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## PLANS FOR BEAUTIFUL PARK ALONG BANKS OF THE MISSOURI RIVER

Attorney A. L. Tidd Has Project for State Park on the Magnificent Bluffs Along the River.

Attorney A. L. Tidd of this city, who has taken quite an interest in the upbuilding of the city and its industries and whose work as a member of the commercial club has been very worthy, has evolved a scheme which will be of great interest to Nebraska. While locally of a great deal of importance, the scheme is one in which the entire state is interested. It is one of the highly commendable moves which have so recently taken a strong hold on the people throughout the entire country, regarding pleasure grounds. He believes in the idea recently advocated by Governor Folk of Missouri for state parks.

And he is firmly of the opinion that there is no better place in the state of Nebraska than the high bluffs lying south of this city and bordering upon the old Muddy. The idea which Mr. Tidd has is that these fine, wooded bluffs which tower into the air several hundred feet from the water's edge and are covered with heavy timber, could be easily converted into one of these fine pleasure grounds the state could boast of. And anyone who has ever seen this strip of country will agree with him.

There is no prettier spot in Nebraska than lies south of the big Burlington bridge, and extends down to and including the bold, imposing cliff a mile to the south. The steep bluffs with their precipitous sides looming aloft from the yellow waters of the Missouri, have long been a striking view to the traveller from the east who gets his first glimpse of Nebraska from the low side as his train crosses the bridge. The grand natural scenery which is presented by these hills and bluffs has always excited comment and it always will upon the wild beauty which they possess.

Mr. Tidd believes that at small expense comparatively, several thousand acres of these bluffs could be purchased by the state and converted into a pleasure ground for the people of Nebraska. There would be some work required to make them ideal grounds for the people to gather at and enjoy their leisure moments. The woods are there now—native trees of many varieties from the stately oak and elm and walnut to the pretty dogwood with its beautiful and entrancing bloom of red, all waiting for the landscape gardener to come along and do his share. The test of days, lie close at hand nearest of days, lie close at hand nearest but a magic touch of the wand

of the landscape artist to be transferred into bowers of loveliness. Sites where artificial lakes might easily be erected with their boat houses and pavilions in the background, and their waters teeming with the gamiest of fish, are in evidence everywhere, and, in fact, everything which nature provides to make man a pleasure ground is there.

And then there is the grand view which these hills afford. On the north there is Council Bluffs and Fairmount park, and its neighbor Omaha, all in full view, the wide open expanse of the Missouri river bottom with the broad, yellow stream flowing through its bosom, rolls in the majestic sweep down to the south until it is lost in the blue haze of the hills of Northwest Missouri. Hamburg, and the smaller towns in the Iowa bottoms lie in plain view like little hives of bees in the peaceful valley, while along the whole eastern rim of the horizon are the splendid Iowa hills. There is no grander view in the west than can be seen from the tall bluffs south of this city, and no better playground for the people was ever laid out than this.

The plan which Mr. Tidd proposes is for the state to acquire these bluffs, park them, gravel drives made through them and erect the many little pavilions and lakes and ponds needed. Then throw the park open to the public under the least possible restrictions as a public playground. This can be done at a sum trifling in amount, considering the immense benefits to be derived. The legislature at its next session could and should appropriate a sum to purchase the site and then as needed such sums as would put the park into proper shape. The location of the site is a strong argument in its favor. It lies in the most accessible part of the state from the big counties, with Omaha, Lincoln, Nebraska City, Falls City, Beatrice, Columbus, Plattsmouth, Grand Island and many other of the larger cities within a few hours ride and it would afford a most delightful place for their thousands.

There should and probably will be steps taken toward giving the idea a boost, and an organization affected for the purpose of getting this matter before the next legislature in proper form and getting it under headway. The site is here, the land is cheap and there is every reason why Nebraska should have a state playground just as suggested.

### An Old Friend in Town.

From Friday's Daily.

