

POLITICAL PAP; POLITICAL CHUCK

Why Federal Officeholders Want Roosevelt Re-nominated---They Want to Nurse the Public Taet During Their Existence on Earth.

The following is taken from the Bells Fourche (S. D.) Northwest post, and was written by the only Vallery, who is a republican. The author is a former Cass county citizen, and strikes straight from the shoulder:

What is the motive in prolonging the shouting for a third term for President Roosevelt, after he has reiterated his declaration that he would not take a third term? There is but one answer to the question, and that is: Political pap, political chuck, political sustenance. There is an army of Americans who lives by the grace of appointment by the president, who do not come under the civil service rule, and these are the chaps who are keeping up the third term yell; and their motive is easy bread and butter and some dough. Why don't these appointees take Mr. Roosevelt at his word and work for some other good republican for president? Right there is where the shoe pinches; it must be Roosevelt or nothing for them. The appointees who are holding office at the present time by the grace of the republican party are fully aware that their job will soon come to an end if Roosevelt is not the next nominee on the republican ticket for president.

It matters not who the next president of the United States will be, if he

is other than Teddy Roosevelt, there will be a house-cleaning. Hence there is only one recourse for those fellows who are holding office now, and that is to stick to Roosevelt and get him nominated, and even then they have two chances of losing out—one by the defeat of Roosevelt at the polls, and the other by being petitioned out by their neighbors.

The American people are determined to remove the underlings who are holding fat jobs at the present time, and so determined are they that if the president does allow himself to be placed before that movement by accepting the nomination for the coming four years, he, too, will go down to defeat.

Congress, along with the several administrations for the past quarter of a century prior to Rooseveltism, is responsible for the dishonest men with their polluted capital who have been robbing the American people. The conditions that are now disturbing this nation would not have occurred had not the underlings and their tools pulled the wool over the eyes of the innocent and uninformed voters at home, and by the grace of Theodore Roosevelt there are enough of these poor fellows who have had the wool removed, so that there is now a quorum to do business in the interests of the American people.

P. B. VALLERY.

Gave Cecile a Surprise.

Last Saturday being the birthday of Miss Cecile Hackenberg, a number of her friends got together and going to her home made the evening one long to remember, and were a merry crowd until a late hour. The time was spent in games such as are pleasing to the young people, and was added to by a delightful lunch during the evening. There were a number of little presents that bespoke the feeling entertained for the young lady by her many friends. On departing all wished Cecile many more such pleasant evenings spent as this one. Those present and taking part in the making of the pleasant evening were, Misses Tillie Fanger, Verna Hatt, Bertha Jackson, Hazel Tucey, Jennie Batton, Hulda and Clara Goos, Masters Earl Blunt, Dorr McBrice, Elmer Spies, Roy Thompson, Carl Scotton and Glen Edwards.

Nebraska City Banquet.

In speaking of the Plattsmouthians who participated in the banquet at that place Saturday night, the Nebraska City News says: The closing toast was by Mat Gering, of Plattsmouth, who spoke on "The Aesthetic Side." Mat was at his best, and he was eloquent to a degree seldom heard.

Judge Travis spoke on "The Jury" and told how he could be made pure; also giving his interpretation of the work. From what he said there will be no attempt at "jury fixing" while he is on the bench.

A. N. Sullivan, of Plattsmouth, was booked for one of his Irish speeches, but was unable to be present, so Hon. R. B. Windham was substituted. He told of Judge Jessen's work in Cass county, how he was appreciated, and on behalf of the Cass county bar presented him with a handsome silver water service.

Will I. Howland and Wife Returns.

Will I. Howland and family returned Tuesday from their trip to Mitchell, South Dakota, where they have been visiting for the past three months. During the time they were absent, Mr. Howland was afflicted with the small-pox. They report the winter very fine in the north, with plenty of work all the time. Will has been engaged at his trade as carpenter all the time with the exception of when he was in the hospital with the small-pox. They are both looking fine and appear as if they had spent the winter in nice shape.

MUST OBSERVE TRUANT LAW

Frank Kaufman, Draws Minimum Fine for Keeping His Fifteen Year old Daughter From School.

The Beatrice Daily Express says: "Frank Kaufman this morning in Judge Spafford's court pleaded guilty to the charge of keeping his daughter Anna, fifteen years old, out of school. In consideration of his pleading guilty he was given the minimum fine \$5 and costs. The fine could have been as much as \$20. The court cautioned Mr. Kaufman not to repeat the offense.

