

control of the paper as business manager and managing editor and still occupies that dual position.

Freeman P. Kirkendall, manager of the Department of Buildings and Grounds, is a native of Ohio, having first seen the light of day in the capital city of the Buckeye state. At the tender age of 19 years he entered upon the battle of life for himself and secured employment with a retail dry goods firm as errand boy. He remained in his native city until nearly 23 years of age, working slowly up the ladder of the dry goods business, and then removed to Bloomington, Ill., where he started in the dry goods business for himself. In 1879 Mr. Kirkendall came to Omaha and established the western branch of the wholesale boot and shoe house of Reed, Jones & Co., of Columbus, Mo. Kirkendall is the "company" of the firm. Upon the death of his associates Mr. Kirkendall became the head of the firm of P. P. Kirkendall & Co., the largest boot and shoe house west of Chicago. He is also interested in a shoe factory in Columbus, O. Mr. Kirkendall is a progressive, public-spirited business man and has carried a most enviable reputation



FREEMAN P. KIRKENDALL.

for honesty and business integrity in the communities in which he has lived.

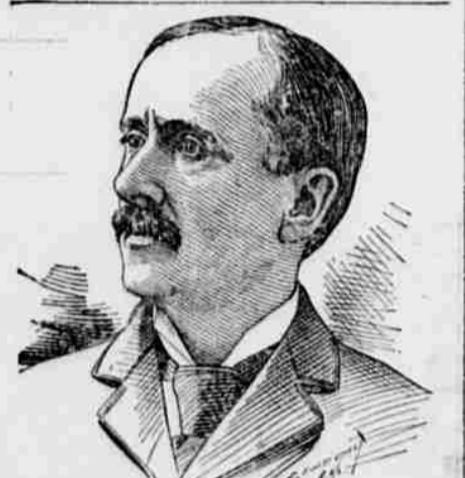
Abraham L. Reed, manager of the Department of Concessions, is the president of the Byron Reed company, one of the leading real estate companies in the city. He was born in Omaha, September 23, 1865, and has passed the greater part of his life in this city. At the age of 15 years he was sent to Racine, Wis., to attend school. He attended the grammar school, and afterward the college, remaining in school about six



ABRAHAM L. REED.

years and graduating with the highest honors in his class. After leaving school Mr. Reed returned to Omaha and entered his father's real estate office in January, 1887, where he has since remained. In June, 1891, he was given the full management of the business and was elected president of the company, which position he has since held.

Edward E. Bruce, manager of the Department of Exhibits, is the president of the corporation known as E. E. Bruce & Co., one of the most prominent wholesale drug houses in the west. He is a native of Ohio, having been born in Highland county in the Buckeye state August 30, 1847. At the age of 20 years Mr. Bruce migrated to the west, locating at Ottumwa, Ia., where he entered a drug house as a clerk. By energy and perseverance he familiarized himself with every detail of the drug business, and



EDWIN E. BRUCE.

In 1875 was admitted to the firm. From this time his progress was rapid, and in December, 1886, he decided to remove to Omaha and take advantage of the superior advantages offered by the Gate City. December 29, 1886, the firm of Blake, Bruce & Co. was removed from Ottumwa to Omaha and Mr. Bruce assumed the active management of the business. August 20, 1893, the firm of E. E. Bruce & Co. was incorporated, with Mr. Bruce as president. He is the active manager of the business, and is an energetic and prosperous business man who stands high in the community as a man of integrity and ability.

Manager William M. Babcock, of the Department of Transportation, is a practical railroad man of many years' experience. He is a native of New York. He entered the railroad service with the Chicago & Alton and Wabash railways. With the exception of six months spent in the army in 1864, under the last call for volunteers issued by President Lincoln, Mr. Babcock has been continuously in the railway service since his first introduction to it. In August, 1876, he was appointed superintendent of construction of the Colorado Midland railroad and



WILLIAM M. BABCOCK.

on the completion of the road was appointed general freight and passenger agent of the Chicago & Northwestern railway at Denver, August 1, 1884. Mr. Babcock was transferred to Omaha and advanced to the position of general western agent of the Northwestern, and was also made general agent of the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley and the Sioux City & Pacific roads. This dual position was occupied by Mr. Bab-

cock until July 1, 1889, when he was made general manager of the operating and railroad department of the Union Stock Yards company of South Omaha, which position he now holds.

