

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Twenty-Fifth Meeting Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln, January 13-14, 1903

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Nebraska state historical society will be held in Lincoln, January 13 and 14, 1903. Sessions will be held at Memorial Chapel of the state university. Following is the program:

Tuesday, January 13, 8 p. m. PAPERS AND ADDRESSES.

Tributes to J. Sterling Morton—President Robert W. Furnas, Brownville, Hon. George L. Miller, Omaha. Railroads in Nebraska Politics—Hon. Edward Rosewater, Omaha.

The Campaign Against Crazy Horse and the Mule Reserves—D. Y. Mears, Chadron.

Steamboating and Steamboat Days on the Missouri. (Pioneering on the Missouri River, 1846-1890)—Capt. W. R. Massie, St. Louis.

The Rise and Fall of Steamboating on the Missouri River—Phil. E. Chappell, Kansas City.

Wednesday, January 14, 6 p. m.

Supper for members of State Historical society, Territorial Pioneers, State Horticultural society, Lancaster County Old Settlers' association and visiting friends.

Wednesday, January 14, 8 p. m.

The Passing of a Romantic Business—Capt. H. M. Chittenden, U. S. Engineers, Yellowstone Park.

My Recollections of the Missouri, 1852-1902—Capt. A. Overton, Council Bluffs.

The All-Water Route to the Rockies—Capt. D. L. Keiser, Booneville, Mo. Running the Indian Blockade on the Missouri—Capt. W. H. Gould, Yankton, S. D.

Decatur, the Early Steamboat and Railroad Center of North Nebraska—Capt. S. T. Leaming, Decatur.

Sailing the Old Missouri—Capt. Jas. Kennedy, Kansas City, Mo.

Steamboating Now and Then—Capt. W. A. Cade, Kansas City, Mo.

Early Railroad and Steamboating—Harry P. Deuel, Omaha.

Recollections of Steamboat Days at the Old Omaha Landing—William J. Kennedy, Omaha.

Business meeting.

The Nebraska Territorial Pioneers' association will meet in Memorial Chapel, Wednesday, January 14, at 2 o'clock p. m., for social reminiscences and election of officers.

The Nebraska State Horticultural society will meet in morning and afternoon sessions January 13, 14, and 15, in Nebraska hall, university campus.

A supper and social meeting for members of the above societies and their visiting friends has been arranged for 6 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, January 14, at the Lindell hotel. Tickets at hotel, 50 cents.

The public is cordially invited to attend these sessions. Those having valuable information on subjects to be discussed are urged to be present, and those possessing valuable relics are urged to bring or send them for presentation at the meetings.

THE LANCASTER COUNTY OLD SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION.

Will hold a session Thursday afternoon, January 15, 2 p. m. in the old Chapel of the state university with the following program:

Music—Mr. Camp and others. "The Hog in Lancaster County"—J. V. Wolfe.

Waverly and Its History—O. R. Bowman.

Early Law and Lawyers of Lancaster County—Judge S. B. Pound.

Music—The G. A. R. Quartet.

The Location of the Capital at Lincoln—Hon. T. P. Kennard.

Other papers and addresses or talks are expected from Col. J. P. Bratt, Col. Vifquain, Mrs. Dr. Demaree, Capt. Baird, Mrs. A. Roberts, Rev. H. T. Davis, Chas. Retzliff, Rev. John Chapman, Hon. C. H. Warner, and others. Recitations will also be given.

Social and supper, 5 p. m., Armory. Hot coffee.

Bring your good things to eat. Tables and chairs will be furnished.

I. W. Zornes, Mountain Grove, Mo.: I am reading The Commoner now, but must have The Independent, as it is the only paper that says things just the way I want to hear them said. I like the change in the form of The Independent.

For God and Family

Editor Independent: No man, any more, can tell me what is my duty "Duty" is quite obsolete in my vocabulary. "Privilege" has taken its stead. Yes, I take The Independent and as long as you conduct yourself and paper as you now do, and I can legitimately raise the money, I expect to continue. Am also taking The Commoner (conservative) beside The

Independent (radical).

A conservative is all right so long as he is not too lenient. A radical is all right so long as he is not too excessive. This is why I admire both the editor of The Commoner and the editor of The Independent. Seems about time that some of your good old or young moneyed populists would either donate you help while alive or will a goodly chunk in death. If I had money today I would rather put it into your cause than into the church, for this reason: I consider you are representing a cause that cannot fail to get the blind out of the ditch. The church cause is so adulterated that the blind are leading the blind into the ditch.

I am not a populist, democrat, nor republican; but independent of party, politics, and church. Think for myself, believe for myself and live for God and my family.

L. A. DOANE. R. F. D. 6, Manston, Wis.

Jerome Harvey, Ulysses, Pa.: While I was in Washington attending the G. A. R. encampment in October I visited the capitol and while looking down into the senate and house of representatives chambers I thought how many go there to sell themselves to the money power, instead of working for the good of those who sent them. Will it ever be changed? It is getting worse every time.

Glad to Help

Editor Independent: I am very glad that there is a probability of getting together. I have hoped for it and prayed for it. I am willing to do all in my power to help it on. I am not one who holds malice and will take any man's hand, let him be democrat, republican, populist, or socialist, as soon as he gives me a promise to stand firm and independent of either old party.

