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FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF STATE JOURNAL IS MOST INTERESTING

Many Items Reproduced From First Issue of Great Interest to Old Settlers of This Locality.

Today's Lincoln Journal is a most interesting number being the fortieth anniversary number. It contains a great deal of interesting information of early days which is most entertaining and instructive and which will be perused by old settlers with much interest. A glance over the table of contents of the first number show the importance which Plattsmouth and Cass county had in the state in the year 1870. The management of the Journal is to be congratulated upon its showing and the prosperity which has followed in its wake ever since its foundation. Founded in 1867 as the "Nebraska Commonwealth" it was changed to the "Nebraska State Journal" on June 20, 1870, and has since gone under that name. Among the many interesting items reproduced is the following:

"In thirty days the ferry will be plying across the Platte at Cedar Island conveying passengers from the B. & M. R. R. to the Omaha & Southern depot. The ferry is temporary and a bridge will be built across the Platte by the two roads, obliterating the trouble and deceptive stream from the minds of travelers and politicians."

One of the notices on the editorial page may be interesting to present day politicians:

Republican State Convention.

A Republican State Convention will be held in the city of Lincoln, on Wednesday, the 10th day of August, 1870, at ten o'clock a. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination one candidate for congress, one candidate for Member of Congress, contingent, candidates for Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Prison Inspector, and Attorney General, and for the transaction of such other business as may be properly come before the Convention. The Delegates from each Judicial District will nominate a suitable person for District Attorney for their respective districts.

ATTENDS THE AD MEN'S CONVENTION

Robert W. Sherwood Delighted With the Meeting

Robert W. Sherwood was one of the live wires of the city who attended the ad men's convention in Omaha and who returned Wednesday. He had a magnificent time and states that the merchant who failed to take in that convention missed the treat of his life. He found that there was a wealth of information to be gleaned from the different addresses delivered by the strong speakers present and the advertising business was viewed from many different points. He received many ideas which he intends to put into practical operation, and on the whole, considers that the visit to the convention was something worth the while. He could not, of course, take in all the different entertainments afforded the visiting guests by the city of Omaha for they were very many in number and varied to suit the tastes of the public but he did enjoy a fine automobile ride over the forty odd miles of paved streets which the city boasts and saw the best part of the city. The convention he considers a great gathering, and one whose benefit to Omaha and this region cannot be over estimated. The visitors in the city seemed to thoroughly enjoy the hospitality of Omaha and were loud in their praise of the entertainment afforded them. He mentioned a number of the large cities which were represented there with monster delegations and they were delegations composed of the biggest business men of the United States.

Mrs. John S. Hall and daughter and Oscar Wilson formed a party who were passengers this morning for Omaha where they will spend the day.

The counties are entitled to delegates in the Convention as follows:

Buffalo	1	Lancaster	5
Burt	4	Lincoln	1
Butler	1	Madison	1
Cedar	2	Merrick	1
Cuming	2	Nemaha	11
Cass	9	Otoe	11
Colfax	1	Platte	3
Dakota	2	Pawnee	6
Dixon	2	Pierce	1
Dodge	5	Richardson	10
Douglas	20	Sarpy	4
Gage	4	Stanton	1
Hall	3	Saline	1
Hamilton	1	Saunders	3
Jefferson	2	Seward	3
Johnson	4	Washington	6
Kearney	1	York	1
L'Eau	1		
Court	1	Total	134

It is to be hoped every county will be fully represented, as it is all important that good men be selected for the various offices, and that harmony prevail in their selection. By order of the Committee.
H. D. HATHAWAY, Ch'n.
Plattsmouth, May 27, 1870.

Secretary Kenard left for Plattsmouth this morning.

Vallerys, Ruffner & Minshall have chartered a car, and will send out the first car load of wheat from Lincoln. A good time for it, it will arrive at Chicago upon a rising market.

B. & M. Time Card in 1870.

WESTWARD.	
Trains going west run as follows:	
Leaves.	Train No. 1. Train No. 3.
Plattsmouth	10.00 A. M., 5.00 P. M.
Omaha Jct.	10.35 " 5.35 "
Louisville	11.19 " 6.19 "
South Bend	11.29 " 6.39 "
Arrives Ashland	11.30 p. m., 7.00 "
EASTWARD.	
Leaves.	Train No. 2 Train No. 4.
Ashland	2.15 P. M., 7.00 A. M.
South Bend	2.50 " 7.35 "
Louisville	3.10 " 7.55 "
Omaha Jct	3.45 " 8.20 "
Arrives Platts.	4.15 " 9.00 "

Crops in North Good.

