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## THE EAGLE PICNIC AT BERLIN.

### An Immense Crowd Present and Everybody Pleased.

A representative of the Journal attended the Eagle picnic at Berlin, Otoe county, Thursday, and had the pleasure of interviewing a large number of the well-to-do farmers of that community. The picnic was a grand success in every particular. There was nothing that occurred to mar the pleasure of the occasion, except dust, and that, of course, was beyond control.

The picnic was held in a beautiful grove, at the edge of town, and was an ideal spot for an event of this kind. In the forenoon the irrepressible "Doc" Tanner, of the South Omaha Daily Democrat, delivered the principal address, he being one of the prominent Eagles of Nebraska. His speech was right to the point and was highly appreciated by those who were present.

In the afternoon the regular sports that go to make up the interesting features of such events, were indulged in. The balloon ascension did not occur, because it caught fire and went up in smoke. The program was all that could have been desired.

The event was under the auspices of the Eagle Lodge of Syracuse, and representatives of the order were present from every section of Otoe county. The occasion was enlivened during the entire day by the soul-stirring strains from the celebrated Nebraska City band, which does most excellent service wherever it goes. The gentlemen composing this organization are splendid musicians, social people and it is always a pleasure to meet them.

Berlin is a nice little town, and we enjoyed our visit immensely. The community is almost entirely German, and is settled by a wealthy class of those excellent people, many of whom we had the pleasure of meeting, and feel much better by so doing.

We desire in particular to return our most sincere thanks to Dr. and Mrs. D. Horace Schall, who took quite an interest in our welfare during our stay in the pleasant little village. Dr. Schall and his estimable lady came from Philadelphia, Pa., a number of years since, and located in the town for the practice of his profession. They are both deservedly very popular, and we want to assure them that the interest taken in the writer made his first visit to Berlin one that will ever be remembered. Dr. Schall is one of the five democrats of Otoe county, is a member of the Democratic county committee, and keeps moving in the interests of his party. He is also mayor of the city, and a genuine good fellow. Not any more so however than his good wife is a genuine lady in every respect. May they both live long and their shadows never grow less.

### Return From South Dakota.

J. H. Haldeman and wife came in Tuesday night from a visit to Beadle county, S. D., where they have land holdings. They purchased this land without seeing it on the recommendation of J. E. Douglas and they were most agreeably surprised when they made the trip and saw what they had bought. They found the soil to be a rich, black loam, deep and heavy, and found crops to be the finest they had seen in years. The winter wheat was an extra fine crop and the hay and grass crops are very heavy. In addition the water supply is abundant and is a guarantee of good crops. There are flowing wells all over the county, water being obtained at the depth that water is usually obtained in this country. One farmer who went down 225 feet obtained a flow of water which went 18 feet into the air. This is proof abundant that there will be no crop failure in Beadle county. Huron is situated in this county and is a fine and flourishing city. Mr. Haldeman thinks the country the "finest in the world" to use his own expression. Land sells at \$25 to \$30.00 per acre.

### Received Several Callers.

Fred Ossenkop, the man in jail on the charge of murdering Charles Byrne, has been taking things much easier than he did at first. Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker says that he has begun to recover his spirits and is not so depressed over the sad affair as he was yesterday. He appreciates the seriousness of his situation but apparently maintains hope that he will escape with a light sentence. He had several visitors Saturday from vicinity of his home in the western end of this county, and a number of local acquaintances called upon him. So far as can be learned, however, he did not talk of the case.

## Methodist Conference.

A special from Auburn, under date of September 18, says: "About 200 ministers are in the city attending the meeting of the M. E. conference, but as yet only preliminary work is being done. The matter of better provided for superannuated preachers is being considered and Thursday evening Bishop McIntyre delivered his very able lecture, 'Buttoned up People.' The amount received for tickets is to go to the fund for this purpose.

"The question of missions, home and foreign, has been informally considered. Quite a number of preachers are in attendance who have preached in these parts in the years gone by and some of these no longer young men.

"There is some talk among the preachers in relation to the legislation on the liquor question, and Speaker Cannon is not mentioned as a friend of the movement against the liquor traffic."

