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## ORGANIZATION OF BURLINGTON IN NEBRASKA

### GEORGE W. HOLDREGE, RETIRING GENERAL MANAGER, TELLS OF PROGRESS.

George W. Holdrege, until recently general manager of Burlington lines west, addressed the annual meeting of the state historical society at Lincoln Wednesday evening on "The Making of the Burlington." Mr. Holdrege referred to the invitation from Mr. Sheldon of the Historical society to make this address, and said that he had recently closed fifty-one years of service for the Burlington, during which time all of the system west of the Missouri river had been built.

Mr. Holdrege said that the parties who had the foresight and ability, after constructing the Michigan Central railroad into Chicago from the east, organized and became responsible for the birth of the Burlington railroad now operating 9,700 miles of railroad between the Great Lakes and the continental divide east of Denver, Cody, Sheridan and Billings.

Mr. Holdrege then quoted from an address made by Vice President W. W. Baldwin of the Burlington at a recent meeting of civil engineers in Chicago, in which the history of the road was given in detail. This address dealt largely with the organization and building of the road to the Missouri river. Mr. Holdrege took up the history of the road upon its reaching the Missouri river and said:

**Fifty-One Years Ago**  
"In September, '69, I landed in Plattsmouth when the track was constructed as far as Red Oak, Iowa, and the grade was completed to Pacific Junction. This evidence was laid a few months later from Pacific Junction to the Missouri river."

"I came over the Hannibal & St. Joseph to St. Joseph, Missouri, and thence over the Kansas, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs to Pacific Junction, thence by stage, four miles to the Missouri river and ferry to Plattsmouth."

"C. E. Perkins, at that time vice president of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad company, running from Burlington west, had recommended the construction of the B. & M. R. in Nebraska, at least as far as the capital of the state at Lincoln, fifty-five miles, with an extension to Kearney to be further considered later on to make connection at that point with the Union Pacific railroad, which had connected in May, 1869, with the Southern Pacific at Promontory Point, west of Salt Lake."

"The capital of the state of Nebraska had been transferred from Omaha to Lincoln in 1868 and the general opinion of the early settlers in all the towns, St. Joseph to Omaha, inclusive, was that agricultural development could not be expected west of the Missouri river."

"Fortunately, owing to Mr. Perkins' experience in the development of Iowa from Burlington beyond the Des Moines river, which up to 1865 was considered the western boundary for settlers and farm development and to the unusual foresight of J. M. Forbes and his friends in Massachusetts, in following Mr. Perkins' recommendation, the grading in September, 1869, had been started from Plattsmouth to Lincoln."

"At this time there was no railroad in Nebraska south of the Platte river. I saw the first rails brought across the river and the first two engines (purchased from the Michigan Central road) bearing no numbers in accordance with the custom of that day, but named the "American Eagle" and the "Hurricane."

tion as been proven by the wonderful growth of the capital city.

"After the completion of the line into Lincoln in the summer of 1870, the Atchison & Nebraska railroad, 148.16 miles, was constructed. In 1871 and 1872 the line was completed between Lincoln and Kearney, also the line from Lincoln to York, making in all at the end of 1873, 495.78 miles west of the Missouri river."

"From 1874 to 1877, inclusive, no construction was undertaken. "From 1878 to 1881, 465.49 miles were constructed, including a number of branch lines in the central and western part of the state and the line from Hastings to Red Cloud and Red Cloud in the Republican valley to Indianola, gave, at the end of 1881, 1,043.96 miles west of the Missouri river."

"The range cattle business had developed in the territory tributary to the Republican river and to properly accommodate this business, it was necessary to extend beyond the area of the home-steeders into the open country served by Indianola. It was generally expected that there could be further development west of Indianola."

"The board of directors in the autumn of 1881, in view of the development at Denver, and the country beyond, especially in mining and smelting, decided to complete the line from Indianola to Denver and it was desired to have it in operation within twelve months."

