

"TRUE PATRIOTISM," AN ADDRESS MADE BY WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE

The Preservation of the Home Trade to the Home Town Carries With It the Preservation of Many of Our American Institutions

It seems to me that a lot of good things in American life will pass just as surely as centralization of retail mail order business in cities continues.

The American country town, the town of from 100 to 100,000 people, preserves better than the crowded city and better than the lonely ranch and isolated farm life, the things that make America great.

Here in these country towns the spirit of neighborliness is the prevailing spirit. Men come to know one another and when any two human beings come to know one another, in the one who is intelligent and wise respect always rises for the other.

The American country town, with its broad circle of friendships, with its close homely simple relations between men, with its spirit of co-operation and with its economic status that permits the creation of no indelicately rich and no abjectly poor, the American country town, it seems to me, is the most hopeful of our American institutions.

To destroy that town, furnishing the market for the farmer and giving steady employment to labor, means a reorganization of our commercial, social and industrial life that will be revolutionary—and more a matter of doubtful value.

The mail order house therefore becomes a menace to this country. The mail order house unrestricted will kill our smaller towns, creating great cities with their terrible contrasts of life, with their cruel social relations, with their inevitable caste feeling that come from the presence of strangers who are rich and poor living side by side.

Friendship, neighborliness, fraternity or whatever you will call that spirit of comradeship that comes when men know one another well, is the cement that holds together this union of the states. It is not created in great cities.

Great cities give much in alms, but little in justice. Only as we know each other well can we treat each other justly; and the city is a

wilderness of careless strangers whose instincts of humanity are daily becoming more and more blunted to suffering, because in the nature of things suffering in cities must be impersonal. It is not the suffering of friends and neighbors and kith and kin as it is in the smaller towns. So the mail order house crushing out our towns is drying up the milk of human kindness in our hearts.

And that brings us back to first principles; if we who live in these small towns in America cannot see that our duty to our country lies first of all in our duty to our neighbors, then we are blind indeed to the basis of real patriotism, for after all patriotism is only neighborly kindness. Patriotism is not in cheering for the flag; it is not in feeling our eyes filled with emotional tears at hearing "The Star Spangled Banner;" patriotism is just old-fashioned human duty.

To sacrifice our neighbor—the man who helps the town with its taxes, with its public business, with its myriad activities for neighborly righteousness—to sacrifice that man and his business for the mere sake of saving a dollar on the purchase of a hundred dollars' worth of goods is just as unpatriotic as it is to spit at the flag.

For the flag if it means anything means the golden rule; the flag means friendly burden bearing; it means mutual help in trouble; it means standing together against common foes.

The motto of the mail order house is every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost—and you bet the devil will.

That spirit never fails to work; and the weak man, the unprotected man, the man alone—the man on the farm, at the end of the fact, when his farm market is gone, when his town is gone, when the spirit of selfishness and greed has left this country cold and hard and mean and neighborless—the farmer will be the hindmost.

So I am glad to know that this association is taking up this work—a cheerless, thankless but necessary and patriotic task—and is pushing it to a successful conclusion. You have my heartfelt sympathy and may call upon me whenever I can help.

Sell Out Telephone Company.

Lysle I. Abbott, as special master for the federal court, and acting under its decree, will sell all of the property, tangible and intangible, plant and franchise, in Omaha, South Omaha and Florence, to the highest bidder at public auction at the front door of the federal building at noon on July 1, says the Omaha World-Herald.

At least, he will try to sell it, for there is a string attached to the terms of the decree that no bid of less than \$1,000,000 in amount shall be received or considered; and likewise that each bid must be accompanied by \$100,000 in cash or certified check, as a guarantee that the purchase will be completed if the bid is accepted.

This is the result of foreclosure proceedings brought in behalf of the bondholders of the Title Insurance and Trust company.

Now comes the question of whether the new syndicate will buy in the property and continue it as an independent concern, or whether the Bell interests will absorb it.

Mrs. Conrad Schlater Better.

Mrs. Conrad Schlater, who was stricken with paralysis about a week ago, is improving slowly and is in a conscious condition a small part of the time. She talks much better than for some days and the family feel quite encouraged at the prospect of her early recovery.

Eagles Banquet Saturday Night.

