

HON. E. M. POLLARD GIVES ANOTHER INTERVIEW

Practically the Only Information Available Comes From the Candidate Himself, Which Is Not Always to Be Depended Upon.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Nehawka, Neb., Dec. 21, 1915.
Hon. E. M. Pollard, candidate for the republican nomination for governor, gave out the following interview today:
"There are features of the gubernatorial campaign that seem to me to be wrong. I find somewhat of a hesitancy on the part of many leading republicans through the state and most of the republican newspapers in taking a positive stand for or against any of the candidates. This is an unfortunate situation. The present primary law was enacted for the sole purpose of enabling the people to participate in the selection of the candidate of their party. In a state-wide contest it becomes difficult for the voter to inform himself as to the qualifications of the different men who are candidates for the various offices in the state. It so happens that with two exceptions all of the candidates for governor live in the eastern part of the state. These men are almost entirely unknown in the western counties of the state.

"Under the present working of our primary law, practically all the information the average voter receives concerning any candidate is found in political advertising inserted in the newspapers. Every line of this political advertising is either written by the candidate himself or by some particular friend. The voter reads these articles, not realizing that the candidate himself wrote them. If the candidate undertakes to make a campaign that will enable him to reach the voters of the state, it is essential that he carry on an advertising campaign largely through the newspapers. If he is not inclined to assume the expenses necessary to do this, and his opponent takes advantage of it, the chances of his nomination are indeed small. The practical operations of the primary law are such that it virtually closes the door in the face of men in moderate circumstances, no matter what their qualifications or peculiar fitness may be. Under our republican form of government I think this situation is intolerable. The newspapers of the state, as well as leading republicans, ought to have a positive choice as between the various candidates for state offices. There are any number of men all over the state who are familiar with the qualifications of the various candidates. This is true of most newspaper men, yet for the most part they are assuming a neutral attitude. What the average voter wants is accurate information as to the fitness of various candidates.

"I have great faith in the wisdom and in the judgment of the voters of the state. Through the present primary law we have placed in the hands of the voters the responsibility of selecting the candidates of their party and furnished them no way of securing the necessary information to enable them to cast an intelligent ballot. Practically the only information available comes from the candidate himself, which is not always to be depended upon. The people, generally, look to the newspapers and to the leading men in the different communities for information relative to the qualifications of the various candidates for state office.

"Prior to the adoption of the primary law, these leading citizens, as well as the newspapers, were very active in favoring particular candidates for office. In many instances they openly opposed objectionable candidates. So far as I am concerned personally, I have no complaint to offer. The newspapers of the state have treated me very courteously in my candidacy thus far. The same is true of many leading republicans all over the state.

"There are six candidates for governor on the republican ticket. I think it is the duty of every newspaper in the state to express a choice, stating why the candidate he prefers should be nominated. He ought to contribute

his part towards giving the voter accurate information concerning the fitness and qualifications of these men who are aspiring to become governor. It is not material whether they favor my candidacy or not. I would rather have any newspaper openly support one of my opponents, if he conscientiously thought that was the proper thing to do, than to maintain a neutral attitude. It is only in this way that the people can receive dependable information as to the character and fitness of these men. The newspapers of the state have a duty to perform to the public. They are the medium through which news is dispensed. People are in the habit of looking to their newspapers for news of all kinds.

"What is there in the way of news that is of more vital interest to the people of the state than indisputable facts relative to the record of these six men who are candidates for governor? The first question that naturally arises in the minds of every voter is, who are these men? What is their business? Have they been successful in business? Are they men of high character? What is their standing in the community in which they live? Have they a public record? If so, what is it? The answers to these questions seems to me to be matters of news pure and simple. What the voters desire more than anything else just now is unbiased information as to the fitness of these men. I think it is the duty of the papers to give that information. It ought not to come in the form of political advertising alone where the candidate is submitting his own case, but it should come from the pen of the editor himself. In addition to this, if the candidate desires to submit matter he prepares himself under the head of political advertising, of course that is his privilege. This, however, should not be the only source of information available to the voters. It is not material perhaps whether I am nominated or not, but it is of the utmost importance that the voter be given full information before he casts his ballot."

