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## THE GREAT BURLINGTON STRIKE 25 YEARS AGO

Many Citizens Now Living in Plattsmouth Will Remember This Great Calamity.

From Thursday's Daily.

February 27, 1888, is a day well remembered by the residents of this city, as it was on the morning of that day that the Brotherhood of Engineers went out on a strike that lasted over a period of several months and which caused many of the veterans of the throttle to be rejected from the service who have never resumed their work on the Burlington. The strike caused much bitter feeling along the lines of the road and in this city the citizens took sides and much bad feeling was engendered. The State Journal of this morning has the following to say of the incidents of the outbreak of the strike:

The Burlington strike, in which all members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers left their engines, and traffic of the system was tied up for weeks, took place twenty-five years ago today, the strike order becoming effective at 4 a. m., February 27, 1888.

The Journal of February 27, 1888, said:

"Yesterday afternoon the B. & M. officials received notice from General Manager Stone of the C., B. & Q. that the brotherhood of engineers and firemen of the entire system would go out this morning at 4 o'clock, as the road had refused to make any concessions to their demands.

"Superintendent Calvert was seen by a reporter for the Journal last night. The strike, he said, would cause a general tie-up for some time, as the road had made no preparations for such an emergency. No attempt was made to handle freight today and orders have been given to receive no perishable goods. All freight will be taken, subject to delay. He does not expect any trains in from Chicago today. The company will skirmish around and give the best service possible.

"Engineer C. F. Sanborn, a member of the grievance committee, who has just returned from Chicago, where he has been engaged for the past five weeks in work with the committee upon questions which have resulted in this strike, said to the Journal reporter last night:

"We do not strike. We simply leave the employ of the company and will place no obstructions in the way of the running of trains. We exercise the same right that the company does when they inform an engineer when he comes in off his run, that they do not require his services. The company informs us that they can run their mail without our help, so we have made them no proposition on that. If we are requested by the government to haul the mails we will do so without pay simply as an accommodation to the public. The standard pay we ask for is what nearly all of the trunk lines are paying. The same rule goes into effect on the Pennsylvania lines on the first of March, and is now in effect upon the Santa Fe, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Chicago & Alton and other roads. All of the other roads in Nebraska pay more than the B. & M."

The Journal for February 28, 1888, gave an account of the trains run on February 27, the day of the strike, as follows:

"The first train out of the city yesterday was No. 1, which left on time at 8 o'clock for Omaha, with Conductor Chamberlain at the throttle.

"No. 92 from Wymore arrived here at 8 o'clock, about 10 minutes late. The train was brought up by a car wiper who has been in the employ of the company but a few months.

"No. 14, from Ravenna came in at 7:30 in the morning, on time. No. 41, from Nebraska City was on time. The excursion train from Alliance was delayed from 4 a. m. until noon at Broken Bok. It was pulled out by Assistant Superintendent Bignell, who brought it as

far as Seward and returned on a west bound train. The party arrived here at 8:45.

"No. 72, from Columbus, arrived at 2 o'clock, one and one-half hours late. On Sunday night an engineer was sent to Columbus to bring down this train, but the man joined the strikers. A pile driver engineer was secured and brought the train through safely. "The morning flyer from the east and the noon train from Omaha were combined and reached the city at 5 o'clock in the afternoon in charge of Conductor Miller.

"The flyer from the west and the accommodation train from Hastings were combined and arrived here at 3:30 in the afternoon, the engine being run by Conductor Willis. His train left here at 4:20 for Omaha.

"The Concordia train left at 2 o'clock and the train for Columbus at 5:15.

"Travel on the B. & M. was light, the other roads profiting by the derangement of the trains of their unfortunate rival."

## TWO MORE OF CASS COUNTY'S YOUNG MEN MAKE GOOD

Two Young Men, Reared Near Murray, Establish Hospital at Seward, Nebraska.

The Union Ledger has the following to say in reference to two former Cass county boys, who are making good at Seward, Nebraska:

"Most people in Cass county, especially in the vicinity of Murray, remember the Morrow boys—Milt and Joe—who grew to manhood at that place and later entered the state university and took medical courses there and in other colleges. Some years ago the 'boys' began the practice of their profession in the city of Seward, specializing in surgery and diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. As their ability became known their practice outgrew the ordinary office, and together they established 'Morrow hospital' in that city. This is not an advertising 'puff,' but an unsolicited item that will please their many Cass county friends, who are glad to know that the gentlemen they once knew as the little Morrow boys have made good. That they are 'up there' in their profession is indicated by the following item we copy from the Seward Blade:

"The office building recently erected and now occupied by the Drs. Morrow, is the most modern and better equipped with the latest scientific instruments used by physicians, than any office in the state. The building is of chipped brick, furnace heated. The floors are of asbestone, the latest sanitary floor covering. Down stairs are five rooms—the reception room, office for Dr. M. Morrow, drug room and office for Dr. J. Morrow. The upstairs is divided into four rooms for laboratory work. Dr. M. Morrow's office is especially fitted for treatment of the nose, throat, ear and eyes. The room is tiled in white and is fitted with white and nickel cabinets, stands and chairs. A movable electric light to be used in the examination of the throat is one of the newest inventions. A hospital nurse is in attendance at all times."

