

UPPER RIVER BOATS PROSPER

One Company Operates Five and is Building Another—They Are Light Vessels, Built to Meet Conditions on the Missouri.

One of the men whose experience and advice will be most in demand at the Missouri River Navigation congress in Sioux City, January 22 and 23, will be Captain Isaac P. Baker of Bismark, N. D. It is only little known down this far that one company operates five boats and five barges on the upper river and has been doing so for years and making money at it.

Captain Baker is the manager of the line, the Benton Packet company, which operates out of Bismark, and its boats run between Sioux City and Fort Benton, Mont., and occasionally on the Yellowstone river. Another boat is being built by the company for service this year. For the fiscal year ending June 30 last the traffic of the upper river, exclusive of building material and sand, amounted to 32,297 tons, a large part of which was carried on the Benton Packet company's boats. Three of the company's boats are propelled by steam and two by gasoline. The largest of them, the Expansion, is 109 feet long, twenty-four feet beam and four feet in depth. They are built to suit present conditions in the upper Missouri and can navigate at extreme low water depths and carry 3,000 to 5,000 bushels of

wheat or ninety to 150 tons of merchandise. The company has been in existence for several years and has always made money, though it is averse to giving out figures or rates. It operates in a country with a much smaller population and far less business than the stretch of river between Omaha and Kansas City. Grain, lumber and live stock constitutes two-thirds of the tonnage, and general merchandise, the best paying class, one-third.

"I believe the Missouri river is one of the best and safest low water navigation streams in the world," Captain Baker says. "The trouble usually is that the boats operated are not built to meet the conditions. We have boats that were built to meet conditions and we run them from the opening of navigation until the close. They are broad of beam and shallow of hold and loaded to their maximum draw only three feet of water. There is seldom that little water in any river channel. You'll need the same kind of a boat on the lower river until it is improved. No boat should be built to meet present conditions in the river that has less than one foot of beam to every five feet of length."

AN OLD PIO- NEER TALKS.

Reminiscences of the Early Days in the West.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

A few days ago my better-half said: "F—, if you go down town today bring a few pounds of beans and green peas." When it came to eating the beans and pork, they were enjoyed. A few days later the peas were tried, and listening to the criticism as to them not being cooked enough, and with the assurance of the cook that they had been boiling since 8 a. m., it was then that an occurrence of days long since passed came to my mind.

In returning from a trip in the fall of 1864, (in company of my friends, P. and E. W., of St. Joseph, Mo., and three others) from Montana via Salt Lake City, Forts Bridges and Hallack. At the last named fort our party concluded we ought to have a change of diet. It was decided that I should buy some beans, and I went to a settler's store and bought four pounds, at the rate of \$1.25 per pound. In the meantime the boys were busy locating the camp and getting fuel, such as sage brush and dry willows; then getting the water, a fire was started. All the beans and a big piece of bacon was put to boiling, and after waiting very patiently for three hours or more, we started to eat, using the liquid instead of coffee. We found the beans scarcely half cooked; nevertheless we had a good supper, and then started to reboil the remaining beans, by adding another piece of bacon, keeping them boiling until we retired for the night and then again in the morning for breakfast. At breakfast we found them just as hard as we did at supper. Again we added some more bacon the following afternoon and started the cooking for the third time, with plenty of water as substitute for coffee at each of these memorable meals, but the beans proved to be just as hard at the last supper as the first, not being able to decide our inability to boil the beans to a degree of tenderness. It was a matter of various suggestions, some saying the cause lay in the high altitude; others said it was the water, but we were later assured that they were only a remnant of beans left there in 1854, by General Johnson in the days of his march against the Mormons. Whatever might have been the cause of those beans remaining firm, they will never be forgotten by those enjoying the experience of the effort to cook them. F.

Departed for Oklahoma Last Night.

George and William Hild and M. E. Coleman departed last night with their household effects, their stock and farming utensils, and will make their homes in the sunny south in the future. The Hild boys have purchased farms while Mort has only rented for the present.

Are Visiting in Illinois

Last evening J. T. Bates and wife departed for Winchester, Illinois, where they were called on account of the illness of the gentleman's father, J. T. Bates, sr., who is 75 years old. They will remain in the east a week or ten days visiting the scenes of their childhood days.

