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## STRIKE DRAGGING SLOWLY

### Vain Plea of the Business Men and Nothing to Indicate a Settlement Soon.

Omaha, Sept. 30.—All efforts to bring about a settlement of the street car employees' strike by arbitration so far have been ineffective. Last evening fifty business men of the city called upon President Wattles of the street railway company and urged him to agree to come plan of arbitration, representing to him that the present situation is injuring business. Nothing resulted from the conference.

A statement by the management of the Ak-Sar-Ben festival, which opened yesterday, shows that the attendance was 45 per cent less than on the opening day a year ago. This is regarded as wholly due to the street car strike.

Last night a riot call came from the Ames avenue car barn and a sheriff's posse was sent in answer. It was found that the crew of a Florence car had refused to carry a load of residents of that suburb home after collecting their fares. The passengers drove the crew off and ran the car home themselves. The car men walked back to the car barns and sent in the riot call.

It is reported that the crew of a Dundee car used similar tactics and succeeded in collecting a second fare from the passengers.

C. O. Pratt, international vice president of the street railway men's union announced today that the Iowa state board of arbitration will be asked to intervene in the strike of the employes of the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company. Mr. Pratt also said a petition

is being prepared asking the interstate commerce commission to take action on the ground that the company which operates in two states is not observing its franchise requirements.

Several cars were blocked tonight near Twenty-fourth street and Ames avenue as a result of obstruction being placed on the track. A number of soldiers from Fort Omaha were near by, and an altercation between them and strike-breakers brought a street car load of police to the spot. The car carrying the officers was stoned and the police charged the crowd, arresting two boys and several soldiers. The latter claim they were merely bystanders.

The first attempt since the strike began to run cars at night was made tonight. Service was discontinued, however, about 9 o'clock.

Governor Shallenberger will not interfere in the Omaha strike until the local authorities and interests have exhausted every means at hand to effect an amicable settlement.

This disposition he communicated to Private Secretary Furse this morning.

The governor returns to Lincoln at midnight tonight and will find Deputy Labor Commissioner Maupin's detailed report of findings at Omaha on his desk.

This report, it is believed, will indicate the need of state investigation. The governor feels that if he moved at once his intrusion would be resented and this he is trying to avoid.

#### A Chilly Reception.

Senator Elmer J. Burkett, the oil tongued gentleman who hails from Lincoln, came to this city last evening and remained over until this morning, and went from here to Syracuse, where he delivered a speech this afternoon. He was given a rather chilly reception while he was here, and only one or two of the Republican leaders even dropped into the hotel to say "how dry" or shake his hand. He felt the frosty reception and looked around for a kind person to take him in charge and say something that would drive away that lonely feeling. The people of this state have long since passed up Elmer as belonging to the class of public officers that are inclined to the belief: "The public be damned," until they want to go back to Washington, and then they are around trying to explain why they have misrepresented the people so long, and promise to be better, but the people are getting wise to these pie crust promises and know what they mean and how little they are kept. Elmer feels the chill which is awaiting him when he comes up to the pie counter to ask for another term.—Nebraska City News, Sept. 30.

#### Railroad Improvement.

The Missouri Pacific is making great improvement at this place as well as all along the line. The steel gang and construction crew, with George Taylor and D. W. West as foreman, have been rushing the work, having about forty men, and the laying of the new heavy rails has now reached a point about three miles north of here. The laborers are principally Italians and Greeks, and their boarding cars located here make quite a colony. The need of additional tracks at this point has been evident for a long time, and last week the company's civil engineer, Mr. Sullivan, was here and started the work. The grading is now nearing completion, Foreman Fred Clugue rushing the work with fifteen teams and twenty men. The Lincoln branch track will be extended further south, and on the west side of it there will be two new tracks extending from Main street crossing to a point about one-fourth mile south, thus affording five tracks for handling the trains at this place. An engineer was here yesterday morning making calculations for other improvements, among which we are told will be larger and more convenient coal chutes in place of the old one.—Union Ledger.

#### Win Diamond Ring.

Nemetz & Co.'s diamond ring contest terminated yesterday, and the votes were counted last night by a committee composed of John Bajec, Hugo Asemissen and A. J. Koberk. The winners of the prizes were Miss Alice Tucey, the diamond ring, and Miss Olga Sattler, the five-piece silver tea service. Miss Tucey received 10,654 votes and Miss Sattler 7,742 votes. The diamond ring, for which both these popular young ladies were striving, was purchased of John Crabbill at a cost of \$75. Other young ladies made very creditable records as vote getters, they being Misses Janet Brantner, Laura Tower, Winifred Parmele and Pearl O'Neal, in the order named. Others did almost as well, there being twenty names represented in the list.

