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## WILLIAM HIRTH ADDRESSES COM- MERCIAL CLUB

Notwithstanding the Severe Snow and Almost Impassable Condition of Walks a Fair Crowd Present.

From Friday's Daily.  
Despite the terrific snow storm that raged last night there were quite a number of the business men of the city assembled at the Commercial club rooms to listen to the address of William Hirth, president of the Missouri Federated Commercial clubs, who is making a tour of Nebraska in the interest of arousing the public sentiment of the different towns of the state, on what he considers one of the greatest and most vital questions that affects the American people today. This was the discussion of the railroad rate question, and the need of an adequate relief for the American railroads from fanatical legislation that was crippling their resources and causing a great hardship on the people of the country.

President E. J. Richey of the local Commercial club presided over the meeting and introduced the speaker of the evening. Mr. Hirth at once, in commencing his address, launched directly into a discussion of the matter which he was to urge on his hearers and laid before them, as a jury, the case of the railroads of the west that are today asking the state legislature and railway commission for an increase in passenger rates of from a two-cent to a two and one-half-cent rate. He pointed out how the railroads had been affected in the years past by legislation that had the effect of crippling their usefulness and in making it hard for them to secure the money needed to operate their different lines. As he said, the railroad question was no longer one which concerned merely those who own railroad securities and are dependent directly or indirectly upon them for their daily bread, but was a problem filled with matters that affected the entire public in an intense and vital way. The speaker pointed out the fact that there were hundreds of millions of dollars of railroad securities held by the large insurance companies of the country, and these were bound to be affected by any misfortune that might befall the railroads of our country.

The war in Europe, as Mr. Hirth declared, had closed the great financial centers of that country to the American securities, of which many of them were railroad securities that had formerly found a ready sale there, and it was necessary to prevent the dumping of European securities in this country. After the war closed would come the greatest financial crisis in the history of the country, as the work of rebuilding the ruins of the war would demand a great deal of wealth to rebuild, and the American financial world would feel to the utmost the strain of the demand made. The railroads would be the weakest spot in the financial system of the country in such a crisis, as they were compelled to operate now under such conditions as would not allow them the proper preparation to meet such an emergency as the laws had deprived them of a just and equitable relief, which they were now asking.

He pointed out that in his own state of Missouri the legislature had recognized the need of a slight increase in railroad rates in order to allow the railroads to operate, and a monster petition, signed by over 250,000 people of that state, had been presented to the legislature and it had been supported by the leading men of the state, who recognized that it was a step to save Missouri and her business interests, all of which were closely interwoven. What the railroads themselves had done some twenty years ago was responsible in no small degree for the laws enacted in different states, but, as the speaker pointed out, these things were impossible under the present system and with a keen thinking public.

With the present system of interstate and state railway commissions, the speaker declared that the people had a constant check on the railroads of the country and could regulate the rates as best suited them, and made

impossible the conditions that had prevailed several years back in the history of the railroads. The railroads could not be regulated in the light of private enterprises, the speaker stated, that could govern themselves to conditions and cut its expense or raise the price of its output as it chose, but they were bound hand and foot by legislation that made it impossible for them to take any action that would not be answerable to the public. They cannot shut down or charge one penny more than the law says, regardless of the cost of operation.

Mr. Hirth stated that he only came to Nebraska because he felt it his duty as a citizen of the great west, where the interests of the people demanded relief from present conditions and where the future of the railroads was so closely allied with the prosperity of the community, and he pleaded that these railroads be given relief from a situation that was working untold hardships on hundreds of thousands because it was crippling the railroads in their operation and making necessary every possible retrenchment that could be made. The need of legislation and a movement to aid the railroads had been recognized by President Wilson and the leading men of the country, as was shown by the fact that the interstate commerce commission had permitted the raise in freight rates on the eastern lines of railroads, and since that time a great many more men had been placed at work, as the relief allowed the railroads the opportunity to secure the money needed in their operation. The fact that the industrial forces of the country had been made the foot ball of politicians was regretted by the speaker, and in the conclusion he urged his hearers to study the question and consider in their minds the railroads' side of the question and the need of giving them a fair and just treatment in the way of rates that would allow them to operate at a fair measure of profit. He stated that the people of the country were the judges of the matter, and they were laying before them the case for judgment.