THE LIBRARY BOARD MET AGAIN LAST NIGHT BUT NOTHING DONE

From Tuesday's Daily.
The library board met last evening to take up the matter of opening the bids for the construction of the new Carnegie building as well as the plumbing and heating for the building. There were thirteen bids presented to the board for their consideration and after the opening of these it was decided to refer them to the building committee of the board to check up and compare the different items appearing in the bids to determine who was the lowest and if the items would come within the \$12,500 appropriation made by the Carnegie corporation for the construction of the structure. There has been much interest shown in the letting of the contract and while the work on the building will not be commenced until spring it is desired to have the contract in such shape that it will be possible to commence the work as soon as the weather conditions permit. For the present at least there will be no award made of the contract until the bids are all figured out by the committee.

John H. Kearnes in the City.

From Tuesday's Daily.
John H. Kearnes, one of the brightest men who have been connected with the newspaper business in this part of the state, came up this morning in his auto from Auburn, accompanied by Robert Ward, jr., and both continued on to Omaha in the machine. Mr. Kearnes, while in the city, called at the Journal office to enjoy a fraternal call with the publisher and editor for a few minutes. He was for a number of years engaged in the publishing of the Herald, as well as the Republican, at Auburn, and proved one of the most talented men in that line who was ever engaged in the work in that city.

George Becker Doing Nicely.

From Tuesday's Daily.
The condition of George Becker, who has been suffering from pneumonia for the past few weeks, continues to improve and now the prospects are the very brightest for his speedy recovery, and his friends are mighty well pleased to learn that he is doing so nicely.

WILLIAM F. HILL, LATE OF SOUTH BEND

Sketch of the Life of This Grand, Good Man, Loved and Highly Respected by All Who Knew Him.

The following is a short biographical sketch of the life of one of the last of the pioneers of South Bend, and one of the oldest residents of the county, William F. Hill. The body was laid to rest in the family cemetery on the farm where so many happy years of his life had been spent, and where he had reared his family. Thus the last of the sturdy pioneers who assisted in



MR. AND MRS. W. D. HILL.
Mr. Hill Last of South Bend Pioneers to Pass to the Great Beyond.

the development of that section of the county is laid to his last long rest:

William David Hill was born March 17, 1833, in Union county, Ohio, and passed away December 13, 1915, at his home one-half mile south of South Bend, where he lived for the last fifty-nine years. Mr. Hill was one of fourteen children who came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with their parents in 1843, when only 10 years of age. There he spent several years, and on October 26, 1856, at the age of 23 years he landed at Plattsmouth, accompanied by T. W. Fountain. The following November they crossed the prairies westward as far as South Bend, where Mr. Hill located on a farm there, and where he had since made his home. He was married near Louisville, Nebraska, May 10, 1868, to Miss Nancy J. Wellborn, who survives him; of this union there were eight children born, four boys and four girls, Anna, Lurie and William, dying in infancy, and Mrs. R. H. Thorp of Storm Lake, Iowa, a grown daughter, died in January, 1913. Frank D. of Omaha, Jesse J. of Lincoln, Charles F. of South Bend, and Mrs. J. C. Kline of Fairbury survive the deceased. There are eight grandchildren living.

Thus ends the career of the last of the four pioneers having located within one-half mile of each other in this vicinity, and for over fifty years they remained such close neighbors until death took George T. Matison, then T. W. Fountain, then T. J. Fountain, and lastly W. D. Hill. Each one lived past 80 years of age. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Matison are the surviving widows.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The following merchants have signified their intention of closing their stores all day Saturday—Christmas day:

E. G. Dovey & Son.
Zuckweiler & Lutz.
E. A. Wurl.
C. E. Westcott's Sons.
Philip Thierolf.
Michael Hill.
Bestor & Swatch.
G. P. Eastwood.
Kroehler Brothers.
Streight & Streight.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL TEAM AGAIN TRIUMPH AT PAPIILLION

From Wednesday's Daily.
The first game of the Plattsmouth High school basketball team held out of the city occurred last evening at Papillion, and resulted in another triumph of our sterling young basketball warriors by a score of 40 to 33. The game was not very largely attended by the fans of our Sarpy county neighbor, but the boys played a good game and were very hospitable in their treatment of the visitors from this city. All the members of the Plattsmouth team were in fine form and from the start were right after the victory, with the result that they can now boast of five straight wins to their credit. It had been hoped to have a number of the rooters from this city accompany the team to Papillion for the occasion, but this being one of the busiest seasons of the year only a few were able to get away to make the trip and cheer on the victorious legions of the High school. The result of the game tells the story of the hard work and good playing of the locals and every member of the squad was up and going all the time in snatching the victory from the Papillion boys. Arthur White, one of the guards, who has been out of the game on account of a badly bruised knee, was able to get back into the game last evening and did his best in preventing the enemy from scoring and was very effective in blocking the plays of their opponents. The next game that will be staged will be at Havelock, when a return match will be given to the team in that city, and this will in all probability be one of the hardest-fought games on the schedule. The team will also play at Thurman, Iowa, on December 31st, with the team of that place, and are looking forward to adding another to their string of victories.

