

THE MATTER OF PRIMARY ELECTIONS NOW PUZZLING THE LEGISLATURE

Some Very Interesting Suggestions From Willis Reed, Prominent Candidate for United States Senator Last Year.

Hon. Willis Reed of Madison was a candidate for United States senator before the primary election last year, and made himself quite prominent among the democrats of Nebraska. He is an able man and one of the finest orators in Nebraska. For these reasons anything coming from him will receive grave consideration from the democrats at large. The other day, in response to the question, "What do you think of the proposed changes in the primary law, now pending before the legislature?" Mr. Reed said:

"It is argued," said Mr. Reed, "by those favoring the closed primary that a party cannot maintain its party integrity if outsiders are allowed to come in and choose a candidate for it. If we grant that this is true, would not the following question then arise, 'Is party integrity of more real benefit to the people of the state as a whole, than the nomination and election of capable men who will carry out the wishes of a majority of the people?' To say that the voters, as a class, or that any considerable number of them in proportion to the whole, will purposely leave their ticket and vote with the opposition party, for the purpose of nominating a weak candidate for the opposition, thereby assisting in the election of a member of their own party, is too grave a charge to pass unnoticed. The great majority of the people, and voters, of this state are too honest and have too high a personal regard for their own convictions of right and wrong, and 'party integrity' to do an act of the kind indicated. It is more reasonable to presume that good men, of broad and liberal views, might leave their ticket after they were sure of the nomination of a good man in their own party, and vote with the opposition, thereby insuring the nomination of two men, either of whom would make satisfactory officials, or, if they found it absolutely impossible to defeat the nomination of a bad or dangerous man in their own party, they might vote with the other, in which case, they, as honest, conscientious men, could be relied upon to vote for the best men at the polls.

"For years efforts have been made to break down party lines, to eliminate partisan bias and prejudice to endeavor to educate the people to believe what, to many of us, is a self-evident truth, that principles, and not party machinery, are of the greater importance for the general welfare of the people, because fundamental principles, such, at least, as the democracy of the nation stands for, means the greatest number, and

when an officer is elected, the greatest number, with the least possible injury to anyone, should be his guide, in a free government such as ours.

"The convention system is much preferable to the closed primary. The machinery is less cumbersome not so expensive, and, there, you maintain your party integrity. It is contended by many that certain officials, such as judges and superintendents of the counties and state, should be non-partisan in character. The great majority of people in each party believe that that would be better than strict partisans to represent all of the people. So long as you maintain and push to the foreground 'party integrity' with a closed primary, you may expect to be disappointed in at least one of the objects upon which there is almost universal belief—the election of non-partisan judges.

"If the primary is wider open than we now have it, so that the individual when he goes to the primary, may vote for any candidate, irrespective of what party he affiliates with, there will be no reflection upon good men for voting in the opposite party lines and supporting the best men in that line. Neither would it preclude them voting for the worst. And, since there are many more good people in the state than there are bad, it would seem that with the wide open primary, the people would obtain, indirectly, the very objects sought in our former legislature, wherein they passed a non-partisan judiciary bill, which was afterwards declared unconstitutional.

"For years we have endeavored to convince our republican friends of the error of their ways, and impurported them, as soon as the nominations were made, to vote the democratic ticket. Why not commence at the very bottom and urge them in advance of the primary, to support, whom we believe to be the best man? It would certainly eliminate party bias and prejudice, which is responsible for much injudicious legislation. No one can be nominated who does not stand for the fundamental principles of the party he represents.

"For the purpose of preserving 'party integrity,' if that is the real aim of the change sought, it would be better to retain our present law, without any amendment, in which platforms are promulgated through a convention; but let the people, who must live under the rule, or misuse of the party in power, be the judges. If possible of the several candidates selected at the primary, as it exists, or wider open than ever, as urged by Mr. Quackenbush."

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NEBRASKA PEOPLE LIVING IN IDAHO

Organize Society of Former Residents of This State.

Last Sunday's issue of the Omaha Bee contained nearly an entire page devoted to former Nebraskans now residing in Idaho. The page also contained portraits of a number of those living in that state, among which is that of C. S. Polk, formerly of this city.

There is a large number of Nebraskans in Idaho, and they have recently organized an association, which recently met at Boise, and there were nearly 200 former Nebraskan, now living in Idaho, present. Such associations exist in other Pacific states.

