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BIG DELEGATION GOES TO GREELEY

A Special From Loup City Takes in the Dedication of the Greeley County Court House.

LOUP CITY LIVE WIRES CAPTURE GREELEY

A train load of four coaches went over the Burlington last Thursday to Greeley Center to attend the dedication of their new court house, starting out with about 150 enthusiasts, which was augmented at the various points en route, till by the time it reached our sister county seat over 300 people, men women and children, had joined the crowd of Loup City boosters, and took into Greeley Center about the largest and liveliest bunch of humanity ever brought on a like occasion. From the start till the return home, it was one continual round of pleasure and the jolliest, best natured crowd that ever got together. The excursion was one of the quickest arranged in history. On Wednesday morning, some five of Loup City's boosters got together, arranged for the train service and by evening had secured enough people to make the event a success and by 8 o'clock the next morning, when the train went whizzing out of town, the Loup City Cornet Band playing lively airs, those left behind found the city practically deserted and a long felt want to go along pervading every soul who found it impossible to do so. At Ashton, a bunch of boys, making up in enthusiasm what was lacking in numbers, joined in with the merry crowd, and at each point to St. Paul more were added. Reaching St. Paul, a halt was taken for 20 minutes to allow the excursionists to march to the new Howard county court house in process of erection, and view the kind of a structure which Sherman county has been trying to secure in the two past elections. Here some 43 of St. Paul's best people added their number to the boosters, the crowd being augmented at each succeeding station, Palmer adding perhaps 25, and so on till Wolbach was reached when nearly one hundred crowded into the cars, followed at Brayton by another large number, until by the time Greeley Center was reached only the blind baggage, the bumpers or the roofs of the cars could have accommodated more, while standing room was at a premium. Reaching the scene of the festivities, the excursionists, headed by the band marched to the court house, where a stand had been erected and where several hundred people were gathered listening to the orators of the oc-

casions. After the program was over the people thronged through the new court house, examining it in every detail, and all acknowledging that Greeley county had their money's worth and then some in the construction of their fine fireproof building, which was secured by a majority of only one vote, yet in the hours we were there we never heard a regret expressed that the election had carried and the county had secured the great civic improvement. At 6 o'clock, the excursionist started on their return home, arriving at 9:10 p. m., and were met by all the stay-at-homes, who gathered at the train with an assortment of din dispensers to welcome the train. It was the consensus of opinion that while the Greeley county court house was all that could be expected from the amount of monies voted, yet the Howard county court house in its appointments more nearly appealing to their artistic eye, and with the expressed hope that Sherman county's new court house might be built along the later lines. From every source, connected with the Greeley county court house we heard only words of praise for the splendid work done by Ohlsen & Son, Loup City's contractors, who had builded it along the very best lines, and in a workmanlike manner.

Young Man Drowns in the Beaver River

George Bushouson, a young man residing at Ravenna, was drowned in Beaver Creek at that place on Tuesday evening when he, in company with several companions, attempted to cross the stream, in a small boat just below the mill dam, where the water is deep and very swift. The boat capsized and threw the occupants into the water. They attempted to swim out but the whirl of the water below the dam was too strong and before he could be reached, young Bushouson was

ground out in the city. In order that we may not be following prog-rammed home: Bawl game at park; pedal push, usually termed foot race, between Felix Pedler and Joe Makowski; agonizing oratory by Anheiser Beush, which did not materialize, etc. Worse and more of it. J. W. Dougal was put in grand marshal of the day, ordered the populace to do its worst and then skipped for the tall timber so that he might be absent during the agonies Bill Graefa elected himself master of ceremonies and then unceremoniously absconded. At the close of the awful day, the disgruntled ones, (taking in everybody), gathered up all the old tin pans, and hideous-noise articles lying around loose, formed in a mob and laid in wait at the depot for the innocents from Greeley, who upon arriving home capitulated and vowed a vow that if they would forget it they would never go away again till the next time, after which piece was restored.

Carl Henry Lueck, Jr., of Valley county and Virgie May Dewitt of Sherman county secured a license to wed from our urbane county judge on the 29th instant.

