

## RAILROAD EMPLOYEES OF STATE ORGANIZE

### An Organization Claiming 22,000 Members Join Together for Self-protection and Political Purposes to Bring the Desired Results.

The Lincoln News says that an organization claiming to represent 22,000 railroad employees of the state, formed for political purposes, avowedly opposing railroad rate reduction, promising protection from laws inimical to the interest of railroad employes, is being formed in Nebraska. The finishing touches was put on the central organization after a two days session in Lincoln of the executive committee named at the Omaha meeting. It is claimed that every railroad employe of the state will be made a member of the organization.

"This committee is formed for protection to the railroad employes of the state," said S. C. Mecomber of North Platte, a member of the order of railway conductors. "The committee is now forming a state wide organization to be used for political purposes to bring about the election of men wanted by railroad employes, to secure legislation favorable to our interests, and to head off legislation unfavorable. It is necessary for our protection that this be done. We haven't been requested to do this by the railroads. Neither have we been coerced. We are not afraid of reduction in wages. We represent labor organizations that will not permit the reduction of wages on the lines in this state, even though, the railroads must be thrown into the hands of receivers. Threats of reduced wages have not moved us. We have acted in this matter on our own motion."

#### The Organization

F. M. Ryan, Burlington engineer of Lincoln, is president of the executive committee which is composed of ten members. At the close of the two day's session of the committee held at

the Lindell hotel in Lincoln, Mr. Ryan said:

"The state organization of railway employes was begun in Omaha. The first meeting was held on April 27. An executive committee composed of representative employes from five roads in the state was appointed, and indications are that the other two will join in the movement. We have not advertised heretofore; we have not felt that the adverse articles printed in the papers are worthy of our notice."

"This organization will stand for fairness to railroad employes. We simply will demand justice."

"It has been charged in the papers that circulars have been sent by railroad managers charging employes with disloyalty. It has asked every member of the executive committee if he has seen or heard of such a circular being received by employes, and the answer has been 'no' in every case."

"Once for all we want to deny that this move was started by the management of the roads. We are going to protect ourselves. A plan was adopted at the present meeting for financing the organization, and for its management by employes only. There are twenty-two thousand railroad employes in this state."

"These are the members of the executive committee:

"F. M. Ryan, chairman, Burlington employe, Lincoln; M. J. Roche, Union Pacific employe of Omaha, secretary; P. H. Morrison, Northwestern employe, Fremont, treasurer; F. H. Crosby, Burlington employe, Lincoln; S. C. Mecomber, Union Pacific employe, North Platte; O. E. Collins, Northwestern employe, Chadron; W. J. Hultz, Missouri Pacific employe, Auburn; J. Mulvihill, Missouri Pacific employe, Lincoln; C. S. Puxton, dispatcher for the Omaha road, at Emerson; C. D. Hopkins, employe of the Omaha road at Sioux City."

## GEO. D. BENNETT DIED FRIDAY

### Well Known State House Man Succumbs to Illness.

The State Journal of this morning says: "George D. Bennett died yesterday afternoon at his home, 1928 Prospect street. Mr. Bennett was secretary of the state board of equalization and assessment and had lived in Lincoln seven years. He leaves a wife and three children, Charles, Glen and Helen, and a mother and two brothers and one sister. He was forty-nine years of age and was born in La Grange county, Indiana."

"For sixteen years he was connected with banking houses in Tecumseh. He came to Lincoln as the appointee of State Auditor Charles Weston. In the position of bookkeeper in the state auditor's office he became well known and stood high in the profession of accounting. The state board of assessment and equalization chose him secretary and in this position he showed such proficiency that he was re-appointed by each successive board and held that place up to his death."

"Although his death had been expected for several days it came as a blow to all his friends, especially his fellowmen at the state capitol."

#### Held In a Thousand Dollar Bond.

Charges were preferred against Levi Schlegle charging him as being the father of a child born to Miss Mayme Grauf, last March. In the hearing which was had before M. Archer, justice of the peace, this morning, it developed that Mr. Schlegle had been married to another woman on Christmas day. The case will be heard before his honor, M. Archer, on May 15th, and the defendant has been placed under \$1,000 to insure his appearance, his father, Thomas Schlegle, becoming his surety.