From Friday's Daily.
Adolph Stietweisser who has been in the city for the past week making a visit with his brother Herman, departed this morning for Omaha, from which city he expects to return to his home in the western part of the state. Mr. Stietweisser is located in the famous Loup valley, some forty miles northeast of North Platte and he has been doing splendidly since his removal to that place. He has a nice farm and has raised an abundance of crops during the years he has been in that section. This year there has been plenty of rain throughout that section and the prospects are as good as could be asked. The Loup valley in Mr. Stietweisser's opinion will produce a record breaking crop of corn while small grain did exceedingly well. Mr. Stietweisser and his wife were called to this locality by the illness of an aunt of Mrs. Stietweisser living in Omaha, her condition being critical. Since their arrival, however, there has been a marked change for the better in the lady's condition and it is thought they may be able to return home. It is several years since Mr. Stietweisser visited this city and his many friends here were very glad to meet him. He formerly was an employe of the Burlington in this city and a most estimable citizen.

Visits From Brother.

From Friday's Daily.
Leslie Abbott, a brother of R. J. Abbott of the Plattsmouth Steam laundry, spent Saturday and Sunday with him, coming up from his home at Concordia, Kas. Mr. Abbott recently disposed of his laundry business at Concordia and is now moving to Oklahoma City where he intends to open a dry goods store. During the time he was located in Concordia, Mr. Abbott enjoyed a good business and had accumulated quite a sum of money in the work. He had an enjoyable time during his brief visit here and his brother was much pleased to have him pay him a call. He departed for his new home on Monday.

Races at Nebraska City.

Nebraska City, Neb., July 20.—The second day of the big race meet here this afternoon was a grand success and a large crowd was present to enjoy the races. The track was speedy and the horsemen seemed anxious to give their horses a marking. The weather was cool and a little cloudy. In the 2:20 pace race there were twelve entries with eight to go and Young Adella owned by Jet of Oklahoma won easily with Brother Will, owned by R. H. Brown of Sioux City, S. D., a close second. In this race and in the third heat the horses became mixed up close to the start and the sulky of P. D. Ely of Maquoketa, Ia., who was driving his own horse, had a wheel broken and he and his horse were thrown before four other horses going at 2:12 clip. C. L. Deryder of Pleasanton, Cal., passed over the man and horse breaking the sulky and Ely escaped with a scalp wound and Deryder with a broken ankle.

In the 2:15 trot Col. Axycone, owned by Mr. Wallace of Wenden, Ia., broke the state record, making a mile in 2:12 3/4. Mr. Wallace drove five heats to decide. The heats were fast to start with but became slower towards the close of the race. In the 2:30 pacing race there were twenty-six entries. Only twelve of the horses started. Four of them were distanced in the first heat. Lucyone, a brown mare owned by H. H. Brown of Parsons, Kas., won in three straight heats with Billy Linke, a brown gelding owned by P. H. Albring of Winfield, Kas., a close second. In the running race one mile dash, purse \$100, Lady Beaugard won in 1:41 with Burlington a close second.

Tomorrow is Nebraska City day and seventeen horses are entered in the 2:15 pace. Ten horses entered in the three-year-old pace, and thirteen horses entered in the 2:22 trot. Friday is another big day and the program is as large with as many entries as for Thursday.

Departs for Her Home.

Mrs. Millie D. Worth of Seattle, Wash., who has been in the city for the past three weeks making a visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary E. Thompson and her brother, J. E. Thompson and wife, departed this morning for her home. She was accompanied by her mother and brother and wife and their son Glenn, as far as Omaha on her return trip. Mrs. Worth is a dramatic reader and artist of considerable note on the Pacific coast and, together with her daughter, is constantly in receipt of engagements which prevents her taking a more extended vacation. She expressed the deepest regret at having to return so soon and her inability to get to see her many good friends in this city. She formerly lived here for a number of years and is quite well known to many of the people of the city. Her visit to her mother was the first she has made in twenty years and the latter was much affected when the time came for her daughter to return to her far western home. The visit during the brief time it lasted was a most enjoyable one for all.

More Improvements.

R. M. Schlaes of the Majestic theater departed this morning for Omaha where he goes to secure some furniture and accoutrements for the theater. Mr. Schlaes intends to make the Majestic a real theater in fact, as well as in name and he contemplates making some extensive improvements which will carry out this idea. With this end in view he intends to furnish the house throughout with opera chairs and will make three purchase of them today. He expects to put in not less than three hundred chairs at the start and to see if the public appreciates his enterprise. These will be a vast improvement over the ordinary camp chair which is in the house at present, being much more comfortable and convenient. In addition, he intends to install a fine electric piano which will be as good as money can buy. These are only a portion of the improvements which he contemplates but they are in line with the general policy which he has adopted and which he means to carry out if the public favors him with the patronage the house deserves. It is believed that his enterprise will be duly appreciated and that he will find a good crowd at each night's performance.

