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an opportunity to have a talk with you in order that we may show why we can serve you to your profit and our own.

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(From file of Journal April 17, 1902.)

Omaha has voted \$4,000 to bore for coal.

Schuyler is aroused for the immigration question. Mr. Greenman goes to Omaha, armed with 10,000 circulars describing Colfax county.

Role of honor, district No. 13, Mary Lawrence teacher; Tom Warren, Cornelia Matthews, Eva Coffey, Mary Turner, Maria Sutton, Dora Taylor, Lizzie McNew, Lillie Smith, George Smith, Claud Coffey, George Matthews, John Coffey.

For several weeks past some Pawnee Indians have been in camp south of the river. In a quarrel one day last week one of the men killed his squaw, and he is now being held for trial.

Married, April 16 by Judge J. S. Higgins, Thomas H. Russell and Miss Ada L. Cook.

I. N. Taylor, secretary of the State Board of Immigration, resident of our city, has been employed by the county commissioners to prepare and publish a number of pamphlets describing the country.

(From file April 24, 1902)

Mr. Kuhmers store, to be occupied by Mr. Morrison as a dry goods store is in line of construction on 11th street.

President White of Cornell University, who has been giving attention to the subject of re-education of the sexes, has lately been visiting nearly all the colleges in the country where the experiment has been tried, and has closed his tour of observation fully confirmed in the belief that the system may be adopted with safety, and with a fair prospect of extended usefulness.

At the republican county convention, George Hulst and E. P. Coolidge were selected as delegates to the state convention, and resolutions were passed unanimously instructing them to favor only such men as would in the national convention vote for Grant as the republican candidate for President.

Chas. A. Spence county superintendent, has permitted us to examine his report to the state superintendent. From it we quote the following: There are twenty-one districts, with 74 children in all. The two Columbus districts have together, 166. There is one school house, two log and twelve frame. The names of the qualified teachers are: Sarah J. Keat, Apphia J. Avery, Mary Weaver, Sarah Blodgett, Elizabeth McGath, Rose Thudlin, Anna A. Kelley, Mary McCauley, Mary Lawrence, Emily Jackson, Chas. W. Stuart, S. L. Barrett, Benj. Speelman, James Lynch, George W. Newberry, Allen Jillion, Wm. Prescott, James Bell, Ed. Bartlett, John G. Rouben, F. W. Ellis, Theo. Douglas, Frank H. McLaughlin and E. A. Blodgett.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Millenz are happy over the arrival of a little daughter at their home on Tuesday night of last week. The little one was christened Rozana Marjoria.

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## Pat Murray.

Patrick Murray one of the oldest settlers in Platte county died at his home three miles northwest of this city last Thursday afternoon at four o'clock of an acute bowel complaint after an illness of one day and was buried Saturday in the Catholic cemetery, the funeral being held from the Catholic church at ten o'clock.

Mr. Murray came to Platte county in 1856, walking the entire distance from Pennsylvania in company with a countryman named Patrick McDonough.

Mr. Murray worked hard and saved his money and although he had no education, being unable to read or write, he had the good judgment to invest his savings in land where land was cheap. Consequently at the time of his death he owned about 3000 acres of the most valuable land in the Loup valley besides a vast amount of city and personal property. His possessions are roughly valued at a quarter of a million.

Mr. Murray was married first on July 4, 1856 to Miss Bridget Honnesey. She died in 1893 and on July 4 of that year he married Miss Reba Scholz. To this union were born seven children all of whom are living. Mr. Murray leaves besides his wife one sister, Mrs. S. E. Cushing of this city and a sister in a convent at Wheeling, West Virginia whom he had planned to visit next fall.

Every old settler in this part of Nebraska who used to drive to Columbus for supplies knew "Pat" Murray and will be interested in this bit of pioneer history for which the Journal is indebted to Ben Turner.

