

THE ACT OF A FIEND.

A Bit of Maliciousness Which May Cause a Young Lady's Death.

CORN THIEVES ARE NABBED.

Farmer Holmes' Corn Crib Is Burglarized and Chief Dunn Locates the Probable Thieves—Various Other Interesting Notes.

As the result of the act of a fiend, Miss Gertrude Fletcher, a young lady residing in South Park addition, now lies very near death's door, and her parents and friends have little hope of her recovery.

A party of young people drove out to the Crystal Springs school house, southeast of town Thursday evening to attend a literary meeting, and Mr. Ed Tutt, son of John D. Tutt, and Miss Fletcher were members of the party. The entertainment was concluded at about eleven o'clock and Mr. Tutt and Miss Fletcher started back to town in their buggy. On reaching the steep hill just this side of the school house a portion of the harness gave away, letting the buggy run onto the horse's hips. The animal then pranced about in such a fashion that Mr. Tutt was unable to control it, and while holding to the lines he was pulled forward over the dash-board to the ground. The horse then dashed away, jerking the buggy over the prostrate form of the driver, and ran down the steep hill at a terrific pace, with Miss Fletcher unable to free herself. Mr. Tutt hurried on after the running horse and about a mile this side of the school house found Miss Fletcher lying unconscious on the ground and the buggy off to one side of the road. The unfortunate young lady was immediately conveyed to the home of her parents and a physician summoned, who found her fearfully bruised about the face and head, both eyes being swollen completely shut.

An examination of the harness was made this morning and it was discovered that the girl band had been almost entirely severed with a knife, the ends doubtless having done their work during the time the young people were inside the school house. The first strain which weakened the band was subjected to, snapped it in twain, thus rendering it impossible for the runaway to have been prevented. The officers have the matter in hand and while as yet they have no clue to the perpetrators, it is hoped they will be able to locate the authors of such a fiendish act and cause their punishment.

Corn Thieves Nabbed.

Chas. Hendrickson, Chester Owens and Orrin Kinnison were placed under arrest late Friday afternoon and taken before Justice Archer to answer to the charge of burglarizing the corn crib of A. M. Holmes on Wednesday night and removing therefrom some twelve bushels of corn.

Mr. Holmes lives down in Rock Bluffs precinct. He came to town Friday and reported that his crib had been broken into on Wednesday night and a quantity stolen. Chief Dunn took the matter in hand and after some investigation settled on the men arrested as the guilty parties. Hendrickson and Owens are charged with being the principals to the theft and Kinnison as an accessory.

The three fellows had their preliminary examination late Friday afternoon before Justice Archer. Owens went on the stand and gave the full details of the stealing. He testified that Kinnison put up the job and that they made the trip to Holmes' farm with a borrowed wagon and Kinnison's team. Before starting Kinnison backed out on the plea of having become suddenly sick, and the trip was made without him. In taking the corn, Owens told that they did not break into the crib, but simply pulled it out through a hole which had been previously made by the breaking of a board. The condition of the crib substantiated Owens' story, and as the state could not prove otherwise, the men were dismissed on the charge of burglary. They were held for a few minutes and then rearrested on the charge of petit larceny, the value of the stolen corn being \$5. Kinnison took a continuance for thirty days, furnished bail in the sum of \$100, Jonathan Hatt going on the bond as surety. Hendrickson and Owens were each fined \$5 and costs and were given thirty days in which to pay up.

ALLIANCE ITEMS.

From the Grip. J. J. Spurgin and wife of Hyannis are in Plattsmouth.

Mrs. H. G. Taylor is visiting her parents at Plattsmouth.

Supt. of Motive Power Hawksworth of Plattsmouth was in the city on business last Monday.

The B. & M. received this week an order for 100 refrigerator cars from the Northern Pacific, to be used for fruit and vegetable traffic.

Engineer Gilson has gone to Plattsmouth to visit his mother, who is reported very sick.

Miss Minnie Christie will leave Saturday evening for Plattsmouth. During the three or four weeks she has been here, she has made many new dresses for ladies who are preparing for Easter Sunday. We understand that she intends to return here next fall to live.

A Determined Fire.

