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Delivered Before the Democratic Press Association

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This will probably be the last epistle from the capital city from your humble servant. The last of the sixty days for which the members of the legislature can draw pay, it is safe to say that not very many of the members will want to remain very many days longer at their own expense. However there are some that understand the run of such affairs that are of the opinion that we will not as a body get away from Lincoln until about Saturday, April 4. There are many very important measures to pass yet, but we can get through with them in short time after the banking bill, Lincoln, Omaha and South Omaha charters are out of the way.

The banquet tendered Mr. Bryan on his 49th anniversary was a grand success in every particular, and large numbers were present from all parts of the state. The banquet was held at the auditorium and the "noblest Roman of them all" was looking his best, and as happy as a lark among his friends.

The members of the Democratic Press Association held a meeting at the Lincoln Hotel Friday afternoon. There was quite a large attendance, but owing to the condition of affairs in both house and senate, Senator Tanner, Secretary Smith of the Senate and your humble servant were unable to attend. We were all down on the program for an address. As I had gone to considerable trouble to prepare for the subject given me, and not desiring to waste the same "on desert air," I send the article to the Journal for publication:

Mr. President and Brethren of the Democratic Press Association of Nebraska:

My theme is the "Prospective," which means looking ahead and seeing what we may. It is not so much what we see as the eyes we see with. To the color blind everything is one color, to the jaundiced-eyed everything is yellow, to the optimist everything is a rainbow, to the pessimist everything is a thunder cloud. Not that the optimist does not see the thundercloud, but he is particularly attracted by the silver lining; not that the pessimist does not see the rainbow, but alas! to his crippled vision the seven colors of the prism are eclipsed with black—the absence of all color. Xerxes viewed from the summit of Mount Altos the five millions of men who had followed him to the conquest of Greece, and wept when he reflected that in one hundred years they would all be dead. William Cullen Bryant found consolation even in death. The man who lived aright could wrap the drapery of his couch about him and lie down

to pleasant dreams.

I appear before you, my brethren, as an optimist. I appear before you as a journalistic member of a political party which has more patience than Job, more meekness than Moses and more faith than Abraham had when he offered up Isaac, a party which for fifty years has lived upon nothing but faith and republican blunders.

We live because we have an ideal. That ideal is government by the people. We would place the responsibility for government upon the shoulders of the governed, unhampered by any property qualifications or educational test. They tell us that this government is yet an experiment. The pessimist persists that it will end in anarchy or in the man on horseback. At every episode which disturbs the course of our history we hear the croak of these prophetic ravens.

"Of all the horrid, hideous, notes of woe,
Sadder than owl songs on the midnight blast,
Is that portentous phrase, 'I told you so.'"

Uttered by our friends, those prophets of the past."

But as I cast my eyes down the vista of the future, there is nothing grim or portentous to me. I see no red flag, no sans culottes, no man on horseback, no political "slough of doud" no abyss of despair or gulf of grief.

I have supreme confidence in the vitality of an ideal. It is the ever-living germ which survives in the bosom of a mummy or the barren crevice of the flinty rock; it resists the frost and the drought; it is impervious alike to tyranny and anarchy. That ideal, born in the eighteenth century, crystallized in the Declaration of Independence, will survive till this world shall become a great network of republics; and the privilege of class will be an ugly nightmare of the past.

In the triumph of that ideal the journalist has played a greater part than any other. The invention of printing, barring the foundation of Christianity, was the distinctive era in the history of the world. It made everything else possible. It took knowledge from a class and gave it to all.

As I look back down the vista of time I see the Knight of the Quill playing a no less important part. He is no Don Quixote charging a windmill but a veritable Bayard without reproach.

"We are living, we are dwelling,
In a grand and awful time,
In an age of ages telling
To be living is sublime."

Harvey Eden Shotwell.

The Cashmere Valley Record, of Cashmere, Wash., contains the following notice of the death of a former resident of Lincoln, which occurred on March 6:

"The people of Cashmere and vicinity were shocked Saturday by the tragic death of Harvey E. Shotwell, which occurred near his ranch a mile east of Cashmere. About 9:30 Saturday morning he went to the Wenatchee river to haul a barrel of water. His team became frightened and ran away. In an attempt to capture them he ran a few yards after them when he fell. Mr. Owens, a neighbor who was passing, ran to his assistance, but he was dead, apparently from the moment he fell, the excitement and exertion having caused heart failure. He was taken to his home and medical aid summoned, but to no avail.