Patrick Murray was born in Kings county, Ireland, in August 1829. He emigrated to America when 18 years old locating in Chester county, Pa., where he remained until 1856. He then came to Nebraska, locating at his present residence in Platte county. On the 4th of July, 1856, he married Miss Bridget Honnesey. He began farming and stock-raising. He raised his first crop of wheat the next year. It being buckwheat he had to take it 100 miles to get it ground. Before he moved up on his homestead he built a barn 100 feet square, paying \$75 per 1,000 for his lumber at Omaha, and hauling it to his farm with oxen. In 1856 he took a contract to put up a large quantity of hay for the government forces. While putting it up he went to Omaha to attend the letting of a contract to furnish meat to the soldiers, leaving his wife and hands at work at the hay. During his absence the Arapahoe Indians attacked his wife and the hands in the field, after having taken supper with them and pretending friendship. They killed his brother and wounded several others, among whom was his wife, whom they shot. They then destroyed his tent, bedding, harness, etc., and took away with them his mules and such other articles as took their fancy. As soon as he received the news at Omaha, he started home and with a squad of soldiers went in pursuit of the Indians. The commanding officer promised to return his property, but the government sent commissioners who made a treaty with the Indians, permitted them to retain the stolen property, proposing to pay the owners their value. Mr. Murray filed his claim for the value of the mules and property taken by them, but has never received anything, though when he took the contract to put up the hay he had been guaranteed assistance and protection from the soldiers. However, he soon recovered from his losses, and has since been prosperous. Starting with a homestead of 160 acres and a pre-emption for a similar amount, he has steadily added to it, until he now owns over 1,800 acres in the Platte valley. His home farm comprises 600 acres with excellent improvements. He has 75 acres in pasture enclosed with a board fence. In all his farms he has 800 acres in cultivation, which he farms himself, running seven teams. He is a very extensive dealer in live stock, keeping a herd of 300 head of cattle and feeding 100 for the market each year. He has also nearly 1000 head of Osewold and Southdown sheep and a large number of hogs.

At the first railroad land sale at Omaha, he purchased \$1,000 worth of land, borrowing the money at the bank in Omaha to make the first payment, and getting four years' time on the rest. He returned home and started two teams to work to break the prairie, continuing four weeks and breaking 100 acres. The next year he sowed this land to wheat. He sold nearly 1,000 bushels at \$1.05 per bushel, on the track at Columbus. That year he broke the remaining 60 acres of that quarter section, harvesting 1,400 bushels from it the next season. This quarter section paid in the four years the whole debt. Mr. Murray is a prominent and influential member of the Catholic church which was the first church established in Columbus. He handed from Omaha the lumber for the church free of charge.

G. E. Richey of Omaha, an old-time Columbus boy, was in the city several days last week visiting relatives and friends.

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Ghas. H. Dack  
...Druggist...

## Democratic Convention.

It was great, considered from a dramatic standpoint, the democratic convention last Wednesday which marked the political death of Edgar Howard in Platte county, which sent John Bender home to his Hampshire care while his political soap was left to adorn the belt of J. Greig, the "funny farmer" from Woodville, and which looked on while in one, two three order, Chris Grausther, the young prince of Platte county democracy, flayed and hung up to dry the skin of Hon. P. E. McKillip, Hon. G. W. Phillips an Hon. Edgar Howard.

The public had been prepared for weeks for a convention fight. Edgar Howard in the Columbus Telegram had brought out P. I. Hall of Lincoln for governor and P. E. McKillip through the World-Herald had seconded the nomination, and given his word on his dignity as a congressional candidate that Platte county democrats were running foot races with each other to get under the Hall banner. On the other hand Chris Grausther in his Platte County Signal, supported by Fred Pratt in the Hampshire Democrat, had rallied to the standard of George W. Berge, Chris maintaining that the masses of the democrats were with Berge.