I believe it is possible to reorganize the people's independent party, but I am unalterably opposed to fusion or co-operation when more than one party name is used. If, as you believe, we should have an opportunity to vote for Judge Sullivan, let him espouse our party's cause and if he won't do that, we ought not endorse him for two reasons: First, he should be a populist; second, if he undertakes two parties he will surely fail, for beyond a doubt the democratic machine is as sorry as we are that fusion ever came, and the chances are that with three parties in the field our cause can win.

If you wish to test Mr. Bryan's sincerity come squarely out for populist principles. Force him to show his hand; it won't hurt him if he is honest and no man can stand long for a party name only and be honest, when his party goes astray.

The day has come when a man that is righteous let him be righteous still; and he that is filthy (well, if he won't repent) let him be filthy still. And when the populist party is reorganized we will be surprised at our strength. True populist principles have been crushed to the earth, but like a smoldering volcano will break out with wonderful effect.

W. C. STARKEY. Violet, Neb.

L. H. Hassing, Albert Lea, Minn.: I send another three months' subscriber and wish to ask if any more will be accepted at that rate? (Ten cents—yes.—Ed. Ind.) Your paper has improved in form and is handier to keep on file for future reference.

G. W. Knisel, Oxford, Neb.: We like your paper and must have it. We are sorry over Shallenberger's defeat—tried our best to elect him. There were fifteen brainless fellows shipped out of Oxford that would have voted for him had they not sold their votes for a pass to Denver and back. Such things are disgusting—but I am not discouraged.

A Victim of Prosperity

Editor Independent: You wish to know what I think of your paper. I think it is all right and speaks without fear, and I would subscribe for it if I had the money, but I haven't got but 50 cents to my name. So much for the good times and the g. o. p. I have worked this summer and have got almost the top wages in the logging camp, but I find that wages do not keep pace with the high price of the necessities of life, so when my summer's work is over and I go to settling up my store bills they are larger than my income. Some might claim it was because of the large family I have. I have a wife and five small children, the oldest not quite ten, and they have not been able to keep such things as meat on account of the high price. We have run no useless bills for things that were not necessary, which can be shown by

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the books of the men we traded with.

Now, I wish you would tell me what is the matter; do I need high tariff or do I need low tariff, or do I need no tariff; do I need dear money or do I need cheap money? Our last campaign in this state the little bugle-mouthed parrots that stumped around here told us we had too much money. Well, I will not impose on you by sending for a three months' trial subscription for myself, for I have already read several copies sent as samples, but I have a neighbor that gave me ten cents for three months' subscription, so will send that and as soon as I can get enough together I want to send and get The Independent a year. A. J. HUSTON. Beaver, Oregon.

John Arnot, Boulder Creek, Cal.: It came as a hard rap to see old Nebraska go back as it has done—especially the Bib Sixth. I thank you for past favors and the firm stand you have always maintained for principle.

Translating College Jargon

Editor Independent: Inclosed is 10 cents in stamps, for which please send me the worth of that in copies of The Independent for November 27, 1902. If all out of copies for November 27 send later copies, I mean later issues enough to use up the stamps. But I am anxious for the issue of November 27, wherein you, in the editorial, "The Gospel of Discontent," acted as many towards me as you were generous before in publishing what stirred the editor of the Star to name me a "frantic ass."

Another editorial in the same issue "Making the Independent," should be read and pondered over by every populist reader, and then he ought to work mightly for your success. I would not hesitate to pay \$5 a year if I could not get it for less, to have a paper for revolutionists what The Independent is for populists.

You do an immense service in translating articles written in cultured or college jargon. Years ago I avoided Huxley, for the lesser scientists were unintelligible to me and I thought a great one like him must certainly be unreadable. Later, I found that he

was the only one I could understand.

Yet there are some really valuable productions born only to die because they are written in a vicious style. God bless you for castigating those most despicable slaves—imperialistic editors. JAMES W. FITCH. Uncasville, Conn.

L. L. Kingsolver, Powder Springs, Pa.: Enclosed find 50 cents for educational subscriptions. I sold them in a few minutes and think the purchasers will be pleased with your paper. I like it better than any paper I ever read.

Soil Exhaustion

Editor Independent: Find money order to pay for five educational subscriptions.

In your issue of November 27—"How Long, Oh, How Long." This is all O. K. and is just what's the matter with the American farmer, expressed in a nutshell. Do you know that the eastern states are playing out? The soil is exhausted almost beyond recovery, and I know lots of land in the west that is becoming exhausted also by constant cropping: Wheat, wheat, wheat in constant succession; wheat and oats, wheat and oats; wheat and oats, etc., until the soil is nearly all gone.

We should keep all our good lands in reserve for future generations of Americans, instead of dealing it out to foreigners. We will soon need it all; with this constant sapping of the soil and flood of immigration will soon have a congested population with nothing to live on—it will all be desert waste.

This may help the railroads, but it is death to the American farmer, who is growing poorer and poorer under the system.

Say it again; say it again. JOHN T. MARTIN. Pittsfield, Pa.

W. I. Calhoun, Wayside, N. C.: Find five educational subscriptions. I appreciate the new dress of your valuable paper. Hope you will continue your battle for the reform forces until we are able to gain a victory. We should live in hope, if we die in despair. (But we shan't die.—Ed. Ind.)