

THE BIG "DOLLAR DINNER"

Bryan and Harmon the Guests of Honor and Principal Orators--Nebraskan Booms Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin

Kansas City, Mo., March 31.—Democrats from all parts of Missouri to the number of 2,000 attended a banquet in Convention hall in this city under the auspices of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Missouri, at which William J. Bryan and Judson Harmon were the guests of honor and principal speakers, and the recipients of repeated ovations from the 15,000 persons who thronged the hall. Each banqueter paid \$1 for the privilege of attending, even the distinguished guests insisting upon the democratic prerogative of paying for their plates. Democratic clubs in St. Louis, St. Joseph and other cities of the state sent representative delegations to the dinner.

It Was a Bryan Gathering.

Among the guests were four ex-governors of Missouri—J. T. Crittenden, David R. Francis, Senator Stone and Alex. M. Dockery, together with the present governor, Joseph W. Folk. All of the candidates for state offices were present. The meeting was essentially a Bryan affair, spontaneous enthusiasm marking every mention of his candidacy for the presidency. The reception accorded Harmon was no less cordial, and suggestions promising him high honors from his party were enthusiastically received.

Good Words for LaFollette.

Bryan's opening statement that "We have met to begin the campaign of 1908 and to present those principles and policies which ought to appeal to progres-

sive Republicans as well as to traditional Democrats," was the keynote of his speech, and showed the important significance he and his followers attached to the meeting. A feature of Bryan's speech was his approval of Senator LaFollette as the Republican candidate for president. He said: "If the president had picked out Senator LaFollette, a real reformer; if the Republican party had rallied to Senator LaFollette's support, it could have compelled the confidence of reform Republicans. Senator LaFollette has a record as a reformer; he has fought corporate domination in his own state for a decade."

Not an Admirer of Taft.

The speaker said that without the support of the administration Secretary Taft would scarcely have a state in the convention, and that Taft was the best man the president could find among his cabinet officers, but that the secretary's superiority over his colleagues is due not to his positive virtues, but to the fact that none of the rest of them has any reform tendencies whatever. Bryan's speech was largely a criticism of Taft as a presidential candidate. He also said that the "Roosevelt sentiment" was not for a man, but for an idea, and that idea was a Democratic one, for which reason the Democrats should have the votes of those holding the "Roosevelt" idea.

Harmon's speech was a general review of politics and policies, and a criticism of those held and acted upon

HORSES HAVE HYDROPHOBIA

Have Puzzled Doctor's For Sometime—Causes Much Loss of Stock

The following from Elmwood says: Friends here have just learned that Dr. W. L. Cameron of Palmyra, is in Chicago to take treatments for hydrophobia. The past two weeks, the doctor has lost three of his fine horses, the last one Cameron's Rest, a fine stallion valued at \$2,000, from dumb rabies. A veterinary from Lincoln and one of the state farms were called, but could do nothing to save the animal. In injecting medicine into one of the horses the doctor scratched one of his hands with the needle thus causing him to be apprehensive. The horses were very vicious, one of them biting Lent Henderson on the leg, but fortunately not breaking the skin.

It is thought the horses were bitten by skunks or rats. A short time ago the barn was over run with rats, but recently skunks have appeared in the barn and the rats have fled. Three dead skunks have been found in the barn, and it is surmised that rats and skunks in fighting may have become inoculated and bitten the horses.

A Good Word for the Press

A farmer in speaking before an institute of his profession, recently said: "As a rule a farmer knows no better friend than the country press. The home paper is distinctly the farmer's own paper. It is supported directly or indirectly by the farmers, who compose the backbone of the printer's subscription list and largely for him the merchants advertise. Now brother let us not forget our friends. Let us see that our subscription is paid before the first of April and a year in advance. Another thing, the merchants who advertise are the ones who make it possible for us to get a good local paper and the men or firms who are too penurious to advertise and help support the local press have no right to the farmers' patronage. I propose hereafter to go to a good, live advertiser instead of to those who propose to take all and give nothing in return. If the farmers, as a class, would support their friends, the other fellows would soon be out of business."

Look Out for the Picture Faker

He is the same man, same old game, and it looks like he finds the same old sucker every time. He comes around now giving an enlarged picture for nothing, secures a photo and goes away. Then he or another man gets you to give an order for a frame (\$3.) After a while he shows up with a poor picture in a cheap frame. Well, you know the rest—he bulldozes into taking it.

Now for some advice—cut out the picture habit, unless through a reputable photographer.