"A favorable winter for construction made it possible to complete the line in May, 1882, from the Red Willow county line to Denver and to have it in shape for passenger trains in June, 1882, making a total of 1,216.31 miles in operation. I hesitate to mention my personal connection with the completion, but as others are involved, I will quote the resolution of the board of directors of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad company at a meeting in the autumn of 1882:

"Resolved: That the board desires to make special recognition and to place on record evidence of its appreciation of the great zeal and energy manifested in the rapid extension of the line to Denver, which was opened for business in June last, 247 miles of railroad having been built and completed in 229 working days. That to each of the following officers in the immediate charge of the work: Mr. Holdrege, general superintendent; Mr. Calvert, chief engineer and Mr. Campbell, superintendent of the Colorado division, it is directed that a check for \$500.00 be presented at Christmas with a copy of this resolution, to be transmitted by the president."

## LITTLE GIRLS WIN FINE DOLLS

M. Fanger Store Presents Three Leading Candidates With Beautiful Lifelike Dolls Today.

From Thursday's Daily.  
The contest to determine the most popular little girl who was to receive the beautiful dolls at the store of M. Fanger, has closed and three of the girls of the city are very happy today over the almost lifelike dolls that they have been awarded.

The winners of the contest are Alice Harris with 419,350 votes, Josephine Faust, 351,960, Mary Wynn, 273,250, and accordingly they were presented with the dolls by Mr. Fanger. The remaining candidates in the list are given honorable mention for their efforts in the contest.

When the proposition was first originated by Mr. Fanger of presenting in the doll to the little girls of the city it was decided that only two would be given away but owing to the earnest efforts of the candidates and their friends, their owner of the store decided that he would make an additional present and enable three of the little girls to enjoy a treat that does not often come to them.

It is needless to say that the little folks who have won the presents feel very grateful to their friends and Mr. Fanger is appreciative of the splendid assistance that the many friends of the contestants have given in making the event the big success that it has been in every way.

## MRS. PETER MUMM, JR., PASSES AWAY

Dies at Methodist Hospital in Omaha After Weeks of the Most Intense Suffering and Pain

From Thursday's Daily.  
This morning at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, where she has been for the past seven weeks, Mrs. Peter Mumm, Jr., passed to her final rest, death coming as a relief at 6:30 after weeks of the most intense suffering and pain.

Mrs. Mumm was taken sick some seven weeks ago and her case has been one that has been impossible to give her relief from and has baffled the efforts of the most skilled specialists of Omaha, who have been in constant attendance at her bedside. Several operations were performed in the hope of giving her some relief from the intense suffering but were unavailing and for the past two weeks her condition has been such as to give no hopes of her recovery and the coming of the death messenger brought to her rest from the long period of suffering and pain.

The deceased lady was born in Plattsmouth February 23, 1874, and has made her home here for the greater part of her lifetime. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Goos were among the early residents of the county and resided on the farm a few miles south of the city until their death several years ago.

Minnie Goos was united in marriage in this city in 1894 to Peter Mumm, Jr., and the family have since that time made their home on the farm near this city, where the family of four children born to this union were reared to manhood and womanhood. To mourn the death of Mrs. Mumm there remain the husband and four children, George, Clarence and Carl, and Miss Clara Mumm. One sister, Mrs. James Marasek, of Grant, Nebraska, is also left to mourn the death of this good woman.

The family have not as yet completed the arrangements for the funeral services and will await the arrival of the body, which will be brought from Omaha this afternoon on the 4:30 Burlington train.

Mrs. Mumm was a lady well loved and esteemed by a large circle of warm friends throughout this portion of the county and her friends feel deeply the loss that has come to them in her death and their sympathy goes out to the husband and children in their hour of deep sorrow.

## ADDRESSES MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE

Hon. R. B. Windham of This City Responds to Invitation to Speak to House of Representatives.

While in Lincoln attending the session of the territorial legislature, R. B. Windham of this city was called at the state house of representatives by the speaker of the house, Hon. J. B. Windham, to address the members of the house on the occasion of an invitation from the members to speak on some of the issues of the day. Mr. Windham was a member of the house two years ago and has served several terms in that body of the Nebraska lawmakers among them the famous "Greenback" in 1879.

Mr. Windham in his remarks to the legislators stated that the bill he had introduced in the "Greenback" session had been for the establishment of a state reformatory and he had always been strongly in favor of measure of that nature. While he took issue with Governor McKelvie on a number of points he in general commended the message of the state executive.

The speaker made clear his opposition to the manner in which the paroles have been granted from the state penitentiary, and Mr. Windham made clear that if the state prison was not large enough to handle the prisoners that there should be steps taken to provide adequate facilities for handling the prisoners as the state was amply able to provide the same.

