

# News from Over the State

### Holds Railroad Liable.

It is safe to ride on a free pass. Such is the decision of the supreme court. The decision, however, covers not the little pastboard which politicians covet, but the blanket sheet which is given to stock shippers who desire to accompany their shipments. The court does not warrant the safety of the person who rides on a pass, but it says in emphatic language that the railroad owes him a ready and safe means of access to and from the train at stations. In 1898 David C. Troyer shipped a lot of fat hogs from Aurora and took passage on the train on a stockman's pass. While in the Lincoln yards he walked down the yards seeking a lunch counter and collided with the drawbar of a swiftly passing engine. He was thrown some distance and injured. He brought suit in Hamilton county and got a verdict, but the Burlington appealed the case to the supreme court on the ground that Troyer had been negligent in walking down the maze of tracks which line the yards. The supreme court holds that the shipper assumes the risk necessarily attending the care of stock, but that otherwise the common carrier is liable for the highest degree of care which human foresight is capable of.

### Held on Serious Charge.

Bert Valentine and a 14-year-old girl named Hill were married in South Dakota, after an exciting trip from the home in Bloomfield. The couple stole a team and wagon from Bloomfield and drove at a furious gallop across the country until they got out of Nebraska. The runaway couple were arrested at Niobrara. They declared that they had been up in South Dakota and were married there. Hill, the girl's father, is intensely indignant over the affair. Valentine will be held for trial.

### Visiting Familiar Scenes.

Ex-Gov. Nance, of Chicago, who was Nebraska's chief executive four years from January, 1879, visited his daughter in Lincoln last week. In years gone by Gov. Nance was a member of the firm of Macey, Morrill & Nance, doing business in Polk county. Two members of the firm became governors of the state, and Mr. Morrill was recently appointed a member of the St. Louis fair commission, but resigned after serving a short time.

### The State Penitentiary.

The report of Warden Beemer, of the state penitentiary, shows that the prisoners are by no means in a pacified state. Several were sent to the dungeon during the month for assaulting a guard, disobeying orders, using vile language and destroying food. Ten prisoners were received at the prison during the month, one was returned, five were discharged, one died, and two were paroled. There are now 271 in the prison.

### No Raffle for Turkey.

There will be no raffling for turkeys in Plattsmouth this year. A citizen of Omaha was there for the purpose of arranging to operate a game of that kind during the week before Thanksgiving, but the proposition was turned down by Chief of Police R. W. Myers. The officers have been trying to stamp out gambling in Plattsmouth for some time and do not care to now remove the bars which have been put up against the evil.

### Sheep as Roadmakers.

Road Supervisor Mitchell, of Elkhorn township, Dodge county, uses a bunch of 8,000 sheep being fed on his place as a road machine. A number of roads are being graded in the sticky gumbo soil of that township and Mitchell found it almost impossible to break up the big lumps. By driving the sheep a few times over the roads their sharp hoofs cut and pack the sticky solid chunks better than could be done with a roller.

### Letton Succeeds Pound.

Judge C. B. Letton, of Fairbury, was appointed a member of the supreme court commission, to take the place of Judge Roscoe Pound, who resigned some months ago to become dean of the law department of the state university. Judge Letton is serving his second term as judge of the First district and his resignation was accepted by Gov. Mickey.

### Burned by Exploding Chemicals.

Oscar Riche was seriously burned by the explosion of some chemicals he was preparing for a stereopticon exhibition at his home, about six miles south of Norfolk. A big hole was blown through the roof of the house by the explosion, and four joists were blown into the cellar, and the house otherwise wrecked. Young Riche is not fatally hurt.

### Cannot Tax Without Benefits.

The supreme court has decided that low, wet, swampy lands, totally unfit for irrigation, cannot be taxed for irrigation purposes. Harvey B. Matthews and others were owners of such land and the Lillian Irrigation district attempted to bring the lands within the district for taxation.

### Tells a Strange Story

Miss Josephine Coffin, the 17-year-old girl who disappeared from her home in East Orange, N. J., arrived in Omaha Friday and is at the home of her cousin, a Miss Ward, who is a relative of the wife of Postmaster Crow. According to the story told by Miss Coffin she was abducted while under a hypnotic spell by a man and woman, both strangers. The woman, she says, met her on the street in East Orange and exacted a promise from Miss Coffin that she would meet her at a certain place in East Orange. She could not resist the woman's influence and kept the appointment. She was met by a man who placed her in a carriage and took her to New York. After reaching the latter city the young woman says she lost her memory and knew nothing of her whereabouts until the strange woman aroused her in Chicago. It was not until she reached Cedar Rapids that Miss Coffin realized what had happened to her and she telegraphed her relatives in Omaha to meet her, which they did. What the motive for the kidnaping was the girl cannot tell.

