

What The Editors Said About Liberal

[From The Plains Journal]

A very interesting meeting of the Interstate Editorial Association was held at Liberal last Saturday. Some of the members were sick or were kept away by other business, but those present enjoyed an interesting, instructive session.

Chas. F. Scott, editor of the Iola Daily Register, made a very interesting address mostly concerning his travels in Europe this summer while a delegate to a world's farming congress. His address lasted an hour and a half and was full of information and interest. Mr. Scott has made a record as a statesman while in congress, and the association was fortunate in securing his attendance. The visitors were shown over the city in autos piloted by the Liberal editors, Ray Millman of The News and C. G. Eddy of the Democrat. The \$30,000 system of waterworks will be soon complete, foundations being made for a fifty foot brick building on the main street to be used as a furniture store. \$75,000 worth of broomcorn in the ware rooms awaiting shipment. Some fine residences recently completed and others starting. There have been about twenty additions made to the town since it started and a good continuance growth is assured. In the exhibit of printing some of the publications were not represented, but some fine work was shown. A gold cup was given to the Association by C. G. Eddy to award at each meeting to the publication winning the most point in the exhibits of printing.

After the business session was over, the editors were then escorted to the dining room of the Hotel Cimarron where there were covers laid for twenty-five guests. A banquet of nine courses, interspersed with impromptu addresses and social conversation rounded out the days entertainment from the citizens of Liberal.

[From The Guymon Herald]

Liberal was the meeting place Saturday of the members of the Interstate Editorial Association. While the number present was not what it should have been, nevertheless the meeting was one of profit to every member of the association who made it a point to be on hand and partake of the hospitality of her two good newspaper fellows, Ray Millman and Carl Eddy. The forenoon was devoted principally to shop talk among the boys and the entering of exhibits from the competing offices. Then came an auto ride about town which was one of the pleasant things of the day. Time was when we "had it on Liberal," but now we must confess things have changed. The railroad division has made Liberal one of the great towns of the southwest. The splendid hotel and depot erected there by the Rock Island at a cost of thousands of dollars, is a thing of beauty and a joy forever. The business section of the town as well as the residence section, has made a wonderful growth in the past years. Everywhere you notice the unmistakable signs of a live town which is still coming. The Herald is pleased to note the wonderful advancement made by Liberal and trusts that misfortune of no kind arises to hinder growth of prosperity.

After dinner, when the usual order of business has been transacted and the regular part of the program had been endured, the editors had the pleasure of listening to an excellent address by former congressman Chas. F. Scott, from the Second congressional district in Kansas. Mr. Scott is a pleasing and entertaining speaker. He spoke entertainingly for a couple of hours upon his recent trip to Italy, where he went as a representative of this government to attend the International Agriculture congress. Experiences of his trip were pleasantly related and the interesting things of the old world were forcibly brought to the at-

ention of his listeners. He found much of good in Europe but closed his address along that line with the remarks that while Germany may be the best governed country in the world Italy is attractive and interesting and France not without her merits, that you didn't know how thankful to be that you were born and lived in the United States, for here liberty is liberty in its full meaning. He paid his compliments to the muckraker and the unscrupulous newspaper men. factors, he believed, in creating more socialists than any other combination known. In his opinion there is no great danger threatening our government than the argument advanced by some, either directly or in substance, that all public men are grafters and born to be dishonest. His address abounded with good instruction to the newspaper boys.

In the evening the newspaper men where the guests of Editors Millman and Eddy at the Cimarron hotel where was served one of the swellest banquets of which it has been our pleasure to be a guest. Nothing was left undone by the Liberal newspaper boys to make the event one of genuine pleasure to the visiting brethren in the Cause, and we venture the speculation that the pleasantness of the occasion will long be remembered by everyone in attendance. These gatherings of "the boys" are more than worth while and we hope the association lives long and grows better and better with each succeeding meeting.

The place of the next meeting has not yet been chosen but Meade and Greensburg have been mentioned.

The eleven course banquet at the Cimarron hotel was given by the Liberal business men and Editors Millman and Eddy.

The Liberal Democrat Trophy is the property of the Association and will so remain until it has been won three times in succession, at which time it becomes the property of the winner.

