

PIONEERS' JUBILEE ATTRACTING MANY

H. P. Coolidge, Columbus Neb., Octogenarian Who Drove Ox Team May Come.

KNEW LOGAN FONTENELLE

H. P. Coolidge, aged 82, of Columbus, Neb., probably will attend a celebration to be given in the Auditorium on the evening of Monday, March 26, by the Douglas County Association of Nebraska Pioneers.

"I saw your call in yesterday's Bee for names of persons who came to Nebraska prior to 1867. My father and mother left Illinois during the latter part of May, 1846. We journeyed across the state of Iowa in wagons drawn by oxen, I driving one team, and not yet 11 years old. We landed at the Missouri river on June 18, 1846, and on the morning of the 19th we crossed the river on a flatboat, landing in Bellevue. There were a few houses in Bellevue at that time. There was the mission school presided over by Mrs. Elvira Platte, and the trading post which was occupied by Peter A. Sarry and Logan Fontenelle, where they traded with the Indians and the trappers for furs. I immediately went to work for the store, where I soon became expert in assorting and handling furs of all kinds, especially beaver, otter and mink. I was born on October 6, 1835, which makes me 82 years of age this year."

Hunt Early Pioneers.

Mrs. Cormack received many letters from pioneers in all parts of the state, expressing an interest in the forthcoming anniversary celebration of Nebraska's fifty years of statehood. She is still desirous of learning the names of all pioneers who arrived in this state prior to 1867.

Pioneers who have lived in Omaha fifty years or more will serve on a reception committee at the Auditorium meeting. A list is being prepared. Mr. Coolidge is the oldest pioneer living outside of Douglas county and whose name has been sent to Mrs. Cormack. The oldest living pioneer in this county is said to be John K. Hazard of 1303 Ohio street. Mrs. Cormack is arranging an interesting program of pioneer talks and music. Dances of fifty years ago will be a feature of the occasion.

Early Bohemian Settler of State Is Laid to Rest

V. L. Vodicka, aged 72, a resident of Nebraska since 1867, passed away at 2:30 o'clock last Thursday afternoon and was buried Saturday. He was born in Technow, Pilsen, Bohemia, September 14, 1844, came to the United States in July, 1865, and located at Baltimore. In 1867 he came to Nebraska and followed his trade as cabinet-maker, finally going to the Union Pacific car department, where he established for himself a reputation among the Union Pacific officials as an efficient, prudent and far-seeing man. In 1870 the idea struck him that it would be a great benefit to his countrymen to induce them to locate on the fertile soil in Nebraska. Immediately he commenced to correspond with friends in Europe to induce them to come and locate on homesteads. Through his efforts and with the help of his brother, Frank Vodicka, this correspondence was carried on in their spare time, and up to the year 1875, 3,500 homesteads were induced to come and settle along the Union Pacific right-of-way. He was then employed by the B. & M. railroad as a land agent and stayed with the road until 1889, when all of the land was sold. Until 1900 he was interested in the real estate business, after which a part of his time was taken up with fire insurance. For the last fifteen years he was connected with the department of improvements, city of Omaha, as an inspector on public works, and was a very efficient man.

In 1871 he urged Edward Rosewater to start the first Bohemian newspaper published in the state, and Mr. Vodicka was its first editor.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Charles B. Vodicka, station agent on the Southern Pacific at Burlingame, Cal., and William J. Provanik of the city engineer's office, Omaha; four daughters, Mrs. C. M. Bush and Mrs. Alma Huntley, Omaha; Mrs. Joseph Benesch, Wynot, Neb.; and Miss Hedvic Provanik, Crete, Neb.; a brother, Frank Vodicka, Omaha; five sisters, Mrs. Joseph E. Papez, Albion; Mrs. F. M. Mares, Crete; Mrs. Henry Fingado, Kallispel, Mont.; Mrs. Dorothy Yurek, West Point, Neb.; and Mrs. Mary Salek, still in Europe.