Other Towns are Infected.

The spirit that condemns without a hearing is prevalent in the land and needs to be guarded against. This matter was put to the test in this town the other day. A man was challenged to go to certain other wise men and whisper a story in their ear reflecting upon the life of any good citizen of Nebraska City and get their opinion of the matter. The challenger party carried out the test and received the reply: "I don't doubt it in the least; I have always been suspicious of him." Thus accepting as gospel truth the unsupported rumor, without giving the defendant an opportunity to be heard or counting for anything the previous excellent life of the accused. Test this matter yourself. It may do you good. The world is all too suspicious. Base is the mind that suspects. When deputation smirching stories come to your ears, ask to be shown. At least give the accused man an opportunity to be heard before condemning him.—Nebraska City News.

FRED KROEHLER DIED AT SHERIDAN

Well Known Plattsmouth Citizen Died this Morning.

A telegram from Sheridan, Wyo., this morning announced the death of Fred Kroehler, sr., a former citizen of this place, at 6:30 this morning. Mr. Kroehler was well known here, having lived in Plattsmouth for a number of years. He reared a large family here, who are now elsewhere, one, Edward, living at Sheridan, Wyo., and with whom his father made his home. The remains will be brought to this city for burial and will arrive here on Friday morning, the funeral occurring from the Burlington train No. 4, which arrives here at about 10 o'clock. More concerning the funeral and death, as well as the life of this man, will be given in a latter issue. The cause of death is not known, but Mr. Kroehler was troubled greatly with asthma, and for that reason went to live in the high altitude, which the mountain home of his son, Edward, afforded.

A Smile from Sunny Kansas.

At Waukeaney, Kansas, things look very bright and fine, and to some people much finer than others. The one who sees things looking fine in "Sunny (Sonny) Kansas" is our former citizen and old friend, E. W. Crabill, who is engaged in the jewelry business at that place. There is a reason, and it is that his good wife presented Ezra with a bouncing big boy last Saturday, the mother and son doing well, while Ezra, well, things look hopeful to him at present.

Little Aleta Stenner Sick

Little Aleta Stenner daughter of Jacob Stenner and wife, has been very sick for a number of days past with what is pronounced appendicitis, and which has been causing her a great deal of suffering. It has not been decided yet that an operation will be necessary and we hope she will recover without it.

VISIT IN THE SOUTHLAND

Large Party of Plattsmouth People Visit Friends in Oklahoma.

This afternoon the fast mail took a number of our people to Omaha, where over the Rock Island they departed for Pocomet, Oklahoma, where they will visit with friends and see the country in the winter. Among those to go this afternoon were Ed Becker and family, George Volk and family, George Wallinger and family, P. C. Hansen and mother, Mrs. P. J. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hennings and daughters, Louise and Ellen. Mrs. Hansen and P. C. Hansen will visit with the family of Chas. Chassott; F. J. Hennings and family will visit with a son, John Hennings, while Wallingers, Beckers and Volks will visit at the home of Peter Volks, and all will visit with the Cass county colony, which numbers a great many in that locality.

Burlington Evades Order.

A special from Lincoln says: "What is declared by members of the State Railway commission to be a violation, at least, of the spirit of the injunction granted several weeks ago by Judge Munger against the Burlington and other railroads to prevent their raising their recognition charges appears in the schedule of the Burlington just filed with the state commission.

"The injunction is referred to in the schedule and the statement is further made that the Burlington refers only to the coal dealers from Omaha and other Nebraska cities who were complainants in the case. The railroad holds that it is permitted to make the increased charges against all other shippers, except those who appeared in the case. This is declared by the commissioners to be an evasion of the spirit of the law and if carried out will make it necessary for every shipper who objects to paying the increased charge, to go into court and secure an injunction.

"The schedule refers to an injunction issued by Judge Hanford of the federal court for the state of Washington enjoining the increase in rates on lumber. After the injunction was issued the railroads refused to issue receipts in full of freight bills affected by the injunction, but each receipt was endorsed "on payment of account."

