

FORTY YEARS AGO IN JULY

Since First Shovelful of Dirt Was Thrown Toward Build- ing Burlington

On the fifth day of next July it will be forty years since the first shovelful of dirt was thrown toward the building of the Burlington & Missouri River railroad in Nebraska," said Thomas O'Connor, the merchant whose store is at 1016 P street. "I was among those who did some of the throwing. It was a great day in Plattsmouth, where the event occurred, bigger by far than the Fourth of July. I was then teamster in John Fitzgerald's railroad gang. We had closed up our work over east of Glenwood, Ia., and came to Plattsmouth especially for this event. We leveled off a strip of ground 500 or 600 feet long, just north of where the Burlington station now is in Plattsmouth, and there the first rail was laid and the first spike driven.

"It seemed to me then that there was a bigger crowd of people there to witness the celebration than I had ever seen before, but looking back upon it now through the lapse of forty years I suppose that 3,000 would be a very fair estimate of the number. Then it seemed to me that the whole hillside was covered with people as far as I could see up the river. And people were not all that was there, for I distinctly recollect that almost under every big tree was a barrel of whisky, of which everyone partook without money or price and welcome. They had tin pint cups attached to the barrels and that whisky ran like water.

"All the bigwigs of the place took part in the exercises. I remember that there were several bands and considerable speaking. There were also prayers for the success of the road building, and in spite of the accompanying flow of whisky the Burlington today seems to be an answer to those prayers that must be far in advance of the expectations of any who uttered them.

"I remember that when we were opening up the railroad project at Plattsmouth the Union Pacific work was just being closed up, for I recall that John Fitzgerald expressed his satisfaction that he would be able to find plenty of good help. As I remember it took thirteen or fourteen years to get that road from Plattsmouth through to Denver.

"There are others in and around Lincoln who can remember having taken part in the ceremonies at Plattsmouth on that day. One of them is Ed. McGreer, now a farmer out near Davey, and a man named Dullenty, now living in Lincoln. My brother Con, who runs a hotel down at Beatrice, was there, and another brother, Mike, who is now in Missouri Valley. I think there are others, but they are getting scarce for that was a long time ago."

After the Burlington & Missouri River railroad in Nebraska got into operation Tom O'Connor served it as a conductor for fourteen years, part of the time on passenger and part of the time on freight trains. He and D. E. Thompson used to run trains opposite each other. That is they used the same run but went out on alternate days.

"You know I am getting old," said Mr. O'Connor contemplatively. "Why, there is Pat Lyman, who has been conductor on the Burlington for thirty years—he used to brake for me. Another thing that makes it seem a long time ago—look where D. E. Thompson is now."

Out of the throwing of the first shovelful of soil on that eventful July day in 1869 has grown a system of railroads now comprising 4,536.61 miles, that being the mileage of the Burlington system west of the Missouri river, and in that hour was born the most potent force that has operated to make Nebraska one of the

best states in the sisterhood of Uncle Sam.

Tom O'Connor is full of interesting anecdote that illustrate the difference between railroading in those days and the present day.

"There was but one passenger train a day each way," said he, "and we used to carry more people on the freight trains than they did on the regular passengers. Traveling men then carried more trunks than they do now, sometimes enough to carry along a whole store. I have seen them with thirty trunks. We used to wait for them. There was no excess baggage charges then. They would haul them up to the train and dump them on a flat car, and when they offered to pay as they usually did, we would tell them to settle with the brakeman. I have held my train often when I have seen a traveling man coming with a wagon load of trunks. If they carried a line which was easily worked they would often make a number of towns on the same freight train, working the town while the switching was being done, and finishing in time to get on to the next town. I have collected ten fares in that way on one trip.

"Speaking of waiting for traveling men reminds me of one day down at Dawson. I saw some distance at Dawson. I saw coming some distance away a farmer's wagon with a big lot of trunks on it, and a traveling man who represented the Tootle-Hanna Company of St. Joseph and other cities. I was just ready to pull out when he shouted for me to wait. I asked him if he thought we had nothing else to do but stop in corn fields and pick up his junk. Finally, however, I told him to dump his stuff on and we waited. A short time after that I received a package from his house containing a package that was worth \$50.

"I tell you it was easy money in those days. If you did a favor for anyone he found some substantial way in which to express his gratitude. Why, in those days if you carried a stockman with a bunch of cattle it counted something. If you gave him a pillow and took a squint at his cattle while he slept, it would be a good sized bill when he bade you goodbye. And when we came to a station he would give the brakeman a dollar and tell him to get us some cigars. They all carried bottles of whisky in their pockets as big as a hydrant. It is different now. It is ten to one now that they will come around poking into your pocket to see if you haven't a cigar that they can confiscate."—Lincoln Star.

Surprise Mrs. Wurga.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. Joseph Wurga by her neighbors and members of the German Presbyterian Frauenverein who dropped in unexpectedly to remind her that it was her birthday.