Vice President Thomas H. Wells, Thomas H. Wells, vice president for South Dakota, is a native of Missouri, hav-



THOMAS H. WELLS.

ing been born at Kirksville in 1836. He attended the public schools and the State Normal school, and when 12 years of age removed to the frontier hills of South Dakota. Mr. Wells has been actively engaged in mercantile business and is the secretary of one of the largest mercantile corporations in the state. He has also taken an active part in political matters and has held various offices of local importance. He was the first city auditor of Hot Springs and has been a member of the city council for several years.

Vice President Charles A. Fellows, Charles A. Fellows, vice president for the state of Kansas, is the mayor of the



CHARLES A. FELLOWS.

flourishing city of Topeka. In private life he is one of the leading building contractors of Topeka and has the contract for the beautiful and elaborate capital building now under construction in the Sunflower state. Mr. Fellows is a native of New York, having first seen the light of day in that state thirty-three years ago. He has been a resident of Kansas for the past twelve years, during which time he has been prominently identified with the business and political interests of the state.

HOLD AN EXPOSITION JUBILEE.

Ratification of the Passage of the Bill by Congress.

The approval by the president of the United States of the act of congress granting recognition to the Transmississippi and International Exposition and providing a liberal appropriation for the erection of a government building and the installing therein of a national exhibit was made the occasion of a jubilee, celebrated by the residents of Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs. The bill had passed congress on the 26th of June, 1895, and was approved on June 16 by President Cleveland. On June 26 a most enthusiastic celebration took place in the city of Omaha, which was participated in by a vast concourse of people from Iowa and Nebraska.

The jubilee took the form of an evening street parade, followed by impromptu speaking by those who had taken a prominent part in bringing the exposition to the position it then occupied. The line of march of the parade was over three miles in length and the wide streets in the vicinity were packed from building to building for the entire distance. The residents of Omaha were out in full force; every incoming train brought crowds of people from the surrounding country. The procession itself was several miles in length. In its ranks were the regular troops from Fort Crook, the local military companies, strong representations from the various secret societies and labor organizations, large delegations from neighboring towns, city, county and state officials and a number of floats. Nearly every organization in line carried transparencies bearing mottoes and terse expressions of the sentiments of the organization. These were almost entirely in native and were expressions of a determination to make the exposition a success. The enthusiasm of the spectators was equalled by the enthusiasm displayed by those in the procession and the music of the scores of bands was overwhelmed by the cheers and shouts from thousands of leather-lunged celebrants.

After the parade had passed the crowds gathered about a speakers' stand, which had been erected in Jefferson square. On this stand were assembled the city and county officials from Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs and guests from surrounding towns, together with Governor Holcomb, Senator William V. Allen, Congressman D. H. Mercer and Colonel John Doniphan of St. Joseph, Mo. The meeting was presided over by President Gurdon W. Wattles of the Exposition association and stirring speeches were made by Governor Holcomb, Congressman Mercer, Senator Allen, Governor H. W. Furnas, Hon. John N. Baldwin of Council Bluffs, General C. F. Manderson, Colonel Doniphan of St. Joseph and J. H. Van Dusen of South Omaha. All of the speeches were full of inspiring enthusiasm and guaranteed the hearty co-operation of the people of the surrounding country with those of Omaha in making the exposition a grand success and an event of international importance.

NEBRASKA PRESS COMMENT.