"Harvey Eden Shotwell was born in Lodi, Ill., on March 12, 1861. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska and was a civil engineer. He came to the Wenatchee valley in 1891 and was prominently identified with the enterprises that were the great factors in the development of the valley. In his capacity as engineer he laid out the city of Wenatchee.

In 1899 Mr. Shotwell went to Seattle, where for nine years he was engaged in the engineering depart-

ment of that city. In January, 1907, Mr. Shotwell was married at Nehawka, Neb., to Miss Lottie Pollard, a sister of Congressman Pollard and a cousin of former Governor Sheldon. For two years they made their home in Seattle, but recently they sold their home there and came to Cashmere two weeks ago to make their home on a ranch.

"Mr. Shotwell was a Quaker by birth and a member of the Society of Friends. He was abstemious and industrious, an earnest supporter of every movement for a higher morality, and commanded the respect and sincere esteem of all who knew him. He was of a kind and benevolent disposition and had a wide circle of warm friends. He was a brother of J. A. and J. P. Shotwell, well known pioneers in the Wenatchee valley and N. T. Shotwell, who came here six years ago. Mrs. Kate Mussetter of Lincoln, Neb., and Mrs. Sue Welch of Webster City, Ia., are surviving sisters."

Entertains the Auxiliary.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church were handsomely entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. J. W. Johnson. There were twenty-five members of the auxiliary present and a thoroughly enjoyable time was had. After the routine business of the meeting had been had the hostess favored her guests with a superb luncheon.

GIVE YOUNG FRIEND DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE.

Friends of George Kaffenberger Pay Him Unexpected and Pleasant Call.

Last Saturday night a large number of friends of George Kaffenberger assembled at his home west of the city and proceeded to give the young man a pleasant surprise, the occasion being his twentieth birthday. He was much taken aback when the big crowd came in on him but he speedily recovered and proceeded to make his guests feel at home. The evening was spent in dancing and promptly at midnight a magnificent lunch was served which the big crowd found much to its liking. As is always the case at the Kaffenberger home, the best of everything was on hand and no guest went hungry. After the lunch dancing continued until three o'clock in the morning. There was one hundred and one persons present.

Those present were: Misses Nettie, Mary and Cora Meisinger, Lena, Emma and Lizzie Hirz, Bertha Nolting, Anna Steppat, Alice Trillity, Ida Egenberger, Elenor Todd, Louise Kehne, Tillie Halmes, Henrietta Martin, Mattie Schafer, Mrs. Bertha Todd, Clara Parakening, Katie, Maggie and Mary Kaffenberger, George, Johnnie, Fred and Mike Kaffenberger, Will, Alice, Emil, Elmer and Willie Meisinger, John Parakening, August and Willie Kehne, Fred, Ed, Louie and Nick Baumgart, Phillip, Fred and Will Hirz, Fritz Procht, Mike Eliche, Fritz and Max Vallery, George and John Halmes, Frank Steppat, Charley Miller, Sammy Rhoden, Henry and Fred Nolting, George Horn, Clyde Adamson, Will Kruger, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hirz, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Starkljohn, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Adamson, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Vallery, Mr. and Mrs. Bustave Heideman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parkening, Will Rummel and family, Ed, Trietsch and family, Herman Gansameire and family, Ed Trietsch and family, John Trietsch and family, John Schafer and family, John Meisinger and family and August Nolting.