Mrs. S. T. Dean departed on the afternoon train for LaPlatte where she will make a visit with her parents, George Wall and wife, for a short time.

THE SUPPOSED HORSE THEIF

Threatens to Prosecute Sheriff Quinton for His Detention.

The young man whom Sheriff Quinton took into custody on suspicion of being a horse thief turns out to have been impounded upon pretty good grounds. His name is Dorrington and he comes from the country below Falls City where he was living with his father. Sheriff Quinton yesterday after discovering the suspicious circumstances surrounding the boy and the horse he had with him, put in his time asking the boy questions and finally secured from him a story as to where he lived and who his folks were. He then called up the young man's father over the telephone and learned that Dorrington and his father had some little trouble between them and that the young man drew a revolver upon his father and compelled him to let him ride off on the horse which had excited the sheriff's suspicions.

The father in the talk with Sheriff Quinton expressed himself as being satisfied to let the son have the horse if he would take it and keep away from him. He didn't want him to come back under any conditions. The saddle which was on the horse, the sheriff found on investigation, belonged to another man living down in that country and he is holding it for the owner to claim. The young man was highly indignant when the sheriff took him into custody and stated that he intended to prosecute him to a finish and that \$10,000 in good, hard coin of the realm would look good to him as the measure of damages which he should have. This some puzzled the sheriff who really did not believe he owed any such a sum for acting upon his suspicions and he suggested that the young man secure a lawyer and start something forthwith. The sheriff to show his good-heartedness toward Dorrington kindly suggested the names of several attorneys who would fall all over themselves in this case but so far the suit has not been commenced. The young man, as one of the grounds for mulcting the sheriff, stated he was due in Lead, S. D., in a few days to enter some running races and that his profession as a jockey would suffer most severely if he was not there promptly on the dot. The sheriff was some hard-hearted and could not see his way clear to pay the damages occasioned by the loss of the star rider from the Lead course.

There will probably be no prosecution of Dorrington and he will be allowed to wend his way in peace after the saddle has been restored to the proper owner as his father does not care to raise merry hades with the man for displaying his fire arms and taking the horse by force.

Fish Commissioner in Town.

W. J. O'Brien, state fish commissioner, was in the city yesterday for a few hours, coming down from the north. Mr. O'Brien states that the dry belt in the state is confined to a small portion of the state and that it extends from about this city north as far as Fremont, being something in the shape of a crescent. Mr. O'Brien returned a few days since from a trip to northwestern Nebraska along the line of the Elk Horn road and he reports that the country throughout that region is in good shape and that they have every promise of a great crop of grain of various kinds. He states that matters at the fishers are moving along smoothly and that there is nothing out of the ordinary occurring there. Mr. O'Brien departed on train No. 22 for the north.

Burned by Hot Water.

Louis Jiran last Saturday received a severe burn which has caused him considerable trouble and which has necessitated his laying off from his work at the shops. While taking a kettle of hot water off the stove at his home, the kettle was accidentally turned over and the hot water flowed in a stream over the right knee and foot of Mr. Jiran. The foot was severely burned and has given him quite a bit of trouble. The many friends of Mr. Jiran in the city trust that his injuries are not serious and that he may soon be able to be himself and back at his work with the Burlington.

L. R. Upton, the Union hardware merchant, is spending the morning in the city, driving up from his home.

PEOPLE READILY SIGN TELEPHONE COMPANY'S PETITION IN THIS CITY

Only Three Persons Refuse to Sign Names to the Document—Petition Sent to Attorney General Thompson

Manager T. H. Pollock of the Plattsmouth Telephone company has forwarded to Attorney General W. T. Thompson the petition spoken of a few days ago in the Journal, asking that he have the restraining order granted the state against the Bell Telephone company and its officials and the Plattsmouth Telephone company and its officials modified. The petition was very generally signed there being but three refusing to sign it out of the entire number to whom it was presented. This is a remarkable showing and indicates that the public appreciates the benefit of the connection. The three who refused to sign the petition did so upon personal grounds largely and not because they had any objection to the petition itself.

The petition was circulated among the country exchanges of the Plattsmouth company where there was no competition with the Bell people and there it met with a more than hearty reception. The people of the many independent exchanges throughout the county were quick to appreciate the fact that the new departure meant a larger and better service for them and a greater ease in reaching wholesale houses of the cities and they lined up squarely in its favor. The result in the country was most gratifying to Mr. Pollock and shows that his policy and his business methods are appreciated and that the people realize that they are securing a vast improvement in the service especially as relates to toll business.