### On a Trip of Pleasure.

A party of prominent Omaha people came in Saturday noon from the south after a trip from Omaha through Lincoln to Nebraska City thence back to Omaha.

The party has been on the road several days and are quite sunburned and tanned with their exposure to wind and weather. They had along with them several extra large and fine ears of corn gathered from Cass county corn fields during their trip. They made the run from Lincoln through Prairie Home, Alvo, Murdock, Weeping Water, Avoca and Berlin to Nebraska City, returning by way of Nehawka and Union to this city where they will cross the river and go up the Iowa side to Council Bluffs thence over the river to their home. The party is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kountze, Mr. Eastman and Mr. Geo. Fibiger.

### Death at Greenwood.

Mr. A. J. Hartsook died at his home west of Greenwood on Sunday evening, September 13, 1908, at 5:15 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks. The remains were tenderly laid to rest by sorrowing relatives and friends in beautiful Greenwood cemetery.

Andrew J. Hartsook was born March 14, 1833, in Green county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. He was united in marriage September 27, 1855, to Lydia M. Huffman, who departed this life just three weeks and one day previous to his own death. Mr. and Mrs. Hartsook resided in Ohio until 1866, when they moved to Wisconsin, residing there until 1884, when they removed to this vicinity. Ten children were born to them, all of whom are living except one daughter who died twelve years ago.

### Visit Nebraska City.

Col. M. A. Bates of Plattsmouth, float candidate for representative between Cass and Otoe counties on the democratic ticket, was in the city today shaking hands with his many friends. He is a good, live man and one to whom the democrats and all others cantie to and be sure that he will make good at any place he is sent. He is one of the old time loyal democrats and one of the ablest newspaper men in this part of the state—Nebraska City News.

### Trying to Migrate.

The baggagemen captured a young rattlesnake, which crawled out of one of the empty beer kegs at the Missouri Pacific passenger depot yesterday afternoon and had a bushel of fun with it. Several had close calls from being bitten before they killed his snakeship. It was some thirty inches in length. The railroad men claim they often find snakes along the platform at this season of the year and in empty boxes, barrels and kegs. It may be that the snakes are trying to migrate to some state that is not threatened with prohibition.—Nebraska City News.

### An Old Timer Here.

E. D. Stokes came in last Friday from Plainview, Neb., for a brief visit with his brother, A. R. Stokes, living in the city, and with his parents, who reside in the county. Mr. Stokes is an old timer in Plattsmouth, having been an employe of the Burlington shops for a number of years, and this is his first visit in five years to his former home. He will remain here about a week to greet his former "old chums" in Plattsmouth.

### Watch Lost!

Somewhere between the farm of A. S. Will and the home of C. N. Beveridge, a 16 size watch, Waltham movement, No. 12963322, Crescent Silver case O. F., No. 2398. Finder will please return to owner.

ALFRED BEVERIDGE.

## THE BURLINGTON TON IS SUED.

### Widow of Brakeman Ford Asks for Twenty-five Thousand.

Eva B. Ford, administratrix of the estate of Joshua F. Ford, deceased, has brought suit in district court against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company asking judgment against that corporation in the sum of \$25,000, says the Lincoln Journal. For cause of action plaintiff alleges that on July 14, 1908, Joshua F. Ford came to his death through the negligence of the defendant company and its agents and through no fault of his own. Ford was a brakeman in the employ of the company and the fatality occurred at Louisville. At the time of the accident deceased was thirty years old and was earning \$1,000 per year, all of which was devoted to the support of his family. His expectancy of life was thirty-five years and he had prospects of an increased income. There are two children, the oldest four years of age and the youngest one month. He left no estate. According to the petition, at the time Ford was killed, he and the other members of the crew were getting a car load of rock from a spur track at Louisville. This track is very steep inclining upward from the main line. The car was not provided with a brake but was kept from running down the track by a block of wood which had been placed under the wheels. The automatic coupler was also out of order so that it would not work unless the coupler on the engine was open. The engine backed up against the car and because the coupler did not work the car was driven a short distance up the track. Ford stepped in to open the coupler and while he was thus occupied the car ran back down the track and crushed him against the engine. He died within a short time. The defective condition of the car, due, it is alleged, to the negligence of the company, is declared to have been the cause of his death.

