. Believing that the most accurate information could be obtained by going back to the soil itself, figuratively speaking, he has made it a practice to seek his information from the farmers and stockraisers themselves and from the editors of the farm publications throughout the country.

From East and West, North and South, the most optimistic and healthy reports have come back. Not a publisher or editor sent in a gloomy response to the request of Mr. Erwin, and a survey of the reports of actual crop conditions shows that the actual prosperity of the nation really is remarkable.

The great staple corn crop of Missouri is better this year than it has been in many a day, is the testimony of the Fruit Grower, St. Joseph, Mo., and the further assertion is made that the season for ripening and gathering the corn has been ideal.

Kansas sent word that is astonishing truth. In Kansas there is 200 million dollars' worth of grain and other products ready for the market and 165 million dollars in deposits in the Kansas banks. The average for the United States is a ratio of one-third cash to the total of farm products, and the showing of Kansas made here marks the state as one of the gigantic business centers of the nation and of the world.

Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Dakotas, the Pacific coast and Dixie land send the same stories—epitomized, big crops, producers happy.

BURTON FOR FIFTY MILLIONS

And He's Willing to Help Missouri River Navigation
in Congress

Washington, Dec. 5.—The movement for the development of the country's inland waterways received further impetus this morning by the announcement of Chairman Burton of the house rivers and harbors committee that he would favor an annual appropriation of 50 million dollars for that work.

Chairman Burton made this announcement at the national rivers and harbors congress. It stirred the delegates to a high pitch of enthusiasm. At the direction of the presiding officer, all of the delegates arose and cheered.

WORK ONLY STARTED, SAYS BURTON
Mr. Burton is expected to remain at the head of the rivers and harbors committee despite his expressed desire to retire. When he referred to his declining of a reappointment as chairman, there were cries of "no," "no," from all parts of the hall. Mr. Burton delivered a carefully prepared address in which he reviewed the river and harbor work done by the government. He was cheered when he stated that in his opinion this work had only been fairly started.

BURTON TO AID THE MISSOURI
The Missouri delegates continued their efforts to boom the Missouri project this morning. They had a talk with Chairman Burton, who has visited Kansas City and is familiar with the improvement proposition. He promised to co-operate with the Kansas City delegation and Representative Ellis in their efforts to secure from congress an appropriation large enough to convert the Missouri into a navigable waterway.

Returns from Live Stock Show.

Luke L. Wiles returned this morning from Chicago, where he has been visiting the National Live Stock Show, that has been in progress there for some time. While there Mr. Wiles saw some very fine stock, but few that were more goodly to look upon than either his own herd or that of W. H. Heil.

THE TWO-CENT RAILROAD FARES.

Significant Results of Rates Reduction Legislation.

Reports are beginning to come in upon which to base intelligent judgment of the actual working of the 2-cent fare legislation. When the movement for lowering fares began to gain force there was loud outcry from the representatives of the railroads, who asserted the impossibility of operating the roads profitably on a basis of 2 cent a mile for passenger traffic, in some cases the passage of laws was followed by the taking off of trains and the crippling of the service. The railroad men were confident that experience would soon demonstrate the necessity of a return to former tariffs.

The conditions vary so greatly in different parts of the country and on different railroad systems that it is not just to make positive deductions from a single report. There must be careful comparison of showings in several states and recognition of the special situations existing here and there before final judgment may be passed upon the rate lowering legislation. At the same time there is interest in some of the early reports, which seem to show that the fears of the railroad representatives were not well based.

The Ohio 2-cent fare law became effective on March 10, 1906. The report for an entire year is now available. It comes from the state railroad commission, which has secured from the roads data showing the gross receipts from the sale tickets to points within the state during the year ending June 30, 1907. Twenty-six important roads and thirteen subsidiary corporations are represented in the report of the commission. The thirty-nine roads had a decrease of ten of the smaller roads of \$56,000, making a net increase of \$1,332,282. The report contains a comparative statement for five years which proves that the receipts of 1907 were above the average during the five-year period.

The commission also made a study of the average passenger earnings per train mile of each of the roads in the state. In this the same results was obtained. There was a substantial increase over figures for 1906. The elimination of free transportation and the withdrawal of excursion rates were joined with the growth of passenger business to produce the net gain mentioned.

Scattered reports for given months in other parts of the country seem to support the idea that the fears of railroad men caused by the lowering of rates have not been realized. On the contrary, travel has been stimulated, in some cases trains have been restored to the schedule, and the outlook is favorably that complete showings from the country at large will indicate that the Ohio situation is much like that of other well settled areas where travel is constant.

Woodmen Celebrate With Root.

