

THE DEMOCRATIC BANQUET A HOWLING BIG SUCCESS

It Was Really a Genuine Love-feast, and the Banquet Tables Handsomely Decorated and Plenty to Eat.

MANY RURAL DEMOCRATS HERE

From Friday's Daily.
The banquet last evening at Coates' hall, held by the democrats of Cass county, proved to be all that had been hoped for in the way of a harmony producer, as well as a splendid feast of good fellowship among the representatives from every section of the county, and the occasion was truly one that will long be most pleasantly remembered by every democrat and republican present as one of the rarest occasions of oratory, as well as a feast of the good things to eat, and at this time it is just to say that the ladies of the St. Mary's Guild of the Episcopal church, who had charge of the preparing and serving of the feast certainly acquitted themselves in splendid shape, and the well satisfied appearance of the 250 men present at the close of the repast was a tribute to the good work of the ladies in preparing the treat, and which, with the many rousing democratic speeches, served to make the occasion a most noteworthy one and which stirred the utmost enthusiasm in the breasts of the democrats of the county and served to inspire the visitors from abroad with the general feeling of get-together-and-win, which was the keynote struck by a number of the speakers of the evening.

The tables in the banquet room were very prettily arranged with snowy linen and sparkling silver, while each one was decorated with American flags and small sprays of narcissus, and with the soft light of candles adding a pleasing touch to the scene, and in each candle a tiny silk American flag was placed, which bore out the patriotic ideas of the occasion. From the balcony the bright colors of the national flag were suspended over the heads of the banqueters, and the stirring music of the Holly orchestra served to put the banqueters in the proper spirit for the occasion that was filled with so much meaning for the success of the party.

The gathering was one of the most distinguished that has been held in this city for a long time, and the array of notables was most impressive and a greater part of the executive heads of the state departments were present to join in the event, including Secretary of State C. W. Pool, District Attorney T. S. Allen, State Auditor W. H. Smith, Attorney General Willis Reed, State Treasurer George E. Hall, H. H. Gooch, owner of the Lincoln Star; J. W. Cutright, editor of the Lincoln Star; W. E. Aken, secretary to Senator G. M. Hitchcock; Earl Gaddis, Lincoln representative of the Omaha World-Herald; Hon. John S. McCarthy of Lincoln, prospective candidate for congress on the democratic ticket; County Attorney W. F. Moran of Nebraska City; Judge G. J. Hunt of Bridgeport, Neb., who is a candidate for supreme judge on the non-partisan ticket, while the members of the party locally included a large array of the leaders from every section of the county and from the adjoining counties, and all had the same glad message of democratic hope and the fulfillment of the pledges made to the people by the party.

Captain C. S. Aldrich of Elmwood presided over the banquet as toastmaster in a very able manner, and his introductions of the different speakers was very pleasing to all the banqueters, while he avoided the long and tiresome introductions which so often detract from the enjoyment of occasions of this kind. Mr. Aldrich stated that they had been at a loss whether to call the meeting a love feast or not, but that as preparedness was before the public eye a great deal now, he thought that it might not be amiss to call the meeting a preparedness meeting, in which they were preparing to meet the common enemy—the republicans. The speaker told of his recollection of the first Cleveland campaign in 1884, when for the first

time since the civil war the democrats were able to elect a president, and the feeling of pride and pleasure which filled the minds of the youth at that time for the first opportunity afforded the democrats of having a successful party. He also pointed to the present time as one which foretold of democratic success and victory if the members of the party gathered together and labored for the common good of the party. The splendid success of the banquet was a triumph for the committee arranging the affair and for the county chairman, who had assisted in the work of the preparation of the banquet. In speaking of the distinguished visitors present Mr. Aldrich took occasion to call on for the first speaker District Attorney T. S. Allen.

The address of welcome to the hosts of the democracy was delivered by Mayor E. J. Richey, who in a few brief remarks, extended the freedom of the city to the visitors and assured them that the city felt proud of the opportunity of entertaining so many distinguished representatives of the democratic party and anything that the city could do would be carried out for the benefit of the guests present.

