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H. M. BUSHNELL DIES; AN OLD PUBLISHER

PIONEER NEBRASKA NEWSPAPER MAN SUCCUMBS TO UREMIA THURSDAY

A FORMER RESIDENT OF CITY

Mr. Bushnell Prominent Figure in Newspaper Business of Cass County Several Years.

From Friday's Daily. Early yesterday morning at the St. Elizabeth hospital in Lincoln occurred the death of Herbert M. Bushnell, publisher of the Lincoln Trade Review, as the result of a very severe case of uremia. Mr. Bushnell was one of the best known figures in the newspaper field of Nebraska and very active in the republican circles of the state.

During his long residence in this city, Mr. Bushnell made many warm friends, who will learn of his death with the greatest of regret.

He was born in Moira, N. Y., in 1855. His early education was gained in Iowa public schools, his parents moving to that state in 1868. He was graduated from Cedar Valley seminary, Osage, Iowa, in 1877, and soon afterward located at Fremont, Nebraska, where he taught school for six months.

He first entered newspaper work in Plattsmouth, where for eight years he was connected with the Plattsmouth Enterprise and Plattsmouth Herald. In 1886 he assumed charge of the Lincoln office of the Omaha Bee and in 1888, with Al G. Fairbrother and S. D. Cox, he established the Daily and Weekly Call in Lincoln, which he published until 1894. He then engaged in special newspaper and traveling correspondence work.

He was one of the organizers of the Union Commercial club at Lincoln and served on the board of directors. He was a member of the Lincoln city council from 1889 to 1891. In 1892, under President Harrison, he was special representative of the state department of the United States of Colombia.

By appointment of President McKinley, he was postmaster at Lincoln from 1898 to 1902, and after his retirement from this office he founded the Trade Review, which he published to the time of his death. He was president of the Nebraska Press association from 1888 to 1890, and was active in this organization throughout his later years. He also served as president of the Nebraska Association of Commercial clubs for seven years, was president of the Society of Sons of the American Revolution and charter member of the Lincoln Round Table.

Being a republican in politics, he was a member of the state central committee three years, chairman of the Lancaster county committee and four years chairman for the congressional district.

Mr. Bushnell was married in 1884 to Miss Elsie M. Campbell, of Queen City, Mo. Besides the widow, the following sons and daughters survive: John D. and George D. Bushnell, both of Lincoln; Herbert M. Bushnell, Jr., of Omaha; Mrs. W. D. McKeown, of Plato, Canada; and Charlotte Bushnell of Casper, Wyo. Funeral arrangements have not been announced, other than that burial will be at Lincoln.

Mr. Bushnell leaves to mourn his death two brothers, A. H. Bushnell of this city and M. E. Bushnell of South Bend who will leave this afternoon for Lincoln to attend the funeral of their beloved brother.

WERE GASSED

Exhaust gas from the engine of the light plant at the Smith Service station came very near getting the best of V. E. Smith and C. E. Butler Monday evening. The exhaust pipe leads to a pit under the floor and at times escapes from this pit and fills the room with a pretty heavy cloud. The two stood talking

in a place where they were caused to inhale a lot of it and it made them pretty sick for several hours. As is always the case with this treacherous exhaust gas there were not made aware of the condition it was putting them in until their systems were pretty full of it.

Every once in a while we read of people being killed by exhaust gas from automobiles, inhaled by being in a closed garage or other room where an auto engine is running hence the treacherousness of this kind of gas is apparent.—Weeping Water Republican.

NEW YEAR'S WATCH IS VERY ENJOYABLE

Christian Endeavor of Presbyterian Church Watch Passing of Old Year and Welcome New.

From Friday's Daily. The parlors of the Presbyterian church was the scene of a very enjoyable social gathering Wednesday evening when the Christian Endeavor society held their annual watch party to bid the passing year good bye and to watch the coming of the new twelfth month. There was a very pleasing attendance of the members of the society and their friends and the occasion was one that will be very pleasantly remembered. A short program was enjoyed consisting of a number of musical selections. A pleasing vocal duet was given by Miss Estelle Baird and F. A. Clويد as well as a solo by Rev. H. G. McClusky and both numbers were greatly enjoyed. As instrumental offerings, two piano duets were given by Misses Helen and Edith Farley and Mrs. H. G. McClusky and Miss Ethel Hughes. A cornet solo by Miss Myrna Wolff was also one of the delightful features of the program. After the program the time was spent in social games until the time was drawing near for the coming of the new year when a very enjoyable luncheon was enjoyed by the members of the party.