SAYS TOWN IS OVER CHURCHED

Citizen of West Side Thinks Five Are Far Too Many For Town of 300.

TWO ALL THAT ARE NECESSARY

In Litchfield, a little town of less than 300 people in Sherman county, there are five church organizations: Disciples, Methodist, Presbyterian, United Brethren and German Lutheran. Four ministers live in this town, and lives in Hazard about eight miles distant, coming to Litchfield to preach. All told there are not three hundred church members in all the churches. There are four church buildings. None of the ministers receive more than half as much salary as a man ought to have to live on respectably. The organization that has no building is now making an effort to build a church.

These facts are furnished by a citizen of Litchfield, who adds: "Cannot these Christian organizations make some arrangement to prevent this? It is neither good business, common sense nor religion to try to support these five churches in a little town like this. Two churches at the very outside estimate is all that this town needs, and why should Christian people who are striving toward the same end be parties to perpetuating a condition of things that goes to defeat the very thing they are striving for? Any person with any mind knows that by dividing up their influence in the community. A minister with only half enough to live on can not possibly do his best work in that community. A little handful of people struggling to make ends meet and keep their churches going can not possibly make the impression on that community that one or two good strong churches well equipped and well supported could do. In the name of common sense, in the interest of good business, in the interest of our common Christianity—I say, can not these conditions be remedied?"—State Journal.

Yes We Feel Pretty Good

The Northwestern is highly pleased with the satisfactory number of new readers being added to our list of late. We acknowledge having lost a few disgruntled ones because of our standing on the court house proposition, but the loss has been made up many times over by good people, both for and against the proposition, who are willing to allow the same right to others that they claim for themselves, that of saying and doing as they deem best according to their own ideas and beliefs, hence take the place on our growing list of those who would muzzle the press or refuse to slide down the editorial cellar door. The Northwestern always believes in totting fair and indulges in no abuse of those who see things from another angle. Vinegar is not just the article to catch flies with, and also tinctured comment either through the editorial pen or private mouthings win nothing in this latter day and age, and more often acts like a boomerang.

A GOOD WORD FOR SUNDAY

The Editor's Proseman Son Criticizes Critics of Great Evangelist.

A MAN WITH PASSION FOR SOULS

Merriman, Nebr., June, 1914. —Dear Father: A few issues ago there appeared in the columns of the Northwestern an article entitled "Commercializing the Word of Jesus Christ." Permit me to make some comments on the article. I had the privilege and pleasure of listen to this man of God in Columbus, Ohio, in February of last year. He is a man with a passion for souls, sincere, earnest and honest. Any one seeing his work, hearing of it, knowing of it, and disbelieving that the evangelist's heart's desire is for the salvation of souls rather than for worldly gain, must be blinded by prejudice or the devil. As for the money Rev. Sunday receives for his work, it is only that which the people freely give. He has among his assistants many who could demand large salaries in other walks of life—leaders in song, bible teachers, assistant preachers,—who receive as compensation only from the free will offerings made to the evangelist. We are reliably informed that the evangelist is supporting a charitable institution in one of the southern states from the offerings received in evangelistic work.

People pay out thousands of dollars yearly to maintain churches in which there is not apparently a conversion from one year's end to another. The average cost of the conversion of a soul in the churches today is \$2,000. Who, that have loved ones on the road to hell would not pay even more out of pure gratitude for the salvation of that soul?

Rev. Sunday, when he was a player for the White Sox, received a good salary, and isn't his present occupation of greater value to the public than playing ball? God had rich servants in olden times, and has today, and if he should make Rev. Sunday a millionaire why should we complain?

If the people give this man of God large amounts, let us not condemn him, but rather praise God that some people are beginning to pay the Lord the money they have been robbing Him of. Rev. Sunday says that if it were not for the lazy Christians, they wouldn't need him to hold revivals.

So, in conclusion, instead of complaining about this evangelist, let us get busy and do our part of God's work, and, as the old German said to his boy, "Think what you talk." Frank W. Burleigh, Pastor M. E. Church.

