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## BURLINGTON SHOP IMPROVEMENTS

### Rumors That Further and Greater Work Will be Done.

The man who has been entertaining the idea that the Burlington shops were about to be taken away from this city, owes it to himself to wake up and take another look. Mention was made in The Journal several weeks ago of the work which was to be done in the shop yards and the freight yards by an extra gang who were to change out the steel and put in new ties on all the yard and shop tracks. This gang arrived several weeks since and has been actively at work ever since. They have made vast improvements in the conditions throughout the yards, replacing the heaviest engines the Burlington has and they weigh some. The tracks from the depot up to the shops have been thoroughly overhauled and raised, cinder ballast being placed under them and they being lined up and surfaced in the most approved style. Heavy steel has been put into the shop lead and the scales track and new ties imbedded in the cinder ballast clear up to where the leads join the shop tracks.

In the shop yards proper the large gang has been kept busy at work raising and changing steel in the tracks and putting in new ties. The work has been in progress for several weeks already and it will be several more before the work can be completed. The scheme includes the changing of the steel so that every track in the shop yards will be capable of sustaining the heaviest traffic the road carries. These tracks as in the case of the leads to the shops will be ballasted with cinders, one of the most substantial and permanent of ballasts. The tracks in the round house are also being given a thorough overhauling and the turn table is being also put in shape. Some damage was done to the tracks which had been newly raised and ballasted, by the storm of last Sunday night, the cinder ballast being washed out in many places and soft spots being made at points through the yards by the overflow of the waters. This damage was really nominal, however, and of small amount in cost, not exceeding \$100 all told and all this has since been repaired and the tracks are once more back in their shape.

This work is being done by an extra gang of Greeks or Italians who occupy some ten cars which are set in on the town track next to the shop lead and the freight depot. The direction of the work is under the personal supervision of A. Ibsen, roadmaster for this division, and it is being done in an excellent manner. The leads and tracks are being raised to quite a height above the old bed, the space between being filled in with heavy cinders affording a solid, substantial road bed with good drainage, and so construct-

ed that it will last for many years. Mr. Ibsen has given the matter the closest attention and he is putting in tracks which will repay the road for their expenditure.

The manner in which this work is being done, coupled with the weight and size of steel and frogs and switches which are being installed should serve as a guarantee that the Burlington does not propose to move any shops from this city soon but rather that it may increase the capacity of the local shops. There are also rumors in the air which go to show that the improvements which have been and now are being made are only a small part of what the company intends to do here. It is a current report that extensive additions will be made to the shops and their capacity increased quite a good deal. Considering the fact that the company has had no trouble in this city with its shop men since the foundation of the road here, and that with modern machinery the local shops can turn out work at much less cost than any other place on the road, there is ground for believing these reports.

This city has never been a stronghold of labor unions and labor troubles have never played a prominent part here so it is an ideal place for shops. In addition the shops here are the only shops on the Omaha division and the nucleus of a big shop plant is already established hence it would require but small expenditure to make the present shops ideal ones for the road and especially for the Omaha division. It is not definitely known what the projected extensions and improvements will be nor when the work may be started on them but the general belief is that there will be extensive engine repairs done here especially of engines in use on the Omaha division between here and Sioux City. As this traffic grows which it surely will and that rapidly, more engines will be required for service and all of them will start out of this city. This will make it necessary to put the round house into its full use and bring to the city many engines and train men. Altogether the action of the company in re-constructing the shops tracks leads to a hopeful belief that soon other and more extensive improvements will take place and Plattsmouth will again come into its own as the best division town on the great Burlington system. Another rumor which is afloat is that a portion of the Aurora shops will be moved to the west as they are too near the eastern end of the system to give full value for the money spent on them and that this city will be the one to profit by this move. Whether this is true or not cannot be foretold just now but everyone hopes it is the fact.

#### Forty-Eight Years Ago.

From Friday's Daily.  
Capt. A. C. McMaken came in this morning from Atchison, Kas., called here and to Omaha by a message announcing the death of his beloved sister Mrs. George W. Fairfield. In company with his brother he was a passenger for Omaha on the morning train. It was just forty-eight years ago today that Capt. McMaken's company was mustered into the service of the United States at Omaha. The company, accompanied by a number of relatives of the members and friends, crossed the river at this point forty-eight years ago yesterday and marched up the east side of the river in a blinding and pelting rainstorm, to St. Mary's where they were lined up by Peter A. Sharpy, Nebraska's noted pioneer, and were then marched to Omaha where they were mustered in as Company A. Captain, afterwards General R. R. Livingston, was in command. There had been great rivalry between the companies under Captain Bowers and Captain Livingston as to which would be mustered in first and Captain Livingston and his men won out. Captain Bowers' company was mustered in as Company B. Captain McMaken does not show the signs of his age as much as one might im-

agine, being a fine looking, well preserved veteran.

