

# DEFENSE BEGAN YESTERDAY IN THE REDMAN-GERING ALIENATION SUIT

When Redman Sued for Divorce in 1908, He Did Not Mention Mr. Gering's Name—Mother of Mrs. Redman Tells of Abuse of Her Daughter by Her Husband.

Many readers of the Journal have become interested in the Gering-Redman case now being on trial in Omaha, simply because Mr. Gering resided in Plattsmouth for many years, and has many friends, as well as some enemies, who are anxiously watching the evidence in the case. And in order to be impartial in discussing this case, we are compelled to rely on the Omaha papers for the proceedings in the matter. The following is the evidence introduced yesterday, according to the World-Herald:

Introduction of testimony in behalf of plaintiff was finished Wednesday afternoon, and the defense is now having its inning in the suit where Benjamin A. Redman seeks to recover \$25,000 damages from Henry R. Gering for alleged alienation of his former wife's affections.

Henry R. Gering took the witness stand in his own behalf for a short period and Attorney Gering indicated that he would be recalled later in excusing him. Gering was questioned briefly concerning testimony of Joseph Fitzgerald, former chief of police at Plattsmouth.

Attorney Hugh A. Myers was the first witness called by the defense. He testified Redman called on him and started suit for divorce in 1908 and that the name of Henry R. Gering was mentioned at that time. Gering's name was not mentioned in the suit started by Redman.

Dr. W. B. Elster, former resident of Plattsmouth, now living in Omaha, told of meeting Fitzgerald in an Omaha restaurant. He said Fitzgerald introduced him to Redman and later remarked: "Don't tell Gering that you saw us together. We're going to get him."

Mrs. Margaret McLaughlin, who

formerly lived in the neighborhood of the Redman home, told of her acquaintance with Mrs. Redman and said that the latter had always conducted herself as a good wife and mother as far as she had observed. She recalled two occasions when she thought Redman was somewhat under the influence of liquor.

Mrs. Gertrude Griffin, 518 South Twenty-sixth avenue, mother of Mrs. Laura Redman, told the jury that Redman had slapped his wife and called her indecent names in her presence the year of their marriage, in 1905.

"Hardly a day passed that they were not fussing," she testified. She said she had heard Redman accuse his wife of "making a date with the grocery boy," and that he swore freely when Mrs. Redman accompanied her to a matinee on one occasion.

Mrs. Griffin said her daughter had written to her telling her that Redman was getting meaner to her all the time and that she had no affection for him since he had slapped her. These incidents were several years before Mrs. Laura Redman had met Gering.

The "darling sweetheart" note and tenderly worded reply were admitted in evidence by Judge Estelle Wednesday morning. Benjamin A. Redman was the principal witness at the morning session. He was subjected to an aggressive cross-examination by Attorney Gering.

The attorney flashed the petition in the divorce suit started by Redman and questioned him closely with regard to the charges of clandestine meetings preferred against his wife at that time. Redman admitted signing the document, but asserted his mental distress was so acute that he scarcely knew what he was doing.

## Insanity Board Holds Session.

The Cass county board of insanity, composed of Dr. Cummins, J. M. Leyda and J. M. Robertson, held a session yesterday afternoon for the purpose of inquiring into the mental condition of Mrs. Cable, who labors under the delusion that someone is poisoning her food. Mrs. Cable's husband died some years ago and she was sent to the hospital for the insane at Lincoln for a time and so far recovered that she was allowed to return to her home, but of late has been mentally deranged.

After hearing Mrs. Cable talk for a time the board made a finding that she was insane and should be restrained at Lincoln. She was discharged from the asylum about five years ago. Sheriff Quinton expected to go to Lincoln with the lady this morning, but was detained by other business.

## Ampetheater on Ball Ground.

The lumber for the ampetheater at the new ball ground was hauled out this morning and work on the structure commenced. The posts for the fence have not yet been secured, but this will not interfere with opening of the baseball season next Sunday. A game is scheduled between Plattsmouth and Cedar Creek for Sunday afternoon. Manager Brantner has secured Sunday games to June 20. On June 9 the local team will play the South Omaha Hocter team on the local diamond. Manager Brantner has not designated the positions to be played by the members of the team, but will be able to do so within a short time.