Held Annual Banquet

The annual banquet of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity was held Saturday night at the Lindell hotel. Plates were laid for fifty. The banquet room presented a pretty appearance decorated in the colors of the fraternity. Many of the alumni returned to Lincoln to be present at the banquet. Following is a complete list of the alumni present: W. C. Ramsey, Plattsmouth; F. A. Fricke, Plattsmouth; E. A. Wiggernhorn, Ashland; E. G. Shedd, Ashland; H. M. Hays, Stella; L. L. Lincoln, York; John R. Dumont, R. ay Dumont, J. A. Murphy, E. A. Burnett, Dr. A. A. Fricke, J. K. Morrison, A. A. McClure, Harry Kelly, Harry Reed, Wrighter Wood, Silbey, Dowark, Johnson, Geo. S. Johnson, Lyman Peck, R. S. Harris, Doane Powell, Omaha; Dean Ringer, South Omaha. After the serving of a five course dinner a number of toasts were responded to by alumni and active members of the chapter. Phi Psi is one of the oldest fraternities in the university. John R. Dumont acted as toastmaster. Following is the list of toasts responded to:

"Eight O'Clocks"—Louis Clark Oberlies.
"Appropriations"—Russell S. Harris.
"In the Shops"—John Adams Ferguson.
"Recess"—Dean Driscoll.
"Finals"—William Dickey Reed.
"Adols.—Ralph Burnett Murphy.

The annual banquet of the Delta Gamma sorority was held Saturday night at the Lincoln Hotel. About 40 members attended. The banquet room was prettily decorated. Following is the list of alumni members who returned to Lincoln to attend the banquet: Etta Schneider, Fremont; Jane Bunt, Fremont; Irene Hamilton, Omaha; Irene Jaynes, Minneapolis; Helen McKeen, La Junta, Col.; Abbie Stewart, Blair; Lorine Comstock, Omaha; Ethel Tukey, Omaha; Hortense Clark, Omaha; Amy Kinney, Blair; Lena Fricke, Plattsmouth; Edith and Mary O'Connell, Ponca.—Lincoln Star.

Judge Archer yesterday filed the case of Plybon & Campbell vs. Dunn, a case which had been before him once before but which was dismissed, it having been shown that the case brought originally in Nehawka had been dismissed by the plaintiff and the suit commenced before the costs in the other case had been paid.

In Honor of Frances Willard

From Tuesday's Daily.

The W. C. T. U. Society met at the Masonic Home on Friday, Mar. 19 by the courtesy of the superintendent and matron to hold their annual meeting in honor of Frances Willard who found the Temperance Temple in Chicago and which the Society completed since her death, the program was somewhat curtailed owing to the unavoidable absence of several persons who were to participate, especially Mrs. C. E. Wescott who was to make the opening address, however some very beautiful music filled in the space. Mrs. Ida Campbell assisted by Mrs. L. A. Moore, played a duet on the piano which was most perfectly played and very fine indeed.

The president not having arrived Mrs. George Dodge filled the chair and the meeting was opened by reading scripture by Rev. Moore and the Lords Prayer repeated in unison by all present.

Roll call was responded to by each member as their names were called. Minutes of previous meeting read by secretary.

Mrs. Alice Kerr read a brief history of the "Temple" with details of its construction, followed by Mrs. Dodge giving a description of its beautiful and artistic features, its uses as headquarters for temperance work in its many departments.

Mrs. C. P. Richards read a poem "The Open Door" referring to the noon gospel meetings.

The next was a song by Rev. J. H. Salisbury, Face to Face. This was followed by a most delightfully rendered and laughable recitation by Mrs. Wm. Baird, "A Race For a Bride" wherein the Horse King was defeated by the Horse Spot—surnamed Ace. The audience was convulsed with laughter and the speaker was loudly encored.

Miss Marie Douglas gave a recitation in her usual perfect manner. A scene in a London Theatre giving the English accent to perfection.

The exercises closed with a Song by Mrs. L. A. Moore, Happy Days, with trombone accompaniment by Mr. Chas. Hopping. Mr. Hopping also gave a piano recitation while the people were dispersing which made a very pleasant ending to the afternoon.

Mrs. J. E. Vandercook Secretary.

Gets Three Months.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Judge Travis held a brief session of court yesterday morning and Nate Watkins, the man arrested sometime since for burglarizing the Frank Benfer saloon several months ago, was arraigned and plead guilty to the charge. Judge Travis in view of his having been in jail for so long sentenced him to three months in jail dating from this date. It will make Watkins' term about six months altogether.

