

A Nebraska Senator.

The Washington Post has the following to say about Nebraska's own Geo. D. Meiklejohn. It is very pleasing to the Republicans of the state, in fact to all good citizens, to learn that her son is deserving of the good reports of him that have from time to time come home:

Hon. George D. Meiklejohn, assistant secretary of war, is a conspicuous example of the subordinate coadjutors or cabinet officers—of the conscientious and hard working "assistants" who really do four-fifths of the departmental chores, and do it with intelligence and fidelity. We incline to Mr. Meiklejohn, primarily because he is a conscientious and efficient laborer, and next because he has proudly refrained from seeking cheap notoriety and cheaper adulation through the medium of the newspapers. So far as we can see, Mr. Meiklejohn has contented himself with honest and enlightened activity in the discharge of his official duties, and has left the matter of his fame and celebration to contemporaneous history. We do not recall in his case a single instance of heart-to-heart confabulation with the correspondents. We cannot put our finger upon an ebullition or even a paragraph that connects him with any conspiracy to parade Meiklejohn as a hero, a victim, or a wonder. Above all things, he has been modest and self-abnegating.

It seems proper, however, to refer to Mr. Meiklejohn's useful services in the war department; his honest and courageous treatment of the canteen question, and his uniform courtesy toward those who have had contact with him in his official capacity. All our under secretaries are beset and overworked—Mr. Meiklejohn is a conspicuous type. We believe that those who have knowledge of him will certify to our commendation. But this is not all. Mr. Meiklejohn has contributed much to the success of the Republican party in the campaign just now closed. A citizen of Nebraska, which state was supposed on all hands to be a Bryan state; he nevertheless went there, some time ago, and took with him the propaganda of the Philadelphia platform. It is not for us to say that he alone carried Nebraska for Mr. McKinley, but we know that he was conspicuous in the Republican fight; that he gave weeks to the advocacy of the cause; that he was prominent among the orators and champions of his party, and that in the end Nebraska gave a handsome and most unexpected majority for McKinley.

It occurs to us, therefore, in the light of all these facts, that Nebraska can go farther and fare worse in search of a man to represent her in the United States senate. We disclaim the impertinence of a suggestion to the Nebraska legislature. Enough for us to present our estimate of Mr. Meiklejohn's services and to picture him as he is regarded here in Washington.

EVEN his bitterest opponents are forced to admit the existence of a marked change of sentiment toward D. E. Thompson, the Lincoln senatorial aspirant, whose candidacy is assuming correspondingly greater proportions.

THE farewell banquet given by Governor Pingree of Michigan was in some respects the most unique and remarkable ever tendered by a retiring governor of an American state. Some of his epigrams and paraphrases will not soon be forgotten by friends or forgiven by foes.

MR. MEIKLEJOHN'S appearance in the senate chamber as a member of that body will take from the war department, it is true, the best assistant secretary of war the country has ever had, but it will place on the floor of the senate the best friend the service can have there. His familiarity with army matters, gained by a long and intimate acquaintance with departmental and service affairs, has made him a particularly well-equipped representative of the military establishment. He has been entrusted with the actual duties of the head of the war department at various times for a longer total period than any other official. He served with great ability and untiring devotion a responsible duty during the momentous days of the war with Spain. The army needs such a friend in the senate and the citizens of Nebraska will have no occasion to regret the choice of their legislature should it fall, as seems most likely, upon Mr. Meiklejohn. He has been a faithful, enthusiastic and industrious assistant secretary of war and he is bound to be equally valuable to his state in the United States senate.—Army and Navy Journal.

Cheap Trip to Lincoln.

The Burlington will sell tickets from McCook, Neb., to Lincoln and return for \$6.90 on December 25, 26 and 27, on account of the annual meeting, Nebraska State Teachers' association. Return limit December 29.—11-30-4ts.

Clerical Permits—1901.

Applications for clergymen's half-fare permits for 1901 should be filed at the earliest possible date with the local agent of the B. & M. R. R. R.

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Veterans Endorse Thompson.

Headquarters Nebraska Union Veterans' Republican Club, Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 17, 1900.