MARRIED IN LINCOLN

From Friday's Daily. Frank Robbins and Miss Minnie Gunther were quietly married in Lincoln Christmas eve at the parsonage of a Presbyterian minister. After a short visit south they will make their home in Chicago where the groom has an important position with the Cudahy company. This young couple are well known in Weeping Water where they spent a great portion of their lives and where the bride formerly taught school and later held a position in the dental office of Dr. Arends and with his successor, Dr. O. A. Sprecht until about two weeks ago. "Bobbie," as the groom was familiarly known, graduated from our high school and has been climbing the ladder of success ever since his first association with the Cudahy company. They both have a host of friends in this community who will wish them success and happiness through the remainder of their lives.—Weeping Water Republican.

FARMERS ORGANIZE

From Friday's Daily. There was organized in Louisville last week a new organization known as the Louisville Farmers' Co-Operative Mercantile association, with a capital stock of \$60,000 and a paid-up capital of \$6,000. The following board of directors were selected: John Spangler, Henry Ragoss, C. G. Mayfield, Lloyd Group, Elmer Johnson, John Schoeman and A. J. Dietrich.

The business of the association will be to handle a general mercantile line but at present they expect to only deal in farm implements. Shares are placed at \$100 each with a limit of five shares to any one stockholder. Sixty-five stock holders have signed up.—Louisville Courier.

MRS. H. D. TRAVIS POORLY

The many friends of Mrs. H. D. Travis will regret very much to learn that this estimable lady is confined to her home suffering with a very severe cold and her condition has been such as to cause her family a great deal of apprehension.

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SCHOOL LAW RELATIVE TO REDISTRICTING

SENATE FILE 261, SESSION 1919, REPRODUCED BELOW FOR BENEFIT OF READERS

STATE AID IS PROVIDED FOR

Full Information Relative to Order of Procedure—Transportation to be Provided Pupils.

ED. NOTE.—The following copy of the school redistricting law, may be useful for future reference, as the provisions it provides begin being put in effect. It will be well to clip it out and save it.

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRICTING OF ALL TERRITORY INTO DISTRICTS FOR CONSOLIDATED AND HIGH SCHOOL PURPOSES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORGANIZING AND OPERATING OF THE SAME.

Section 1.—All of the territory in any county in the state shall be districted into districts for high school and consolidated school purposes, according to and under the provisions of this act.

Section 2.—Within twenty (20) days after this act becomes a law, the county board of each county of the state shall meet and appoint two school electors from each county, and the county clerk shall certify the same to the county and state superintendents within five (5) days, and such two persons together with the county superintendent, shall constitute a committee of three to make such surveys and investigation as will determine an equitable adjustment of the boundaries of districts for high and consolidated schools of all such territory of said county. Such two persons shall hold office for four (4) years from the date of their appointment. At the end of their terms the county board may again appoint two persons to serve for the same term. The county board shall fill all vacancies. Within thirty (30) days after this act becomes a law, the state superintendent shall call a state conference of all said committees for the discussion of the principles to be followed in the adjustment of school boundaries and locating school houses. Each member of said committee shall attend said state conference if possible and his necessary traveling and hotel expenses shall be paid by the county he represents. Within ten (10) days after the adjournment of said state conference, each county committee shall meet in the office of the county superintendent and proceed to plat and establish the school house site and boundary lines of the proposed districts within the county.

If the best interests of the public school and surrounding community require that a district contain territory from adjoining counties, each said committee of the said counties shall hold a joint meeting and shall so arrange the boundaries of said district accordingly. Said joint district and each other district organized under the provisions of this act shall receive its share of the state apportionment and other revenues due from each county. For such services said two persons appointed by the county board shall receive \$5.00 a day for each day said committee is engaged in said work, and the county superintendent shall receive expenses, to be allowed and paid by the county board out of the county general fund.

Section 3.—In the adjustment of district boundaries, wherever practicable, the boundary shall be on the half section line. The standard districts shall contain twenty-five (25) square miles; provided that this section shall be construed to permit the establishment of districts of more than twenty-five square miles, or less, when deemed for the best interest of the several communities concerned.

Section 4.—Within ten (10) days after the report is completed and maps of the new district prepared, the county superintendent shall designate a time for a hearing at which any county seat where any school elector may file objections to the plan as recommended. After said hearing, said committee shall make such changes of said report and maps as said committee shall deem advisable, and shall transmit said report and order to the county board within thirty days after the completion of the survey, who shall record the same in the minutes of their proceedings.

