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## Wilcox Department Store.

NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

### A Lawyer and A Simpleton

By M. QUAD

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When old John Cairnes, villager, died he left his son, Peter, twenty-five years old. The wife and mother had been dead for many years. Old John was not exactly a miser, but he was known as a money saver. From the age of ten, when he met with an accident, Peter was the simpleton of the village and a butt of ridicule, though he had been known as a bright child for the first few years. The doctors said there was something pressing on the brain and that an operation would fix things all right, but the father balked at the cost, and so Peter remained a simpleton. It was only when the old man came to die that he regretted his stinginess and neglect and said to the lawyer who drew the will:

"Everything goes to Peter. He's simple minded, but he will get along. I want you to advise him and be a sort of father. People think I've got a lot of money, but that's all nonsense. You can tell Peter, however, that there's something hidden away in the house that he'll come across some day and appreciate."

Lawyers are entirely human outside of a courtroom. That hidden treasure had the same effect on Attorney Henderson as it would have had on a plumber or blacksmith. Just where in the house was it concealed? Was it in gold or greenbacks? Was it \$10,000 or double the sum? And wasn't it a shame that it should go to a simpleton, whose wants were already supplied?

The more the lawyer argued and reasoned with himself the more reasonable it looked that he should come into possession of that treasure. He felt that he could even convince a judge and jury of the fact. Within three months he was scheming. He called at the house now and then to see Peter. The young man seldom left the premises. He made garden, chored about the place and went to bed with the hens. It was easy to make an excuse to get him out of the house for an hour or two. Then the lawyer instituted a search. He made three of them and found nothing—not that the treasure wasn't there, but because there are scores and scores of hiding places in any house. These vain searches convinced Mr. Henderson that he should come into legal possession of the house, so that he might pull it to pieces if necessary.

In selling it there would be work provided for the simpleton. The lawyer would give him a certain sum of money and a gravel pit to boot. The money would draw interest and every load of gravel dug out would bring Peter 15 cents. Killing two birds with one stone, you see. Attorney Henderson even got the credit of being a philanthropist and humanitarian.

Of course the simpleton was clay in the hands of the potter. He went to live with a family at so much per year, and he went to work in the gravel pit. The lawyer didn't rush things in making other searches. He waited for weeks. Then at odd times he systematized his work.

'Twas a queer thing that happened after awhile. Attorney Henderson read a treasure story in a magazine. It had many points similar to his. The heirs tore an old house down piece by piece in search of a miser's loot and then found it in the old clock on the mantel. The idea took root. None of the old furniture had been removed. The searcher went at it to inspect and overhaul. It took three more searches to bring success. Under the ragged cover of an old lounge on which Peter had sat and slept for years was found a tin type of the young man's mother. It was in a cardboard box, and in the handwriting of the father were a few lines explaining the identity of the picture and adding that it was a treasure to be valued more than money. After reading the lines the lawyer could not doubt that the find was what the old man referred to when on his dying bed.

There was no one present to listen to Attorney Henderson's "plea" when he decided that he had been sold and that he alone was responsible for the selling. It was doubtless a strong and able effort. He had paid full value for property he did not want, and the only consolation he had was in feeling that the gravel pit was more or less of a fraud. Simpleton Pete had plugged away at getting out gravel, but had met with loam and sand instead. He was about to abandon his labors when the irony of fate showed its hand. The whole village was jumped out of its boots one afternoon when he rushed along the main street swinging his hat and shouting. As he rushed back again he was followed by a crowd. He led it to the gravel pit and to a small stout box he had unearthed. When the box was broken open it was found to contain \$25,000 in English sovereigns, buried during the Revolutionary war.

The crowd first cursed Peter for his luck. Then it cheered him and bore him in triumph—all but one of the crowd. Attorney Henderson had the tin type of a homely old woman, dead for years, and the simpleton had a box of gold from a played out gravel pit!

Which same is a true story, and the moral of it, as near as the author can make out, is that, while one sharp man may get the better of another, neither one of them can always get the better of a fool.

#### DR. W. F. CROOK,

DENTIST.

Graduate Northwestern University.  
Office over McDonald State Bank

Mrs. Chris Tagader submitted to an operation for a tumorous growth at St. Luke's hospital Sunday and is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Saml. Richards has been in town for several days looking after her property interests.

Eva M. Baldwin has sold to the Union Realty Co. the west half of lot 4, block 102, for a consideration of one dollar and valuable considerations.

Before you purchase your wants, come, look and see if we cannot make you some money.

THE HUB CLOTHING DEPT.

Our sincere thanks are extended to those who so kindly assisted us before and during the burial of our beloved son. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Anderson, Mrs. A. P. Hayward.