The child must be sent to school, and each day she is kept out will be construed as a separate and distinct offense. "This has been a persistent case. The girl's last day in school was the tenth of January a year ago. The school board had exhausted every other means of securing the observance of the law in this case. They are well pleased with the outcome.

"Labor Commissioner Ryder has been following the case carefully, and came down from Lincoln to be present at the hearing. He expressed himself as entirely satisfied with the result. In regard to the general effect of the outcome of this case Mr. Ryder said:

"We expect the result in this case to have good effect throughout the state, because it is the first case we have had to go into court with and have a parent fined for neglect to send his children to school. While this was not brought specifically as a test case, but merely in the routine of Dr. Albright's work, it can be regarded as a test case in the large sense that it proves that the compulsory school attendance law is good."

Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Very Sick

During the past week, Mr. and Mrs. Wynn sr., have been very sick at their home. Tuesday they were reported as being slightly improved, though on Saturday evening each had a very severe spell, and especially was the condition of Grandpa Wynn serious. It is hoped that they may both improve rapidly and soon be well. They are both well along in years and it is difficult for them to get around to assist in the care of each other.

Returned to Illinois

Martin N. Frederick and John Volk, the former a cousin of our M. L. Frederick, came in Friday night from Randolph, this state, where they have been visiting for some time past. This morning Mr. Frederick departed for his home at Pekin, Illinois, and will be followed by Mr. Volk Tuesday morning. They were visiting with friends near Randolph, and looking after some purchases of land which they made some time ago.

THE PLATTSMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monthly Report of the Same for Month Ending January 31, 1908

The following is the report of the Plattsmouth city schools, for the month ending January 31, 1908:

Teacher	Membr.	Att'd.	Tardiness	Per cent
Brooks	157	150.8	7	95.9
Cole	44.8	40.8	0	90.5
Larson	42.2	40.2	1	93.6
Martens	37.7	34.9	2	92.5
Yelenek	46	42.4	1	92.6
Freese	38.8	37.1	1	92
Tartsch	39.4	36.5	0	92.5
Towle	38	37	0	92.5
Morzan	39.3	37.1	0	95.8
Tresham	32.3	30.3	0	94.6
Helsel	38.5	37	1	94.6
Mason	33.4	22.2	1	94.2
Hansen	32	30	4	95.7
Kanka	50.4	46.9	0	94.7
Hawkesworth	47.2	44.8	1	93
Baird	20.9	48	7	93.2
Whalen	48	44.3	1	94.8
Wilson	40.8	37.2	9	94.3
Smith	31.2	48.3	0	92.3
Stemmer	26.9	25.1	0	91
Barwick	30.4	31.6	0	94.6
Hiber	10	4	1	94.7
Total	973	911.9	37	93.3

Total enrollment to date 1,154.

The work of the schools have been seriously interfered with during the past month on account of sickness. Dozens of students have been confined to their homes and many of the teachers have been ill. We are hoping to soon see all again in their accustomed places.

The money earned at the Christmas cantata by the students of the Central building has been used to purchase a piano. A very good instrument was secured. It is on the second floor in the main hall and can easily be heard throughout the entire building. It is a great help when the lines are passing and the students are greatly pleased with it.

The regular mid-year examination for members of the normal training class was given on Friday. Fourteen of our students took the examination. This is given under the direction of the state superintendent and grades earned in this examination may be placed upon a county certificate.

The preliminary debate to determine who shall represent the High school in the debating league will be held next week, probably on Thursday morning. The question is to be debated: Resolved, That the United States should own and operate the railway systems of the country. The following will try for places: Josephine Hall, Mattie Laeson, Marie Douglas, Milford Bates, Ben Windham and Ray Smith.

Thanks to the kindness of the Board of Education a new Underwood typewriter has been added to the office equipment of the city superintendent. The office is gradually being made one of the pleasantest little offices to be found in schools of this size.

The new reference books for the High school have been ordered and will arrive in a few days. This list of books was made out by the teachers of the various departments in the High school and includes some very valuable works.

The students and teachers are looking forward with great pleasure to the next number of the lecture course by George R. Stewart, which will be by far the strongest number that has been given this year.

The writer recently spent a half day inspecting the manual training department of the Omaha schools and we are more than convinced that a properly equipped manual training department is a most excellent thing. A poorly equipped one however would not be of very great value to the students.

Our basket ball squads, under the efficient management of Mr. Brooks, are improving rapidly, and while they have been rather unfortunate in the matter of winning games, it is due in part to the superior teams which they have met. We expect them to begin to win the majority of their games soon. The next game is a boy's game with Silver City, Ia., to be played here Saturday night.