After the filing of said report with the county board twenty-five (25) per cent of the school electors of any such new district may within forty (40) days file a written protest or appeal with the State Superintendent, against the establishment

of the boundaries and schoolhouse site, as fixed by said county committee. Upon receipt of such protest or appeal, the State Superintendent shall call a meeting in the office of the county superintendent of the county wherein complaint has been made, giving ten (10) days' notice of the same to the objectors, and to the members of the county committee whose work is sought to be affected, and shall send a member of his staff to investigate such complaint, and be present at such meeting, at which hearing shall be had a detailed statement of the facts and conditions developed at said hearing and shall by such staff officer be reported in writing to the State Superintendent, who shall then approve the boundaries established by the county committee, or order a re-arrangement of such boundaries as in his judgment may seem best, and the county superintendent shall by proclamation declare all the boundaries as finally established by the county committee or by the State Superintendent in case of appeal, to be legally constituted boundaries and school house sites of the said proposed school districts.

Section 5.—At any time after the completion of said districting and the closing of the time for hearings and appeals, upon a petition of TWENTY-FIVE (25) per cent of the school electors living in any one of the proposed consolidated and high school districts, the county superintendent shall order an election to be held in such proposed district, at such central place as he may designate and shall give at least twenty (20) days' notice thereof required by law for holding school district elections. The voting shall be by printed ballot voted by the county superintendent and the proposition shall be cast in the following form:

- () For the establishment of New District No. _____
- () Against the establishment of New District No. _____

Ballots shall be cast in ballot boxes and the voting shall be under the direction and in charge of the board of trustees of the local school districts within which such election is being held. Said board of trustees shall make a list of all persons voting cast in such proposed district, and certify the returns within twenty-four hours to the county clerk, who shall canvass the same as provided by law for canvassing returns in general elections, and shall report the results to the county superintendent. If a majority of the votes cast in such proposed district shall be in favor of the establishment thereof, the county superintendent shall declare the same duly established and all former district boundaries annulled. If a majority of such votes cast in such proposed district shall be against the establishment thereof, the provisions of this act shall not be effective in such proposed district. Provided that another election shall not be held within twelve months.

Section 6.—If the election results are favorable to the establishment of said new school district, the county superintendent within ten (10) days thereafter shall call a meeting of the electors as provided by law for the organization of new districts; at said meeting the qualified electors shall proceed to elect a school board as provided by law. The new district when organized shall be governed by all laws enacted for the government of schools, provided that if the proposed new district contains territory from consolidated or high school district, when a petition of not less than fifty-one (51) per cent of the school electors in said new district residing outside of the existing organized consolidated or high school districts shall be filed with the county superintendent, then he shall declare such territory to be so annexed, conditioned upon the approval of the board of education of such existing districts. Blank petitions for this purpose shall be furnished by the State Superintendent. Provided, further, any parts or fragments of said territory which may be left outside of the boundaries of the new districts, in the adjustment and operation of this act shall be provided for by the districting committee, which may add temporarily such parts or fragments to other districts.

Section 7.—The Board of Education of every such district shall provide for the transportation over established public highways of rural pupils. Said Board of Education is authorized to establish such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Section 8.—A consolidated district may be formed under the provisions of this act any time during the year.

All consolidated districts organized in accordance with the provisions of this act and which are now or may be hereafter organized and which provide for comfortable transportation of pupils and maintain suitable grounds and a two-room school building and the necessary department and equipment for teaching agriculture and home economics or other industrial and vocational subjects in addition to the regular course of study and employing teachers holding a certificate showing their qualifications to teach said subjects, and in which said subjects are provided as a part of the regular course in such institution, shall be awarded and paid from the state treasury from moneys not otherwise

appropriated, the sum of \$100 toward the equipment required and the further sum of \$150 annually.

All consolidated schools organized in accordance with the provisions of this act and which are now or may be hereafter organized, and which provide for comfortable transportation of pupils and maintain suitable grounds and a three-room building and the necessary department and equipment for teaching agriculture and home economics or other suitable and vocational subjects in addition to the regular course of study and employing teachers holding certificates showing their qualifications to teach said subjects and in which said subjects are provided as a part of the regular course in such schools, subject to the approval of the superintendent of public instruction, shall be awarded and paid from the state treasury, from moneys not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$150 toward the equipment required and the equipment required and the further sum of \$300 annually.

All consolidated districts organized in accordance with the provisions of this act which are now or may be hereafter organized and which provide for comfortable transportation of pupils and maintain suitable grounds and a four or more room school building and the necessary equipment for teaching agriculture and home economics or other suitable and vocational subjects in addition to the regular course of study, and employing teachers holding certificates showing their qualifications to teach said subjects, and in which said subjects are provided as a part in the regular course in such schools, subject to the approval of the superintendent of public instruction, shall be awarded and paid from the state treasury, from moneys not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250 toward the equipment required and the further sum of \$300 annually.—Senate File No. 261, Session 1919.