Burchard Times: Now is a good time to work up the Transmississippi Exposition, which will be held at Omaha, June-November, 1898. Congress has pledged not less than \$200,000, and almost \$300,000 additional is contemplated. In addition to this there have been subscriptions and other appropriations which makes the sum total which will reach about \$2,000,000. An exposition of this sort will call attention more forcibly to the western states and show their excellences and wealth.

Tobias Gazette: The Exposition will be a splendid advertisement for Nebraska and especially the city of Omaha. It is a railway enterprise and every person that has the welfare of Nebraska at heart ought to aid it in every possible way. Congress has pledged not less than \$200,000 and the state of Nebraska ought to aid it by a liberal appropriation. Let us not be penny wise and pound foolish in this matter, but stand up for Nebraska by the most enterprising and successful Transmississippi Exposition.

North Bend Argus: The committee appointed to make arrangements for the great Transmississippi Exposition are now hard at work and nothing will be left undone to make the exposition a great success. Subscriptions amounting to over \$400,000 have already been secured and congress has pledged not less than \$200,000 more. The exposition will be a great advertisement for the whole Transmississippi region, and especially Nebraska, and all Nebraska should be ready to push it along.

Platte Center Signal: The Transmississippi Exposition is being engineered forward with all the vim and vigor of a great business element of the state. Nebraska should come forward with a liberal appropriation for this grand scheme in order that we may look forward with pride to the year 1898, when our state will demonstrate to the world at large that its industrial develop-

ment is only excelled by our wonderful natural resources for agricultural purposes, which makes Nebraska truly "The garden spot of America."

Julius Herby: The subject of greatest general interest for the coming year to Nebraskans will be the success of the proposed Transmississippi Exposition to be held at Omaha in 1898. Liberal subscriptions should be given to this great enterprise by our moneyed men and all business men generally. It will be a grand thing for our state and the western country generally, the scope of the exposition taking in not only our country, but practically the whole world, and bringing to our very doors the means and means needed in the development of our great empire.

Bradshaw Republican: That the Transmississippi and International Exposition will be a success there is no longer any doubt. The Omaha people, backed by the able newspapers of the city, are putting forth an exhibition of energy that can only be fraught with great results. E. Rosewater, the indefatigable and energetic editor of the Omaha Bee, has been chosen to fill the responsible position of manager of the department of publicity. Every newspaper in Nebraska should step in line and stand up for Nebraska by saying a good word for the exposition.

Dixon Tribune: The Transmississippi Exposition is an assured success. Omaha has raised its little \$400,000 and congress will appropriate at least \$200,000 for a government exhibit. Almost every state in the union will appropriate a nice sum and be represented in this matter. It is the one chance in a lifetime to advertise Nebraska. Let the legislature this winter not be penny-wise and pound foolish, but appropriate such a sum that will give Nebraska an exhibit such as never been seen before. Nebraska is all right.

Fairfield News-Herald: The Transmississippi Exposition is already full-fledged, subscriptions to the amount of \$400,000 having been already secured, and a government appropriation of \$200,000 already made. It now remains for the coming legislature of Nebraska to make a liberal appropriation to keep it moving and to show the implicit faith in the enterprise. A number of states have already made appropriations. It will certainly be of question to the legislature west but to no state more than our own. Keep Nebraska to the front for a successful exposition at Omaha in 1898.

St. Paul Republican: The management of the Transmississippi Exposition announces that over \$400,000 in subscriptions to capital stock has been raised from private sources, which together with the \$200,000 pledged by congress for a government exhibit, makes a very respectable financial beginning for the big show of '98. It will not be to Nebraska's interest to act timidly in this matter, which means so much to her in the advertising of her resources, and it will develop upon the coming legislature to make liberal appropriation to the entire west but to no state more than our own. Keep Nebraska to the front for a successful exposition at Omaha in 1898.