It has been necessary to require students to pay damage done to text books or other school property during the past month. School property should be cared for as carefully as any other, and we do not believe it a good plan to allow stu-

dents to form the habit of destroying or defacing school books. They are forming bad habits as well as causing the district unnecessary expense.

* The national meeting of superintendents and principals, to be held in Washington, D. C., February 26, 27 and 28, promises to be the greatest meeting of the kind ever held in the country. The majority of the city and many of the county superintendents of Nebraska will be in attendance.

JUDGE TRAVIS AND JESSEN BANQUETED

The Nebraska City Lawyers Honor the Retiring and Present Judge.

A special from Nebraska City under date of February 8, says: "The Otce County Bar association gave a dinner to the Cass county bar complimentary to Paul Jessen, the retiring district judge, and H. D. Travis, the newly elected judge, at the Watson hotel this evening. An elaborate dinner was served. County Attorney D. W. Livingston acted as toastmaster. John C. Watson responded to "The Bar of the Second Judicial District," W. F. Moran to "The Litigant," E. F. Warren to "Felicities and Infelicities," Judge Paul Jessen to "On Both Sides of It," Jesse Root of Plattsmouth to "The Old Well and the Thirsty World," Judge H. D. Travis of Plattsmouth to "The Jury," William Hayward to "Selection of the Judiciary" and Matthew Gering of Plattsmouth to "The Aesthetic Side."

"There were many responses to impromptu toasts and it was a late hour before the guests took their departure."

NOTED LAND CASES IN THE EAST

One in Which a Prominent Cass County Citizen is Interested

The following is taken from the Charleston, (West Virginia) Daily Gazette of February 6th. The case in which reference is made to Henry Snyder, et al., is the one in which Geo. W. Snyder, well known to many of the readers of the Journal, is interested, and which involves thousands of acres of valuable timber and coal lands:

"This morning in supreme court two of the most noted land cases ever brought in the court of appeals of West Virginia will be argued. The cases are the State of West Virginia vs. the West Branch Lumber Co., and the State of West Virginia vs. Henry Snyder, et al. The first is from Braxton county, and the second is from Randolph. Attorneys R. G. Lynn, Cary C. Hines and Henry S. Cato represent the state in the case against the West Branch Lumber Co., which is represented by Attorneys Mollohan, McClintic & Matthews, A. W. Reynolds and John S. Clark.

"Representing the state in the second case is Lew Greynolds, while Hon. C. H. Scott, E. D. Talbot, Jake Fisher and Byron Clark will argue for Henry Snyder, et al.

"Mr. Byron Clark is the well-known attorney from Nebraska, and last night a telegram was received here announcing that he would be in the city this morning to attend court.

"The suits are over a tract of land in the counties of Braxton and Randolph which were forfeited for the non-payment of taxes. In the case of the West Branch Lumber Company the company claims to have paid the taxes due for a sufficient time to protect them under the provisions of article 13 of the constitution."

J. P. Falter's Father Very Sick.

Sunday J. P. Falter was called to Plainview by a message, telling of the very serious illness of Jacob Falter, sr, father of our townsman. Mr. Falter is well advanced in years and his friends here regret to hear of his sickness. His son, J. P. Falter, departed last evening for the bedside of his sick father.

Bought Them a Home.

Since purchasing and moving into their new home on Nine street, E. B. Thrall and wife have rented their former residence to Mat Leuck, the place on the corner of Third and Oak streets, and they liking the place so well have now purchased it for themselves.

CITIZENS DISCUSS FLOOD PROTECTION

At Meeting of City Council Monday a Number of Prominent Citizens Gave Their Views as to the Best Way of Preventing Damage.

There was not an alderman absent from his place, and the space outside the railing was well filled with representative citizens, when the sound of the mayor's gavel rapped for order and for the opening of the deliberations of the city dads. With the minutes of last meeting out of the way no communications, or petitions were presented for consideration, except the lowering of the streets, which was kept until the regular business of the session had been disposed of. The finance committee reported as per the appended list of bills, with one for \$34.00 of J. H. Hall going to the claims committee. The city clerk's books not yet audited, chief of police reported 5 arrests, while the report of the street commissioner showed a variety of things done, reporting one poll tax worked out. City clerk Elster showed in his report the collection of \$31.00.

The board of health reported three cases of smallpox, with all doing nicely, with the prospects of an early discharge from quarantine, as they were nearly over the melody. The report of the fire department showed all apparatus in good shape, and recommended the purchase of 150 feet of new hose, and repairing the roof of hose house, where shingles were off. This report went to the fire and water committee. The police judge reported the collection of \$24.00. Claim committee asked for more time on a bill of \$1.50 for McMaken which was granted.

