

## MESSAGE SPLITS REPUBLICAN PARTY

### Bitter Fight for Control Between Radicals and Conservatives Already Started---Antis to Rally to Hughes of New York.

In speaking of the recent message of the president, a special from Washington says: "President Roosevelt's sizzling message to Congress, coming on the heels of the business depression, and fired upon Congress at a critical time in the preliminaries for the presidential campaign, has split the Republican party wide open. It is now to be unrelenting and bitter warfare between the Roosevelt radicals and the conservatives. The struggle is to have all the intensity of that within Democratic ranks over the silver issue in 1896. Hughes is chosen as the man around whom all the anti-Roosevelt Republican forces are to rally. The fight is certain to shake the carefully built structure of the Republican organization from turret to foundation stone.

**Conservative vs Radical.**  
The message sharply defines an issue of conservative vs. radical, a distinction of party nomenclature that has been a prominent feature of the political history of Great Britain, but thus far has not appeared in the politics of this country. No one here yet sees that a radical and a conservative party, under these names, are to come into immedi-

ate being. Yet it is being asked in Washington now. "How can men like Aldrich, like Hale, like Allison, the great Senate triumvirate, be longer classed in the same party with Roosevelt?" They will all try to stay in, but types such as the former will make a desperate effort to regain control of the party machinery. It is then planned that the Roosevelt people shall trail or strike out for themselves. In this connection, parenthetically, Mr. Roosevelt himself object to calling it "radical" vs. "conservative," and prefers "reactionary" vs. "progressive."

**Conceal Real Views.**  
The quoted comments of Republican legislators upon the message do not begin to express their real views. Those who differ in principle, if they spoke out, would talk almost as strongly as did Chancellor Day, of Syracuse University. Those who are alarmed merely from political fears, but are afraid to join issue with the President, forswear themselves and give perfunctory endorsement. Many of both sorts, more determined than ever in opposition to Roosevelt, having set to work under cover to get the control of the Chicago convention.

## THE STORY OF THE STARS

### As Told to the Children of The 6th, 7th and 8th Grades of the City Schools

At the public library last Saturday, Mrs. Thomas Pollock, in a way that could be understood by everybody, told the "Story of the Stars" to the children of both the public and parochial schools. She had charts which showed the solar system, the eclipses, the rotation of the earth and other planets, the forward progress of the sun, the circling of the earth by the moon, its different phases, the cause of the shining of the sun, as reflected light from the sun. She also showed the causes of the changing of the seasons, the relative length of the year of the different planets, from the 20-day year of Vulcan, the little fellow who hugs up close to the sun and gets around that luminous every three weeks, and which not one person in a million has ever seen, to the planet, Neptune, so far off in space that it requires 165 of our years for it to make its circuit around the sun. With the charts and the pleasant manner of giving the descriptions, she was able to interest everyone present. All went away having a better understanding of the story the stars tell than ever before, and every one had a very kindly feeling for Mrs. Pollock for her kindness in telling them the story.

### "Posey" Messersmith Joins Dippers

Last Saturday at the ice working station on the river D. W. Messersmith had the misfortune to make a mistep, and in a moment there was a struggling mass of good-natured humanity in the "Big Muddy," grasping for a spike pole which his fellow workmen were all eager to extend to him. While he was fortunate in grasping one pole, others were hooked into his clothing in various portions of his body and he was lifted to the solid ice as good-natured as ever, for that is his strong point, but very damp and disagreeable to his feelings.

### Aged Lady Gets Arm Broken.

Simone Clark returned this morning from Cedar Creek, where he has been visiting over Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Jane Clark, who is 82 years of age, and who fell and broke her arm a week or more since. Mr. Clark says that his mother is getting along as well as one of her advanced aged would be expected to.

### Sues James M. Palmer.

A friendly suit has been started in the district court by Asa McCullough against J. M. Palmer to recover a sum of money representing the proceeds of his sale held on the 16th of the month. Mr. Palmer clerked the sale, and after the sale was over, Mrs. McCullough served notice on him to pay no money to Mr. McCullough—and of course he has held the money in order to protect himself. Mr. McCullough then started this suit to determine to whom the money belonged—himself or Mrs. McCullough.

An attempt was made to settle out of court, but without any success. And so to settle the matter, Mr. McCullough started suit for divorce against his wife alleging desertion and the one above to get the proceeds of the sale.—Nehawka Register.