Salesmanship Club Voices Protest Against Strike

At a meeting of the officers and members of the executive committee of the Salesmanship club of Omaha at the Fontenelle hotel Saturday resolutions opposing the railroad strike were passed, as follows: "Whereas, a significant railroad strike has been called to take effect immediately on certain important lines of railroad and to extend progressively throughout the entire country; and

Culls From the Wire

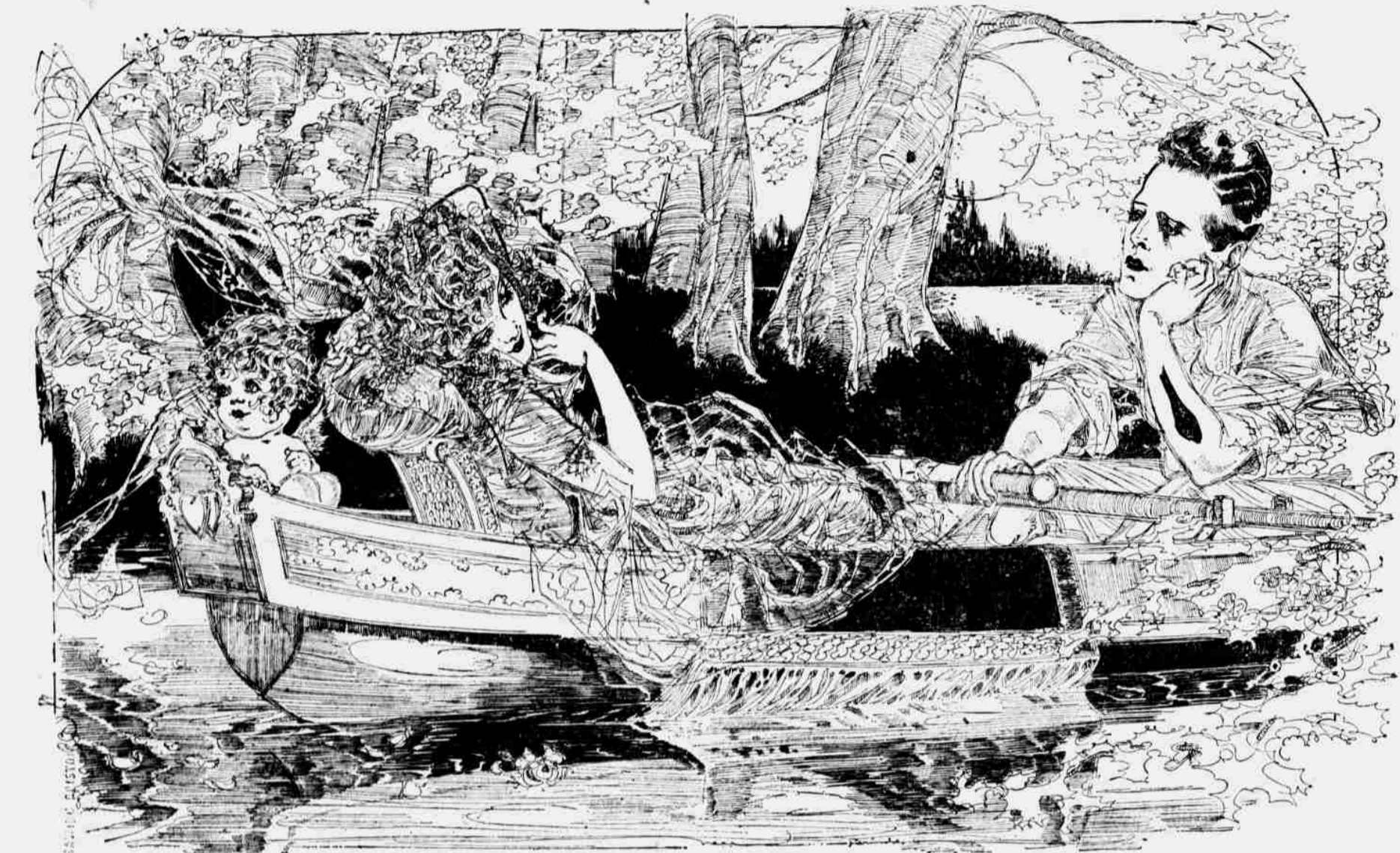
The German-American Trust and Savings bank one of its liquidated large central institutions of Los Angeles, filed a petition in the superior court asking permission to change the name to "Trust and Savings bank" because "the significance of the name is often misinterpreted by the public," among other reasons.

