

THE GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION ASSAILS BRIDGE COMPANIES FOR EXTORTION

Senator Banning of This County Had Much to Say in the Convention at Lincoln Tuesday and Charged Bribery in the Legislature in Connection With Certain Bill.

At the meeting of the good roads association in Lincoln Tuesday the manner in which the contracts for bridge building in the various counties was the subject of much discussion. The manner in which small contractors were "rooted out" was severely condemned, and there will be an effort made to pass a law at the next session of the legislature to remedy the trust graft in bridge building.

Corruption of public officials and the payment of extravagant sums for inferior work is the harvest reaped by Nebraska taxpayers as a result of unbusiness-like methods of awarding bridge contracts, according to statements at the annual meeting of the Nebraska good roads association yesterday, says the Lincoln Journal.

The climax of condemnation of the contract system came when State Senator Banning of Cass county charged legislative bribery in connection with a bill introduced in the 1911 legislature.

This bill, fathered by Senators Banning and Skiles, provided that an opportunity should be allowed for bids by small contractors on individual bridges. If it had become a law it would have prevented the allowance of blanket contracts, covering the entire work of a year in a single county, in the belief of Senator Banning. This blanket contract system is admitted to be the stronghold of the big companies since small contractors cannot enter such a competition.

"That bill passed the senate all right," said Senator Banning. "But when it came to the house it was a different story. The representatives of the bridge companies must have come down here with a lot of greenbacks or something. Anyway, the bill ran up against a stone wall and we never heard of it again."

"They paid the expenses of county commissioners to come down and fight that bill," announced one delegate in a stage whisper.

Obtained Marriage License.

John T. Bartell and Miss Anna Stevenson of Kearney arrived yesterday and sought the county judge's office and procured a marriage license and inquired the way to Rev. L. W. Gade's residence, where they were made man and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Bartell departed for Kearney on the afternoon train.

PLATTSMOUTH SURE GETS THE RIFLE RANGE

Congressman Maguire Deserves Great Credit for His Efforts in This Direction.

The following special from Washington to the Omaha World-Herald, under date of January 16, is sufficient to explain itself in reference to the rifle range:

"Six hundred acres of land lying just north of Plattsmouth have been secured by the federal government for a rifle range, to be used by the regulars at Fort Crook and the Nebraska National Guard. The purchase of the various tracts making up the area have not been completed, but the government has options on contracts on all except one small piece. The owner of this is holding out for more money. If he does not come to terms, condemnation proceedings may be begun. The cost of the land is within the \$25,000 appropriated for that purpose.

"This appropriation was obtained about three years ago. Various tracts were offered, some of them costing much more than the sum appropriated. Among these tracts was one near Ashland, over which the National Guard has shot two or three seasons. Congressman Sloan had intended to introduce a bill appropriating enough additional money to purchase this tract, but Maguire, who was chiefly instrumental in getting Plattsmouth the location, hastened action.

"Agents of the war department have been busy in Nebraska for some time getting options on the land or writing specific contracts for its sale. When the various owners of land were contesting for a favorable report from the examining board it was said that the Plattsmouth tract was too low and damp. The war department did not accept this statement."

Will Contest Will.

The last hearing on claims filed against the estate of Henry C. Hardnock was had in the county court today. In this estate the will gives most of the property to the children, devising the widow only the residence property at Alvo. The estate is valued at about \$42,000. There seems to have been an anti-nuptial contract as to the disposition of the property of Mr. Hardnock, which the widow now contends does not bind her, and she is declining to take it under the will and will ask the court to give her the share of her deceased husband's estate which the law provides in cases where no will is made.

Fiddlers' Contest.

Everyone should keep in mind the fiddlers' contest, which has been arranged for February 16. One of the most enjoyable programs ever produced before a Plattsmouth audience will be put on by the Red Men at that time. New features will be added to last year's performance and some surprises will be in store for the audience at this concert. Applications for admission to the contest are being received and inquiries from prospective players, and much interest is already manifested by the "boys."

Team Takes Spin.