North Bend Argus: The Transmississippi and International Exposition to be held in Omaha June to November of 1898 is now under way for a successful start. Over \$400,000 has been subscribed by Omaha people and Secretary Carlisle has made the congressional appropriation of \$200,000 available. There is no question of the benefit of this international exhibition, and the projectors are entitled to due credit. Nebraska will take pride in joining with her sister states in making an exhibit that will at once beyond the question of doubt her resources as one of the best states in the union. Success to the exposition is hoped for and is already assured.

Oscola Democrat: The Transmississippi Exposition department of publicity and promotion is already at work and from reports received the indications are that there will not be a single state west of the Missouri river that will not make the necessary provisions to take part in the great Nebraska enterprise. It is the duty of the department referred to to see that every state is in line with the necessary exhibits and representation. One manner in which the people of this state can assist in furthering the success of this great affair is by corresponding with their friends and sending out such an advertising matter as may be prepared. Let all put a shoulder to the wheel.

Plainview Gazette: The Transmississippi Exposition at Omaha in 1898 promises to be a fair on a truly magnificent scale. Subscriptions have been secured for its capital stock amounting to over \$400,000. Congress has appropriated \$200,000 for government exhibit, and there is some prospect of this amount being increased. The fair will be one of the best possible advertisements of the resources of the west, and the states interested will doubtless take pains to make creditable displays. Nebraska should be second to no state in the list, and the legislature as well as individuals should extend the greatest possible encouragement to the enterprise.

Nebraska City Press: The Transmississippi Exposition is no longer a probability, but an assured fact. The signs of Omaha have fulfilled every pledge made to congress and the board of managers is composed of Omaha's most prominent and worthy citizens. The various managers have been selected with a view of their special lines of qualification for the department over which each will preside. The selection of Hon. Edward Rosewater as manager of the department of publicity heads the list of wise selections, and the newspapers of Nebraska will rally to his support in making the exposition one of the grandest successes ever achieved in the exposition line.

Waterloo Gazette: The Board of Managers of the Transmississippi Exposition has got down to business and progress is being made every day to make a grand success of this exposition. Congress has pledged not less than \$200,000 for a government exhibit, and Omaha has already secured \$400,000 in subscriptions to its capital stock. We hope that our state legislature will add dignity to Nebraska's fame by granting a liberal donation for a magnificent display of the products of the great commonwealth at the time of abundant crops and assured return of financial prosperity. Hurrah for the Transmississippi Exposition at Omaha in 1898! Let us all unite in endeavoring to assist in this gigantic enterprise, and Omaha will be the site for a "world's fair" on a grand scale.

Lincoln Standard: The prospects for the Transmississippi Exposition are brightening and though some local prejudice creeps out here and there the interest in the enterprise is growing and there is little doubt if the people of this state give the proper aid and encouragement the exposition will be a great success and will be of immense value to Nebraska and the states surrounding it. It behooves every Nebraskaer to stir himself in behalf of the exposition and to see to it that a proper recognition be accorded it by the state authorities and a generous appropriation be granted by the legislature. It is one of those things that we cannot afford to ignore. It must not be permitted to fail.

Beatrice Daily Express: The Express in receipt of a circular letter from the department of publicity for the Transmississippi Exposition, the purpose of which is to attract the attention of capital and removing the temporary odium that sundry crop failures and political breaks in consequence have thrown upon the Transmississippi region. It behooves every Nebraskaer to stir himself in behalf of the exposition and to see to it that a proper recognition be accorded it by the state authorities and a generous appropriation be granted by the legislature. It is one of those things that we cannot afford to ignore. It must not be permitted to fail.

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left the style of the firm Taft & Woodman, so it continued until 1880, when Mr. Taft retired from the firm, removing to California. At that time Mr. Woodman organized the Woodman Linseed Oil Company, which in 1882 merged into the present corporation. The newly organized company purchased its entire supply of flaxseed here, which, being largely grown in Nebraska, affords the farmer an opportunity to raise the seed more profitably than though it were shipped out of the state. The by-product, being linseed cake, is one of the most valuable stock foods; this the company distributes

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