A royal good time was had by the Eagles last Saturday night, when 150 or more met in the parlors and lodge room to have a social evening and enjoy a sumptuous banquet. The committee on arrangements, consisting of Mayor Sattler, Gid Areher and William Weber, prepared for a record-breaking meeting, and their efforts were crowned with the best of success. Every provision was made for the comfort and pleasure of the wives and children of the members. Cards and instrumental music furnished the amusement for the gathered company, progressive high five was enjoyed by all who cared to participate, and social talk was indulged in by all. The banquet was prepared by the best cooks obtainable and the tempting viands and delicacies were arranged to tempt the appetite. Fruits of various kinds were served, and ice cream of delicious flavors indulged in by all. There was more than an abundance for all present and enough left to banquet a company nearly as large.

Farming Proceeds in Iowa.

Mrs. Leonard Terryberry of Whiting, Iowa, arrived last week and will visit her parents, Charles Warner and wife, for a few days. Mrs. Terryberry states that the season is fine there, that her husband finished planting corn last week and the ground was never in better condition for good crops than it is near Whiting at this time.

Returned From Hospital.

John Meisinger, jr., who was operated on for appendicitis at St. Joseph's hospital, Omaha, two weeks ago, returned Saturday to his home near Cedar Creek. His father, Jacob Meisinger, of this city, went out to his son's home and looked after the farming during the time John, jr., was in the hospital. John is able to walk about, but of course moves cautiously and uses a cane. He was glad to get back to look after the cultivation of his crops, and his father was as glad to be relieved of the farm duties, as he has grown accustomed to city life now and rather likes it better in town.

WILLIAM RICHARDS TO BE PARDONED

A Former Well Known Character of Plattsmouth Connected With the Crime.

William Richards, former deputy United States marshal, of Des Moines, Iowa, serving an eighteen-year sentence for burglary at Fort Madison penitentiary, is to be pardoned on recommendation of the pardon board.

Richards was formerly well known here, and was in and out of Plattsmouth frequently, one of his accomplices in the crime being Frank Baird, who twelve years ago was proprietor of a restaurant in this city. The crime for which Richards and Baird were punished was the robbery of an old farmer and his wife in Hamilton county, Iowa, of \$2,500. A shotgun in the house was overlooked by the robbers, and when the party was leaving the farmer grasped the gun and fired at them, the full charge striking Baird in the face, tearing away a part of his nose and dangerously wounding him. Baird was captured, while Richards and the other accomplice, Redrup, escaped, and the latter has never been seen or heard of since.

Baird was prosecuted and gave out the story which caused Richards to be prosecuted and convicted. Richards has completed seven years of his sentence, and with the good behavior time deducted, had a little more than three years to serve. Baird was paroled some time ago.

Ertel Wins Debate.

The fifth annual state championship debate of the Nebraska High School Debating league, was held in Memorial hall, Lincoln, last Saturday morning and was won by Jesse L. Ertel of the Geneva High school, representative of the central district. Second place was awarded to Augustus Helmig of the Wymore high school, and third place to Arthur Ackerman of the Lincoln high school. The previous awards of the state debate were:

1908—Arthur Anderson of Wahoo won; Mark C. Hargrave, Wymore, second; Isabel Oldham, Kearney, third; Clayton Burke, Ord, fourth.

1909—Clayton S. Dadeliffe, Sidney, won; Paul Good, Wahoo, second; Harvey Hess, Hebron, third.

1910—Marie Douglass, Plattsmouth, won; Van Webster, Hastings, second; Jesse Ertel, Geneva, third.

1911—Victor Goulter, Wymore, won; Junius G. Oldham, Kearney, second; William P. Ackerman, Havelock, third.

To Drive Away Ants.

Limberger cheese laid away in cupboards and refrigerators will drive away ants, says an exchange. There is no doubt of it. It will drive the dogs out of a tan yard; it will drive a herd of cattle over a precipice; it will drive a tramp from a good meal; it will drive a mule through a barbed wire fence; it will drive a negro from a hen roost. Yes, sir, it will drive away aunts and uncles and if we had any cousins that it would not drive away, we would be tempted to disown them. And yet men sit down and eat and relish it. Ugh!

Philip Meisinger was transacting business with county seat friends last Saturday, driving in from his home for a few hours' visit with friends.

