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With the coming of spring the trade excursions which have been talked of between Eagle and this city should be started. Let the Commercial Club get after this project in earnest and secure the train for service early in March at least.

The Nevada legislature is determined to have its own voice speak rather than the voice of Roosevelt. It passed strong anti-Japanese resolutions and the American workman stands behind them for they will need their protection sooner or later.

There is much merit in Sink's bed-sheet bill despite all the ridicule which has been heaped upon it. In some respects it may go to extremes but in some respects, the hotels of the state go to extremes also. There could be worse legislation than this.

It is South Dakota now which is about to enact a two-cent fare law for the railroads. If the law works as well in that state as it has in Nebraska there is little reason to believe the railroads will spend much money fighting it. In Nebraska it has proven a veritable bonanza for them.

All over the country the agitation for good roads is being pushed and Nebraska ought not to be behind. Good roads means millions to the farmers of the state and the growth of the automobile needs the roads as well. Let everyone agitate in favor of good roads and increase the value of property in this county.

The organization of an interurban company to build a line from this city to Elmwood or Murdock would be the biggest thing Plattsmouth ever attempted. It would mean the making of the city and when it was completed there would be no reason to have to urge the Omaha interurban to come down here, they would be glad to get a chance. Let the Commercial Club look into this for it is worth it.

The public will watch with a great deal of interest the result of the case found by the grand jury in Oklahoma against Governor Haskell. His charges that the indictment was due to the manipulations of Wm. R. Hearst will have a chance to be aired now that the indictment has been found. One significant feature of the case is that fifteen of the oldest and most prominent men of Muskogee called as soon as they learned of the indictment and signed his bond for \$5,000. Many more called but could not get to sign. This would indicate that his friends and neighbors have little confidence in the substantiation of the charges against him.

An effort is to be made by the advocates of county option to get the present legislature to pass such an act. While there is no serious probability that an act of this nature can pass the house let alone the senate, it shows that the advocates of the bill are still fighting determinedly for its enactment. That the legislature would make a serious blunder to take up this matter and enact legislation converting our present excellent system of handling the liquor question into that of hole-in-the-wall and "blind tigers," everyone familiar with the situation must admit. As it now stands everyone is protected under the workings of the high license law to repeal this and to pass a measure leaving the state open to prey from the irresponsible and criminal would be the height of folly. The members of the legislature can serve their constituents no better than to leave the present legislation upon the books.

That something big is brewing in diplomatic circles seems evident judging from the strenuous efforts of the administration to stop the anti-Japanese sentiment in the country.

Matters really look as if the gov-

ernment was preparing for war with that nation or that it desires the country to be prepared for that eventuality. It is to be hoped that these indications are misleading but if war must come, Japan will find that it has no Russia to contend with in this struggle as the United States is larger and more powerful in every respect. The country may divide on questions of internal moment but when it comes to contending with an outside power, it stands as a unit. War is never to be sought but there comes times when war is far preferable to peace and if the United States is ever compelled to go to war again it can be depended upon to fight to win. And it will do this under any man who may happen to be president, for he represents merely the nation in its concreteness.

There should be no time lost in organizing the proposed trade excursions from Eagle. They mean a handsome income to the merchants of the city and all should get together and push it along.

The construction of the proposed interurban with Murdock and Elmwood would be the best thing which ever took place in Cass County. It would mean to bring to all parts of the county together and to open up an easy market along its line. Every farmer whose lands lie anywhere near the proposed line would reap an immense benefit from it, not alone in the increased value of his farm lands but in the increased value of his food products. In the eastern states where interurbans grid-iron the country, they afford a cheap and easy means of reaching market and the consequence is that an immense freight business is being built up on them. Owing to the low cost of operation and the light charges for maintenance these roads are money makers from the start and this one especially would pay as it runs through the heart of the richest county in the state. Push it along.

The projected Omaha-Plattsmouth interurban would be a good thing for this city in one sense surely. It would result in an instant advance in real estate values and the erection of a number of summer homes along the picturesque bluffs which line the river. With all the advantages which nature has bestowed upon it there is no good reason why this city should not be one of the prettiest and most slightly cities in the middle west. Dot the hills and bluffs with handsome homes and everyone who would see the town would discover how really handsome it is and what gifts nature has lavished upon it. The interurban would doubtless lead in this work. In addition the construction of the line into the country which the journal is advocating, would make the proposed interurban a connection of great value. Let everyone boost both these projects.