The most recent gathering of former Nebraskans was that held at Boise, Idaho, by the Nebraska-Idaho club of Boise. Nearly 200 members were present, among them several members of the legislature of Idaho, now in session. Senator Clency St. Clair of Idaho Falls, who attended, was formerly a partner of Warren Switzer in the law business in Omaha, and a dozen other former citizens of the metropolis were also in the crowd. Those present from Plattsmouth we notice the names of C. S. Polk, Milton D. Polk, Anna Polk, Noel B. Rawls, S. H. Holloway, S. P. Holloway and Miss Mathilda Vallery. Nearly every county in Nebraska is represented in this association, Lincoln, Omaha and Plattsmouth being perhaps better represented than other sections.

This Nebraska society which flourishes so lustily in the climate of Idaho was organized March 24, 1910, after several preliminary social affairs through which the members became acquainted. Last August a big state picnic was given in a park between Boise and Caldwell, which served to cement the membership in closer bonds. The meeting with which this article deals was called the first anniversary celebration, and the special guests were the members of the legislature and state officials who were formerly Nebraska residents.

The object of the club, as set forth in the constitution, is "To promote, establish and maintain a spirit of camaraderie, good will and helpfulness between former citizens of Nebraska now residing in Idaho. To preserve and perpetuate in some fitting manner the story of the early days and struggles in Nebraska, which contributed in some degree, at least, to the upbuilding of a mighty young commonwealth, in the hope that the recital of these, perhaps oft-told, tales of heroic self-sacrifice of the earlier settlers of Nebraska may result in a more intelligent and patriotic performance of the duties of citizenship in Idaho, which must result in the upbuilding and uplifting of a great and prosperous state."

At the close of the program of the recent meeting of the association resolutions were adopted congratulating the state of Nebraska on the election of a native son, Congressman Gilbert M. Hitchcock, to the United States senate.

It must indeed be a great pleasure to these former Nebraskans to meet one another in that far-away country and review the scenes and incidents in their former state. They are proud of Nebraska, as they will justly become proud of Idaho. The Plattsmouth people reside in Boise and vicinity, while the balance of the members of the association are scattered over the state. All hail to the Nebraskans in Idaho.

President Helps Orphans.

Hundreds of orphans have been helped by the president of the Industrial and Orphan's Home at Macon, Ga., who writes: "We have used Electric Bitters in this institution for nine years. It has proved a most excellent medicine for Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles. We regard it as one of the best family medicines on earth." It invigorates all vital organs, purifies the blood, aids digestion, creates appetite. To strengthen and build up pale, thin, weak children or rundown people it has no equal. Best of female complaints. Only 50c at F. G. Fricke & Co's.

Everything Sold Well.

Q. K. Parmele, auctioneer for the Nolting sale, held yesterday, reports a very successful sale, all the property being sold and brought good prices. This was a postponed sale, and many times the results are unfavorable, but we are pleased to note that this one was entirely contrary to the usual run.

For Sale.

I have four pedigreed Hereford bulls, from a year and a half to two years old, ready for service. Sired by my herd bull, Ajax, weight 2,500 pounds. C. Dengen. 2-9-161w.

J. C. Wileman Here.
Mr. J. C. Wileman, proprietor of the Forrest Hill Fruit farm of Richardson county, was an over night visitor in the city, being enroute from Falls City to Malvern, Iowa, where he placed ten carloads of apples in cold storage last fall. Mr. Wileman has an orchard of seventy acres, which produces many cars of apples each season. These he places in cold storage at different points—some at Chicago, some in Sioux City and some at Omaha, and ten loads at Malvern. The price he receives now is about \$3.75 per barrel. He goes to Malvern now to see how his fruit has kept and to ship out a carload.

CELEBRATE FORTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY

Platte Lodge I. O. F. Observe the Event at Their Hall.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Platte lodge No. 7 of the I. O. F. observed their anniversary at their lodge room last evening, celebrating the forty-ninth birthday of the local lodge in this city. A good turnout of the membership was present, and to properly commemorate the auspicious event, and plans were laid for the celebration next year of the golden jubilee of the lodge. The arrangements for last evening's festivities were as nearly perfect as could be. Messrs. Sievers, Sattler and Holly were the committee with the arrangements in charge, and whatever these enterprising gentlemen undertake is never done by halves. After the transaction of the regular routine business the entire membership were invited to the banquet table below. Leaving the lodge room at exactly 9 o'clock, they surrounded the festal board, bedecked with flowers and set with finest of china, and were served to a five-course supper.