Nemetz & Co. thank each contestant and their friends for the increased volume of business secured through this medium of advertising. One nice feature connected with the contest is that the prizes were furnished by Plattsmouth merchants.

#### Returns From Murdock.

Judge M. Archer returned from the Murdock carnival last evening, and opened court again this morning. Those who were waiting for the judge's return to get drunk can now do so, knowing that the fine and costs will be met out in regular doses. The judge says the carnival was well attended, and that the committee had provided for the entertainment of the candidates, among other things was a good horse race for them to bet on. There was a snake-eating girl, which did not interest him much, as the judge does not care for snakes, not even in his boots. The light harness horses were in evidence, and made a very creditable showing, especially one double team, which was fine.

Lonnie Mead and wife of Union were Plattsmouth visitors for a few hours between trains yesterday, having gone to Omaha on the early train.

#### Give Dollars Away.

Every Wednesday at 3 p. m., C. E. Wescott's Sons actually give away \$3 in cash, current money of the United States, to some of their cash customers who happens to hold a time card showing the time nearest the minute the clock stops. An eight-day clock is wound and placed in the window and the face covered each Wednesday. Before the time arrives for uncovering the clock it has run down and stopped. With each dollar's worth of goods sold for cash, the firm issues a card on which is the face of a clock represented, with hands indicating different hours and minutes and seconds.

On each Wednesday the clock is taken from the window at the time nearest the time on the bottom of the card gets the prize of \$3. This proceeding has occurred each Wednesday for three weeks and will continue until December 15. William Patterson of Murray drew the first \$3 yesterday. There was a crowd in the store when the clock was uncovered yesterday afternoon. The clock showed 4:02:44, while the winning card showed 4:20:00. One dollar cash purchase gets a card.

#### To the Public.

We wish to present to the people of Plattsmouth the proposed work of the Gospel Army. We want it understood the work is to be interdenominational. All persons becoming interested in the work will be encouraged to take membership with the church of their choice. The purpose of the Gospel Army is to buy the German M. E. chapel, to be used as a meeting place, and the property to be placed in the hands of a board of trustees of reliable citizens, who will have complete control of the same. Should the work ever cease the property would be sold and the funds derived therefrom divided among the churches of the city, to be used as a missionary money. The work of this mission is to be along the lines of the Y. M. C. A., working for the uplifting of the community. Every citizen should take an interest in this work, which is only a labor of love.

W. R. FLEMKE,  
Western Commander.

#### Dividing the "Swag."

The following from the World-Herald illustrates the way the scab street conductors and motormen divide up the money they are fleching from the street car company: "A motorman on the Sherman avenue line took no chances on securing his share of the 'divvy' with the conductor. After the conductor had collected all the fares, the motorman slowed down his car to a snail's pace and continued to creep along for a block or two until the conductor came to the front end of the car. Then the motorman demanded his 'share,' and after his associate had divided a handful of money the motorman shoved the lever around to the highest notch and the car soon made up the lost time."

#### Confessions Every Night.

The meetings at the tent, which are being conducted by Evangelists Wilhite and Tuckerman, not only continue to draw large crowds, but there is a deepening interest on every hand. In the sermon last night Mr. Wilhite presented "Ten Reasons for Believing the Bible." The evangelist's arguments are clear and pointed. A very impressive feature of the services last night was the special music by the quartet, which sang "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." In response to the invitation a number came out and confessed their faith in Christ. There are confessions every night. Regular services tonight at 8 o'clock.

#### The Governor's Proclamation.

We note in Governor Shallenberger's proclamation enumerating the number of corporations that had failed to comply with the law enacted last winter "The Plattsmouth Driving Association." If all the corporations are as dead as this one there is no use of this advertising. There was such an association here ten or fifteen years ago, but it went the way of many other associations, and grounds long since put to use for farming purposes.

G. M. Marks of near Nehawka was in the city yesterday and called to renew his faith in the Journal another year. Mr. Marks is one of the substantial farmers of Cass county, and one of the best fellows in the world, and we are always glad to meet him.

