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WHAT CAUSES THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

Too Many Lawyers and Doctors, and Not Enough Farmers the Great Cause.

In every large city in the land young men are starving, wasting their lives away trying to make a living as lawyers, preachers and doctors, says the Omaha Journal-Stockman. The professions are all over-crowded and there is no immediate necessity for additional recruits for these supposedly genteel lines of work. Still the colleges of the country are busy preparing men for these professions and incidentally spoiling them for the more useful, gainful and productive positions. Contrast this with the work being done by the agricultural schools where every student is practically assured of a good position long before he graduates. There is no danger of the farming profession ever being over-crowded and if there were more candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Farming there would be less complaint concerning the high cost of living. Our whole educational system is wrong in magnifying the collars and cuffs profession and it is about time for a change. The fossils who are responsible for our present system cannot be expected to advocate any change and it is simply up to the young men and women of the country to assert themselves, to break away from the traditions of centuries and prepare themselves for useful lives rather than for positions of doubtful benefit to humanity and in which even existence is more or less precarious and uncertain.

An "Aggressive Progressive."

"Aldrich has been an aggressive progressive for years; Morehead has been as aggressively reactionary," says the Central City Nonpareil. As a fighter for democratic principles Morehead was an "aggressive progressive" when Aldrich was still clinging to the moss-grown traditions of his party. Morehead was fighting behind Bryan all the years when Mr. Bryan was advancing the progressive doctrines now so loudly and strenuously claimed as being of republican origin. Morehead did not have to change his opinions or his ways in order to be a progressive. The statement that "Morehead hung back on direct legislation," which statement the Central City Nonpareil makes, is absolutely false and wholly unfounded. Morehead was pledged to direct legislation, openly favored it, as openly advocated it and voted for the passage of the amendment now submitted to the people. At no time did he offer an amendment to the bill when it was in the senate, although he favored some of the amendments offered, just as the framers of the bill favored some of them. The senate record, not the home-made opinions of opposition editors, is best evidence of the progressiveness of John H. Morehead.—Will Maupin's Weekly

Up From Nehawka.

From Friday's Daily. Mr. H. H. Stoll, one of the prosperous farmers from northwest of Nehawka, came to Plattsmouth yesterday evening for a few hours' visit with county seat friends. He came up with Park Chriswiler and Frank Gorton, the automobile men, who were looking after some auto matters in the flourishing south Cass town. They will return with Mr. Stoll this evening. Mr. Stoll has been a reader of the Journal for many years, and, of course, paid this office a pleasant call and at the same time renewed for his paper to 1913.

Comes to Plattsmouth.

From Friday's Daily. Mike Eedo, a prosperous Sarpy county farmer, crossed the Platte river bridge this morning, bringing his produce to this city, and did considerable shopping before he left for his home. He was accompanied by F. R. Marks, the La Platte pool hall proprietor, who had business here.

The Journal office carries all kinds of typewriter supplies.

New Boiler Coupled On.

The Plattsmouth Water company has completed the connection of the new boiler with the old one at the pumping station, and the new machinery is now all in position. J. H. McMaken, with a force of five men, began Monday on the work of connecting up the new boiler, and stayed with the job until it was completed. The manager has in contemplation the erection of a new concrete smoke-stack to take the place of the brick stack, which has settled on one side and is leaning slightly.

GAS EXPLOSION AT HAVELOCK SHOPS

Narrow Escape of Employees at the Burlington Storehouse in Havelock Friday.

From Saturday's Daily.

B. G. Wurl returned from Havelock last evening on No. 13, where he had been with several hundred cigars for the trade. Mr. Wurl arrived there yesterday morning a short time before a disastrous explosion had occurred in the Burlington storehouse.

An acetylene gas tank, about 4 feet high and 2 or more feet in diameter, exploded from some unknown cause, blowing all of the windows out of the storehouse, overturning desks and making a general upheaval in the room. A small fire was started, which prompt action on the part of near-by employees prevented from doing any damage.

The explosion occurred at near the hour of 6 o'clock, which was a fortunate circumstance, as there are twenty or more lady stenographers and clerks, besides a force of male clerks employed in the storehouse, some of whom, no doubt, would have been injured had they been at their desks when the accident occurred.

Death of Mrs. Keckler.