The Journal was pleased this morning to receive a pleasant call from its old friend Milton Moore of Murdock who was called to town by some business matters. Milton has been one of the paper's standbys for years and he is always a welcome caller and one who is sure of the glad hand here. He is one of Cass county's best and most upright citizens and has a host of friends in this city and, in fact, throughout the county. He states that in all his thirty-four years of life in this country, he never did see such a spring as this is. His sons near Murdock have a considerable acreage in corn but it is doing very poorly and will not make half a stand as he believes. The wet, cold weather is having a disastrous effect and he looks for a shortage in the corn crop of the year. He recently returned from Boone county where he is interested in land and where he has some sons living and he states that conditions there are superior to here. The corn is making a better growth and the stand is much heavier and better. He hopes for some warm, seasonable weather very soon. While here Mr. Moore renewed his subscription to the Journal and when he moves to Boone county which he expects to do some time in the near future, it will follow him there. The loss of a good man like Mr. Moore is a distinct one on the community and should he leave as he now expects, his removal will be hailed with genuine regret.

### He Has a Good Stand.

From Friday's Daily.

J. A. Doughty, the well known citizen from near Nehawka, came up this morning from his home to take the morning Burlington train for Omaha from this city where he has some business matters needing attention. Mr. Doughty made a good drive from his home covering the distance of sixteen miles in two hours. He found it was quite damp out, a heavy shower coming up just after he left home. He reports the rain considerably heavier south of here between here and his home. Like most of the farmers, Mr. Doughty states that the weather is having a bad effect on growing crops, the continued cold keeping corn back and the damp weather causing damage from cut worms. He is more fortunate than most of his neighbors as he has a good stand of corn and will not have to plant over again. Mr. Doughty is a particular friend of the Journal and is always a welcome visitor here when in the city.

### In Cupid's Net.

A marriage license was issued this morning from the county judge's office to J. Sabatka, aged 22, and Miss Antonia Karvonek, aged 24 of this city. The young people will be married on next Tuesday. They both live here and are quite well known in the city, the groom having been born and raised here. They have many good friends in this city and vicinity who will be pleased to hear of their matrimonial venture and who extend them their best wishes.

## THE FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION

Of Cass County Sunday School Association at Cedar Creek

From Friday's Daily.

The annual convention of the First District Sunday School association held yesterday at Cedar Creek was one of the most successful meetings of its kind held in the county. This was the third of the conventions, the county being divided into three districts and the conventions of the second and third districts having been held before this. The attendance yesterday was flattering in the extreme and greatly encouraged the officers of the organization. The conditions at Cedar Creek were also pronounced to be in excellent condition and the meeting was greatly surprised at the development which the Sunday school at that place had made in the short time since its formation. This school under the superintendency of Mrs. Ault has brilliant prospects before it for development and for becoming an effective instrument for propagating the gospel.

There were two sessions of the convention held yesterday and at each the church was filled with interested auditors. There were several officers of the county association present including Hon. C. E. Noyes, president; C. C. Wescott, vice president; Rev. C. A. Burdick of Nehawka, editor of the Religious Field Glass, the official organ of the organization, James Stander of Louisville and a number of other prominent workers.

The several sessions included a few speeches by Rev. Burdick, Rev. W. L. Austin of this city; Rev. G. M. Jones of Louisville and C. E. Noyes also of Louisville, all of whom highly complimented the meeting on its size and also upon the enthusiasm which was displayed at the gathering. The speeches were able and full of good advice and counsel for those who wanted to promote the welfare of the organization.

There was an excellent program furnished the gathering, all of the numbers of which were greatly enjoyed by those in attendance.

Misses Bertha Jackson and Hazel Tye rendered a fine duet which was pleasing to the large crowd and well worthy of their efforts. Miss Mildred Cook of this city, a most finished violinist, greatly pleased those in attendance with a fine violin solo. Miss Cook is one of the best players in the county and her work yesterday was of her best quality. Don C. York gave the gathering two fine bass solos which more than pleased the audience and which were of his usual high grade.

The convention also elected officers for the ensuing year who were as follows:

Assistant Supt.—Lloyd Lewis.  
Secretary—Miss Minnie Fry.  
Treasurer—W. T. Richardson.  
Teachers' Training—Mrs. Ault.  
Elementary—Miss Metzger.  
Intermediate—Errett Thomason.  
Home—A. M. Holmes.  
Pastor's Training—W. O. Harrold.  
Temperance—K. L. Kniss.  
Missionary—Mrs. A. A. Wetenkamp.