Reform of the state primary law was urged and unless it can be made more satisfactory Mr. Windham urged the return to the old time way of doing things. He sided with the governor on the question of the abolishing of the capital punishment in the state.

## CLERK IN STATE SENATE

From Thursday's Daily.  
Among the appointments announced by the committee of employees of the state senate yesterday, appears the name of Miss Verla Leonard of this city, who has been named as clerk in the engrossing and enrolling bills department of the state senate. The salary of the positions in the state senate have been fixed at \$6 per day with the exception of the position of wages. Miss Leonard will be found a very valuable worker in the position of clerk as she has filled a similar position at previous sessions of the state law makers and her experience makes her especially efficient.

## GILLISPIES BACK IN CUSTODY AGAIN

Brothers Re-Arrested in Omaha Following Daring Escape from Jail at Sidney, Iowa.

The Gillespie brothers, Virgel and "Tack," who made their escape from the jail at Sidney, Iowa, last week, are once more in custody. Two men had gone from Sidney on late Omaha and were captured at their home there by the police of that city and are being held pending the arrival of Sheriff Jorgensen, of Fremont county, Iowa, who wants the men for the burglary of a store at Percival, Iowa, several weeks ago.

These are the two men who are suspected of being parties to the systematic robbery of various stores in Cass county as well as the Market garage at Nebraska City. They were originally arrested in Omaha and turned over to Sheriff Fischer, of Otoe county, who gave them over to the Iowa authorities and their sojourn in the Fremont county jail was of short duration as they made their escape from jail by sawing off the locks with a razor blade.

The Iowa sheriff is now on the watch and has vowed that the men will not get away this time even if it is necessary to keep them locked in the steel cell of the jail and chained to the floor.

Both of the Gillespies are clever hands at jail breaking and their connection with the organized band of robbers in Omaha makes it especially desirable to see that they are not allowed to roam at large in the future.

The Gillespie family were former residents of near Weeping Water and have had more or less experience in the criminal line as these two brothers have each served in the state prison.

## CONFERENCE WAS LARGELY ATTENDED

Post Adjutant Elmer Webb Present at Meeting of Nebraska Legionnaires in Lincoln.

From Thursday's Daily.  
Elmer Webb returned last evening from Lincoln where he attended an all-day conference of American Legion post adjutants of Nebraska yesterday. Over one hundred of the posts of the state were represented at this meeting, which was also attended by Mr. Creviston, assistant national adjutant.

The conference was presided over by Department Adjutant O'Connell, and was productive of many helpful ideas and suggestions.

At noon the assembly adjourned to the Chamber of Commerce building, where they were assigned the west balcony for their mid-day luncheon, attended by some 200 members of the Legion, prominent among whom were State Commander Simmons, Walter E. Anderson, speaker of the house of representatives and John G. Maher, formulator of the Nebraska department and this state's first commander.

Following the luncheon a group picture was taken to be used in Legion publicity work and the adjutant reassembled at the club rooms of Lincoln post No. 3 to engage in further discussion of Legion problems.

Prominent among these was the proposed new budget system, providing among other things for a department sustaining fund, and which the local post has disapproved.

Mr. Webb spoke for some ten or fifteen minutes in a reflection of the Plattsmouth comrades' views on the matter, which were concurred in by a goodly number of the adjutants present, but as this was simply a conference body and not a legislative one, it was voted that the adjutants of each post lay that post's views on the matter before the state department, and on the occasion of the next state executive committee meeting some two weeks hence, the local post will be asked to send a representative to Lincoln to present its objections in person to the committee, as will other posts filing objections to the by-laws.

## REVISION OF STATE REVENUE ASKED

SENATOR ANDERSON HAS PLAN OF TAXING THE INTANGIBLE HOLDINGS IN NEBRASKA

Senator C. B. Anderson, of Lancaster county has introduced a bill in the senate which he intends to cover new provisions of the state constitution which now permits classification of so-called intangible property and the levying of a 4 mill tax upon such property, with the exception of state and other bonds issued in Nebraska, which shall be taxed one mill on the actual valuation. His bill also provides for taxing franchises and establishes the office of a state tax commissioner, an office created by the new constitution. He proposes to have the state tax commissioner serve also as secretary of the department of finance under the code bill. He does not attempt to cover the question of inheritance tax in this bill.