At the conclusion of the speech Mr. Hirth answered a number of questions, and his appearance here was one filled with much pleasure to all who heard him. To those who have studied the question there is no doubt that the railroads have in the past few years been the favorite object of attack by almost every legislator, who sought to secure fame by slapping on some law that would cripple the effectiveness of the various railroad systems, and it is time that the people recognize that these great public service corporations be given just treatment in the preparing of laws. If rates are found to be too high they could be reduced by the railway commission or legislature, but on the other hand, if it is found that they are compelling the railroads to operate at a loss, then relief should be granted. As Mr. Hirth well said, the great transcontinental lines were the only ones which could show a profit, and this was due to the fact that their transcontinental business overcomes the loss of the local business, and the real insight in the situation could be seen by the figures of the smaller lines, which showed a loss in business each year.

## BYRON CLARK FALLS IN LINCOLN YESTERDAY AND BREAKS A WRIST

From Friday's Daily.  
The friends in this city of Byron Clark of Omaha, the eminent attorney and solicitor of the Burlington railroad, will regret greatly to learn of a very painful accident that befell him last evening in Lincoln. It seems that Mr. Clark, coming from the state capital building down to the walk, fell on the sidewalk near the capital and as a result suffered greatly in the breaking of his right wrist, which accident will lay him up for some time. This is certainly very unfortunate for the distinguished attorney and his host of friends here will join in trusting that he may soon recover from the accident without any serious injury.

Ernest Stenner departed this morning for Lincoln, where he goes to look after arranging for flowers for the Easter season in this city and to give his customers an opportunity to secure their flowers.

## THE FEDERAL DRUG LAW IN FULL FORCE

Heavy Fine for Those Who Fail to Comply With the Provisions of This Law.

From Saturday's Daily.  
The recent federal drug law known as the Harrison act, which went into effect on March 1st, has attracted a great deal of attention throughout the country, as the provisions covering the filling of prescriptions and sale of drugs.

The primary purpose of the law is to stop the traffic in the narcotics produced from opium and coca leaves, morphine, heroin and cocaine, being the principal offenders. Under this act a wholesaler can sell these drugs to druggists, physicians, dentists and veterinarians only if such purchases are licensed under the act, and orders must be made upon blanks which are furnished by the government to those only who are so licensed. The druggist can sell only to such licensed physicians, dentists veterinarians and upon these special order forms.

When physicians or veterinarians write a prescription containing above a certain amount of opium, codeine, morphine or its derivatives, it must be in a form prescribed by the government and the prescription cannot be refilled. The law does not apply where the amount of opium, codeine, morphine or its derivatives is below a certain quantity per ounce, or when for external use. When for cocaine it cannot be refilled whether for external or internal use. This act affects all patent medicines, pills, tablets or preparations which contain above the restricted quantities of the prohibited drugs and those which contain any amount of cocaine.

Under this act it is punishable to have in one's possession any of the barred drugs and not be able to prove that they are procured through the above stated legal channels, and as none but those above mentioned can obtain license, it will be impossible for the "dope fiend" to buy unless someone wants to lay themselves liable to a possible fine of \$2,000 and five years' imprisonment. This law, it seems, will effectually stop this traffic and is very much welcomed by all druggists who have self-respect and do not cater to vicious traffic in drugs or liquor, and this is generally true in the smaller towns of the country, as the larger cities have been the chief resorts of the drug fiends.

## MRS. LOUISE HOLLEN- BECK CELEBRATES HER EIGHTY-THIRD BIRTHDAY

From Saturday's Daily.  
Mrs. Louisa (Grandma) Hollenbeck celebrated her 83d birthday last Sunday, February 28th. "Grandma" is the oldest resident of Elmwood and also the oldest, in point of age and residence, in Stove Creek precinct. It was in the year '63 that "Grandma" first set foot on the virgin soil of this locality. She has maintained a continuous residence here since that time, and the more than fifty years that have passed hold memories dear to this grand old lady. She is hale and hearty for one of her age, and the "silver threads" of advancing years fall, softly adorning one of the sweetest grandma faces it has ever been a pleasure to know. Always a smile—and this is the barometer of her health and happiness. Only very recently did she prove her tenderness and ability by carefully nursing Miss Anna Thiel, singly and alone, through a case of measles. Miss Thiel attends our High school, while she boards and rooms at the Hollenbeck home.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

The sheriff's sale in the case of the Bank of Commerce of Louisville vs. Agnes L. Evans, et al., which was held at the court house Friday, resulted in the property, consisting of lots 265 and 266 in Louisville being sold to the bank for the sum of \$1,300.