Visitation—W. T. Adams.  
The gathering enjoyed a fine picnic dinner at the Newell lake near Cedar Creek but had no opportunity to indulge in fishing as their time was too much taken up. The cool shady park made a delightful place for a nice dinner, however, and it was greatly enjoyed by all. The ladies of Cedar Creek furnished a very fine supper for the delegates and visitors, the hall being the place of the gathering and a long table being set down through the center. This table was surmounted by a mighty fine dinner, the good women having cooked up everything in the land for the benefit of their guests and they certainly made them enjoy themselves. The tables were also handsomely decorated and presented an appetizing sight.

Plattsmouth furnished a large contingent for the gathering, they driving out in the morning and returning during the late evening. Among them were Mesdames C. M. Foster, Frank Gobelman, Albert Funk, Julius M. Hall, Misses Mildred Cook, Amy Cook, Hazel Tye, Bertha Jackson, Minnie Fry, Margaret Mapes, Messrs. Rev. W. L. Austin, C. C. Wescott, Don York, James Smith, Robert Newell, Jesse Perry, Guy Adams, Everett Ward.

### A Fine Run.

Postmaster Gus Hyers of Havelock and family, Miss Selma Bilson and Miss Leta Currie have returned from an automobile trip to Holt county. Mr. Hyers says the crops look good and that road conditions are excellent. During the afternoon yesterday Mr. Hyers made a good run from Shelby, Neb., to Havelock, covering the seventy-eight miles via Seward in four hours and fifty-five minutes. Mr. Hyers made a study of speed while on this run and now announces that a jackrabbit doing a fast stunt travels about thirty-five miles an hour and that a common rabbit runs about ten miles slower.

### Chronicles of Joe Bowe.

This is part of the chronicles of Joe Bowe. Joe in his day was some man. By occupation he was the famous drawer of stone so eloquently mentioned by the poet and day by day and hour by hour he toiled and sweat and sweat and toiled in the stone quarries which abound in and about Bigelow, Mo. And when there came a pay day Joe took down a goodly sum in shekels yclept coin of the realm worth sundry beers and liquors at any well regulated bar, and forthwith he hid himself where the Budweiser or the Krugweiser or the Gundweiser or the Schlitzweiser or some other old wiesler flowed and proceeded to fill his inward arrangement with much suds. And one day there came to him great visions of a change of base. He had heard afar of Cedar Creek on the banks of the yellow Platte and straightway he decided Cedar Creek for his. So comes he into the life of this bustling, bustling burg and when he stepped from the train he had shekels in his pockets all the same the young woman had rings on her fingers and bells on her toes, and he soon finds whereat he can exchange his shekels for beer and red eye and this does he do and he does it until a large, luminous jag encompassed and surrounded him all about and within and without and he was fain to lie down in the public streets and let himself be run over by the automobiles and dirty all the nice new machinery up. And straightway comes the policeman and throws him in where he can slumber through the night. And this morning he was haled before Judge Archer who sizeth him up and then heareth his pendiction upon Plattsmouth booze. Whereat the judge marveled greatly that one should be so keen in his remarks and yet so short in judgment as to tonnage and he assessed Jos, one simoleon and costs for his poor judgment and Jos maketh a great howl and dig and dig until he laid before ye court one half the sum wanted. Whereupon the court credited him with said sum which was all to be got, and then set him on his way to Cedar Creek rejoicing and much glad that he was alive. And here we will have our hero once more among his rocks and again making crushed rock for the people.

### Epworth League Meeting.

The May meeting of the Epworth league was held last evening at the home of Sol Adamson, at the corner of Seventh street and Washington avenue, the hosts for the occasion being Mrs. Bertha Todd and Mr. Clyde Adamson. The evening was one of the most pleasant ever spent by the league in its existence. For the occasion the palatial home of Mr. Adamson had been splendidly prepared and no pains were spared to make the guests feel at home.

There was a great deal of business transacted at the meeting including the addition of nine new members to the league. There was also an interesting and quite informal program given which was greatly enjoyed by all. In addition to this the meeting held its annual election of officers, the following named being chosen for the ensuing year:

President—E. H. Wescott.  
First Vice President—Miss Leona Brady.  
Second Vice President—Mrs. F. Gobelman.  
Third Vice President—Miss Edna Morrison.  
Fourth Vice President—Miss Alice Tye.

