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THE ALFALFA FEED MILL SEEMS TO BE AN ASSURED FACT NOW

Citizens Generally are Subscribing Liberally to This Most Laudable Enterprise to Be Located Here.

From Friday's Daily.

Those having the good of the city at heart will be doing themselves and their townsmen a great favor by receiving and helping the stock solicitors that will within the next day or two call on them for the purpose of having them subscribe to the new Alfalfa Meal Mill that now appears to be an assured certainty. And it would be advisable for these citizens to remember also, that these solicitors need support, and that they are getting all sorts of encouragement.

So far more than \$5,000 has been subscribed, and it is believed by the commercial club, which is boosting the building of the mill, that within the next day or two, about \$2,500 more will be subscribed by the city. The belief is general that if the city contributes half of the sum necessary to build the mill, which is \$7,500, the county can be relied upon to do the rest.

The farmers are the men that will be particularly benefitted for they will raise the alfalfa on old corn

land long ago worn out and useless, and so gain more in the long run than any one else. For the reasons that the farmers will reap the greater part of the benefit, a meeting will be held in the office of J. P. Falter in the Coates' building tomorrow morning, at which representative farmers from this section will be invited to come and discuss the alfalfa industry in this locality. The commercial club members will be there too and with them the solicitors. Reports will be read and the benefits of the mill placed before the farmers.

An expert on alfalfa meal mills, in the person of W. B. Swygart, was in the city Tuesday and called upon those boosting the proposition. Mr. Swygart comes from Albia, Ia., where he has a mill. He said that one like that under his supervision can be built for \$15,000 and that its capacity would be big enough for all the alfalfa that can be raised in this section. The solicitors who are going through the city are A. L. Tidd, Henry Snider and Frank Schlatter.

PASSES EIGHTIETH MILESTONE

Uncle Reuben Foster Surprised by Friends at Unlon.

From Friday's Daily.

Reuben Foster reached the 80th mile stone in life Tuesday and decided to take a day's rest and celebrate the event in Nebraska City but just as he was about to board the train he was hastily summoned to appear at the home of Miss Jessie Todd, for what purpose he did not know. Nevertheless, he responded to the call with his usual promptness, and on reaching the house he found ten of his intimate friends of near his own age, who had called in response to invitations sent out by Miss Todd and Mrs. M. H. Shoemaker, to help Uncle Reuben celebrate his birthday. The venerable gentleman seemed somewhat flustered at first but soon admitted that he had been thoroughly out witted by these estimable ladies.

At the proper time the guests were invited into the dining room where an elegant two-course dinner was served, the table being presided over by Misses Minnie Shoemaker and Rose O'Donnell, the table decorations consisted of wood violets and ferns. After dinner the company were treated to a few choice selections of music, consisting of W. J. Bryan's speech on "The Immortality of the Soul," after which each one present was requested to make an "after dinner speech" each one choosing his own subject. D. W. Foster in making a few remarks added greatly to the enjoyment, and he was followed by W. B. Davis who told of the strong friendship felt by all aged people toward one another. Reuben Foster thanked every one present and spoke also of the friendship found among the aged people.

The company was next ushered to the veranda, where Ray Frans took a photograph of the "young fellows." The combined age of the ten present was 776 years and 1 month. Those present were: W. B. Davis, aged 82 years, 6 months; N. D. Foster, 81 years, 6 months; R. A. Foster, 80 years; William Frans, 79 years, 1 month; F. G. Kendall, 77 years, 5 months; M. H. Shoemaker, 77 years; Lewis Bird, 77 years; D. W. Foster, 76 years, 3 months; J. W. Taylor, 74 years; John Pearsley, 70 years.—Union Ledger.

The Journal hopes that its old friend will live to celebrate his one hundredth anniversary and then some. The writer knew him when we were a boy, and always considered him one of our staunchest friends, and are glad to regard him as such, because he has always been an honorable, upright citizen.

A Fish Story.