## ATTEMPT TO MURDER

### Jesse Blunt Has a Close Call From a Rifle Shot Early Last Night.

Last night about 9 o'clock a most atrocious murder was attempted at the residence of Jesse Blunt. He was sitting in his home with his back to the door mending a hoop net. The door was open, but the screen was closed. Mr. Blunt was unconscious of any danger near when suddenly he heard a shot, and a rifle ball passed within an inch of his head, crashed through a wall in front of him and passed through a window, and the ball was found lodged in the storm sash. The rifle ball has been preserved and will be produced in court at the proper time. As soon as the shot was fired Mr. Blunt sprang to his feet, got his rifle from its accustomed place and went out of the back door, as he had heard footsteps retreating around the house. The moon was just rising in the east, and the form of a man could be seen running down through the orchard. Mr. Blunt raised his rifle, which is a .32 calibre 20, and fired at the retreating figure. He pulled the trigger, but his magazine was empty, and he was afraid to proceed further until he had reinforcements and more ammunition. Jesse then went to Mr. Winn's and phoned for the police, but did not get any of them for some time. When he finally got the police an investigation of the premises was made, and on the side of the orchard furthest from the house in which the would-be murderer ran, was found a bloody handkerchief. The chief of police has some strong clues, and it is thought the bloody assassin will be located in a few days and be brought to justice. The Journal gives the above relation of facts as they were given to it, and does not vouch for the truth of the story.

#### Wedding Bells.

Last Wednesday at high noon, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irv Stall, Mr. Fred A. Herman and Henrietta Clara Stall were united in marriage, the Rev. Paul Von Teorne officiating.

Promptly at high noon, to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Burner, the bride and groom took their places under an arch of green and white in the parlor. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Elsie Stall, and her cousin, Miss Stella Stall of Lincoln, the groom by his brother, Charles Herman, and Mr. Will Erskine of Prairie Home.

After the words were spoken which united them in the bonds of wedlock, those present sat down to the tables, which were literally groaning with good things to eat. The dining room was decorated with pink and white. In the evening the young couple were treated to serenades by two different chivari crowds.

Both the bride and groom were born and reared in this community. The bride is the eldest daughter of Irv Stall. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Herman. Both are industrious, capable young people, and are highly esteemed in the community. The Beacon joins with their many friends in extending congratulations and wishing them a long and happy married life.—Eagle Beacon.

#### At the Ferry.

The Missouri river is at a very low stage at present, and has caused the owners of the ferry boat considerable trouble and expense to keep in touch with her on the eastern shore. It is confined in such a narrow channel that it was necessary to bridge out several rods from the east shore in order to connect up with the boat. Lumber now is almost as high as millinery goods, and the married man can understand how the ferryman feels.

#### Returns From Oklahoma.

Edward Duffy, who has been spending three weeks in Oklahoma looking after his real estate interests, returned this morning. Mr. Duffy has two sons residing on farms of their own near his land lying close to Spearmore. In his locality there was seasonable rains, so that crops were better than in many places. Broom corn was selling from \$80 per ton upward, and that is a broom corn country.

#### Lee Applegate.

Born October 4, 1856, in Montgomery county, Iowa. Died at 6:30 p. m., Friday, September 24, 1909, at his home one mile west of Union, Neb.

While the death of Lee Applegate is a matter of deep regret to the numerous friends who have known him for so many years, it was no surprise to those who knew of his condition the past few weeks. His health had been failing several years, and for some time he had been unable to do but part of the farm work. About ten days prior to his death he suffered an attack of pneumonia, and his physical condition at that time rendered it impossible for him to withstand the attack. He grew weaker gradually until the Master's summons came last Friday evening, his mother, wife, three daughters and two sons being at his bedside. Funeral services were held at the residence at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, conducted by W. A. Taylor of Union. The choir sang "Asleep in Jesus" and "Thou Thinkest, Lord, of Me." Also a solo was rendered by Ray Frans, "In the Realm of Eternal Bliss," and "Abide With Me," by the choir. The text was "For the living know they must die," Eccl. 9:5. After the services the remains were taken to the Mt. Pleasant cemetery and laid to rest beside the father whose death occurred September 14, 1905. The pallbearers were William Wolfe, Reuben Stine, Duke Frans, W. B. Panning, Sant Gifford and Frank Finkle.

Lee Applegate was one of the well known residents of this county, having come here with his parents in 1866, since which time he made his home within a short distance of this village. He was the only son of Margaret and Isaac N. Applegate, the former now living near here and the latter's death having occurred four years ago. Lee secured his education in the public schools and worked on a farm, and on February 14, 1883, he was married to Miss Ida Warfield at Watson, Mo. They were the parents of five sons and three daughters, namely, Joy R., James, Paul, Palmer, Gene, Cleora, Della and Jessie. Of the children Joy is in Oklahoma and James and Paul are in Seattle, Wash., none of whom could be notified in time for them to reach here for the funeral. All the others were present. Mr. Applegate was a man who had many friends and was always true to the confidence and trust they reposed in him, and the large number of acquaintances who accompanied the remains to their home in the cemetery attested the high esteem in which he was held by the people of this community, and the family have the sincere sympathy of all in their sad bereavement.—Union Ledger.