Edgar Howard quickly snatched up the gauntlet thrown down by Chris, and declared that Platte county democrats should not surrender democracy to a populist leader like Berge and he very condescendingly said that Chris might go to the convention, so confident was he of success. From that moment the contest in Platte county was a trial of personal political strength between Edgar Howard and Chris Grausther in which it was thought Howard would win because he had the backing of P. E. McKillip and G. W. Phillips.

There was also a contest for the county attorneyship between Judge Hensley, August Wagner and Louis Lightner and a contest for representation between John Bender and Jim Greig, either of which would have been exciting but for the all-absorbing contest between Howard and Grausther.

While the issue of this contest was one-sided, told briefly by the figures 108 to 20, still there were fireworks to the convention to more than satisfy the most exacting. For McKillip, Phillips and Howard died hard, and forced Chris to hold them up repeatedly before the eyes of the convention and speak them.

The delegates met at Orpheus Hall 2 at 9 o'clock, but they were not alone. The galleries and boxes were crowded with eager spectators, men and women. And the spectators were no less impatient than the delegates to get over the work of formal organization and into the real battle.

Frank Korman was elected chairman and Matt Rasmussen and George Bender secretaries. Committees on resolutions and delegations were quickly appointed and the rooms taken to give them time to make their

reports was employed by the fighters to put the final touches on the edges of their battle axes.

When the gavel sounded a death-like silence fell over the convention and the eager spectators in the galleries leaned forward to catch every word.

First came the report of the committee on resolutions, and Howard, the chairman, with a forced smile of confidence stepped forth to read the resolutions. A majority of the committee were for Berge and the convention expected to hear a Berge re-orientation.

But they were disappointed. It is not necessary to publish the resolutions. Everybody in Platte county is familiar with their contents for Howard wrote them. First came a denunciation of the Roosevelt administration, then some democratic promises and finally the anti-panic resolution, and as Howard read this last resolution his fingers travelled unconsciously to his pockets containing malleage on the various railroads, and he stopped long enough to wink at the six democratic party-holders in the convention, while the visitors in the galleries murmured, "True, true! Democratic platforms are made to run on not to stand on."

There was applause, then the curtain fell on the first act.

But before the applause had died the second act had begun and Chris Grausther had the stage. It was a simple act, just the reading of a short resolution instructing the state delegation to vote for G. W. Berge for governor, and Chris looked as modest and innocent as a blushing school-girl when he read it. But it seemed to touch a spring concealed somewhere under the convention chairs for fully five out of six of the delegates sprang to their feet and fairly screeched their "seconds" to the resolutions. But the fewing looks of Howard and McKillip and the long black mustache of Phillips got tangled up in the furniture and they couldn't get up.

McKillip was the first to get untangled and when he arose he delivered a broad-sider as Chris that brought tears to the eyes of strong men. (He insisted that it was undemocratic for the common people to

elect their representatives and indulged in some cow-boy metaphors about "hogtying" democrats that were understood only by those who had heard the calf story which made McKillip famous during his unsuccessful race with McCarthy.

Chris answered in a thirty minute speech which jarred out several windows in the galleries. All that is remembered of his speech is something he said about Jefferson and the common people and instructions being at the fountain head of democracy. His sentiments were very much Roosevelt and the republicans present joined in the applause when he sat down.

Then Phillips took a hand. He spoke so earnestly and so loud that he cracked his voice and there was no democratic clamor at hand to repair it. He declared that he was not anti-Berge but contended that Hall and Shallenberger and Billy Thompson, those old-time democrats, should not be slugged in the face with Berge instructing. And rising on his tip-toes he shouted that instructions were contrary to precedent in Platte county.

Then Chris took a hand again and dug up a pile of nasty records similar to those that drove Howard and Ernest Bender to the tall timber, and read where Phillips himself had written instructions favoring James Welch and Congressman Robinson and Judge Holmstead. And Phillips likewise took to the tall timber.