## Taken Down With Grippe.

From Saturday's Daily.  
The latest victim of the common complaint of the grippe is Mrs. Frank A. Cloidt, who was taken sick this morning and confined to her room by the annoying malady that has attacked so many of our people in the past few weeks. There are very few in the city who have escaped the complaint and the friends of Mrs. Cloidt will trust that she may soon recover.

## NECESSARY INFORMATION WANTED BY THE COM- MISSIONER OF PENSIONS

From Friday's Daily.  
The commissioner of pensions has prepared a circular letter, which will be sent to every male pensioner on the rolls, aggregating about 450,000, requesting information as to the domestic status of each. The letter contains inquiries as to the date and place of the soldier's birth, and his residence at the date of enlistment, his wife's full name and her maiden name; data and place of marriage, and as to whether there is any public record of such marriage.

If either the soldier or his wife was previously married, he is requested to furnish full information in regard to such former marriage, and also as to the names and dates of birth of all children.

These inquiries are made wholly in the interest of the soldier and his family, and it is believed that the information thus to be gained will at some future date prove of great value to the widow or child.

A somewhat similar circular letter was sent to the pensioners in 1898, and the replies have already proved to be very valuable, but inasmuch as more than sixteen years have elapsed since that date, during which many changes may have taken place in each family and because those circulars were not sufficiently definite to bring out all the material facts, it was thought best to make this request for full information.

The commissioner urgently requests each soldier or sailor, upon receipt of this letter of inquiry, to consider it carefully and to make prompt and full reply to such inquiry and to return it as promptly as practicable in the addressed envelope which will accompany each letter and which requires no payment of postage.

## A PLEASANT ENTERTAIN- MENT AT THE STULL SCHOOL HOUSE NORTH OF TOWN

From Saturday's Daily.  
One of the most pleasant and enjoyable basket suppers that has been given in this part of the county was held on last Saturday evening at the Stull school house, four miles north-west of this city. The teacher, Miss Rose J. Prohaska, had devoted a great deal of time to preparing for the event and the entertainment given by the pupils was all that could possibly be asked for and consisted of a most enjoyable minstrel show, which was complete in every detail, and there was nothing omitted to make the occasion one of the rarest of pleasure, as fun and delightful music served to pass the time most pleasantly. The basket supper feature of the evening brought out a great deal of rivalry for the different offerings of the ladies present and a neat sum was realized by the school as a result. Miss Prohaska has been most efficient in her work in this district and her untiring efforts has been productive of much good in her school and the patrons of the school feel very much gratified over the great success of the entertainment held Saturday.

## Removes From This County.

From Saturday's Daily.  
This week Cass county lost one of its families that will be greatly regretted among their friends, and this is in the departure of Sam Tschirren and family from this county to their new home at Stanton, Nebraska, where they expect to make their future home, and accordingly their goods were shipped to Stanton on Tuesday and the family will hasten to get settled before the opening up of spring.

## To Serve on Grand Jury.

From Saturday's Daily.  
Among the names selected to complete the panel for the federal grand jury in the Lincoln United States district court at the coming term two Cass county citizens have been selected, being Miles Drake of Louisville and William A. Taylor of Union, who will take their chances at serving on the jury.

## THIEVES MAKE DARING ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY

Mr. Philip Thierolf Experiences an Exciting Time Saturday Evening With Sneakthieves.