The editor helped extricate one of the Countryman boys from a shark of this kind. He sent notices that has been sued, and that he would get judgment, etc, etc., and if it had not been for us he would have paid him to get out of trouble. Don't be bluffed, but better still, don't bite. If you do you ought to be buncoed.—Nehawka Register.

Andy Taylor Very Sick

Will Hull is a visitor in the city from Hendley in the western portion of the state, called here by the very dangerous sickness of his uncle, A. B. Taylor, who has been sick for some time, and who has not been able to get out of house since last fall. Mr. Taylor is well advanced in years being 77 years of age, and the sickness which had been his lot to be afflicted with for the past two years, makes it more difficult for him to rally from on that account. His many friends would be greatly pleased to know of him improving, and trust that he may be get out again though the advanced age make it less probable that his recovery will be very rapid.

To Be Tried In Kangaroo Court

A question is being discussed among the switchman and others in the train service as to whether one not born in the state one not at the coming municipal election; and especially when one had been born in Missouri, without first taking out naturalization papers. The matter had been tried before, Judge P. M. Linsey, and the case has been appealed to the court presided over by Judge Thrall, arguments will have to be submitted by or before the time John Snead pulls out for Sioux City tomorrow in order to get a decision in time to settle the matter.

Improved Economy Separator

Printed announcement has been received in this city which gives the information that the Court has decided that the so-called "Improved Economy Separator," marketed by the Sears Roebuck Company is an infringement on another patent and that the company is enjoined from further sale of this particular make. The winner of the suit warns even the user of this make as it is stated that he is liable also if use is persisted in; and states that on January 6th the Sears Roebuck Co., was ordered to produce the addresses of all purchasers, dates and prices.—Nebraska City Press.

COULD NOT AFFORD TO MARRY

Young McDonald of New London, Iowa, Could Not See His Way Clear to Marry With Only A Dollar and a Half

The following telegram from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, bearing date March 30th, says. On March 12 a marriage license was issued Parrott McDonald and Miss Ora Cressup of near New London, but as yet they have not been joined in the holy bonds of matrimony, and the question is, will they ever be. They have been going together for about five years, and it is reported that Miss Cressup had been wanting to get married for the past two years, but that McDonald has put her off with one excuse and another.

Finally the young woman got so persistent that McDonald bantered her to get a license if she could and he would get married. She bet him \$25 that she could get a license, and he took her up. She came here and got a license over two weeks ago, but went back and found that he had back shaden. The hour of the marriage was set and the pastor came to perform the ceremony, but no groom appeared. After several hours' delay a searching party started out after the groom, and he was found at the club rooms. He was brought to the house where the marriage was to be performed, but he balked and would go no further. Entreaty was used, but of no avail. He said he had only \$1.50 in his pocket and the old clothes on his back and that he did not want to get married, and since that time the two have been on friendly terms, but have had no occasion to use the license. The whole community is awaiting the development with interest.

DROWNED IN AN OPEN CISTERN

Father Saves Little Son But Pays His Life as the Price

Monday a man at Omaha, whose child fell into a cistern, jumped into the water after the child, and while the water was only seven feet deep, was able to hold the little one above the water and out of danger until help came and the little one was saved. In order to do this the man stood on the bottom of the cistern and held the child above his head, and in doing so was drowned, the rescuers saving the child just as the father could stand it no longer and became unconscious. Many such places as this trap which took toll of the life of one of the citizens of Omaha, exist in every town with a fair possibility of the same kind of an accident being enacted, cisterns and wells should not be allowed to remain open and uncared and in an unsafe condition.

The Greatest "Free Pass" Sinner

The Kearney Democrats puts it right in the nutshell, when it says: "Victor Rosewater has been elected to head the reform forces as delegate at large to the republican reform convention to nominate a republican reform candidate for president. In spite of this prominent condition, Victor Rosewater, according to the expressed opinion of Attorney General Thompson, is the greatest "free" pass sinner in the state, and up to the present time the attorney general has made no attempt to purge his reform party of either Victor Rosewater or the "free" pass sin which he carries the amount of \$500. Why does not Attorney General Thompson act against Victor and purify his national convention? Why should the attorney general be afraid of the Omaha Bee or of Douglas county? If a \$50 advertising contract is a crime, is not a \$500 contract ten times as great a crime? Does the attorney general find it convenient to only annoy the little sinner and give Victor an immunity bath? Or does the law only apply to those who are not republican national delegates?"