### Made Three More Members.

The secret fraternity who hold their meeting on the ice on the river and whose initiation in part consists of going under water, added three more to the membership yesterday, when Waverly Barnhart, George Lindsey and Louis Mittlemeyer, became members by initiation. They in one way and another took the plunge, and found like "McGinty" of the same. The water it was wet, and they had not found him yet. They now know the grips for they used them in getting out of the water, and the pass words for they all passed the word along, and all the secret work.

### Receives Third Prize on Corn.

Carl Kohrell, of Kenosha, son of L. H. Kohrell, received a letter from the office of the superintendent of the state experimental station that he had received the third prize for corn selection, which was sent to the state farm for exhibition. In those entering the contest were something near two thousand, and for one to score third thus shows an exceedingly good selection of ten ears. Earl is well pleased with the prize which will amount to ten dollars. L. H. Kohrell has some corn there but has no reply from it.

### Six Weeks More Winter

Yesterday was Ground-hog day and if Mr. G. Hog has not changed his methods, he did what he has always done—go back in his hole. Yesterday was a beautiful day overhead and "Old Sol" was as bright as a new silver dollar the entire day. He evidently saw his shadow in this part of the country and hiked back to hibernation, and will stay hibernated for six weeks, while the children enjoy the skating and sleigh-riding, and their old man grumbles at the coal bill. If Mr. G. Hog's theory holds good, there will be many wishes that his hogship never existed.

### Force Reduced at Havelock.

The Lincoln Journal says the Havelock shops of the Burlington reopened Monday morning. The Journal adds: "Further reductions in the force, however, were made. At the blacksmith shops where about sixty men were employed, half of the force was laid off until Thursday next. The men were instructed to report for work next Thursday morning, when if there is anything for the men to do they will be set to work. It is understood, however, that no definite promise was made the men."

## TELEPHONE COMPANY HOLD MEETING

### Declare Customary Ten Per Cent Dividends on Stock and Transact Other Business

The Plattsmouth Telephone company held its annual meeting Monday evening and declared the regular 10 per cent dividend on stock, elected officers for the coming year and transacted other important business. Among matters brought up for consideration was the opening of exchanges at Alvo and Murdock, two places not yet having exchanges. All the county can be reached elsewhere, such having been the case for some time, and in due deference to the subscribers in the remaining part of the county, these places will soon have exchanges. This company has made good from the first, and each succeeding year marks decided improvement in the service. The matter of new toll lines to Omaha came up also and received favorable consideration.

Present from outside the city were M. H. Pollard, Nehawka; Edwin Jerry, Dr. J. M. Neeley, A. M. Ferguson, Bert Clement, John L. Wood and Archibald McFall, Elmwood; Wm. G. Earhardt, C. E. Mockenhaupt and Frank H. Stander, Manley; H. F. Swanback, Greenwood; B. H. Landes, Waverly; John Bickert, Elmwood.

The officers elected for the coming year were: T. E. Parmele, president; C. C. Parmele, vice-president. T. H. Pollock, general manager and treasurer; J. N. Wise, secretary. Board of Directors, C. C. Parmele, T. E. Parmele, T. H. Pollock, C. H. Smith, Jacob Tritsch, Plattsmouth; Edwin Jeary, Dr. J. M. Neeley, Elmwood; M. H. Pollard, Nehawka; Frank H. Stander and C. E. Mockenhaupt, Manley; H. T. Swanback, Greenwood; and Peter Eveland, Murdock.

A resolution was passed ordering that hereafter quarterly dividends be declared instead of the annual dividends, as heretofore.

### Dinner for Ex-Governors.

Governor and Mrs. Sheldon have issued invitations to all ex-governors of Nebraska to dine with them on the evening of February 22. Four out of the eight former governors live in Nebraska. The invitations have just been issued and it is not known how many will be able to attend. The living governors are: Albinus Nance, Nice, France; James W. Dawes, Atlanta, Ga.; Lorenzo Crouse, Omaha; Silas A. Holcomb, Seattle, Wash.; W. A. Poynter, Lincoln; C. H. Dietrich, Hastings; Ezra P. Savage, Tacoma and John H. Mickey, Osceola.

### A. B. Taylor Still Very Sick

Will B. Taylor departed for his home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, today having been here for some time on account of the sickness of his father, who has been confined to his bed for a number of months. Uncle Andy is still very sick and not yet able to be out of his bed. His many friends will be pleased to know of his entire recovery.

### The Burlington Makes Changes

Clarke Roth, formerly storekeeper at Alliance for the Burlington, has been transferred to Galesburg, while the office at Alliance has been consolidated with that of Denver. G. H. Britter formerly of Galesburg has been transferred to Lincoln, while T. Berryweather has been given the position at West Burlington.