The sixty-third birthday of J. C. Root, founder and sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World, was celebrated at Lincoln yesterday and last night in a manner few such anniversaries are noticed.

Mr. Root was the guest of the Commercial club for luncheon and during the day and night he was given a splendid reception at Representative hall, at which Governor Sheldon delivered the welcome address. Head Consul Edward Walsh presided over the meeting, while speeches were made by Ralph F. Johnson, supreme organizer of the Woodmen of the World; W. E. Sharp, president of the Highlanders; G. H. Schleh, chaplain and lecturer of the Woodmen of the World; W. B. Price and Mrs. Emma B. Manchester, supreme guardian of the Woodmen circle. About two hundred members of fraternal societies were here from out in the state and the occasion was made a gala affair. Mr. Root delivered the principal speech at the reception tonight.

Doing Much Work.

According to the Lincoln Journal the Missouri Pacific is doing a lot of track work in Nebraska these days, and more of it will follow in the spring. Many hundred tons of steel is now being unloaded at Falls City, Auburn and Union. Some ditching and grade repairing is being done, and a little later on bridge work will be attacked. It is hoped to begin replacing the steel in the early spring. During the past few months ties have been put in along the line and more ties are yet to be placed. It is said the company will have a first-class track on its Nebraska main lines when work now ordered is completed.

MRS. VASCLAV LORENZ DIES

At the Home of Her Son, Joseph, at
Tobias, Last Evening.

Mrs. Vasclav Lorenz, mother of the Lorenz brothers of this city, whose home is at Tobias, this state, and who has been afflicted with dropsy since last summer, passed away last evening, at the home of her son, Joseph Lorenz. At the time her husband, the father of the boys here died, Mrs. Lorenz was not expected to live, and when Mr. Lorenz was called away by a sunstroke, it was a great surprise, as he was stout and never sick in his life to any great extent. Mrs. Lorenz is well advanced in years, being near seventy years of age. The funeral will occur at Tobias Monday. Frank Lorenz will depart Sunday for that place to attend the funeral.

TRACK WORK ON BURLINGTON.

Vice President Willard is Insistent
on Good Track Work.

Daniel Willard, second vice president of the Burlington, having full charge of operation and maintenance, is said to be something of a crank on the subject of track work and it is understood that he will not consider poor track as an excuse for a derailment, says the Lincoln Journal. Track must be kept in such condition that it will not cause derailments. For many years Mr. Willard was an engineer, and engineers are usually cranks on track work. They want the best and will not be satisfied with anything but the best. Discussing Mr. Willard a man who has heard much about his methods says:

"Should business drop off and retrenchment become more necessary than now in the railroad world, I do not look for Burlington track work to be slighted. Cuts may be made everywhere else, and the reduction of the amount of track work done may follow, but Mr. Willard will insist that the tracks shall be kept up to the best standard. There is the last place it would look for him to stint the amount of necessary."

HARRY GILMORE DEAD

Pioneer Railroad Men Who Was a
Favorite of S. H. M. Clark.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 5.—Harry Gilmore died at his home in Omaha Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Gilmore was a couple of months past sixty-six years of age. He was born in Cayuga county, New York, September 6, 1841. When about 11 years of age he removed with his parents to St. Louis, and while yet of tender years he entered the steamboat service as a cabin boy on one of the packet lines between St. Louis and New Orleans. From steamboating he naturally gravitated into railroad work, beginning as a train boy on the Iron Mountain road and afterwards as brakeman. He came to Omaha in 1868 and re-engaged in railroad work, continuing therein ever since with the exception of two or three years when he accepted a clerkship in the old Canfield house at Ninth and Farnam streets. In January, 1874, he was married to Miss Rebecca Grothe at Grand Island. Five children were the issue of their marriage.

Mr. Gilmore was a prominent Mason and the funeral will be conducted under the auspices of that order at 2 p. m. (Friday) today. Interment will be at Grand Island. Mr. Gilmore rapidly rose from the humble station of railroad work to that of conductor on both freight and passenger trains, and was for many years connected in that capacity with the Union Pacific. While thus employed he attracted the attention of S. H. H. Clark, then superintendent of the Platte division of the Union Pacific, who promoted him to the position of yardmaster at Omaha. Mr. Gilmore followed Mr. Clark to the Missouri Pacific and he was subsequently promoted to the position of division superintendent.

A Reward of 1500 Francs.

Papers are received by the local officers here, giving description of August Peterson, who is supposed to have abstracted a large sum of money from the Bank of Stockholm Sweden, and with his wife have escaped to America. Pictures of both he and his wife accompanied the papers asking for his arrest, and offering a reward of 1500 francs.