Returns from the Southland.

On the late evening train last night, E. M. Godwin and daughter, Mollye, returned from a three weeks sojourn in the south. While away they visited many places, and were the guests of many of the friends and acquaintances of former years. At Gordonville Texas they remained a few days, where Miss Mollye with a crowd of young people took a horseback ride, going to the artesian wells, which have been continuously running for some thirty years. Here she gathered mistletoe, as it grew, there being an abundance of it growing wild. They found the weather like summer. While away Miss Mollye was the guest of several parties, and excursions, which were given in her honor. Taking the trip in all it was a very enjoyable affair.

Embarks in Photography.

Bertie C. Dalzell, a deaf mute, who has made his home in this city for some time, and who is an adept at photography, has embarked in the view business, making the pictures at his home. He takes the views returns the proof, and if satisfactory, takes your order, returning the work after finished. Mr. Dalzell is a good workman, and an honest man in every respect, and the character of his work, his uprightness of actions, merit your respect and patronage. Mr. Dalzell departed for Pacific Junction this morning, where he will try and secure some orders today.

Completes Addition to Home.

Yesterday Harry Johnson completed the plastering of the new addition to the home of Thomas Wiles, west of the city. The new portion is sixteen by twenty-four feet and two stories high, making a great deal more room for Mr. Wiles. Besides the added room, Mr. Wiles has made many conveniences, among which is the installation of a heating plant, placed in the building by the firm of A. L. Asemissen & Sons, which heats the whole house.

The Dugay Train

Last week it was rumored that the merry-go-round train would again be put on the Missouri Pacific, Monday of this week. And when many of the farmers in the west side of the county left home Monday morning, they did so with the understanding that they would return home the same evening. But they were doomed to disappointment. Why this train was ever taken off the Journal cannot understand. It is claimed that it paid well. Perhaps it was giving too great accommodation to the people along the line. And the Missouri Pacific is not just exactly "up o snuff" in the way of accommodations.

Jacksonian Banquet.

Four hundred guests were present at the annual gathering of the Jacksonian Club, of Omaha, at its celebration Monday night last of the occasion when "Old Hickory" and his host, seated behind a bulwark of cotton bales, routed the British from New Orleans.

W. J. Bryan was the guest of honor, and other democratic leaders of more or less importance in national and State politics, had places at the speakers' table. These included former Governor C. S. Thomas, of Colorado; Congressman Hitchcock, of Omaha; former United States Senator William V. Allen, of Nebraska, and S. J. Dunn, of Omaha. C. J. Smyth, former Secretary of State, was toastmaster. He congratulated the democrats of the country on their opportunities, and predicted the election of Bryan to the highest office in the gift of the people.

Moral Element in Issues.

"The Moral Element in Pending Issues" was the subject of Bryan's address, which, in part, was as follows: "No question is ever settled until the moral element in the question is discussed and decided. Nothing but a moral issue—that is, an issue involving justice—stirs the heart.

"Andrew Jackson addressed himself to the moral nature and aroused a moral enthusiasm that outlived his period. The time is ripe for another appeal to conscience, and indications point to a greater study of public questions from an ethical standpoint.

"The corrupting influences, which have flowed from mercenary politics, have at last excited attention, and there is a searching of men and of measures such as has not been in recent times.

President's Great Errors.

"The President's popularity is largely, if not entirely, due to the belief among the masses that he wants to do what is right and that is trying to secure justice to those who have been unjustly dealt with. He has made many mistakes, and great ones, but these mistakes have, to a large extent, been overlooked by those who believe that his heart is right and that he means well. This is only an indication of public attitude. Another indication is to be found in the influence of the voters.

"Not since the war have party lines hung so loosely, and this is the natural result when the voters become earnest in their desire that wrong shall be overthrown and right vindicated.

"People differ as to the relative importance of the different issues, some placing trusts first, some regarding the tariff question as paramount, and others believe the railroad question the most important, but the fact is that they all point to the same issue, and that those who take the people's side on either of the other two.

A Few of Many.

