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BART L. KIRKHAM, FORMER PLATTS- MOUTH MAN TO RUN FOR MAYOR

Friends at Belle Fourche, South Dakota, Secure Large Petition for His Candidacy and His Election Assured—Mr. Kirkham Was Former Publisher of the Plattsmouth Journal.

The last issue of the Northwest Post, published at Belle Fourche, South Dakota, comes to us with a long article announcing the candidacy of B. L. Kirkham for mayor of that city, by petition, said petition being so extensively signed by many of the leading business men and citizens of Belle Fourche that Mr. Kirkham could not consistently refuse. "Bart" was reared in Plattsmouth, where he possesses many friends, including the Journal force, who would delight in an opportunity to vote for him, and who hope he will be triumphantly elected. Mr. Kirkham is one of the publishers of the Southwest Post, while Rush Fellows is his partner, and under his own signature, Rush has the following to say in reference to Bart's candidacy:

"Before going into the platform matter I desire to say something about Mr. Kirkham's past career. He was born in the city of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, March 28, 1876, the same year that I arrived there from Michigan as a journeyman printer. He received his early education in the schools of that city, but at the age of 14 entered the office of the Plattsmouth

Daily Journal and there learned his trade. Years later he purchased the plant and with a partner made good in the business and made a little money. My acquaintance with him was not formed until the spring of 1898, when with my family I came back to Plattsmouth after an absence of eighteen years, and started the Daily Post in opposition to Mr. Kirkham, who was still running the Daily Journal. Later on, about twelve years ago, he sold his paper and for a few weeks was idle. Soon after I sold my daily plant, which I was shortly compelled to take back by foreclosure of mortgage which I held, but in the meantime the life of the daily had been "killed" and I continued the paper as a weekly, taking Mr. Kirkham in as a working partner, and we continued the business in that way until we came to Belle Fourche in 1902.

"Arriving here we were in a new field and among strangers, and yet our success has been far beyond our expectations, and those who were here when we arrived know that we had no easy sliding for the first few years, but we are still in business and he is now an equal partner."

THE FLOOD SITUATION IN THIS PART OF STATE

Railroad Men Expect Break Within the Next Twenty-four Hours.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Burlington reports that the melting in the daytime and freezing at night may save the situation. At Ashland there are monster slabs of ice left on the lowlands within the city limits, the water having run out from under them during the daytime thaw. If the Burlington has serious trouble on its Omaha-Lincoln line the trains can be run over the through line from Plattsmouth to Ashland and thence to Lincoln.

Floods are expected in the famous Pappio bottoms, for the flats are already vast lakes, covered with a thin coating of ice and snow. The Big Pappio is climbing steadily toward the crest of its banks and the immense sheets of ice are breaking and floating away with a racket to rival the Niagara. It is feared that this usually placid stream will duplicate its performance of a few years ago and attain a width of a couple of miles. The farmers fear that the spring planting on this land will be terribly delayed or, perhaps, absolutely prevented. Such a flood would endanger the old Union Pacific line near Papillon.

Most of the roads are ready for any emergency, with dynamite on hand to break the gorges and sandbags and rocks to protect trackage and bridges.

The river at Omaha rose 2 of a foot in the past twenty-four hours, and stood this morning at 10.2 feet above low water mark. The flood stage here is nineteen feet, so that the river is now nearly nine feet below flood stage.

At Kansas City the flood stage is twenty-one feet, and the river is now at 14.8, having raised .8 of a foot in twenty-four hours. At Plattsmouth the raise was .3 of a foot, at Blair .5 of a foot, and at Sioux City .3 of a foot. At Kansas City and St. Louis the water is within six feet of flood stage, and the water has not fairly started as yet from the upper valleys.

Burlington Traveling Engineer F. R. Whittaker returned from Omaha on the morning train today, where he has been looking after company business for a time.

Possesses Valuable Relic.