PLATTE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

The Insurance Examiner Makes A Very Favorable Report of the Condition of the Above Named Company, And Shows a Good Business and Lower Rates

The inauguration of the Platte Mutual in the insurance business some time since was the death knell to the exorbitant rates charged by many of the old line fire and lightning insurance companies, as they nearly finish the insurance at cost, while they are keeping their reserve fund well protected and readiness for any contingency which may arise that would deplete or wipe out the general fund from which they pay the current losses or current expenses. The careful management of the company has gained an enviable reputation for this company and brought them lots of business, and of a character which stays and pays. The company are to be congratulated on the condition of their finances which the report of the insurance examiner shows which is appended herewith.

Lincoln, Neb., March 30, '08.
E. M. Searle, jr.
Auditor of Public Accounts,
Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Sir:—

In pursuance of your instructions, I have made an examination of the accounts and business of the Platte Mutual Insurance company of Plattsmouth, Neb., and beg leave to report.

This is a city and village mutual insurance company organized under sections 2968 to 2985 of the compiled statutes. The company was organized and commenced business April 4th, 1898.

I carefully verified the financial report of the company, of the business for 1907, filed with the insurance department and find the same correct-

ponds with the books of the secretary. I find the secretary of the company keeps correct accounts of all transactions of the company and the books show fully and in detail all the affairs of the company and this fact was of great assistance to me in making the examination.

The company provides for a reserve fund by taking 10 per cent of the gross receipts which is in accordance with the law. The company charges one half the board rate and a 50 cent policy fee which goes to the secretary. The rates charged have been sufficient to meet all fire losses. The company has on hand \$1,510.70 reserve fund and \$2,071.95 general fund, \$2,000 of the same is invested in a real estate mortgage and the balance is deposited in the bank to the credit of the company. The officers of the company are managing the affairs of the company in a competent business like way.

The secretary was very courteous to me and furnished me every assistance in making the examination. The secretary and treasurer are under bonds for the faithful performance of their duties. The following are the officers of the company:

W. J. White, president.
H. M. Soennichsen, vice-president.
H. J. Helps, treasurer.
Henry Gering, Secretary.
W. J. White, H. J. Helps, H. M. Soennichsen, D. O. Dwyer, T. E. Parmele, C. A. Marshall, Henry R. Gering, directors.

Respectfully submitted,
A. L. SEARLE,
Examiner.

UNKNOWN GRAVES

Former Citizen of Plattsmouth Pays Tribute to His Parents Who Sleep in An Unknown Grave.

John C. Boone, who for a number of years was a citizen of this place, and who is well known by the majority of our citizens, has paid tribute to his parents, who sleep in the sunny south, their last resting place marked only by a solitary beech tree, which has long since gone to decay, and left the graves unmarked. Mr. Boone, it will be remembered often dropped into verse, and many a good piece of poetry has come from his pen. This is especially good, as breathing the longings to know the last resting place, of the mortal remains of his parents.

Father and mother silently sleep!
Lost in unknown graves,
Which seemeth as sad, as if they were,
Beneath the briny waves.

There are no mounds or marble slabs,
To designate the spot;
The sacred mounds where they were laid,
Are long ago forgot.

They passed away when I was young,
They were laid beneath the beech;
Their spirits dwell far, far away,
Where no mortal eye can reach.

Though their cares and trials are over,
They dwell in boundless space;
It would be to me consoling,
To know earth's resting place.

The beech has fallen long ago,
No land mark can be found;
I sadly ponder and only know,
They sleep beneath the ground.

Though could I only designate,
Where father and mother lie;
I would wreath their graves with garlands,
Then pause and give a sigh.

To the Pleasure Loving Public.

The management of the moving picture entertainment who has for the past week been playing to crowded houses wishes to announce that on account of the small seating capacity of the Alcazar, we will locate in the Parmele opera house, where you may set in perfect comfort with surroundings befitting a play house. The pictures will be more plain and flickerless than heretofore seen in the Alcazar. It will be a comfort rather than a dread to look upon the best pictures ever produced in Plattsmouth. We run our own machine which will prove to you the difference in the pictures. Again we thank you for your attendance and hope you will patronize our present show more than ever. See our add for Wednesday night's show.

Uncalled For Letters

Remaining uncalled for letters at the Plattsmouth Post office on Monday, March 30th, was the following list and which when called for please say "advertised."

Ladies, Mrs. Hettie Baley, Gentlemen, C. Barkus, John Bignall, Henry Snoke, C. I. Smith, S. Smith and Harry Tigner.