Box Supper and Program a Success.

The box supper and program which was given by the teacher and pupils of district No. 55 last Friday evening was very well attended and proved to be a success in every way. Miss Esther Rice was the most popular young lady and received a large box of candy. Mr. Tom Ruby being the homeliest man, got the pipe and sack of smoking tobacco. Mr. Ruby was the auctioneer.

FARM LOANS, at 5 per cent and 5½ per cent. No delays. T. H. Pollock.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES IN PLATTSMOUTH

Preparations Are Being Made to Entertain the Sunday School Children in a Becoming Manner.

From Wednesday's Daily.
The preparations for the Christmas festivities in this city are being completed by the different churches and Sunday schools of the city and the little folks who belong to the Sunday schools will all be remembered by the church organizations at their annual Christmas eve exercises which precede the celebration of the greatest event of the Christian world—the birth of the Savior.

At the German St. Paul's church the exercises of the Sunday school will be held on Friday evening at 7:30, at which time the event will be properly celebrated by a large Christmas tree and a program by the children in keeping with the spirit of the occasion when peace on earth, good will toward men, holds sway throughout the land. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Steger, and the teachers in the Sunday school have assisted in the preparation of the exercises and a most delightful time is anticipated by the members of the church and Sunday school.

The Methodist Sunday school will hold their annual exercises at the church at 7:30 Friday evening, which will consist of a very excellent program by the members of the grades of the school in keeping with the Christmas spirit, and for the occasion Santa Claus has promised to be present and lend his efforts to the pleasantness of the event. One of the young ladies' classes of the school has gotten in touch with Santa and are lending their efforts to making the event one of the rarest pleasure to the school and its pupils, as well as the parents. A Christmas tree will be held at the church on which the treat to the children will be placed and distributed to the little folks.

St. Luke's Episcopal church will hold their celebration for the Sunday school on Holy Innocent's day, Tuesday, December 28th, at the Grand theater, at which time the children will present a religious play in keeping with the Christmas time and the Christmas carols will be given by the little folks. This service will be attended by Santa Claus for the benefit of the little folks and the rector, Father Leete, with the teachers, have prepared a splendid treat for the little folks.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will hold their exercises in the main auditorium of the church at 7:30 Friday evening, and for the occasion all the pleasures of the Christmas eve services will be in evidence to assist in making the event one of pleasure to the little folks. Here the Christmas tree will provide a treat to the children and old Santa Claus will see that everyone is looked after in proper shape and nothing omitted to make the celebration one of rare pleasure to the school and the teachers. A song service will be given by the children as part of the exercises, and they are preparing to make the Christmas eve service a rare treat.

The Christian church this year will

devote their exercises of the Sunday school to that of a White Christmas, when the members of the different classes will give personal effort to the work of the church, as well as to the aid of their fellowman. Each class will provide for the help and comfort of several families in the city and see that they are provided with the necessities of life on this bright and happy day when all the world grows more akin and it is in this spirit of personal service that the members will give their efforts. A program of song will be given at the church on Friday evening which will be arranged to conform with the Christmas spirit.

PAY HONOR TO ONE OF THE OLDEST PHYSICIANS IN STATE

From Wednesday's Daily.
Last evening at the Highland hall at Ashland seventy-five of the leading physicians of the state of Nebraska gathered to pay honor to Dr. A. S. Von Mansfeld, one of the oldest physicians in the state and one of the organizers of the State Medical association. Among those who were present to take part in the occasion was Dr. T. P. Livingston of this city, who was one of the speakers of the banquet, presided over by Dr. E. W. Rowe of Lincoln, president of the State Medical association. There were quite a number of the leading physicians and surgeons present to participate in the banquet and all paid a well deserved tribute to the distinguished gentleman who was the guest of honor of the occasion of his seventieth birthday anniversary. By the way of remembrance Dr. Von Mansfeld was presented with a pure of \$100 in gold, the presentation speech being made by Dr. W. O. Henry of Omaha. Dr. Von Mansfeld responded in a very feeling manner to the tribute paid by him by his colleagues, and the occasion proved a very pleasant one to all the distinguished members of the profession gathered around the board. Doctors were present from Omaha, Lincoln, Beatrice, Plattsmouth, Grand Island, Red Cloud and many other cities of the state.

