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## PEACEFUL FOURTH.

Not Much Noise In Town, But Numerous Accidents.

### THE CELEBRATIONS ELSEWHERE

Another Bloody Murder in Omaha—The Body of the Victim Found in the Missouri River Several Miles Below Omaha—Notes.

A light shower about daybreak ushered in the glories of America's natal day, settling the dust and cooling the atmosphere perceptibly, so that all might enjoy themselves comfortably under the trees throughout the day.

The booming of cannon (crackers), followed by a fusillade of small arms, lasting throughout the day, awakened the drowsy sleepers from their night's repose, and preparations began for celebrating Independence Day. Residences and business houses throughout the town showed profuse displays of the national colors, albeit no formal celebration took place in town.

Every vehicle, public and private, was put into early use to convey people to the various places where celebrations were to take place, and still others left on the trains. Numbers went to Cedar Creek to fish in the Metzger ponds, still others went to Rock Bluffs, where Jesse L. Root was the orator, and partook of a basket picnic.

Carriages, wagons and every vehicle obtainable was pressed into the service to carry Sunday school children and their parents to the grove near the residence of Hon. E. R. Todd, four miles out, where an old-fashioned celebration was held.

The streets of town were well-nigh deserted and the chief business consisted in the sale of fireworks—and beer.

The dealers in fireworks report a very satisfactory trade. The unprecedented cheapness of the goods made people invest more than they would have done if crackers and rockets and Roman candles had been high-priced. The dealers say that the low prices were due to a war between the trust and a few outside concerns and that next year they are liable to be up to their old standard. Thursday night the display that went up from private houses over town made a very pretty sight from any elevated position.

The celebration at Pacific Junction Thursday was a big affair, and several thousand people were in attendance. The delegation from this city was very large, and the sportsmen who participated in the shoot over there report the man who kept the score gave the Plattsmouth men the worst of it at almost every opportunity. They claim that when, for instance, one of them would break six or seven blue rocks out of ten, the scorer would only credit them with four or five. They all feel very sore at the treatment received.

The orators at the celebration in Todd's grove were Rev. Youtzy, Jake Beeson, Geo. Todd and Lowe Wiles, and it is reported that they acquitted themselves admirably. About five hundred people were present, the majority attending from this city, and a most enjoyable time was had by all. Judge Chapman delighted a large crowd of people at the Nebraska City celebration Thursday, delivering a most appropriate address.

Fourth of July Accidents. Paul Gering, the druggist, held a large firecracker in his hand too long Thursday noon, and as a result his thumb and several fingers were terribly lacerated. The wound is a very painful one.

It is reported that a woman was severely burned over at the Junction celebration last Thursday. A lighted torch fell from the dance platform onto her dress, which caught fire, and but for timely assistance, she might have been fatally burned.

James Pine, the switchman, while making a coupling in the B & M yards early Thursday morning, had his hand caught between the lumpers, and severely smashed. The end of his thumb was pinched off, but the other fingers were only bruised. He will take an enforced lay-off for a few days.

Wednesday afternoon little Willie Betts, a son of W. H. Betts, the painter, thought he could drop a lighted match into a bottle of powder and get out of the way before the explosion occurred. As a consequence the little fellow had one of his eyes so severely burned that it is very doubt-

ful whether it can be saved or not. The other eye was injured considerably.

Mrs. L. D. Bennett and a party were spending the Fourth out at Elias Sage's place, and while the lady was running with some children on the lawn, she slipped and fell on a piece of broken glass. Her wrist was severely cut and her face bruised considerably. Mrs. Bennett was brought to town and a physician dressed the wounds.

Harvey Cunningham was unloading a large cake of ice at White's store Thursday morning, when the tongs slipped off the ice and struck him a fearful blow under the eye. The flesh was torn about an inch and a half, and the wound was very painful. It was a narrow escape for his eye, and he will wear that member in a sling for some time.

Thursday morning B. J. Reynolds, the B. & M. switchman, was enjoying a celebration down in the yards, and while firing a large cannon firecracker, neglected to throw it at the proper time. As a result it exploded in his right hand, burning it quite severely, and bursting the flesh on his first finger. Had the firecracker been grasped firmly, his entire hand would probably have been blown off.

### Another Omaha Murder.

Omaha has another murder case on hand. John Seljan, a Bohemian employed in the smelting works, has mysteriously disappeared. His clothes covered with blood, have been found on the river bank at the foot of Harney street, and the room at the house where Seljan lodged presents the appearance of a slaughter house, the walls and floor being splattered with blood. Five occupants of the house have been arrested, and the police believe they have the right parties. Seljan a few days ago received about a thousand dollars from the old country, and robbery is supposed to have been the motive for the crime.

### Seljan's Body Found.

The body of John Seljan, who was murdered in Omaha several days ago, was discovered in the Missouri river Friday afternoon near South Omaha. The man's throat was cut and the supposition is that the man, Buchove, who admits having shaved Seljan last Tuesday afternoon, plunged the razor into his throat after he had finished shaving him. It has been developed that Buchove and Drobnic, the two men who boarded with Seljan, each owed the murdered man a sum of money, and it is believed that this was their motive for the crime. All the inmates of the house are thought to be implicated in the crime and are under arrest. Seljan had quite a sum of money in his possession and only a part of this has been found. It was one of the most brutal murders in the history of Omaha—which means considerable.