The fire department was called out at about 8 o'clock on Saturday evening to extinguish a blaze at a house on South Ninth street owned and occupied by the family of a man named Glee. The blaze was confined to the roof and was soon extinguished, although the firemen were compelled to throw water on the roof with buckets, as the water pressure was too low to be of any service. In order to reach the house the firemen laid a line of hose 1400 feet in length, and to this is attributed the low pressure. Most of the household effects had previously been removed and when the firemen departed they felt fortunate in having prevented any great loss. But in this they were disappointed, for at 5:00 o'clock the next morning the alarm was again sounded and the house was found to be on fire a second time. The firemen, on their second trip, had their efforts for naught, as the structure was too far gone, on their arrival, to save it, and this time the building was completely consumed. The strong wind of the morning doubtless fanned the smouldering fire into a blaze. The loss is covered by insurance.

Goat To His Last Reward.

Oscar F. Johnson of this city died at his home Sunday afternoon, March 24, at 12:12 o'clock from typhoid fever, after an illness of two weeks.

He was born in Jamestown, N. Y., July 4, 1824; came to Plattsmouth in 1856 and was married in '57. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter, now Mrs. G. F. S. Burton of Pacific Junction, Iowa. He did freighting across the plains in the '50's, and when Denver was only a village was made postmaster for a term. He owned considerable property at one time in this county. He lived on his farm near Weeping Water after he was married for a few years. Then sold his farm and went into the drug business in Plattsmouth and was considered the best pharmacist in the state of Nebraska at that time. Of late years he has been engaged as a travelling salesman.

The funeral occurred Tuesday at St. Luke's Episcopal church at 10 a. m., Rev. H. B. Burgess officiating.

M. F. In Hard Lines.

The Missouri Pacific railroad is at present undergoing a siege of hard luck. Just at present three inquests are in progress over the bodies of people killed on that road. The coroner of Nemaha county is inquiring into the case of Patrick Costello, who was killed at Julian last Sunday. Coroner Karstens of Otoe county is investigating the case of Michael Casey, who met his death in Nebraska City Wednesday night, and Coroner Clements of this county is holding an inquest over the remains of a brakeman named Warner. The latter was killed at Union at 6 o'clock yesterday morning while attempting to jump on the step of a passing engine. The company appears to be blameless in all three cases.

General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington has returned from a trip over the western divisions with President Perkins. In speaking of the trip yesterday, Mr. Holdrege said that he found everything satisfactory in the Sheridan and Black Hills country and that the people seemed to be more hopeful for the future. Mr. Holdrege said that there was no construction work anticipated for the coming season and that the line to Butte would not be built. He said that the company would have engineers in the field going over the ground, but that there would be no construction.—World-Herald.

Money to loan by the Livingston Loan and Building association. Apply to H. R. Gering, secretary.

THEIR THIRD ANNUAL.

Pupils of the Schools Contest For Oratorical Honors.

THE "MONTHLY GEM" SWINDLE.

Plattsmouth People Who Nabbed at Their Bait Will Be Pleased to Learn Of the Swindlers Coming to Grief—Jottings.

An audience of some three hundred people was in attendance at the third annual declamatory contest of the Plattsmouth schools at the Presbyterian church Friday evening. Most of those in attendance had witnessed the two previous contests, and the sentiment was quite general that the affair of Friday night was just a little better than either of its predecessors, both of which, it will be remembered, reflected no small credit on our schools, as it was a Plattsmouth representative who carried off first honors at the state contest at York two years ago.

There were nine contestants, and the program, which was interspersed with several meritorious musical selections, was carried out in the following order:

ORATORICAL CLASS.

Edith Buzzell....."Zenobia's Defense,"
Edgar Palmer....."Homer's Defense."

DRAMATIC CLASS.

Claire Drummond....."Mona's Waters,"
Maud Maury....."Sister and I,"
Maud Rennie....."Brier Rose."

HUMOROUS CLASS.

Lizzie Eikenberry....."Lessons in Cookery,"
Olga Martin....."The Freckled Little Girl,"
Emma Poirall....."The Future Election,"
Mabel Unruh....."The Jealous Wife."