EARLY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES HIGH

Sample of Where the High Cost of Living Comes Home to Many People.

It is easy for the economic philosopher to account for some of the increased cost of living in the United States when he looks over any market or provision store in a northern city.

Twenty years ago the ordinary middle class in the north never expected to get any strawberries much before June 15. It was customary in many families to order southern fruit for Memorial day, May 30, as a special holiday treat, but then there would be a gap until native berries came along. Now the majority of families get strawberries early in May, transported many miles at high freight rates and cold storage.

And yet if our country is really growing more prosperous, it ought to be so that the working-man should have some of these semi-luxuries. They add zest to appetite when the palate is weary of the canned goods of winter. They promote health and physical well being. They have developed great industries in the south that employ a small army of laborers in a healthful occupation.

There is a demand, however, for unseasonably early fruits and vegetables that is wasteful. To meet it, these products are picked before they are ripe, are transported great distances and often come in very poor condition, wilted or decayed, where they cannot satisfy any normal appetite, but appeal merely to the sense of novelty. The purchase of food in this way is an item of national extravagance.

Funeral of George Wagner.

The funeral of George Wagner, the German farmer who died of heart failure while hitching his team Sunday morning, occurred this morning at St. John's Catholic church and was attended by a large congregation of the neighbors and friends of the deceased, who came to show their high regard for an upright citizen and kind neighbor. The funeral was conducted by Father M. A. Shine, pastor of St. John's church. The floral tributes were very beautiful and were silent reminders of the pure character of the deceased. The pall-bearers were given in yesterday's issue of the Journal. Interment was made in the Holy Sepulcher cemetery. The casket was followed to the cemetery by a long procession of sympathizing neighbors. Among those attending the funeral from the country were noticed: Adam Kauffenberger and wife, L. H. Puls and wife, Fred Hild and wife, L. H. Hild and wife and Jake Hild and wife.

Missouri River Yet Cutting.

Late reports from Folsom, where the Missouri river is cutting, is that the river continues to eat its way into the Iowa bank below where hundreds of carloads of rock have been dumped into the river. Railroad men in charge say there is little present danger of the river reaching the track. The point of greatest danger has been strongly fortified with the rock and at points below the distance from the track to the river is still considerable. The mysterious current that originated last week continues to be strong and is cutting huge blocks of land below where the railroad forces are working. The Godsey farm is still the heaviest loser of land.—Glenwood Tribune.

To Attend Convention.

Al Clabaugh, manager of the Plattsmouth gas plant, departed for Lincoln this afternoon, where representatives of the various gas companies throughout the country meet in convention. The meeting opens tomorrow morning and continues three days. The convention will be royally entertained in various ways, including a banquet at the Lincoln hotel.

Dee Shrader, from near Murray, was a county seat visitor last Saturday.

SENIOR CLASS COMEDIES PLEASE LARGE AUDIENCE AT THE PARMELE

The Young Ladies and Gentlemen Composing the Cast Display Great Ability in Their Acting and Show the Careful Training Given Them by Mrs. Dovey and Mr. Austin.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The senior class play was greeted last evening by a large and enthusiastic audience and the public was well repaid for turning out en masse to witness the comedies, which were well played. The audience was not at all backward in manifesting its approval of the clever performances of our High school seniors. Every part was played as perfectly as it is possible for an amateur to play. The production showed much careful training by the directors, Mrs. Dovey and Mr. Harry S. Austin, and the work of the individuals participating in the plays showed careful study and practice.

The class gave two comedies, "The Proposal Under Difficulties" and "The Freshman." The first was participated in by Elmer Frans, who had a leading part as Bob Yardsley; Miss Golda Noble, who also played a leading part as Dorothy Andrews, and the leads were well supported by Miss Edna Shopp as Jennie, and Conrad Schlater as Jack Barlow. Bob and Jack were rivals for the hand and heart of Dorothy Andrews, and Bob had reached the state of mind in which he was on the point of proposing, but feeling a bit nervous over the ordeal, was rehearsing his proposition, when Jennie, the Irish chambermaid, unnoticed, appeared and at the crucial moment came forward to accept Bob's offer of marriage. Bob was badly frustrated and before he could explain to Jennie, his rival, Jack Barlow, entered and engaged him in conversation, and Jennie made her exit, very much elated over the prospect of being Bob's bride.

