

AN INTERESTING STORY IN EARLY RAILROADING

Andrew G. Peterson, Now Banker,
but When Railroad Engineer
Made a Lively Run.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A most interesting story concerning a former Plattsmouth railroad man appeared in the World-Herald of Sunday and to many of the older residents of the city the incidents are well remembered. Mr. Andrew G. Peterson, the chief figure of the story, was then a resident of this city and was for several years an engineer for the company on the road. The article tells of the thrilling run of a train to the scene of the convicts' uprising at the state penitentiary and was as follows:

Andrew G. Peterson, president of the Aurora National bank, was one time an engineer on the Burlington railroad, and thereby hangs a tale dating back to the fall of 1874, when he made the fastest run on record up to that time from Omaha to Lincoln, carrying government soldiers who were rushed to Lincoln to quell an uprising at the state penitentiary, in response to the call of Governor David Butler.

At that time Mr. Peterson lived at Plattsmouth, where he was an engineer, making regular trips out on the line from 1870 to 1879. Discussing the riot call and the run down to Lincoln with the World-Herald correspondent, Mr. Peterson said:

"In the fall of 1874 I was an engineer on the B. & M. and was at Plattsmouth, when I received orders from Superintendent I. W. Irving to proceed to Omaha with my train and take a company of soldiers from there to Lincoln to quell a riot among the prisoners, and to make the run with all possible haste. It seems the riot was started by a prisoner named McWatters, I think sent up from Nebraska City, who saw an opportunity and overpowered the warden, dressed in some of the warden's clothing, secured his keys and proceeded to get access to the arms and ammunition and to arm the prisoners. A lively battle ensued, but the expert marksmanship of one of the guards held them at bay until we arrived. To prevent escape on the outside of the wall citizens from Lincoln were stationed as guards until our arrival, when the riot was put down."

Mr. Peterson is adverse to talking about himself, except in the most abbreviated form, but he admits that the run to Lincoln from Omaha, his train having the right-of-way, was filled with the usual thrills, owing to the condition of the track at that early period, it being much different from what it is today. He whirled the cars filled with soldiers through the towns and villages between Omaha and Lincoln as fast as he could make the wheels turn. Just how fast he ran his train he didn't know until he had arrived at Lincoln, when he found he had covered the distance between Ashland and Lincoln, twenty-four miles, in less than twenty-five minutes. His time between Omaha and Ashland was somewhat less, as the short line between Omaha and Lincoln had not then been built, and the run had to be made by way of Orea-

polis and up along the Platte through Louisville, where the curves are abrupt and the danger, as the roadbed then was, made it possible that a fast train would go into the river. No time, however, was lost and the government officials expressed satisfaction at the time made, from start to finish.

The following record of the riot run and Mr. Peterson appear in a history of Nebraska that was printed some years ago:

"Andrew G. Peterson, merchant and banker, was born in Sweden, near the town of Algdurum, Oland, November 23, 1847, where his occupation was farming. In 1869 he came to the United States, worked at Council Bluffs until the spring of 1870, when he came to Plattsmouth, Neb., and went to work for the B. & M. R. R. company in the engine house. He remained in their employ until 1879, being engineer on the road the last seven years. At the time of the state prison riot at Lincoln, in 1874, Mr. Peterson pulled an extra train from Omaha to Lincoln, carrying soldiers to the scene of the riot, making the fastest time on record in the state up to that time. The distance between Ashland and Lincoln is twenty-four miles and this he ran in less than twenty-five minutes, by special order from the superintendent, I. W. Irving, George W. Holdrege being assistant superintendent. On the train William Agnew was conductor and Fred Mickelwait brakeman, he being the first white baby born in Plattsmouth, and at the age of 18 years weighed 320 pounds. The train arrived with the soldiers in time to prevent the escape of a single prisoner.

"Mr. Peterson started in his present business in Aurora in 1879, and in 1889 assisted in organizing the Aurora State bank, with D. E. Thompson, president; A. G. Peterson, cashier; John Tidball and Ed Bignell as directors."

PLATTSMOUTH LADIES TO ORGANIZE CHAPTER OF D. A. R.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mrs. Charles O. Norton of Kearney, Neb., state regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was in the city last evening, the guest of Mrs. Charles Parmele. At 7:30 o'clock she met with a number of ladies at the home of Mrs. Hill Wescott, where "Ancestral Trees" were discussed until a late hour. It is the intention of Mrs. Norton to organize a chapter of the D. A. R. in Plattsmouth as soon as the required number can be secured. Mrs. Street, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Wescott are already connected with the Falls City chapter, and Mrs. Parmele's records have been passed upon by the proper authorities at Washington, so the nucleus for a chapter has been formed. Anyone having had an ancestor who gave honorable service in the revolutionary war is eligible. If anyone desires to become a charter member of the chapter when it is organized, they may secure proper application blanks from either Mrs. Street or Mrs. Parmele.