### Beginning of Crusade.

Justice Holcomb, of the supreme court, issued a writ of mandamus against the Burlington Railway company to compel it to grant an elevator site at Upland to the Kansas Co-Operative Grain association, of Topeka, known as the "farmers' trust," which is the relator. The company professes to be willing to erect a \$4,000 structure and alleges that its request of the officers that the site be granted has been ignored. The writ is made returnable on December 1. The application for the writ is looked upon as a beginning of the crusade which the so-called farmers' trust is expected to wage to secure competing elevator facilities in the state.

### Pay of Legislators Safe.

Members of the legislature will continue to draw their \$5 a day for 60 days so far as Judge Ryan and the constitutional amendment of the constitutional amendment authorizing them to do so is concerned. The supreme court handed down an opinion reversing the decision of the lower court and dismissing the case. The action to test the constitutionality of the amendment was brought by Judge Ryan during the session of the last legislature, at which time it created a panic among the members, who feared that they would be compelled to accept \$3 a day for 40 days, as provided under the original constitution.

### Children and Loaded Gun.

A seven-year-old nephew of A. Lawman, of Benkleman, who has been visiting with him for several months, was accidentally shot and killed by one of the Lawman children. Mr. Lawman had been butchering hogs and had laid the gun aside and thought nothing more about it until the report of the discharge was heard and the lad was found dead a few moments afterwards with his face and head badly mutilated.

### Runaway Couple Intercepted.

Rolla Boulter and a young woman by the name of Scott, of Cedar Bluffs, were detained at Fremont on the request of young Boulter's father, who telephoned that his son, who is 20 years old, and the Scott girl were eloping to Omaha. The young couple were obliged to go home. Young Boulter is a son of ex-Representative Boulter of Saunders county.

### Shoots Off Two Toes.

While out hunting along the Platte river, near Plattsmouth in company with two other boys, George Hasson had a couple of the toes of his left foot blown off as a result of the accidental discharge of a gun.

### Pass on Tax Law Sale.

The attempt of Valley county to foreclose on property bought at a tax sale was unsuccessful, the supreme court holding that a county cannot foreclose without a sale first having been made by a county attorney.

### Commandant Cole Resigns.

A. V. Cole, commandant of the soldiers' home at Grand Island, has tendered his resignation to Gov. Mickey and it has been accepted. It was reported that the resignation had been demanded.

### Monument for Old Settler.

The handsomest monument ever erected in Sarpy county was placed in position at Papillon in memory of Ferdinand Peterson, who was one of the first settlers of Sarpy county.

### Cash in the State Treasury.

State Treasurer Mortensen received \$234,154 during October and paid out \$182,314. The balance September 30 was \$285,535 and October 31 it was \$337,375.

### Elected to Fill Vacancy.

John W. Bender, democrat, of Humphrey, was elected representative of the Twenty-fourth district to fill the unexpired term of D. A. Beecher, the newly-chosen county treasurer.

## ODD LEGAL CUSTOMS.

The Origin of Certain Peculiar and Picturesque Features of the Law.

When a murderer is executed a black flag is often run up. The majority of people construe this into a sign of mourning, but it is nothing of the sort. In olden times it was customary for those besieging a city to run up a black flag after a period, which gave the defenders to understand that the time for mercy was past, and that destruction was at hand. In the fourteenth century this came to be applied to the law also, it being useful for the black flag to be unfurled before the execution took place, to show that destruction was about to be carried out.

A great many of our legal customs date from the time of the Romans, the great makers of laws, says the Washington Times. With Roman orators it was a point of etiquette never to put pressure on a client to exact fees due, the reason being that the orators were supposed to work for nothing and the fees were given merely as a reward for the services rendered. So a lawyer to-day cannot exact his fees by pressure without injuring his reputation, because he, like the orators of old, is supposed to work for nothing.

The law only mourns, when the judge wears a black cap, and some are very doubtful as to whether the black cap is really a sign of mourning after all. As a matter of fact, a black cap is part of the state dress of a Canadian or English judge, to be worn on great occasions. But to cover the head always has been a sign of mourning from time immemorial. To prove this, the reader will, if he searches the fifteenth chapter of the second book of Samuel carefully, find the following passage: "David wept and had his head covered." So it may be said that the black cap really is a sign of mourning.

A prisoner is to be tried by 12 of his fellow countrymen. This custom is a thousand years old, and we get it from the Vikings. The Vikings divided their country up into cantons, which were subdivided into 12 portions, each under a chieftan. When a malefactor was brought to justice it was usual for each chieftan to select a man from the district over which he ruled, and compel him to try the prisoner, the verdict of these 12 men being declared by the judge to be final.

The wig is only worn by English barristers to give them a stern, judicial appearance, and no one can say that it fails in this respect. The custom was originated by a French judge in the seventeenth century, when, happening to don a marquis wig one day, he found it gave him such a stern and dignified appearance that he decided to get one for himself and wear it at all times in court. This he did, and the result was so satisfactory from a legal point of view that not only judges, but barristers also took up the custom throughout Europe.