Mrs. S. F. Reynolds, who has been visiting in Chicago for some time, returned home the first of the week, accompanied by her niece, Mrs. Nellie McDanall.

John W. Long and Rev. S. V. Slocumb, accompanied by Masters Johnny Long and Raymond Slocumb left yesterday morning for a two week's trip up into Minnesota on the lakes. They were joined at Lincoln by W. R. Mellor.

W. R. Mellor came up from Lincoln Monday evening, deposited his vote for the new court house proposition and returned to the capital immediately as his official duties were so pressing that he admitted nothing short of such a much needed civic improvement here could have enticed him away.

Tuesday Morning of this week brought nearly an inch and a quarter of heavy rain. The muzzling of the elements began about 3 o'clock in the morning but did not get action to any extent till about 7 o'clock.

TAKE AUTO HONEYMOON

John Blaska Springs a Surprise on His Friends

MARRIED IN OMAHA ON THE 16

Our friend John Blaska perpetrated a surprise on his friends some two weeks ago, by taking unto himself a wife, nor let his friends know of his intentions before hand. On the 16th of this month, he and Miss Ruth Johnson daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. G. F. Johnson, drove to Ravenna by auto, going from there to Omaha, where they were united wedlock by the Rev. Titus Lowe of the First M. E. church of that city. John then purchased a new 5-passenger Maxwell and he and his bride drove in the car to Holyoke, Colo., to visit a sister of Mrs. Blaska, Mrs. Conquest, arriving there Saturday evening and visiting till the following Wednesday, when they started for home, arriving here Thursday evening of last week. John has been busy since distributing cigars among his many friends. The groom is one of our very best young men and part owner in the Blaska-Woznick garage, while the bride is one of Loup City's most charming girls and for some time past one of the telephone girls at central. They went to housekeeping Monday in the Pedler cottage just east of the Sweetland business block. The Northwestern, with our entire people, will wish them bon voyage through life.

A marriage license was issued June 29th to Fred Psota of Hazard and Emma Kostel of Bristol, County Judge Smith also marrying the happy couple.

Annual School Election Held Last Monday

The annual school election was held Monday. A goodly number were present and much interest was manifest. The report of the treasurer showed a balance on hand of a fraction over \$8,000, besides some amount in the hands of the county treasurer not shown in the report, but just how much we have not the figures before us. Upon this showing, it was determined to cut the levy from that of last year at 31 mills down to 27 mills—a 23 1/2 mills reduction, or 40

Base Ball Games of the Past Week

Ashton, Neb., June 28, Ashton defeated Boelus here Sunday in a game that was featured by heavy hitting, H. Seeber, Treon, Prichard, Galczenski and Fairfield were the heavy sluggers. Score:

Boelus 3 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 6
Ashton 10 2 1 3 0 1 0 * 8

Summary: 2 bat hit, Handy; 3 base hit, Galczenski; home run, Galczenski; double plays, Bozell to Craig, Kwiatkowski to Jamrog; stolen bases, Ashton 3; struck out by Treon 5 by Jezewski 2; bases on balls off Treon 2; left on bases; Boelus 9, Ashton 4; time, 1:55; umpires, Hedglin and Davy.

Batteries — Ashton, Jezewski and Prichard; Boelus, Treon and C. Seeber.

Rockville, June 28, Farwell was given a second shutout by the locals, this time 9 to 0. Gilbert pitched good ball and his support was fine. The visitors' pitchers were wild and issued 12 free passes. Score:

Farwell 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Rockville 5 0 2 0 0 2 0 * 9

THE COURT HOUSE BONDS DEFEATED

\$75,000.00 Court House Bonds Proposition Defeated by the Decisive Majority of 203 Votes.

VERY LARGE VOTE REGISTERED.