The petition as set forth in the Journal several days since recites the fact of the granting of the restraining order and that connection between the Bell lines and the Plattsmouth company had been made before the order was entered by the supreme court. It also sets forth that as matters stand without the Bell service the patrons of the Plattsmouth company are deprived of long distance service to Chicago, St. Louis, and other wholesale centers and that they are deprived of a service to a large part of Nebraska lying out in the central and western part of the state. The service would all be subject to the command of the Plattsmouth Telephone company's patrons, provided connection with the Bell company could be maintained and the attorney general is asked to make this modification in the restraining order which was granted the state.

The history of the litigation is well known to Cass county people. The first move made in the game was the announcement made exclusively in the Journal that control of

the Plattsmouth Telephone company had passed from local hands into those of eastern capitalists. This at the time was construed as being a sale to interests friendly to the Bell company by the individual stockholders of the local company. At no time did the Plattsmouth Telephone company sell anything. Immediately and almost coincident with the announcement physical connection was made between the two properties and the new long distance service established. Then came the rush of the Independent Telephone association officers to Attorney General Thompson with a demand that an injunction be secured to stop the consummation of the deal. F. H. Woods of Lincoln was the prime mover in the litigation and he has previously been in the field as a prospective purchaser of the Plattsmouth company himself. Owing to inability to come together on prices the deal was not made but the Bell interests stepped in and offered to take all the Plattsmouth company's stock at par or to guarantee six per cent income on the stock of those who cared to hold it. Nearly, if not all, the stockholders sold and thus the control of the property passed into the hands of Woods' competitors.

It is the general belief among the telephone officials that Attorney General Thompson will respect the wishes of the patrons as expressed in the petition filed with him and allow the connection to be made. That it will result in a general improved long distance service is unquestioned and that it will improve the service between this city and other points will not be disputed. This does not affect many of the main points in issue in the litigation and these matters will unquestionably have to be fought out in the court and long and expensive litigation is in sight.

Manager Pollock states that the same procedure as adopted here was taken at Nebraska City where Secretary R. A. Duff of the Nebraska City Telephone company circulated a petition and it was signed as numerous as the one in this county. The people there as here seem to want an improved telephone service between cities and they understand that modification of the restraining order for the present does not in any manner injure any legitimate rights the patrons of the company have. In fact, most of the parties, especially business men, who signed this petition hope to see the entire matter settled and one telephone system installed which will save money in the long run for the people and end the expensive two phone system.

Spend Delightful Evening.

From Friday's Daily.
The Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church held a most enjoyable social meeting at the splendid home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Newell last evening. There were a large number in attendance, especially the older people, which very much pleased those in charge. The elegant porch of the Newell home was lighted with lanterns and made cozy with porch swings, easy chairs and the like and Japanese lanterns were strung about the lawn. For the occasion Mrs. Newell had thrown the pretty parlors of her home open and made every effort to insure the guests of a royal time. The endeavors and friends know that when they are invited to the Newell home, they may be sure of a most delightful time and the entertainment of last evening proved that the hospitality of the Newells is not on the decline.

During the evening a very entertaining musical program was rendered in which instrumental solos were contributed by Blanche Sayles and Roy Denson; an instrumental duet by Misses Dorothy Britt and Ruth Chapman; vocal solos by Misses Harriett Adams and Ferris York and a reading by Miss Josephine Hall. Each one on the program was at their best and with their numbers made a distinct impression and elicited many compliments. Each number was rendered in a most happy manner and showed careful preparation and given after the program. This was

very unique, something quite out of the ordinary and produced considerable merriment. There were eight young ladies who participated in this and they wore sunbonnets and long sleeved aprons, which had been put on backwards, so that it was very hard to tell just what direction they were going or coming as they went through the drill. Miss Estelle Baird presided at the piano during the drill.

The refreshing diversions in the form of ice cream and delicious cakes, which were served prior to the close of this delightful entertainment, materially added in the social good time. The C. E.'s and friends are very much indebted to the Newells for the use of their charming home.

German-American Organize.

Omaha, Neb., July 21.—The German-American national alliance tonight adopted a resolution declaring itself as opposed to county option on the ground that it is a step in the direction of state wide prohibition. Fred Volpp of Scribner, a Democrat, prepared the resolution. Officers elected were: President, Val Peters, Omaha; vice president, Dr. Gehrbard, Lincoln; secretary, John Boeckhoff, Omaha; financial secretary, John Mattes, Nebraska City; treasurer, Fred Volpp, Scribner. The next annual meeting will be held at Scribner. The alliance is a Nebraska organization and is meeting here at the same time as the sangerfest.