Leroy Thacker, Watertown, S. D., says: "I suffered with rheumatism for over 8 years, and it seemed at times I would go crazy with pain. Three bottle of Foley Kidney Pills cured my rheumatism and I gladly recommend them." For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

# M. P. WRECK AT GILMORE JUNCTION

Peculiar Method Employed in Keeping Train Register Is Condemned by Official.

On October 15, last, a wreck on the Missouri Pacific, not far from Gilmore Junction, killed eight persons and injured thirty-seven. An agent of the interstate commerce commission made an investigation at the time and his report is shown in the current bulletin issued by the commission. He finds laxness in the keeping of the train register at Gilmore Junction and recommends that the practice then in force be changed. The bulletin report follows:

"At Fort Collins (Gilmore Junction) the conductor of an east-bound freight made a mistake in reading the register, before he started on his trip, and assumed that west-bound passenger train No. 105 had cleared the single track, on which he afterward met it. He says he felt sure that No. 105 was in; also that he may have mistaken 155 for 105, or may have looked on the wrong date. The engineer should have examined the register, but he took the conductor's word. The register is at South Omaha. Thence to Gilmore Junction the line is double track and the essential thing to learn from the register was whether or not the passenger had reached Gilmore Junction and passed on to the double tracks. The freight conductor concluded not only that it had gone on to the double track, but that it had reached South Omaha before he was ready to start out. The collision occurred at 8:46 a. m. The engineer of the freight, being on the inside of a curve, saw the passenger train and brought his train almost to a stop. The passenger train was running fifty miles an hour.

"The dispatcher says that he had sent to the freight conductor a message (not an order) notifying him that the passenger train should pass Gilmore Junction (and enter double track) about 8:50 a. m. Both the operator at South Omaha and the conductor say that they did not receive this message.

"The inspector found that the regular register at South Omaha, kept in the office of the yard master of the Missouri Pacific, was made up by information received over the telephone through the office of the Union Pacific dispatcher. The Missouri Pacific trains use the tracks of the Union Pacific as far as Gilmore Junction. For example, a passenger train passes Gilmore Junction; the Union Pacific signal man notifies the Union Pacific dispatcher at Omaha; thence the report is sent to the Missouri Pacific dispatcher at Falls City, 100 miles south, and the dispatcher there issues an order to the Missouri Pacific yard office at South Omaha to register the passenger train as having arrived at South Omaha at a certain time. This method, says the inspector, affords opportunities for mistakes and should be discontinued; the register should be kept at Gilmore Junction. The conductor of the freight said that he often had to call up the dispatcher in order to learn if trains were in, and had been told to go out into the yard and look for them."

Henry Ferris, Hadar, Neb., is the father of ten children and for the past 20 years has used Foley's Honey and Tar Compound with the best of results. He tells us: "I think Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is the best cough medicine in the world, for I have used it for the past 26 years and can recommend it to anyone needing a cough medicine." For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

## Cattle Killed by Train.

C. L. Wiles, a prominent farmer residing two miles southwest of the city, had the misfortune this morning to have two fine milk cows killed and a third one badly injured by being run over by the north-bound Missouri Pacific passenger train. Mr. Wiles' pasture is adjacent to the right-of-way, and the cows had been feeding in the pasture, but got through the company's fence onto the track and the train ran them down. The cows were excellent milkers and Mr. Wiles valued them very highly.

## White Plymouth Rock Eggs.

White Plymouth Rock eggs for sale at \$3.00 per hundred. Mrs. Geo. A. Kaffenberger, R. F. D. No. 2, Plattsmouth.

# The Avoca Department

News Items Gathered Each Week by a Special Reporter for This Department of the Semi-Weekly Journal

Thermos bottles at the drug store.

Mrs. McGrady was at Weeping Water Monday.

Prof. Branigan left for his home Tuesday morning.

Go to Copes and get some Tiz for those tired, aching feet.

Miss Mabel Hanger returned to her home at Lincoln Tuesday morning.

Miss May Bogard, who has had a class in music at Cozad, is home on sick leave.

Miss Verna Ward of Kansas City is the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. G. Keedy.

