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## MERCHANTS IN GENERAL FAVOR MAYOR SATTLER'S PLAN OF CELEBRATION

We Are to Arrange for Celebrating the Great Natal Day, Let All Those Interested Get Busy At Once, As the Time Is Short to Make the Necessary Preparations for the Event.

From Friday's Daily.

Believing that the idea of Mayor Sattler concerning the celebration of the Fourth of July is a good one, the Journal has taken the trouble to interview some of the business men of the city to ascertain the sentiment toward a reasonably sane celebration. It is understood that nothing gorgeous or extravagant in the way of a parade and trades display will be attempted, as the outlay required by the individual merchants is too great for the results accomplished. Only two out of fourteen interviewed held a different view than that of Mayor Sattler, and favored attractions on Main street.

Henry Zuckweiler was of the opinion that the time was ripe for just such an event, and if the citizens of Plattsmouth and vicinity would come together on the Fourth, bring their lunch baskets and enjoy a social picnic dinner, have some speaking and music, with fireworks in the evening, all of which could probably be had for a couple of hundred dollars, this sort of a celebration would suit him.

John Crabill believed that a celebration such as suggested would be the proper thing, and much better than on an extravagant and gorgeous plan. He could be relied on to do his share. The idea of a rally at the park, where seats on the grass are available, appealed to him, rather than tramping back and forth along the hot paved streets.

John Nemetz was enthusiastic for a Fourth such as suggested by Mayor Sattler, where everybody would have a part in it, and he would like to see a celebration once where the idea of making money was left out.

Mr. Dotson of the postoffice barber shop also was in favor of the mayor's idea of going to the park for the speaking, musical program, etc., and in fact, the entire celebration. He was sure a couple of good ball games could be arranged for the afternoon; then have the band on the street in the evening with a few good selections to entertain the people until the fireworks were pulled off.

C. H. Smith was of the opinion that a celebration such as suggested by the mayor, where the citizens could get together and have a day of social intermingling would be a good thing. And he saw no objection to having the program in the park, where everyone could be comfortable; then have the band come down town in the evening with a concert and fireworks would fill out the evening's entertainment very nicely.

C. C. Westcott was enthusiastic for the notion of a celebration all could participate in, and suggested that the school children of the city be drilled on the patriotic songs, such as "America," "Star Spangled Banner" and others, under the direction of some one of the choir leaders and accompanied by two or three cornets and a like number of trombones, which would make a chorus that would be inspiring. These choruses, interspersed with the music by the band and the speaking would make just the sort of patriotism we all could enjoy.

Councilman Doye was of the opinion that the majority of the people of the city would enjoy the day more to engage in a celebration of the character suggested by the mayor than the usual surging up and down the paved street, and he was in favor of the program suggested, rather than make a lot of bluster and bring in the street fair attractions used in some instances.

Joe Hadraba, of the firm of Weyrich & Hadraba, declared that the idea of making money out of a patriotic celebration ought not to enter into it, and he agreed with the mayor's idea of what should constitute the program for the day, and let it be free to everybody, without concessions sold on the street. Mr. Weyrich, his partner, was of like opinion.

From the manner the matter is looked upon by the citizens in general, about all that is necessary to make the celebration a go is to have an organization with the committees on the different lines of entertainment right away, and let them map out a program.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE DISTRICT CONVENTION

Very Interesting Session at Weeping Water, Closing With the Election of Officers.

E. H. Westcott, E. C. Hill, Jesse Perry and Fred Hesse and Miss Wandra Ramsey and Miss Pheme Richardson returned today from the East Nebraska District Epworth League convention, which convened at Weeping Water Wednesday and Thursday of this week. A very interesting meeting was had, and in addition to the regular routine work of the convention some good speeches were made by the visiting delegates. The following list of officers was elected for the next year:

- President—E. H. Westcott of Plattsmouth.
- First Vice President—Gene Miller of Cook.
- Second Vice President—Miss Irma Pegler of Patmyra.
- Third Vice President—Miss Lulu Grush of Falls City.
- Fourth Vice President—Miss Viola Timblin of Weeping Water.
- Secretary—Guy Clements of Elmwood.
- Treasurer—Miss Clara Hendricks of Ashland.
- Junior S. S.—Rachel Stander of Louisville.
- Board of Control—Reverends Embry, Austin, Hinson and Townsend.

