

## THE GERMANS IN AMERICA.

Frederic J. Haskin Imparts Some Valuable Information to Germans

According to the most conservative estimates, there are at least 12,000,000 people in America who are either German or of German extraction. We have more than 5,000,000 citizens who were actually born in the Fatherland. They are diffused through every portion of the country, but New York has the largest German colony in the world. After that the greatest number is found in Pennsylvania. In the early days of the Keystone state, when the question arose whether the German or English language should be the official tongue of the legislature, a German cast the deciding vote in favor of the English. Nine governors of Pennsylvania have been of German descent. In the west the number piles up again, and there was at one time a concerted effort in Wisconsin to make that wholly a German state. Probably 75 per cent of the population of Milwaukee is of German extraction.

The history of the Germans in the United States is as picturesque as any tradition cherished by the American people. Peter Minnewit of Wesel was the first German to set foot on American soil. He came in 1626 as first governor of New Netherlands, but the initial German colony was not established until 1683, in the land of William Penn. This little band of thirteen families came on the good ship Concord, with Germantown as their Plymouth Rock. The emigration was straggling and infrequent during the rest of the century, but the accession of good Queen Anne to the throne of England, and her generous protection of the persecuted Germans, led them in 1703 to leave their desecrated homes for England, from where they were sent to people the American colonies.

Although the Germans themselves do not boast of their war record, claiming to be a peacefully people, the archives of American wars show some interesting facts about them as soldiers. The first regiment to reach General Washington after his call to arms was the York County regiment, composed of Germans under Lieutenant Heinrich Miller. More than forty companies in the war of the revolution were composed of men of this race, most of them coming from New York and Pennsylvania, but each state where they had settled contributed its share. Colonel Nicolaus Henschelmer, with his brave band of followers, won two decisive victories for the colonies. The famed First New York battalion, under Colonel Lasher, was composed of German soldiery. When in 1776 Washington's depleted army of 23,000 men called for help before going into the battles of Princeton and Trenton it was 1,500 German soldiers who reinforced them and won those two battles.

The brilliant, picturesque Baron von Steuben, drill master and inspector-general of the army, was called the right-hand of Washington because he took a mob and hammered it into an army. When the continental soldiers were starving at Valley Forge and a plea was sent forth for funds, nine Germans responded by raising \$100,000. The superintendent of bakeries of the continental army was Christopher Ludwig, who was described by General Washington as "my honest friend." Michael Hillegas, who was the first treasurer of the United Colonies and afterward of the United States, was of that nationality. It was Heinrich Miller who became printer for the convention, and a German editor "scooped" his colleagues on the birth of the United States.

Two stalwart figures of the Revolution were the sons of Henry M. Muhlenberg, the founder of the Lutheran church in America. The first, Rev. Peter G. Muhlenberg of Woodstock, Va., called his little flock together one Sunday morning, preached a stirring sermon on the glories of war for the right, then threw aside his clerical coat, displaying a military uniform, and called on all those who would to follow him. At the church door he made up a company of 300 men, and with this handful he went through the war, becoming colonel, then brigadier general, and finally major general. His statue has been placed in the national hall in Washington by the state of Pennsylvania. His brother, Frederick A. Muhlenberg, was president of the convention which ratified the constitution of the United States. Later he was made speaker of the First and Third congresses, and it was his deciding vote, in the memorable deadlock of April 29, 1796, which made the Jay treaty operative. The first force to reach Lincoln in 1861 to defend the union was a regiment from Pennsylvania composed almost entirely of descendants of revolutionary patriots who in the earlier days were the first to reach George Washington. It was the Germans who saved Missouri and Kentucky for the union. Over 200,000 men of this race served in the armies of the north, 5,000 of whom were officers.

There were twenty-seven German sailors on the ill-starred Maine which was sunk in Havana harbor. Chief

Gunner Leonard G. F. Kuehlwein fired the first shot at Manila. There were thirteen German officers in Roosevelt's Rough Rider regiment, and of the three American flags first planted on San Juan hill one was placed there by Captain Frederick Muhlenberg of the Rough Riders. There was a German in Hobson's little band, and Admiral Schley, the hero of Santiago, is of German descent. All of which goes to show that in times of stress Uncle Sam may well depend upon his German sons.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Will Be Held at Weeping Water, November 9th and 10th, 1908.