Miss Pearl Conrad was the guest of Miss Pearl Nutzman during commencement exercises.

Daniel Fleishman and daughter, Viola, were Nebraska City shoppers between trains Monday.

Louis Dunkak, daughter, Lena, and son, Henry, autoed over from their farm near Elmwood this week.

Charles Jenkins has a lonesome look on account of his wife and children leaving him to visit with relatives.

Eugene Spencer has sold his lumber yard and home at Huntley, Neb., but will remain at that place for the summer.

The Falmestock moving picture show is entertaining a good crowd every evening at the air dome, north of the mill.

The pupils and teachers of the Avoca schools held a picnic in Tefft's park Tuesday at the close of the school year.

Berg Tharkildsen, a young Dane, cut his foot badly Tuesday afternoon while chopping wood at the Oxford hotel.

John Ruhge has purchased a pony for his son, Johnnie, and the latter is supremely happy in the possession of a steed of his own.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mohr, accompanied by Mrs. Neibuhr and Mrs. Reutter, were over from Syracuse Monday in the former's automobile.

Henry Kuhnhehn has been enjoying a visit from a cousin and a sister-in-law from Iowa. They returned to their homes Wednesday morning.

Simon and Fred Rehmaier were at Weeping Water Wednesday to look after the cemetery lot where their brother, who was drowned last summer, is buried.

William Thiele of Nebraska City has bought the Behrens' interest in the firm formerly known as Behrens & Maseman, and will enter into the business next Friday.

Ora E. Copes was called to Page, Neb., last Thursday by the serious illness of his mother, Ellis Lewton is in charge of the drug store during his absence.

Miss Opal Lewton, who has been teaching the primary room at Shelby, Neb., came home Saturday evening. She has been offered the same position for next year.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Marquardt were called to Omaha Monday evening to be present during an operation to be performed on the person of Mrs. F. Beckard, sr., of Utica, Neb., for cancer. Mrs. Beckard is Mrs. Marquardt's mother. Louis returned Tuesday evening.

The school team played the business men on the Avoca diamond Tuesday afternoon in a fast game of ball. Batteries: School team, Nick Trook and Silas Everett; business men, Charles Gruber and Herman Mitchell. The

Ellis Lewton is now a full-fledged druggist, having passed the state examining board, who held their last meeting in Lincoln.

happiness as they travel life's journey together.

Mrs. M. Bishop, Columbus, Kansas, suffered from a weak back a good many years, as a result of kidney trouble. "I began taking Foley Kidney Pills and soon after the pain left my back and today I am fully cured." For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

A Very Sick Man. J. W. Grassman, who has been confined to his bed for several months, is still in a very serious condition, and while everything possible to relieve him is being done, his attending physician does not give much hope for his ultimate recovery. While his affliction is one in which there seemed but little encouragement from the start, yet his friends are still hopeful.

Most disfiguring skin eruptions, scrofula, pimples, rashes, etc., are due to impure blood. Burdock Blood Bitters as a cleansing blood tonic is well recommended, \$1.00 at all stores.

## BRIDE AND GROOM ARE NOW AT HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Setz Came in From Lincoln Last Evening, to Be Cordially Greeted by Friends

Mr. Eugene S. Setz and his bride, nee Miss Hannah F. Lyle, arrived from Lincoln last evening, where they were married at the Capital hotel by Rev. I. E. Roach, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church, Monday at 2:30 p. m., a notice of which appeared in the Journal of Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Setz were showered with congratulations by the numerous friends on arriving at the Perkins hotel in this city, where they will be at home for a time. The happy young couple have numerous friends in this city and the county, who will be pleased to hear of these nuptials.

Mr. Setz is and has been for many years a valued employe of the Burlington, in the capacity of yard fireman, and is right in line for promotion whenever there is

a vacancy above into which he will fit. He is also a fine artist with the camera, and has turned out some of the finest photographs ever made in Plattsmouth. In fact, he has samples of some of the officials, with which they were delighted and complimented Mr. Setz's artistic taste very highly. He already has a fine assortment of views of the beautiful scenery about Plattsmouth, for which he could realize a neat sum should he care to part with his collection.