"The issue presented in each and all of these questions is whether the Government shall be administered in the interest of the whole people—whether all the people shall be taxed that a few may be enriched. The trusts tax the entire population for the benefit of a comparatively small number of stockholders; the protected manufacturers tax the entire public through import duties and the railroads levy tribute upon the whole country through extortionate rates.

"We have had selfishness enthroned in law, until the average man has become the victim of injustice practiced on every hand.

"For years the republican leaders supported their policies by adroit appeals to the interests of the different classes, and with a press subservient to predatory wealth they have deceived and deluded many voters.

Jeffersonian Doctrine.

"They are not prepared to defend their position on any public question before the bar of the public conscience. Some of the more independent of the republicans realize this and are uttering words of warning, but the republican leaders are as blind as Pharaoh.

"In a multitude of ways the moral sentiment is manifesting itself, and unless the signs of the times are misleading there is going to be a return to the Jeffersonian doctrine of 'equal rights to all and special privileges to none.'"

Accepts Position Here.

Carl F. Weber, formerly with the Nebraska Lighting company, but who for some time past has been with the Omaha light company, has accepted a position with the home company here, and will do some special work for them during the remainder of the winter. Carl is well liked here having many friends, whom will be very much pleased to have him again a citizen of Plattsmouth.

Card of Thanks.

We, who have so recently been bereaved, wish to take this opportunity to thank our many neighbors and friends in their effort to cheer and assist us during the sickness and death of our beloved wife, mother and relative; and especially the Loyal Mystic Legion, Odd Fellows, Daughters of Rebekah and the shop boys for their unselfish loyalty and assistance throughout our sorrow.

F. F. Buttery and daughter, Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Nejedly, Anton Luhasak, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zitka, John Zitka and son, Charley.

GRAIN PRICES RULE HIGHER

Farmers Take Hand by Holding Crops for Satisfactory Returns and They Possess the Cash to Enable Them to Do So

The prices of farm products, which are the principal elements of the country's wealth, mark the prosperity or adversity of the nation in so far as commercial ascendancy is concerned. We have held that in the mad race for acquiring the business of the country and the struggle for control of the output from other sources than the farm, the prices of grain maintain their place at the van. With the recent flurry in the money market, we expected to see a slightly greater recession of the prices of the principal grains, such as wheat, corn and oats, than that which occurred.

While the momentary congestion of our finances stunned business in some lines and paralyzed it in others, its effect in the grain market was apparent only for the time being, and now seems to have disappeared almost entirely. With the return of the circulating medium, the prices of cereals were the first to respond to the renewed activity, and have manifested their prime qualities by marking an advance with the ending of every week over the one before.

The years of good crops and high prices at their backs make the producers feel pretty good and look for still higher prices for what they have to sell. Well may they be, for they have with them the entire farming community with the same belief.

Many people think that prices should be lower, and that the time is always at hand when the break is coming, looking at the matter in many respects for interest or desire. On the other hand, they forget that the farmers are in easy circumstances. As an instance, one farmer in this county had during the flurry \$14,000 on deposit in one of our city banks. He smiled when a suggestion was made as to its safety, well knowing that when the flurry was over, his money would have more purchasing power, and he could afford to wait until prices are satisfactory before putting his grain on the market. When this is taken into consideration it will be seen what a bull element has been added to the market, and which stays there continually. No wonder that prices are high, with a chance of going still higher.

DEATH OF MRS. NIEL HORNE

Well Known Syracuse Lady Dies Suddenly at Oak, Neb.

The Nebraska City Press, speaking of the death of Mrs. Niel Horne, formerly Miss Grace Montgomery, a teacher in the Plattsmouth high school for several years, says:

A message was received by friends in this city Sunday, telling of the sudden death at her parents' home in Oak, Nebraska, of Mrs. Niel Horne, of Syracuse, which occurred at 1 o'clock Sunday morning. The news came as a great shock to friends of the Hornes in this city. Mrs. Horne had been ill at the home of her parents in Oak for about a month past but had apparently passed the crisis, and was thought to be recovering, the last news of her condition having come from Mr. Horne, who stated to a friend in Lincoln on Saturday that his wife was improving and that he was on his way to Oak to spend Sunday with her.