### Picnic Party.

Saturday afternoon the primary class of St. Luke's Episcopal Sunday School was entertained with a picnic party down near the big Burlington bridge. The party is under the chaperonage of Mrs. Dawson and consists of a large number of bright young ladies who have an abundance to eat and who are determined to have an enjoyable time. The party includes Misses Helen Nejedly, Ruth Clark, Edith Rebal, Margaret Buttery, Edith Range, Edith Dovey and Nora Livingston all members of the class, while Misses Marie Robertson, Goldie Hale, Kate York and Florence Kaloshek are guests of the class.

## THE ANTI-PASS LAW IS VALID

### The Supreme Court of Nebraska Upholds the State

The doom of the free pass in all its forms is sounded by an opinion of the supreme court filed yesterday. The court sustains the Nebraska anti-pass law and holds that it is illegal for any one to receive a pass except those exempted in the state law. This decision written by Chief Justice Barnes, carries with it a holding that all contracts for transportation made by attorneys, or newspapers payable in professional services or in newspaper advertising are illegal, says the Lincoln Journal.

The anti-pass law provides that railway employes may receive transportation, but it defines an employe of a railroad as one who devotes the major portion of his time to the company. This portion of all other parts of the law the court decides is legal. The opinion of the court hits several railroads in this state. The Union Pacific road does not employ attorneys under the old contract system, but does employ surgeons. Most all of the roads have made contracts for newspaper advertising payable in whole or in part with mileage books, but a great majority of the papers of the state refuse to make such contracts. The Missouri Pacific road employes attorneys.

Another decision of importance made by the court is one sustaining the King act passed by the last legislature to prevent persons and corporations from selling commodities in general use at a lower rate in one town or region than in another, allowance being made for difference of cost of transportation. This is the first decision of a state court in the United States upholding a law of this kind.

## Confine It To The Truth.

With characteristic mendacity the Weeping Water Republican in its last issue takes occasion to falsify and misrepresent Mayor Gering's position upon the suspension of the fine of Jack Bates. It is not known which of the numerous editors of the Republican is responsible for this mendacious statement as they seem to be almost as numerous as the Plattsmouth Evening News boasts, but whoever wrote the dirty and scurrilous attack upon the mayor either was misinformed and took no pains to ascertain the truth or he deliberately lied about the case. The facts are that Mayor Gering did not pardon Bates. He did suspend his sentence on the condition that he abstain from the use of liquor and from entering saloons. It was upon these conditions the fine was suspended. The statement in the News and the Republican is absolutely untrue. Even had it been true it would have been no more heinous than the action of the county attorney in allowing prisoners to plead guilty to minor offenses and escape with light fines or in dismissing cases altogether to escape the heavy expense incident to keeping the prisoners. It is a fact that had Bates been compelled to lay his fine out it would have cost the city the amount of the fine to feed and look after him, and it was best in the mayor's judgment to suspend his fine and save this heavy expense just as the county attorney thought it best to accept pleas to minor offenses and dismiss some cases entirely to avoid expense to the county. A little more adherence to the truth and a little less mendacity will serve the people of Cass county much better than the present plan of journalism as these two papers are operating under.

### Had a Little "Scrap."

From Friday's Daily—  
As the paper goes to press Police Judge Archer is engaged in hearing the case of the State vs. B. Golding. The case came about over Golding's refusal to close at seven o'clock. V. C. Ahlstrand, president of the clerk's association, in company with Messrs. Zucker, Altroegge, Moffett and others gathered at Golding's store last evening shortly after seven o'clock and endeavored to get him to close up. As Mr. Golding is deaf he seemed to misunderstand what was said and hit Mr. Ahlstrand in the ear. No damage was done but the air was full of wild cries and demonstrations for a few minutes. This afternoon Chief Fitzgerald took judicial cognizance of the row and had Golding arrested and a most amusing trial was taking place as the paper goes to press.

Later—Judge Archer administered a fine of ten dollars and costs to Golding. The large amount of the fine was principally because he made so much noise in the court and told the court what could not be done with him. The celebrated Archer brand of justice was applied to convince him the court was omnipotent.