### Will Attend the Tournament.

Our old friend, Herman Bestor, departed this afternoon for Lincoln, where he will tomorrow take part in the checker play's tournament, which is to open there tomorrow. When it comes to playing checkers Uncle Herman knows how the trick is done, and can show the best of them a merry chase.

## FARMERS' INSTITUTE

### Several Very Interesting Addresses Given at the Session Monday Evening

Monday at the court house were gathered a number of people to listen to the lectures by Dr. and Mrs. Ashburn on the subjects listed on the program. Mrs. Ashburn spoke first and took up her subject in a very nice way, saying she would divide the remarks she had to say into four divisions. The subject was "How Woman May Do Her Work Easier." First have a knowledge of how to do it; second, become skilled in the doing; third, have the appliances and tools by which to save one in doing the work; fourth, use your mental endowments in finding some way out of difficulties. On each of these she gave many illustrations and good advice. Mrs. Ashburn said she had had the experience of keeping house for fifty years, and knew whereof she spoke. She explained what she called a fireless cooker, which she said was a great invention.

After the kindly talk of Mrs. Ashburn, Bessie Windham gave a very interesting reading about "Jane Letting the Dog In," which pleased the audience.

Then followed a talk by Dr. Ashburn in which he spoke with great difficulty on account of a sore throat. His subject was "Boys and Girls of the American Home," and was brimming with good advice. Among other things he said he wished to impress the fact upon his audience, that they should in any event teach their girls how to keep house. Give the musical education if they could, or an education in art, or a business course, but be sure and teach them how to cook, and be an engineer of the household, and one which would not cause any wrecks.

## MASS MEETING OF THE FARMERS

### Congressman Pollard Planning to Hold Such Meeting in Each of the Counties.

The Lincoln News says that Congressman Pollard is planning now to hold a mass meeting of the farmers in each county of his district sometime during the month of March. At these meetings he expects to have three or four men from Washington to address the farmers. One will discuss the fruit interests, one the cereal interests, a third, improved methods of farming in a general way; and a fourth, good roads, or matters relating to stock interests. Mr. Pollard, himself a farmer, is greatly interested in this subject, and anxious to have the farmers of the state and in his district secure the benefits of the great amount of information that is available in Washington.

Mr. Pollard's new duties as a member of the committee on agriculture have been keeping him busy this winter. The committee has been meeting every day practically, all day long. This is one of the four or five great committees of the house and has the privilege of meeting while the house is in session, consequently he has been on the floor but very little for the past few weeks. In a recent personal letter he said that he found the work very agreeable, and is taking much interest in its deliberations.

When the sub-committees were appointed by the chairman he was made a member of the sub-committee on appropriations. This is the sub-committee that drafts the bill; consequently he will be in a position to exert a great deal of influence in the provisions of the bill as it goes before the house. Heretofore it has been the custom to appoint the two ranking republicans with the chairman and the two ranking democrats on this sub-committee. This year, however, they jumped over the heads of four republicans who outrank Mr. Pollard in order to place him on this sub-committee. It was through Congressman Pollard's policy that Mr. C. P. Hartley was sent to the Nebraska corn improvers' association meeting in Lincoln. The plan he presented for the co-operative work with the farmers of the state is the one Mr. Pollard presented and which will in all probability be adopted by the committee. He expects to have this work taken up in the spring.

## MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF LITTLE CHILD

### Sunday Afternoon at Murdock Father Attempts to Bury Same in an Ordinary Box Monday Morning---Coroner Investigating.

Murdock, Neb., Feb. 4th, 1908. [Special to the Journal.]—Great excitement prevails at this place on account of the sudden death Sunday afternoon of the three-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhut, and the remains of which the father attempted to bury in an ordinary box yesterday morning, and at which he was apprehended. The strangeness of the circumstances surrounding the death and attempted burial of the little one has caused great excitement among the whole community, and called for an inquiry being made by the coronor's jury. Upon being asked for information upon the subject Mr. Eisenhut refused to give any light upon the death of the infant, which was a little girl named Edith and about three months of age, otherwise than it choked to death.

County Attorney Rawls and Sheriff Quinton were telephoned for and with the coronor are holding an investigation with the end in view of finding how the little one came to its death. Two years

since another little one died and was buried as this one was attempted to have been, and the only information which could be obtained regarding its death, is that it choked to death on condensed milk, and like this one, the father placed it in a box and taking to the cemetery, buried it himself.