The streets, allies and bridges committee reported O. K. on report of street commissioner. License committee had nothing to report. Fire and water committee recommended allowing the fire department 2 keys for the council chamber, and asked for more time for the consideration of the proposition of paying the president of the department a salary, which was granted, and the report adopted. The hospital committee recommended the paying of Dr. J. H. Hall \$550.00 for the bill which he has of \$673.00, which report was adopted and placed on file. The police committee reported it not advisable to pay H. D. Barr for time when M. Archer was away.

The judiciary committee reported the payment of \$200 per month on account to the water company, this amount to apply, leaving the balance of the contested amount open for future settlement. The matter of the acceptance was discussed, but as to whether it will

be accepted or not is not yet known. The report of the committee was adopted by the council. After which the citizens asked for an expression of their opinion as to the advisability of lowering the streets for the purpose of carrying off the surplus water. Many and varied were the opinions expressed as to what should be done for protection from the floods which have occurred for ages, and will probably recur again. Some advocated a sewer on Pearl and another on Vine street and still another in the middle of Main street, with the estimate of costs, varying from forty to eighty thousand dollars, while others advocated the lowering the Main, Sixth, Pearl and Vine streets, and building of high curbs where water turns to keep water in streets and protect property—to straighten the water courses and keep them clear of all rubbish. The census of opinion being that the better plan would be to lower streets. The matter was placed in the hands of a committee to report at the next regular meeting for action, with the committee instructed in interview the railroad in regard to the changing on the sewer under their tracks and making a passage way under the tracks at the lower end of Main street.

Claims Allowed.
J. H. Hall, med. service..... \$550 00
Neb. Light Co., light..... 1 00
Ben Rainey, salary..... 50 00
Joe Fitzgerald, same..... 50 00
John Janda, same..... 40 00
James Donnelly, same..... 4 50
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Treasurer's Report.
General fund..... \$ 272 76
Hydrant rental..... 6 358 81
Fire department fund..... 243 93
Library..... 108 75
Park..... 145 15
Police..... 343 01
Lighting..... 654 58
Interest..... 4 520 02
Dog..... 78 48
Cemetery..... 17 35
Business tax..... 39 20
Teachers..... 2 865 75
Overdrafts..... 18 448 75
Net balance..... 17 747 70

WERE SURPRISED BY NEIGHBORS

Had a Merry Time and One Long to Be Remembered By all Present

The neighbors in the neighborhood of Jess Elliott, last Saturday evening worked a complete surprise on him and his estimable wife. They had no idea that anyone was coming until one after another of their friends dropped in on them, and in a short time had their house well filled. One occasion for the surprise being the visiting in the neighborhood of a few friends from their old home at Hamburg, Iowa. Music, games and social conversation was the program for the evening, and at the proper time a delightful lunch was served from supplies brought along by the guests. Among those to add to the occasion were: Asbury Jacks and wife of Hamburg, Iowa, G. M. Jacks, wife and family, Walter Elliott, Will Miller, Andy Smith and wife, Mrs. J. B. Baumeister, John Elliott and family, J. Andrews and two sons, John Rutherford and family, S. S. Gooding and family and Fred Richardson and wife.

The Basket Ball Game.

The Basket Ball game played at Nebraska City was Plattsmouth 15 and 16, which made a very close game. This is a gain for the Plattsmouth team, and at the same rate of gain they would win easily next time.

Letter From Wm. Haberman.

A letter from Wm. Haberman, from Lincoln where he is taking a course of treatment for the over normal appetite for intoxicants, says that he is pleased with the treatment which he is receiving at the institution, that there are people from all portions of the state, and that it is working great good for them. Mr. Haberman thinks he will be able to return at end of course of treatment in fine shape, a fact everybody will be glad to know as well as he.

Entertains at Cards

Miss Anna Nashal, entertained last Saturday evening at cards. Those to win were Miss Lillie Yelenek the King prize, and Miss Josephine Buronek, the booby prize. A delicious two-course luncheon was served, all voting Miss Nashal a royal entertainer. Those to enjoy the occasion were: Misses Celia Polecek, Mary Kobek, Lillie Yelenek, Josephine Buronek, Anna, Nashal and Mike Rabb.

Case Under Advisement.

Matthew Gering and Ed. Brantner returned home Tuesday from a few days spent at Glenwood, Iowa, where they were resisting an attachment which an attorney at that place had made against a judgment in the hands of the court for \$1,200. Mr. Gering said that he is of the opinion that the case will be decided in the favor of Mr. Brantner. The court has it now under advisement.