The next meeting will be at Falls City.

### New President of Association.

With the election of officers for the coming year and selection of Lincoln as the meeting place for the 1913 state convention, the tenth annual gathering of the Nebraska State Postmasters' association came to a close yesterday afternoon. By those who have attended all of the previous meetings since the organization of the association, it was said to be the most largely attended and most profitable convention ever held in the state.

Postmaster E. A. Sizer of this city, who for the past eight years has been at the head of the association, declined to take the honor again, and after making a speech in which he urged the members to elevate some other postmaster to the position, placed in nomination J. H. Tower of Sutton. The postmasters took kindly to the suggestion and Mr. Sizer's recommendation was made the unanimous action of the convention. The new president has been associated with the organization since it was formed and has held several minor offices in the past five years.—Lincoln Journal.

### Uncle Tom Writes Story.

Uncle Tom Kennish has a story in the June number of Sports Afield, under his non de plume, "Captain Charles Adams," entitled "The Second Mate's Story." The story is of the life at sea and very well told in the language of the mariner.

## WARNING AGAINST CHECK RAISERS

A Matter That Is of Great Interest to Bankers and Business Men in All Sections.

Check raisers have been considerably active of late in various sections of the country, and the Burns' Detective agency has sent out a few suggestions to the bankers and business men generally that might aid in getting rid of the swindling game to a great extent:

"This agency is informed that check raisers have been reported as operating in your section, swindling business men by 'raising' the amounts on their genuine checks.

"Therefore, we are sending this notice to banks and business men because it is often difficult to apprehend forgers of this class unless their operations are reported when first discovered by the signer of the manipulated check. It is suggested that bank depositors make it a rule to check up their pass books as often as possible, and use all due precautions to discover such alterations, if any, while there is still time to obtain evidence.

"Care in writing amounts is recommended, as well as the employment of a device that stamps a limiting amount across the check, such as is generally used by the banks, and that every check no matter to whom issued, should be properly stamped with the same.

"This warning applies to practically all business concerns that issue checks in the most unexpected ways, and the loss often falls on the signer rather than on the bank."

### Entertains at Musical.

From Thursday's Daily. About fifty ladies were delightfully entertained at a musical at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Roberts, on High School Hill, yesterday afternoon, the hostesses being Mesdames C. A. Rawls, William Baird and Roberts. A very pleasing program of instrumental and vocal music, interspersed with splendid readings, had been arranged by the hostesses for the entertainment of their guests, this program being as follows:

- "Thou Sublime, Sweet Evening Star" (Tanhauser)..... Wagner
- ..... Etha Crabill.
- "The Years at the Spring"..... Beach
- ..... Mrs. Hill Westcott.
- "How the Church Was Built at Kehoe's Bar".....John Bennett
- ..... Mrs. William Baird.
- "To the Spring".....Grieg
- ..... Etha Crabill.
- "Mother O'Mine".....Towis
- ..... Mrs. Hill Westcott.
- "Bobby Shafto".....Homer Green
- ..... Mrs. William Baird.
- "The Rose of Yester-e'en".....Rich
- ..... Mrs. Hill Westcott.
- "Notturmo" (May in Tuacony).....Nevin
- ..... Etha Crabill.

### Junior Base Ballists.

From Thursday's Daily. There was quite a hotly-contested game of base ball at the city ball park yesterday afternoon between two of the junior ball teams of the city. The Plattsmouth White Sox met the Winterstein Hill aggregation, and after the smoke of battle had cleared away the boys from the hill awoke to the situation that they were badly "skinned," as it were, by a score of 6 to 0. The members of the Plattsmouth White Sox feel very jubilant over their victory. Among the telling features of the game was the excellent work of the P. H. S. battery, which was composed of Rebal, Poisal and Buttery; Wilcox, Joyson and Neuman appeared in the same positions for the Winterstein Hill boys.

### And Then Some.

We overlooked the fact that recently M. A. Bates, the talented editor of the Plattsmouth (Neb.) Journal, celebrated his seventieth birthday. Mr. Bates owned and edited this paper for many years. Age rests on him lightly and he is still the same militant democrat that he was when in Grant City. Best of all, he sings the houn-dawg song, and praises Champ Clark from morning until night, and then lulls himself to sleep with "Old Champ Clark, all the Way from Pike."—Grant City (Mo.) Times.