Howard like every one else present saw that the killing had been made and that he himself would stand out

in the political history of Platte county as the chief victim. But when he looked to the galleries and saw the faces of beautiful women, he could not resist, even as he stepped into his political grave. He evidently wanted his grave strewn with flowers from the hands of women, as befits the knight of southern chivalry, so his appeal was made in the direction of the galleries. And as he died that captivating smile characteristic of the knight of old who died with his head in the lap of his lady-love, settled up on his features. His last words were: "It's all a mistake, boys. I'm ready for—the mis—take." The end had come. John Byrne was the first to see that it was time for the vote. He secured the floor and demanded a vote, saying: "Boys, let's cut out this hot-air. Come down off the bleachers, get into the diamond and play ball."

When the vote was taken it stood 108 to 20 for the Berge resolution. Only one incident in the vote is worth reporting. When the Platte Center delegation voted, Delegate Higgins bolted and voted against the resolution although the whole delegation was bound by Berge instructions from their primary.

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## Interesting Letter from Miss Elise Bragger.

July 12, 1906.

Dear Mama—  
I shall commence to write again tonight. Just a week ago "Wednesday" I left Paris at 10:30 for Strasbourg. Mr. Hoyt took me to the train and I traveled all night in a chair car with all my baggage with me and in an apartment with all kinds of interesting people, slept some and ate Peter's chocolate the rest of the while. It was 8:30 Thursday morning when I pulled into Strasbourg. Just before had passed through Nancy (I didn't know before that I was going that way) and then through the custom house at Avricourt. When I got off the train at Strasbourg a "porter" shouted French at me, I gave him some bad German in return and we understood each other beautifully. But I couldn't say any more that seemed to be looking for me until some one called my name and there was Aunt Amy and Olin. We put up at a hotel and spent the rest of Thursday, walking through funny narrow streets, looking in shop windows and meeting trains until Nellie and Tillie finally came late in the afternoon. I was so glad to see Tillie, and how those girls did talk French together.

Friday all the people from Flobheim came in. Katie came and Tante Babette and we had another family dinner. We girls went through the big cathedral and climbed way up the tower. It is a wonderful and amazing pile of stone and Strasbourg is a strange old town seen from the cathedral spire. That evening I went out to Flobheim and saw how people live in a country village. The "Abendglocke," the old parsonage and older houses and the peaceful quiet of it all is so pleasing.

Saturday morning I was in on the train with Helene. She goes to school in Strasbourg and reaches there every morning at 8 o'clock. We passed through so many little villages on the way. That same morning before we left for Barr they took me over to the deaconess house where Marie Burmette, the deaconess is. She was so pleased to see me and showed me all through the place, "so I would tell mama about it." Everything I saw was profound with that. They haven't forgotten you and I heard lots of stories about the little brown eyed school girl "who was so good." Dear mother you must come over and see them all. They were so good to me.

We reached Barr Saturday afternoon and how glad cousin Frederique was to see us. She is a "perfect dear." I would love to stay there awhile. The funny old house with all the beautiful old furniture some of it over two hundred years old, and hand carved. It was all so interesting and so fascinating. That evening we climbed up the mountain and had a beautiful view of Alsace. The Vosges and the Schwarzwald. Alsace is beautiful, beautiful and Switzerland is sublime. You and papa could not have come from better places. I saw the old grandmother, too. She is 101. By the way my German proved passably good. I could understand almost all their French and German and could make myself understood.

Sunday afternoon Auntie and Hon. Ad and I left the cousins and "Barr-Ad's" for Colmar. There we walked the town and O how many interesting things I saw. The church where you were baptized, the place where you went to private school and the old house and Tante Birmelles house. We saw their old friends, that I'll tell you about at home, I have their names down.

Monday morning we got on the train again, this time for St. Ludwig where the Birmelles live. We were there for dinner and then Auntie went on to Basel with me to help me through the custom house. She did everything for me and at one o'clock I was gone, alone again on a train speeding toward Louanne. It was so good of Auntie to come clear down to Basel with me. I had the sweetest kind of a time.