We regret to register that the bond proposition for \$75,000 for the building of a new and up-to-date court house for Sherman county went down to defeat Tuesday of this week by what might be deemed a "slaughter of the innocents," in that by a large majority the voters said "nix" to having their records made perfectly safe and in a building that would be an honor and pride to the county; and are willing that the old, ridiculous, unshiny masterpiece of architecture and fire-trap should still remain in the court house square to shame the county in the eyes of that much of the world as are aware of its existence.

The fact that the first election was only lost by the small majority of 13 votes, gave the exponents of a modern and up-to-date building the impression that if another election were held those who voted for it would stand pat, while from what could be learned it was felt assured that in event of a second election a safe number would vote to easily carry the proposition. That was where the people favoring the bonds fell down, as was witnessed Tuesday when over 200 more voters registered their wishes, and in over that number defeated the bond election.

The morning of election was ushered in with a heavy rain over the county precluding work in the fields and so the voters turned out en masse, the total vote registered being 1687, or one of the heaviest registrations ever in the county, showing the intense interest taken in the result. Just what the

future may be is still up in the air. Some favor the calling of a new election at once; others favor waiting till general election; some wishing to wait till the county is out of debt, and yet others favoring propositions submitted in various forms. Meanwhile, the unsafe and unsanitary old dump in the center of the public square stands as an eyesore, with the records of every property holder in the county in danger, with a possibility of untold litigation in case of their destruction, as history of many other counties will attest, whose property owners have had to pay thousands of dollars to get their titles and records cleared and put in proper shape following the destruction of same when their court houses were destroyed by fire. Is it a safe proposition to let matters drift?

Following is the vote in detail by precincts:

| | Yes | No |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Oak Creek | 10 | 69 |
| Logan | 44 | 25 |
| Washington | 46 | 28 |
| Elm | 8 | 71 |
| Webster | 61 | 10 |
| Loup City | 383 | 42 |
| Ashton | 51 | 88 |
| Rockville | 35 | 111 |
| Clay | 37 | 57 |
| Harrison | 15 | 215 |
| Hazard | 46 | 66 |
| Scott | 0 | 86 |
| Bristol | 4 | 76 |
| Total | 742 | 945 |
| Majority against | | 203 |

Sventner Fined \$500 and Costs

State Food Commissioner Harman has received word from St. Paul that Mike Sventner, a butcher, pleaded guilty of the charge of selling meat from a hog that died of disease. County Judge M. D. Smith imposed a fine of \$500 and costs. This is the largest fine ever imposed under the pure food law of Nebraska. George Mayo of North Loup, inspector for the district in which St. Paul, inspector E. C. Kemble, had charge of the case against Sventner.—Lincoln News.

S. A. Pratt and wife were over from Hazard Monday for a few hours, returning home in the evening.

To the Voters of Sherman County

In another column this week will be found the announcement of Mrs. Ethel Pearson Heapy as a candidate for the office of county superintendent of schools, subject to the wish of the republican voters at the coming primary election. Mrs. Heapy is one of Sherman county's most popular teachers and is well and favorably known in our educational circles. She is considered one of the brightest women in the county and from all sides we hear her spoken of in the most complimentary manner. From what we know and hear of Mrs. Heapy, we can assure our readers that they can make no mistake in assisting in giving the lady the nomination and subsequent election.

Mrs. Bid Taylor returned home to Council Bluffs yesterday morning accompanied by her brother, Howard Adams.

A number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Blaska gave her a tin shower at her home Tuesday evening.

Not-Mayor Starr Closes Business

Last Thursday, while a large percentage of the business element of Loup City, including the head of our city administration, had gone to assist in dedicating the new Greeley county court house, a mutiny was formed by those remaining against any and all business being transacted, and with malice aforethought and intent to crush out all semblance of financial affairs, City Attorney Starr, acting as the not-mayor, was prevailed upon, and did then and there issue a proclamation, closing all banks, business houses, and all semblance of financial activity, and turned the city over to a day of idleness, fun and frolic, under penalty for disobedience of same. With alacrity, whatever that means, the few remaining, and sorrowing population locked and put craps on the doors, and mournfully proceeded to Jenner ball park, took free possession of same and witnessed about the poorest and most painfully constructed program that has ever been