The Eisenhuts have made their home at Murdock for the past twelve or fifteen years, coming to this place from Plattsmouth, where they were married. Since living in this place has been necessary to confine Mrs. Eisenhut in the hospital for the insane a time or two. There is another girl about 11 years old named Gera. While Mr. Eisenhut is not in any ways addicted to the drink habit which would be called excess, he, it is claimed, is very brutal with his family, oftentimes beating his family, the wife getting the majority of the beatings. The community feel that foul play has been the cause of the death of the little one.

### Elect J. W. Gamble Superintendent.

The board of education elected Professor J. W. Gamble as superintendent of city schools for the coming year at their meeting last evening. This is an indorsement of the good service and general good satisfaction which he has given the patrons of the school, and board of education. Mr. Gamble succeeded a man who was very popular, and who made an eminently successful administration of the public school, and for one to take up the work as it had been laid down by the former superintendent, E. L. Rouse, and without a hitch, carried the work along, in the direction of higher aims, and better service is a thing which is not an easy matter. Taking hold of the affair, Mr. Gamble has more than succeeded in the administration of the affairs of the schools, and is giving the best of satisfaction, of which this election is an endorsement.

### Looking For an Old Friend.

Dr. J. W. Hutchison, of Chicago came in last evening and is looking for his friend, John Ritchie, a cousin of Clinton Ritchie, who formerly lived in the northwest portion of the city, and who moved from here to Billings, Montana, some years since. Dr. Hutchison is a brother of the Hutchison of board of trade fame, known as "old Hutch," who cornered the wheat a number of years ago, and was a boyhood friend of the Ritchie boys, years ago in Scotland county, Illinois. Just recently, some rich relatives have died, leaving an immense amount of money to this man, John Ritchie, who is a nephew of the late James Ritchie, who died at this place several years ago, but of whose whereabouts nothing can be found.

## TAX TITLES UNDER SCAVENGER LAW

### Much of the Work in Giving Notice Will Have to be Done Over.

The Supreme court a week ago handed down a decision on the question of final notice publications under the scavenger tax law that would have saved thousands of dollars and many months time to those securing tax titles had the decision come two years earlier. In the cities of the state, and especially in Omaha and Lincoln, there were thousands of lots that were practically abandoned by owners in hard times and were left with county and city holding them for thousands of dollars of back taxes and penalties. These since sold to hundreds of different purchasers, who believed the property worth the taxes and the expense of getting title, have been for three and four years in process of clearing up and, in clearing up, the law required notice given by publication to all owners and those interested in the titles. In Omaha this work was commenced a year before it was in Lincoln and the general plan in both cities was followed of bunching together several tracts and making a single notice cover them and the parties in whose names they were. The supreme court has held that each individual tract and owner must have an individual notice and consequently hundreds of notices that have been printed and paid for must all be done over again in greatly increased number, and where final confirmation have been made the work will have to be gone over again.—Lincoln Trade Review.

## CHARGED WITH DAY-LIGHT ROBBERY

### Entered Rear Window Tearing Away Screen, Got Money But Was Seen and Is Now in Jail

Leopold Garndmeir hailing from Omaha was charged with entering the shoe store of John Gebhardt and stealing about six dollars Saturday morning. It seems that John Gebhardt the shoemaker, who runs the store in the Lehnhoff building, is also the janitor for the saloon owned by Wm. Heinrichsen, and although he had fed this man and provided a place for him to loaf, it seems that while the shoemaker was doing his janitor work in the saloon, Sir Leopold sneaked around to the rear of the room occupied by Mr. Gebhardt, tore away the screen, raised the window and stealthily slipped over to the place where the change is kept, emptying the same into his pocket, sneaked out of the window again. Lowering the sash he slipped away in the fast approaching dawn.

Strongly the circumstances point to the man arrested as being the guilty party, and he has been arrested and now languishes in the city bastille, to await a preliminary examination which cannot be had until the return of C. A. Rawls, who was called out of the city to conduct a hearing of a coroner's inquiry as to the death of a little child at Murdock, which is being held today.

### Richard Harold Amen at Rest

Monday at Lincoln was held the funeral of little Richard Harold Amen, son of Jacob Amen and wife, the latter formerly Miss Addie Graves. Rev. Harmon of the Christian church preached the funeral and conducted the services. Mrs. A. J. Graves and son, Paul, returned home last evening, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Amen, who will remain here for a few days and visit with friends.

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