The scenery in Switzerland between Basel and Louanne is so wonderful. Such country as this Switzerland is. I can't describe it, only how I would love to live there. Home was beautiful from the train when we crossed the river and then the Jura between there and Louanne! I reached Louanne at six-thirty just an hour before the rest of the party came in from Paris. We had a beautiful hotel to stay in there and our room faced on the lake. My coat was fairly steamed in beauty in that place. The mountains, the lake and the sky are beyond description. I hunted out the place where the girls had been at school.

Tuesday we took the train at one o'clock and went out past the castle of Chillon and on out into the mountains and through the St. Imier tunnel. The tunnel is twelve miles through the longest one, but there are six or seven tunnels before you reach the other side. After that we went on through Italy to Strass on Lake Maggiore, where we had lunch and then we took the boat across the lake. These Italian lakes are little gems in the moun-



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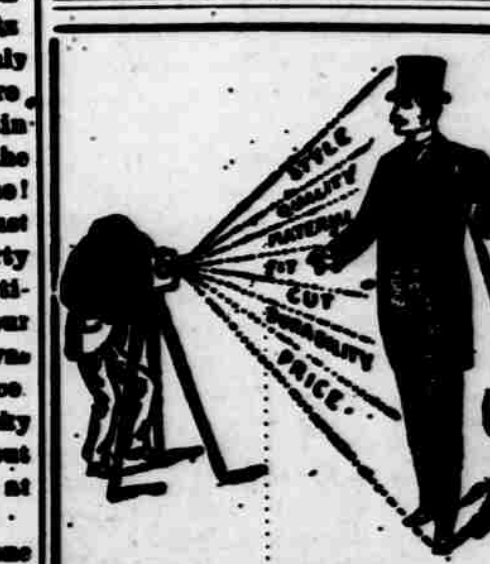
tain. On the other side of Lake Maggiore (at Trun) we took the train across country again to Lake Lugano at Lugano. Here we took the best train and, O such a beautiful ride as that was. The sunset on the mountains and the water was wonderful. Such coloring as one sees in this country I never dreamt of before. We spent Tuesday night at Lugano, on Lake Lugano. It is in Italian Switzerland and is often called Patalia. It isn't mentioned. In the morning we wandered around there along that beautiful lake and in those funny little shops and after a splendid lunch we took the boat again, headed, took the train across country and then down this beautiful Lake Como to Como. We had time to dress for dinner and such a big family dinner. There were seventy-two of us in the dining room and in the evening we listened to the natives singing in bands on the moonlight lake. Every hotel we've been in since we left Paris has been perfectly beautiful and always on the lake front. Just ideal spots. This morning, Thursday, we left Como at 7:30 for Milan where we spent the day in picture galleries and cathedrals. They are having an exposition on there now celebrating the completion of the Simplon tunnel and the city was so crowded we came back to this spot of Eden for tonight (Como). Tomorrow morning we leave for Venice by way of Milan. That means tomorrow night in Venice. Today we saw the original of Leonardo's Vitruvius Last Supper and the church of St. Ambrose, the wonderful and beautiful white marble Milan cathedral. Another big picture gallery, an old place dating from 1300, the exposition and a cathedral here in Como (1500). The one here has Fliny's statue upon it. It has been a full day and now must go to bed.

Miss Theres Gluck went to Omaha last week to visit her sister, Mrs. D. M. Newman.

This office is in receipt of a handsome souvenir program of the circus-quest to be held at Fullerton August 24th, to September 2nd inclusive. A number of men and women of international fame will be present several good concert companies, magicians, projectors, imperator etc. The Cedar River, which runs through the park in which the chautauque is held, furnishes good boating, fishing and bathing, a tennis court has been made, swings put up and all sorts of sports arranged for. Write the secretary for program.

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