## CASES DISPOSED OF IN DISTRICT COURT

The Criminal Docket Taken up Thursday and Business Pretty Well Cleaned Up.

The criminal docket of the district court was taken in hand on the 13th and the business of the term pretty well cleaned up.

In the case of the State vs. Fred Wrenn, an order was issued on motion of the county attorney to dismiss the case, the defendant to pay the costs.

State vs. John Bose was continued over the term, the defendant giving bond for his appearance, his father, Fred Bose, acting as surety.

State vs. Dal Tyson, wherein defendant was charged with assault and battery, was dismissed on motion of the county attorney, the defendant to pay the costs.

State vs. Wagner, dismissed on motion of the county attorney, defendant to pay the costs.

On the civil docket: The Murray State Bank vs. W. B. Spence was dismissed without prejudice.

In the matter of the Estate of Robert Kendall, the cause was continued over the term, on a stipulation of the parties.

A. O. Aull vs. J. W. Urwin was ordered continued over the term.

Henry H. Weideman vs. Watson Howard, et al., motion for new trial was argued and the peremptory writ of mandamus set aside and a rehearing granted.

### Architect Miller Here Today.

From Friday's Daily. Burd F. Miller, architect, 132-4 Brandeis theater building, Omaha, was in the city today, and with the Y. M. C. A. building committee, composed of C. A. Rawls, J. P. Falter, M. S. Briggs and E. H. Westcott, went over the building, and then, at Rawls & Robertson's office, talked over the plans for remodeling the building along the lines of its intended use. For the past six weeks the committee has been making an effort to get an architect to look over the building and draw plans so that an estimate could be submitted to the contractors and bids let for doing the work, but so very busy have been the Omaha architects that none of them could come until today. It is expected to have the plans soon, bids let and the work begun.

The contract for furnishing the plans and specifications was let to Mr. Miller, who is also the state architect, and a very capable man in his line. The plans and specifications will be ready for the consideration of the carpenters within a few days.

### Bats Infest Belfry.

Richards & Peters have secured the contract of raising and repairing the roof on the Coates block. On raising the roof and letting the light into the attic it was found to be alive with bats. A conservative estimate placed the number at 1,000,000. Several tons of fertilizer had been deposited on the garret floor by the pestiferous flying animals, which emitted an odor that startled the workmen. The bats have been entering through a water spout, and how to rid the building of the nuisance is a question that the manager of the building is deliberating upon at the present time.

J. C. Peterson transacted business with Omaha Jobbers this morning, returning on No. 24 this afternoon.

## THE NEBRASKA POSTMASTERS AT LINCOLN

Discuss "The Postal System," in Which Postmaster Says Experienced Run on Bank.

Thursday's session opened with a discussion of "The Postal Savings System" by Postmaster J. H. Hayes of Norfolk. Mr. Hayes, who was inclined to find a superabundance of good points about the new law, also picked out several provisions which, in his estimation, showed the hand of bankers of the country. Among other things he cited the rule which prohibits deposits from anyone under the years of age, and another rule which prevents any person depositing in excess of \$100 in the postal savings fund in any one month. Both of these, Postmaster Hayes declared, were provisions which might be interpreted as tending to defeat the organic principles of the new law. Other postmasters, joining in a general discussion of the system, found other points which they intimated might be called defects of the measure.

Postmaster Schneider of Plattsmouth declared that he had been one of the few postal savings bankers of the country who had experienced a run on his institution. He declared that this had brought to his mind what appeared to be the necessity of a larger and more available emergency fund. He said that inability to secure money from other funds of the postoffice might some day place the new department adjunct in a serious position.

### Enforcing Law as to Eggs.

Food Commissioner Hansen is sending out about 3,000 permits to sell cream testers throughout the state. The permit is good for a year and goes into effect July 1. Mr. Hansen also issues the following regarding the sale of ancient eggs:

By arrangement of Food Commissioner Hansen a meeting was held at the Lincoln hotel of the egg dealers of the state for the purpose of discussing the handling of eggs. Commissioner Hansen, in his talk to the egg dealers, said that he would vigorously prosecute anyone buying and selling rotten eggs; that candling would have to be done by buyers and that he expected to be kept informed of the condition of eggs received; that his inspectors had been instructed to be busy in looking up bad egg shipments, and if found the shippers would be prosecuted for intent to sell rotten eggs. He also stated that producers, merchants and egg buyers must candle eggs and reject the spoiled ones. Rotten eggs shipped have placed Nebraska eggs in bad repute on the eastern market, and the producers are losing large amounts of money, as they are compelled to accept low quotations on Nebraska eggs.