#### Returns Home.

From Friday's Daily.  
R. R. Nickles and wife came in last night from Wood River, Neb., where they had been spending several days with their son-in-law. They were called home by a letter from their daughter telling them of the damage done their farm near Murray by the violent rain storms of last Sunday and Monday. Mr. Nickles heard that his farm was badly washed out and other damage done and he concluded to cut his visit short and get home to commence repairs at once. He will probably replant the corn washed out with late corn. They report that things at Wood River and vicinity are in fine shape and although they have been having dry weather up to the last few days when rains set in. Corn is looking better there. Mr. Nickles states, than in this section while the water is in fine shape. General conditions around Wood River are excellent.

#### Alfalfa Seed.

I have a number of bushels of alfalfa seed for sale. Anyone wishing same will find it at my farm.  
Z. W. Shrader.

## UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

### Several Plattsonians Reach the Top of the Ladder With Honor

The closing exercises of the graduating classes of the State University were held last night at Lincoln, the address being delivered by Hon. John Sharp Williams, United States Senator from Mississippi.

Two members of the class come from this city being Justus Livingston Richey who has taken the scientific course, and William Alinworth Robertson who took the law course. Both young men stood excellently in their studies and Mr. Richey took the degree of Bachelor of Arts while Mr. Robertson had conferred upon him that of Bachelor of Laws. Both of the young gentlemen are bright, ambitious and able men and in the several fields which they will occupy they are bound to make their mark. It is not yet known just what they will do nor where they will locate although it is probable Mr. Richey will remain in this city for some time at least. Mr. Robertson is reported to have several tempting offers in sight and will doubtless accept the one most to his liking.

Another young man from this city to graduate at the university with distinction is Edward William White, son of the late W. A. White, Mr. White closed his course with signal success and had the degree of Bachelor of Science conferred upon him. He is one of the brightest young men in the graduating class and one of much worth and ability. It is not known what his future course will be.

Others to graduate who either resided in this city at one time or who have relatives here are Millard Klein who also took the degree of Bachelor of Science, Frederick A. Crites of Chadron who took the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Miss Helen M. Vaughn of Lincoln, who also took the degree of Bachelor of Science. Of these Mr. Klein is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Klein formerly of this city and a young man of exceptional quickness of mind and much ability. Mr. Crites is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Crites of Chadron formerly of this city, and a nephew of Hon. B. S. Ramsey of this city. He is a young man who has stood high in his classes and one who has a very bright future before him. Miss Vaughn is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vaughn now of Lincoln but formerly of this city. Miss Vaughn throughout her university course, amply sustained herself as a young lady of great ability and keen perception for its able personnel.

A scanning of the above record of Plattsmouth graduates at the university serves to cause a feeling of pride in the high character and excellent personnel of the members whom the city sent forth to obtain their education at Lincoln, intelligence and ability and they return to their several homes laden with honors.

#### A Bad Runaway Averted.

What might have proved a very serious runaway was averted by bystanders on the sidewalk about one o'clock to-day. A German by the name of Klein, living on the Falter farm, west of town, was coming down the South Sixth street when the wagon ran onto the heels of the horses, causing them to run, and by the time they got down the hill they were going at a two-forty rate, when they were checked in front of Hall's store by Quartis Parmele. No harm done except a shattered tongue which had already been broken and patched up. He had no gearing to assist the horses in holding back, and it is no wonder the horses ran. Men should not be allowed to drive into town with such a rig, for the protection of other teams it might come into contact with.

#### Accident at the Shop.

Wm. Wynn had the misfortune this morning to severely maim the little finger on his left hand while at his work at the shops. He was testing some air hose when the finger was accidentally caught in the testing machinery and the end of it mashed so badly that it will have to be taken off. It was fortunate that his entire hand was not caught in the machinery as it would have been lost. As it is while the injury is very painful, is not sufficient to keep him from his work and after having it dressed, he returned to the shops thankful it was no worse.

#### Improves Building.

Among the many improvements to be noted around town, is the work being done on the Bach building entirely recovered with a new tin roof and in addition a new porch or veranda has been put along the entire east side of the building, protecting the rooms from the morning sun and making a delightfully cool and pleasant porch for the afternoon and evening, the view being a handsome one of the broad expanse of the river for miles up and down the stream. The upper floor of the building will be occupied in the immediate future by Mr. and Mrs. August Bach, Jr., whose marriage will be solemnized in the near future and it will make then a handsome and attractive home.