The programs are out for the 9th annual meeting of the Cass County Sunday School Association to be held at Weeping Water, Monday and Tuesday, November 9th and 10th. This is to be called a "How" convention, and the program states it is not a bill of fare for a 10c cold lunch, but for a good Thanksgiving dinner—free to all Sunday school workers in the county, and judging from the way the "bill of fare" has been crowded with good things to hear one would judge that the statement was correct. This convention is unusual and extraordinary in that it is the first of the series of six big meetings to be held in this district the same week and for which the officers have been able to secure the services of C. D. Meigs of Indianapolis, Ind., one of the greatest convention speakers in the country. Mr. Meigs has spoken to Sunday school workers in every state in the Union save two and his forceful and convincing way of putting things makes him a favorite wherever he goes. There is only one Meigs. He is unique and in a class of his own. People who know of him travel miles to hear him. The Sunday school workers of this district should appreciate their good fortune in being able to hear him so early. Other prominent speakers are on the program and many interesting features are introduced for the first time. The meetings will be held in the Methodist church where a fine pipe organ will be available for the use of the convention. The program begins Monday morning and closes Tuesday afternoon in time for delegates to get away on the evening trains. Weeping Water people are making great preparations to entertain the convention and it is expected that the attendance will exceed anything of the kind ever held in the county. All delegates will be entertained free. Send names to Edith Clizbe, Weeping Water. In case you do not receive programs send to C. E. Wescott, Plattsmouth, Neb.

The Journal is in receipt of a postal card from H. H. Tartsch at McCook, Neb., giving upon the back the picture of the monster crowd which greeted Hon. W. J. Bryan when he spoke there on his recent trip west. The picture itself is a fine piece of work and is a splendid photograph of the great crowd. It shows that even with only a ten minute stop the Great Commoner had a multitude of people present to greet him and hear what he had to say, and it looks like a sure harbinger of victory in that city as well as in the state.

## On the Roll of Honor.

Tuesday's World-Herald contained the name of a good democrat who had added his bit to the national campaign fund, in the shape of a two dollar and a half contribution from G. W. Eaton of Union. Mr. Eaton is quite well known throughout the county as one of the best citizens of the county and a genuine patriot. His name is quite deservedly placed upon the honor roll.

## AN INTERESTING TALK LAST NIGHT

Rev. Geo. L. Trull on "How to Get Missions Before Sabbath School."

Last night at the Presbyterian church Rev. Geo. L. Trull of New York City, who is connected with the Foreign Board of that church, gave a most interesting talk on "How to Get Missions Before the Sabbath School." The address was more in the nature of a conference, every one who desired questioning him freely. Mr. Trull had on display maps, charts, pictures, books and literature of all sorts relating to that particular phase of the Sabbath school work. Several from the other Sabbath schools were present and provided themselves with such equipment as they could for more effectively getting this subject before the schools. The darkness of the night kept many away who would otherwise have liked to have attended. Mr. Trull left on the morning train for Lincoln, where he holds another conference to-night and then proceeds to Fairbury, Pawnee City and Beatrice. The occasional coming of such men to aid in this work is always appreciated because of the new ideas they bring and their large view of possibilities of such work with the young.

## CAR WRECKED ON THE BIG BRIDGE

In Consequence of Which the Noon Train for Omaha Was Annulled.

The derailment of a refrigerator car this noon caused a suspension of traffic across the bridge and the annullment of the noon train for Omaha. There were quite a number of passengers at the depot expecting to go north, but they were disappointed. The car which did all the damage was in an eastbound freight and jumped the track near the west end of the bridge running on the ties the entire length of the structure and for some little distance upon the high fill on the east side. It cut the ties upon the bridge very badly, in some cases cutting them almost in two. Section men were hurriedly called and every possible effort made to clear the track so that No. 7 could pass, but it was found the damage was so great that it would not be safe to attempt to let the train through and it was annulled. Passengers for points west of Omaha were compelled to wait until the stub this afternoon when they went out on the Schuyler. Several Omaha passengers went to the junction on the stub at 2:40 and up to Omaha by way of Council Bluffs. There is considerable curiosity as to how the train crew came to let the car run such a distance without discovering that it was off the track.

## Pleasant Weather Again.

The first decent weather for more than a week appeared this morning when the sun came out and the clouds and mists of the past ten days disappeared. The reappearance of the sun was the cause of almost universal rejoicing, everyone being in a much better humor than during the past unpleasantness. Business revived and life was once more worth the living. It was a welcome and pleasant relief to see the day dawn with the heavens clear and blue once more. There was a frost last night but not so heavy as for several days during last week and the week before. Parties coming in from the country report the roads as being in very bad shape, the mud being deep and particularly sticky. Wagons loaded with coal and other merchandise in the city are being drawn with two or more teams and then it is hard for them to get over some of the roads. It is probable that if the sun continues to shine for several days the roads will be much improved in a short time.