Wanted to sell—One three year old black Percheron Stallion. Registered No. 52422. L. E. Ebright, two miles west of Experimental farm.

Miss Ruth Patterson, who had been home for a couple of weeks recuperating from a long siege of scarlet fever, returned to Omaha Friday to resume her duties as a teacher in the public schools.

That Lillian Russell is a star in the theatrical world is evidenced by the fact that she travels in a special car. Few actresses who visit North Platte can afford such a luxury—and the car by the way, is a most luxurious one.

Fewer saloons and higher license is the suggestion that some of our citizens are making for the next municipal year. The fewer saloons the more easily they are controlled, yet the business is then made a monopoly, and monopolies are not popular.

For the first time in forty-seven years Maine has a democratic United States senator. That the change has occurred is probably due to the aims of commission or omission of the republicans, and the political "spanking" will probably do that party some good.

J. R. Young, of Omaha, representing the Brunswick-Balke Co., was in town yesterday conferring with Elk's committee relative to purchasing billiard tables for the new building. He sold the Committee three tables at a cost of \$925.

The five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murdock, of Ogden, who has been visiting at the home of Will Booth, was operated upon Saturday for obstruction of the bowels by Drs. McCabe and Lucas. The little patient is reported to be getting along satisfactorily.

Sheriff Miltonberger went to the Sutherland section yesterday and arrested a man named Miller on the charge of disposing of property on which the Hershey and Sutherland banks held mortgages. Through the efforts of relatives, however, the money due the banks was paid and Miller was released from custody.

#### Just Listed For Quick Sale

160 acres of bottom land within four miles of this city. Living creek flows through it. This is a real bargain. Let us show you.

We also have an improved section. Good 7-room house, barn, granary, grove, cattle, horses, hay, grain, etc. Everything goes. 1 1/2 mile from school. 12 miles from city. Can sell at \$12.50 per acre, part time, low interest.  
Bratt & Goodman

#### Everglades Bargain.

Parties unable to continue payments on contracts for 10 acres choice Everglades and town lot, will accept \$300; part cash, balance monthly. Alternate sections now selling at \$500, for 10 acres and town lot. Contracts I offer carry features making them worth \$650. You save \$350. Investigate this. F. L. McGready, General Agent, Box 284, Allegheny, Penn.

#### DR. O. H. CRESSLER,

Graduate Dentist.

Office over the McDonald State Bank.

The weather man at Washington predicts that a cold wave of marked severity will reach this section of the country tomorrow. This wave had its formation in the Arctic Zone, reached Alaska the latter part of last week and is coming this way with a swoop that will make its presence felt.

When Mr. and Mrs. Austin left North Platte for Salt Lake to attend the wedding of their son, they had twenty-six hours to spare on the train schedule. Owing to a succession of mishaps to the trains, they reached the cathedral just as the bridal party entered the building. It was a close call to missing the ceremony.

Paul Ryan, of this city, and Miss Ada S. Link, of Grand Island, were united in marriage at the W. H. Ryan home yesterday. The bride is well known in the island, having until a few days ago filled a position in the Wolbach store. Mr. Ryan has long been a resident of town, and his large circle of friends extend best wishes to him and the lady of his choice.

Wanted—A woman to do housework by the day. Inquire at the U. S. weather bureau.

Announcement that the Nebraska bank guaranty law, recently held good by the United States supreme court, will not be placed in effect for forty days was made by Attorney General Martin Saturday morning. Mr. Martin said that under the law governing procedure in the supreme court forty days are allowed for the defeated parties to file a motion for a rehearing. Until this time has elapsed nothing will be done in the way of placing the law in effect said Mr. Martin.

Wanted to sell—Eight brood mares. Weight 1050 to 1500 pounds. L. E. Ebright, two miles west of Experimental farm.

Sometime ago Supt. Tout was notified that Dr. Frank G. Smith has been elected to the Illinois legislature and that he would have to cancel all lecture course dates between Jan. 1 and May 1. While this is to be regretted and many will be disappointed yet attempts were at once begun to get a good attraction to fill the place. The Redpath Bureau, seeing the condition, generously offered to send the Weatherwax Brothers Quartette as a substitute and this offer was accepted. They will be here on Friday, March 31, 1911. All season ticket holders will be admitted free.

For Sale—Same choice Poland China Boars, also some Red Polled Bulls. Payne's Dairy Farm, one half mile south of North Platte.

Concerted action on the part of North Platte people might result in improved mail arrivals from the east. Our main mail is supposed to arrive on No. 11 at 1:47 p. m., but unfortunately that train is from two to four hours late every day, and occasionally so late that the postoffice force is not able to distribute it until after closing hours. In such cases the Omaha papers are twenty-four hours old when we get them. What North Platte needs and is entitled to is an early morning mail, such as we had formerly. It is probable that if the citizens would take the matter up with the postal authorities relief would be granted. Let's make a move in the matter.