## DEATH OF OLD LADY

### Mrs. Sarah J. Fairfield Passes Away of Paralysis in Omaha.

Died—Fairfield, Mrs. Sarah J. aged 81 years, 5 months and 23 days, at Omaha, Neb., on June 10, 1909, of paralysis. Funeral Saturday, June 12, at 10 o'clock a. m., from the Burlington station. Interment at Oak Hill cemetery.

A message received in this city last evening by Col. Henry C. McMaken announcing the passing away at the home of her daughter in Omaha of his sister, Mrs. George W. Fairfield after a brief illness of paralysis. The message did not come as a surprise for the great age of Mrs. Fairfield had prepared her folks for the worst. Mrs. Fairfield was well known in this city where she and her husband had lived for so many years and where her home always was, in fact. She was one of the oldest settlers of the county and the state and as such her acquaintance was widespread. The news of the death of this aged and most estimable lady will be received with the deepest regret by all and the sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved children and the sorrowing brothers and sisters.

Sarah J. McMaken was born near Middletown, O., on December 17, 1827, and her early days were spent in this then frontier state. Later with her parents she moved to Kentucky and still later to Indiana. In the year 1855 she met and was won by George W. Fairfield, then a civil engineer in the service of the Bluffton Railroad of Bluffton, Ind. They were married in the year 1855 at Fort Wayne, Ind., and the following year saw the newly wedded couple cross the murky Missouri river at this point and located in this city. Here for many years this highly respected couple lived and here their children were born. Of the union three children, two sons and one daughter, survive. Of the sons Mack D. and Joseph H. Fairfield are well known residents of the western part of the state. The daughter Mrs. Susan Tabor is a resident of Omaha.

In addition to the children Mrs. Fairfield is survived by two brothers, Andrew C. McMaken of Atchison, Kas., and Henry C. McMaken of this city and one sister, Mrs. Laura S. Sprague of Buffalo Gap, S. D.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning (Saturday) at 10 o'clock from the Burlington station, the remains arriving in this city on No. 4 and burial being made direct from the train to Oak Hill cemetery. At the cemetery services will be conducted by the Christian Scientists of which church deceased was a devout member for several years past.

The passing of Mrs. Fairfield marks the end of the long lane for yet another of the early pioneers of Nebraska. Coming to this state before the iron horse had commenced his wanderings over its fertile surface, she lived to witness what was then commonly known as the Great American desert, bloom and blossom as the rose and to see its waste places send forth each year an ever increasing crop of the finest cereals and fruits the earth could produce. In the fullness of her years she sinks to sleep beneath that soil which she and others of her kind had made to give up to man the most bountiful of yields, a resting place than which no king or potentate can claim a better. Well has she lived a long and useful life and in death she goes across that wonderful river on the farther shore of which her eternal reward awaits her coming.

#### Time to Begin.

It is not too early to remind the American boy and his fond mother and father that the Fourth of July is approaching and that care should be exerted to prevent accidents. As each year passes and the number of deaths and injuries from the celebration of our national birthday shows slight chance of diminishing, it seems somewhat discouraging to attempt to arouse the country to a realization of the needless waste of life and infliction of injury. Ultimately, however, we must surely awake to a realization of our carelessness, provided agitation of the dangers is relentlessly continued. We therefore do our duty to posterity and keep hammering away at the public, even though our feeble blows seem to be but faintly heard through the wall of obstinacy and disregard.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Plattsmouth Journal, expresses the case with remarkable effect when it says: "We sympathize with the American boy. We don't want to have to sympathize with his mother."

Probably the best argument which can be made for greater care in the handling of fire crackers, toy cannon, skyrockets and other devices of torture is contained in the following, which should be carefully considered in its fullest significance by every father and mother:

In the past six years 1,316 persons have been killed and 27,950 wounded, as the result of Fourth of July celebrations.

Unfortunately, the new state fire cracker law will not go into effect until after the Fourth of July, and consequently there will be no legal restriction upon the use of giant crackers and other implements of the fool killer in Nebraska this year. Whether we are killed or maimed, therefore, is wholly up to us. The state gives us no help. We are still on our own responsibility. For goodness sake let us demonstrate that we are capable of taking care of ourselves and our children. Let Lincoln be one city where genuine sanity prevails in the mode of expressing our joy at being here.  
—Lincoln Star.

#### Rains do Much Damage.

From Friday's Daily.  
County Commissioner Martin Friedrich who has been out in the county with Commissioner Switzer and Bridge Contractor Glenn Smith, inspecting bridges and roads to ascertain the result of the heavy rains of the past week, was in the city last evening and he fully confirmed the report of widespread and extensive damage to roads, bridges and fields. South of this city in Rock Bluffs and Liberty precincts the damage to roads and bridges has been very heavy, many of the latter being washed away while the roads in many places are torn up and all but impassable. Nehawka precinct and Mt. Pleasant likewise suffered severely and even Plattsmouth precinct there is heavy loss from the waters. The party had not completed their inspection having Eight Mile Grove precinct and all west of that to go over but they have no hesitation in confirming the reports which reached The Journal of the heavy loss the county has sustained. The attempt to brush aside the loss as insignificant which has been made by certain parties, is ridiculed and calculated to mislead uninformed parties. The commissioners realize mighty well how bad the damage is.

