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## THE INTEREST OF THE BURLINGTON RAILROAD COMPANY IS THE CITY'S ALSO

The City Can Do Many Things For the Burlington and the Burlington Can Do Much For the City, and Thus Both Greatly Benefitted Thereby.

In a letter to the president of the Commercial club of this city Mr. H. E. Byram, vice president of the Burlington, said:

"The building of our new shops at Havelock has left a building available in which to install the brass foundry, and that had been our intention all along since we first began to enlarge the shops at Havelock, but in view of your request, and the importance of Plattsmouth of retaining the plant at that place, we have decided to give up the advantages to the company that would be derived from the removal of the brass foundry to Havelock and let it remain at Plattsmouth."

Our people most certainly appreciate the fact that the brass foundry is to remain in Plattsmouth. This practically settles the matter of any further removal of the Plattsmouth shops. But this is not all—the manner in which Vice President Byram has considered the matter, when he says, "We have decided to give up the advantages to the com-

pany and let it remain in Plattsmouth," has made an impression upon every citizen of the town, and has endeared Mr. Byram to us all.

When it comes to a great corporation giving up some of its own advantages in view of the importance of the thing to Plattsmouth, brings it right home to every man, woman and child in our city to work together for the mutual good of the Burlington and Plattsmouth. Our business men should make it a point to make the personal acquaintance of Mr. Byram and other officials of the company. Let us get closer together and see where we can work to our mutual good.

This city can do many things for the Burlington and the Burlington can do much for this city. Our people should appreciate the efforts that Mr. William Baird is making to build up the Burlington shops in this city and for the general upbuilding of this city. He is our friend. Let us all be his friend.

## THE STORY WRITTEN BY "UNCLE TOM" KENNISH

A Very Interesting Narrative of Sea Life, Published in the Sunday New York Herald.

On the fifth page of the magazine section of the New York Herald of the issue of Sunday, May 7, will be found an illustrated story of "A Castaway Who Found a Swiss Family Robinson," the narrative, a very interesting one, is written by "our own Uncle Tom Kennish," under the non-duplicate of "Captain Adams." By the way of introduction the editor says: "Captain Charles Adams, author of the appended story, is a veteran mariner of the days when full-rigged ships lured youths to enlist, perhaps as runaways, in pursuit of romance and adventure on the seven seas. In 1860, when he was 'quite a wild young fellow' (to quote him), he enlisted in the English navy, where he chafed under strict discipline until he shipped as an apprentice aboard the Victory for an eighteen months' voyage to China."

The story is one of adventure and tells of the experience of Captain Adams aboard of a whaler in the Pacific ocean, and graphically describes the capture of their first whale. The illustration accompanying the story shows the captain standing in the prow of a small boat with an uplaid harpoon in the act of hurling the instrument into the bulky form of the sea monster. The story is told in quaint English, and abounds with the expressions familiar to the sea-faring man and new to the "land lubber" reader.

While on the voyage the ship was wrecked and the crew cast upon a small island, which was in possession of a man named Hunt, who lived as the "Swiss family Robinson." Mr. Hunt owned 52,000 acres under a patent from the English crown. The description of the storm which wrecked the vessel and the landing of the crew is thrilling. For two years Captain Adams was on this island, a castaway. The story is interesting from start to finish, and Uncle Tom is to be congratulated on the success of his story.

Sunday School Class Meets.

The girls belonging to the Sunday school class of the Presbyterian church, taught by Mrs. J. M. Roberts, held their regular social meeting at the home of Miss Emma Cummins yesterday afternoon. The girls of this class meet every other Thursday after school at the home of the members of the class for the express purpose of spending a couple of

## NOT A VERY CHIV-ALROUS PROCEDURE

Auto Driver Pays No Attention to Signal and Causes an Accident.

Yesterday afternoon two women were driving along the road not far from Plattsmouth when an auto containing two men and two women came dashing toward them at a high rate of speed. The women in the buggy signaled the chauffeur to stop, as the team they were driving was becoming unmanageable, but the autoists paid no attention to the signal of distress and glided past.

The frightened animal whirled around in the road, breaking the tongue out of the buggy, almost overturning the rig. The machine occupied by the careless chauffeur was a Ford, and the owner resides in Mynard and was identified by the women driving the rig. Another auto occupied by two men came up while the women were attempting to quiet their frightened team and assisted them, procuring a bit of wire and wiring the tongue together so they could get their vehicle home, while the party which did the damage did not stop to inquire if help were needed.

## RETURNS FROM TRIP TO SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS

G. L. Farley Accompanied a Car of Excursionists to the Lone Star State.

Mr. G. L. Farley, who has been in southwestern Texas for the past ten days, returned last evening, well pleased with that country. Mr. Farley went with a car of excursionists under the guidance of the Standard Land company of Lincoln, and visited the new town of San Juan, Texas, and was also over the Mexican border and visited the old city of Matamoros, Mexico. While at San Juan, which is a town built since January last, Mr. Farley attended Sunday school, and noted that every boy and girl present was from Nebraska except one.