### A Delightful Picnic.

One of the most pleasant celebrations Thursday was held at the handsome country residence of I. S. White near Rock Bluffs. In addition to the usual festivities, the party enjoyed fishing and boating in the fine lakes on Mr. White's place.

Among those who attended from this city were the family of Chas. Cummins, H. D. Travis, W. K. Fox, H. N. Dovey, Jack Pierce, Geo. Houseworth, Mrs. W. H. Dearing and children, Messrs. Hrof. McClelland, John Davies, Geo. Spurlock, and the Misses Dora and Mable Swearingen, Birdie Hyers, Mary McClelland, Kattie Cummins, and Miss Mason of Burlington.

The party chartered four carry-alls and the drive was a most enjoyable one, no accidents occurring to mar the pleasure of the occasion.

### Mrs. Ish Refused Bail.

Mrs. Mabel E. Ish, charged as well as her husband, with the murder of William H. Chapple, appeared Friday morning in the Douglas county district court, before the criminal judge, to plead to the information and ask for bail. While she did not succeed in getting the desired liberty the matter was left in such a form that she may renew her application whenever she desires. To the charge of murder in the first degree she answered "Not guilty."

About twenty-five people from this city went out to the pleasant home of Uncle John Holschub Sunday and surprised that gentleman quite agreeably. It was Mr. Holschub's seventy-second birthday, and the day was very pleasantly passed. Some of the members of the Turner society rendered a few choice vocal selections, and substantial refreshments were provided for the occasion. A good time was enjoyed by all.

## A SMOOTH FRAUD.

"Dr." Goldstine Works Some People Here and at Fremont.

### THE HARSHMAN-GOSNEY MATCH

The End is Not Yet and Another Wrestling Match Will Undoubtedly Occur—The Police Rout the Houses of Ill Fame—Notes.

### He Was a Fraud.

Last Saturday a man representing himself to be a lecturer in the Omaha medical college, and also a specialist, treating those afflicted with convulsions, spasms etc., was in this city. He engaged a room at the Perkins and registered "Goldstine," Omaha. Several people called upon the "specialist" and commenced taking treatment from him. He was a very intelligent appearing man, and several of the patients paid him the required fee. He said he would come to this city every two weeks to treat his patients, and said that he was located at a certain number on Sixteenth street, Omaha from this city was in Omaha and took occasion to call at the number given by the "specialist." No such person was located there, and inquiry among several prominent physicians in that city failed to locate such a personage. Several of the people who paid him money last Saturday are in extremely poor circumstances, financially, and can ill-afford to lose the money. One lady is reported to have paid the "specialist" seven dollars, while others paid various small sums.

Since the above was written the Fremont Herald has been received at this office, and from an article published in that paper there seems no doubt but that Goldstine is a genuine fraud. The following is a portion of the article:

"Abram M. Goldstine, claiming to be a physician, is in trouble. He is also hustling to raise \$24.80, that being the sum necessary to keep him out of jail, and could be found there and consulted any time. Tuesday a lady called on Goldstine and shows a certificate of registration from the clerk of a county in Hoosierdom. He claims to have left his diploma in Omaha.

"Yesterday Goldstine went to the residence of Joseph Klingl, Mrs. Klingl, being very ill. He told her he had been sent by "a grocery man with a gray beard," presumably Mr. Knechtel. He talked her into buying \$6 worth of his compounds, but that \$6 cost him a whole lot more, and he had to give back the \$6 besides. When Mr. Klingl came home he was told about the matter, and at once had Goldstine arrested on the charge of practicing medicine without having complied with the laws in such cases made and provided. He was taken to the police station, and then the way he persuaded Mrs. Klingl into buying the medicine was made clear. Goldstine seems to have been aware that Mr. Klingl was not at home. Mrs. Klingl says that he said he was in a hurry, as his wife was waiting for him. He wanted \$9 for his medicine, guaranteeing it to cure her in three months. Mrs. Klingl finally paid him \$6. The "doctor" was arrested at the Elkhorn depot and taken to the station. When confronted with the complaint he entered a plea of guilty. He said he was ignorant of the law and would comply with it as soon as he returned to his home in Omaha. Judge Holmes fined him \$20 and costs, the total being \$24.80. The doctor did not have that much money, so he started out with an officer, to see if he could raise it. Before starting, however, he returned the \$6 to Mr. Klingl."

It is not yet known whether Goldstine tried to work the same racket in this city that he did in Fremont, but he did succeed in "working" quite a number of people during his short stay at the Perkins hotel.

### That Wrestling Match.

The Talmage Tribune is evidently very much wrought up over the recent Harshman-Gosney wrestling match in that city. The Nebraska City News of Tuesday prints the communication of Harshman published in these columns several days ago, together with an extract from the Talmage Tribune, which is reproduced below:

"We would not belittle the ability of the Harshman boys as wrestlers, nor speak disparagingly of their science. They are good wrestlers, but their ability to engineer a match is par excellence. They understand

everything that is unfair, and depend more upon their talent in this direction than upon their science. Had not Harshman broken holds every time Mr. Gosney got half a show at him, he would have been downed as fast as he could get up. They resorted to all sorts of trickery, bull dozing and baby acting to win a fall.