### How Soon a Train Stops.

At a recent convention of air-break men an interesting report was presented, showing how the distance required for the stopping of a train had been reduced by the new high-speed brake. A train running 80 miles an hour was stopped in 2,240 feet by the high-speed brake at 110 pounds, where ordinary pressure of 70 pounds took exactly half a mile to bring it to a stand. Other train speeds and reductions in stopping distances were these: Fifty miles an hour, from 840 to 700 feet; 55 miles an hour, 1,095 to 830 feet, 60 miles, 1,330 to 1,000 feet; 60 miles, 1,635 to 1,200 feet; 70 miles, 2,012 to 1,530 feet; 75 miles, 2,295 to 1,840 feet.

## THE GENERAL MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 10.		
CATTLE—Beef steers	33.85	@ 5.00
Native heifers	2.45	@ 4.85
Western steers	1.50	@ 4.10
HOGS	4.50	@ 5.15
SHEEP	2.00	@ 3.60
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	72	@ 73 1/2
No. 2 red	80	@ 81
CORN—No. 2 mixed		40 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed	34	@ 35
RYE		49
FLOUR—Hard winter pat.	3.50	@ 3.75
Soft winter patents	3.70	@ 4.00
HAY—Timothy	5.00	@ 5.50
Prarie	4.00	@ 5.25
BRAN	66	@ 67
BUTTER—Fancy to extra	18	@ 20
EGGS		20 1/2
CHEESE—Full cream	9 1/2	@ 11 1/4
POTATOES—Home grown	50	@ 70
ST. LOUIS.		
CATTLE—Beef steers	3.50	@ 5.40
Texas steers	2.30	@ 3.25
HOGS—Packers	4.00	@ 5.15
SHEEP—Natives	3.00	@ 3.60
WHEAT—No. 2 red	86 1/2	@ 87 1/2
CORN—No. 2	43	@ 43 1/2
OATS—No. 2	36	@ 37 1/2
RYE	64	@ 64 1/2
FLOUR—Red winter pat.	4.00	@ 4.20
BUTTER—Creamery	18	@ 23
CORN MEAL		2.30
BACON	8.50	@ 9.00
CHICAGO.		
CATTLE—Steers	3.50	@ 5.60
HOGS—Mixed and butchers	4.65	@ 5.30
SHEEP—Western	2.99	@ 3.60
WHEAT—No. 2 red	82	
CORN—No. 2	44 1/2	@ 44 1/2
OATS—No. 2	35	
RYE—December	54 1/2	
FLOUR—Winter patents	4.00	@ 4.20
LARD—January	6.82 1/2	@ 6.90
PORK—January	11.90	@ 12.02 1/2
NEW YORK.		
CATTLE—Steers	3.75	@ 5.25
HOGS	5.50	@ 5.60
SHEEP	2.00	@ 3.75
WHEAT—No. 2	87 1/2	@ 88 1/2
CORN—No. 2	50 1/2	@ 51 1/2
OATS—No. 2	41 1/2	

## THE WRONG SIMILE.

That is in the Case of a Young Lady Who Was a Scale Breaker.

He kneels at the feet of the heiress. Now, in order to make plain what is to follow, let us state that the heiress weighs 300 pounds, says Judge. True love, however, we will concede for the sake of argument, knows no waist-lines. And no woman is ever so fat as her fortune. Therefore, to proceed, messieurs.

He kneels, as we have previously said, at the feet of the heiress.

"You are all the world to me!" he exclaims.

"What?" she pants. "You wretch! are you aware of the fact that the equator is the largest diameter of the world?"

In vain does he argue that the equator is an imaginary line. This only makes it worse.

Metaphorically, she sits down on him; metaphorically, he is crushed.

## ART ENTHUSIASM.

It Did Beat All How Much Animation There Was in the Picture.

When the artist son of John Harper was a raw student his father was very much interested in his work. One day he saw a newly finished picture on the easel, relates the New York Times.

"Ah! that's fine," he burst out, "fine! There's lots of life, lots of animation in that, my boy. You've struck the right thing now—life and action."

"But, father, I don't understand what you mean."

"Why, that picture has action, movement in it. Look at those horses, rearing and tearing ahead, tugging at the reins—and their riders are standing up in their stirrups, shouting and waving their sabers over their heads—the whole picture is movement and animation. What is it—Napoleon's last charge at Waterloo?"

"No, father, that's your beet patch in a strong wind."

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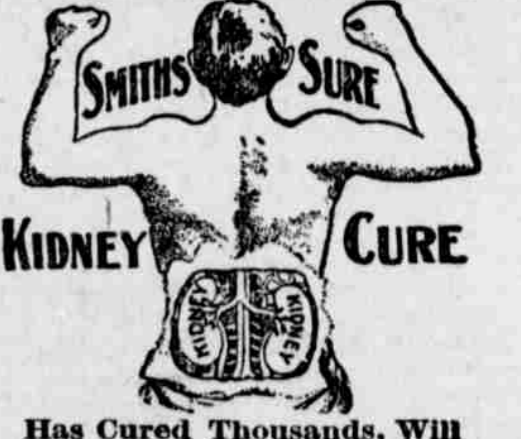


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