The California legislature yesterday unexpectedly revived the anti-Japanese agitation in that state by the passage of a bill to segregate the Japanese from the white children. This action is similar to that attempted several years ago by the San Francisco board of education, and has aroused the apprehension of the federal authorities who fear it may mean war with Japan. There seems no good reason why Japanese children should not be segregated as well as Chinese or any other nationality. If it is fair and just to furnish separate schools for one nation it is for another and it would not seem that the American school system should be controlled and dominated by the desires of any foreign power. The California legislature acted entirely within its scope in passing this legislation and whether it is acceptable to Japan, Roosevelt or anyone else is immaterial. If it leads to war with Japan—then war it must be and Japan will find that this government it no Russia.

The legislature turned down Sunday baseball the other day. It is doubtful if it was wise in view of the fact that Omaha plays the game regardless of the law, but if this is to be permitted, the legislature should legalize the game in that city by enactment.

Omaha and South Omaha are promised home rule once more

thanks to their vote for the democratic nominees last fall. This is right and just. Omaha and South Omaha had this promise made in democratic platform last fall and they showed that they appreciated it. Now it, the democratic legislature do their share.

The democratic legislature is taking steps now to frame the bank guarantee bill which they promised the people, and they will redeem their promise. The new bill it is safe to say, will contain all the essential and good features of the Oklahoma law and in addition any other safeguards which may be necessary to throw about the deposits to protect the people. This is as it should be and the people will find that a democratic pledge means something.

The proposal to run trade excursions to this city from Eagle should appeal to every merchant in this city. Such a proposal means dollars in their pockets as well as cultivating a better relationship between the people of the county and the city. There is no doubt suitable arrangements can be made if the committee goes after it. A train can be secured for a fixed sum which ought to be easily raised among those who will be the direct beneficiaries of the move. Such a train will bring in hundreds of the best people of the county and give them a chance to see what our merchants have and the prices they ask. The trade excursion idea is a wise one and if the local people are awake to their own interests they will push it along.

The movement for the interurban between Omaha and this city is a popular one and it ought to be pushed to a completion. As has been pointed out in the Journal it would mean a great rise in the value of the city real estate and in addition it would mean the upbuilding of the city and a big increase in population. In addition it would mean the making of a decent train service in and out of the city. As matters stand now there is no way of getting to Omaha after the noon hour except the five o'clock train in the evening and this train is so notoriously uncertain that no one ever thinks of making an engagement on the strength of filling it on this train. There are many other advantages to the city which will be pointed out later on and the matter should be taken up and pushed to a finish.

The immense advantages of an interurban connecting this city and Murdock and Elmwood cannot be overestimated. Such a line would bring in a great amount of business and would make the city a market of the first class. Interurbans are making their way all over the country and are absorbing local passenger business everywhere. It would do the same thing here and the line would be a paying one from the start. If such a line would be built it is almost a certainty that a very few years would elapse when a connection would be made with a line from Lincoln and the city would have a more direct line to the state capital than it has at present. The investment need not be so great as the line would run through country where the grades would be comparatively light and construction could be made at the lowest cost. This is one of the important projects which should not be allowed to die out but which should be pushed from the start.

Raised a Rumpus.

A complaint has been filed before Justice Archer by one James E. Gruber, proprietor of a pool hall at Union, charging one Charles Carraher, a resident of that place with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. The complaint is filed by County Attorney Ramsey under the statutes. Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker went down after Carraher this morning. According to Gruber, Carraher returned to Union from Nebraska City on Wednesday night badly tangled with fire water, and he at once invaded Gruber's pool hall and started a "rough house," throwing things about and conducting himself in a disreputable manner generally, much to the scandalization of Gruber and people generally.

From all reports Carraher has been in this condition before and had several times faced Justice Reuben Foster and paid fines for his conduct.

Ossenkop Murder Case

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On the matter of the continuance Judge Travis wanted time to consider it, and took a recess of thirty minutes for that purpose.

