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JUDGE WILLIAM H. TAFT SPEAKS

Republican Candidate Makes Brief Appeal For Votes.

After a week of strenuous work on part of local republicans, a crowd estimated by those best able to judge at approximately five hundred turned out Thursday afternoon at the Missouri Pacific depot to hear William H. Taft, republican candidate for the presidency. And of this crowd fully fifty per cent were women and children. The voters in the crowd did not exceed three hundred at the very outside.

Those who did attend had one thing to be thankful for. The Missouri Pacific for once in its existence got a train in on time. It was almost 1:30 to the dot when the big Taft special pulled into the station. The train was drawn by one of the big Missouri Pacific passenger engines, one of the kind seldom seen on this line, and comprised five coaches and a baggage car, the rear one of which was occupied by the distinguished candidate. The last coach was stopped when well past the station and the crowd closed in around the rear platform to hear what the speaker would have to say. There was a straggling cheer as the train reached the station and when Mr. Taft was sighted the cheer increased somewhat but speedily died down and Congressman E. M. Pollard began his brief introductory remarks. The remarks of the congressman were received in silence.

Judge Taft was greeted with a friendly cheer as he commenced to talk. His voice was inaudible at a short distance for the first few moments and much that he said in opening was lost upon the crowd. At the end of several minutes, he recovered his speech and was enabled to proceed in better voice. In his opening remarks he addressed the sprinkling of farmers in the crowd, claiming that they were receiving high prices for their farm products and for that reason they should vote for him, as the republican party had made these prices possible. This failed to raise the expected applause, although the speaker paused for it. He then ventured a few words on the panic and claimed it had been brought about by a lack of confidence, but asked his hearers to restore confidence by voting back into power the party who was in power when this loss of confidence came about.

He then launched forth in defence of his record toward labor, admitting that he was responsible for the law regarding working men and injunctions as he had created this law when he decided the celebrated injunction cases. He here, passionately declared that he was responsible for this law "and I apologize to no one for it." This was the only place in his talk where the applause had a genuine ring. He then branched off into a diatribe against Samuel Gompers, the head of the American Federation of Labor, and appealed to the laboring men to vote for him and not be led by Gompers whom he denominated a "boss." This portion of his speech was decidedly passionate. He also named over several laws passed during the period of republican supremacy in the nation, and claimed credit for all labor legislation passed by congress. He then passed to possible conditions should he be defeated and Mr. Bryan successful and he grew menacing and threatening toward the people should they see fit to vote against him. This portion of his speech was received in dead silence. He wound up by asking the suffrages of the people for himself and the republican ticket.

The train then pulled out, the crowd giving mingled cheers for Taft and Bryan, the latter seeming to predominate. The meeting was distinctly a frost, the crowd being courteous but decidedly apathetic toward his policies. The republicans themselves were noticeably disappointed as they had banked upon a stirring speech and a great deal of enthusiasm.

There were many odd features of the meeting. One prominent farmer who came in to see the candidate remarked that "I like to come to this meeting. It don't cost anything. The Standard Oil Company pays the expenses." There were numerous other humorous experiences.

The arrangements of the committee in charge of the meeting were good, they doing all they could possibly do to make it a success. It is regretted that he could not have had more time here so that he might have been brought to town and given a chance to speak to all the people. The shopmen in the crowd were very few. One disappointing feat-

ure from a republican standpoint aside from the attendance was the scant applause and the chilly attitude of the crowd. And the speech didn't serve to dispel the chill either.

The reception committee from Omaha headed by the distinguished appearing John C. Cowin, met the Taft special at this point and accompanied it to Omaha. The party comprised two carriage loads of handsome and distinguished gentlemen who arrived at 4:15 on the Burlington in ample time to make connection with the special.

Is Connor Will Found.

That the appointment of administrators for the estate of Joseph A. Connor will be resisted and a will offered for probate is indicated by developments Wednesday. Smith & Smyth, attorneys in the case, notified County Judge Leslie that a will would be offered for probate within a few days.