Senator Anderson made the following statement in regard to his bill, which is S. F. 65:

"The constitution amendments of recent acceptance made three important changes in the revenue laws of the state: (1) The creation of the office of tax commissioner; (2) permitting classification of intangible property; (3) permitting taxes other than property taxes."

"It is submitted that the legislature should adjust the revenue law to meet these three changes. The bill prepared undertakes to deal with these three subjects as follows: 1. The tax commissioner to be appointed as the constitution provides, namely, by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. I propose a salary of \$5,000 per annum, and that the tax commissioner serve until his successor is appointed and the appointment confirmed by the senate.

"2. I propose that the tax commissioner become by virtue of his office, secretary of the department of finance under the civil administrative code.

"3. That the tax commissioner be the general supervising agent over all tax matters, subject to review in such matters generally by the state board of equalization, which, under the constitution, is fixed as the governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer and the tax commissioner.

"I propose to strengthen the administrative machinery. First, by giving the tax commission supervisory powers over the county assessor and holding the county assessor responsible for the action of the local or precinct assessor.

"Second, by permitting whenever it appears that property has not been fully listed in any taxing district or that it has not been properly valued a re-assessment thereof in such taxing district under the order of the State Board of Equalization by special assessors appointed for that purpose, paid by the state, and the expenses incurred by the state to be refunded to the state by the local taxing district where the property is re-assessed.

"This is the Minnesota plan of re-assessment which has been very effective in that state. I propose to re-assess real estate every two years.

"I propose to classify all intangible property separately and the levying of a tax upon the owner thereof at four (4) mills of the actual valuation, except on bonds of this state and government subdivisions of the state, which I propose shall be taxed at one (1) mill of the actual valuation. I propose that this mill rate be collected in lieu of all other taxes on intangible property and that the proceeds thereof be distributed among the various funds to be raised in the taxing districts as taxes on tangible property are distributed and in the same ratio.

"With reference to taxes other than property taxes, I propose a registration tax on real estate mortgages of fifty cents for each one hundred dollars for each five year period, the same to be paid into the county general fund.

"Franchises under the Constitution as amended are to be taxed as tangible property. This will in my judgment require no change in the franchise provisions except in so far as they need to be revised to fit the changed organization.

"There remains the occupation tax. This is not covered in a manner which couples it with the corporation reports and requirements and I have thought it would be best to combine all occupation taxes in a separate bill, dealing with that subject. The occupation taxes are in a class by themselves in that the tax is paid to the state treasury direct and therefore does not come within the general machinery of tax administration."

Rhode Island Reds For Sale.

I am offering some fine Rhode Island cocks, this year's stock. Miss Etta Nickles, Murray phone 1511. If T's-w.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

## DANCE A SUCCESS.

From Thursday's Daily.  
The fireman's dance last evening at the Eagle hall was a great success both socially and financially and the members of the department will realize a neat sum from the proceeds to apply on their badly depleted treasury. The floor was crowded with dancers until the midnight hour and everyone had a royal time. The music for the occasion was furnished by W. B. Holly and his musical merry-makers and the latest and best dance hits were offered for the enjoyment of the dancers.

## RECEIVES WORD OF PRAISE FOR WORK

Artistic Cabinet Designed and Made by E. J. Weyrich of This City Commanded by Edison Company.

Emil J. Weyrich of this city, of the firm of Weyrich & Hadraba, has received a letter from the general manager of the phonograph industry of Thomas A. Edison company, Mr. William Maxwell, who is also the vice president of the company and who takes occasion to give a few words of praise for the work of Mr. Weyrich in the construction of the fine Italian Renaissance cabinet which he just recently completed.

This cabinet which is used to house one of the laboratory model Edison phonographs was designed by Mr. Weyrich and represents his handwork throughout and was a very beautiful specimen of the finest Italian Renaissance type when it was completed after sixteen months of labor. Those who saw the cabinet when it was on exhibition in the store remarked on its beauty and the exquisite examples of hand carving and inlay wood work that entered into the decorative sections of the cabinet, and the words of praise that have been given it are certainly deserved.