Philip Thierolf, of the clothing firm of Falter & Thierolf, had a very exciting time about 7 o'clock Saturday evening, when he had an experience with sneakthieves, who paid a call at the store. Mr. Thierolf was alone in the store when two small, very dark complexioned men, evidently foreigners, entered the store and one of them engaged him in conversation in regard to the purchase of some small articles, while his companion proceeded to wander around the store and was apparently only gazing around, but as he left the counter where a number of trousers were placed for sale Mr. Thierolf thought his action suspicious, and as the men left the store he discovered that the man had a suit of clothes and pair of pants under his coat, and Mr. Thierolf seized the suit and at once ran to the door and gave the alarm, which was responded to by a number of citizens and the men were pursued along Main street to Sixth, where one of them turned north and at the corner of Vine street ran toward the postoffice, where he was overhauled by a number of citizens and placed under arrest and escorted to the city prison. This was the man who had made the "touch," as he had the pants in his possession when taken and these were restored to the owners and identified as the property that had been taken from the store by the man. The pants taken were valued at \$4.00 and the man taking them had good taste in selecting a pair that was worth a neat sum.

The second of the men was too fleet footed and eluded capture and made his get-away apparently, but there was really nothing against him, as he did not steal anything and was only identified with the case as an accessory, but the police made a search for him during the evening.

The chase occasioned quite a stir in that section of the city and the store was soon filled with a large number eager to learn the details of the case, and many wild tales were related of how the man had made his getaway with the pants and had also taken several other articles, but Mr. Thierolf is satisfied that they secured nothing but the pair of pants. The affair was well timed, so as to come to the store at a time when there would only be one person there, and had they been a little smoother or more prepossessing in appearance they would likely have succeeded in getting away with the stolen goods.

This morning the prisoner, who gave his name as Angel E. Guido, was brought before County Judge Beeson to answer to a charge of petty larceny preferred against him by the State of Nebraska. The man, who is a Mexican, at first seemed to be unable to understand what the court was trying to get at, but soon decided that he would no longer play possum and entered a plea of guilty to the charge, and thereupon the court presented him with a little package labeled \$25 and costs, and the man was remanded to jail to await a response to a message which he sent to a number of his father's countrymen who are living at Pacific Junction.

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## FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—One good, gentle work horse, 1 new hayrack and 1 wagon. Inquire of F. M. Hesse, or call Telephone No. 340-W. 3-2-1wk-d&w

## Mrs. Schmidtman Improving.

The friends of Mrs. William Schmidtman, who was operated on a few days ago at Immanuel hospital in Omaha for appendicitis, will be pleased to learn that she is getting along nicely and every indication points to her speedy recovery and restoration to her family. Mr. Schmidtman was in Omaha yesterday visiting with his wife and reports that she is showing the most satisfactory progress and feels that she is getting along in the best of shape that could possibly be expected.

## JURYMEN TO BE SE- LECTED FOR APRIL TERM OF THE DISTRICT COURT

From Saturday's Daily.

The following is the list of names selected by the board of county commissioners from which the list of jurors will be selected for the coming April term of the district court. The jury will be drawn by the sheriff and clerk of the district court:

Tipton Precinct—C. S. Anderson, J. F. Warner, Jacob Umland, Greenwood Precinct—S. C. Boyles, Fred M. Prouty, Salt Creek—Roy Armstrong, Joe Climer, John Straley, Stove Creek—W. L. Atchison, E. H. Penterman, Lisle Horton.

Elmwood Precinct—Henry Gerbeling, Paul Scheve, Henry Tool, South Bend Precinct—Henry Wortman, George Wallinger, Weeping Water Precinct—John Ruhga, M. M. Straub, Center Precinct—W. F. Schleifert, Carl Day.

Weeping Water City—First Ward—P. E. Cherry, Second Ward—James Johnson, jr., Third Ward—S. I. Crompton, Louisville Precinct—Charles Reichart, Herman Pankonin, Fred Schleifert.

Avoca Precinct—M. H. Pollard, J. M. McFarland, Mt. Pleasant Precinct—H. H. Stoll, J. L. Shrader, Eight Mile Grove Precinct—Julius Hilfficker, George A. B. Hicks, Nehawka Precinct—Alba Dodson, A. C. Sheldon.

Liberty Precinct—R. D. Stine, F. H. McCarthy, J. D. Bramblet, Rock Bluffs First—Frank Marler, Tom Smith, Ed Sloucum, Rock Bluffs Second—Joe Wheeler, John Smith.