## Surprise Their Pastor.

Last evening the members and friends of the U. B. church, south of the city, met and surprised their pastor, Rev. F. W. Brink and his estimable wife. They came and took possession of the parsonage in a body and gave the esteemed couple a complete surprise. Refreshments were served and a most delightful evening was had. The parson and his good wife were enriched with many of the things which are necessary to keep the material man in good snipe. It can be said to the credit of Rev. Brink and his church that it is a decidedly strong church, the members being good, substantial farmers and the very best people in Cass county. That they esteem their pastor and his good wife very highly is evident by the handsome surprise party which they gave them.

## Will Move to Plattsmouth.

Albert O'Neill, mention of the burning of whose home over on the east side of the river was made in the Journal several weeks ago, was in the city this morning and made arrangements to move his family to this city, pending the adjustment of his insurance and the rebuilding of his home. Mr. O'Neill has been secured by the Burlington to move the earth for the excavation of the new subway at the depot, and expects to start the work about next Saturday or Monday. He has rush orders on this work and will give it the best attention possible. He does not expect to move before Tuesday, as he does not intend to lose his vote, which would be the case were he to move at once. Mr. O'Neill hopes to get his insurance adjusted in the very near future, when he will rebuild the house and move back.

## Fine Showing for Cass County.

Cass county towns which have contributed to the national campaign fund up to Monday stand as follows: Plattsmouth, \$73.00; Murray, \$53.00; Avoca, \$52.00; Union, \$37.00; Nehawka, \$21.50; Weeping Water, \$21.00; Greenwood, \$20.00; Eagle, \$10.00; Alvo, \$3.00; Manley, \$1.00. Since this list has been compiled there have been a number of other contributions which will be given later. It can be said that the Plattsmouth list will be raised by the addition of more money in the next day or two. It is a fine showing for the county and shows that our people are alive and intend to down Wall street and the trusts.

## DAILY PERSONAL NEWS

Short Items of Interest From Wednesday Evening's Daily Journal

M. D. Talcott of Greenwood was one of those transacting business today in the city.

William F. Gillespie of Mynard is in the city today with his good democratic smile.

Frank Kauble, Jr., is in Omaha today, going up on the early morning train.

C. H. Vallery was a business visitor in Omaha this morning going up on the early train.

A. E. Taylor of Union is registered at the Perkins house today coming up this morning.

Jos. Winkler departed this morning for Omaha, where he had business matter to look after.

Joe Kellogg of Murray was registered at the Perkin last night being a business visitor in the city.

O. A. Newton departed this morning for Kearney, Neb., where he will be a visitor for several days.

Dr. J. F. Brendel of Murray is in the city in attendance upon the medical society meeting here today.

Mr. J. Terhune is spending the day in Omaha, having been a passenger on the early train this morning.

G. E. Jenkins of Murray is among those in the city today, coming up to look after business matters.

M. Fanger, the great distributor of Wooltex garments, is in Omaha today looking after business matters.

C. Bengen, the Mynard grain merchant, is in the city this afternoon, looking after business matters.

Mrs. C. E. Binkley of Glenwood, Ia., came over this morning for a visit with her parents, J. M. Leek and wife.

Mrs. C. L. Herger departed this afternoon for Lincoln, where she will visit with friends for several days.

Miss Minnie Stohman was a passenger this morning for Omaha, where she will visit with friends during the day.

John Nolan was a passenger this afternoon by way of Pacific Junction for Omaha, where he will spend several days.

Dr. Alex Walker of Nehawka came in this morning and is in attendance upon the medical society meeting here today.

Spencer Ketchum and wife of Henry, Illinois, arrived in the city this morning for a visit with A. W. Atwood and family.

J. A. Kiser came in this morning from his farm, and was a passenger for Omaha where he had business matters to attend to.

Rev. Geo. L. Trull of New York City, N. Y. who lectured last night at the Presbyterian church, departed this morning on No. 19 for Lincoln.

Chas. C. and John A. Hennings, two of the foremost farmers of Eight Mile Grove precinct, are in the city today looking after business matters.

Homer Schrader and wife of Murray came in this morning and after a few hours in the city, were passengers for Omaha where they will spend the day.