Net Income of Bethlehem Steel Corporation and Subsidiaries for 1916 Agreed to \$4,292,668, according to the annual statement. This represents an increase of \$2,531,132, or 152 per cent over net income of the previous year. Unfilled orders on hand December 31, last, amounted to \$192,612,242, an increase of \$17,840,124.

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"Silver Bay," A Song in a Thousand



Pine trees all along the shore, Shining moon above us, all nature seemed to love us. How I'm yearning for that spot far away— Dear old Silver Bay.

(Chorus.)

I lost my heart in the moonlight on Silver Bay. You stole my heart away that night in June; We hummed a song as we sailed merrily along. All the world seemed to me to be in tune. You remember how I pined; I could not leave you behind When I gazed into your eyes of gray. I can't forget when we met, how I lost my heart in the moonlight on Silver Bay.

Boats and lovers have gone aye together through all the world of love stories. When a gray old man sings this, unless he was a youth on the painted desert of Arizona and took his sweetheart riding instead, there'll always be a memory of a boat and a girl somewhere—with the water made into "Silver Bay" with the white magic of the moon. He will remember that they sang—when did lovers ever float in a boat and not sing to the rhythm of the paddle or the oar?

When a black-haired young man sings it with the caroling voice of the young and careless, the heart under his flannel pocket will beat faster, for the picture he carries there of a certain girl's face, with the moon silvering the tip of her nose, that he knows every line of, shining in his eyes like glimmerings of star-dust, and touching the soft illusion of her flook to fairy stuff.

A song to sing with the rhythm of the oars, a girl, and the moon, and a lover in it! No song ever had any more meat in a small shell than that.—NELL BRINKLEY.

When the Animals Speak The Mocking Bird Reproves The Tanager

BY GARRETT P. SERVISS.

Out of the fragrant tangle of a Louisiana flower garden came a strain of wonderful melody that made every hearer turn in search of the source of sounds so sweet until, rising through the vibrant air, appeared the vocal magician, radiating waves of music, like a star of song, and flinging the notes into eddies of exquisite harmony, as he circled in rising spirals around a tall tulip tree, on whose topmost nodding bow he at last alighted, with many a flirt and flutter which threw the lengthening chain of melody into yet more delightful knots.

It was a mocking-bird, graceful of shape, but plain and dull of color, one of nature's greatest masterpieces of conscious life. Not until he had taken his place on the swinging bough, in plain view of all the world, with the fearlessness of a master-artist who knows that the imperfection of his art is a charm that will protect him even against envy, did he exert all his witchcraft.

Then he linked song with song, enchantment with enchantment, until the air responded like a bell to the Circean impulses from his throbbing throat. People stopped below and listened as if fascinated. An itinerant peddler arrested his rattling cart. But, greatest compliment of all to the marvelous musician, birds of other species gathered around and settled in the tree, cocking their heads and keeping quiet.

Among those captivated listeners was one whose aspect was so brilliant that even the eyes of the enchanted hearers turned to look at him as he flew like a living flame from branch to branch, gleaming here and there amidst the green shadows of the tree, until he had attained a perch not far from the singer.