At a regular meeting of this club, held at G. A. R. hall, this evening, the following endorsement of the candidacy of Mr. D. E. Thompson for United States senator was enthusiastically adopted by a rising vote:

"Whereas, the Nebraska Union Veterans' Republican club of Lincoln, having a membership of more than five hundred ex-soldiers of the civil war, find unusual cause for rejoicing because of the fact that Republican principles as exemplified by our comrade, William McKinley, president of the United States, have met at the hands of the intelligent thinking voters of our country, such a magnificent endorsement. And more particularly do we rejoice that our own state—Nebraska—has again, by its vote, endorsed the principles that have stood the most crucial tests for more than forty years, and realizing that in politics, as in other affairs of life—to the victor belongs the graver responsibilities—responsibilities that now confront the Republican party that must be met and settled in such a way as will retain for our party the confidence and support of the people. Among these responsibilities is the election of two United States senators by our legislature soon to convene. And having full confidence in the ability, integrity and loyalty, both to party and to country, of Mr. D. E. Thompson of this city, firmly believing that with this splendid business ability, tenacity of purpose and character he would bring to the duties of United States senator the qualities that are the best guarantee of success, and that would best subservise the material interests of our state and nation. And having abiding confidence in his appreciation of the rights of the soldier element of our country, that in the councils of our nation we would have in him a friend and advocate.

"Therefore, We, the Nebraska Union Veterans' Republican club, in regular session assembled, do hereby endorse the candidacy of Hon. D. E. Thompson for the office of United States senator and do most earnestly petition members of the legislature to give him their support and vote." J. W. BOWEN, President. Attest: R. C. HAZLETT, Secretary.

COURT-HOUSE NEWS.

COUNTY COURT.

Licenses to wed have been issued, this week, by the county judge, as follows: Joseph W. Higby of Spokane, Wash., and Jennie K. Goheen of Driftwood precinct, this county.

William J. Fleischman of Perry precinct and Augusta Lepper of Coleman precinct, this county.

Loss About \$1,500.00.

The frame dwelling on the W. F. Everist ranch on the Driftwood was destroyed by fire, Saturday evening, together with entire contents. F. A. Brott occupies the place. He had been to McCook and on his return to the ranch built a fire in a stove and went out to the barn to do the necessary chores. Shortly after he discovered the house to be in flames.

The loss is about \$1,500; partly covered by insurance. The fire probably resulted from a defective flue.

The favorable direction of the wind alone saved the valuable barn, granaries etc. from destruction, and was a fortunate circumstance in the case.

Evidently acting under the belief that there was but one black sheep in a flock, a Henry county, Mo., woman secured a divorce from her husband and married his brother the next day.

Advertisement for Cordova Wax Candles, featuring an illustration of a woman's face and text describing the product's quality and availability.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

MRS. M. G. R. FORD visited Bartley relatives, this week.

MRS. H. C. SMITH was in Denver with Roy, Christmas.

MRS. J. E. BEYER came down from Denver, Wednesday.

MRS. W. H. BROWN visited her folks in Hastings, Christmas.

MRS. W. J. CRAWFORD was with the family in Akron, Christmas.

MISS LILLIAN SMITH of Red Cloud is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. D. Burnett.

MRS. A. J. WELCH of Stratton has been visiting John Hunt and wife, this week.

IRA AND WALTER CLARK departed, Thursday, for Lincoln, to enter the state university.

W. E. BECHTELHEIMER spent Christmas at home, Juniata,—returning here on 1, Thursday.

MRS. GEORGE WILLETTTS and the children have been visiting Denver relatives, this week.

DEPT INSPECTOR MARY GRAY of Omaha was in the city, Wednesday, and visited the McCook lodge of the Ladies' circle, G. A. R.

MISS LIZZIE STEVENS of Lincoln is visiting in the city, coming up from Hastings, Wednesday night, with her sister, Mrs. Frank Kendlen.

A. B. TODD of Plattsmouth joined his wife here, first of the week, and with her spent the Christmas season with Traveling Engineer Dixon and family.

MR. AND MRS. A. A. HACKMAN of Long Branch, N. J., arrived in the city, last night. He has bought J. H. Bennett's cigar business and they will make their home with us again.

ALBERT O'NEIL and son have been visiting in the city, most of the week, coming up from York to spend the Christmas-tide with relatives. The O'Neils are very well pleased with York and York county.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SOUTH MCCOOK M. E.—Sunday-school at 3 p. m. Preaching, Sunday evening, at 7:30. Prayer-meeting, every Thursday evening. T. G. GODWIN, Pastor.