United States District Attorney T. S. Allen made a very pleasing address, in which he lauded the record of the administration of President Woodrow Wilson and the achievement of the party in fulfilling every pledge made in the Baltimore platform, and the democratic congress had been right with the president in seeing that the pledges were carried out and enacted into laws which would give to the people the relief desired. The republican party had promised to revise the tariff, but had failed to fulfill its promise and the democrats had enacted the best tariff law in fifty years. The democrats had enacted satisfactory banking laws and by the income tax had relieved the shackles of taxation from the common people. The Philippine bill, the final pledge in the platform, had been carried out and the party stood on its record. The country was prosperous and the policy of watchful waiting had kept the country at peace and made it an oasis in the world war. With this there was no question of the right of the democratic party to expect success and re-election of Wilson as president of the United States in November.

State Treasurer George Hall spoke of having supported Champ Clark four years ago, but stated that he was for Woodrow Wilson for re-election and was strong for his program of preparedness, as he thought the officials of the nation while in office should have the confidence of the people of the country in carrying out the program which they had prepared. He stated also that congress was doing a good work and Senator G. M. Hitchcock should be renominated and re-elected to his office that he had filled so well. In speaking of the policy of having monthly remittances from the different county treasurers, Mr. Hall told of the means it had furnished to assist in keeping the affairs of the office in proper shape and the saving in interest which had been made by taking up state warrants and carrying them instead of paying a high rate of interest to the banks. This had saved in interest \$40,000 and the result had been most satisfactory in saving the money of the taxpayers of the state.

State Auditor W. H. Smith spoke briefly of his old acquaintance in boyhood days with Mr. C. S. Aldrich and was glad of the opportunity of meeting him again under such pleasing circumstances, and also spoke of the faithful services to the county of Hon. W. B. Banning while he was serving in the state senate. Under his administration all fees of the office had been turned over to the state treasurer, which was a new departure in the official line of business, as previous state officers had retained certain fees of the office which they believed they were entitled to, but he thought that they should belong to the people. The state board of equalization had reduced the levy so that it would mean \$400,000 less taxes to the people, and in Cass county would amount to \$7,000.

Secretary of State C. W. Pool complimented Cass county on the showing they had made at the last election for the democratic ticket, and where the fighting was the strongest the democrats of Cass county could be found. Under his administration and under the law enacted by the democratic legislature of 1909, \$100,000 had been collected in taxes from the corporations of the state. He believed in the turning of the fees into the treasury,

where they belonged, and his office each day deposited with the treasurer all fees earned.

State Fire Commissioner W. S. Ridgell, who is a candidate for the nomination for state railway commissioner, made a very pleasing address of a few minutes, in which he told in a brief way of the means of organization which had cut the fire loss of the state down \$400,000 while he had held the office.

H. E. Gooch of the Lincoln Star, who is a candidate for delegate to the national convention, was introduced and stated he would obey the instructions of the voters, but personally and with his paper he was strong for Woodrow Wilson for re-election.

W. F. Moran of Nebraska City, also a candidate for delegate, made a very eloquent speech, in which he lauded the record of the democratic party in the nation and state and was glad of the splendid showing made at the banquet. The ideas advanced by the democrats had been adopted in a great many instances by the republicans in creating legislation. The gist of Mr. Moran's remarks was get together and make the success of the party possible. Mr. Moran also paid a tribute to Hon. W. B. Banning.

Hon. W. B. Banning, when called upon, stated he was always glad to be with a bunch of good fellows, and from their association gained many good ideas. He was for Wilson, first, last and all the time, and desired that all democrats be with the president. The state officials were all making good and deserved to be re-elected to their offices, and if they were not making good he would be in favor of condemning them, as he thought a public servant should give the people full service.

One of the ablest speakers of the evening was Hon. J. S. McCarthy of Lincoln, who is a candidate for congress in the First district, and the speech of this gentleman was one filled with eloquence and force, and he paid a most glowing tribute to the service of President Wilson and the democratic party, which had unshackled the people from fifty years of republican misrule. If elected to congress he would support the policy of the president and the party.

Judge G. J. Hunt made a few remarks on the western part of the state and the desire to have a representative on the supreme bench of the state, and his address, while brief, was to the point.

Joseph Capwell, prospective candidate for county attorney, and H. H. Leffler, who expects to enter the race for county judge, made short addresses in introducing themselves to the gathering.

Henry R. Gering of Omaha made a stirring appeal for party harmony and unity and urged the members of the party to throw fear aside and enter the fight to win. He also complimented the services rendered the party by the Lincoln Star, the Plattsmouth Journal and the Omaha World-Herald, which had fought the battles of the democracy, and also paid a tribute to Hon. Willis Reed, the attorney general, who had saved millions to the people of the state during his term of office.