After the supper was disposed of everyone being in a cheerful and talkative mood, two of the old-time charter members of the lodge were called on for toasts. These gentlemen were Mr. F. H. Steimker and Mr. John Corey, who made strong speeches in commendation of Odd Fellowship and its benefits to the community; in holding up high standards of morality and justice among men. The speeches were well received and struck a responsive chord in the minds of the listeners.

County Attorney C. H. Taylor was called on as the youngest member in the craft and made a pleasing address to his comrades of the faith and demonstrated that, although young in the cause, he was strongly imbued with the spirit of the occasion and the purposes of the organization. Mr. Andy Snyder was also called on as one of the younger members, and acquitted himself nobly with a neat speech on the good of the order.

After the principal speeches of the evening everyone at the table was given an opportunity to be heard, and when the speechmaking was over it was near the wee small hours. The occasion was one of the most pleasant of the season and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

ANOTHER NEW INDUSTRY IN THE CITY OF PLATTSMOUTH

A new manufacturing establishment has just opened for business in the building east of Trilley & Smith's real estate office, and there is the busy hum of the saw, hammer, paint brush and every sort of machinery necessary to construct a ship, for the establishment is organized for the purpose of building boats which float in the water, although any kind of land vehicle can be turned out there and will be if ordered and the money is in sight to pay for the construction. The carpenter work is ably taken care of by Bookmeyer and Richards; the machinists are Wynn and Forbes; the painting is done by Forbes and Mauer; the shipwright is Mr. Schulze, and the wheelwrights, Forbes & Co. There are two boats in the shop now nearing completion and a four-wheeled land vehicle ready for the paint. Everything goes like clock-work in this shop, and if you are thinking of having a ship built you can get it done right at home, where you can step in occasionally and see that it is according to orders.

Card of Thanks.

To the members of the Order of Maccabees, the undersigned desires to express his sincerest thanks for the kindness shown his beloved wife during her last sickness, and especially for their kind offices at her bedside during the night vigils which the Maccabees so faithfully performed. S. Schulzlee.

Mr. Rex Young and wife of Murray drove up this morning and boarded the early Burlington train for the metropolis to view the automobile show for a few hours today.

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GROVER ELLIDGE OPERATED UPON

The Injuries Received From Falling From Bridge.

Grover Ellidge, who was injured from a fall from a Burlington bridge near Schuyler Monday, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital at Omaha yesterday morning. A thorough examination of the young man was made by the physician, and although he was badly bruised, no broken bones could be discovered. It was feared that Grover was injured internally, and the doctors directed that he should receive no food during yesterday, last night nor this forenoon, and it was expected that an operation would be necessary this afternoon, as by that time the injuries would localize so as to be more certainly diagnosed. The young man fell from the track on the bridge, a distance of twelve feet, to the frozen ground below. The fall was caused by the slipping of a bar in the hands of the injured man, who was lining up the track, swinging with his entire weight on the end of the bar, which apparently had not as much hold as Grover supposed. It at least gave way, allowing him to fall unexpectedly for the distance above stated, and the young man, being entirely off his guard, was unable to protect himself in the least.

The shock received from coming in contact with the frozen ground almost put an end to his existence. Grover was picked up by the other members of the gang and taken to the camp and a doctor called, who advised taking him to the hospital at once, which was done yesterday morning. It was expected to have an

operation performed at 3 o'clock today to relieve the internal injuries sustained by the fall.

Grover was to have been married within a few days to an estimable young lady of Pacific Junction, and his brother left yesterday to inform her of the accident and to take her to Omaha to see Grover yesterday.

ENTERTAINED ELEGANTLY AT THE LARSON HOME

The "Melchisedecs" were entertained at the home of Miss Alma Larson last evening. The few hours were devoted to games and amusements planned by the appointed committee, the first being charades. Some time was spent in this game, after which the game of the bible questions was introduced. Then came a guessing contest. Pictures of the Melchisedecs, which had been taken in their younger years, were distributed, and everybody guessed as to whom they might be. Following this contest the Melchisedecs repaired to the dining room and partook of light refreshments, after which the remainder of the evening was spent in social conversation.

Mr. and Mrs. Agnes Rothman and three children left for Omaha on the morning train today. Mr. Rothman expects to go on to Ashland, and Mrs. Rothman goes to Page, Nebraska, for a few days' visit with relatives. Mr. Rothman expected to return to Plattsmouth this evening.

Hugh Murphy of Omaha, and well known in Plattsmouth, where he has been on several business trips in recent years, has given \$1,000 to Elgin (Ill.) academy, a school he attended when a boy. The gift is to help swell the endowment fund.

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