Dr. Greeder's span of bay drivers took a lively spin early this morning, starting at the foot of Main street at full speed, made their way west to Seventh, turned southward to the avenue, and the last seen of them they were making the snow fly at the west end of the avenue and probably brought up at the serum factory without doing much damage. This no doubt caused the doctor some inconvenience, as he was left in town "a-foot."

For Sale!

Eighteen head of mules from 2 to 6 years old, weight from 1,250 to 1,450. McCarthy Bros. Telephone old "phone Ash 3421; new "phone, Oak 441, Wyoming, Neb. 1-17-3td-2tw.

"Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is the best remedy for that often fatal disease—croup. Has been used with success in our family for eight years."—Mrs. L. Whiteacre, Buffalo, N. Y.

MURDOCK.

(Special Correspondent.)

Miss Kate Amgwert of Omaha visited relatives and friends here over Sunday.

Miss Etta Sorick of Lincoln spent Sunday at her parents' home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Shewe and sons, Donald and Marion, were guests of Paul Schewe and family on Sunday.

John Schurn was in Omaha last Thursday.

Erhart Goehry returned Saturday evening after having completed a four-years' course in the U. S. navy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mills entertained at dinner on Saturday in honor of Mrs. Mills' son, Ed Jumper, who has recently returned from the navy. Covers were laid for fourteen.

Miss Anna Goecky returned to Lincoln Sunday evening, after spending a week at home.

W. O. Gillespie had the misfortune to lose his pocketbook, containing about \$12, one day last week.

Paul Bornemier was in Omaha on Wednesday of last week.

Miss Jessie Bush visited relatives at Lincoln Friday and Saturday.

Revival meetings were held at the M. E. church all last week.

Miss Edith Moon of Elmwood spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

John Amegwert went to Council Bluffs last Wednesday, returning Thursday via Plattsmouth and South Bend.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. John Schwin last Wednesday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Amgwert on Sunday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McDonald and daughter, Marguerite, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schewe and children, Millard and Virginia.

The Woodmen gave an oyster supper to their families on last Wednesday evening. Owing to the severe cold the usual large attendance was not present. But say! Talk about good soup, Henry Tool and C. Moomey certainly know how to make it.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klunne and Fred Klunne spent Sunday at the Henry Bornemier home north of town.

Mrs. John Scheel visited friends in Lincoln last Wednesday.

F. O. Beall was an Omaha passenger on No. 18 Tuesday.

John Amgwert is now ready for spring work. He is an up-to-date painter and paper-hanger and will guarantee you a dandy good job.

Misses Mathilde and Elsie Scheel entertained the "grippe" last week.

Lee DeFord is quite sick as the result of an attack of appendicitis.

The Road to Success.

As Samuel Emiles, the English author, says, the road to success is, for the greatest part, in our hands. It depends on self-control, on the sense of duty, on thrift. We wish to add to it, that much of it is due to a good health and to the knowledge of when and which remedies to use. We take the liberty of mentioning here the cases in which Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine should be used. It will promptly relieve loss of appetite, poor digestion, constipation, eruptions, difficulties after meals, a sudden weakness of the whole body, nervousness and neuralgia, some forms of rheumatism, unclear complexion. It is beneficial in wasting diseases, as it creates a healthy appetite and strengthens the organs to digest enough food. You will preserve your health. Success is then in your hands. At drug store, Jos. Triner, 1333-1339 So. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. A beautiful wall calendar mailed for 10 cents.

At the Majestic.

A great crowd enjoyed the show at the Majestic last evening and the benefit for St. Mary's Guild was a great success. Mr. Schlaes thinks not less than 500 people saw the show. Four reels of pictures, one of each kind to suit everybody, were shown three times. An extra usher was required throughout the evening, and then some difficulty was experienced in finding seats for the many persons visiting the theater.

F. M. Richey, who has been suffering for some time with an attack of neuralgia, spent a restless night last night. His numerous friends in the city sympathize with him deeply in his sickness and hope for speedy relief.

BALD HEADS NOT WANTED

Baldness is Too Generally Considered a Sign of Advanced Age.