After a number of musical selections by members of the Frauenverein they were called into the dining room and were asked to eat the many good things they had brought with them. After lunch the merry makers bled themselves homeward with many wishes of good luck to the hostess.

Present were Mesdames Goos, Crookery, Tams, Wohlfarth, Wehrbein, Bauer, Jr., Hoffman, Zuckeweller, Hilber, Svoboda, Janda, Bookmeyer, Gooding, Ohm, Miss Louise Gorder, Mrs. Aug. Ploetz of Lexington, Neb., Mrs. F. Silameyer, Omaha.

Delightful Birthday Party.

A birthday party was given last Thursday evening at the home of Miss Jennie Reynolds in honor of the fifteenth birthday of that young lady. The many guests had a very nice time and found their hostess a most delightful entertainer. The principal attraction of the afternoon was making fudge which all hugely enjoyed. Promptly at six o'clock a fine dinner prepared by Mrs. Reynolds and Miss Anna Hall was served the guests and it was treated with full justice.

Those attending were Misses Katie Foster, Trua South, Lettie Lair, Lotie Maurer, Anna Hall and Jennie Reynolds.

Called Home.

Death this morning claimed the little infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gravett. The little one lived but a day when its soul was called back to its maker. The remains will be taken to St. Joe, Mo., tomorrow morning on No. 6, the father accompanying them. In their sorrow the bereaved parents have the sincere sympathy of all who know them. The mother is reported as getting along very nicely.

Adjourned One Week

Judge Travis this morning issued orders continuing the May term of district court from May 17 to May 24th, or a week from next Monday. The jurors who were summoned to report on Monday next were telephoned this morning not to report until a week later when court will convene. The cause for adjournment is the backward season, farmers not having completed their planting.

Rosalind At Red Gate

Rosalind and her father were on their way from Red Gate to Glenarm. Two blades flashed in the sun as the canoe came toward us. Gillespie's lips quivered and he tried to speak as he pointed to them; and then we both turned slightly toward St. Agusta's where the chapel tower rose over the green wood. "Stay and do what is to be done," I said. "I will find Helen and tell her."

THE END.

Local Events.

Mrs. M. Archer is visiting with relatives and friends in Omaha this afternoon having gone to that city on the noon train.

John P. Falter and Elmer Hallstrom were passengers on the early train this morning for Lincoln being accompanied by their teacher, Miss Gertrude Coons, on matters connected with their future education.

Will Stevens of LaPlatte spent this morning in the city making purchases from our merchants, returning to his home this noon on the mail train.

B. F. Dill, a prominent citizen of South Bend predict is among those having business in the city to attend to today coming down this morning on the Schuyler train.

Sam Long, the South Bend contractor, was in the city a few hours this morning attending to business, departing on the mail train for Omaha where he has business to look after.

H. E. Rand who is contemplating installing billiard and pool tables in the Hotel Riley basement, was in Omaha this afternoon looking after the tables which he had ordered some days since.

Frank Gobelman was a passenger for Omaha where he goes to consult the physicians concerning his leg which is not progressing as well as he could wish it to. It is to be hoped that they can give him some encouragement concerning it.

Work was commenced this morning on the Gund ice house and storage vaults. The carpenters have been engaged and put to work rebuilding the structure, using what ever available of the old building and replacing the destroyed portion by new lumber. It will take them several days to have the structure entirely rebuilt.

F. M. Young, Jr., departed this noon on the fast mail for Murock, Minn., near which place he recently purchased a fine farm. Mr. Young goes up now to superintend the planting of the same and to get it in shape for the coming season. He was much impressed with that section and considers that he fared very well in making his choice of a farm and has obtained a good piece of property. Mr. Young is one of the best of Cass County farmers and if he cannot make a farm pay then no one in this vicinity can. He will likely be gone some little time.

It's a Girl.

Persons securing photographs at the Olson Photograph Company for the next few days need not be surprised to find them covered with cherubs and such like doings and needn't blame the photographer for there is a new girl at the head of the Olson household. It is needless to say that Papa Gus is about one of the happiest mortals and the picture business is bound to flourish and be prosperous while he feels as glad as he does at present.

LEGAL NOTICE.

State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss. In County Court:

In the matter of the Estate of John L. Axmaker, deceased.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED: You are hereby notified that there has been filed in this court petition of Rosetta Axmaker, alleging among other things that said John L. Axmaker departed this life intestate in Cass County, Nebraska, and at said time as an inhabitant of said county, leaving an estate to be administered.

The prayer of said petition is that Letters of Administration be granted to Rosetta Axmaker.

You are further notified that a hearing will be had on said petition before this court in the County Court room at Plattsmouth, in said County on the 17th day of May, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. and all objections if any, must be filed on or before said day and hour of hearing.

Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, this 21st day of April, 1909.

By the Court, Allen J. Beeson, County Judge.

D. K. Barr, Attorney.

LEGAL NOTICE.