CATHOLIC—Mass at 8 o'clock a. m. High mass and sermon at 10:30 a. m., with choir. Sunday-school at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially welcome.

REV. J. W. HICKEY, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10. Preaching at 11. Junior League at 3. Epworth League at 7. Preaching at 7:45. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30. All are welcome.

L. M. GRIGSBY, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Services during summer: Sunday-school at 10. Evening prayer and sermon every Sunday at 8 o'clock. Sunday morning service, also Friday evening Litany, discontinued until further notice. Holy communion to be announced. HOWARD STOVY, Rector.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday-school at 10. Preaching at 11. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:45. Preaching at 7:30. Prayer-meeting, Wednesday evening, at 7:30. All are welcome. Morning subject, "The River of Life." Evening, a sermon for the New Year." W. J. TURNER, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11. B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. Preaching at 7:45. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 8. The Sunday-school will hold a special rally meeting, next Sunday, at 10 o'clock. There will be many attractive and interesting features in this service and all are assured of a happy and helpful hour.

GEORGE L. WHITE, Pastor.

The members of the Christian church will hold a social in the church on next Monday evening. There will be a musical programme, and reports will be made from all departments of the church work. All the members, friends and interested parties of the church are invited to be present. Refreshments will follow the programme and business of the evening.

Mid-Winter Holiday Rates.

On account of the Christmas and New Year holidays tickets will be sold at one fare for the round trip for points within 200 miles on December 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1900, and January 1, 1901, good to return up to and including January 2, 1901. A. P. THOMSON, Agent.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The different grades gave short, appropriate programmes on last Friday afternoon.

Miss C. A. Gorby, principal of the High school, departed on 2, Saturday morning, for Nelson.

Sup't Thomas departed on 2, Saturday morning, for Harvard, where he will spend part of the holiday vacation.

The public school library in the East building will be open each Saturday morning during the holiday recess, when books may be secured or returned.

The usual morning programme in the High school assembly-room, Friday, was changed to the afternoon, and partook of the special character of the season.

Sup't Thomas, Principal Gorby, Teachers Schobel, Thomson, Leonard and Wibley attended the meeting of state teachers in Lincoln, latter days of this week. The superintendent and Miss Thomson each had numbers on the programme.

The several out-of-town members of the teacher corps are spending all or part of the two-weeks holiday at the following places: Sup't Thomas, Harvard; Principal Gorby, Nelson; Mrs. Schobel, Minden; Mrs. Duffy, Grafton; Mrs. Hedlund, Kansas City; Miss Powers, Trenton.

The pupils of the City hall Primary school were concerned in one of the prettiest features of the holiday season: the little tots making gifts for their parents out of kindergarten materials. And it is surprising how well they succeeded in evolving articles useful and pretty, showing quite unexpected skill in their handiwork.

DRIFTWOOD.

Miss Fern Acheson's schoolmates gave her a pleasant surprise on her fourteenth birthday.

Grandma Dodge is still very poorly, having been on the sick-list for the past two months.

People having places to rent, sell, etc., should advertise in the papers; we think it would be better for all parties concerned.

M. E. Hartman and family from Clarinda, Iowa, are at present with E. A. Dodge's, Mrs. Hartman being their only daughter. Mr. Hartman is wanting to lease a place for a term of years and try the short-grass country.

When does the game law put a stop to the killing of quail, chickens, etc. They were quite plentiful, last fall, but we hardly see one now. I expect we will see plenty of grasshoppers next summer to pay for the good times that hunters have in their destruction.

BANKSVILLE.

J. H. Rolph and family spent Christmas with relatives at Cedar Bluffs.

Some of the boys are talking of having another shooting match on or about New Year.

Mr. Updegraff, who lived near here about six years ago, was in this vicinity, Wednesday.

Rev. J. W. Walker has been holding meetings at the school-house, this week, and considerable interest is being manifested.

COLEMAN.

John Droll is able to be around again. He has been quite sick.

Mrs. M. H. Cole is expected back from her Iowa visit, Thursday evening.

H. B. Wales, J. W. Corner and John Heinlein, with their families, spent Christmas eve with W. M. Sharp and family.

The battleship Kentucky spent Christmas at Suez on her object lesson junketing trip.

A Chinese proverb says: "Great is the woman that holdeth her tongue." Great curio, yes.

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THESE CRIMPY MORNINGS

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