He visited Houston and went out to W. J. Bryan's fine farm, where he saw 200 acres of fine land under irrigation and planted to various crops. Mr. Bryan spent three months last winter at this farm, and he is contemplating building a fine dwelling soon.

## MORE GOOD NEWS FOR PLATTSMOUTH PEOPLE

Orders for More Improvements at the Burlington Shops Received by Superintendent Baird.

Superintendent Baird of the Burlington Plattsmouth shops yesterday informed President Bert Pollock of the Commercial club that orders had been received by him for the construction of two large turntables in the Plattsmouth shop yards of capacity to hold the large coaches.

Mr. Baird has had the matter in mind for some time and has been hoping to be directed to make the improvement, and yesterday was gratified by receiving the instructions to go ahead. The outlay will cost the company not less than \$5,000 and will be a valuable addition to the Plattsmouth plant.

Funeral of Mrs. Slocum.

From Friday's Daily.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Minerva A. Slocum occurred yesterday morning. The procession left the residence, two miles north of Murray, shortly after 10 o'clock and proceeded to the Eight Mile Grove church, where the public service was held at 11 o'clock. Rev. Maas, pastor of the United Brethren church, conducting the services. A large congregation of neighbors and acquaintances of the deceased assembled to pay respect to one whom they had known and esteemed for many years. Interment was made at the Eight Mile Grove cemetery.

Shetland Ponies.

Colts and matured Shetland Ponies for sale.

William Gilmour, Plattsmouth, R. F. D.

## His First Term in Sarpy County.

From Friday's Daily.

Judge Travis, with his son, Court Reporter Earl Travis, returned yesterday from Papillion, where Judge Travis held his first session of court in the newly assigned territory, which was added to the Second Judicial district at the last session of the legislature. Sarpy county's seat of government is situated on the Union Pacific railway, and in order to reach it one must first go to Omaha, then take the U. P. train for Papillion.

## THE PASSING OF GRAND-MA STARKJOHN LAST NIGHT

Forty Years a Resident of Cass County, Aged 91 Years, 2 Months and 28 Days.

From Friday's Daily.

Grandma Starkjohn, whose serious illness was mentioned in yesterday's Journal, passed away last evening at the advanced age of 91 years, 2 months and 28 days.

Magdalena Margaret Timm was born in the village of Marna, Schleswig Holstein, Germany, February 13, 1820, and grew to womanhood and was educated in her native village. After she attained her majority she went to the city of Altona, where, on May 31, 1849, she was married to Thies Starkjohn.

To this union six children were born. Henry, the eldest, died at the age of 1 year; Emil, the second son, died at the age of 10, both dying in Germany. August, the next son, died at the age of 10; Mary, the wife of Philip Tristich, died in 1906.

Mrs. Starkjohn came to America with her husband and three children, landing in Nebraska City June 9, 1868, going to the home of her brother, H. H. Timm, near Nehawka, where they lived until January, 1869, when Mr. and Mrs. Starkjohn moved to their farm five miles northwest of Plattsmouth, where Mrs. Starkjohn resided with her family for more than forty years.

In 1872 death again visited her home, this time seizing her beloved husband, leaving her a widow, to care for her daughter, Mary, now deceased, and her two sons, Theodore and William, who survive to mourn her loss. The little family struggled along through drouth and scourage of insects and losses by hail, and Mrs. Starkjohn endured all of the hardships of the frontier life without complaining.

Besides her two sons, Theodore and William, with whom Mrs. Starkjohn has made her home since the death of her husband, she is survived by four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Her grandchildren are: Henry Starkjohn, William Tristich, Eddie Tristich and Mrs. Anna Parkening, and her great grandchild, Adelia Tristich.

Mrs. Starkjohn was a kind neighbor, a devoted wife and mother, a consistent Christian and a member of the Lutheran church and highly esteemed by all who knew her. A year ago last February she removed with her sons to this city, where she has since resided. The funeral will occur Sunday, May 14, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. Steger will conduct the service.

The Majestic Remains Open.

Mr. R. M. Schlaes went to Omaha this morning to procure a moving picture machine for the stock company, to place in the Parmele theater. The Majestic is not to close the three evenings in the week which the Parmele will be open, as has been rumored, but will continue as it has done. Mr. Schlaes has no idea of closing the Majestic, as he has a four-year lease on the building in which the show is conducted. The Majestic is to continue just as it formerly has, with the same high class pictures.

Card of Thanks.

To the kind neighbors and friends who so generously assisted us during the last sickness and burial of our beloved mother, the undersigned tender their warmest thanks.

Edward Slocum, Mrs. Adda Ferris.

## GOOD ROADS AND HOW TO SECURE THEM IS THE GREAT QUESTION

The Farmer, the Business Man in Town, and the Taxpayers in General Must Put on the Boosting Clothes for Good Roads.