[From The Bucklin Banner]

The Interstate Editorial Association met at Liberal, Saturday and was a most pleasant and profitable session. The meeting was held in the opera house and presided over by President Ray Millman and Secretary Carl G. Eddy. Owing to the absence of a large number who were on the program it could not be carried out as published, but the subjects were reassigned and some excellent talks were given.

After the business of the session was concluded, Hon. Chas. Scott of the Iola Daily Register, held the audience in close attention during a speech lasting two hours, while he gave a talk on his travels in foreign lands. Travel stories unless well told are exceedingly tiresome, but there was no such element in the talk of Mr. Scott. Every sentence contained information and was spoken in a way which made it very entertaining. It was beyond all doubt the best and most vivid description of scenes of foreign lands that this writer has ever heard.

At 7 o'clock the editors and a number of prominent citizens of Liberal were invited to a banquet at the Cimarron hotel, which is under the management of the John J. Grier hotel company.

Thirty plates were laid and the menu was an elaborate one. President Ray Millman acted as toast master, and between each of the eleven courses short speeches were made by the editors and invited guests. The talks were good, the meal beyond description and the service perfect.

The next meeting place was not located, being left to the retiring president and secretary, the new secretary to be the editor of the paper in the town chosen for meeting place.

Messrs. Millman and Eddy deserve great credit for the way in

which they entertained the visitors. They have spent a great deal of time and money to make the occasion one to be remembered and they were very successful.

The visit to Liberal was a return to an old home to the editor of this sheet. For four years I was a resident of Liberal and learned to esteem most highly the people there. The many warm friends and old neighbors, the business men with whom I dealt so long accorded me a welcome which one cannot fail to appreciate. Should I be permitted to live to ten times the age allotted to human beings, the people of Liberal would still retain a strong hold on my affections. No finer set ever populated a town and their spirit of progress is very much in evidence.

In 1906 Liberal was a very small place. It was merely a trading point for the cattlemen and an abiding place for the county officers, and a few business houses.

J. F. George, a cattlemen and merchant started the building boom by erecting a brick business building at a cost of something like \$30,000. It was the beginning. Today it is only one of a large number of brick blocks on the business streets. From a delapidated little town of four hundred people the town is now a clean, neat and prosperous city of from two to three thousand, of the most generous, progressive people on earth. A division of the Rock Island, the largest broomcorn market in the world, electric lights, ice plant flour mill and all lines of business well represented. No town in Kansas has made such a growth. There are few towns as good and none better than Liberal.

[From The Greensburg Signal]

The Second Semi-Annual meeting of the Interstate Editorial Association was held in Liberal, Kansas an last Saturday, November 18, and while not so large as the previous meeting it was an enthusiastic and although several of the members who had been assigned places on the program were unable to be present on account of sickness and business interests their places were taken care of by some of the members present.

The morning hour was taken up by an automobile ride over the city and in viewing some of the numerous improvements of Liberal. At 2:30 p. m. president Millman of the Liberal News called the association to order for the first business session of the meeting after which the program was carried out as nearly as possible, and while none of the members lay any claim to being orators or public speakers some very good points were brought out by some of them. The following subjects being discussed: "What Shall We Print?" Editorial Matter, The Line Between News and Advertising. A very interesting paper written by E. H. Anderson of the Hugoton Hermes was read by T. W. Hubbard.

As all the good things are saved for the last there was no exception to the rule and at 4:30 the principal speaker of the association, Ex-Congressman Chas. F. Scott of the Iola Register was introduced and for nearly two hours we listened to one of the best speakers ever sent by Kansas to the House of Representatives. Mr. Scott told of his trip to Rome as a Representative of the United States in the bi-yearly meeting of the International Institute of Agriculture telling about the great work the Institute is doing for the farmers of every nation on the globe. Mr. Scott also gave his observations of the difference between the hotels and police of European countries and our own country.

After Mr. Scott's address an adjournment was taken until 7:30, when the members of the association were the guests of the Liberal business men and Editors Millman and Eddy at an elaborate eleven course banquet at the ho-

tel Cimarron, served only as the J. J. Greer people know how to do.