IN THE GRASP OF THE LAW

A Nebraska City Couple Apprehended for Desertion of Children and Wife Will Have an Accounting

A special to the Lincoln Evening News of Tuesday says: Mrs. Emery D. Tibbetts and Ulysses Shelby, both of Nebraska City, Neb., were arrested Rockford Ill on request of Sheriff Fisher of Nebraska City. Shelby, who has a feather renovating business is charged with having abandoned his wife and several children. Mrs. Tibbetts was accompanied by her two young daughters and her brother, Earl Tuttle. The woman left Nebraska City ostensibly for a visit to Kansas with relatives. She met Shelby at Payne Junction and the two have been stopping at Illinois points. Shelby is a painter and paper-hanger. A few years ago he came into a fortune of \$30,000. Most of this has been spent. A small piece of property was sold recently for \$250, and with this money Mrs. Tibbetts and Shelby eloped. The Tuttle boy, Mrs. Tibbetts brother was sent back to Nebraska City. Wife desertion is charged against Shelby. Both were taken back to Nebraska City, by Sheriff Fisher.

Expect To Stop The Burlington

Phillip Neuman of Chicago, the great and windy city, was in city of Plattsmouth for the past three or four days, representing a house for the sale of dress goods and while here left his baggage at the Burlington station. The trunks came in Friday morning and remained until yesterday when he had them taken to the hotel where he displayed them. When he got the trunks the baggage man was not at the station and the storage which the road requires was neglected to be paid. This morning where he departed from the city, for Omaha the baggage man Frank Barcus, taxed the gentleman 25 cents. This incensed the Chicagoan, who stormed and said that he would see that the baggage man would be discharged, but which did not turn a hair of his head, for as he was in the performances of his duty and had nothing to fear.

FINE FARM HOMES IN CASS COUNTY

Many of our Farmer Friends are Starting Spring Building Early.

We do not believe there is a county in the state of Nebraska that can beat old Cass, when it comes to fine farms, well improved in every particular, fine residences and out buildings, fenced and cross-fenced, but at that it is not what our up-to-date and prosperous old Cass can boast of within a few more years. Our excellent friend Ed Tritsch, residing three miles west of town, has now under course of construction a fine new home, Amil Walters having just completed the foundation and brick work. It will be a modern two-story structure 28x28, and is now ready for the carpenters, Smith & Toeketter, who will start the at once. We understand that Henry Born, residing west of town, is the next on their list for a fine home, to be erected by the same gentlemen, and he sure can rest easy that it will be done right. The new home of Mr. Born will be one of the finest in Cass county, strictly modern in every particular. Another one of fine ones that will be erected before many days, will be on the farm of Peter Meisinger, out near Cedar Creek. Mr. Meisinger is one of the prosperous farmers of this county, and in his own language he says he wants to live in a good house before he dies, and he is sure going to have one when the new structure is completed. The last time Mr. Meisinger was in Plattsmouth he informed us that a portion of the lumber was on the ground, and work would be started as soon as the weather settled. Let the good work go on, for we are glad to see our farmers in their present prosperous condition, and to see them build fine new homes.

Will Live In Plattsmouth

A. P. Campbell and wife returned last evening from Hardsville, this state and will make this their home again. They have rented and will occupy the rooms over Wescotis clothing store as soon as their household goods arrive which was shipped a few days since.

WORKED OVER QUARTER CENTURY

A Faithful Employee of the Burlington at This Place For Over Twenty Six Years

With the blowing of the whistle at the Burlington shops last evening completed the work at that place of Fred Heinrich, who has faithfully worked day after day, in day out, at the shops at this place. Since 1882 has he been ever at his post and has made a good and faithful workman. During the first years he was employed in the blacksmith shops, where he put in a number of years of good hard work. From that place he was placed at the coal chutes, where he worked for a number of years, and was afterwards to work around the shop yards at any point, where their services are required here he continued until in 1892, or ten years from the time when he first entered the shops. At this time he was given a position which he has occupied until the present, that of watchman he has been a very trustworthy gentleman in whom the company could place the utmost reliance, and it is due to this fact they have retained him in this responsible position for so long. With the present he has been in the latter position for sixteen years making in all his term at the local shops something over a quarter of a century. Mr. Heinrich has a home south of the city, which he has made from from his savings which could not be very great as his earnings were never very large, and expenses necessarily considerable. He will look after his home place and do much work as he shall to offer in the city.

Hunted Ducks Yesterday.

Banker T. M. Patterson, was at Rock Bluffs yesterday hunting ducks and we haven't heard whether he got anything more than got back or not, but Fred Patterson tells us that he had a fine shot at a Mallard duck, as large as a horse and missed the beast. Well those Mallards are ornery critters to hit anyway.