Judge Travis also granted a divorce to Martha Maybee from Linzy Maybee and awarded her the custody of the children. Judge M. Archer was attorney for the plaintiff.

In the August Stohlman estate, the administratrix was given permission to make a deed to some real estate sold by Mr. Stohlman before his death but in which he had failed to make deeds.

In County Court.

From Tuesday's Daily.

In County Court yesterday Judge Beeson heard another portion of the replevin case of Maher vs. Wilkins et al. This is the case where one Maher seeks to get possession of the saloon fixtures of the Frank Benfer saloon which were attached by Chas. Wilkins et al for Benfer's debts and which Maher claims to own. Some testimony was heard a week ago and more yesterday and he case taken under advisement.

Yesterday afternoon the hearing in the Leona Edgerton matter was on. The examination of the accounts of the guardian was being had and the matter was dragging its slow length along.

Making Plant Up-to-Date.

A party of officials of the Nebraska Telephone Company are in the city today making arrangements for the commencement of their proposed improvements in this city. As has been heretofore printed in the Journal these improvements represent an investment of some \$25,000 or \$30,000 altogether and will give Plattsmouth a thorough, up-to-date and modern telephone plant. The party comprises Messrs. H. H. Allen, A. S. Rogers and W. B. T. Belt.

Will Osenkop and wife are visiting in Omaha this afternoon going up on the fast mail at noon.

NEBRASKA ROADS IN FIGHT.

Local Railroad Attorneys Expect to Best Two-Cent Law.

While railroad men in Omaha profess to have no notification of any meetings in Chicago or St. Louis in reference to the fight against the two cent passenger laws in Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas and Minnesota, they are still preparing for the hearing of the case which is now pending and on the decision of which will depend the future action of the railroads in the matter. Preparations are being made to take testimony in a short time to show that that the two cent passenger fare is non-remunerative and confiscatory.

When the legislature of Nebraska two years ago enacted the two cent passenger fare law and passed the Aldrich bill reducing freight rates in Nebraska about 15 per cent, the attorney general brought suit in the supreme court of Nebraska before the railroads had time to act. He asked an injunction to prevent the railroads from putting in effect any rates except those prescribed by law.

The railroads had the case removed to the federal courts. The state then attacked the removal and Judge W. H. Munger overruled the motion. The attorney general carried the case to the supreme court of the United States to have it removed to the state courts and the supreme court denied the petition of the state.

While the case was pending the railroads began proceedings to enjoin the state railway commission from putting into effect rates provided for in the Aldrich bill. That case is now in the circuit court of appeals of the United States and is ready to be argued before Judges Sanborn, Hood and Vandeverter at St. Louis.

The railroads are preparing their testimony. Records have been compiled showing the earnings of the different roads of Nebraska under the two cent passenger law and on this testimony the railroads expect to have the law knocked out, just as it was in Missouri. The railroad officials say there is no action they can take in the matter until the cases in court are settled.—Omaha Bee.

Will Be Married Here.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Last Sunday's Chicago Tribune contained a very handsome photograph of Miss Jeannette Pickens, daughter of W. H. Pickens of that city, and a young lady born in this city, the announcement of her engagement and prospective wedding appearing also. Miss Pickens is to be married in this city at the home aunt Mrs. Belle Swarthout of Plattsmouth. The announcement appears below:

W. H. Pickens, 128 Myrtle avenue, River Forest, announces the engagement of his daughter Jeannette, to Walter J. Downing of Clay Center, Kas. The wedding will take place in June at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Belle Swarthout of Plattsmouth, Neb., the bride's birthplace. The marriage is the result of a visit in search of health paid to Phoenix by Miss Pickens, where she met Mr. Downing. The future residence will be in Junction City, Kas., where the groom will engage in business.

For Another Operation.

From Wednesday's Daily.

C. B. Schleicher and wife and Mrs. Charles Miller departed this noon on the mail train for Omaha where Mr. Schleicher goes to have another operation performed. He will be operated upon at St. Joseph's hospital tomorrow for the same complaint as before. He is in better shape now to stand the operation than he was when he had the previous one and there is small doubt but that he will easily recover from it. This at least, is the hope of his many friends in this vicinity with whom Ben has always been a favorite. His wife and Mrs. Miller will remain with him until after the operation.