Night before last two of the most intrepid of Plattsmouth's fishermen, George Barr and W. C. Grebe, while on trying to snare the wily denizens of the deep had a narrow escape from being Jonah'd for fair. These two gentlemen had gone out as per their custom in the evening to set a line from their boat. They had their boat down near the house occupied by Mrs. Edgerton, and were endeavoring to dislodge the line where it had become entangled on a log. While engaged in this occupation, the two fishermen were startled by the sudden advent of a third party in their boat when a large spoonbill cat fish about five feet long, aroused no doubt by the movement of their line in the water, jumped clear into the boat, striking Mr. Barr and giving him quite a surprise. Grebe seized the fish and the two of them by hard work, secured it. It weighed 60 pounds and was one of the largest we have ever seen.

Growing in Interest.

The revival meetings at the Methodist church have been attended by good audiences nightly. Rev. Campbell is a pleasant talker, and also an interesting one. The solos by his son, Mr. Alva Campbell are also highly appreciated and entertaining. The meetings seem to be growing in interest daily, and it will hurt no one to attend, even if he or she cannot approve of all the minister says. Go and hear what he has to say, anyway. Treat the local minister with this respect and courtesy, of which he is deserving.

D. C. Morgan came home this morning after a business trip to Omaha.

Will Come Back to Nebraska.

Frank Johnson, son of J. W. Johnson of this city, has resigned his position with one of the southern railroads in Florida and will remove from his present home at Saint Augustine to Omaha, where he will engage in business and make his future home. Mr. Johnson is well known throughout this part of the country, having been for a number of years with the Burlington as an engineer on this division. He has a great many friends here and elsewhere who will be delighted to learn of his return to this country.

POLITICS DOWN IN SOUTHWEST

Democratic Primaries in Texas Getting Very Warm.

In Texas April 10—These Texans are the strenuous politicians. No sooner do the Democratic primaries end in one year that they open the campaign for the next. And one might just as well understand that for all practical purposes, the election here is the Democratic primaries. True, there is a formality in November when the Democratic primary choice is ratified, but it is only that—a formality, a sort of ratification meeting of the choice of the wisdom of the state as expressed at the Democratic primaries. The Republicans usually have a couple of tickets in the field, but just why is a mystery for only the widest stretch of the imagination can conceive of their being more than a joke. In truth, the Republican party in Texas is, to paraphrase Lincoln "of Cecil Lyon, by Cecil Lyon and for Cecil Lyon." Lyon is the national committeeman for this state and the official dispenser of federal patronage; hence his prestige. Lyon is a strictly orthodox white Republican and his faction is what is known as the "Lilly White." There is a negro faction of the Republican party called the "Black and Tans," which also hold a convention and names a ticket, but both wings of the party together don't poll enough votes to be serious. The real fight is for the Democratic nomination.

A stranger from the north finds himself confused when he comes to look over the field here. The issues are tangled and confused in the most perplexing way and out of the labyrinth it becomes almost impossible to extract a clear idea of what each candidate stands for. Apparently, prohibition is the main question at issue, but the efforts of the railroads and the trusts to check hostile legislation are also in evidence, while the perpetual Bailey fight every now and then injects itself into the fray. This last question is a very live one and outsiders do not realize the bitterness of the feeling between Senator Bailey's followers and his opponents. And any candidate for office in this state finds himself obliged to line up either for or against Bailey.

There are five candidates for governor in this state and they are making vigorous and aggressive campaigns. All except one are conducting speaking campaigns and the daily papers are filled with their meetings. The fifth candidate will open his speaking campaign on San Jacinto day, April 21, a local holiday, commemorating the battle of San Jacinto in the Texas war for independence. The speeches which these several candidates deliver would be considered in the north as inviting political suicide for they are all tinged with decided personalities. If Governor Shallenberger and Mayor Dahlman were to adopt the Texas style of campaign speaking, the Nebraska prairies would flame with excitement and the Republican majority would be enormous, unless that party also had the same kind of a campaign.