## HOT AFTER THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

### W. L. Pickett, Agent for the Burlington at this Place, Wants the Mayor's Office Awful.

In the district court Friday papers were filed beginning the contest for the position of the office of mayor of the city of Plattsmouth. It will be remembered that at the recent city election W. L. Pickett received about one hundred and sixty votes for that office, and this action is brought for the purpose of securing the same on the grounds claimed by the relator in this case, W. L. Pickett, through his attorney, A. L. Tidd, claiming that he was elected to the office, as he received the majority of the votes cast for the office of mayor. This is in contravention to the statute passed by the last legislature, making the office of the present mayor of cities of this class expire the coming spring instead of this one. The success of the contest will hinge upon the constitutionality of the law as passed by the legislature. Upon the filing of the papers in this case, Judge H. D. Travis set the matter for hearing for May 20, at 10 o'clock a. m., when the case will be heard, as it comes, in the district court.

The result of the city election is still fresh in the minds of every reader of the Journal. They all know that on account of the law, City Clerk Elster refused to place candidates nominated by either republicans or democrats upon the tickets printed in accordance with the Australian ballot law. This refusal was known in plenty of time for Mr. Pickett to take steps to compel Mr. Elster to do this, but it seems he preferred to await until the ballots were printed, and on election day have his friends write his name upon them, and thus try to force himself into the mayor's office, a position he has been badly aching for in the past several years. On the day of election Mr. Pickett received less than one-third of the votes cast, which undoubtedly is sufficient evidence that the voters of Plattsmouth do not want him so bad for mayor as he thought, and now he expects to force himself into office. Emmons Richey's name was written upon the tickets also, for city clerk, without his desire or consent, and he refuses to contest for position, notwithstanding he received quite a number of votes. He seems content to let the present clerk draw the emoluments of the office without any further controversy about the matter.

Dr. Cook, who declined the republican nomination as a member of the school board on account of his health, for the same reason declines to enter any contest for the office of city treasurer, although many of his friends urge him to make the contest to draw the salary and emoluments which Clements now enjoys.

#### Called Home By Sickness.

Yesterday O. E. Dinwiddie received a letter from his brother at Newburn, Iowa, telling of the very serious illness of his mother, who is some 72 years of age. Mr. Dinwiddie, who is engaged for A. S. Will on the farm, southwest of Mynard, came to town in time to catch the evening Burlington train, and hastened to the bedside of his aged parent. Mr. Dinwiddie went as far as Chariton, which is on the main line of the Burlington, last evening, and will be able to get within five miles of his home this morning by train, and expected to arrive at home early this morning.

#### A Very Neat Window.

The east window at the Fanger department store has just received a new dressing and presents, with the green background and the best of the roses which are prominent in the center and the row of green leaves making the foreground, a very inviting scene for the feminine eye. The beautiful spring bonnets, in their multi-hued varieties, are a wonder to behold. Mr. Fanger is fortunate in that he has so many artists in his employ, as designers, executors of the bonnet which is a veritable dream and the ones who know well the way of making the display.

#### Charged With Stealing Coal.

Five Italians, who make their home in the city, names not known, were apprehended perloining coal from the sheds of H. M. Soemichsen a few days since, and today charges were preferred against them and they will have a hearing before justice of the peace, M. Archer, this evening.

#### Jumped the Ditch.

While out along the river a few days since with other young men, Court Reporter Earl Travis, was bantered to jump a small ditch which appeared a pretty good feat and which his companions said he could not do. Earl is something of an athlete, and taking a glance at the yawning chasm, stepped back a few paces bounded over it like a hare, but on lighting, his ankle turned, spraining it badly, so much so, that he is still lame and has to go on one "flat wheel."

## ANOTHER GEN-TLE REMINDER

### Why Not Inaugurate Sales Days this Summer and Fall?

A large crowd Thursday listened to the concert which the band boys gave in front of the opera house, as an additional attraction for the Tennessee Jubilee Singers. This being the first appearance of the Citizens' band this season, and not having played together on the street before since last fall, they even surprised themselves as well as their hearers with the good execution. They have in view the giving of a band concert on the streets every Saturday afternoon during the summer. While it is not definitely decided that such will be the case, they, as a band, favor it greatly, as it would be a pleasing feature for the summer and a keeping in touch of the popular music of the day. Now, if the merchants would co-operate with them and inaugurate a series of sales or market days in which they would give some exceptional bargains and get a crowd here, there would be an inducement for people to come here to trade who go elsewhere. Would not that be a capital idea? Why not try it for once?