Court reconvened at 11:15 a. m. and Judge Travis inquired as to what the state had to say on Mr. Gering's motion for a continuance. Mr. Doyle stated the views of the State to the effect that as they understood the affair, the families of several of the witnesses were now in quarantine for small pox. He was informed that these witnesses were in Eagle on Tuesday and in Walton on Wednesday. He thought if these witnesses had premonition of a coming quarantine this looked like a voluntary quarantine. He spoke of the court's duty as a conservator of the public health and believed the court should select some competent authority on its own volition to investigate and report to him, the case now being under progress. As the witnesses were important, he believed in a careful investigation. The matter coming up now left it entirely in the discretion of the court. The matter was conjectural even with the counsel for the defendant as he was proceeding on telephone information.

Gering thought the witness Ed. Ossenkop should not have left home if he could have done so. He wanted to prepare an affidavit of his own and support it with affidavits of Dr. Wilson and Dr. Dye, two disinterested physicians who had visited the Ossenkop home. In reply to a question of the court, Mr. Gering stated he expected to secure the affidavits by Sunday.

County Attorney Ramsey admitted that if the facts stated by Mr. Gering were true the continuance should be granted but he thought the court should select a competent physician to investigate. He spoke of the witnesses being in Eagle on Tuesday and Wednesday and referred to Dr. Candler's affidavit supporting the original motion for a continuance. He did not want to endanger the public health.

Judge Travis stated that if it was a fact that the state had quarantined these witnesses, the court would have no right to enforce process against them and he thought the court should observe this.

Mr. Doyle referred to cases where a quarantine was established with-

out justification, and referred to the local physician at Eagle establishing a quarantine and then notifying the state authorities. He referred to the usual process of referring suspicious cases to experts for the purpose of absolute determination. He wanted Dr. Hay sent to investigate the case.

Judge Travis referred to the main question as to whether the witnesses were infected or not. To investigate the matter he would take an adjournment to Tuesday morning. A physician should investigate and if the witnesses could be released it would be done. He considered this a very important matter and the defendant should have the benefit of their evidence.

By agreement of the court and the counsel on both sides Dr. Hay of Lincoln was selected to make an investigation.

Adjournment was had of this case until Tuesday morning.

Mr. Gering spoke about releasing the jury until Tuesday.

Judge Travis stated that the responsibility rested on the court and while he had the greatest respect for the jury the showing of defendant in his several affidavits of an alleged public sentiment and danger of people inadvertently talking to the jurymen, lead him to believe it would not be wise to separate the jury. Witnesses for the defendant could be sent for Monday if they were required.

The jury was brought in and Judge Travis then announced to the members that a recess would be had until Tuesday morning and stated his judgment was that they be separated. He admonished them against discussing the case and then turned them over to the sheriff.

G. A. R. to Observe Day.

February the 12th is the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln and McConahie Post G. A. R. and the ladies of the Relief Corps have planned to celebrate this event on that date at the Methodist church at 7:30 p. m., and extend to all organizations of this city a cordial invitation to meet with them on this occasion. Rev. Randall will deliver the address on the "Life and Character of Lincoln."

Geo. Thierolf from Cedar Creek is in the city today attending to business matters, coming in this morning.

State of Nebraska in County Court

For the County of Cass.

In the matter of the estate of August Stohman, deceased.

To Katherine Maria Stohman, Minnie Louise Stohman, Arnold George Stohman, William Frederick Stohman and Dorothy Sophia Stohman and all others interested.

You and each of you are hereby notified that Katherine Stohman has filed her petition in said court alleging among other things, that August Stohman late of the County of Cass and State of Nebraska, departed this life on the thirteenth day of December, A. D. 1908, intestate, leaving estate to be administered and praying that letters of administration be issued to said petitioner.

You are further notified that a hearing on said petition will be held on February 23, 1909 at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m. at the office of the undersigned County Judge, at which time and place any and all objections must be made and on file or the prayer of said petition may be granted.

Witness my hand and official seal this 20th day of January, A. D. 1909.

Allen J. Reeson,
County Judge.