J. G. HORN, FORMERLY OF CASS, PASSES AWAY AT BEAVER CITY

From Wednesday's Daily.
A message was received here this morning by Mrs. C. L. Herger from Beaver City, Neb., announcing the death there last evening of her uncle, J. G. Horn, who was for a great many years a resident of Cass county, making his home near Cullom. Mr. Horn was about 80 years of age and was well known throughout this section of the county, where he had made his home for so many years. He had lived in Beaver City for the past ten years with his son, John Horn. The message did not give the particulars as to the cause of the death, but the son will arrive here Thursday to make arrangements for the funeral, the body arriving here Friday morning for interment in the cemetery here. Mr. Horn will be remembered by a great many of the residents of Eight Mile Grove precinct and this city and his death will be the occasion of great regret to them.

"THE SPANISH VILLAGE" AT T. J. SOKOL HALL

From Tuesday's Daily.
The dramatic club of the T. J. Sokol society of Omaha have arranged to present in this city on New Year's night, January 1st, a comedy drama, "The Spanish Village," which will be given in the Bohemian language. This company is under the direction of Joseph Mik, one of the leaders of his nationality in Omaha, and almost all the members of the company have appeared here in the past in a number of their entertaining dramatic offerings, and their visit on this occasion will be one of great pleasure. The play will be given at the T. J. Sokol hall on West Pearl street.

A want ad will bring what you want.

FORMER PIONEER OF CASS COUNTY PASSES AWAY

Samuel Brown Passes Away at Taylorville, Illinois, at the Ripe Old Age of 98 Years.

From Wednesday's Daily.
The death of one of the pioneers of Cass county, as well as one of the oldest residents of central Illinois is recorded in the passing of Samuel Brown of Taylorville, Illinois, at the ripe old age of 98 years, and after a lifetime filled with all the hardships of pioneer days. Mr. Brown has for years been one of the prominent residents of Taylorville and enjoys the distinction of its oldest inhabitants and there are very few whose lives cover a longer period of time than does this worthy old gentleman. He died on Wednesday, December 15th, after suffering for several years from his advanced age, which would not permit his getting around, and for the past two years confined him to his home almost continuously. Mr. Brown was a brother-in-law of Lig B. Brown of this city and was married in this county in 1857 to Miss Amanda Brown, and the deceased gentleman will be remembered by a great many of the former residents of the county.

Samuel Brown was born February 26, 1818, near Carlisle, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, who removed in 1831 with their family to Ohio, where they spent a number of years, and in 1845 they came to Shelby county, Illinois, and to Taylorville. The young man had, with his father, learned the shoemaker's trade, and carried this on for a number of years with great success, and later started in as an employee in a tannery, where he labored for a number of years and later secured control of the business which he operated for a great many years. After selling out his interests he decided to go into farming again and started westward to Nebraska in 1854, but could not enter the land as a homestead owing to the fact that it was held by the Indians. While on the Missouri river near the old Mormon crossing a few miles south of Plattsmouth, the wife of Mr. Brown died in January, 1855, leaving six children to the care of the father. After the death of his wife Mr. Brown crossed the river and settled on a claim on Rock creek, near where the town of Rock Bluffs stood, and here he made his home for two years after his second marriage, returning in 1857 to Illinois, where he has since resided.

Thirty-eighth Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schoemaker were compelled by large number of their friends to celebrate one of the most pleasant occasions of their lives at their home on Monday of this week. This day was the thirty-eighth wedding anniversary of this excellent pioneer Cass county couple, and the daughters had planned this day of celebration with great success. Mr. Schoemaker had even retired for the night before the visitors arrived, but was not long in joining the merry friends and visitors bent on having a good time. There were fully fifty present. Many good things to eat were prepared and at the customary hour this was one of the features on the well planned program for the evening. The Journal joins with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Schoemaker and their excellent family in wishing that they may live to enjoy their golden wedding, and many more to follow, and at the same time be permitted to enjoy the pleasures of the occasion as they did last Monday night.

For Sale.

Four March Duroc male pigs left that we want to sell; a few gilts and 30 fall weanlings. All eligible for registry. Oldhams.

Social Dance January 1.

Remember the next big social dance night in Murray will be Saturday, January 1, at the Puls & Gansemer hall. The music will be furnished by the Holly orchestra of Plattsmouth, and the usual good time is assured.

Greetings

— TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS —

To all of you we extend the greetings of the season, trusting that the new year may bring you a great measure of happiness and prosperity.

The Bank of Cass County