Fred Range is the possessor of a valuable relic of the civil war days, it being a copy of the New York Herald of the date of April 15, 1865, the day following the assassination of President Lincoln. The paper was then owned and edited by James Gordon Bennett and had been a newspaper for thirty years. The front page has every column draped in black, the first column containing a dispatch from Secretary of War Stanton to Major General Dix at New York, dated Washington, April 15, 4:30 a. m., and begins thus: "This evening about 9:30 o'clock, at Ford's theater, the president, while sitting in his private box with Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Harris and Major Rathburn, was shot by an assassin, who suddenly entered the box and approached behind the president." The paper also contains an account of an attack on Secretary Seward earlier in the evening with a dagger, and the assassin used the same latin words shouted after the shooting of the president, being the motto of the state of Virginia, "Sic Semper Tyrannis." The paper is full of news from the front concerning the armies of the United States. Mr. Range prizes the relic very highly.

Looking on the Rosy Side.

With the melting of the most bountiful supply of snow this state has had in many years past, farmers are beginning to make plans for the coming season. With the doctrine of better seed corn still echoing in their ears and with assurances that they must proceed systematically in their work, if they would be successful, most of the ruralists are patting themselves on the back for the more material blessings they have received from nature. Plenty of rain later on, and a like amount of sunshine, tempered just enough to bring out all the best there is in the soil, will work wonders here in Nebraska and will make up for some of the laxities of overworked or unsystematic farmers. The years, however, when nature is more reticent in lavishing her blessings upon the state brings home the full effect of modern tillage campaigns. Then people are apt to listen with both ears to what the professors are saying.—Lincoln News.

W. J. Thomas of Omaha, member of the 1912 executive staff for the Reliance Life Insurance company of Pittsburgh, Pa., is in the city looking after business for a short time.

How to Kill Your Town.

Buy from peddlers as much and as often as possible.

Denounce your merchants because they make a profit on their goods.

Glory in the downfall of a man who has done much to build up your town.

Make your town out a bad place and knock it every chance you get.

Refuse to unite in any scheme for the betterment of the material interests of the people.

Tell your merchants that you can buy goods a great deal cheaper in some other town and charge them with extortion. If a stranger comes to your town tell him everything is overdone, and predict a general crash in the near future.

Patronize outside newspapers to the exclusion of your own and then denounce yours for not being as large and as cheap as the city papers.

If you are a merchant don't advertise in the home paper, let it compel the editor to go elsewhere for advertisements and howl like a sore-head because he does so. Buy a rubber stamp and use it. It may save you a few dimes and make your letterheads and wrappers look as though you were doing business in a one-horse town.

If you are a farmer, curse the place where you trade as the meanest on earth. Talk this over to your neighbors and tell them the men are robbers and thieves. It will make your property much less valuable; but you don't care.

Hold Annual Meeting.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian church was held last evening, when very satisfactory reports were made by the secretaries of the different branches of the church work. Among the societies reporting were the Ladies' Aid, Ladies' Missionary and Ladies' Auxiliary, all of which showed a prosperous condition of the work in hand. Officers were elected as follows for the present year: James Robertson, treasurer; Henry Zuckweiller and James Robertson, elders for three years; G. L. Farley and John Bauer, jr., trustees for three years. The officers of the Sunday school were re-elected with the exception of assistant superintendent, to which position James Robertson was elected.

C. M. Cherry Here.

From Tuesday's Daily.

C. M. Cherry of Weeping Water, one of the rock-ribbed democrats of the county, was a Plattsmouth visitor today and paid the Journal editor a pleasant call. Mr. Cherry is an ex-soldier who fought for the preservation of the Union from '62 to '65, and was one of the men who helped to save the day of Shiloh and carries a rebel bullet in his hip today as a memento of his valor at that time.

High Water Again Troubles.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mont Straight, express messenger, going east on No. 4 this morning, stated that the water was up the rails along the Pappio. The bridge gang have been working at this portion of track and have cut a hole in the grade and put in a bridge to drain the water off above the track, but the great amount of snow melting yesterday was too much for the openings to carry off.

Fashion Plate Artist.

J. F. Rys, a former Plattsmouth boy, who had a taste for drawing in his school days, is now making good in a lucrative position as a fashion plate artist in Chicago. J. F. Rys lives at 1751 Armetage avenue, Chicago, where he has a nice home. Roy Holly had in his possession yesterday half a dozen samples of his work, drawn and painted on ordinary pasteboard, which so much resembled the fashion plates seen in the leading style journals of the country that one would think he was in sure enough artist's studio.

Tom Smith, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Tom Smith, at Rock Bluffs for two months, departed for Lincoln, Illinois, yesterday afternoon, where he is farming with his brother-in-law, Mr. Marquette.

