

PLATTE RIVER BRIDGE OPENED FOR TRAVEL WITH BIG CELEBRATION

The Doings Open With Big Good Roads Meeting at the Parmele Theater in the Afternoon and Close With Big Minstrel Show at Night—Big Crowd Both Day and Night.

November 15, 1911, will go down in history as one of the epoch-marking dates for Platts-mouth and Cass county. Although the unsettled state of the weather rendered it impossible for a formal program advertised days in advance, yet the informal proceedings of the afternoon were as expressive of the sentiment and good feeling as any studied plan could have been. The 200 good roads boosters from Omaha were enthusiastic, and the addresses of their representatives, Mr. Harry Lowrie and Mr. Searle, were calculated to increase the friendliness between the business interests of Omaha and the territory south of the Platte river.

The meeting for the organization of the Omaha-Platts-mouth-Nebraska City-Kansas City Highway Improvement association was called to order at the Parmele about 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon by T. H. Pollock, president of the Platts-mouth Commercial club. Before affecting the organization Mr. Pollock called on Harry Lowrie of Omaha and W. A. Selleck, ex-mayor of Lincoln, who each made an excellent address appropriate to the occasion.

Mr. Lowrie congratulated Platts-mouth and the citizens of Cass county on the propitious occasion of the opening of a motor highway between Platts-mouth and Omaha. He referred to the energy and enterprise of Messrs. Pollock and Duff in seizing on the opportunity of furnishing a means of transportation between the cities on the north and south of the Platte river. Mr. Lowrie closed by moving a vote of thanks to the promoters of the new bridge, but failed to ask for a second and sat down without putting his motion. Mr. Searle, president of the Omaha Automobile association, who was seated on the stage at the time, quickly arose and seconded Mr. Lowrie's motion and put the question, which received a loud response of "ayes."

Mr. Sellick, representing the Lincoln boosters for good roads, made an enthusiastic talk for the improvement of the highways and said that although his community were not on the Omaha-Platts-mouth-Nebraska City-Kansas City route, yet Lincoln was interested in good roads, no matter in what

locality they were situated in the state. Mr. Sellick mentioned the good results of a smooth highway and the effect the same would have on the farming interests by making better roads for produce to be transported over, and that it had been the history of the progress of civilization that it advanced with the betterment of the means of interchange of commerce, and the better the highways the more we would become acquainted with each other. That men did not deal with strangers to any extent, but commerce and trade grew after men became acquainted, and the



T. HERBERT POLLOCK.

opening of the highway between this city and surrounding country would improve business, no doubt, for all lines.

After Mr. Sellick's talk the meeting proceeded to elect officers of the Good Roads association. The Omaha delegation nominated Mr. Pollock for president of the association, but by some explanation he managed to have his name withdrawn. Mr. Searle, president of the Omaha Automobile association, was then named and elected president over his own protest, but after some paring Mr. Searle agreed to accept the position. Three vice presidents were then chosen, and to fill these important places R. A. Duff of Nebraska City, Colonel J. J. Deright of Omaha and J. C. Gibson, president of the Atchison Automobile association, were elected. J. C. How of Auburn was selected as secretary and treasurer of the association.

Mr. Searle assumed the chair-

manship of the meeting during the selection of the officers last named. He called to the stage a gentleman from Atchison, who came as a delegate to the good roads meeting, and asked him to tell the audience where Atchison was located on the map. The Atchison delegate spoke briefly on the benefits of the air line from Omaha to Kansas City.

Mr. Searle then suggested that the highway or route which the opening of the Platte river bridge had made possible, should be named at this meeting, as the map-makers, who had constructed charts and maps of the state roads of Iowa, would soon have a chart of the new route and it would be best to have the name decided upon at once.

A delegate in the rear of the auditorium moved that the name given this route be "The Omaha-Kansas City Scenic Motor Route." The motion was seconded and carried. The president of the association then suggested that there should be an executive committee, composed of one member from each city and town through which the route passes, whose duties would be defined by a constitution and by-laws to be adopted later.

Mr. Searle then lectured for almost an hour, showing stereopticon views of the places of interest along the route from Omaha to Denver. This highway was opened this summer and good roads associations organized in every county through which the route passes. The lecturer stated that Iowa and other western states had gotten into the procession with the east to better the highways and had enacted a law making certain main traveled roads from east to west across the state "state roads," and a commission was empowered to use a certain amount of funds for the betterment of these roads. The speaker hoped the next legislature would pass a similar statute for Nebraska, as this state was not keeping step with neighboring states in the improvement of our highways.

During the afternoon between 200 and 300 of the visitors went out to the bridge and had the pleasure of riding over the new structure. Many words of praise were heard from the visitors commending the courage and enterprise of T. H. Pollock and R. A. Duff in the consummation of their long-cherished plan of a bridge across the Platte. Their energy and push had resulted in supplying a long-felt want for closer relations with the territory on the



RALPH A. DUFF.

north. Members of the delegation from Omaha were loud in their approval of the efforts of Messrs. Pollock and Duff to place Platts-mouth and Nebraska City on the highway to Kansas City and the south. The Omaha delegation assured the Platts-mouth club that they would stand behind the movement for better roads, and that as the completion of the plans of Mr. Pollock had made this route possible, they would push it north and enlarge the territory of all our business interests.