## CAN'T KEEP HOUSE ANY LONGER WITHOUT THE JOURNAL

From Friday's Daily. H. D. Coleman of Greenwood, one of the worthy citizens of Salt Creek precinct, was in the city today attending to business matters at the court house, and while in the city had his name added to the list of Journal readers. He returned to his home this afternoon, going on No. 23.

Sell your property by an ad in the Journal.

## "I MUST CLEAN UP BEFORE WOODROW MOVES IN."



—Minor in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## LET THE CORRESPONDENTS TO OMAHA PAPERS TELL THE FACTS

From Friday's Daily.

An article appeared in the World-Herald this morning consisting of a dispatch from this city stating that the city had started suit to evict the squatters on the land east of the Burlington station in the interest of the Nebraska Lighting company. This is not the real facts of the case, however, as the city as long as a year ago began to take the matter of claiming the land up, as there was grounds to believe that the city held the title to the land, and the proposition of the lighting company was only brought out a few weeks ago, and it is not settled as yet whether they will erect a plant or not. That the city had not commenced action long before was due to the fact that the engineer for the city was engaged in making a survey of the land to discover just where the land claimed by the city lay, and as soon as the report was presented, with the blue prints of the locality, the council ordered the city attorney to start proceedings. The article in the World-Herald does the council and the city authorities an injustice, as they are merely taking up what they believe to be the city's rights in the matter and not to aid any corporation.

## New Case Is Filed.

From Thursday's Daily. A new case has been filed in the office of Clerk of the District Court James Robertson entitled John Wise vs. John R. C. Gregory. The suit is to recover the sum of \$74.62 due for labor performed by plaintiff and his son, Frank, on the premises of the defendant near Weeping Water.

## Having a Good Time.

From Thursday's Daily. The Journal is in receipt of a postal card from our old friend, Jesse R. McVey, at Sidney, Ohio, where he is enjoying a visit with friends and relatives, and he informs us that he is feeling fine and greatly enjoying his visit there.

White Holland turkeys for sale. Mrs. W. F. Moore, Murray, Neb. Phone 3-P. 2-27-twks-wkly

## FORMER PLATTSMOUTH BOY HERE FROM WALLA, WASHINGTON

From Friday's Daily.

An old-time Plattsmouth resident was in the city today visiting with old-time friends and acquaintances, in the person of E. E. Ellison, wife and two children of Walla Walla, Washington. Mr. Ellison was born in the city of Plattsmouth, where his father, H. E. Ellison, served as county judge of Cass county for some years. Mr. Ellison removed from this county in 1891 and at the time of his removal was a resident of the vicinity of Weeping Water. Mr. Ellison and wife stopped off here to visit Mrs. Perry Walker, but found to their surprise that she had passed away. They departed for their home this afternoon over the Burlington at 1:58.

## THE LADIES' OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH ENJOY SOCIAL TIME

The Ladies' Aid society of St. Paul's church held their social meeting yesterday afternoon and were entertained in a most delightful manner by Mrs. P. Goos in the parlors of the Goos hotel. A most enjoyable time was had in conversation and various games. During the course of the afternoon's entertainment the hostess served some most delicious refreshments, consisting of coffee and coffee cake. The ladies of this organization hold no business sessions at these meetings, the entire afternoon being devoted to a social time. In spite of the cold weather there was a large number present, all of whom report Mrs. Goos as being a splendid entertainer.

## Carl West Buys Store.

J. Marks & Son, who succeeded L. A. Kropp in business in Wyoming some months ago, have disposed of their business to Carl West of that precinct. Mr. West will take charge of the business at once.—Nebraska City Press.

Herman Spies is headquarters for all kinds of pipes. See his big line.

## Con Gillespie Hurt.

From Friday's Daily. Con Gillespie, the veteran section foreman of the Burlington, had the misfortune yesterday to have his hand mashed by getting it caught between two rails while working along the tracks, and as a result he will be forced to carry it in a bandage for a few days.

## Visits Sister in Lincoln.

From Friday's Daily. Henry Theirolf, jr., and Frank Blotz, of the vicinity of Cedar Creek, arrived in this city from Lincoln on the noon train Wednesday, where they had been visiting the former's sister. They returned to Cedar Creek on the Schuyler train that afternoon. Mr. Theirolf took time to call at this office and renew his allegiance to the Old Reliable for another year.