THE SECOND CONCERT BY BURLINGTON BAND

Will Be Given at the Parmele Theater Tuesday Night, April 16.

Another musical treat is in store for our people. The members of the Burlington band, at their regular meeting Tuesday night, made arrangements for the second of a series of concerts to occur at the Parmele theater on Tuesday night, April 16. These entertainments are given, as all have been informed, for the purpose of purchasing new uniforms for the boys. In connection with the program furnished by the band, between intermission, a number of moving pictures by the Majestic theater manager will be shown. And all for the low admission of 25 cents.

The Burlington band is already one of the finest musical organizations in the state, and one that every citizen of Plattsmouth should be proud of, and in order that our boys should make the proper showing with other bands they should be appropriately uniformed, and they must have some financial aid in order to secure them. While citizens of other towns go down in their pockets to secure uniforms for their bands, our boys do not feel like asking our people to do likewise, and have simply hit upon the concert plan, where everyone could give their little mite, and be well paid in a good musical entertainment.

Professor Schulloff and the members of his band have made rapid strides during the winter months and our people will be amazed to note the advancement made. The pride of any city or town is a fine musical organization, and not only that, but such an up-to-date organization as the Burlington band is a big advertisement for Plattsmouth. Everyone can afford to purchase a ticket to this concert, even if they cannot attend, and show to the boys that they appreciate their efforts to build up a musical organization that cannot be excelled in the west. Now, get ready for the concert and let nothing interfere with your attendance on Tuesday night, April 16.

Beautiful Signs Going Up.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Frank Gobelman, the artistic sign painter, has recently put up some fine jobs of this sort. Miss Myers, the Sixth street milliner, has just had a beautiful gill lettered sign erected over the entrance to her new establishment. Lorenz Brothers, dealers in groceries and meats, also have one of Mr. Gobelman's handsome gill lettered signs suspended over the entrance to their store. V. Vejvado, the Sixth street tailor, also has decorated the front of his store and shop with a sign which for beauty and neatness is a credit to that portion of the city.

This popular artist has just completed a large sign for Smith & Mauzy, the druggists, which was erected Monday. This is one of the most attractive signs in the city, being twenty-two feet long and about two feet in width, with imported raised gilt letters, which stand out prominently to view. Mr. Gobelman has also just completed a large double sign for Nelson, Jean & Co., which will be suspended in front of their place of business at once, at the elevator at the Missouri Pacific depot.

Parkening—Peterson.

From Tuesday's Daily.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, of Ralston, Neb., tomorrow at high noon will occur the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ethel Peterson, to Mr. Otto H. Parkening, son of our esteemed fellow citizen, Chris Parkening and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Parkening and son, John, and daughter, Miss Clara, departed for Omaha this afternoon to be present at the wedding tomorrow. John Parkening will be best man for his brother, Otto H. Parkening holds a fine position with the Western Union and he and his charming bride will take up their residence in Omaha.

COUNTY JUDGE ALLEN J. BEESON SURPRISED ON FORTIETH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Beeson Surprises Judge by Inviting the Members of the Cass County Bar to the Beeson Home Where a Splendid Five-Course Dinner Awaited the Them—Judge Presented With Chair.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Judge A. J. Beeson completed forty years of his earthly career yesterday, but he was never more completely surprised in this long and eventful period than last evening, when on arriving at his home about 6 o'clock he found fourteen husky members of the legal profession anxious to have a case heard at once. The Judge invited the "gentlemen with endless tongues" into his parlor, and he was again surprised, on peeping into the dining room, to find a banquet table spread and covers laid for twenty and the same adorned with shining silverware and cut flowers. It then dawned on the Judge that he had been the victim of a surprise party which had been planned and carried out by his good wife to perfection. After a few minutes' conversation the hostess invited the Judge and his brother lawyers to the dining room and the festal board was soon surrounded by a congenial company of gentlemen.