Secretary—Andrew Moore.  
Treasurer—George Hall.  
Organist—Miss Hazel Tye.  
Choirister—Don C. York.  
Doorkeeper—George Becker.  
Usher—George Morrison.  
The June meeting takes place on the third Friday in the month with Miss Lillian Thompson.

### Taken to the Asylum.

Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker this morning departed for Lincoln, having in charge Vernie Kiser the young man who is being returned to the asylum at that point. During his previous time at the institution he had made remarkable progress toward recovery and is now in much better shape than when he entered it. It is believed and expected that he will have entirely recovered after another term there.

Mrs. Anna Miller of Fort Crook, Neb., is spending the day in the city, coming down from her home to attend the graduating exercises tonight. She is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Kate Oliver and is especially interested in the graduation of Miss Gertrude Morgan.

### All Through Train to be Electric Lighted.

In the history of American railroading no such extensive and costly improvement of coach lighting has ever been attempted up to this time as that which will be made effective by the Burlington Route the first of June.

On that date all of its through trains will be electric lighted from locomotive headlight to observation platform. The most efficient electric lighting system yet devised has been adopted, namely, the dynamo system. With this system there is installed in the baggage car of each train a high power dynamo which supplies the current for the entire train. Ordinarily when the dynamo car is detached, there is a distinct dimming of the lights, but under the dynamo system not only is enough current generated to light the train when it is in motion or standing still, but enough surplus current is stored in each individual car to brilliantly light it for several hours without any direct current from the dynamo. This in itself is a big improvement over other systems of car lighting.

To inaugurate this service it has been necessary to entirely re-equip, electrically, 72 complete trains, for the Burlington's through trains not only reach all the cities of the middle west, but also the Pacific Coast. In addition, practically the entire passenger equipment of the railroad, including locomotives, baggage cars, mail cars, coaches, chair cars, dining cars, sleeping cars and observation cars has also had to be entirely re-equipped for electric lighting, and at very large expense.

Another very important feature and one not found on any other railroad is the exclusive train electrician, which each one of these electrically lighted through trains carries. The train electrician is an electrical expert who travels with the train from start to destination and whose duty it is to see that the electric lighting system is kept in perfect working operation all the time. It is also his duty to look after the proper ventilation of the train and see that it is properly heated; that it does not become too cold by night or too warm by day.

The Burlington is also the only railroad in the country which has a completely electric lighted Suburban passenger train service of any size, all of its suburban trains, of which there are 60 odd, being dynamo electric lighted.

With this great improvement, the Burlington Route, which already is unexcelled in its equipment, dining car service, regularity with which its trains run "on time," and complete block signal equipment will have passenger service as nearly perfect in all details as it is possible to make it.

### Anniversary Edition.

Charles Grimes of the Journal is in receipt of a marked Centennial anniversary edition of the San Bernardino (Cal.) Sun, the compliments of James Patterson, formerly of this city but now located in that flourishing California city. The paper is a very excellent one and is filled to the brim with writeups of San Bernardino and its vicinity which is a telling testimonial of the rapid growth and progress being made at that place. That city has just finished a week's celebration of the founding of the city and the edition now at hand has many cuts of the decorations, parades and the like which shows it to have been a stupendous affair far better than many cities several times the size of San Bernardino. There is an advertisement of Mr. Patterson's bank in the paper and it is shown to be one of the strong and stable financial institutions of the city. It is capitalized at \$100,000 and has a surplus of \$50,000. The many friends of Mr. Patterson in this city will be glad to note his evident prosperity and he has their best wishes for a long continuance of the same.

### To Visit Old Hobe.

Col. Frank Efficacious Green of the Lincoln Evening News is due to arrive in the city today or tomorrow morning. A card to Charles Grimes this morning announced the probable advent of the Col., besides whose presence the late Halley's comet will look small and insignificant. His many friends will prepare a big, large, royal blue welcome for him and hope to make his stay a pleasant as possible.

Ed. Tritsch and wife drove in this morning from their home west of the city and were passengers on the morning Burlington train for Omaha where they will spend the day with friends.