

## WHERE JOHN A. MAGUIRE STANDS

### The Platform Upon Which He Goes Before the Democratic Voters for the Democratic Nomination for Congress

A few days since the Journal published Dr. Fitzsimmons' platform upon which that gentleman is running for the democratic nomination for congress in the First district, and below we do the same for our good friend, John A. Maguire. Both are excellent gentlemen, and either would be a great improvement over the present member, who has proved himself a tool of Speaker Cannon and everything that does not benefit the great west.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 8.—I am a candidate for congress for the first Nebraska district subject to the democratic primaries to be held September 1.

Well acquainted as I am with the counties comprising this district, with the importance of the agricultural and industrial interests upon which the communities must depend, I assume that no man has a moral right to aspire to represent such a district unless he is in a position to give it the highest form of service.

I promise the members of my party that if honored with their nomination I will make a determined and systematic fight for election; and I promise the people that I will as a member of congress serve them faithfully, exercising at all times scrupulous care that my official conduct shall be shaped with an eye single to the best interests of my country in general and of the first Nebraska district in particular.

I shall not assume that the large majority generally cast for the republican candidate in this district justifies the republican member in casting his vote for the ship subsidy, and in surrendering his power and authority, even his opinions, to the coterie of men captured by Joseph G. Cannon and operated to the advantage of the special interests which Speaker Cannon has so long and so faithfully served. I am unqualifiedly opposed to a ship subsidy in any form. I believe, in the language of the democratic national platform, "in the unbuilding of the American and Merchant Marine without new or additional burdens upon the people and without bounties from the public treasury." I am unqualifiedly opposed to a member of congress surrendering his sacred powers to any oligarchy, within whatever party it may spring up. If elected, I will not only exert

my best efforts to defeat Mr. Cannon for speaker, but in the event my party has a majority in the house, I will do my part toward the election of a democratic speaker who will recognize the importance of restoring the house of representatives to its proper place in our system of government, with every member an active participant in legislation and free to suggest or protest, as the interest of his district may require.

I am heartily in sympathy with the democratic doctrines declared and defended by W. J. Bryan; and I endorse in its entirety the national democratic platform adopted at Denver in July.

The plank to require the creation of a fund to guarantee the payment of bank deposits with my earnest approval and will receive my cordial support.

I shall lend my efforts to the adoption of a plan for the improvement and development of inland waterways, with a view of promoting and furnishing better means of transportation and commerce.

The election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, the regulation of railroads with physical valuation, legislation for the publicity of campaign funds, generous pensions for the soldiers, eight hour day on all government work; these are some of the things to which I cheerfully commit myself.

I believe that "a private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable." I shall lend my aid to every honest effort to destroy monopoly and to prevent exactions by corporations, regardless of the source of such effort. I shall work for an immediate revision of the tariff downward in the interest of the farmers who produce and the toilers who consume, rather than upward in the interest of the tariff barons who contribute to campaign funds. I shall work for a law authorizing the president to put upon the free list products controlled by a trust, whenever that fact shall be determined in a judicial proceeding.

For the advancement of the best interests of the first Nebraska district and for the defense of the principles and policies as set forth in the democratic national platform, I pledge unrelenting effort.

It shall be the height of my ambition as a member of congress to serve the people faithfully; and to such service I hereby give my solemn pledge.

JOHN A. MAGUIRE.

## THE POLIN FAMILY REUNION

### The Event Occurs Near Ottawa, Kan., and is Attended by Several From Cass.

The suburban account of the reunion of the Polin family is taken from the Ottawa (Kan.) Daily Republic, the copy having been delayed in the mails. There are a number of the members of the Polin family residents in this vicinity as well as a great number of friends and acquaintances who will find the account quite interesting:

On the 20th of July, 1908, a remarkable reunion occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Miller, living eight miles northwest of Ottawa, Kan. On the 18th inst., the brothers and sisters by invitation of Mrs. Miller, began to arrive by different trains in order to have a good long visit. Sunday was spent in reviewing and making acquaintances as the brothers and sisters had not all been together for twenty-eight years and some had never met three cousins who came. A stroll through the woods added to the day's enjoyment. Monday being an ideal day was spent in a social good time outdoors. An old-fashioned picnic dinner was served. Croquet helped some to amuse themselves and others. A ball game, with picked nines, including all who would play, was exciting and entertainment to all. In this the score was 21 to 19 in three innings. Thanks to the umpire, the ladies made a good

ly number of scores. Taking it all in all this was a remarkable reunion considering the number and ages of the children of Henry Polin who moved from Plattsmouth, Neb., to Idona, Kan., in 1871 living near that place until the time of his death on the 4th day of June, 1886. He left thirteen children all of whom are still living. The ten children of his second marriage are all married and have families. Of twenty-six cousins of the Polin family, thirteen are his children. Those present at the reunion were: Mrs. Mary Taylor and James W. Polin of Plattsmouth, Neb., Mrs. Louise Hageman of Clifton, Kan., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wheeler of Humbolt, Kan., Mrs. Nellie Welch and son of Clo, Okla., Mrs. Lucy McCall of Waukomio, Okla., Leroy Polin and daughter Dot of Catesby, Okla., Mrs. Lib Clark and children Everett and Nellie of McFarland, Kan., Calvin Polin and Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Miller and children, Turley, Myron, Ross and Lulu, of Ottawa, Kan., Mrs. Jennie Cox of Elsmore, Kan., and Henry and Thomas Polin of Newton, Kan. The last three are cousins and made the number thirteen complete as the brothers John R. Polin of Toler, N. M., Benjamin F. Polin of Moreland, Okla., and the sisters, Mrs. Alice Dawes of Coche, Okla., could not be present. Mrs. Ruth Miller and sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, Miss Lu Miller, E. W. Miller of Ottawa and Mrs. Lena A. Marson of Mankato, Minn., were present Monday. Tuesday the goodbyes were said and the enjoyed occasion became a pleasant memory.

Miss Florence Baird departed this afternoon for Missouri Valley, Ia., where she will visit friends.

## Cut His Foot Badly

Carl Carey, living with his mother, Mrs. H. W. Carey, on South Tenth street, was the victim of a serious accident Tuesday afternoon. As he was walking through the tall grass in the yard, he stepped upon a piece of broken fruit jar, the force with which he stepped upon the sharp edges nearly severing the foot. At the time of the accident Mrs. Carey was not at home and one of the children ran to the home of Peter Lindsey, who was summoned to look after the boy. He found him in bad shape and medical assistance was immediately summoned. Dr. Cook was called and had to take two stitches on the top of the foot and four stitches below. The accident happened about four o'clock in the afternoon. The cut was a very severe one as the foot was cut almost in half. Today the boy is resting well, being able to sit out upon the porch. The accident was due to someone's carelessness in throwing out so dangerous an article as this kind of glass.

## Will Have to be Checked Up.

In The Journal last Saturday mention was made of a picnic party which went to Lake Manawa. Mrs. Geo. Brinklow and her eight-year-old daughter were two members of the party, and on returning the little lady became tired and exhausted with her day's doings and went to sleep. Mrs. Brinklow, supposing she was with some of the other ladies of the party, got off the train without missing her, and her absence was not discovered until the train had been left on the train.

Agent Pickett was notified by Mrs. Brinklow and he got the agent at Pacific Junction by wire, with the result that the young lady was intercepted and taken from the train. Mrs. Brinklow obtained a team and buggy and went after her, bringing her to this city safe and sound. The short trip of the little girl proved an uncomfortable absence for Mrs. Brinklow, and it is safe to say that the next time the girls go for a picnic they will all be checked up before the train leaves the city.

## Nominated for Representative.

From the Plattsmouth (Neb.) Journal we learn that its editor, M. A. Bates, has been nominated for representative from Cass county. This will be gratifying news to "Mitt's" many friends in Worth county. No truer or better posted Democrat lives in Nebraska than M. A. Bates and he should be elected by all means. And from what we know of the politics of Cass county it may be said that he has an exceedingly good chance of success. Here's to you, "Mitt." May your shadow never grow less and the number of your votes grow large enough to beat your opponent.—Grant City (Mo.) Times.