(SEAL)
Ramsey & Ramsey,
Attorneys for petitioner.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested and to the public, that the undersigned, Henry Leuchtwies, has filed his petition and application in the office of the County Clerk of Cass County, Nebraska, as required by law, signed by a majority of the resident free holders of Eight Mile Grove precinct, setting forth that the applicant is a man of respectable character and standing and a resident of the state of Nebraska and praying that a license be issued to said Henry Leuchtwies for the sale of malt, spirituous, and vinous liquors for the period of one year from May 17, 1909, ending May 17, 1910, in a building on lot 1 in block 4, in the village of Cedar Creek, in Eight Mile precinct, in Cass County, Nebraska.

Henry Leuchtwies,
Applicant.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested and to the public, that the undersigned, Andy Thompson, has filed his petition and application in the office of the County Clerk of Cass County, Nebraska, as required by law, signed by a majority of the resident free holders of Eight Mile Grove precinct, setting forth that the applicant is a man of respectable character and standing and a resident of the state of Nebraska and praying that a license be issued to said Andy Thompson for the sale of malt, spirituous, and vinous liquors for the period of one year from May 17, 1909, ending May 17, 1910, in a building on lot 1 in block 4, in the village of Cedar Creek, in Eight Mile precinct, in Cass County, Nebraska.

Andy Thompson,
Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad Company in Nebraska will be held at the office of the company in Plattsmouth, Nebraska on Thursday, February 25, 1909 at ten o'clock a. m.

The meeting will be held for the election of nine (9) directors to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it.

W. P. DURKIE,
Secretary.

Omaha, Nebraska, January 6, 1909.

Mrs. J. H. Waterman arrived in this city this morning from Lincoln to spend the day with Mrs. John Waterman, who is reported to be on the sick list.

LAND! LAND! LAND!

To the Cass County Farmer

Who wants to buy a fine farm for less money and which will pay bigger rate of interest than your Cass County farms, and produce four tons of alfalfa each season, and sells for \$8 per ton, \$32 per acre. Read the descriptions in this advertisement.

Central City has one of the largest alfalfa mills in the state, furnishes a fine market for all the alfalfa in the county.

640 acres, 2 miles north of Chapman, Neb., 300 acres in cultivation, balance in hay and pasture. Two story frame house, 7 or 10 room house. Practically new barn, 32x40 with mow, painted red; two wells, 2 mills, other out buildings, fenced and cross-fenced, four wires, round cedar posts. Every acre level land, no wet or low land on the entire section. Soil black loam, 18 inches to 2 feet deep, clay subsoil. No better land in the state. Corn husking out 50 bushel to the acre, paying 8 percent on \$100 an acre. Cash price for 30 days, \$75 per acre. Can make loan 5 years \$26,000 at 6 per cent, optional payments.

400 acres, 4 miles from town, 100 acres in cultivation, 150 acres more can be cultivated, balance too low, but is fine hay land, 1½ story house, good barn for ten horses, cattle shed and all necessary out buildings, 2 wells and 1 mill. All fenced and cross fenced. Price for short time \$52.50 per acre. Can loan 50 percent of the above price. This is a snap.

160 acres, 5 miles from Central City, 120 acres in cultivation, 40 acres in pasture, but all smooth land except 4 acres, which is a little too low. Six room house, stable for 8 horses and other outbuildings; 2 wells, 1 mill; 60 acres fall wheat, nice little grove. On R. F. D. and phone in house. Price \$62.50 per acre.

240 acres, 1½ miles from Central City, 100 acres in cultivation, balance in hay and pasture, good buildings, grove. A1 land, 40 rods to college and finest location and neighborhood in the county. Price \$87.80, good terms. Hay land will cut 2 tons per acre.

160 acres, 3 miles from town, 120 acres in cultivation, 20 acres in hay, 20 acres pasture, 36 acres fall wheat, small house, barn and grove. Every acre fine farm land, but buildings very poor. Will sell for cash at \$50 per acre. This farm is located in a fine neighborhood. Mortgage \$3,300 at 6 percent.

For further particulars write

The Platte Valley Land and Loan Company,

Central City, Nebraska

OR CALL ON LOCAL AGENT

Geo. Ballance, Plattsmouth, Neb.