Mrs. Eliza Keckler died Monday morning at her home east of Manly after a lingering illness of several months, aged 55 years, 4 months and 9 days. Mrs. Keckler's condition was known to be hopeless, but the end was not expected so soon and was a shock to friends and relatives. Mrs. Keckler has been in failing health for several years and although everything was tried that medical skill could devise, no permanent relief was given. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon, the funeral procession leaving the house at 2 o'clock. Services were conducted at the house by Rev. Townsend of the Weeping Water Methodist church. Interment was made in the Weeping Water cemetery. She leaves one son, Eli Keckler, besides many relatives and friends to mourn her demise. The Courier extends sympathy.—Louisville Courier.

Back From the Coast.

E. O. Mayfield and wife of Omaha, who have just returned from the Pacific coast after an absence of two months, were in town Thursday. When Mr. Mayfield left for the west he had to occupy a berth all the way, owing to the illness that had lasted all winter, but ten days after arrival on the coast he was much better and now comes home greatly improved. He expects to spend the summer, as he did last summer, in the open, with a view of fully recovering his health, which failed a year and a half ago at Cleveland, Ohio, when he was managing a large wholesale paper and printers' supply house.—Louisville Courier.

Returns From Philippines.

Robert E. Townsley, formerly a Union boy, who has been one of Uncle Sam's faithful soldiers for several years, arrived here Tuesday morning from Manila, P. I., and is visiting his sister, Mrs. Hallie Delaney, and other Union relatives and friends. He has been in the Philippines the past two and one-half years, and his term of enlistment having expired he decided to run over here to "see the people" for awhile. He apparently enjoys soldier life, and may conclude to re-enlist for another term.—Union Ledger.

Spending Vacation at Home.

Miss Georgia White is spending her vacation at home. Miss White came in Saturday, but our reporter failed to see her get off the train. Miss Georgia is very proficient in her calling, that of trimming millinery, and her services are eagerly sought by the leading millinery establishments, who have learned of her most excellent workmanship and fine qualities.

COMMERCIAL CLUB HOLDS MEETING

Oppose Holding Carnival on the Streets and Appoint Committee of Arrangements for Institute

From Friday's Daily.

There was a good attendance at the regular meeting of the Commercial club last night when President T. H. Pollock called the meeting to order. Secretary A. L. Tidd read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved without alteration.

Reports of special committees were called for, and E. H. Wescott reported that the committee appointed to take up the matter of the lay-over of the Sioux City Burlington crews with the manager would attend to the matter as soon as the committee could get to it. He also reported that the old committee on band concerts could not handle the matter, whereat a motion prevailed to discharge the committee and appoint a new one. The president then appointed a new committee consisting of George Falter, John Crabbill and C. W. Baylor.

When the committee on roads made its report Superintendent Baird called attention to the street west of the Masonic home, informing the club that the street was in bad shape for automobile usage, rendered so from dumping large cinders and cinders in the street. Mr. Baird also stated that some complaint of automobilists disturbing people by opening exhausts on their engines and running with them open had been heard.

Mr. Tidd reported on the work done by the advertising committee.

The attention of the club was called to the Teachers' Institute to be held in Plattsmouth August 5th to 10th, by Prof. N. C. Abbott, and the club was informed that upwards of 150 teachers would attend the institute. On August 5th there is to be a reception tendered the teachers at the homes of Mr. Abbott and E. H. Wescott from 8 to 10 o'clock p. m., in the nature of a lawn social, at which time there will be a band concert for the entertainment of the city's guests, the teachers. On August 6th it is suggested that the teachers be given an automobile ride about the city from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening.

On motion, the chair appointed as an arrangement committee Prof. N. C. Abbott, J. P. Falter, William Baird, D. C. Morgan and A. L. Tidd. The club decided to furnish the funds for the band concert and reception.

Mr. Pollock reported that Mr. Wakeley of the Burlington was rearranging his schedule with a view of giving Plattsmouth a better train service, and the secretary was directed to write Mr. Wakeley thanking him for his interest and promptness in taking the matter up at once.

On motion, it was voted to recommend that no band concerts be held on Main street, but that arrangements would be made for some suitable place for holding same.

A motion was made and carried that the Plattsmouth Commercial club is opposed to allowing any carnival company to occupy any of the business streets or avenues of the city.

Make Correction.

In the issue of Wednesday the Journal was in error in stating that Miss Marie Kaufmann was to teach penmanship two and a half hours weekly; the writer intended to say that Miss Kaufmann would teach penmanship two and one-half days per week in the city schools of Plattsmouth.

"TELL THE TRUTH" GROVER CLEVELAND

Facts in Regard to Last Pension Law, Which is Not Satisfactory to Pensioners.

Ed. Journal: On behalf of a number of comrades I want to ask you to give the facts about the new pension law. A partisan republican paper says a republican congress made the democrats pass this new law, which is far short of being a just bill. I know you will tell us the truth about it and won't try to deceive us. We all read a little and know some things as well as some other people.