#### A Valuable Work.

On sale at the book stores of C. M. Newton and H. W. Rincker; Price \$1.25; "North Platte and its Associations." This work is neatly bound and illustrated, and tells of stirring incidents that took place when North Platte was a rough frontier town, and traces the progress of the city since that time. Associations of Cottonwood Springs and Fort McPherson are treated at length; and accounts of Indian atrocities and battles given. On the whole, this book ought to find a place in every home in North Platte.

#### Proposed Library Site.

At a meeting of the Carnegie library committee Saturday evening a communication was received from the Knights of Columbus of offering to sell 50x80 feet of their property at the corner of Fourth and Locust streets for \$2,000. The portion of the lot offered adjoins the alley.

The communication was discussed by the committee and Chairman Patterson was authorized to appoint a committee to solicit subscriptions to the amount of \$2,000.

This site is certainly the best yet offered or found obtainable, and is centrally located; in fact is the most desirable site possible to obtain.

Mr. Patterson will name his committee within a few days and it will soon be known whether the people of North Platte desire the \$10,000 library building which Mr. Carnegie is willing to donate. Certainly it is an offer that the city cannot afford to turn down, and certainly there is sufficient public spiritedness among our citizens, to subscribe \$2,000 to purchase the site. It will certainly place North Platte in the list of back-number, foggy towns if we fail to take advantage of this opportunity to secure a library building that will be a credit to the town and eventually a library that will do much toward assisting in the education of the young and informing the old.

Miss Margaret Brogan, of Keystone, has been a guest of Mrs. J. L. Murphy for several days.

#### RAILROAD NOTES

A Greek employed at the ice houses was rather badly bruised on the legs and body yesterday by ice falling on him.

Fred Hanlon, late Union Pacific watchman at Columbus, is visiting his family in town while awaiting assignment to some other position.

Two parties of Union Pacific engineers have been working both east and west of Sidney. The supposition is that it is preliminary to double tracking the road from Julesburg to Cheyenne.

J. E. Rodman, landscape gardener for the Union Pacific, spent Sunday in town and visited the plantation east of town to see how the trees planted last summer are standing the winter weather.

Nearly four hundred men are now employed by the Union Pacific at this terminal in cutting and storing ice. The crop on the lake east of town, will be harvested by the end of this week. In addition to the crop from this lake, heavy shipments are being made from the Gothenburg lake and also from Laramie.

#### New Year Resolutions

Resolve: That you will place your insurance where you can get the best at lowest rates. Call and let us explain our policies before you renew.  
Temple Real Estate & Ins. Agency.

Bert Morgan, colored, of Wellfleet, is in town and will be arraigned in the county court on the charge of accessory in the stealing of a horse. Meyers who stole the horse of Ed Eggers, living in the canyons south of town, plead guilty to the charge in the county court. He says he asked Morgan where he could buy a horse, and Morgan suggested that he steal one and that Morgan knew he was to steal the animal.

#### CHOICE BARGAINS

A handsome cottage on East Sixth St. within five blocks of Dewey St. Only \$1700.00, not much more than the naked lot is worth. \$500.00 cash and balance monthly payments

New six room cottage on East Fourth St. \$23000.00, \$800.00 cash balance small monthly payments.

Good five room cottage, summer kitchen, outbuildings, electric lights, city water and sewer connection, in West end only six blocks from corner of Sixth and Dewey St. \$1600.00. \$300.00 cash and balance monthly payments.

These are cut prices to effect quick sale. First come first served.  
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On account of the unfavorable condition of the weather we are going to offer our entire stock of MEN'S AND BOYS' SUITS AND OVERCOATS AT A BIG REDUCTION.

We have one assortment of Men's Suits, broken in lots, that sold from \$12.50 to \$18, which we will close out at \$7.98

Another assortment of Suits that sold for \$15.00 to 20.00 which we are offering you at \$12.50. Our regular stock of Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats at 20 per cent discount.

Our goods are all marked at regular prices, so we give the customer the chance to see that the proper discount is given

## Ladies and Misses Suits, Skirts and Cloaks.

One lot of Ladies' Suits and Jackets at ONE-HALF OFF regular price.

One lot of Ladies' Skirts ONE-THIRD LESS regular price.

On all regular lines a discount of one-fifth off. Remember no make up price.

All goods are marked in plain figures, figure the discount yourself.

Yours for one price to all less discount,

## The Hub Clothing Dept.

W. T. BANKS, Prop.

C. K. MARTINI, Mgr.