It was a scarlet tanager, a bird that has few rivals in gorgeous beauty of glowing and contrasted color. He listened to the songster with an air of the utmost admiration, and the moment the mocking bird ceased, or satisfied by his efforts, let the stream of melody die away, the tanager drew nearer and addressed him:

"How do you do it?" asked the tanager.

"Do what?"

"Sing like that; you are the wonder of the world for voice, though not much to look at. Did you see the

wingless two-legs on the ground stopping to listen?"

"Humph! What do I care for them?" returned the mocking bird. "I sing to please my mate and call her to my side."

"Of course, just as I flash the beauty of my feathers before mine to charm her. But what is your secret? Can you teach it to me? I would give half my beauty for your music."

"Let me hear your voice," said the mocking bird.

The tanager made an effort and uttered a loud and not unmusical note. But the mocking bird laughed.

"I can't teach you," he said. "You'll never do."

Then he suddenly imitated the voice of the tanager so perfectly that the latter looked around startled, but, perceiving the trick, hung his head.

"I know it's not like your voice," he said, "but couldn't you train it for me?"

"Can you give me your feathers, or color mine like yours?" asked the mocking bird.

"Of course I can't."

"Then how could I give you my voice?"

"I thought that might be different," returned the tanager. "Seeing that you had no beauty of feather I concluded that you had cultivated your voice as a substitute, and I must say I thought you had done it well. Now, if in addition to the beauty that nature gave me, I could learn your vocal art I think I should be irresistible. I should be perfection. I should be king of the air."

"Well," said the mocking bird, "just as nature gave you your splendid feathers, so she gave me my voice. If you could begin by making the slightest imitation of my songs I might be able to teach you; but you see plainly that you can't. I confess that I should like to have a black and scarlet coat like yours. I would willingly give you some of my finest notes for it, but I don't see any possible way to make the exchange. I am sorry you spoke to me about it. Now I shall be thinking of your beauty and my plainness in spite of myself. You have put a note of discontent into my life."

"Forget it," suddenly exclaimed a raucous voice issuing from a dark nook in the tree just below them. Startled, they peered into the shadow

CHEESE AND CANDY RICH IN FOOD VALUE

University of Omaha Chemistry Class Makes Investigation of Dietary Articles.

SWEETS FURNISH ENERGY

"Should we eat so much candy and rich foods?" is a question that is often asked, and the members of the food chemistry classes of the University of Omaha have looked up the answer and have found other relative information. They do not condemn the use of good candy, but instead endorse it.

It is a fact, the class found, that well prepared chocolate and creams offer as good a balanced diet as could be wished. The richness of cocoa, which contains a very high percentage of fats and protein, is balanced by the sugar which is mostly carbohydrates. People often wonder how children can eat so much candy and not get sick. The reason for this is very simple. As the child grows and plays a great deal of energy is being consumed continually.

Candy Supplies Energy.

Candy can supply this energy instantly, as it is a well known fact that the human stomach assimilates sugars very readily. We also wonder why we lose our appetite if we eat a considerable amount of sweets. As has been said before, the candy is very rich and can supply the required caloric value quickly and by the use of small quantities. Therefore, when we eat candy the eating crave is satisfied and we no longer feel hungry.

Another question asked is, "Why do people eat more fats and candy in winter than they do in warm weather?" The answer to this is found in the fact that the body has to supply more heat in cold weather than it does when it is warm. If more heat is necessary, more energy is used up and consequently more fuel must be consumed. Another fact is that fats can furnish heat almost immediately after being taken into the body.

Captain Cook's Gumdrops.

Here it was pointed out that Cook fed the Eskimos on gumdrops and that the natives went wild over them. The class condemned compressed foods. They declared that nature so combines and prepares food as to make them suitable for human use. If compressed they are generally changed in some dietetic respect.

A peculiar fact was brought out about the use of cheese and sugar in the United States. It was shown that the average American eats about three pounds of the former per year, while the use of the latter is twenty-five times as much. Cheese is considered a very good food and the class thinks more of it should be used.