## PLATTSMOUTH BOY PROSPERING IN OHIO

### I. J. Hall Writes Parents of Better Conditions of Trade in the East.

Under date of May 5th, James Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hall, writes parents, from Massillon, O., of more work and an improvement in times—the giving of employment to many laid off since last January, and says: "We now have two day and two night engines working, besides a pusher over the seven mile hill, and at times have had as many as seven engines working in the yards at one time. I have my quarters open day and night and seven days in the week. We have a large number of cars to repair, and have to order supplies in large quantities, as we turn out as high as one hundred repaired cars in one day. It looks as though the hardest of the times are now over, for we are getting back to our old times before the 'war.'"

"About the first of the month we had five inches of snow and I thought it was good-by fruit, but at this date it seems as but little damage was done. I am going to try to get a three week's lay-off in July, and will come home to visit all my friends, and incidentally, eat fried chicken. My experience of late seems to indicate good cooking a lost art."

#### Died From Apoplexy

Mrs. W. P. Cook, received word from their daughter, Miss Mildred Cook, who is taking a course in the Iowa State University at Iowa City, Iowa, telling of the death of Mrs. Cook's aunt, Mrs. Sarah E. Berreman, Thursday of apoplexy.

The funeral occurred at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Berreman was an honorary member of 4th Iowa Cavalry, having had four brothers members of that regiment during the Civil war. Miss Cook will return to her studies at Iowa City tomorrow, remaining to the close of the term, which occurs June 23. Mrs. Berreman was 65 years of age and unmarried.

#### Pacific Junction Entertainment.

Invitations have been received at this office asking that we attend the commencement exercises of the Pacific Junction High school. At that time a good sized class will graduate, and among the number will be our friend, Miss Nellie D. Russell, daughter of Newton J. Russell, and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Lawhead, of this city. Miss Nellie is an accomplished and talented young lady of very agreeable person and manners. We are pleased to note her graduation with honors, and hope her life may be the fulfillment of the high promise of her graduation.

## SEMI-CENTENNIAL JUBILEE EXERCISES

### The History of the Church Read by Dr. Baird--- Mortgage Burned by Rev. Salsbury and An Interesting Program Inter-spersed Last Evening.

Friday afternoon at the session of the Presbyterian Fifty-Year Jubilee, the time was mostly occupied by the reading of letters from absent members and the recounting of reminiscences by those present. Letters were read from absent ones as follows: Thomas F. Hanna, of St. Joseph, who was a member of the firm of Tootle & Hanna, and for a number of years a resident here; he sent congratulations, good will, and a draft of \$50; H. M. Gault, of New York state, sent good wishes and a check for \$100; Thomas L. Evans of St. Joseph, sent a check for \$50, and said if it were required he would follow it with another to make amount \$100, and congratulated the church on the matter of getting out of debt, and sent good wishes; C. E. Twitchel, of California, sent congratulations and good wishes, stating also that the church to which they had attached themselves has an incumbrance of \$40,000; Mrs. J. C. Bowen of California, sent congratulations and good wishes; F. M. Campbell of the Methodist church, located in University Place, now, formerly a minister at this place, sent a letter extending congratulations and good wishes; and a check for \$25; Flora B. Wise of Kansas City sent good wishes and congratulations; Mrs. Jennie Donnell of Yates Center, Kan., sent congratulations and good wishes, and regrets that she could not be present; Mrs. J. T. Young of California, sent congratulations and best of wishes, and regrets of inability to attend; Mrs. Mary N. Houseworth of Long Beach, California, sent good wishes, and congratulated the society here on their good fortune in clearing the church of debt, and wishing continued prosperity. Following this Dr. Wadsworth, of Bellevue spoke on the influence of the church and the college, saying they went hand in hand; giving some statistics in which the Bellevue college figured favorably. Reminiscences of the early days of the church were given by Thomas Pollock, and after this was over, Hon. R. B. Windham, of the Methodist church, asked if he might speak, and the request was most eagerly accepted. He recounted many incidents of the early church, saying that he attended the Presbyterian church much in the years gone by and that three members of his family were also members of this church. He said that he had first met his wife at Sunday school, and that Dr. Baird had performed the happiest and saddest services in his life—that of the ceremony uniting himself and wife in marriage and the funeral of the wife, who years after, death had taken from him.

#### The Evening Program.

In the opening of the exercises Rev. Salsbury stated that in the press of yesterday was a news item which appealed more strongly to him than anything which had happened for months, and that was the proclamation of the mayors of Lincoln and Omaha calling for the observance of tomorrow as "Mothers' Day." In a very nice speech Rev. Salsbury asked that every man in Plattsmouth wear a white flower on the lapel of his coat Sunday in honor of the mother that gave him life. Mr. R. W. White and Mrs. J. W. Gamble sang "Tarry With Me."