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#### Social Workers Entertain.

The Social Workers of the Methodist church were entertained yesterday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. The rooms were tastefully decorated with autumn leaves and golden rod artistically arranged throughout. The guests were entertained in social conversation for a time when the hostess announced that they were to make a search for the north pole.

The company was divided in two parts, one side representing Dr. Cook's party, with Mrs. Johnson as Dr. Cook, the other side, headed by Mrs. John Crabbill, representing Peary and his followers. After some rangle with the geographical society, Mrs. Frank Morgan made the statement that neither side had located the pole and that it was yet north and started in pursuit and by the aid of chart and compass finally arrived at the home of Mrs. A. J. Beeson, where the object of their search was found, surrounded by Eskimos and polar bears. The surrounding territory was covered with snow; there was no light except the dim twilight made by a few candles. Everything was snow-covered, and when sufficient observations were made to make the matter reasonably sure, Dr. Cook planted the emblem of his country on the apex of the pole.

Peary arrived in time to assist Dr. Cook in serving the punch and wafers. The explorers then shook hands and returned to the home of Mrs. Campbell. The next bit of entertainment consisted of a package contest, after which ices and cakes were served by the hostess, assisted by Helen Spies.

Judge Travis returned from Pawnee City today, where he has been holding court for the past week, and where an important damage suit against the C. B. & Q. railroad was tried.

#### WHEN WE GET BOATS.

### Missouri River Towns Would Be Revived When Government Is Wrested From Railroads.

Superintendent J. W. Crabtree of the normal school at Peru was in the city today en route to Lincoln. He has long been an advocate of the idea of wresting the control of the government from the railroads and improve the waterways, so as to enable the people to get cheaper transportation.

He says that as soon as the government concludes to take steps along the line of improving the rivers and make them so they are navigable, that the people will do the rest, and put in plenty of steamboats, which will haul all of the freight that is needed. He cites the waterways of Germany, and other foreign countries, and how they have been improved and put in shape so they can be of service to the people. He contends that the Missouri river can be made navigable at all stages of the water and be able to give the people cheaper freight rates and enable them to be free from the throttling influences of the railroads.

When this is done, he continued, "Nebraska City will soon leap ahead of Lincoln, or any other inland town and the Missouri river towns will be the towns of the west, and to them will come all of the business."—Nebraska City News.

#### Entertains Altar Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guthman entertained the members of the Altar society of St. John's church and their friends at their spacious home last Wednesday evening. A large number of Catholics and non-Catholics were present and participated in this pleasant entertainment. Games, such as "high-five" and other similar ones were engaged in. Mrs. J. W. Gamble sang two solos, which were much appreciated, and Conrad Schlater, the oldest musician in the city, played an instrumental selection. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and the society has been urged to duplicate the entertainment soon.

Herman Klitch, the Weeping Water miller, was in the city over night, and departed for Omaha this morning.

#### That Bridge Suit.

County Attorney W. C. Ramsey was called to Papillion this morning to argue a motion in the Louisville bridge suit.

The case involves the sum of \$3,000 for Cass county if the suit is won. The action grows out of the sum spent by the county some years ago to repair the bridge at a time when the commissioners of Sarpy county would not agree to pay for half of the repairs. The supreme court has held that Sarpy was liable for the construction of one half of the structure, and Cass brought suit for one-half of the repairs some years ago when Judge Root was county attorney. The case has been to the supreme court more than once, and at this time County Attorney Ramsey has filed a motion to strike out a part of the amended answer, and his motion he has gone to argue today.

#### At the High School.

Rev. Wilhite addressed the students at the chapel hour this morning, delivering a very impressive talk.

Hon. R. B. Windham and Major Flemke were visitors at chapel this morning.

Prof. J. W. Gamble departs tonight to be present at the dedication of the Beatrice high school, which will be one of the finest structures of its kind in the state. Among the other prominent educators invited to be present is Prof. Davidson, superintendent of the Omaha schools; President Crabtree of the Peru normal, both of whom have been connected with the Beatrice high school in the past and the chancellor of the state university.

Tomorrow night Prof. Gamble will attend the School Masters' club, which meets at the Lincoln hotel, Lincoln.

Why is a good cook good? Because the good cook prepares good meals. Why are our salted peanuts better than the ordinary kind? Because prepared by an expert candy maker. Nemetz & Co.

John Feezek of Bickelton, Wash., is the guest of Dave Amick and wife. Mr. Feezek has been in the western country for several years, and enjoys his visit in the interior very much.