Mrs. Horne was formerly Miss Grace Montgomery of Oak, Nebraska, and was united in marriage in July last to Mr. Niel Horne, of Syracuse and well known in this city. Mrs. Horne accompanied her husband not long ago on a short visit to Col. W. L. Wilson's family in this city and it is with sincere regret that friends here learn of the unhappy occurrence. Mr. Horne will receive the heartfelt sympathy of the community in the loss of his beloved wife.

The body will be taken for burial to Syracuse on Wednesday and the funeral services will be held at that place Thursday morning at half past ten. A. A. Bischof of this city left yesterday morning for Oak.

Taken to Lincoln.

John P. Bridges, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years, on the charge of incest with his own daughter, by Judge Jensen, a few days since, after the supreme court had sustained the verdict of the lower court, was taken to the penitentiary this morning to begin serving his term. He was taken by Deputy Sheriff Andrew Donovan and Sheriff-elect Edward Fischer went along to see how such things were done. Bridges appeared very cheerful and smoked a cigar. He talked freely with every one that came to say goodbye and ask about him. It was not known to any save the sheriff that he was to be taken out this morning and hence none of his relatives were there to see him off.—Nebraska City News.

A Cure for Misery.

"I have found a cure for the misery malaria poison produces," says R. M. James, of Louellen, S. C. "It's called Electric Bitters, and comes in 50 cent bottles. It breaks up a case of chills or a bilious attack in almost no time; and it puts yellow jaundice clean out of commission." This great tonic medicine and blood purifier gives quick relief in all stomach, liver and kidney complaints and the misery of lame back. Sold under guarantee at F. C. Fricke & Co.'s drug store.

Delegates to Sioux City.

A World-Herald special from Lincoln bearing date of yesterday, says that among others appointed from different portions of the state to attend the Missouri River Navigation convention to be held in Sioux City January 22 and 23, C. C. Parmele, H. N. Dóvey and R. B. Windham have been chosen delegates.

In connection with the selection of these gentlemen as delegates, who will well represent the interests of the city at the convention, we think it would be well for the Mayor to call a meeting of the citizens to discuss the matter and add to the delegates already chosen an equal number, making six in all. There is no town on the entire distance from Sioux City to St. Joseph with the possible exception of Omaha, whose interests are as vitally affected by the restoring of river navigation as that of our city. We have an outlet by rail to the extreme western portion of the state, with railway facilities, which would make this an ideal transfer point.

There was a time when the wharf at this place was lined with boats bearing traffic to and from this place to the markets on the river south of here. There was a time when the transportation facilities of the country seemed to have outgrown the business, but during the past few years the railways have not been able to care for the amount of freight traffic which has been offered them and they are willing to allow portions of the business, which pays a low rate of freight, to go elsewhere, that they may pay more attention to the class which demands rapid transportation and pays a better margin of profit for the service. Were the river traffic restored as it existed in the years that has passed, this being made a transfer station, much business would be added to the volume done here. Ask any old citizens who were residents here at the time the boats made regular trips and they will tell you how lively times were and how brisk the business was. We think the Mayor had better call a meeting for the consideration of the matter by the citizens.

Well Pleased.

The following are a few of the Journal readers who have called at the office to renew their subscription since first issue of the semi-weekly edition, all of whom have said they were well pleased with the new arrangements and believe they are getting their money's worth at \$1.50 per year: Peter Meisinger, Cedar Creek; Henry Snoko, Eagle; Geo. Hild, Minco, Okla.; J. P. Meisinger, Plattsmouth; Geo. F. Meisinger, Cedar Creek; C. F. Harris and C. E. Edmisten from Union, C. E. Edmisten, Walt Hill, J. T. Reynolds, Union; G. A. Wenke, Pierce; Frank Sheldon, Nehawka; G. W. Harshman, Avoca; H. C. Long, Murray; Wm. Wohlfarth, Plattsmouth; D. S. Yost, Traer, Kan.; E. H. Lamson, Omaha; A. J. Bayless, Murray; John Koop, Louisville; C. Bengen, Mynard; Herman Holschuh, Plattsmouth; Sarah Everett, Union.

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