A bald-headed person does not have an equal chance with one blessed with a healthy head of hair, because baldness is too generally accepted as an indication of age. Many large corporations have established an age limit, and refuse to take men over 35 years of age as new employees.

Probably 65 per cent of bald-headed people may regain a good head of healthy hair if they will follow our advice and accept our offer. We have a remedy that we positively guarantee to grow hair on any head, unless the roots of the hair are entirely dead, their follicles closed, and the scalp has become glazed and shiny. We want people to try this remedy at our risk, with the distinct understanding that unless it does exactly what we claim it will, and gives satisfaction in every respect, we shall make no charge for the remedy used during the trial.

We know exactly what we are talking about, and with this offer back of our statements, no one should scoff, doubt our word, or hesitate to put our remedy to an actual test.

We want everyone in Plattsmouth who is suffering from any scalp or hair trouble, dandruff, falling hair, or baldness to try our Rexall "93" Hair Tonic. We want them to use it regularly—say until three bottles have been used—and if it does not eradicate dandruff, cleanse and refresh the scalp, tighten the hair in its roots, and grow new hair, we will return every cent paid us for the remedy for the mere asking. There is no formality expected, and we exact no obligation from the user whatever.

We are established right here in Plattsmouth, and make this offer with a full understanding that our business success entirely depends upon the sort of treatment we accord our customers, and we would not dare make the above offer unless we were positively certain that we could substantiate it in every particular. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies in this community only at our store—The Rexall Store, F. G. Fricke & Co.

Elks Take Fodder.

About seventy-five members of the B. P. O. E. of the city assembled at their cosy rooms in the Coates' block last night and enjoyed a feed and smoker. Coffee and sandwiches were served, and music, both instrumental and vocal, by members of the order, was enjoyed.

Some time was spent in playing cards and a general social evening was had and very much enjoyed by all present. Seldom does seventy-five as congenial people get together in one evening as those who assembled at the Elks' parlors last night. There was no special significance to the occasion, but merely to enjoy the fraternal features of the order.

The Great Event.

The date for the Lady Minstrels is rapidly approaching—Wednesday night, January 24. The ladies who compose the club have worked incessantly for the past month to give our people an entertainment that they will all be proud of. The program for the big event has already been arranged and will appear in these columns Saturday or Monday, and the readers of the Journal will see that the array of talent composes some of our finest vocalists. Everyone should take a night off and attend the great event. Get your tickets now at the Journal office, have your seats reserved, and avoid the rush. Tickets 25 and 50 cents.

B. A. McElwain, the jeweler, was a business visitor in the metropolis this afternoon.

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AVOCA NEWS

Post cards at Cope's drug store. Jas. Wade was here Wednesday buying horses.

A. D. S. peroxide tooth paste is for the teeth. Try it.

Marion Pittman is over near Nehawka this week.

L. F. Dunkak was a visitor in Avoca Tuesday.

Peter Jorgensen was at Omaha Wednesday with cattle.

Mrs. F. Durham arrived Tuesday evening from Bertrand.

W. L. Gillin left Monday for a two weeks' visit in Florida.

The Odd Fellows are busy each meeting night conferring degrees.

V. D. Wollen of Dakota is here visiting his parents north of town.

Charles Gruber is learning the blacksmith trade with Fred McGrady.

Miss Mabel Hanger of Lincoln is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Sam Johnson.

Bert Philpot and E. B. Taylor were down from Weeping Water Tuesday.

Henry Maseman, jr., arrived home from Lincoln Saturday evening.

Jos. C. Zimmerer was attending to business matters at Nebraska City Wednesday.

John Schmidt and Gus Mohr have their ice houses filled with a fine quality of ice.

John Benecke and family expect to move to their farm, south of town, about March 1.

Mrs. Charles Woodsen is here from Omaha visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Fahnestock.

Rubge & Gillin have a new advertising scheme. Ask Gus Witzkie the next time you buy sugar.

Gene Hensley, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, was able to be down town this week.

Fred Arends, who has been staying with his uncle, Carl Schroeder, has gone home for a few days.