Mrs. Beeson was assisted by Mrs. D. O. Dwyer and Mrs. E. C. Hill, both in serving and entertainment. An elegant five-course dinner was served, the first course being oyster cocktail, and the finale ice cream and cake and coffee. At the close of the dinner hour Hon. R. B. Windham asked the attention of the banqueters for a moment, as he desired to make a few remarks, and took occasion to thank Mrs. Beeson for her splendid hospitality and her kind thoughtfulness in having the members of the Cass county bar present to assist in celebrating the Judge's birthday. He thanked Mrs. Beeson for thus bringing the bar together and affording an opportunity for the members to touch elbows in a common purpose. Mr. Windham then referred to the time when he and Judge Beeson were boys together, he first having met the Judge about thirty-two years ago. He referred to Judge Beeson's de-

ceased father and paid him a tribute of being one of the ablest members of the Cass county bar. Mr. Windham then presented the Judge, on behalf of the Cass county bar, a fine leather upholstered rocker.

Judge Beeson responded in a neat speech, acknowledging his complete and very agreeable surprise in having his brother lawyers with him. He had understood that the children were to give a little birthday dinner, but the pleasure of having the bar to dine with him had not been anticipated. He then thanked his wife for making the occasion memorable and paid a tribute to the wives and mothers of the members of the bar. In a humorous vein the Judge related how one member of the bar had taken him for a walk about 4 p. m. down toward the river, but he finally excused himself and was just on the point of starting home at a quarter to six, when another member "paced him around the postoffice block and to Mr. Windham's office" on a pretext that there were some important papers there he should inspect. While he was thus entertained his brothers had climbed the hill and taken possession of his home.

After dinner the bar amused themselves and the Judge by smoking, playing cards and spinning "yarns" until a late hour, when they adjourned, wishing the Judge forty more years of usefulness.

Regrets were phoned by J. H. Haldeman, W. C. Ramsey and others. Letters of regret were read from Judge J. L. Root and Judge B. S. Ramsey.

Those present were: Charles S. Aldrich, Edmundo; C. E. Tefft, Weeping Water; M. Archer, R. B. Windham, D. O. Dwyer, C. A. Rawls, A. L. Tidd, M. S. Briggs, J. M. Leyda, Thomas Walling, W. A. Robertson, J. E. Douglass, N. C. Abbott and Clerk of the Court James Robertson.

DEATH AT THE AGE OF NINETY-ONE YEARS

Mrs. Thomas an Invalid for Fifteen Years and a Great Sufferer.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mrs. Frances Thomas, the aged mother of Mrs. Anderson Davis, of near Eight Mile Grove, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Davis, last night. Mrs. Thomas has been an invalid for fifteen years and a great sufferer from rheumatism.

Frances Wiles was born near Laporte, Indiana, March 16, 1824, being past 91 years of age at the time of her death. When she was quite young her parents moved to Andrew county, Missouri, where at about the age of 18 she was married to Edward Neely. Four children were born to them, only one of whom survives, namely, Mrs. Susanna Davis, wife of Anderson Davis of this county. Mr. Neely died after some years, and later, about thirty-five years ago, the subject of this sketch was again married, this time to Abraham Thomas of Mills county, Iowa. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and about fifteen years ago Mr. Thomas died, leaving Mrs. Thomas, who was then an invalid, quite alone, when she came to Cass county to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Thomas leaves surviving her one brother, Captain Isaac Wiles, and two sisters, Mrs. Rachel Adams and Mrs. Rebecca Akeson, all of this county. In her early life Mrs. Thomas was a member of the Baptist church, but of late years she held her membership in the United Brethren

church and was a consistent member of this organization for many years. The funeral services will be held Friday at 12 o'clock noon at the residence of Mr. Davis, a few miles west of Murray.

Here From Nehawka.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Henry Schoemaker, from near Nehawka, was in the city a few hours this morning, en route home from South Omaha, where he had been with a car of cattle, which were on the market yesterday. Mr. Schoemaker came down from the city yesterday evening and remained over night and was a pleasant caller at the Journal office this morning. He says he met with a very good market, owing to the fact that he had good stuff, but never experienced such a slow market. There was a vast amount of stock placed on sale that looked as though they had passed a very hard winter and were nothing but hide and bones, and of course brought a very low price.

Departs for Arkansas.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. L. Schultz departed for Monticello, Arkansas, yesterday evening on No. 2. Mr. Schultz went a month or more ago with their car of farming implements and household goods, and has been pleased with his new home and the prospect for a good crop this season.

Gray Taken to Penitentiary.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Harry Gray, the confessed burglar of the Nehawka depot, who was arraigned before Judge Travis and received sentence some days ago, was taken to the penitentiary this morning by Sheriff Quilton to begin his sentence at hard labor.