When Arthur Collins, the singer, was here on a tone test for the Edison company he saw the instrument which had been arranged by Mr. Weyrich and was at once struck with its great beauty and its perfect type of the finest Renaissance period furniture, which is very popular over the world. He secured a photograph of home offices of the Edison Phonograph company with the result that it has received the well deserved recognition at the hands of one of the leading men in the organization. Mr. Maxwell states that it is expected to have the photograph of the cabinet made into a cut and run in one of the forthcoming issues of the official Edison publication.

## BURGLARS ARE BUSY.

From Thursday's Daily.  
Last night the postoffice at Mynard was entered by some parties supposed to have been hoboes traveling along the line of the Missouri Pacific, and the building searched by the burglars, but so far nothing of value has been reported taken and Mr. Richardson, in whose store the postoffice is located states that the government property was not injured in any way and nothing taken from the store as far as could be learned.

## SUFFERING FROM PNEUMONIA

From Thursday's Daily.  
Clifford Duxbury, the ten year old son of Mrs. Frank Duxbury of this city, is quite ill at his home suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia and last evening the condition of the lad aroused the greatest apprehension from the members of the family, but this morning he seems to be showing some improvement and it is hoped now that the worst of the disease has been passed.

## YOUNG PEOPLE WED AT NEBRASKA CITY

John E. Schulhof and Miss Mary Wagner Married Yesterday at Otoe County Courthouse

From Friday's Daily.  
A wedding in which two well known young people of this city were the participants occurred yesterday afternoon at Nebraska City, when Miss Mary Wagner and Mr. John E. Schulhof were united in the bonds of wedlock. The wedding was very quiet, the young people departing for Nebraska City Wednesday evening and to a few of their close friends had imparted the information that they were to join their lives for the future years. The marriage was performed by County Judge Hirsch of Otoe county in the presence of Mrs. Jessie Graham, sister of the bride, and Mrs. James Lewis.

The bridal couple are spending a few days with relatives and friends in the Otoe county city and will return to this city to make their home in the future. Both of the contracting parties are well known here, the bride having made her home here for the past few years and up until a few days ago was employed at the Morgan Sweetshop.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schulhof of this city and was born and reared in Plattsmouth and is at the present time in the employ of the Burlington in the local shops. He is a young man well liked and esteemed by his many friends and associates here who join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Schulhof much happiness in the future years.

## GETTING READY FOR SEASON

From Thursday's Daily.  
This morning the T. H. Pollock company of this city, the Ford agents, and who are also handling a large number of the power farming implements delivered a Joliet corn sheller to a company of farmers residing near Weeping Water, who will put it to use at once in preparing their crop for the market. This company is composed of Charles Ward, Cyrus Livingston, Rueben Groesner, Monroe Wiles, and a number of some of the most progressive farmers of the central portion of the county. Frank Valley of this city has also purchased a new Ford Sedan of the Pollock company, which he will use in his travels over the country in his land interests.

## ILL WITH PNEUMONIA.

From Thursday's Daily.  
Raymond Kunkal is reported today as suffering from an attack of pneumonia at his home northwest of the city and his condition has caused a great deal of apprehension to his family and friends. He has not been feeling well of late, but was not thought to be seriously ill until last night and it became necessary to call medical assistance and he has been very sick through the night and today.

## CARD OF THANKS.

To the kind friends and neighbors who assisted us in the time of our great sorrow in the death of our beloved husband and father, we desire to express our deepest gratitude and assure these friends that their kindnesses will be cherished by us as long as life shall last. Especially do we desire to thank the friends for the beautiful flowers of remembrance.

Mrs. John Libershal, Sr., and family.

If you keep a diary, you will be interested in knowing the Journal carries a good assortment this year.



## Good News for Plattsmouth and Cass County Friends!

There is every indication that 1921 will see unusual prosperity in this community. As a matter of fact, our years of prosperity have been those when loanable funds, labor and raw materials were abundant, and our times of adversity are invariably marked by the absence of one or more of these essentials.

All three can be had in the new year if every one deposits his funds regularly to aid in the retention of liquid capital. At this bank you can secure Certificates of Deposit for idle funds which pay at a 4% rate of interest when your money is left six or twelve months.

What better place to have one's spare funds than in a "C. D." at a bank which is a member of the Federal Reserve System and therefore under government supervision?

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