Wm. Wright of Lincoln who has been visiting his brother P. W. Wright in this city for several days, departed for home this morning on the early train.

Capt. Isaac Wiles was a passenger for Omaha this morning, going up to look after some business matters and to make a brief visit with his son, Frank.

B. Wurl and wife returned this morning from a visit with their son, Otto and family, at Quincy, Ill. They had a most delightful trip and a highly enjoyable visit.

Chas. Miller, the enterprising farmer from south of the city, came in this morning after several days spent with Chas. Schwab at his farm in Rock Bluffs precinct.

Canon H. B. Burgess departed this morning on the early train for Lincoln where he will be present at the Episcopal convocation which takes place today and tomorrow.

Gus, Johnson and wife of Lincoln who have been the guests of Mr. Johnson's brother, J. Johnson and family, for several days returned to their home this morning on the early train.

The Cass County Medical society is holding a session today at the Elk's Club rooms. There are quite a number of physicians present from outside points and a very interesting session is in progress.

Louis F. Kohrell returned last evening from a trip to Fremont where he has made arrangements to move in the spring. He has taken a lease upon a farm of two hundred and forty acres adjoining the city limits of Fremont. Mr. Kohrell is a good farmer, an estimable citizen and one whom the community here will be sorry to lose.

J. H. Hall and wife of Virginia, Ill., who has been visiting in the city for some time past, the guests of T. B. Smith and family, returned to their home this morning of No. 6.

Wm. Inman and wife departed this afternoon for Denver, Col., where he goes to accept a position with a Denver paper. Mr. Inman has been connected with the Journal for a brief space of time, coming here from Greeley, Col., resigning his position several days ago.

A. R. Young residing southwest of the city, was in the city yesterday and reports a very curious freak of nature in the shape of a crab apple tree which has been in continuous bloom since early last spring. Mr. Young reports that the tree is even now blooming which is very extraordinary. He expects to bring in specimens of the bloom to this office so that all who have doubts as to this remarkable freak may see with their own eyes.

Another good democrat to have his name inscribed upon the roll of honor of the national committee is L. G. Todd, Jr. of Union. This morning's World Herald contains the name of Mr. Todd as a subscriber to the campaign fund of Five Dollars. This is a handsome contribution and one which well deserves duplication by all who can afford to do so. Mr. Todd is a good citizen and an enterprising one and his contribution is generous and timely.

Robert Troop returned last evening from Gregory, S. D., where he spent the exciting times during the registration and drawing for the Tripp County lands. Mr. Troop expected to be able to buy some lands in the neighborhood of Gregory but was disappointed, the price being held altogether too high for him. He states that he had a very enjoyable time while there as the excitement was high and everything was booming. He was quite glad to get back home again just the same.

A. Baxter Smith departed this afternoon for the home of William Kaufman, south of the city. Mr. Smith goes out to complete the residence of Mr. Kaufman, which his partner Herman Tietorker worked on last spring. He will be on this job for the remainder of the week. Mr. Kaufman's new house will be a good one when completed, as he has had the very best of workmen employed in its construction as well as the best of materials.

P. H. Meisinger, Jr., and wife of Perry, Oklahoma, who has been visiting with Mr. Meisinger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Meisinger, for several weeks past, were passengers this morning for Omaha where they will spend the day. They were accompanied by Mrs. Geo. A. Meisinger and Miss Mary Meisinger. Mr. Meisinger moved to Oklahoma last spring and he has been greatly pleased with the "baby" state. They have had fine crops this year down there and are generally prosperous. He expects to be in this vicinity for some little time yet, visiting with various relatives.

Chancellor Phillips and wife returned last evening on No. 2 from an extended trip to Aurora and Hamilton county where they visited with relatives of Mr. Phillips. They found things in Hamilton county in excellent shape, fine crops and general conditions better than in this vicinity. That section escaped much of the drought and dry weather of mid-summer as well as the extreme wet weather of the early spring with consequently a much better yield of corn and other grain. Mr. Phillips who is a practical farmer, was greatly pleased at the outlook for business in the section around Aurora.

Once more Cass county democrats are at the front with contributions in aid of the democratic cause. This morning's World-Herald contains a list of those contributing to the fund from Wabash, which shows that the following good democrats contributed their one dollar to the fund, viz: O. H. Allen, Mrs. O. H. Allen, S. Hulfish, Mrs. S. Hulfish, H. L. Richards, G. E. Vandenberg, W. T. Richards, William Bourke, Geo. A. Towle, and Ralph Dove. This is a splendid list from the little city, and everyone of them is a rattling good democrat. The noticeable feature is the presence of the names of Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Hulfish, both bright, intelligent women, and strong democrats. If every community did as well as Wabash the campaign fund would be flourishing. Hats off to Wabash.