Plattsmouth Precinct—Luke Wiles, Harry Smith, Ralph Hayne, Plattsmouth City—First Ward—Governor Dovey, Joe Kuhns, Second Ward—Billie Miller, Nelson Jean, Frank Slavicek, Third Ward—O. M. Streight, Chas. Kratochvil, Frank Shopp, C. Tyler.

Fourth Ward—Jos. Altman, Fred McCauley, George Farley, Fifth Ward—John Toman, C. A. Welch.

## HEAVY SNOW AGAIN LAST NIGHT IN THE WESTERN PART OF NEBRASKA

From Saturday's Daily.

The continued wintery weather still prevails throughout the west, according to the dispatches appearing in the state papers, and there seems to be little relief for several days at least. Another heavy snow is reported from the western part of the state from Arapahoe west, where yesterday afternoon and last night some thirty inches of snow fell, which, in addition to the two previous days, made conditions there very difficult and travel extremely hard. The snow has ceased here for a few hours at least, apparently, although there may be more expected if the general conditions continue. The appearance of the sun this morning for a few minutes had a most cheering effect upon the residents of this city, but it is still struggling to break forth and assist in the work of carrying off the snow which is banked high in the streets and roads of the city and throughout the county. Many of the farmers claim that the wet, clinging snow will be of immense benefit to the soil and add to the success of the crop this year.

## COME VERY NEAR GETTING A GOOSE EGG

Nebraska City Girls' Basket Ball Team Entirely Too Fast for Plattsmouth.

In a runaway contest of basket ball, the Nebraska City High school girls overwhelmed the girls' team of the Plattsmouth High school by the one-sided score of 34 to 1. The local girls excelled in all departments of the game and the visitors never had a chance to win and very few chances to even get a shot at the basket.

Nebraska City displayed a brand of team work that had the opponents guessing all the time. Often it was merely a case of Thomas to Painter to Thomas to basket or another combination that proved equally puzzling and successful. The home five had a little hard luck in locating the goal or the county would have been larger, but "enough is sufficient."

The mathematics of the race are here appended:  
Nebraska City—Hazel Thomas and Carrie Painter, forwards; Sadie Thomas and Esther Stahlhut, center; Kathleen Egan and Hilda Gebat, guards.

Plattsmouth—Norene Schulhof and Katie York, forwards; Anna Handley and Elsie Ressler, center; Grace Monney and Margaret Moore, guards.

Field Goals—Hazel Thomas, 8; Carrie Painter, 6; Esther Stahlhut, 2. Free Throws—Hazel Thomas, 2; Katie York, 1. Fouls called on Nebraska City, 6; Plattsmouth, 3. Time of Halves—Fifteen minutes. Referee—Schwabe.—Nebraska City Daily Press.

## PETERS & RICHARDS PLANNING IMPROVEMENTS ON THEIR BUILDING

The enterprising firm of contractors, Peters & Richards, are planning some very extensive improvements on the building they recently purchased on lower Main street, which was formerly occupied by the Monroe stock before the fire of Christmas day. This firm has decided to remodel the second floor of the building and make it into living apartments, which will be leased to families and which will be equipped in the latest and most up-to-date manner possible and will be found most convenient for those desiring apartments in the business section of the city. On the main floor the firm will construct a modern office room, where it will be possible to look after the rapidly increasing business of this company, and the office will be made complete in every detail for carrying for the affairs of the firm. The room in the rear of the building will be converted into a workshop, where all patterns and designs needed in the extensive concrete business of this company may be prepared without delay, and this line of the business will be extensively improved and enlarged. Messrs. Peters and Richards will take on all kinds of concrete work in the future, both in plain and ornamental work, and no job will be too large for them to undertake, as they expect to be prepared to handle anything that may be offered.

## Asks to Sell Real Estate.

This morning an application was filed in the matter of the petition of W. F. Moore, guardian of John E. Moore, incompetent, to sell real estate for the payment of debts. The petitioner was appointed guardian of John E. Moore March 26, 1902, and for years has had the care of the incompetent, who was a brother, and who has made an examination of the account of the guardian and finds that there is due him the sum of \$7,500.05, and also to Mrs. Etta M. Moore, for the care and labor with the said incompetent the sum of \$4,500.