The referee, Henry R. Gering, selected Messrs. B. S. Ramsey, J. L. Root and H. G. Livingston to act as judges, and after an intermission of fifteen minutes their decision was announced. Miss Maud Maury was awarded the highest honors, and in addition to being presented with the gold medal, was selected to represent the local schools at the district contest which occurs in this city next month. The Misses Edith Buzzell, Maud Rennie and Lizzie Eikenberry were awarded the honors in their respective classes, and were each presented with a prize of \$2.50 in gold.

The markings of the judges were relatively the same as to all of the winners and the various decisions gave general satisfaction. Miss Maury's recital was particularly excellent, and in her the schools will be ably represented at the district contest. As to the efforts of the other contestants, all showed honest study and without exception did great credit to both contestants and the schools.

That "Monthly Gem" Swindle.

A Chicago daily paper of Thursday contains the following:

"F. R. Yount, of Point Pleasant, Mo., was suspicious over a letter he received from the Alf-Clark Publishing Company, of Chicago. The letter informed him that his little girl had drawn a prize of a gold watch, chain and charm by answering a rebus for the Ladies' Monthly Gem, and the Alf-Clark Publishing Company, as the liquidator of the former concern, stood ready upon the receipt of \$1 to pay the expenses of packing, to make good the gift. Mr. Yount insisted it was a confidence game, but sent \$1 to his friend, R. M. Martin, of 235 Cherry avenue, with a request to investigate the offer. Mr. Martin could not find the Alf-Clark Publishing Company, so he took the letter to Postal Inspector Christian.

"In the postoffice, a moment later, the inspector was informed that Alfred Clark had just taken out 100 letters. He was found at the registry division signing receipts. Fifteen minutes later Commissioner Pickard had sent Clark to the county jail in default of a \$2,000 bond. Clark said he had sent out 1,700 letters Thursday from a list furnished by one Robinson, by whom he was employed. Clark claimed Robinson had represented that he formerly published the Ladies' Monthly Gem at Cleveland.

"Clark said he and Robinson lived at 15 Park avenue. This house was found to be occupied by Miss Freeman. She said she rented a room to Clark and Robinson five days ago, but did not know their business or names. Robinson was in his room, but would not unlock the door, saying that Robinson had gone out. Officers broke the lock. At Central station he admitted he was Robinson. In Robinson's room was found a large number of circular letters and stationery. In four books were written names and addresses of thousands of women all over the country. Officers believe the men's receipts to have been very large. About 200 money orders \$1 each, received since Monday afternoon, were found."

The swindlers mentioned above are the same fellows who caught a few Plattsmouth people on their bait some

two months ago, while operating at Cleveland, mention of which was made in these columns. That they have come to grief is a matter which the gullible ones in every community should appreciate.

AROUND THE COURT ROOMS.

DISTRICT COURT.

Judge Chapman has overruled the motion made by the defense for a new trial in the case of the Plattsmouth Street railway vs. Dr. S. D. Mercer of Omaha.

Judge Chapman has postponed the Otoe county term of district court, fixed to convene on April 2, to April 15. The judge ordinarily takes a short vacation between the Cass and Otoe terms, but the way the present term in this county is holding on, will admit of his securing no rest.

COUNTY COURT.

License to wed was issued in county court Saturday to Mr. Sanford T. Eddy and Mrs. Osta E. Bird, both of Union.

JUSTICE COURT.

John Carnes was taken before Police Judge Archer yesterday evening and fined \$10 and costs on the charge of assaulting Andrew Kinnison. Carnes went to jail in default of payment. The trouble had its origin in the recent prosecution of young Kinnison's father on the charge of stealing Farmer Holmes' corn. Kinnison charges Carnes with putting up the job whereby he was charged with being a party to the corn stealing, and Kinnison proceeded to play even by making threats to cause Carnes' punishment for stealing harness from two local butchers sometime over a year ago. Carnes caught onto the racket and jumped onto the boy. The authorities would earn the everlasting thanks of the community if they would invent some method of inducing the parties to leave town.

COURT ROOM NOTES.

County Clerk Dickson journeyed to Union this morning with a part of the official records of his office to appear as a witness in a law suit on trial before Justice Smith in that town today.