The five candidates in the field at present are Judge Wm. Poindexter, Railroad Commissioner O. B. Colquitt, Hon. Cone Johnson, Ex-Archbishop General R. V. Davidson and Hon. F. L. Cunyus. All of these but Davidson are touring the state and delivering speeches, and in two weeks he will be doing likewise. Of these Poindexter is a pronounced prohibitionist, an ardent adherent and close personal friend of Senator Bailey, and generally recognized as a conservative in his views on legislation. He seems to be very popular in the northern part of the state, where the Bailey influence predominates and at this writing, looks to be a strong candidate. His speeches so far have featured constitutional prohibition, and he is the recognized champion of the submission of an amendment to the state constitution favoring prohibition. Colquitt, apparently, is for county option as it now applies in this state, and his speeches favor local self-government. His speeches trend strongly against prohibition in any form. It is charged that he is the Bailey anti-prohibition candidate, as he has spoken friendly of Bailey in his home community. Four

years ago Colquitt gave Governor Campbell a hard race for the nomination and he is looked on as a radical on railroad and trust legislation, although of late, he has not been so emphatic in that respect. He will poll a heavy vote. Johnson is pronounced anti-Bailey. It was he who gave Bailey the close call for delegate to the last Democratic national convention when the senator's election hung in the balance for several days. Johnson is one of the ablest of the men in the race—a powerful orator and a persistent fighter. He is for the submission of a prohibitory amendment or, failing in that, statutory prohibition along the lines advocated by former Governor Sheldon, of Nebraska, excepting municipalities, by a vote from its provisions. It is a problem as to what his vote will be, owing to the mixed condition of politics, but one can bet he'll get no Bailey votes. Davidson resigned the office of attorney general to run for governor and he looks like a winner. He has been organizing the state and will commence his speaking campaign in a few days. He is pronouncedly anti-Bailey and has undying enmity of the senator for his vigorous prosecution of H. Clay Pierce, the Waters-Pierce Oil company, and the exposure of Senator Bailey's relations with that gentleman and the company. His administration of the attorney general's office has been characterized by fights on trusts which brought results, chief of which was the fine of the Waters-Pierce Oil company, amounting to \$1,800,000, and that company's dissolution. He also caught several smaller concerns for fines. He is an anti-prohibitionist from principal, and believes in local option, and from a survey of the field he seems the only sincere opponent of prohibition in the field. He is a strong campaigner, popular and stands an excellent show to win. He has the distinction of having been nominated and elected to a third term as attorney general in this state, where the feeling against third-termism is very strong. Cunyus is a very strong prohibitionist, and not too well known. He will not poll a heavy vote, even should he remain in the race, which signs indicate he will not. He is not receiving much notice from his four competitors, who are lambasting one another fiercely and inferentially, leading the public to believe each is the tool of Satan and that the speaker is the only one with a fire-proof, non-corruptible halo. The primaries are in August, so you can see how hot Texas will be during the spring and summer—not unlike Hades in some respect.

Charles D. Grimes.

Saw Halley's Comet in 1842.

As the alleged time after 75 years for the Halley comet to appear draws near, a Glenwood citizen is reminiscent in the following manner:

Mr. E. Edwards, aged 89, of this city, who spends much of his time with his son at Plattsmouth, recalls the great comet of 1842, 68 years ago. He says the winter was very severe, snow falling October 12, 1842, it was about a foot deep, and kept increasing all winter. Early in the winter the comet appeared to add to the terrors of the long winter. The comet was in sight until April. The Millerites prophesied that the world was to come to an end in April. Joseph Smith and his Mormon followers occupied Nauvoo, Illinois, and Smith prophesied that the winter would last until summer and that he would parade his men on the ice of the Mississippi river in July. But neither of the prophecies came true. Mr. Edwards lived in Lee county, Iowa, at the time, opposite Nauvoo. He recalls that when the creeks froze up in winter the water was very high. There was thick ice, and the waters of the creeks subsided and froze again beneath, leaving a large chamber like a sewer of glass through which the boys could run and play. Later on when the thaw came the water rushed through this sewer with great noise. It was indeed a time of stirring events and people wondered indeed if the world was not on the point of collapse.—Glenwood (Iowa) Opinion.

Attention, Horsemen.

The Journal office is better equipped than ever to print horse bills, and we want your work in this line. We have a full line of horse and jack cuts and can do your work promptly and in a first class manner. Let us have your order.

