

POLLARD AND SHIP SUBSIDY

Constituencies Are Selfish Creations, and the Rank and File Believe Their Representative in Congress Should Represent Their Interest.

The following from that staunch democratic paper, the Nemaha County Herald, expresses the Journal's sentiments so clearly upon the ship subsidy question, that we print the entire editorial as it appeared in that paper. It is in reply to the recent communication sent out to the republican papers of the First congressional district, and is an attempt of Congressman Pollard to explain why he supports a measure of so little interest to the people he represents in the halls of congress:

We give space this week to an explanation by Congressman Pollard of why he is supporting the ship subsidy bill. We are glad to do this for two reasons:

First—It shows up in all its peculiar light this bill, which is a stench in the nostrils of every democrat and many republicans in the first Nebraska district.

Second—By his own statement, Mr. Pollard champions in a most earnest manner that measure for which all of the democratic press and many of the republican papers of his district have taken him to task, and we are only too glad to comply with his request and print his letter in full.

The Herald is not of Mr. Pollard's political faith, and the rapidly increasing gulf between the republican leaders of the first district and their congressman is of a certainty their own trouble, so far as politics are concerned, and naught to the democrats save a source of amused interest. But above and beyond politics comes the man and the constituency he represents. Constituencies are selfish creations. The rank and file believe that their representative in congress should represent them, their wants and their sentiments. If it becomes necessary, let this representative cast his vote according to his pledge (if he was so pledged) on national issues and there let it rest.

Mr. Pollard, it seems to us, has assumed a task beyond the requirements of a representative of an inland, peace-loving constituency when he deliberately goes out of his way to agitate, champion, speak for and sanction the ship subsidy steal, a measure alike foreign to his district, its needs, requirements or inclination. Unless wishing to dance in the spot light of public censure, far better would it have been for Mr. Pollard to have quietly voted for the robbery, if as he says, his party was pledged to the nefarious measure, but he should have allowed an eastern or seaboard congressman to have had the stage and do the shouting. This would have at least been more consistent.

Does Mr. Pollard represent a Maine or Nebraska district? How many of

Mr. Pollard's constituents can tell the difference between a flying jibboom and a mizzen backstay?

As we remarked, constituencies are selfish. They take pride in the work of their congressman when he truly represents them in district need or on national issues in which they are vitally interested. Outside of these they neither care nor sanction. The weightier matters of national import in which they feel no direct interest they leave to the senators to thresh out, that august body usually being the real fighting ground of important legislation ere it becomes law.

As to the threatening hints contained in Mr. Pollard's explanation "that it is bad policy for the republicans of Nebraska to divorce themselves from the national organization," by fighting men who support the ship subsidy steal—that danger is for our republican friends to decide for themselves. But to democratic vision it would appear that the real divorce proceedings more closely concern Mr. Pollard and the First Nebraska district.

Mr. Pollard has either fallen into the hands of the political Philistines, who inhabit the region over against Washington, or he has wandered off after the flesh pots of administrative Egypt. In either case his constituency suffers. His implicit and childlike trust in the president would be touching did it not place the First Nebraska district in a false light in Washington. To quote from the letter: "Certainly no one would accuse Mr. Roosevelt of advocating a policy [ship subsidy] that would only result in lining the pockets of the so-called trusts and great corporations." Mr. Pollard overlooks the fact that the days have gone by "when the King can do no wrong," whether intentional or otherwise. The air is much clearer in Nebraska than in Washington, and Mr. Pollard's constituency is farther removed from the magnetic influence of the dominant occupant of the white house. This makes a vast difference.

We have not the slightest doubt of Mr. Pollard's sincerity, but the choice was given him of representing the sentiment of his own people, or to go mooning around in the cause of one of the president's fads. Unfortunately for him he chose the latter and must depend on his great patron and the republicans who believe in the ship subsidy measure in this district to preserve his constituency.

It will be amusing to democrats to note which will prove the stronger sentiment among the republicans of this district when the time of real struggle arrives—their sense of right or fear of Theodore's federal lash.

Right You Are, Lee.

The last issue of the Louisville Courier contained the following:

"It is rumored that Colonel Bates, of the Plattsmouth Journal, is being talked of for democratic candidate for governor next season. No one who knows the genial colonel can object to this talk, but they should remember that it is about as easy for a straw stack to be drawn through a needle's eye as for a newspaper man to win a political plum."

Fifty years experience in the newspaper business has convinced the writer that nothing can be said that would hit the nail square on the head better than the above. An editor can "whoop'er up" to a fare-you-well for a candidate at election time, make an enemy of his opponent, and after the election is over, the favors are all extended to the fellow who never was known to do any good for his party. "The pull of influential friends" is what talks after election, and the "whoop'er up" can pursue his usual avocation of getting the party in line for the next campaign.