To James A. Dysart: a non-resident defendant. You are hereby notified that on the 1st day of May, A. D. 1909, Helena A. Dysart filed a petition against you in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are, First, To obtain a divorce from you on the ground that you have willfully abandoned the plaintiff without good cause for more than two years last, and Second, that you have grossly and wantonly failed and neglected to support said plaintiff, and Third, To quiet the title to the Northwest quarter (N. W. 1-4) of Section ten (10), Township ten (10), Range twelve (12), east, in the County of Cass, State of Nebraska, in said plaintiff as against you. You are required to make answer to said petition on or before the 14th day of June, A. D. 1909.

Helena A. Dysart, Plaintiff.

By Ramsey & Ramsey, Her Attorneys.

DAILY PERSONAL NEWS

Short Items of Interest From Monday's Evening Journal

Thomas M. Patterson is spending the day in Lincoln attending to business matters.

Jack Patterson returned to Omaha this morning after spending the night in this city with his parents.

George Dovey is spending the day in Omaha going to that city this morning on the early train.

Emil Weyrick is a business visitor this morning to Omaha going there on the early train this morning.

J. P. Falter was called to Lincoln today by business matters going there on the morning train.

Mrs. A. L. Anderson is visiting with relatives in Omaha today going there on the morning train.

A. L. Tidd is spending the afternoon in Omaha looking after business matters.

Mrs. John Schulhof is spending the afternoon in Omaha going to that city on the noon train.

Fred Wynn is spending the afternoon in Omaha going there on the mail train at noon.

R. O. Watters is attending to business matters in Omaha going to that city on the mail train.

Henry Jess departed this noon on the fast mail for the north expecting to be gone for several days.

Mrs. J. W. Larkin is spending the afternoon in Omaha going to that city this noon on the fast mail.

County Attorney W. C. Ramsey is spending the afternoon in Omaha looking after professional business.

Charles Freese departed on the morning train for Havelock where he has business matters to look after today.

John M. Leyda departed on the early train this morning for Lincoln where he has business in the federal court.

Miss Minnie Will is spending the afternoon in Omaha being a passenger for that city on the mail train at noon.

Saturday will be carnation day at the Methodist Ladies' Bazaar. Everybody come in and get a fine carnation.

G. G. Burton and Mrs. Burton are spending the afternoon in Omaha being passengers on the mail train for that city.

Mrs. Val Burkel is spending the afternoon in Omaha going to that city on the fast mail at noon for that purpose.

George E. Dovey is attending to business matters today in Lincoln going to that city this morning on the early train.

Mrs. Ward Clark is spending the day in Omaha being a passenger for that city on the early train this morning.

G. W. McCracken and wife who have been spending several days in Iowa with relatives, returned to their home this morning.

Nelson Jones returned home this morning after spending the night in Red Oak, Ia., where he was called by business matters.

George M. Porter, the circulator of the Omaha Bee, returned to his home at Lincoln today on the mail after looking after business matters in this city for several days.

Henry Herold was a passenger on the morning train for Lincoln where he has business matters to attend to.

O. P. Monroe is looking after business in Omaha today being a passenger on the mail train at noon for that city.

Mrs. I. N. Cumming and son were passengers this morning for Omaha where they will spend the day with friends.

Wm. Barclay is attending to business in the metropolis this afternoon going to that city on the mail train at noon.

Bert Pollock is attending to business in the metropolis this afternoon having gone to that city on the mail at noon.

C. H. Wilson of Red Oak, Ia., of the Wilson Concrete Company, was in the city today looking after business matters.

Mrs. Alt and children and Mrs. Detl and children were passengers this morning for Omaha where they will spend the day with friends.

H. N. Dovey is attending to business matters today in Lincoln being a passenger for that city on the morning train.

Owen McCaffrey of Omaha came down this morning to spend a few hours in the city with friends and to attend to some business matters.

Mrs. Jos. Wooster and baby were passengers on the mail train at noon for Omaha where she will visit with relatives until Sunday.

Phil Thierolf is attending to business matters this afternoon in Omaha being a passenger for that city on the mail train at noon.

Mrs. George Lushinsky and daughters are spending the afternoon in Omaha having been passengers for that city on the fast mail this noon.

Sheriff Quinton was a passenger on the mail train this noon for Greenwood where he goes to serve some papers for the coming term of district court.

Miss Ina Davis of Union came up last evening on the M. P. train for a visit for several days with Miss Edith Pittz and brother Julius at their home south of the city.

John Albert, the well known citizen who has been attending to business matters at Grand Island and Lincoln came in last evening on the late train, and is spending the day in the city.

Mike Rys who has been blacksmithing for John Iverson in this city for several years past, this morning quit his job and was a passenger for Pacific Junction where he will work in the future, having taken a job with a smithing shop at that place.

Miss Esther Gilmore departed this morning on the early train for Oxford, O., where she has accepted a position as attendant in a private sanitarium. Miss Gilmore has attained an eminent reputation as a nurse especially fitted for the care of insane patients and was highly recommended by the Nebraska authorities for her care and fidelity to her patients and the result was she received a flattering offer by telegraph from the Oxford institution which she at once accepted.



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