Wm. Hanlon and Wm. Doolan, the two burglars sentenced by Judge Chapman last week to three years in the penitentiary for their escapade at Louisville, were taken to Lincoln Monday by Deputy Sheriff Hyers and Jailor Denson. Jimmy Lindsay will be kept at the county jail for a few days more in order that the pugilist's counsel may appear before the supreme court and have their motion for the prisoner's admission to bail acted upon.

M. V. Gibson and wife of South Park were surprised by the appearance at their residence Friday evening of some fifty of their neighbors and friends, who, after invading the house, made themselves at home in the most cordial manner, even bringing with them eatables sufficient for everybody, and a royal good time ensued. The occasion was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of the host and hostess. By some means the fact became known to some of their friends and they determined to not let it slip by without recognition. The party conveniently forgot to take away with them numerous and expensive articles for household use and ornamentation, designed, they said, as mementoes of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson are very worthy people and well deserve the remembrance.

German Vegetable liver pills are without a rival. Sold only by Gering & Co.

THE JOURNAL regrets very much that it failed to get permission from the Nebraska City News before it urged the Missouri Pacific management to run its accommodation train from Lincoln to Plattsmouth, instead of to Nebraska City. The fact that the News refused to give its consent to the change settles the whole matter. The Missouri Pacific management would not dare to entertain the subject without first consulting the oldest and poorest paper in Nebraska.

Mrs. J. L. McCrea of 1216 Vine street, died at her residence at 11:10 o'clock Saturday evening, after an illness of some months, aged fifty-four years, two months and twenty-nine days. The funeral occurred from the residence at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Rev. H. B. Burgess officiating.

Tom Walling, abstractor of titles, Todd block. Guarantees accuracy of all his work. 25tf.

ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

LITTLE BOY.

Little boy;
Banana stand;
Ate too many;
"Happy Land."

Little boy;
Pair of skates;
Hole in ice;
"Golden Gates."

Little boy;
Loaded gun;
Didn't know it;
"Kingdom Come."

Little boy;
Cigarettes galore;
Hav'n't lost him;
"Gone Before."

The Heisel mill was rebuilt and set to work grinding two years ago Thursday. Messrs. Nich Holmes, Phillip Horn and Conrad Heisel—the three H's—united in bringing about that result, and all the machinery and fixtures was addressed here to that address—"H. H. H." Mr. Heisel had arranged to have a celebration of the event, and a number of friends had been invited to participate. But, (such is the uncertainty of life) instead, the whole party was called to attend the funeral of one of the members, Mr. Horn, on that day. It was a sad change of program.

The thing that keeps down the newspaper business is the fact that so many people think that editors pursue their calling simply for amusement. Nothing would be sadder than to see an able journalist eating a contributed poem for want of bread or pie. When a man has a roll of bills, he pays everybody before he remembers the amiable editor. He squares up with the butcher, the baker, the horse-blanket maker, and by the time he is through he says to himself that the editor will have to wait a while. A great many editors in this world of sin and sorrow have been compelled to wait a while; they have waited until their whiskers have turned gray and their bosom melancholy, and their hearts hard, and they are waiting yet and will wait until the sun grows cold, and the stars are old, and the leaves of the judgment book unfold. And it is all very sad, at least.—Nebraska Editor.

Friday was the sixtieth day of this session of the legislature, the last for which the members can draw their \$5 per diem. Parties who attended Thursday's session say that it was quite astonishing how the legislators hustled about and rushed through with the pending business. If the members had been subjected to some hypnotic influence the first day of the session and made to believe that they would receive only one day's pay, the present legislature would have been a thing of the past weeks ago.

The ladies of Plattsmouth asked to be represented on the school board at the hands of the republican city convention, but were refused recognition and Attorney Root and G. F. Houseworth nominated. They fared better at the hands of the democrats and Mrs. Stoutenborough was nominated. This lady is said to be exceptionally well qualified for the position and the Register wants to see her elected. As the majority of teachers in our city schools are ladies, and no one doubts their qualifications, it is right and proper that the fair sex should be represented upon the board.—Nehawka Register, rep.