## At the County Judge's Office.

Co. Judge Beeson Tuesday transacted a lot of business. A hearing was had on the application of Wm. H. Johnson for the appointment of a special administrator of the estate of Sam'l. S. Johnson, deceased. This is the case in which objections were filed by Wm. H. Johnson to the probating of the will of Sam'l. S. Johnson, as it gave most of the property to Edwin Jeary of Elmwood. In that objection sensational charges are made against various parties and later the same Wm. H. Johnson asked to have a special administrator appointed to prevent the dissipation of the estate, pending the hearing on the will. In the petition for a special administrator Chas. C. Parmele was suggested as administrator, but Attorney Byron Clark appeared and filed objections to Parmele. This morning, after hearing the various parties in the suit, Judge Beeson decided to appoint Chas. E. Clapp as special administrator, fixing his bond at \$25,000, which he gave and qualified.

Demeris Vincent was appointed administratrix of the estate of Cullen J. Vincent, deceased, and her bond fixed at \$2,000. Mrs. Vincent is the widow of C. J. Vincent, and is his successor in the postoffice at Alvo.

The final hearing on claims in the A. B. Taylor estate was held and claims filed allowed.

The final settlement of the affairs of Elizabeth Davis was had and Anderson Davis, her guardian, was discharged.

Two marriage licenses were issued, the one being to Jos. S. Mullen, aged 24, of Wichita, Kas., and Miss Lola Parker, aged 20, of near Ashland, Neb. This couple will be married at the home of the bride near Ashland. The other couple was Harry Wilson, aged 25, of Red Oak, Ia., and Anna A. Hafke, aged 25, of this city. The bride is the daughter of C. W. Hafke of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meisinger and their granddaughter departed this afternoon to visit their niece in Stanton and their nephew in Madison, Neb.

## FROM THE SUNFLOWER STATE

### Good Crops in Kansas—Favored With Showers at the Proper Time—Big Bryan Sentiment.

LACROSSE, KAN., AUG. 7, 1908. EDITOR JOURNAL:

Today I am at LaCrosse, the beautiful and enterprising county seat of Rush county, Kan. Rush county is situated close to the exact center of the state—north and south and east and west, and corners with Trego county. It is 24x30 miles in size and is 90 per cent good farming land, the soil being of the same kind and character as that of Cass county. The surface is gently rolling and the water is good. Two railroads run through the county, east and west, and there are a number of fine towns in the county. This is one of the great wheat counties of Kansas. The population of the county is about eight thousand. The land is almost all broken out and is either in wheat or corn. The wheat this year is very fine, some of the farmers raising as high as 40 bushels per acre. Any number of farmers in this locality have from five to seven thousand bushels of wheat this year, and some of them as much as ten thousand bushels. Many farmers from Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois have come here and bought farms. The Wiggenhorn's of Ashland, Neb., have invested in land here, which pays a very fine profit in rents.

The yield seems to depend entirely upon the character of cultivation, as the land is practically all alike; there is no sandy land here. I find the German farmers raise fine wheat and corn. Also, the American farmers who come here from Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois raise good corn, as well as wheat. Mr. A. L. Farmer, formerly of Greenwood, Neb., who moved to this county last winter, bought a fine half section of land with in two and one-half miles of LaCrosse. He has very fine corn and wheat, and from thirty acres of land has harvested and threshed 1,000 bushels of oats. Mr. E. G. Laughlin, also, who bought a half section close to the corporate limits of the county seat, has excellent corn. He has a splendid farm in a high state of cultivation. These men are fine farmers and are getting good results.

I know of no place where a young man could locate as a farmer, with better prospects of becoming wealthy, than here. Last fall a young man rented a half section of land near LaCrosse, plowed it, put it in wheat and has harvested and threshed 5,700 bushels of wheat, which is worth on the market today 80c per bushel. As rent he paid one-fourth of the grain raised. He has made money enough to make a payment down on a half section of land, and, doubtless, within three or four years, will be the owner of a half section of land, worth then, \$10,000.00. What he did this year, many others have done before him.

Land can be had here for from \$20.00 to 40.00 per acre, which is just as good as any of the \$100.00 per acre land in Cass county—at least, it produces just as well. Besides the corn and wheat, the farmers raise oats, barley and vegetables, and all the grains and vegetables raised in Nebraska. Fine alfalfa is grown here. The farmers, in addition to raising crops, keep cows and market the cream, the revenue of which amounts to from \$25 to \$75 per month.