Assuring "Veteran" that we will not purposely deceive him and his associates who ask us concerning the new pension law, we will follow it from beginning to end. In the first place, there is no republican congress. The house of representatives is democratic and the senate republican. Isaac R. Sherwood (democrat) representing the Ninth Ohio district, introduced in the house what is commonly known as the "Dollar a Day" pension bill. It was referred to the committee of Invalid Pensions, of which Sherwood is chairman. The committee consists of ten democrats and six republicans. The bill was reported back favorably and finally passed the house by a decided majority under the ruling of that sterling democratic speaker, Champ Clark. The bill then went to the senate and was referred to the committee of pensions, of which Porter J. McCumber is chairman. The committee consists of eight republicans and six democrats. Opposition to the bill at once developed, with the Moggon republican senator from Utah, Reed Smoot, leading it. He and a number of his associates argued that the bill would cost the country too much money. After a whole lot of wrangling a majority of the committee emasculated and remodeled the bill into its present shape. The republicans had a clear majority of the committee and could have reported the bill for passage. Three democratic senators voted to report the bill in the persons of Pomerene of Ohio, Shively of Indiana and Taylor of Tennessee. After the bill was amended to suit Senator Smoot and his republican colleagues the bill was passed. The bill then went into conference and the republican senators gave the democratic representatives to understand that if the Smoot bill did not pass no other legislation on the subject would be considered. Believing that half a loaf is better than no bread at all, the democrats agreed to the bill as it now stands. Had the Sherwood bill been passed by the senate all the old soldiers would have been placed on an equality. The senate bill as given to the old soldiers requires that they become old as Methuselah before they can secure the maximum benefits. The glory of this law belongs to the republicans. Even the old soldiers won't dispute that statement. But they are not satisfied with it and will voice their dissent at the polls.

Teachers Take Examination.

From Friday's Daily. County Superintendent Miss Mary Foster today and tomorrow will hold examinations for certificates good in the rural schools. The following young ladies took the examination today: Misses Ula Heebner of Nehawka, Mabel Rood of Omaha, Gretchen Bueck of South Omaha, Mona Reid of Elmwood, Jennie Hitchman of Weeping Water, Josephine Hitchman of Weeping Water, Gussie Hoham of Greenwood, Olive Clark of Union, Bessie Vandenberg of Murdock and May Pickwell of Murdock. Miss Mattie Larson of this city assisted Miss Foster with the examinations today.

Mr. Walter Sundell and family of Oakland, Neb., who have been visiting Leonard Born and family for the past week, having made the trip in their fine automobile, returned home yesterday by way of Iowa. Miss Minnie Born accompanied them as far as Omaha, where she will visit for several days with Mrs. William Haffke.

Returns From Aurora.

From Friday's Daily. Mrs. H. D. Travis returned from the annual convention of the P. E. O. society, which convened at Aurora this week. Mrs. Travis received a very complimentary vote for the position of state organizer, but after the vote was taken Mrs. Travis withdrew her name, as the duties of visiting the 54 local orders in the state, besides new ones to be organized, was more than she cared to undertake in her present state of health.

TO SPEND WINTER MONTHS IN FLORIDA

W. J. Bryan Buys a Home in the State of Florida and Also Other Property.

Evidently W. J. Bryan does not intend to put up with any more severe winters in Nebraska, according to a story printed in a Miami, Florida, newspaper. Mr. Bryan is said to have purchased a choice residence tract, whereon he will build an \$8,000 residence. The account follows:

"William Jennings Bryan has leased the Brickell cottage on the southwest corner of Twentieth street and Brickell avenue and will bring his family here the first of November to spend the winter months.

"Mr. Bryan already has shipped his automobile and household furniture, as he does not believe in waiting until the last moment and run the risk of not being provided when the time comes.

The Brickell residence has recently been built and it is one of the handsomest in that section of the city. Mr. Bryan and family are planning to spend an enjoyable winter in the city, improving their property near the "punch bowl" on the coconut grove road.

"An \$8,000 residence will be built under Mrs. Bryan's supervision. Ex-Governor W. S. Jennings and J. L. Billingsley, who purchased with Mr. Bryan a large tract of land on the bay front situated at the "punch bowl," also intend to improve their property.

"Work has already been started on a sea wall in front of the property. It will be built on the same plan as the one at the Matherson place and will cost about \$5,000."

In Honor of Mrs. George Boeck.

From Friday's Daily.