This turn in the case was unexpected, as at the hearing a few days ago it was announced that no will could be found, and after this announcement County Judge Leslie appointed the three heirs of Mr. Connor to administer the estate. It was known, however, that a will had been made by Mr. Connor last spring, but it was supposed he had destroyed it before his death.

C. J. Smyth, one of the attorneys in the case, said he could not discuss the matter at present. He even declined to say whom he represented. Relatives at the late home of Mr. Connor also declined to discuss the case.

Whether the will which will be presented is the one made last spring, which named Alfred Millard as executor, or one made previously or since is not known outside those immediately interested. —Omaha Bee.

A DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION

Rev. J. H. Salsbury and Wife Entertain Their Friends.

Thursday evening from seven-thirty to ten-thirty Rev. J. H. Salsbury and his charming wife tendered the members of his congregation and the general public a reception at their charming home on Vine street. A great many of their friends took the opportunity to call and pay their respects to these popular people and during the three hours of the reception it is estimated that several hundred passed the portals of their home.

One of the charming features of the evening was a number of musical selections given by the best talent the city possesses, including vocal selections by Mrs. J. W. Gamble, Prof. Brooks and Mr. B. A. McElwain, all of whom were in excellent voice. As an additional feature there were choice instrumental selections given by Misses Kittie Cummins and Verna Cole, both of whom have a high reputation as pianists.

Punch was served during the evening, a number of ladies taking part in the serving among them being Misses Wilson, Matthews and Cole.

The entire evening was one of unalloyed pleasure and enjoyment to the many friends who gathered at this always delightful home, and they one and all expressed themselves as delighted to be enabled to pay their respect to so estimable a couple as the Rev. and Mrs. Salsbury.

A Dangerous Injury.

Last Wednesday Al Edgerton while employed in assisting John S. Hall in putting in the new heating apparatus at Geo. E. Dovey's house, accidentally stepped upon a nail which penetrated his shoe and foot running into the foot to quite a depth. He paid no attention to it at the time, considering it of no consequence, but the foot soon commenced to swell up and symptoms of poisoning appeared with the result that he yesterday called in medical attention. Dr. Cook was consulted with the result that Mr. Edgerton found he was threatened with serious trouble and is now confined to his home. With good luck he may be out in a week or so.

Returns from Dakota.

A. B. Forno returned Saturday from Huron, S. D., near which city he has some land interests. Mr. Forno found everything in that section in excellent shape, good crops, the country prosperous and rich and everything indicating that it would be one of the coming countries of the world for grain. He is much impressed with the value of the farming land which he purchased up there and the outlook for it advancing rapidly in value. While in Dakota he took occasion to visit with W. J. Keil at Alpena and found him to be getting along finely and prospering well. He found abundant crops at this place also, and taken all around he thinks very highly of this new settled land.

IS KILLED WHILE CROSSING TRACKS

John D. Ferguson, formerly of Louisville, Meets Death Near Lincoln.

Conrad Schlater Friday a. m. received by phone the distressing intelligence from Lincoln that his old friend John D. Ferguson was lying at the point of death. Mrs. Schlater departed on the fast mail at noon for his bedside, Mr. Schlater's health not permitting him to make the trip. Mr. Ferguson will be remembered by many people the country over as a pioneer settler near Louisville, at one time in business there and prominent for years in democratic politics in the county. His host of friends will be pained and shocked to hear of his alarming condition and hope that a change for the better will soon take place. Mr. Schlater was greatly overcome by the sad intelligence and very nearly prostrated. Mr. Ferguson's condition will be awaited with much anxiety.

Since the above was put in print definite particulars have been received concerning the death of Mr. Ferguson. It seems he had been out to his farm south of Lincoln yesterday afternoon and was returning to his home in the city when he was struck at a railroad crossing by a train. Just what railroad crossing he was injured upon is unknown now, and the extent of the injury to the team he was driving is also unknown. He was picked up and hurried to a hospital at Lincoln where everything possible was done for him but to no avail and he died this morning at two o'clock.