Dr. Wadsworth of Bellevue college offered prayer, and Dr. John T. Baird gave a history of the church at this place, which was organized May 8, 1858, just fifty years ago yesterday, and was organized with sixteen members, whowere Abraham Carmichael and wife, Catherine; John G. Hayes, J. Newton Wise, David Jardin and wife, Margaret; Alexander Lauter and wife, Mary Jane; Mrs. Margaret Winchell, Mrs. Lucy J. Martin, Thomas Mitchell and wife, Samuel Maxwell and wife, Amelia; Mrs. Mary A. Walradt, Mrs. Catherine McMaken.

Of these sixteen there remains as a member of this church only one now in Plattsmouth, J. Newton Wise, and but one other who was a charter member, but who has been dismissed to the San Jose, California church, Mrs. Lucy J.

Martin, who became a member of that church in 1903. All the remaining ones joined other churches or have died, of which members of this church of the latter, Mrs. Thomas Mitchell died June 19, 1861; Thomas Mitchell died June 25, 1900; Mrs. Amelia Maxwell died March 13, 1861; and John G. Hays died April 27, 1892. The first minister was Rev. Hughes, who stayed until 1864, and going from here to Des Moines, Ia., a number of others intervening between that period and when the Rev. John T. Baird took charge of the church a number of years afterwards. Rev. John T. Baird was born in Cincinnati, O., December 3, 1834, graduated from Yale college in July, 1858; from Princeton Theological Seminary in May, 1861, and was licensed by the Cincinnati Presbytery in September of the same year. During the civil war he served churches in the vicinity of Cincinnati and the city of Walnut Hills, the seat of the Lane Theological Seminary of which Lyman Beecher, father of Dr. Henry Ward Beecher and Mrs. H. B. Stowe, was president. During the summer of 1864, preached at Louisville, Ky., Nashville, Tenn., Altoona and Keresaw Mountain, Ga. In September of 1866 he became the pastor of the church at Brownsville, this state, remaining there until July 4, 1875, at which time he came to this place and continued as pastor of this church until July 11, 1905. During his term as pastor here 215 were added to the church on profession, and 153 by certificate, and the membership at the close was 156. Ninety-eight adults and 106 infants were baptised, and the Sabbath school numbered 149; there was collected and disbursed for it \$4,886, and for the congregation of the church \$43,791, during his thirty years of work.

Rev. J. H. Salsbury, the present pastor, received his education at Park college, graduating in 1896, and at the Auburn Seminary, New York, in 1899; was the pastor of the church at Gresham, and also at the Goshen church at Benedict in the same year; organizing the church at Thayer in 1902, and the following year was selected pastor of the Third Presbyterian church at Lincoln, from which place he came to this charge in September, 1905. Under his work the membership has risen to 180, and the Sunday school numbers 147. They have collected for Sunday school purposes \$327, and the church expenses, \$5,914, which with the church debt paid \$7,444, making in all \$13,358.

During the fifty years the church has maintained a Sabbath school, and the superintendents for the time have been J. Newton Wise, Thomas Pollock, Joseph H. Waterman, Walter N. Halsey, George L. Farley, W. N. Baird, and Joseph E. Douglass. The Christian Endeavor was organized in 1896, and worked in conjunction with the Methodist young people until they organized the Epworth League in 1890. Rev. J. H. Salsbury is president of the Christian Endeavor Union of Nebraska.

Following this was the burning of the mortgage, which had been hanging over the church for a number of years. Rev. Salsbury performed the ceremony, first thanking the people who had contributed to the payment of the same, and especially to the one holding the paper, as they gave \$1,000, and Miss Helen Clark \$350. He also mentioned the good work performed by D. C. Morgan and H. A. Schneider, saying as he did so, he extended to every one who had contributed in any way his and the thanks of the church. Miss Gladys Marshall sang "Plains of Peace."

Rev. Edwin Hart Jenks, of Omaha, addressed the congregation on the subject of "Silent Forces," taking for his thought the declaration that the Temple of Solomon was builded without the sound of saw, hammer or any instrument of iron. He showed how the cedars were dressed in Lebanon, the immense rocks in the quarries, other parts in other places, and when they came all fitted to a nicety and the temple was perfect, indication that there was a work for each, and if done well the church would be perfect in its workings, as well.