This year Rush county has produced 3,000,000 bushels of wheat, which at the present price of 80 cents per bushel, is worth \$2,400,000.00 or \$900.00 for each man, woman and child in the county. It is estimated that there are 40,000 acres of corn in the county, besides the oats, barley, kafir corn, alfalfa, etc. Timely rains have fallen during the entire season. Last night there was a fall of one inch, it being a general rain in this part of the state. The entire county is settled up well and has a fine system of county schools. Teachers' wages in the country schools range from \$40 to \$60 per month, and besides there are high schools at LaCrosse, and other towns in the county. The roads are fine, and well kept. The county has a fine court house built and paid for. Many of the farmers have modern, up-to-date houses and barns. The lands are fenced and the country has an air of prosperity.

I have traveled over several counties in this part of the state and find a strong Bryan sentiment, many republicans having expressed themselves as favorable to Bryan. All the laboring men with whom I have talked seem to be against Taft. Some of them, however, will vote the socialist ticket. The contest in the primaries here has developed that the LaFollette ideas won out in the fight between Long and Bristow.

Yours truly,  
H. D. TRAVIS.

## An Odd Accident.

Monday as Mr. and Mrs. Ward Clark were having a little family party over near the river and were preparing for a lunch, they were joined by Pat Egan and his children. Messrs Clark and Egan decided to cross a narrow channel between the land they were on and a sand bar nearer the stream. To do this they removed their shoes and waded the stream, crossing without mishap. After a few moments they decided to return and in crossing the stream, Mr. Egan accidentally struck his little toe against a stick projecting from the bottom of the stream. While he felt a sharp pain in the toe he did not realize that anything out of the ordinary had happened, to he remarked to Clark "Ouch! I've broke my toe." He did not pay any further attention to it until he had gone some distance farther when he examined the toe and found that he had broken the bone of the little toe on the right foot. He and Mr. Clark both examined it with the same result. Mr. Egan then immediately came to the city where Dr. Cook set the bone. It is not believed the hurt is serious, altho it is quite annoying.

## In Police Court.

Jack Bates last Friday loaded himself to the gunnells with some extract of benzine or other inflammable substance, and proceeded to the county farm where he sought to convince Superintendent Tams that he was a battleship or a pugilist or something similar. He made sundry threats as to what he would do in the premises, vowing that he would bust Tams upon the probosis and otherwise alter and mutilate his features, winding up by acting like a session of the Independence League. He was promptly cast forth into the outer world, but like the feline, he came back for more and the police were summoned. Jack was kindly escorted to a place where he could forget it and, Saturday Judge Archer had him before him to explain, if he could, his inexcusable and outrageous conduct. His defense was not so strong as to be palpable to his honor, who brought forth the celebrated brand of justice and doled out ten dollars to Jack. As Jack is a man of means, the amount was cheerfully settled, and he retired from the field a muchly changed man.

## Decided Against Carroll

In justice court, Justice Archer decided the case of Hugh H. Carroll vs. the Village of Elmwood, et al. This is the case involving the right of Carroll to cut grass in the streets opposite his land. Carroll had planted one of the city streets to hay and sought to recover the value of his crop of hay when the village authorities cut it down. The court found that the authorities acted within their power, and decided against Mr. Carroll. The case will likely be appealed.

## Returns from Arkansas

L. H. Dunn, who has been absent for some time on a trip to Rogers, Ark., and Wishart, Mo., returned to his home in this city last Friday evening. He reports everything very dry in that section, altho they have had little rain since this section has. Last Thursday the train he was on had an exciting time with a storm at Harrisonville, Mo. The wind was so strong as to blow the windows out of the coaches. The train was not derailed nor was anyone injured, however.

## County Institute

Miss Mary E. Foster, county superintendent, announces that the annual Cass county teachers' institute will be held in Elmwood, August 17 to 22. The law requires all who intend to teach in this county during the coming year to attend. A very interesting time is anticipated. The able instructors will be Prof. J. A. Beattie, Lincoln, Mrs. Sarah Brindley, Columbus, and Prof. Fred M. Hunter, Ashland.