Mr. Setz was fortunate in winning his bride, who is a young lady of charming personality, possessing a rare contralto voice of much power and beauty, which shows much cultivation, and Mrs. Setz graciously complies with a request of her friends to sing for their entertainment, and one must hear her to really appreciate her singing.

Our friend, Eugene, had a box of the best cigars, which he was handing out to the boys, inviting them to smoke in honor of his marriage. It is the wish of the Journal that Mr. and Mrs. Setz enjoy the best of prosperity and

happiness as they travel life's journey together.

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## Summer Comfort

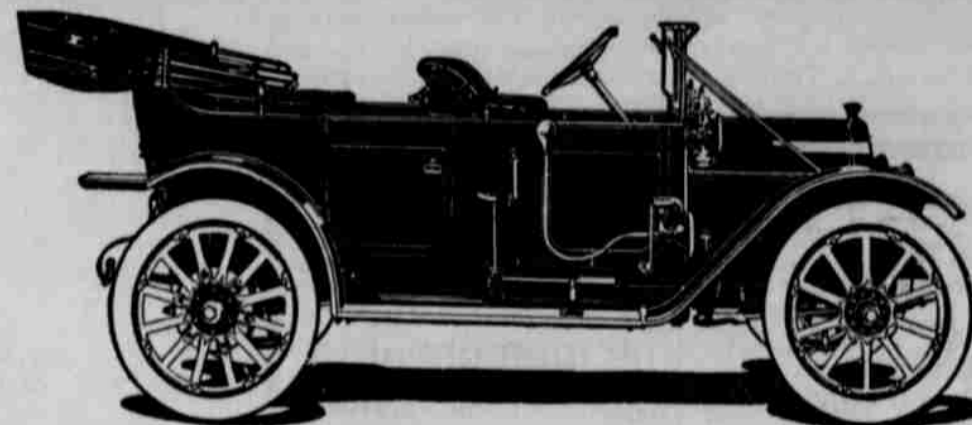
is found in our Lightweight Wearables for men and boys

Munsing Athletic Underwear, B. V. D. 2-piece and union suits, Porosknit underwear, silk hose 25 and 50c; fine cool dress shirts; white flannel or serge trousers; featherweight suits in either mohair, serge or flannel; straw hats and lightweight caps.

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## The Chalmers Motor Company:

GENTLEMEN—My attention has been called to the mileage records of 15 cars, as set forth in your Chalmers Doings of March 11th, and, in view of the fact that these records do not appear to me to be extraordinary, I am of the fact that these records do not appear to me to be extraordinary, I am taking the liberty of sending you a statement of my own experience.

On September 28th, 1909, I purchased from your local representative, the H. E. Fredrickson Automobile Co., a model K "30" Roadster, which I have driven since on the average of nearly 75 miles each driving day, or a total of 65,000 miles. Understand there were many days when weather conditions or the requirements of my business did not permit of much mileage—some days not any—and in order to reach this grand total it was necessary to drive from 100 to 150 miles on literally hundreds of days. I have driven as high as 1,600 miles in a single week.

I might mention that my occupation as President and Manager of the Waterloo Creamery Company requires that I visit our many branches and our condensing plant at Papillion nearly every day. And I have driven my car to these points when no other machine could get through, times innumerable.

I have driven this car overland, having hauled 26 people in it a distance of two miles in the mud. I have subjected the mechanism to tests that I don't believe were fair to the car, time and again.

I have made two trips into Colorado, and last September I drove from here to Cherokee Park, Wyoming, without stopping except for meals. I returned at the same speed.

The machine as it stands today runs very quietly and is in perfect condition. It will do anything I ask it to and has great speed and hill-climbing capacity at the present time, just as it had when new.

On account of the ability of this car, I have been able to superintend personally three times as much territory in my business as I would have been able to look after without the car.

I don't know of any reason why I should change for a new car for the next two years, for I think that I will be entirely satisfied to use my little old Chalmers, as it is beyond question absolutely reliable at all times. My friends who know the service this car has given, can hardly believe that a car of this price could have stood it and come through in such excellent condition.

Very truly yours,  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA, MARCH 21, 1912. LEROY CORLIS, Pres., Waterloo Creamery Company.

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