As stated above Mr. Ferguson had lived in this county for many years and had a host of friends to whom the news of his distressing death will come as a painful shock. The deceased was about seventy years of age but very active and spry for his age and was continually stirring around after his business matters. Arrangements have not been made yet for his funeral which will more than likely be held at Louisville where he has four sons buried.

An additional telephone message from Lincoln conveys the information that Mr. Ferguson was driving a single horse and buggy in from his farm and was struck by the Nebraska City train on the Burlington road at a road crossing. The buggy was demolished and the horse escaped uninjured. Mr. Ferguson had one leg broken in a number of places and was very badly bruised. No further particulars could be obtained at the hour of going to press.

Married Near Avoca.

Walter Rockwell of Weeping Water and Laura Albers were married Thursday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Albers, near here.

ELMWOOD ORGANIZES CLUB

Big Bryan Organization Perfected Last Night.

Special to The Journal.

ELMWOOD, NEB., Oct. 2.—Last night an enthusiastic meeting of the democrats of Elmwood and vicinity was held here and the organization of a Bryan Club perfected. The membership of the club is started at seventy-five, all enthusiastic and live Bryan voters and all with their coats off and full of vigor for the Great Commoner.

The meeting last night was marked with much unanimity of feeling and the speeches all expressed the greatest confidence in the result of the presidential race in November. The meeting last night selected the following officers, everyone of whom is a live Bryan man with the interests of the Big Leader at heart:

President, L. F. Langhorst.
Vice-president, Wm. Leffler.
Secretary, F. C. Leffler.
Treasurer, Roy Lean.

This is the kind of organization which does good for Mr. Bryan and the ticket. It is composed of hustlers who will leave no stone unturned to swing their section of the county into line for the new and triumphant democracy.

As an opening gun they have secured Hon. C. W. Crosser of Buffalo, N. Y., to address the voters of Elmwood and vicinity tomorrow (Saturday) night and they promise to make their opening rally one of the biggest in the county. It can be said in Mr. Crosser's behalf that he is a good speaker of much ability, and he will give the people of Elmwood a speech worth listening to. He speaks tomorrow night, Oct. 3.

Dry batteries for engine ignition, etc. Gering & Co.

A Miserable Forgery.

In a Chicago paper of the 29th. ult. appears a letter purporting to be from Mayor Henry R. Gering attacking the letters of Hon. William J. Abbot which are issued by the publicity bureau of the National Democratic Committee. The letter purports that the Democrats of this section are disgusted with Abbot's letters and brands them as untrue. It also states that Mr. Gering had a personal acquaintance with Mr. Abbot and regrets that the writer is compelled to disagree with both Mr. Bryan and Mr. Abbot. It further represents that Mr. Gering is a candidate for presidential elector in the First Congressional district which in itself should brand the letter as a forgery.

Mr. Gering called at the Journal office and stated that he had never seen or heard of the letter until a copy of it came to him through H. C. Richmond, assistant secretary of the Democratic National Committee. He denies absolutely the authorship of the letter or any endorsement of the curious statements and sentiments contained in it. He has merely a passing acquaintance with Mr. Abbot and no personal friendship.

He denounces the forgery as a miserable piece of low and dirty politics. He has written Mr. Richmond to this effect and also written the Tribune calling their attention to the forgery.

PAYS A VISIT TO THE NEW COUNTRY

D. O. Dwyer Returns from a Trip to Pender, Walthill and Rosalie.

D. O. Dwyer came in Friday from a trip to Pender, Walthill and Rosalie lasting several days. Mr. Dwyer had some business matters to look after up there and was compelled to do considerable driving across the country. This gave him an opportunity of seeing this new country and he was much impressed with the fertility of the soil, although the land was very broken and rough. The country is comparatively new and for that reason the crops are excellent, the land not having been worn out nor washed by the rains. Corn is a good crop and the settlers are prosperous and happy. The towns in that country are booming, Walthill especially growing like a weed. New houses and business blocks are going up everywhere, many of the latter being substantial brick structures. Mr. Dwyer ran across a great many ex-Cass county people while there, they being settled in that country in great numbers.