### Delightfully Entertained.

Miss Edna Wray entertained a few intimate friends last Friday evening at her home. The evening was spent so pleasantly that all regretted to see it draw to a close. There were games and various other amusements including a large amount of unusually fine singing.

One of the most pleasant features of the evening was the singing of Mr. Jennings Sevier who delighted the audience with a number of superb solos. Another most enjoyable treat was afforded by Messrs. York, Mullis and Sevier who sang several most beautiful trios which all were entranced with.

The evening closed with a delightful luncheon served by the charming hostess to which all did full justice. At its close the guests retired having spent an evening as thoroughly enjoyable as any it had ever been their lot to indulge in.

Those present were Misses Pearl Allen, Benedict, and Mollie Sevier, and Messrs. Jesse York, Ralph Mullis, Jennings Sevier, and Pitz.

### County Option

The prohibitionists are a sly bunch. They would have you believe that the county option question is as plain as the nose on your face. If you favor prohibition in Nebraska, give your support to county option. It is but a step toward prohibition. In every state where prohibition has been tried it has proven a farce and a failure. The Courier is conscientious when it says that prohibition in Nebraska will be a detriment to the state. The Stocum law, if properly enforced, will take care of the liquor question. The trouble with Nebraska today is that we have too many laws which are not enforced.—Louisville Courier.

## EAGLE'S FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC

### The Event Largely Attended and Everybody Pleased With the Program.

On Wednesday, September 16, a Journal representative attended the first annual picnic at Eagle, where we arrived about 11 a. m., and found a large crowd already gathered to engage in the festivities of the occasion.

Eagle is a hustling little town, and is nestled in the midst of some of the finest farming country in the west. The business men are wide-awake and right up-to-date in all lines of merchandise carried in stock by them, and almost every line of business is represented. In enterprise it takes no back seat for towns of its size, as the energy displayed in getting up this celebration would denote. While our stay in Eagle was limited, we had an opportunity of meeting a number of the Journal's best friends, among whom were Jim Latram, the hardware man, Henry Snoke, A. L. McDonald, the real estate man, and our young friend Meilenz, cashier of the bank, all of whom greeted us cordially, and made our stay as pleasant as possible. We also met J. H. Brinkworth, editor of the Beacon, but he was so busy in engineering the program, that we did not push ourself upon him, knowing full well the tiresome duties that devolved upon him.

The program was carried out to the letter, consisting of two ball games, in which Alvo came out victorious in both. The first game occurred at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, between Alvo and Greenwood and the one in the afternoon between Eagle and Alvo. Both were witnessed by a large and interesting crowd.

Previous to the ball game the races took place on the Main street in the village, which created the greatest amusement of all, and was engaged in by both girls and boys and men. The high diving dog was another feature of the occasion that created considerable wonderment from the large audience present.

Bixby, the funny man of the Lincoln State Journal, who was the principal orator of the day, made his address in the forenoon at the park, and while it was listened to by a very respectable audience, the crowd was not what it should have been. This early morning speaking is a mistake that many picnic managers have made this season. The farmers and their families are not in the habit of leaving their homes until after dinner, and consequently fail to hear the speaking, which, by all means should occur in the afternoon.

The Eagle band was in evidence with the choicest of music, which greatly enlivened the occasion. The band, while not as large as some, the music was just as sweet, which demonstrated that it would soon rank with bands of much larger pretensions.

There was nothing that occurred during the day to mar the pleasure of the event, and everything passed off pleasantly, until the unfortunate affair which occurred about 10 o'clock at night that caused the death of one young man, which is very much regretted by the managers of Eagle's first annual picnic. But such disturbances cannot be attributed to any part of the management, as it was possible to occur had the parties engaged met on any other occasion.

This was Eagle's first attempt at a gathering of this character, and while the killing of Byrne cast a gloom over the entire community, and dampened the pleasure which all had enjoyed during the day, no blame whatever can be laid at the feet of the good people of Eagle. The celebration was one of the biggest events in the history of the town, and the Journal hopes that next year they will have one just as big.

### Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Plattsmouth uncalled for up to and including Sept. 21, 1908: Miss Frances Mane, Miss May Mane, Mrs. Lu Taylor, Mrs. F. S. Shutzman, A. B. Fischer, David Garber, J. A. Hamilton, E. J. Hoenshel, J. E. Johnson, J. A. C. Kropp, J. A. Karvaneck, J. C. Matthews, J. A. Pool, G. A. Richardson, E. A. Smith, H. Sidzman, Joe Sedlock, Jos. Sledlok, Eddie Schesbby, Harry Whitman, J. W. Wood. Parties calling for same please say "advertised," and unless called for within a reasonable length of time then they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

### Farms for Sale.

One near Mynard and one near Murray. Inquire of Earle V. Cole at Mynard, Neb.

## A Brilliant Meteor.

Residents all over this section of the state last Saturday night witnessed the most brilliant meteor seen in years. It came from the south going almost north and was thought by people down about Union to have lighted somewhere to the north edge of the county while people here believe it to come down near the Platte river. However, the Omaha papers speak of it having gone to that city and still in the air when last seen so that it probably did not land until away north of the state or possibly even farther. It is reported to have exploded somewhere near here as people at Union and in this city claim to have heard the noise. Be this as it may the meteor was still in the air and flaming away when last seen at Omaha. It went over about eight o'clock and lit the heavens almost as bright as day.

## SUNDAY IN THE COUNTRY

### A Number of Townspeople Enjoy A Pleasant Time With Friends.

The fine farm of Philip Meisinger, nine miles west of the city, was the scene yesterday of a great gathering of young people from the city who chartered a large carryall and journeyed out to enjoy the hospitality for which these good people are noted. And they certainly had a most delightful time. There was every thing possible for the inner man, the good Mrs. Meisinger feeding the starlings from the city with an abundance that made them all wish they could be there every day.

In return for all this the party afforded every amusement to their hosts they were capable of. There was singing and every conceivable variety of games and amusements. One of the prize features was an attempt by Anton Koubek to take the county milking championship away from Victor Anderson. By agreement each man was to milk three cows, the one furnishing the greatest amount of milk in the least time to win. Unfortunately no one could be secured with nerve enough to judge the contest and it was declared a draw with both champions claiming the honors. Koubek finished the cows first but Anderson had the most milk.

The party returned late in the evening, reaching the city about ten o'clock. They all agree that it was the premier day in the country of their lives.

Those present and enjoying the occasion were Messrs. and Mesdames Jacob Tritsch and daughter, M. G. Meisinger, J. G. Meisinger, Philip Schaffer and family, P. H. Meisinger and family, Mrs. Maggie Schaffer, Miss Lorine Meisinger, Messrs. Anton Koubek, Victor Anderson, Frank Koubeck, Joe Libershal, Henry Meisinger, J. M. Meisinger, Conrad Meisinger, Ed Meisinger, Philip Meisinger, John Hennings, George Meisinger, J. E. Meisinger, John Albert, Jacob Meisinger, G. P. Meisinger, Jr., J. M. Meisinger, Jr., Louis Birkenbresh, and M. P. Meisinger of Madison, Neb.

### Sad Death of Little Girl.

Hilda Florence Panska, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Panska, died Sunday from appendicitis, aged four years, two months and nine days.

The little girl had been suffering with appendicitis for about a week and was not considered in a dangerous condition until Saturday. On Sunday a Lincoln surgeon was called and the appendix removed, but the little one was too far gone and breathed her last in less than an hour after the operation was performed.

The funeral occurred from the German Evangelical church on Tuesday at 2 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. Brauchla. The parents are prostrated with grief and have the sympathy of the people of the entire community in their great sorrow.—Louisville Courier.

### Graders Strike Sand.

The Calhoun Construction gang, who are doing the stripping at the Hugh Murphy quarries, have bumped up against a proposition which is giving them no end of trouble. They have been using an excavator and hauling the dirt away in wagons, and for a number of weeks have been getting along nicely, but now they have struck a bed of fine sand and the excavators refuse to work and they have had to resort to the old method of hauling it out with wheel scrapers. This will require much more time unless they conclude to put in sluice boxes and wash it down with force pumps.—Louisville Courier.

Chas. Koran of the Omaha Trunk Company, yesterday spent the day in the city, the guest of Wm. Holly and family, returning to his home on the evening train.