The opera house committee reports that \$4,000 has been subscribed. Does your name appear on the list?

The Nebraska City News states that Mr. William Swanson and Miss Viola Lehu are to be wedded in a few days.

It was stated last week that Prof. Brannigan froze his ear while driving from Weeping Water, but we learned later that he walked.

Simon Rehmeier, the landlord of the Oxford hotel, is putting up an ice house, and next summer will be prepared to have things iced up to perfection.

John Donelan is carrying his arm in a sling as a result of coming in contact with a pitchfork fine, which penetrated the member several inches, making an exceedingly painful wound.

The Rebekahs have installed for the ensuing term the following officers: N. G., Elsie Opp; V. G., Florise Wollen; secretary, Viola Fleishman; treasurer, Emma Busch; chaplain, D. Cecil Copes; warden, Maude Hollenberger; conductor, Julia Kokjer.

Last Saturday evening the R. N. A. installed their officers as follows: Carrie Wollen, oracle; Myrtle Rubge, vice oracle; Amelia Behrens, chancellor; Marie Dunbar, recorder; Julia Mickle, receiver; D. Cecil Copes, marshal; Annie Jacobsen, manager. After the installation the neighbors all made a bee-line for the dining room, where hot oyster soup was on tap. Games were played and the dishes washed and the lights turned out before 12 o'clock.

Bryan Buys One.

John Schmidt, who is agent for the Cartecar in Avoca, received the following letter this week:

New York, January 11, 1912. Cartecar Nebraska Co., 1115 Farnam street, Omaha, Neb.: Hon. William Jennings Bryan attended the Automobile show in New York last evening and I sold him a Cartecar coupe, which I understand is to be driven by Mrs. Bryan. Harry R. Redford, General Salesmanager Cartecar Company.

Mules and Horses.

Brown and Miller of Hamburg, Iowa, will be in Avoca Monday, January 22, to buy mules and horses.

Heavy, impure blood makes a muddy, pimply complexion, headaches, nausea, indigestion. Thin blood makes you weak, pale, sickly. Burdock Blood Bitters makes the blood rich, red, pure—restores perfect health.

Frank Brinkman and wife and son, Henry, and daughter, Miss Nellie, and Mrs. Charles Peacock departed for Murdock this afternoon to attend the funeral of Miss Belle Miller, daughter of Henry J. Miller, which will occur tomorrow.

FALLS DOWN STAIRS AND IS INJURED

Philip Thierolf Makes a Mistake and is Quite Seriously Injured.

Philip Thierolf of the popular clothing firm of Falter & Thierolf, met with a severe accident last night which might have resulted fatally.

Mr. Thierolf was in the act of going to the basement of the store building about 7:45 to shake down the furnace, and at the top of the stairs his foot slipped off the step and he fell to the bottom, striking the back of his head on the steps as he fell. He was unconscious for some minutes, but finally came to himself and, half-dazed, ascended the steps and related his experience to Mr. Falter. Medical aid was summoned and Mr. Thierolf was taken to his home. He was unable to be in the store today.

Appreciates Attendance.

The St. Mary's Guild has requested the Journal to extend their thanks to those who purchased tickets and for their attendance at the Majestic theater last evening. Three shows were given in order to accommodate the vast crowd, which was indeed very pleasing to the members of the Guild. They are also very thankful to Manager Schlaes for his kindness in extending them the use of the theater.

Do not allow your kidney and bladder trouble to develop beyond the reach of medicine. Take Foley Kidney Pills. They give quick results and stop irregularities with surprising promptness. For sale by Fricke & Co.

Forest Rose Flour. The next time you need a sack of flour try a sack. You will find it the best on the market.

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Just now we're clearing the stock of heavy suits and overcoats at the following prices:

Suits and Overcoats, all wool, well made, worth \$15 and \$16.50.	\$10
Suits and Overcoats, all wool, hand-tailored, worth \$18, \$20 and \$22.50.	\$14
Suits and Overcoats, all wool, hand-tailored, worth \$24, \$25, \$27.50 and \$30.	\$18

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