The special train from Nebraska City brought in about 200 good roads boosters for the performance at the Parmele theater in the evening. The band from Nebraska City, a fine musical organization, accompanied this delegation and made an excellent impression on the crowds which thronged the streets, and enthusiasm was bubbling nicely long before the curtain for the minstrel performance went up.

Just prior to running up the curtain Mr. C. A. Rawls stepped before the footlights and addressed the audience, saying, in substance, that at the request of the Commercial club and leading citizens of the city and community, he would make a few remarks expressive of the appreciation of the people of this city and the Commercial club of the efforts, courage, energy and fidelity of the two men responsible for the completion of the enterprise the celebration of which the audience was engaged in. Then, with

a few well chosen words, Mr. Rawls expressed the good will and hearty appreciation of the club and people of this city of the results of the enterprise of Mr. T. H. Pollock of this city and Mr. R. A. Duff of Nebraska City. Mr. Rawls' remarks provoked a storm of applause, as he bowed himself from the stage.

There was not a seat remaining unsold at 6 o'clock, and out-of-town boosters who had failed to procure tickets in advance had to be content with standing room about the theater doors. After the performance, which lasted from 8:30 to 11 o'clock, many expressions of pleasing commendation for the entertainment were heard. The Nebraska City Good Roads Minstrel company made a big hit with the audience last night, is the verdict of the many citizens, who were loud in their praise of the show this morning. The comedians, Messrs. Harry Rolfe, M. R. Thorp, Harry Andrews, John Patterson and Clyde Thorp, performed their role admirably and brought down the house with their frequent sallies and local reference to natural and other defects in the make-up of Platts-mouth citizens. The Overland orchestra is a fine aggregation of musicians and deserve special mention, their artistic support to the singers adding materially to the pleasurable effect of the vocal numbers. The Golden Gate quartet elicited much applause and the Rag-time band and the cake walk finale was a fitting climax to an evening of mirth and laughter. Should the Nebraska City minstrels visit our city again they will meet with a warm and enthusiastic reception.

NOTES AND INCIDENTS.

The day was an ideal one and many strangers were in the city.

Representatives were here from nearly every section of Cass county.

Quite a number were up from Murray last night to attend the minstrel show.

Automobile dealers from Lincoln, Omaha, Nebraska City and other cities were quite numerous.

The committee on arrangements was greatly disappointed on the non-arrival of speakers promised.

Among the Nebraska City visitors we noted Hon. H. H. Hanks, one time a candidate for congress in this district.

Over one hundred automobiles were here, and it looked like doing away with "Old Dobbins" and the buggy entirely.

The dance at Coates' hall after the minstrel show failed to materialize. It would seem the young people were all tired out.

Every seat in the Parmele theater was occupied to hear the Nebraska City Good Roads Minstrels and standing room was at a premium.

That prince of good fellows, Ed Parriot, of Peru, was here to see the sights. His democracy was as unshaken as ever and we were pleased to meet him.

L. F. Langhorst, the merchant prince, and C. G. Bailey, of Elmwood, accompanied by their wives, autoed over yesterday to attend the good roads meeting.

W. S. Soper and wife came up with the Nebraska City boosters on the special train and had the pleasure of greeting many of their former neighbors and friends.

Delegates to the good roads meeting were here from Kansas City, Atchison, Falls City, Auburn and Nebraska City. Omaha also had numerous delegates present.

The many strangers in Platts-mouth yesterday is conclusive evidence that the automobile people will do a great deal in the way of booming Platts-mouth's future prosperity.

The Nebraska City Merchants' band is right there with the goods. It is certainly a musical organization for any city many times larger than our southern neighbor to feel proud of.

Ex-Mayor L. F. Jackson of Nebraska City was here, and wherever he went scattered enthusiasm for good roads and the Omaha-Platts-mouth-Nebraska City-Kansas City Auto Route.

The famous Overland orchestra of Nebraska City, which accompanied the minstrels, is one of the best that ever visited Platts-mouth,

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and that is another enterprise that our sister city should be proud of.

Many strangers were in Platts-mouth yesterday who were never here before. Several called at the Journal office, and, in social conversation, remarked that our city was larger and a better town than they ever dreamed of seeing.

Platts-mouth should feel highly honored by the large number of visitors from Nebraska City last evening. The building of the Platte river bridge by Mr. R. A. Duff of that city and T. H. Pollock of this city cements a tie between the two towns which we trust will remain for all time.

Mayor O. C. Morton of Nebraska City was among the Nebraska City delegation who came up from that city last evening. Mr. Morton is one of the proprietors of the Daily News, and paid his respects to the Journal office while here. We are always pleased to meet our friend, O. C.

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The St. Luke's Guild met with Mrs. R. B. Livingston yesterday afternoon at her home on North Sixth street. This organization is composed of the older ladies of St. Luke's church, and the usual number were present and all had a very pleasant time.

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