Charles A. Martin and Mrs. Martin were among those who took the afternoon train for Omaha today.

ENFORCING THE TRUANT LAW

Seven Boys Arrested This Morning and Taken Back to School

From Friday's Daily.

Seven youngsters under fifteen years of age, who have not yet reached the eighth grade, but who in weeks gone by had taken it upon themselves to leave their classes and go to work, were rounded up this morning by Chief of Police Amick who acted as special truant officer.

The boys were sent back to school and those who had employed them were warned that if they were put on the pay roll again, arrests would surely follow. As the matter now stands none of the employers of small boys will be prosecuted as many of them showed satisfactorily to the chief that they had been deceived at the time the youngsters were employed.

Many of these had insisted that they were over sixteen and had been in the eighth grade when they left their classes.

In speaking about the round-up of the boys, Superintendent of Schools J. W. Gamble lays much of the blame for the boys lack of education to the parents. The merchants who employed them took them in their places innocently enough and made no protest when they were taken away. The parents in most cases, however, made a violent protest and insisted that the boys are old enough to work and that their earnings are needed at home.

The school superintendent, on the other hands, said he thought otherwise and that the youngsters will either stick to their classes or else be sent somewhere where they will not be given a chance to run away.

The superintendent of schools is highly elated with the encouragement he is getting from all sides in making the Plattsmouth school system one of the best of the state. Several months ago application was made for membership in the North Central association of secondary schools and colleges, through which graduates of the local high school can enter colleges of the association on the strength of their diplomas.

This does away with much of the inconvenience attached to taking examinations for admittance, and those who can leave a high school and enter a college without first going through the regular routine of an inquisition consider themselves fortunate. Until yesterday no reply was received but at that time Superintendent Gamble was informed by letter that the application had been favorably acted upon and the local schools will become a part of the association.

E. G. and F. A. Hansen of Nebraska, are among those who came up to this city today on business.

Surprise Miss Racek.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Konferst was the scene of a very pleasant surprise party last evening, when a number of young people assembled at their home and most agreeably surprised Miss Della Racek. Miss Racek will depart for Abie, Neb., in the near future where she will wed Mr. Jos. Sinnott.

Various games and dancing furnished plenty of amusement and occasioned considerable merriment. During the evening Miss Racek was presented with a beautiful picture, as a token of remembrance, and which will remind her of this happy event. At the proper hour a delicious luncheon was served, one which the guests could not help but do ample justice. At a late hour the guests departed for their homes, voting this occasion a most enjoyable one and expressing their regret at having to lose Miss Racek from their midst, but wishing her all the happiness possible in her new home.

Those present were: Misses Hermie Chaloupek, Frances Kanka, Lillian and Marie Novotney, Marie Semerad, Mary Gradoville, Josie and Lillian Buriak, Mary A. Swoboda, Anna Nashel, Mary Donat, Hermie Jelinek, Mary E. Swoboda, Mary Jelinek, Celia Palecek, Della Racek, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Konferst and Mr. Sinnott.

The Capital Removal.

The people of Nebraska outside of Lancaster county, says the Hastings Tribune, "no longer look upon the removal of the state capital as a joke, for they have come to realize the true cause of the agitation and the sincerity of the movement." The Tribune lends itself heartily to the removal proposition, casting its lot with Kearney and Grand Island regardless of future location should the capital be removed, and it further says: "To rebuild the present state house and put it in a fit condition will take about three million dollars and this is entirely too much money to toss into the city of Lincoln which already has the state penitentiary, state insane hospital, state university and state agricultural college. But regardless of that Lincoln is no longer entitled to be the capital city of Nebraska because of its location. The initiative step for a change has already been taken and Hastings, Kearney and Grand Island are in the race to fight it to a finish, and it goes without saying that no more money will be expended on the present state capital until the people of the state have had opportunity to vote on removal out into the central part of the state."

Weeping Water, of Course.

A man from Tipton precinct says that when the state capital is moved from Lincoln, it would be a good time to engage trucks for moving the court house out of Plattsmouth. The question is who wants the court house?—Weeping Water Republican.

We trim hats free of charge. M. Fanger.