## River Boat Line Planned

Omaha capital may be put into a \$1,000,000 Missouri river boat line, if St. Louis and Kansas City capitalists who are organizing the project, want Omaha in it.

Having heard of the proposition afoot, Fred D. Wead, vice president for Nebraska of the Missouri River Navigation Congress, will write regarding the matter to Lawrence M. Jones, of Kansas City, president of the congress, and one of the men interested in the boat line proposition.

Mr. Jones will be asked if Omaha capital will be acceptable, and if so, can the project be extended to include transportation on the river as far north as Omaha.—Omaha News.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Nelson of Pacific Junction were passengers to Omaha this afternoon.

## ARE HIGHLY DELIGHTED

### The Concerts Given by the Citizens' Band Pleasing to the People.

The citizens of Plattsmouth and the surrounding country had the pleasure Saturday afternoon and evening of listening to two very good band concerts. The first one lasted from 3:30 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon and was heard by a good crowd. There were many farmers in the city and they had brought in their wives and families to give them a treat by letting them hear Director Janda's able musicians. True to their promise, the band boys donated the afternoon concert to the people with their compliments, and their actions in so doing was much appreciated. As Director Janda had promised this program was an attractive one, there being many new pieces upon it, and it can be said to the credit of the band that they did excellent work. The improvement over the concert of ten days ago was very marked. Almost every number on the program met with vigorous applause. The only drawback to the concert, which would have been delightful beyond measure, was the lack of shade for the musicians. They finally had camp chairs placed beneath the shade of the cedar tree upon the court house lawn and played from this impromptu band stand. This, however, compelled their auditors to stand out in the sun or remain a block away in the shade. Should there be more of these afternoon concerts arranged, it should be seen to that some shade is provided for both band and spectators.

The evening concert was heard mostly by the citizens of the city, and they turned out in large numbers, the crowd on the street being very large. As was the case at the afternoon concert, the program contained much new music, and music which the boys had had little opportunity to practice upon, yet they rendered it exceptionally well. The delightful weather aided largely to the success of the concert, the air being cool and pleasant. This concert was given from the temporary platform in Main, between Third and Fourth streets, and the crowd around the stand was immense. The fine evening, coupled with the delightful music, made the crowds enthusiastic. Everyone has come to look on these concerts as a good thing, and it is sincerely hoped they may be continued.

## A Pleasant Outing.

Monday morning a picnic party drove out of the city in a big carryall for Four Mile creek, to spend the day in having a good time. They arrived at the creek in time to immediately set out their dinners and satisfy the cravings of the inner man. As everyone had tried to get up a better basket of lunch than the other, the result was a regular feast. After the meal there were many games, among them being a swimming contest among the boys. Later a rope climbing contest was had, Geo. Gobleman being the successful climber. A bounteous supper was had later and more amusement followed until about nine o'clock when the party started home.

Those who attended were Geo. Gobleman, A. H. Williams, G. Grebe, Henry Hesse, Wm. Andrews, Glen James, James Andrews, W. H. Ofe, Frank L. Barkus, and Misses Elsa Streitweiser, Tillie and Minnie Ploeger, Fred Wohlfarth, Kitty Hesse and Ethel James, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones and Joshua Andrews.

## Celebrate Fourteenth Birthday

The home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Barker, west of town, was the scene of much merriment Saturday afternoon, when a number of friends met and surprised their daughter Mae. The occasion was in honor of her fourteenth birthday.

The afternoon was spent in various games and music, and a delicious luncheon was served by Mrs. Barker, assisted by Miss Manota Perry.

Many beautiful presents were given to remind Miss Mae of the pleasant afternoon spent at her home, and the guests wished her many happy returns of the day.

Those present were Misses May and Glenn Barker, Josie and Lucile Kiser, Mattie Urish, Belle and Dora Speck, Doris and Martha Vallery, Mary Wetenkamp, Ferne and Florence Richardson, Beunite Porter, Ethel Spangler, Ella and Elsie Lohnes, Robin Richardson, Oglia Minford, Elsie Capen, Mildred Snyder, Elmer Wetenkamp and Orest Cook, of Elmwood.

Misses Mata and Laura Puls, from near Murray, were Plattsmouth visitors today.