LOUISVILLE YOUNG MAN MEETS WITH PECULIAR ACCIDENT

VICTIM HIMSELF UNABLE TO EXPLAIN—WAS FOUND LYING ON THE BARN FLOOR.

Elmer Wendt, Son of William Wendt, Loses Eight Front Teeth and Doesn't Know How.

From Friday's Daily.

Last Saturday Elmer Wendt, the eighteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wendt, met with a most peculiar accident by which eight of his front teeth were knocked out and his lips were not cut.

The Wendt family were preparing to come to town and Elmer went out to harness the driving team. A little later his sister heard groans coming from the barn and notified her father who went to investigate. He found the young man lying on the cement floor with eight of his teeth knocked out. None of them were broken.

Elmer says he has no recollection of having been kicked by one of the horses and it is possible that he fell and that his teeth came in contact with the cement floor of the barn.

He was at once brought to town and attended by Dr. Worthman. He will be taken to Omaha within a few days for an X-ray examination to ascertain whether or not the jawbone has been seriously fractured. All of the eight teeth were broken from the upper jaw.

Elmer surely has the sympathy of many friends in his misfortune.—Louisville Courier

ENJOYS VISIT WITH BROTHER

From Friday's Daily.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore and family of Murray are enjoying a very pleasant visit for a few days from J. E. Gilmore and family of Hay Springs, Neb. Dr. Gilmore met his brother and family in Omaha and escorted them to Murray to spend a few days while enroute to Florida where they are to spend a few months during the cold weather. J. E. Gilmore is one of the active members of the Sheridan county bar and is preparing to enjoy a well earned vacation from his practice for a short time.

CHILDREN HAVE FINE TIME

On Wednesday evening the children of the church school of St. Luke's Episcopal church enjoyed their regular Christmas program at the auditorium of the public library. The children gave a very pleasing program of recitations, songs and games that passed the time very

pleasantly. The ones taking part in the program covered themselves with the greatest of credit and showed the careful training and preparation that had fitted them for the gathering. Rev. W. S. Leete, rector of the church, and Mrs. J. S. Livingston, superintendent of the church school, had the program in charge and a great deal of the splendid results is due to their efficient work. A large number of the parents of the young people were present to enjoy the event. At the close of the entertainment the young folks were presented with remembrances of the happy occasion.

SCOTTSBLUFF TO BECOME A MONUMENT

Present to Issue Proclamation Establishing Western Nebraska Landmark at Early Date.

The Gering Courier says: "For some years local people have quietly worked to have the tract of rugged land better known as Scotts Bluff, and from which the county derives its name, permanently retained in government hands, with the consequent care which such action would mean to follow. That this effort has borne fruit is evident from a telegram received by the Courier from Congressman Kinkaid, under date of last Saturday, at Washington:

"Finally the secretary of the interior informs me that the Scotts Bluff monument proclamation is now in the hands of the president ready for approval."

Just how far reaching this action will be remains to be seen, but it is at least sure that the majestic landmark will be assured to posterity in its present condition or better. Many such acts have resulted in the government taking control, and doing more or less improving, placing men in charge and on the job as custodians all the time. That this will be done in due time is natural, but we believe also that it will be possible to follow up the present action with securing appropriations for considerable development.

"Scotts Bluff is the most ancient point in all this region, famous from the days of Captain Bonneville thru the writings of Washington Irving, and its surroundings touch all the records of the overland trails of the fur hunters, gold seekers, Mormons, etc. Aside from the historic phases its towering cliffs have become a Mecca for the sight-seeing visitor and no days go by in fair weather without parties of from one to dozens scaling its rocky summit, from which the view is the most inspiring which could be imagined. The entire valley lies spread out before the successful climber and old Laramie peak can be easily seen with the naked eye."

A TOUCH OF COLD.

The weather man proved his ability to "come back" yesterday when he staged a brief blizzard by way of ushering the new year in. The sun shines brightly again, however, and prospects look bright for the future. With plenty of coal on hand, an impending cold spell would not present the difficulties that were experienced a few weeks ago in the midst of the coal strike.

FOR SALE.

I have for sale several good milk cows, tuberculin tested. Will be fresh soon and are good heavy milkers. See Neil D. Cameron, Bellevue Blvd., block north of Childs road. Telephone South 3517, Omaha.

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