Visiting With Relatives.

H. P. Sanders, president of The Answer-Herold Publishing Company of Grand Island, arrived in the city Friday morning to make a brief visit with Paul F. Budig, his brother-in-law. Mr. Sanders is the head of a publishing company, publishing a paper with forty-eight hundred circulation, a practical printer and a newspaper man of much ability. This is his first visit to Plattsmouth and he met a great number of our German-American citizens to whom his paper was no stranger. He is a very pleasant, affable gentleman and from meeting him one can readily see why his paper has attained so great a circulation as he makes a most pleasing impression. He is a great democrat and a strong admirer of Bryan. From his talk it is evident that Grand Island and Hall county will this fall roll up an old time democrat majority this fall for Bryan and the straight ticket. Mr. Sanders met his wife here, she having been visiting with the family of Paul F. Budig for several days. They returned home this morning.

Leaves For Washington.

Andrew Campbell departed Saturday on the fast mail for Tacoma, Wash., and Portland, Oregon, at one of which places he will make his future home. Mrs. Campbell will follow later. It is a matter of regret to have so good a citizen as Andy Campbell leave the city but he feels that he can do better in the Northwest and for that reason concluded to make the change. Mr. Campbell is well known throughout the vicinity as an excellent man, a good and worthy citizen and a finished workman. Such men are hard to find in any community and their leaving is always to be regretted.

A SWEET LITTLE SPIRIT LEAVES

Margaret, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Maguire Called Away.

Died—Maguire. Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maguire, at Plattsmouth, Neb., Oct. 1, 1908, at 8:15 p. m., aged 9 years, 2 days, of malignant diphtheria.

One of the most pathetic cases of malignant diphtheria the community has been called upon to note, is that of little Margaret Maguire, the nine year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maguire. Last Monday full of youth, healthy life, laughing and playing with her schoolmates in all the joyous exuberance of youth, she today lies cold in death in the darkened room of her father's house.

Mysterious are the ways of Providence. When the little girl came from school on Monday evening she was not feeling so well and later became worse. Physicians were called and everything possible done to alleviate her but of no avail. Thursday night her soul departed. All known remedies were used by the attending physicians and no effort was spared to save her young life.

It seems hard that so young and bright a life should be taken away. With all the glory of life waiting her, it's beauties just unfolding, she was called to the Great Beyond and away from the loved ones in whose circle she shone as the brightest light. The many friends of the bereaved parents join in expressing their most sincere sympathy. Owing to the dreadful form of her complaint they can do no more, but their hearts open to those who are called upon to mourn the passing of this sweet little spirit.

The funeral took place Friday afternoon.

Did He Mean a Holdup?

Friday night as Roy Thompson was driving up to the M. P. depot with the mail, he was stopped by a man who is vaguely described by Mr. Thompson as a heavy set man. The man's actions were such as to rouse Mr. Thompson's suspicions of his intentions and caused that young man to vigorously call for help from Mr. Kroehler in front of whose residence the act occurred. The man stepped out into the avenue from under the trees and seizing the horse by the bridle brought it to a halt. He then asked Thompson what he had in his buggy and started to move around to the rear of the wagon. At this stage of the game Mr. Thompson raised the loud cry for help from Mr. Kroehler whereupon the man turned and ran speedily up an alleyway and was lost to sight. It is not known why he should have attempted to hold up the wagon unless he intended to rob the mail or because he didn't know what the wagon contained. As the only description of the man is vague and indefinite it is improbable he will be apprehended.

Try This Attraction.