Good roads is all the talk everywhere in Nebraska, as well as in other states, and the matter is not liable to down until all who have awakened to the fact that we must have better roads, and that the only way to get them is for the farmers and the townspeople to join hands in securing them, and work in harmony to that end. The following article from the Lincoln Daily Star hits our views so well that we appropriate it in its entirety for the benefit of the readers of the Journal:

Considerable activity is noted in Nebraska of late looking toward the building of good roads leading through the thickly settled portions. May one hope that this activity will really result in something substantial in the way of actual accomplishment?

If agitation would build good roads the state of Nebraska would be girdled with them, but some talk fails to better the condition of the highways, and nobody has offered anything more effective toward that end.

Undoubtedly state aid in moderation would give road improvement a decided impetus, but somehow those in position to provide it have feared to undertake it, possibly because they did not care to incur the risk of criticism from taxpayers. Were it rendered possible for the state to aid in road improvement it might on the one hand involve a heavy drain on the treasury, or on the other arouse criticism because certain localities were favored.

Delay in good roads work in this state, as in many others, has been due to the fact that the

agitation has had the wrong origin. Such agitation will never be effective until it begins at the bottom and works upward, instead of at the top and trying to work downward. Should there ever come a day when the farmers in each township shall organize a good roads association, which local associations shall send representatives to county and state organizations for the same purpose, it will then be possible to do something substantial, for such an organization could hardly ask for anything and not get it.

The initiative must be with the farmer and taxpayer. He must indicate his readiness to submit to his share of the taxation necessary to carry on such work. When he does that, and undertakes to bear his share of the cost locally in each township, then his representatives in the legislature may feel safe in providing for a system of state aid that would throw a portion of the cost upon organized villages, towns and cities.

As long as the farmer contents himself to imagine that someone with the means is coming along to build good roads for him, he is not going to get anywhere, but when he shows sufficient interest and desire to undertake something that will cost him money individually, then there will be plenty of aid found coming to his assistance. If permanent good roads would be half as great an economy to the farmers as they have been computed by experts to be it is difficult to understand why he does not organize to get them.

## SAW THE AVIATION EXHIBIT AT OMAHA

Are Enthusiastic Over the Flight of the French Aviator.

From Friday's Daily.

Charles Martin and C. A. Rawls returned last night from the aviation meet, enthusiastic over the flight of the Frenchman. The meet is held five miles west of Omaha at the end of the car line.

The first ascension in the afternoon was not a charming success, the biplane seemed to pitch and toss and dive down and up as though encountering currents of air unexpected, and the aviators who watched the flight seemed much concerned as to the safety of the man making the flight. When he descended he told the bystanders that at times there would be no wind and at others he would strike a strong current of air which caused the machine to plunge about and almost became unmanageable.

The other men would not attempt another flight for some time, and not until 6 o'clock did the Frenchman make another attempt. He soared around the course, circled around and around like a hawk, and ascended to a height of over 3,000 feet, gliding to the ground with the ease of a bird, then soared aloft a second time. The exhibition was quite thrilling, and Mr. Martin looked upon the feat as most wonderful.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce by self as a candidate for the nomination for the office of sheriff of Cass county, Nebraska, subject to the decision of the voters at the coming primary election. I ask the voters to place me in nomination on the democratic ticket. G. P. Barton, Union, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Marsh and daughters, Jessie and Esther, visited St. Joseph's hospital at Omaha and spent a few hours with their daughter, who is recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

## METHODIST LADIES MEET WITH MRS. MC NURLIN

Entertained at the Home of Mrs. John McNurlin Yesterday Afternoon.

From Friday's Daily.

The members and friends of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church were entertained at the charming home of Mrs. John McNurlin yesterday afternoon in a very delightful manner. There was an exceptionally large number in attendance, the McNurlin home being crowded, and all had a most enjoyable time.

The usual business session was held, during which the usual routine of business was conducted and the final plans and arrangements were made for the conducting of the floral and fancywork bazaar, which is being held by the ladies of this church today and tomorrow.

There were some elegant refreshments served, which the ladies found very appetizing and to which they could not help but do justice. Mrs. W. H. Seybert of Cullom assisted Mrs. McNurlin in entertaining and serving the large number present. At the usual hour the ladies departed for their homes, very much indebted to Mrs. McNurlin for the splendid entertainment afforded them and for her kind hospitality on this occasion.

Gives Farewell Party.

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. George Goodman entertained a few ladies Wednesday afternoon in honor of her mother, Mrs. A. C. Harvey, who is to depart next Monday from Havelock for Bozeman, Montana, for the summer. The party was in the nature of a farewell for Mrs. Harvey, the entertainment consisting of social conversation. Many of the ladies brought their fancy work and plied the busy needle as they conversed with one another. Mrs. Goodman served ices and dainty cakes.

John Sneed, who has been laying off for a week, will take his run again Saturday morning.