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SERIES OF LECTURES AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Young Men's Builders' Class Has
Arranged for a Series of
Lectures.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Young Men's Builders' class of the Presbyterian church of this city has arranged a series of lectures that will be given at that church on Friday evening, and the seven lectures will be on different professions, in order to aid the young men just starting out in life in choosing their calling. These lectures will be given by some of the most eminent men in the state in their different callings and they will be well worth attending by the older men of the city, as well as the young ones. In addition to the lecture a luncheon will be served to add to the social features of the entertainment, and a general good feeling created among the young men of the town, as well as of the church.

The first of the lectures will be given Friday evening, February 21, entitled, "The Lawyer," and will be delivered by Attorney Charles G. McDonald of Omaha, a lawyer of considerable practice in the courts, who can explain to the young men the features of the law and the needs of those taking it up as a life work.

On Friday, March 7, "The Editor" will be described by James B. Woolan, associate editor of the Omaha Bee, who will explain in detail the work necessary to carry on a great daily paper and its management.

C. C. Belden of Omaha, one of the leading merchants of the metropolis, has been secured for Friday evening, March 21, when he will speak on "The Merchant," giving the necessary advice to those who would choose this as a life work.

Dr. Frank M. Conlin of Omaha will speak on "The Doctor" Friday evening, April 4, and he is eminently fitted to lecture on the subject of the practice of medicine, being a prominent physician of the metropolis.

The class has been most fortunate in securing for the lecture on "The Farmer," Dean E. A. Burnett of the College of Agriculture at the state farm, Lincoln, and any of the young men residing near this city would be well repaid by coming in to hear this gentleman on the evening of April 18, as he is one of the leading men in this line in the west.

On Friday evening, May 2, "The Minister" will be delivered by Rev. Thomas H. McConnell, D. D., pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Omaha, and his life work in the preaching of the gospel fits him to tell the young man what he must expect when he enters the ministry.

The final lecture in the course will be given on Friday evening, May 16, and will be "The Civil Engineer," and will be delivered by R. N. Towl of the Towl Engineering company of Omaha, and will prove one of the most interesting of the series.

To defray the expenses of the lectures and the luncheon served at these meetings tickets will be sold for the whole seven lectures at 75 cents each, which is about 41 cents a lecture; or single admissions will be sold at 25 cents. This is done purely to cover the actual expense incurred and the lectures will be well worth five times the price, but it is desired to reach the young men of the town in this manner and give them a chance to see in what direction their choice of a life-work lies. The young men and older ones, as well, should join in this movement for the advancement of a good work.

Sell Out Pool Hall.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The pool hall at Omaha that has been under the management of A. B. Koubeck and Henry Klingner for some months, has been changed by the retirement of Mr. Koubeck from the firm and the business will be conducted by Mr. Klingner alone in the future. The boys have been very successful in conducting the pool hall, but Mr. Koubeck finds he cannot devote the time from his other interests and has sold his interest to his partner.

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REMOVAL OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY

From Wednesday's Daily.

The editor of the Journal was a visitor in Lincoln several days this week. Our visit did not mean anything of a political nature. We delayed our visit until Governor Morehead had given out all of his best appointments for fear that our visit to the governor might be misconstrued. Tuesday morning we called on the governor and found him in a very pleasant mood, notwithstanding the rumors in Lincoln of great dissatisfaction in the manner of his disposal of the various official positions within his gift. Governor Morehead does not seem the least bit worried, and, in fact, is doing what he thinks is right, just the same as any other governor would do, paying but very little attention to the criticisms advanced by the disappointed.

Was there ever a governor in Nebraska or any other state, for that matter, that did suit everybody in his appointments? Well, we guess not. The governor is in the enjoyment of good health and is well liked by nearly everybody. He is opposed to the removal of the state university, and so are we, since we have learned more regarding the question. The university is well located for the poorer class of boys who desire to go to school, and have no rich relatives to pay their tuition, board, etc. These boys have been furnished employment during their stay in Lincoln, morning

and evenings, which enables them to pay their way. We understand that nearly one-half of the boys that attend the university are of the poorer class and are striving thus to educate themselves. The removal of the university would deprive these boys of an opportunity to educate themselves, and we do not desire to go on record as throwing even one little pebble in their way to receive that which will aid them in their future career—an education. Therefore we are henceforth opposed to removal.

MATTHEW GERING HAVING NEW FRONT PUT IN STORE BUILDING

The front of the drug store of Edward Rynott is being changed preparatory to the installing of a modern, up-to-date New York front, which will make it one of the finest appearing store fronts in the city. The entrance to the store will be lowered to the level of the walk and a fine Tennessee marble entrance will be placed, sloping from the sidewalk to the door, and the base of the windows will be of the same material. The top of the new front will be of prism glass, so arranged as to make the room very light and pleasant. The show windows will have a back of paneled wood half way up and from there to the top of the windows glass will be used. Mr. Matthew Gering, the owner of the building, will also have a fine new steel ceiling placed in

the store and the whole interior of the room will be re-papered and painted in an artistic manner by J. R. Rummerfeld, the decorator, who will also prepare all the shelving and paneling for the windows. When completed Mr. Gering's building will be one of the most modern in the city and will add greatly to the appearance of the principal business street, and he is to be congratulated on showing such a spirit of progressiveness in the matter of improvements.

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