For Rent

Six acre tract 1 mile from town, 5 room house, barn for 5 head of stock, plenty of fruit and plenty of water.

N. H. ISBELL, R. F. D. 1.

During the Year of the Crime.

We have all heard of the crime of 1873, where the money question was tampered with. Well, that was the year when Mrs. J. C. Petersen planted a small cottonwood sprout in the yard of the property at the intersection of Pearl and Fourth streets. The little sprout grew and thrived, and as the years rolled along with their never-ending changes, it became a sapling, then a tree, and finally assumed gigantic proportions. During the late years it has over shadowed the house near by which it grew, and for the safety of the place, it had to be cut down. J. C. Petersen had just finished chopping the monster down, and it measured at the ground 39 inches in diameter, and 117 inches in circumference, and rearing its topmost boughs ninety-feet toward the stars.

The tree has grown during her remembrance, and hundreds of others enough to build a small house, were made into lumber. Anyway from the experiences of the past, it could be sawed up and use as a circulating medium, for we hear the older residents telling about cottonwood lumber passing current for money in the earlier days. The experience of our forefathers are good for naught unless we can utilize them.

Celebrates 69th Anniversary

The home of Col. H. C. McMaken was the scene of festivity yesterday, being the anniversary of the gentleman's birth, his friends and relatives gathered to mark the passing year. There was a sumptuous dinner as Uncle Henry well knows how to provide. All present did what they could to make everybody enjoy themselves, and they succeeded to the fullest expectations. There were amusements for all, from the little toddler, who was learning to take his first steps, to the one who had seen three score years and ten. There were present Col. McMaken and family, consisting of Joseph McMaken and family, Guy McMaken and family; W. H. Scott and family; Grandma Reese, Harry Reese, Mrs. C. W. Baylor, Mrs. Ruth Patterson of North Platte, Mrs. Cox of Omaha.

UNITED WORKMEN INSTALL OFFICERS

The Brotherhood Whose Order is a Protection to the Hom, Makes Gains

Last Friday evening at their hall at the intersection of Seventh and Pearl streets with Chicago avenue, were installed the newly elected officers of A. O. U. W. lodge, No. 8, for the coming year. This lodge has been making some substantial gains in the recent past. Hardly a meeting night passes that there is not work to be done. The order affords some of the best of protection to the families of its members. This particular lodge has, since its organization, initiated as many as a thousand members. At this time it has about 220 to 230 members. Very few have died, compared with the number initiated, although a considerable number have received the protection guaranteed. When the Burlington shops were instituted at Havelock years ago, a large number were transferred, and continually since members have been transferred to other places. The lodge here has kept up a good work and maintained a membership above the 200 mark all the time. Beside this lodge, there is in the city No. 81, with about 125 members, the Germania lodge, and No. 84 with about the same number, and No. 297, the Swedish lodge, with something like thirty-five or forty. They all together make a membership of more than 500. Besides this the Degree of Honor lodges have a good membership, of which we will make mention in the near future. J. W. Barwick has been the Recorder, with the exception of two terms, for No. 8 for the past fifteen years, and asked to be relieved from his position. The members appreciating his good services and wishing to comply with his request, selected John Claus for his successor and a man well qualified for the position. The men who will have charge of the affairs of the lodge for the present term are Henry Ore, Master Workman; H. T. Batten, Foreman; D. B. Ebersole, Financier; J. G. Claus, Recorder; L. V. Copenhaver, Overseer; Albert Schuldie, Inside Watch; Teddy Scarborough, Outside Watch; James B. Higley, Past Master Workman.

Give Them Farewell Reception

Last Saturday evening at the home Lisa Breckenridge occurred a social gathering occasioned by the expected departure of the Breckenridge family, soon to move to the farm of Herman Bestor west of town. A number of the neighbors and friends gathered at the home, and made the hours fly so merrily that before they were aware of the passage of time it was one o'clock in the morning. The time was spent in games and amusements, interspersed with music. A delicious luncheon, brought by the guests, was enjoyed by all. Those present—Messrs. and Mesdames D. S. Gibson, L. H. Petersen, M. L. Peterson, J. L. Mayfield, Roy Taylor, M. L. Stephenson and Chas. Manners.

Warning to Disturbers

Frequently during the past few months there have been some boys and a number who take pride in attaching to themselves the title of young men, who have gone to the Christian church, and during the services have pounded on the windows on the outside, also sliding the sash up and down to make a noise. In kindness to them and their parents, let it be known, that a repetition of the affair will be followed by arrest and prosecution for the offense, as it is one punishable by the laws of the state.