## PLATTSMOUTH GIRL MARRIED IN OREGON

Miss Gladys Marshall Married to Mr. W. S. Bull in Portland, Oregon, February 22.

The announcement has been received in this city of the marriage last Saturday evening in Portland, Oregon, of one of Plattsmouth's fair daughters in the person of Miss Gladys Marshall, Miss Marshall and mother, Mrs. C. A. Marshall, departed from this city a week ago Wednesday, and Saturday afternoon reached Portland, where the groom, Mr. W. F. Bull, met them and the ceremony making them one was performed that evening in the Oregon city, where the young people expect to make their home for the present.

The bride is one of the most talented and accomplished young ladies that our city could boast of in the musical line, possessing a remarkably fine voice, and her presence will be sadly missed in the musical circles of the city. The large number of friends of Miss Marshall and her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall, will extend to the newly wedded couple their best wishes for a long and happy matrimonial career, free from trouble and care.

The groom, Mr. W. F. Bull, is well known here, where he was employed as an electrician for the telephone company, and is a young man of good, industrious habits and possesses the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

## DRAFT FOR \$2,000 IS RECEIVED FOR WIDOW OF J. CRAWFORD EIKENBARY

This morning W. B. Rishel, clerk of the local camp of the Woodmen of the World, received a draft from the head camp at Omaha for \$2,000 in payment of the policy carried by the late J. Crawford Eikenbary, who was killed at Lincoln on February 6. This is certainly a record for prompt payment and one that speaks well for this insurance order, which is one of the strongest in the country, and the members of the order can take great pride in the promptness in which the claims are handled and adjusted. The policy is made payable to the widow, Mrs. Emily Eikenbary, who resides at Lincoln, and will be a great aid to her in providing for the future.

## Big Stationery Sale.

As you will see by our advertisement in another column of this issue, the Journal stationery department is now offering its annual stationery bargain sale, in order to clean up on all 1912 stock. Read this ad and from the prices you will see that we are sure offering you some bargains, even greater than last year. Every box will certainly be sold at these prices, and as we only have about 500 boxes you must call early in order to get them.

## A DISASTROUS FIRE IN OMAHA THIS MORNING

Between Twenty and Thirty Guests Are Said to Have Perished in the Flames.

From Friday's Daily.

One of the most destructive fires that has visited Omaha in recent years occurred early this morning when the Dewey hotel at the corner of Thirteenth and Farnam streets caught fire, and despite a brave fight made by the fire department of that city, was destroyed. Between twenty and thirty persons are supposed to have perished in the flames and the work of identifying the dead is handicapped by the fact that the register of the hotel was destroyed in the fire and it is impossible to place the exact number who were in the hotel at the time of the fire.

Two of the policemen on the beat there noticed sparks and flames issuing from the chimney of the hotel about 11 o'clock, and reported the fact to the management of the hotel, who investigated the matter, but could not find anything wrong about the hotel, and the next known was at 4:45, when the hotel was discovered on fire, and in a few minutes the entire structure was a volcano of flames and the escape of the guests was made impossible.

Charles Cummings, a bartender at the Henshaw, who has lived at the Dewey for fourteen years, was killed by jumping from a window on the third floor, and when picked up from the pavement was a mass of crushed flesh.

Several were seen to rush to the windows of the rooms, but before help could reach them had been swept up by the flames, which were growing in greater volume each minute.

The hotel was filled to its capacity by the large crowd in attendance at the automobile show, and it will be some time before the list of the dead can be ascertained. The Dewey was a second-class hotel and was not modern in any way, the stairways and halls being small and served as a flue for the flames to spread through.

For some time it was feared that the entire block would be swept away, but late reports from Omaha state that the fire had been extinguished without spreading through the other places in the block.

This afternoon the death list had grown to fifty and the firemen were busily engaged in trying to remove the charred remains of the victims of the fire from the building, only one wall of which is left standing. Owing to the charred condition of the bodies the task of identifying them is very difficult.

## LADIES' AID SOCIETY HOLDS A VERY PLEASANT MEETING

From Friday's Daily.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon at the church parlors, and were very pleasantly entertained by Mesdames Luella Leesley, Margaret and Helen Mauzy, they being the hostesses on this occasion. There was quite a number of the ladies present, in spite of the very cold weather. They held their usual business session, at which time they made some plans for their spring bazaar. The remainder of the afternoon was whiled away in conversation and other amusements. The hostesses served some excellent refreshments, and which was most thoroughly appreciated.

## Attention, Farmers!

Clean up your yard now and see O. P. Monroe about buying all old scrap iron at the highest market price. 2-27-tf-wkly