#### Henton Home Burns.

It appears that the fire fiend has a special spite at the people down at Bethlehem. On last Friday night Mrs. Wm. Henton's house burned, and it was only a week before that the John Richardson residence was destroyed by fire. Mrs. Henton lives just north of the bridge. It was about 10 o'clock at night when she looked out of the window, thinking that she saw a reflection of a lantern. Upon going out she discovered that her own house was on fire, having caught from a defective flue. She was able to save very little of her furniture. There was only a small amount of insurance and the loss is a severe one for her. She is a widow with several small children.—Mills County Tribune.

John J. Ledwith, member of the prominent law firm of Morning & Ledwith of Lincoln, was in the city today looking after business matters and making a short visit with County Attorney Ramsey who was a classmate of his at the state university.

#### Miss Bessie Edwards Entertains.

From Friday's Daily.

A number of young ladies were most charmingly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Johnson yesterday afternoon, with Miss Bessie Edwards as hostess. The occasion was a hose and handkerchief shower in honor of Miss Whelan.

Upon their arrival, each guest was requested to get busy and make as many quilt blocks as possible. As the guests had been requested to bring their needles and thimbles, all were soon plying the busy needle as they engaged in social conversation and listened to the instrumental solos of Misses Hattie Hofmann and Etha Crabill and the vocal solos by Mrs. C. S. Johnson, Miss Bessie Edwards and Mrs. E. H. Wescott, all of which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Two mock weddings were then participated in, in which Misses Estelle Baird and Nellie Whelan and Mrs. C. S. Johnson and Mrs. L. A. Moore were the contracting parties. Mrs. E. H. Wescott performing the ceremonies in a very august manner. These occasioned much laughter and merriment.

The bride-to-be was then informed of the story of the rainbow and of the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, but that in order to reach the end of the rainbow, she would probably encounter many obstacles and more or less trouble. She was then handed some string and told to follow this string as it would lead her to the end of the rainbow. After going around every room in the house several times, climbing several chairs and other furniture, she finally succeeded in locating the pot of gold hidden in a cupboard out in the kitchen.

A few minutes was then given the bride-to-be and the guests to examine the contents of the pot of gold.

A dainty two course luncheon was then served. The guests danced the Virginia Reel, after which they took their departure, indebted to the hostess for the most delightful afternoon spent.

Those present were Mesdames L. A. Moore, E. H. Wescott, Misses Carlisle and Estelle Baird, Helen Travis, Pearl Statts, Alma and Esther Larson, Lucille Randall, Hattie Hofmann and Etha Crabill.

#### Pleasing Lecture.

From Friday's Daily.  
The lecture given last evening at the Methodist church by Mr. Frank H. Leonard of Brooklyn, N. Y. upon "Christian Science" is pronounced by all who attended as one of the best efforts in that line ever given in this city. Mr. Leonard was greeted by a large and appreciative audience and one which remained throughout the lecture thoroughly enjoying it. Upon his subject which was expounded and explained the principles and aims of Christian Science Mr. Leonard was thoroughly at home. He pointed out to his auditors the object of the existence of the church, what it proposed to do and what it had done as witnessed by its works. The history of the founding of the church and of the trials and vicissitudes which it had gone through with were detailed and then came his enunciation of the principles upon which it was founded and the good which it hoped to accomplish by its existence. Mr. Leonard is a pleasing and able speaker and his lecture was one which did an incalculable amount of good for the cause he represents. There was to it a wholesomeness and a tolerance toward others which did much to elevate the standard of the church and to make its aims stand forth upon a high plane of intellectuality and truth. It is the hope of those who heard him, that he can be induced to again visit this city when a larger audience is almost certain to hear him. From this city he departed this morning for Broken Bow where he lectures tonight.

#### More Fine Roses.

Little Miss Elizabeth Wynn daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wynn favored The Journal today with a most beautiful bouquet of June roses. Such remembrances are highly appreciated, and this one more so, because it comes from the hands of a beautiful child, who, in gathering them thought how delighted The Journal would be to receive them. May the little Miss live long to enjoy gathering nature's most beautiful emblems that everyone who has any conception of their language, enjoys.

#### Shorthorns for Sale.

Three good registered Shorthorn yearling bulls for sale. Also good fresh milk cows.  
Mark White.