W. E. Eaken, secretary of Senator Hitchcock, made a short address in taking up the many acts which the senator had brought forward during his service in congress and in the senate, including the Balingier investigation, the postal savings bank, and the income tax measure, which had been a radical departure from the system of taxation, and while limited by time, the address of this gentleman opened the eyes of his hearers to the work of the senator from Nebraska, who is one of the leaders at Washington.

Hon. Willis E. Reed, the attorney general, made one of the finest and ablest speeches of its kind that has been heard in this city in many years, and the eloquent and able legal representative of the state told of a few things which had been carried out in the policy of saving the taxpayer money, and of the \$500,000 which had been saved on bridge contracts through an insistence that the best interests of the people be safeguarded in letting contracts. He related the fight that had been made on his stand in regard to the bridge contracts and the final triumphs which had vindicated his position that the taxpayers should not be robbed to enrich the contractors. In the state banking commission he had had cases to take up where national banks had desired to operate state savings banks in connection with their national banks, but this had been refused, as in the Su-

perior bank failure the state saving bank owned by the national bank had been swept under and this stand had been upheld by the state supreme court. It was his ambition, Mr. Reed stated, to make the best record that had ever been made in that office in the way of serving the people, and he would continue that policy, regardless of what was said or done. This gentleman, who is one of Nebraska's big men, deserves commendation for his work, and those who heard him last evening cannot but have a high opinion of Willis Reed, and if ever an official has served the people faithfully it is he.

It was close to the midnight hour when the banqueters departed, with a feeling that it was good to be there, and that the ladies of St. Mary's Guild and the hustling members of the committee had did their utmost to make the event a red letter occasion, and to the democrats it filled them with enthusiasm for the coming battle.

JOHN WUNDERLICH FILES FOR RENOMINATION FOR SHERIFF

From Friday's Daily.

This morning a large number of petitions were filed in the office of County Clerk Frank J. Libershal, signed by the democratic voters, and asking that the name of John Wunderlich be placed on the primary ballot as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Cass county. Mr. Wunderlich was the nominee two years ago on this ticket and made a splendid race for the office, although defeated, and his friends feel that he is the ideal candidate to again head the democratic ticket. John Wunderlich is a man cannot be equalled in the entire county, and we bar no one, and the sun never shown on a more faithful friend or just and honest man in his dealings with his fellow man and the voters of the county can rest assured that should John Wunderlich be selected as sheriff that he will give the taxpayers an administration that will be a credit to them, as well as to himself. To those who know Mr. Wunderlich it is unnecessary to state his good qualities, and the voters of the county can bank their last dollar on the fact that John Wunderlich will look out for their interests every day in the year and every hour in the day if he is selected as the sheriff of the county. While a democrat in politics, in official work he will be a servant of all the people, regardless of political affiliation. The fact that the voters have insisted on his again running for the office is proof of their confidence in him.

OLD FRIENDS IN STATE AND COUNTY CALL ON THE JOURNAL EDITOR

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening, preceding the great democratic banquet at Coates' hall, the Journal editorial rooms were visited by a large number of the distinguished democrats of the state, as well as of the county, and the occasion was one that was very pleasant in being able to visit with the old friends and associates. Among this number were: Secretary of State Pool, State Auditor Smith, Hon. W. F. Moran of Nebraska City, Attorney General Willis E. Reed, State Treasurer George Hall, Hon. John S. McCarthy, candidate for congress; Dr. G. H. Gilmore of Murray, James Stander of Louisville, W. E. Eacken, secretary of Senator Hitchcock, Earl Gaddis, the genial Lincoln representative of the Omaha World-Herald; John Wunderlich of Nebraska, Nicholas Opp of Nehawka, Albert Wheeler of Murray, and Silas Patterson of Texas, who is here visiting with his friends and relatives in this county for a short time, and Oscar Zaar of South Bend.

Henry Stander, from near Louisville, was in the city for a few hours today, coming down on the Schuyler to look after some business matters, returning home this afternoon. Henry is one of the valued readers of the Journal, and of course while here paid this office a brief call.

FRED SCHMARDER EASY FOR PETERS

Louisville, Neb., Wrestler Succumbs to Celebrated Scissors in Seven and Four Minutes.

From Saturday's Daily.