In the printing contest the honours were pretty evenly divided between the contestants, there being only three in the job work contest and in the best editorial and front page only about the same number. The Liberal Democrat trophy was awarded to the Bucklin Banner, as the Democrat did not compete for the cup. This trophy is the property of the Association, and will so remain until it has been won three times in succession, at which time it becomes the property of the winner.

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[From The Hooker Advance]

"See Rome and die," or rather attend the Interstate Editorial Association and be glad you are a member of that organization.

We took in the association of editors held at Liberal last Saturday and are glad we did so. Before going we thought it might not be a fitting place for a kid of our age to go and show our superior ignorance among older men but we went and were very much surprised and gratified to know that the majority of the members were young men, scarcely more than boys and we felt very much at home right from the start.

As soon as No. 2 arrived that morning the editors were hustled into waiting automobiles and given a whirl about the city and shown the sights, especially the residence portion and broomcorn warehouses. Liberal sure has some swell homes and they don't show signs of having been built very long either.

A good many dwellings are under course of construction and judging from the start made they will be a credit to the town when completed. The new water works system is also being installed and will be a great convenience. Altogether, the town shows what a bunch of live business men can do when they put their heads together and their shoulders to the wheel, when knockers are not tolerated and new enterprises given encouragement.

Editors were there from various towns between Greensburg and Guymon but owing to lack of space we cannot print all their names and the different papers represented.

The business meeting was held in the city hall at 2 o'clock p. m. After the business had been transacted several talks were made by the members present that should result in a benefit to those who heard them.

After the editors had exhausted their vocabularies Ex-Congressman Scott made a speech which, alone, was well worth going to hear. He represented the United States this year at the International Agricultural Congress held in Italy and merely talked on what he had heard on the trip. While we have heard more eloquent orators in our time than Mr. Scott, yet he has a way of impressing facts on his hearers that they don't forget real soon. We enjoyed his speech very much and believe if he lands the job of Secretary of Agriculture for which he is slated, that department will have a good man at its head.

The funny part of the whole affair was the prize offered by the Liberal Democrat for the best of the best sample of job work. The Democrat won its own prize by a vote of the members present, but Eddy turned it over to the Bucklin Banner, the next highest contestant, who promptly gave it to the Association with the announcement that it would become the property of the paper winning it three successive times. This was a very commendable act on the part of Eddy and Miller and they deserve credit for the spirit of fairness they showed.

The next meeting place was not decided upon but Greensburg and Meade both made a bid for it and we suppose that it will go to one of these places.

An elaborate nine course banquet was served at 7:30 o'clock at the Cimarron Hotel to the newspaper boys and invited guests. Toasts were given by those present and a regular joyfest was indulged in until eleven o'clock. Much credit belongs to the Liberal editors, Eddy and Millman, and the business men of the town for the success of the banquet.

Our train was two hours late and we never got home till nearly 3 o'clock Sunday morning, tired out but feeling like the day had been well and profitably spent.

[From The Tyrone Observer]

Last Saturday the Observer force "hiked" to Liberal on No. 2 to attend the Editorial Association.

We were met at the depot, and escorted to automobiles, and were driven over the city. Liberal is a steady growing little city and contains many beautiful residences, and shows a marked improvement of a year or two ago. And, not only has it greatly improved in the residence section, but also in the business part of the city.

We noticed also, what a marked improvement a little paint will make. We would suggest right here that the citizens of Tyrone use a little paint on the buildings as it would greatly improve the appearance of our town.

At 2:30 o'clock, all assembled at the city hall, where a business session was held, and subjects on the program discussed after which we listened to a splendid lecture by

Ex-Congressman Chas. F. Scott of the Iola, Kansas, Register which was very interesting and instructive. After the lecture, we adjourned to the Democrat office where the exhibits of job work and papers were examined and voted upward. The prize was awarded to the Bucklin Banner, the Liberal Democrat withdrawing from the contest.

At 7 o'clock, all repaired to the Hotel Cimarron, where an excellent eleven course banquet was served. Ray Millman of The News presided as Toast Master and all present responded heartily. The banquet was given by the business men of Liberal and editors Millman and Eddy of Liberal. They are to be congratulated on their efficiency in entertaining all present, and certainly speaks well for the city of Liberal.

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The Liberal Democrat trophy will be up next year for the printing contest, and it becomes the permanent property of the paper which win it three times in succession.

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