For more than thirty years the well known Hi Henry's Minstrels have been noted for their excellence, and the management for its sound business methods. The organization is known from Ocean to Ocean and Mr. Henry has, for more than twenty years, been styled the "King of Minstrels." It is his policy to keep abreast of the times, always presenting the newest and latest, in fact he is the originator of many of the most sensational minstrel effects. His performances are clean, costumes elegant, scenery gorgeous, and he is capable of always presenting the very best in the minstrel line. Fifty talented versatile stars appear in the splendid program he presents. His band is conceded to be the very best in the minstrel profession. The changes have been so radical in this seasons program that no one could recognize the slightest resemblance to anything ever before presented. This famous and popular organization will appear at the Parme Theatre, Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Kodak supplies at Gering & Co.'s.

Close Call for Bad Wreck.

A wreck occurred in the Burlington yards Wednesday night which came near being fatal to the train crew. The switch engine working in the upper yard was derailed at Thirty-sixth and I St., near the Omaha Coopersage company's building. The derailment occurred on a culvert and the engine pitched over the grade and hung suspended by the coupling with a heavy string of freight cars behind. This was called the most remarkable accident, and this suspension alone saved a drop of thirty feet or more. The engineer and fireman jumped off before receiving any injury. The steam is said to scalded the engineer's arm slightly. The tracks were blocked for several hours. If the train had been under headway the results must have been serious. —South Omaha Items Omaha Bee.

RETURNS HOME FROM OKLAHOMA

Geo. P. Meisinger and Family Have a Great Trip to The Southland.

George P. Meisinger and family who have been down in Oklahoma for several weeks visiting with relatives and friends returned Friday afternoon. They had a very delightful time and found everything to be in ship shape. Mr. Meisinger was surprised at the remarkable crops they saw while there. In the neighborhood of Pecossett they saw some corn that was astonishing even to eyes accustomed to great corn fields and heavy yields. They saw corn which ran to one hundred and twenty bushels to the acre, something wonderful even in such country as this is. Then there was potatoes of enormous size and fine quality with a splendid yield. Then there was cotton, fields of the white, feathery stuff that was beautiful for the eye to gaze upon, and fine for the farmers pocket books. Mr. Meisinger thinks that Oklahoma is a great state and he can see what the bustling German farmer can do when he has such fertility to work upon.

Death of J. D. Ferguson.

The following account taken from the State Journal gives the particulars of the death of John D. Ferguson with a statement of the time of his funeral in accordance with the article printed above.

John D. Ferguson seventy three years of age, who resided at Eighteenth and Washington streets was struck by the Burlington passenger train No. 41 Thursday evening while he was returning in a buggy from a visit to his farm, five miles south of Lincoln, sustaining injuries from which he died at St. Elizabeth's hospital at two o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Ferguson with his family came to Lincoln last spring from Louisville, Neb., and bought a home at Eighteenth and Washington streets and a farm five miles south of the city on Fourteenth street where he had been raising considerable fine stock. The family has been living at their home in town but Ferguson has made daily trips to the farm and back, and it was while returning from one of these trips that he came to his death. In speaking of how it all occurred Mr. Ferguson said to Dr. Lehnhoff, "I was driving a single horse and riding in the buggy with the curtains up to keep out the wind. All I know is that I was driving along, when something happened and when I recovered from the shock I was surrounded by trainmen and other people. I wanted them to put me back in the buggy but they told me it had been demolished." He was brought to Lincoln on the train and sent to the hospital where he died later from the shock. He had sustained a compound fracture of one of his limbs. He leaves a wife, two daughters and a son at home besides three married daughters and a son out of town. Funeral arrangements will be postponed until word can be received from relatives in Pennsylvania. The interment will be at Louisville, Nebraska, in the German Lutheran cemetery. Mr. Ferguson was well known in Cass county and especially near Louisville where before coming to Lincoln he owned the well known Cedar Lawn stock farm.

Information received here Saturday is to the effect that John D. Ferguson whose untimely death was recorded in the Journal last Friday, will be buried on Monday at the Lutheran cemetery south of Louisville. The funeral services will be held at Lincoln on the body brought to Louisville on the Schuyler train, interment following from the depot.

It is more than probable that a large crowd of this noble man's friends will go from this city to be present at the interment. His life long friend, Conrad Schlater will go out if his health permits in the automobile of ex-Senator Thomas who will also attend.