Secretary Furnas is out with an advance announcement for the Nebraska state fair, which will be held in Omaha Sept. 13-20. The management will spare no effort to make it the biggest and best fair ever held in the west and with new grounds, new accommodations, the best mile regulation track in the country and premiums and purses aggregating \$40,000, the fair can be nothing else than a thorough success.

By a vote of 47 to 35, the lower house of the state legislature Thursday decided to recommend senate file No. 280 for passage. This bill provides for an amendment of the constitution which shall require all voters to be able to read his ballot in the English language and also write his name in English. The bill, without doubt, will become a law. It may for a time work a hardship on the newly-naturalized citizens, whose loyalty to the country cannot be questioned, but it will eventually lead to their being more Americanized than ever, and for that reason will be a sound amendment to the constitution.

IS IT WOLF'S WIFE?

One Claims to Be Wedded To the Man Who Had Fits.

IS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

Pugilist Lindsay Will Not Go To the Pen Until the Supreme Court Decides As to Bail Being Allowed—Other Jottings.

Mrs. E. Wolf, the pretended wife of Mark Wolf, came to town Wednesday. Her visit was for the purpose of claiming the several registered letters and money orders made payable to her order, which are now in the hands of Postmaster Fox and over which there was so much talk last week. Her husband's visit here, in which he worked the good people of this city to the tune of \$20 on the "starving wife and children" racket, is well known to readers, but the wife's presence may have even a more interesting result than that of the husband.

Mrs. Wolf lost no time in hunting up Postmaster Fox and demanding the letters. She told a fairly straight story, and but for a few discrepancies, the postmaster would have produced, but when she gave the name of Mack Logosa, an Omaha grocer, as a man who could identify her, Mr. Fox immediately concluded to communicate with the grocer on the subject. He accordingly called up Mr. Logosa by telephone, and while that gentleman stated that he knew Mrs. Wolf, he was not willing to identify her as to the drawing of registered letters or money orders. The postmaster learned from other sources that the grocer's statements were prompted by Wolf himself and he resolved to go to Omaha himself on the 2:12 train and look into the matter.

If the woman is simply carrying the name of Mrs. E. Wolf for the purpose of assisting the man, Mark Wolf, in practicing his frauds on the charitable people of the towns which he has visited, it may get her into trouble. It is highly possible that U. S. Deputy Marshal Boehme may come down from Omaha with the postmaster on the 5:16 train and in that event the woman's arrest on the charge of using the mails for the purpose of practicing fraud may be accomplished by the time THE JOURNAL reaches its readers.

Sentence Temporarily Suspended.

Wednesday's Lincoln Journal says: "The case of James Lindsay, sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for manslaughter, was taken to the supreme court yesterday on error and sentence suspended. Lindsay is the wage-fighter who was convicted at Plattsmouth on the charge of causing the death of his opponent in the ring, Fletcher Robbins. His attorneys set up a long list of errors in the lower court. They allege that there was misconduct on the part of the prosecuting attorney in allowing the mother of the deceased to cry and weep before the jury, and in permitting her to create a dramatic scene, in which she accused Lindsay of murdering her boy. Misconduct on the part of the jury in separating at the hotel, and especially the action of one or two who held a long conversation at night with E. H. Wooley, who assisted the prosecuting attorney, is likewise alleged."

It is understood that the suspension of Lindsay's sentence is only a temporary affair and was issued pending a hearing on motion to admit the prisoner to bail, the same being fixed for consideration next week.

FARM LOANS.

Last fall we were told that we could not borrow money or renew loans if Holcomb was elected governor. Nevertheless, I now have money to loan on good farm security, at a less rate than ever before. Write or call and see me if you desire a loan. J. M. LEYDA, 12-3m Plattsmouth, Neb.

Hanlon and Doolan, the two crooks taken to the penitentiary Monday to serve out a three years' sentence for their Louisville burglary, were not thoroughly searched when put into the local jail last week, as the penitentiary authorities found some ten or twelve gold rings concealed on the men. Several rings were found on the men when they were arrested, but some of the jewelry was evidently missed. The rings in question were doubtless stolen from the Talmage jewelry store which was burglarized a few days previous to the Louisville affair.