While Jack and Bob were each trying to rid himself of the other, the object of their adoration, Dorothy, came upon the stage and conversed interestedly with the rivals. The climax of the situation was reached when Jennie appeared at the entrance to beckon her recently betrothed out of the room, and finally fell headlong

into the parlor and at once laid claim to Bob. Miss Shopp played her role exceedingly well, as also did Mr. Frans, Miss Noble and Mr. Schlater.

The situation was very ludicrous, as Jennie informed Dorothy and Jack that Bob had proposed and she had accepted. Bob got the attention of Dorothy and made a clean breast of his admiration for her and his rehearsal and requested his adored one not to compel him to go through the speech again. Dorothy made the matter easy by asking Bob what Jennie had said to his rehearsal. Jack at once saw his finish, and remarked that he would have to take his leave. The curtain was lowered on a touching little love scene.

During the time the second play was being gotten ready the M. W. A. orchestra, under the direction of Roy Holly, played some excellent selections for the entertainment of the audience and was most heartily applauded.

The second play was a three-act comedy and was well received by the audience, the players receiving frequent applause. The leading parts were taken by Major Arries, as John Warden, a freshman, and Miss Dorothy Britt, as Mary Locke, daughter of Prof. Locke (Dean Cummins). Almost as important were the parts of Miss Opal Fitzgerald, as Violet; Charles Gradoville, as "Owl" Griggs; Dean Cummins, as Prof. Locke, and Everett Ward, as Colored Horace. The other members of the cast were Misses Mildred Stewart, Barbara Clements, Lester Dalton, Wayne Propst and Ralph Larson.

The Journal regrets that time and space will not permit printing a synopsis of the play. Each part was taken by the individual students named in a manner to reflect credit upon the students, as well as the class and High school. Many complimentary remarks were heard in the audience after the performance regarding the players and the play.

Resolution of Condolence.

Whereas, It has pleased Divine Providence to remove from our midst Brother William Volk, a member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 45, Sons of Herman, and

Whereas, in his death this lodge loses one of its most useful and best of members, and this community one of its noblest, most upright and sincere citizens, and his family a faithful, kind and loving brother; therefore be it

Resolved, By Plattsmouth Lodge No. 45, Sons of Herman, that this lodge loses one of its most respected and upright members and this community one of its best citizens and his family a kind and loving brother; and be it further

Resolved, That this lodge tenders to relatives of our deceased brother our deepest and most sincere sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread at large upon the minutes of this lodge, and that a copy thereof be printed in the newspapers of the city of Plattsmouth and that the charter of this lodge be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days.

F. Neuman, John Jess, Max Simons, Committee.

Posts and Wood for Sale.

A quantity of good bur oak posts, and a large supply of good block wood for sale. For further particulars see Bower & Kinomen, one mile south and one and one-half miles west of Gullom. 5-20-1mo-wkly.

C. A. Rawls was an Omaha passenger on the morning train today, where he was called on professional business.

Hold Annual Election.

From Tuesday's Daily

At the regular annual meeting to elect officers the Masonic lodge of this city last night elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. A. Robertson, W. M.; George W. Thomas, S. W.; Nelson Jean, J. W.; Carl G. Fricke, treasurer; M. Archer, secretary. The balance of the officers will be appointed next month by the master of the lodge. After the regular order of business was disposed of the members sat down to a banquet, which furnished substantial enjoyment for some time. Toasts were responded to by many of the banqueters. There was a good attendance and the best of feeling prevailed. Those present from out-of-town were: James Loughridge, Murray; George W. Snyder, William Rummel, William Wehrlein, Charles Peacock and Joe Tubbs.

Advertising Does the Business.

We call the attention of the readers of the Journal again to the half-page advertisement of Sherwood & Son on the second page of the Journal. Messrs. Sherwood inform us that they did a big business last week, and it is no wonder, when it is considered that the price of their fine line of shoes has been almost cut in two. If one questions this, he should read the ad and prices there quoted, then step into the Sherwood & Son's store and let them show you how the reductions in prices are made. The firm is one of the oldest in the city and what they tell you can be relied upon. The house has built up its large business by honest dealing, and now is the time to buy from them while they are making the sale.