Lame Back.

This ailment is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles of the small of the back, and is quickly cured by applying Chamberlain's Liniment two or three times a day and massaging parts at each application. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

## HURRAH FOR AVOCA PRECINCT

The Noble Democracy Come to the Front With a Large Subscription to the Campaign Fund.

The democrats of Avoca, not to be behind the other good democrats of Cass county, have raised a fine fund for the democratic national committee, sending their contribution to the Omaha World-Herald which printed the following list on Monday last, viz: B. C. Marquardt, \$5; W. H. Betts, Jr., \$3; L. F. Dunkak, John H. Busch, Peter Jorgensen, \$2 each; Ora F. Copes, H. Minderman, Jos. C. Zimmerer, F. W. Ruhge, Gus Mohr, J. W. Brendel, Aug. Thiele, T. H. Straub, J. B. Carter, W. H. Betts, J. H. E. Ruhge, Fred Bartels, Dick Stubendick, Henry Kuhne-man, M. M. Straub, F. D. Buckman, Henry Maseman, G. K. Fleming, A. C. Munn, Mat Meyers, Geo. Peters, G. W. Harshman, Jr., Roscoe Harshman, J. G. St. John, V. W. Straub, W. H. August, Edward Cleghorn, and A. Zimmerer, Jr., \$1 each. This is a splendid list and shows that Avoca has one of the liveliest bunches of democrats in this section. Every man whose name appears on the foregoing list is a good citizen and one who appreciates the duty which now confronts him and all other patriots who are apposed to the panic-breeding trusts and Wall street sharks.

## Where Pollard Stands.

NEBRASKA CITY, Oct. 23—Editor News—Will you please publish the resolution adopted by the Baptist State convention recently held in Pawnee City. There has been dispute in regard to this resolution, so I would like to know what it said. "J. M."

The above communication was received Saturday and in the Twice-a-Week News, published at Pawnee City, it gives the resolution in full, as follows:

"Resolved, That we recognize Joseph Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives, as an obstructionist of all progressive measures, and an enemy of temperance reform; that we record our sympathy with the people of his district who are seeking to prevent his re-election to congress; and that we ask all good people to support only those candidates for congress who are apposed to his re-election for speaker of the house."

## Death of Infant Child

Last Monday death claimed the infant daughter of C. H. Lewis and wife, living near Weeping Water. The little one passed away from lung fever, after a brief illness. The funeral services were held yesterday from the United Brethren church, south of the city, being conducted by Rev. F. W. Brink, and were very impressive. The little one whose age was only three months and twenty-three days, was interred at Horning cemetery. There was quite a large attendance at the funeral, and the entire community shares in the grief of the stricken parents. It is one of the many mysteries of Providence that such sweet, little spirits should be taken so quickly from earth after so short a time.

## AT THE PARMELE SATURDAY NIGHT

Dr. Guy Carleton Lee, the Great Historian Will Lecture.

The people of Plattsmouth are more than a little interested at the present time in Dr. Guy Carleton Lee, formerly of Johns Hopkins University, because of the announcement that he will shortly come to this city to deliver one of his famous lectures.

Dr. Lee will make his appearance under the auspices of the Plattsmouth Public Library, next Saturday evening October 31st. Because of the interest created by the announcement of this lecture, the following sketch of Dr. Lee will be welcomed by the people of Plattsmouth:

Among the historians of America who have not only possessed learning, but the happy gift of presenting their knowledge in readable form is Guy Carleton Lee, for so long a member of the historical faculty of the Johns Hopkins University, and now devoting himself to historical writing and occasionally lecturing. Guy Carleton Lee has won a world-wide reputation, and is one of the few historians of America who has a large circle of readers in countries other than the United States. Perhaps this fact arises in part from the circumstance that of all living historians he is the most eloquent, possessing the power to reach the heart of the people by the spoken word. Thus by his gift of oratory he has won the affection of a larger number of personal friends than has blessed his contemporaries.

The activities of this writer are worth notice, for by observing them we can form some idea of the worth of the man who on Saturday evening, Oct. 31, is to address the Plattsmouth people at the Parmele Theatre.