A number of ladies were entertained in a most delightful manner at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boeck yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Boeck in honor of Mrs. George Boeck of Newkirk, Oklahoma, who is a guest at the Boeck home. The ladies derived much pleasure from social conversation and various amusements, which made the hours pass all too rapidly. An elegant two-course luncheon was served, the hostess being assisted in serving by Misses Tille Lehnhoff and Gretchen Boeck of South Omaha. The ladies who enjoyed Mrs. Boeck's hospitality on this occasion were old-time friends of the honor guest, she having resided in this vicinity at one time. Those in attendance were: Mesdames George Boeck, Hempel, E. G. Dovey, Eva Reese, Jacob Vallery, Fred Lehnhoff, sr., Rheinbackle, Sarah McElwain, Goos, R. R. Livingston, Rummel, George Thomas; Misses Tille Lehnhoff and Gretchen Boeck of South Omaha.

C. C. Wescott Elected.

From Thursday's Daily.

At the election of officers at the Nebraska State Sunday School convention at Omaha yesterday morning Mr. C. C. Wescott, senior son of the popular clothing firm of C. C. Wescott's Sons, was elected to the position of recording secretary, a position which Mr. Wescott has filled with efficiency during the past four years. A picture of the officers for next year occurred in the Omaha Bee of yesterday, and Mr. Wescott's face gives the picture a touch of local interest to Plattsmouth people wherever they are.

T. F. Wiles of Omaha arrived today to look after business matters for a few hours.

PICKNICKERS ENJOY PLEASANT AFTERNOON

Sunday School Scholars and Teachers Spend Afternoon in the Woods.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock the members of St. Luke's Sunday school and a large number of their parents and friends and members of the church gathered at the F. G. Fricke home, where several carryalls awaited them. At an appointed time they were driven to Paradise park, northwest of this city, where they participated in a picnic. Mr. Will Egenberger, who is superintendent of the Sunday school, and who, on this occasion was ably assisted by Misses Violet Dodge, Dorothy Britt, Barbara Gering and Chester Baylor, sr., had planned a number of outdoor amusements for the picnickers, which were indulged in by both old and young. Eating crackers contest was held between the boys and girls, in which Paul Hatt captured the boys' prize and Miss Edith Dovey the girls' prize. The next was a race between the little boys and girls, Chester Baylor, jr., succeeding in landing the prize. The little girls then indulged in a foot-race, with Mildred Miller coming out ahead; after which the big girls ran a race and Lewey Miller was the winner. This was followed by a hippity-hop race by the girls, and Alma Roberts won the prize in this contest. A sack race was the next amusement, and in this contest George Dovey, jr., was awarded the prize. Another stunt was a race by the little tots, and Bertha Toogood was present with the prize. A ladies' race was also held, in which Miss Barbara Gering proved the swiftest. About this time preparations were made for the picnic supper. Coffee for the old people was made over an open fire, and delicious lemonade for the little ones. A fine picnic supper was served, the little folks being attended to by their teachers. There was lots of good things to eat, ice cream and cake being served for the last course. We almost forgot to mention that there was a ball game held, which was entered into with enthusiasm and interest. Some of the guests were: Rev. T. J. Collar of Omaha, who had come to this city to take charge of the funeral services of the late Mrs. George Dodd; Walter White, Guy McMaken and Mr. Lewis. It was quite late when the merry picnickers returned to their homes, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves and very much indebted to Superintendent Egenberger and his able corps of assistants for the splendid good time.

Funeral of Mrs. Dodd.

From Friday's Daily.

The funeral of Mrs. George G. Dodd, who died at her home in Los Angeles some days ago, occurred at St. Luke's Episcopal church in this city yesterday and was conducted by Rev. Collar, rector of Good Shepherd church in Omaha. A large number of the former friends and neighbors of the deceased lady attended the service, thus showing their respect and tender regard for one, though separated from them long ago, could never be forgotten.

The music consisted of a few familiar hymns sung by members of St. Luke's choir, some of them being particular favorites of Mrs. Dodd. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful and were silent mementoes of the beautiful Christian character of the departed. Interment was made in the family lot in Oak Hill cemetery. The pall-bearers were selected from among the old-time neighbors of the deceased and were: Morgan Weybright, Guy D. McMaken, B. A. McElwain, City Treasurer Carl G. Fricke, Judge A. J. Beeson and C. H. Smith.

Grand Ball on the Fourth.

The Cosmopolitan club of this city will give a grand ball at Coates' hall Thursday evening, July 4th. The music for the occasion will be furnished by the M. W. A. orchestra and will be up-to-date. Everybody cordially invited and a good time is assured to all who attend. Remember the date —the Fourth of July.