Omaha, Feb. 12.—Fred Schmarde, the pride of Louisville, Neb., ran up against a little too much class when he tackled Charley Peters at Papillion last night.

Peters easily won two straight falls via the scissors route. The first fall occurred in seven minutes and the second fall came in four minutes.

Peters went after Schmarde at the start and in a minute both men were on the mat, with Peters on top. Peters instantly went after the scissors, but failed to hold it. Schmarde by remarkable agility wiggled out.

A moment later, however, Peters wrapped his legs around Schmarde again and this time Schmarde couldn't get out, try as hard as he could. Peters held the leg clamp on Schmarde fully five minutes and with the aid of an arm hold gently turned him over.

The second fall came quickly. The two men went to the mat at the start, with Schmarde on top. A second later Peters broke away and Schmarde went to the bottom. Peters plied the scissors immediately and had no trouble in turning the Louisville man over in four minutes.

Peters outweighed Schmarde ten or twelve pounds. Schmarde is a fast wrestler and he certainly has his share of gameness, but he isn't in the same class with Peters.

Quite a number of Omaha fans went to Papillion for the match by automobile and the Interurban.

BURLINGTON "SAFETY FIRST" MEETINGS HAVE BEEN WELL ATTENDED

From Saturday's Daily.

The "Safety First" meetings which have been held here by the Burlington railroad in their special car at the shop yards was closed last evening, when Mr. B. F. Thomas, the representative of the "Safety First" bureau, gave his last lecture in the car and closed one of the most successful meetings that has been held in this city since the starting of the safety department. This visit of Mr. Thomas has been very gratifying to the employees of the shops, as it has given them an opportunity of getting in touch with the efforts of the Burlington to instruct and educate against the accidents which so often occur in the line of shop and train work. The lectures at the shop were attended by 350 of the shop employees and this is a very pleasing increase over the last visit of the car. Since Mr. Thomas has been out with his car giving these lectures he has had 30,500 persons present, which is a mighty good showing of the interest taken in this line of work by the railroad employees. When the "Safety First" car again visits here it is hoped to have it equipped with a moving picture outfit which will add to the interest of the meetings very much and give the opportunity of securing a large number of views in the line of the effects of carelessness in railroad work as the cause of accidents.

Files Articles of Incorporation.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of County Clerk Frank Libershal of the Railsback Grain company, whose main office will be located at Ashland, but who will maintain a branch office at Greenwood, in this county. The new company will buy and sell grain and other articles in this line. The incorporators of the new company are: G. J. Rallsback, J. C. Rallsback, R. M. Rallsback, E. J. Rose and Edward Swanson.

W. A. Fight, the stock man from near Mynard, was here Saturday for a few hours visiting and looking after some matters of business.

JOSEPH A. CAMPWELL FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

From Saturday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Joseph A. Capwell of Elmwood, the youngest attorney at the Cass county bar, entered the political arena when he filed as a candidate before the democratic primary for the office of county attorney. Mr. Capwell is a very bright young man and just entering into the practice of law, and in the community where he resides he is held in the highest esteem, possessing a large circle of friends who will do their utmost to see that Mr. Capwell is given a good send-off in his home town. This filing narrows the list of candidates down and there are only a few vacancies.

CHARLES L. WORTMAN FOUND SANE AND WAS RELEASED YESTERDAY

From Saturday's Daily.

The hearing yesterday on the complaint charging Charles Lloyd Wortman, of South Bend, with being insane, was staged before the board of insanity, composed of District Clerk James Robertson, Attorney J. E. Douglass and Dr. G. H. Gilmore of Claremore, Oklahoma, and the case was fought quite energetically by these attorney, and as a result of the testimony brought out, Mr. Wortman was found not insane and released as being perfectly sane and allowed to return to his home with his relatives, who were here attending the hearing.

The charges appeared to be the outgrowth of domestic differences between the accused and his wife, who recently deserted him; the wife had previously filed a suit for divorce against the accused, but dismissed the same two days before the hearing.