MAN WHO CRUSHED REVOLT ARRESTED

Rennenkampff, Ruthless Suppressor of 1905 Revolution, Now a Prisoner.

NO BIG TROOP MOVEMENT

London, March 18.—A Reuter's dispatch from Petrograd says: "Among the latest arrests are General Rennenkampff, the ruthless suppressor of the revolution of 1905, and Serge Kryjanovsky, former secretary of state and the framer of the electoral law restricting suffrage."

Regarding the reports in the early stage of the revolution that government troops were hastening to Petrograd from the front, the daily news bulletin contains the following: "The ministry of communications learns that with one exception passengers on the railroads have been normal. The exception occurred at one of the junctions of the North-western railway, where there was a considerable delay owing to the transport from Mohilev of a body of Cavaliers of St. George, commanded by General Ivanoff, who formerly commanded the First Army corps. General Ivanoff caused great confusion, even chaos, everywhere, and threatened the employes with summary punishment if the train was delayed. His threats, however, were in vain. The troop train got no further than Vyrliza, where it was halted and sent back."

"Count Kokovsoff was placed under arrest when he called at the treasury, according to custom, to receive his salary as a member of the council of the empire. "It is learned that the governor of Tyver was killed because he attempted to oppose the establishment of the new government."

Royalty Grateful To Omaha Booster Of War Relief Fund

James Forehead of McCord-Brady company received from Buckingham Palace, London, and the lord mayor of Melbourne, Australia, acknowledgments of contributions to the national relief fund. Mr. Forehead formerly resided in the Australian city and memories of other days moved him to send a draft for \$25.

In his letter to Mr. Forehead the lord mayor of Melbourne writes: "It is most gratifying to me, as head of this city to receive such communications as yours, showing that although so far away, your thoughts are still of £5 toward a relief fund for boys wounded in the war gave me quite a pleasant surprise."

The letter from Buckingham Palace was signed by Walter Peacock and contains this expression: "I am directed by the prince of Wales to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, enclosing draft for £5. His royal highness is most grateful for this kind of help and he wishes me to convey to you how very warmly he appreciates your generosity in supporting the fund."

The Melbourne Argus, in taking note of the Omaha man's contribution, stated that the lord mayor, Sir David Hemmsey, received the draft and that Mr. Forehead was a former employe of Sir Frederick Sargood.

The Melbourne Argus made this comment: "From far-away Omaha (U. S. A.) the lord mayor last week received a donation of £5 toward the sick and wounded soldiers' fund. The donor, Mr. James Forehead, is a former resident of Melbourne."

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Washington Affairs

A call addressed to the government and the people urging that they "set their faces against all weak and vicious attempts to break down the merit system at this moment when it is most needed" was issued by the National Civil Service Reform league. Representatives of the national women's party will begin a "Eddie Drive" on April 1 in a campaign designed to win support from the southern states for the federal suffrage amendment. Every southern congressman will be visited in his home town by a delegation and he and his constituents exhorted to support suffrage.

Goodrich Stockholders Retire \$900,000 of Preferred Stock

New York, March 18.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the B. F. Goodrich company \$900,000 of preferred stock was retired in accordance with a resolution adopted at their last special meeting and the provisions of the company's charter. This action reduces the preferred capital stock from \$27,300,000 to \$26,400,000. D. M. Goodrich, C. B. Raymond, E. C. Shaw, F. A. Hardy, H. E. Raymond and H. E. Joy, the six directors whose terms had expired, were re-elected. At the directors' meeting immediately following officers were elected as follows: President, B. G. Work; vice presidents, A. H. Marks, H. E. Raymond, E. C. Shaw; second vice presidents, C. B. Raymond and W. A. Means; secretary and assistant treasurer, Guy E. Norwood; treasurer, L. D. Brown; assistant treasurer, J. C. Lawrence.



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