### Investigate Bridges.

From Friday's Daily. County Commissioners Jordan, Fredrich and Heebner took a trip over this city this morning and viewed the county bridges within the city limits, with a view of placing them in repair. The city pays a large proportion of the bridge fund tax into the county treasury, and as a result of the inspection by the commissioners the county may build a concrete bridge at the foot of Winterstein Hill and put an end to the continual expenditure of money for repairs on this bridge. The material of value in the present structure could be used to advantage in repairing some of the other county bridges in the city. The improvement is a much needed one, as the bridge is on one of the principal thoroughfares of the city.

### Will Assist Omaha Musicians.

From Friday's Daily. Ed Schulhof and Roy Holly returned from Omaha on the mid-night train last night, where they went to rehearse with the orchestra of forty pieces which will play for the Sunday school convention on Monday, June 17. Mr. Schulhof will play a cornet and Mr. Holly a violin. The music will be inspiring.

### Entertain Great-Granddaughter.

From Friday's Daily. Mrs. H. F. Crittenden and babe of Lincoln have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Steimker for a week. Mr. and Mrs. Steimker are the grandparents of Mrs. Crittenden, and her little daughter is the only great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steimker. Although the little Miss is quite small, yet her influence is great and she is the pride of her great-grandparents.

## SHEELEY MAY NOT GO TO THE PEN

Pleads Guilty to the Charge of Bribery, but Appeals Case to Higher Court.

Charles G. Sheeley, who pleaded guilty to bribery in a case against him in court at Greeley, Colorado, where it was charged he had bribed a county commissioner, and who was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary and to pay a large fine, may not serve the time allotted. While pleading guilty to the charge his lawyers secured permission to appeal the case to the supreme court of Colorado, where the question of bringing a county commissioner being a crime will be determined. The law makes it a felony to bribe a ministerial or judicial officer in that state, but says nothing about bribing an executive officer. County commissioners are classed as executive officers. If the court decides that it is no crime to bribe a county commissioner in that state Sheeley will go free.

Mr. Sheeley was a former resident of Lincoln and a bridge contractor well known over the state. The alleged bribery case grew out of the letting of contracts for public work at Greeley. Mr. Sheeley now lives in Denver.—Lincoln Journal.

Mr. Sheeley, the gentleman referred to above, is well known in Plattsmouth and Cass county in general, having been the successful bidder for all the bridge work in Cass county for a number of years.

### A Painful Accident.

Fred Young's son, Clifford, 11 years of age, was seriously injured last Friday by being thrown from a load of hay, his injuries consisting of a broken bone and sprain of the left wrist and a sprain of the right wrist. The accident occurred near their home, where Clifford and three of his brothers were hauling hay, perched upon a high load. A ditch beside the road caused the load to topple over, and in making his landing Clifford stopped quite forcibly as well as suddenly, resulting as above stated. His injuries are not of a permanent nature, but will disable him for some time, and the only consolation he finds in return for his pain is the fact that the other boys have to "pail the cows" and do his share of chores.—Union Ledger.

### Happily Wedded.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Lau of Sutherland, Neb., arrived last Thursday for a week's visit with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lau, on Wednesday, June 5, Mr. C. A. Lau and Lillie White were married in Sutherland. The bride is a daughter of James White, a wealthy landholder near Sutherland, and the wedding was largely attended. The groom is assistant cashier of the State bank there, and has made many friends during his eighteen months' residence. The Republican voices the sentiment of many friends of the groom in wishing them a very happy and prosperous married life.—Weeping Water Republican.

### Fred Holka and Wife Here.

From Friday's Daily. Fred Holka and wife of South Bend came to the county seat on No. 4 this morning to look after business matters at the court house. Mr. Holka has been a Journal reader for twenty-five years, although just at present he takes an Ashland paper, he having changed his residence nearer to that city than formerly. Mr. Holka is one of the prosperous German farmers of western Cass county.