AFAREWELL SURPRISE TO CATHERINE GORDER WHO IS GOING WEST

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening a very pleasant time was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. August Gorder on Lincoln avenue, when a large number of the young friends of Miss Catherine Gorder gathered to tender her a farewell, and while the occasion was filled with regret that the friends were soon to part, still the young people spent the time very pleasantly for several hours. Games of all sorts were enjoyed, which proved most delightful to the young folks, while several musical numbers by Misses Helen Livingston and Della Frans added to the pleasures of the occasion. Robert Walling and Will Richardson gave a number of pleasing recitations, which were much enjoyed, and these talented young men received a great deal of commendation for their part in the evening's entertainment. At a suitable hour a very dainty and delicious three-course luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. John Beeson. Those who were present were: Misses Grace Nolting, Lenora Snyder, Frances Moore, Louise Siczovsky, Helen Livingston, Ida Tschirren, Nell Wiles, Elizabeth Beeson, Lorene Chambers, Ellen Nolting, Abbie Brown, Mina Kaffenberger, Beatrice Seybert, Ethel Tritsch, Catherine Schrack, Molly Gorden, Catherine, Nellie and Edna Gaper, Lelia Duff, Mary Wetenkamp, Agnes Bajek, Hazel Sullivan, Elizabeth Hall, Della Frans, Messrs. Arthur Wetenkamp, Arthur White, Glenn Elliott, Vern Hutchison, Philip Campbell, George Snyder, Harley and Howard Wiles, William Nolting, William Schmidtman, William Richardson, Major Hall, Robert Walling, Tom Walling, Frank Polacek, Ray Larson, Tracy Druliner, Burdett Briggs, Edward Rebal.

ICE PLANT WELL SUPPLIES AN INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLY OF WATER

The work on the well which has been in the process of drilling for the past year at the plant of the artificial ice company, seems to have proven successful in that an apparently inexhaustible supply of water has been secured. F. J. Fitch, of Elmwood, one of the leading well men in this part of the state, has had charge of the work and for the last three weeks has had G. R. Rawls and G. F. Browning, two of the expert drillers from the El Dorado oil fields of Kansas here looking after the work, and as a result they have secured a good supply of water that can be pumped for the use of the plant and assure them of a good quality of water. The well is 1,160 feet in depth and the water reached at 1,000 feet seems to be a supply that is inexhaustible, as it pumps fifty gallons to the minute and the drillers are of the opinion that this is as good a water supply as can be secured. Both of the gentlemen who have been here for the last few weeks have been working in the leading oil fields of the country and their work here has resulted in securing a paying well of water. They will leave as soon as possible for Kansas and expect to resume work there in the oil fields this week. The well has been under process for the past year and it was hoped by the owners of the ice plants that an artesian well might be located, but this seems to have been fruitless.

THE EAGLES' MASK BALL SATURDAY NIGHT A GRAND SUCCESS

The sixth annual mask ball of the Fraternal Order of Eagles was held Saturday evening at Coates' hall and was witnessed by an enormous crowd that filled the hall to its utmost capacity and the crowd of maskers was one of the largest that has been present at an event of this kind this season. The arrangements of the dance were all that could be asked for and perfect order was the program of the evening and those in charge of the ball deserve a great deal of credit for the splendid manner in which they conducted the progress of the dance. The array of costumes made a very pretty scene as the dancers moved over the floor to the bewitching strains of music furnished by the Plattsmouth orchestra, and the spectators enjoyed greatly the occasion. As the hour for unmasking drew near, the committee of judges, composed of George Lushinsky, Julius Pitz and Harry Newman, advanced to the dance floor and the dancers moved through the measures of the grand march, while the prize winners were selected by the judges. For the first ladies' prize Mrs. George Gobelman, garbed as a Spanish lady, was the successful winner, while Frank Krejci, as Topsy, was awarded the second prize. W. H. Mason, as Uncle Sam, received the first gentleman's prize, and W. R. Holly, garbed as a Pelican, was awarded the second prize. The prize for the most comical costume was given to Isadore Waintrub, as Charley Chaplin. The affair was one successful in every way and a great pleasure to those attending.

Dislocates Right Shoulder.

From Saturday's Daily.

This morning shortly after 11 o'clock, J. J. Parter of Omaha, a traveling man, while walking on the slippery sidewalk near the Manspeaker livery barn, fell, and in so doing struck his right shoulder on the brick walk, dislocating the shoulder. He at once hastened to the office of Drs. Livingston, where the shoulder was put back into place and the injury dressed. Mr. Parter returned this afternoon to Omaha, where he resides, but will be out of commission for some time as a result of the accident.

Adam Kaffenberger, one of the leading farmers of Eight Mile Grove, was in the city Saturday for a few hours looking after the week-end shopping and visiting with friends.