Elisha Worel Arrives.

Elisha Worel arrived Friday evening from Spokane, Washington, called here by the death of his father, Joseph Worel, who died the first of last week, and who was buried last Friday. Elisha started as soon as possible after receiving word of his father's death, but on account of the remains not having been embalmed, at time of death, they could not be kept, and the funeral could not be postponed. Mr. Worel was much grieved on account of not being able to arrive before the burial, but in the case it could not be prevented.

WERE VERY SHY AT FIFTY-FIVE

A Couple Marry and Keep Their Friends in the Dark.

Frank Janda, sr., and Mrs. Frances Apsolan, both of the same age, secured a license some time since, and asked that the matter not be given to the papers, but the reporter happened in and glancing over the records, as any one has a right to do, perceived the intentions and the publication of course followed. The wedding was not performed at once and we kept on the lookout for the report, and no one seemed to know anything about the matter. Thursday last, the couple slipped up to the Holy Rosary church and had the knot tied and departed on the train in the afternoon for South Omaha, where they spent their honeymoon, returning in time Friday to play for the dance on that evening. A number of their friends found out about the wedding Saturday evening, but found the happy couple gone. They were at the home of Cyril Janda, a brother of the groom, but were telephoned for, and after arriving at home, the seranaders turned loose their artillery of noise making machinery, and one would have thought pandemonium had broken loose and the happy groom at the age of 55 was compelled to make a speech. He provided a treat down town and after wishing them a happy life, their friends departed for the city where they made merry.

Funeral of Mrs. Edward Klaus.

The remains of Mrs. Edward Klaus arrived Sunday morning from Burlington, Iowa, her late home, and were conveyed to the home of her father at the head of First street on Winterstein hill, from which place the funeral was held yesterday afternoon, the interment being made at Oak Hill cemetery. Rev. A. A. Randall delivered the funeral sermon. A large number of friends and fellow-workman of the sorrowing father were present, as well as former acquaintances and friends of Mrs. Klaus, who had known her during childhood.

Mrs. Klaus nee Viola Wampler was born some twenty-three years ago at Eureka, Illinois, and had moved to this city with her parents some years since, marrying about six years ago and since, making her home in Burlington, Iowa. Mrs. Klaus, mother and sister, Miss Marie Wampler, of Omaha were present at the funeral.

Mrs. Sherman Improving.

A few days since, Mrs. C. S. Sherman submitted to an operation for appendicitis and we clip the following in reference to same from the Lincoln Journal: "Mrs. C. S. Sherman, who was operated upon about a week ago for appendicitis has been removed from the hospital to her home. Prospects are good for her complete recovery at any early date." Mrs. Sherman formerly resided in Plattsmouth where she has many friends who will be pleased to learn of her improvement.

Cut Hand on Skates

W. D. Smith, the tinner, is taking an enforced layoff. Will had been skating yesterday and was just starting for home, when stepping off the ice he put his foot into some mud which the sun had thawed. His foot slipped and he fell upon his skates, the blade of one striking his hand, cutting out a piece of the fleshy portion of the palm in such a way that it will be difficult to work until the injury has time to mend.

Building Homes.

T. J. Isner returned home last Saturday evening from Murray, where he has been putting the finishing touches on a house for Earl Jenkins, which is a very finely appointed residence. The dining room, of which Mr. Isner says, is a beauty itself, overlooking the whole city and the railway, with a beautiful view of the surrounding country to the southeast. Mr. Isner will immediately begin upon a residence northwest of the city for John Boeck, who expects to take unto himself a wife as soon as he shall have the home completed.

T'LL BOOST THE OLD MISSOURI

Navigation the Theme of the Sioux City Congress This Week—2,000 Delegates from the Missouri Valley Will Be Present.

The Missouri river navigation congress, which will be held in Sioux City Wednesday and Thursday of this week, will be the biggest waterway meeting ever held west of St. Louis and it will be a powerful factor in obtaining a large appropriation from the next Congress for Missouri river improvement. The calling of the congress is the direct result of the establishment of the Kansas City boat line and the demonstration to the other cities of the Missouri valley are now thoroughly awake to the possibilities of river navigation and so great is the interest that it is expected that no fewer than 2,000 delegates from the Missouri valley cities will be present.

The interest is not confined to the lower river. The people at the headwaters in Montana, 1,500 miles from Sioux City, will send large delegations to the convention. Cities as far away from the river as Chicago will send delegates. All of the Western river improvement associations will be represented, including the Missouri River Valley, and the Upper Mississippi River improvement associations, the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterway association, the National Rivers and Harbors congress and the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress.

Five Governors to Be There.