St. Luke's Church.

The Rev. Dr. Rollit of Red Wing, Minn., will preach tonight at 8 o'clock on "Domestic and Foreign Missions." Dr. Rollit comes to this city highly recommended as an eloquent and able speaker and a man whose whole life has been devoted to a study of missions. With so thorough a knowledge of his subject Dr. Rollit should be able to interest and hold his audience from commencement to close. It is to be hoped that he is greeted tonight by an audience commensurate with his abilities and an assurance is extended to all who attend that the address will be such as will repay them for their attendance. Every one interested in missions is cordially invited.

Make Big Improvement.

For some time past the Turners have contemplated painting and overhauling their gymnasium and making other needed improvements in the turning facilities, and this week the work was put through. The hall now presents a fine appearance with its newly painted walls, oiled floors and affords as clean and pleasant a gymnasium as can be found.

It is the intention of the boys to give a public night in the near future to which a small admission fee will be charged and a program of more than usual merit is being prepared. It includes drills, apparatus turning and basket ball games. The growth of athletics should be encouraged and the boys are deserving of the patronage of everyone in the city in their enterprise. The members who have labored so hard in securing these improvements are deserving of great praise.

CUTS DOWN TAX

ON BRIDGES.

Burlington Cuts Off One Sixth on Bridge at Fremont.

Kearney, Neb., March 23.—The long bridge across the Platte river just south of Kearney is forty-seven hundred feet from end to end. A bridge across the Platte river at Fremont was at one time thirty-nine hundred feet in length but the Burlington railroad company narrowed it until it is now only six hundred feet long. This cut the bridge tax of the Burlington on that particular bridge to less than one-sixth what it formerly was.

The tax levied for the maintenance of Buffalo County bridge aggregate \$25,000 annually. It takes varying sums from \$3,000 to \$4,000 to maintain the bridge south of Kearney. Now if a bridge six hundred feet long instead of forty-six hundred feet could be made to suffice for all purposes, a saving of several hundred dollars annually would result. This is what Superintendent Bignell of the Burlington railroad thinks can be done, and Mr. Bignell has much experience with the Platte river.

The bridge committee of the county board, consisting of J. Sitz, E. L. King and J. W. Higgins, went with Supt. Bignell to the Platte and viewed the "long bridge." The members of the board took the statements of Mr. Bignell seriously. The substance of his plan, which has been successful on other occasions, is: Stretch wire cables from the bridge so that they will gradually reach to the bank at several hundred feet from the point of attachment near the bridge. This would be done on either side of the six hundred foot gap on the east and west sides of the bridge. Straw or brush would be thrown in the enclosure formed by the gridge, the shore and the cable. Silt would soon fill this and it would become capable of being used as other land is used. This would dispense with the necessity for a bridge over this new-made land.

Mr. Bignell claims that this could be accomplished with the money raised within the next twenty years by taxation for the maintenance of the bridge and that there would be enough surplus to build a steel bridge across the six hundred feet. This would be of great importance, it is claimed, because it would start action toward narrowing the wide Platte. The farmers all appear to be in favor of the project since it will increase their land area. The argument is made that if a six hundred foot channel will conduct all the water that flows in the Platte at Fremont, it would do so at Kearney because the tributary rivers between Kearney and Fremont increases the volume by a large fraction of itself before the latter place is reached. The Burlington railroad years ago reduced the length of its bridge near this city and has narrowed the Platte at other places where it crosses.—State Journal.

Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remain at the postoffice at Plattsmouth, Neb., un-called for, for the week ending March 22, 1909. Parties calling for same will please say advertised.

Ladies: Jones, Mrs. Sadie; Schaeffer, Miss Mattie; Wilson, Ella; Gentlemen, Crocket, E. E.; Pope, Jos. E.; Roush, John; Wada, C.

C. H. Smith, Postmaster.

B. F. Hoback of Nehawka, came in last evening and was looking after business matters in the city. He paid the Journal a very pleasant call and is cordially invited to make his visits oftener. Mr. Hoback is one of Cass County's best citizens.