The inland waterways commission represented by Dr. W. J. McGee; the rivers and harbors committee of the House of Representatives by Representative E. C. Ellis of Kansas City, Representative B. P. Birdsall of Iowa, and Representative Joseph P. Ransdell of Louisiana, who is also president of the national rivers and harbors congress. The governors of Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota and Illinois and several of the upper river congressmen are also expected, as well as the mayors of Kansas City, Omaha and several of the smaller cities.

The convention will be called to order in the New Grand theatre at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and the opening address will be made by Governor Albert B. Cummins of Iowa. Wednesday

night the delegates will be the guests of the city at a dinner. The second session of the congress will be held Thursday morning and the closing session Thursday afternoon.

Interesting Statistics.

The following from the Nebraska City Daily Press will give the readers an idea of the river traffic done at that point in 1865. Probably there was just as much, and perhaps more such business done here at Plattsmouth. The Journal will endeavor to secure some statistics for the same year:

"The Press takes pleasure in showing by the statistics below, the volume of business done here in the 'steam boating days' and which is taken from the fifth annual report of the directors of the Nebraska City Board of Trade and represents the business of 1865. While these of course were 'freighting days' and only refers to the freighting outfits carried also, it gives an accurate idea of the river work, which has now become of distinct interest to every river town resident.

"Received and forwarded by Hawley and White, agents for H. & St. Joe River Packets: wagons 2,863; men 3,293; mules 3,013; oxen 23,267; weight 12,012,586.

"Received and forwarded by Ashton & Tait, agents for through lines of Missouri Packets: wagons 2,047; men 2,297; mules 1,808; oxen 13,208; weight 8,951,033.

"By government contractors; freighters received direct from the river and Iowa and Missouri trains passing through: wagons 2,455; men 2,795; mules 2,510; oxen 18,238; weight 481,806.

"By merchants of goods sold here; by contractors of grains raised in the neighborhood, and all transient lading: wagons 2,946; men 3,354; mules 2,892; oxen 21,884; weight 12,578,170.

"We have simply given the figures above to show of what inestimable importance the steamboats were in the early days and to give added prominence to an industry which could be and may be of great value to this city."

FRATERNAL UNION INSTALL OFFICERS

A Very Enthusiastic Meeting Was Held Monday Evening by the Order

Last evening being the regular meeting of the Fraternal Union of America, the routine business was hurried through in order that more time might be had for the installation of officers for the coming year. After the installation, the question came up as to what should be done looking toward an aggressive campaign for securing new members. The matter was finally disposed of by instructing the secretary to write to a state deputy for assistance and have him come here to do some special work in this field. The officers for the coming term which were installed last evening are Geo. McDaniel, Fraternal Master; L. A. Newland, Justice; Permalia Tyler, Truth; Ida Kunsman, Mercy; W. L. Street, Treasurer; M. S. Briggs, Secretary; Margaret Rennie, Guide; M. A. Street, Guard; Mrs. George McDaniel, Sentinel; Virginia McVickers, W. H. Miller and Hugh Cecil, Stewards.

Freddie Mittlemeyer Comes Home.

This morning Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mittlemeyer went to Omaha and will return with their son, Freddie, who has been in the hospital at that place for some time, having had an operation performed on his foot for the cure for tuberculosis of the bone. The bone had to be partially removed in order to effect a cure, but since the operation, which occurred nearly a month since, the little fellow has been getting along in fine shape, and approaching complete recovery.

Guy Newcomer at Home

This morning L. A. Newcomer returned home from Glenwood, Iowa, where he has been since Friday nursing his son, Guy, who fell down an elevator shaft, sustaining severe injuries. Guy was well enough to be brought along though in a very bad condition yet. He was taken to his home on Diamond street, and it is hoped that he may have a speedy and complete recovery.

Were Busy as Bees

The Busy Bee sewing society, a band of little girl workers, met at the home of Miss Gracie Hopenhall last Saturday afternoon, and their deft fingers made the needle fly for a time, after then the hours were spent in a lighter occupation. Games such as delight the children's heart, were indulged in, until the older ones called time for refreshments, which were greatly enjoyed, Gracie proved a capitol entertainer.

Depart for the West

Mrs. F. P. Brown has sold their residence on the corner of Pearl and Fourteenth street, and will in a few days depart for the west, where Mr. Brown and children will visit at points in Kansas. They go to San Bernardino, California, at which place, Mr. Brown has a good position in the railway shops.

Hand Not Doing Well

Mrs. George S. Shoeman, who has been visiting at Louisville, for some time past, has been having so much trouble with her hand, which she got broken some time since, that she was compelled to return home to have it treated, as it is not doing as well as she would like.

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