"In marked contrast to such maneuvers was the gentlemanly conduct of Mr. Gosney. He said nothing to the referee, accepted every decision as final, and in every way maintained his well merited reputation as a wrestler and a gentleman. Harshman would come into the ring with a scowl, while Mr. Gosney was always smiling and good natured. John Gosney is fairness itself. Even Floyd Harshman declared, before this match, in the writer's hearing: "I will say you are the fairest as well as the best wrestler I ever met." He was unprepared for this match, having no training. Floyd Harshman wrestled Gosney at Nebraska City and knows his style, and when George trained with Floyd it was equal to a bout with Gosney. He was in fine shape, and is scientifically a better man than Floyd. The contract permitted either of the boys to contest, but Floyd had all he wanted three weeks ago, so he broke his toe a few days ago in order to put George into the match.

"Mr. Gosney will challenge Floyd Harshman to a match for \$500 a side." So much for a strong partisan of Gosney. H. G. Strong of Nehawka was present at the match and he says George Harshman clearly won the wager. He also states that G. W. Harshman, sr., has posted in the Nehawka bank \$100 as a forfeit for a wager of \$500 to \$1,000 that Floyd can throw Gosney 3 out of 5 falls, he to name his time and place; with or without a referee.

### Notified to Move.

Pursuant to the instructions of the mayor and council of this city, Sheriff Ekenbary and Chief of Police Dunn made a call Tuesday at the three houses of ill fame and notified the inmates that they would have to fold up their tents and travel. They were informed that anyone found in their houses hereafter would be promptly arrested. The "girls" all seemed willing enough to vacate, and said that they would comply with the request of the city officials at once.

### Stole Their Tools.

W. J. Streight, who, in company with Dave McEntee, is prospecting out in Cripple Creek, Colo., says they have a good-paying claim, and have already received several flattering offers for their "mine." Streight is now in the city visiting and Friday received a letter from McEntee, in which Dave says that some scoundrel stole all their tools the other night, leaving nothing but the hole. The stolen property was worth about \$75 and there may be a little more spilled if the boys discover the thief.

### The Tools Recovered.

D. C. McEntee arrived Tuesday evening from Cripple Creek, Colorado, and will visit here for a week or two. Dave says that the tools which were stolen from the McEntee-Streight mine have all been recovered. He says that as soon as the stolen articles were missed he suspected a man and, not awaiting "the aid or consent of the sheriff or any other nation on earth," he went after the thief, captured him and made him return the tools.

In speaking of the country out there, Dave says he is well pleased with it. "Of course," he says, "the country is a trifle wild, but that is what makes it lively and times good." Will Streight and himself have a very promising claim near Cripple Creek, and it will be no surprise to their friends here to learn some day that they have "struck it rich."

### Grassman-Rupley.

From Wednesday's Daily. This evening at half-past seven o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Searles, on west Granite street, Mr. J. W. Grassman and Miss Belle D. Rupley will be united in marriage by Rev. Dr. J. T. Baird of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Grassman is a well-known young man of excellent character, and has resided here many years, and the bride is a young lady well and favorably known, who has resided here several years. The young couple will at once commence house-keeping at the Searles place. The JOURNAL extends its heartiest congratulations.

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### Important Case Filed.

An important case has been filed in district court from Weeping Water. It is entitled "The State of Nebraska vs. the Commercial Bank of Weeping Water"—an institution which became insolvent some time since and has been in the hands of a receiver, and was brought by Geo. Sheldon, David Woodward, G. W. Adams and others, depositors, through their attorney, J. H. Haldeman, and the prayer of the petition is for the removal of one H. H. Moies as receiver, and for the appointment of John A. Donelan to such receivership.

The petition sets forth that the receiver is insolvent, as are also his bondsmen, and are financially worthless, that all of them are non-residents of the county, that the receiver has not complied with the law requiring him to make monthly reports of his doings to the court, that he has refused to wind up the affairs of the bank without unnecessary delay, refusing to sell the goods and chattels of the bank, and has paid out money without an order of the court; that he has colluded with T. M. Howard, late president of the bank, and who now owes the bank more than \$3,220, has not only not tried to collect said debt, but has paid money of the bank to Howard and has shielded Howard from the payment of his debt; that he has consulted other debtors but has made no effort to collect the bank's claims against them; that nearly all the stockholders are non-residents of the state except four, who collectively owe the bank some \$12,000, and the depositors want the bank's affairs settled up so that they can get their dues.

It seems that Moies, who lives at Beatrice, was appointed by the supreme court under the old law, while this action is brought under the law recently passed which will become effective on the first of next August, which permits all such actions to be brought in the district court of the county from which the first petition was sent, giving that court jurisdiction over all such matters. The papers in the case recite that an examination of the Gage county records where Moies, the receiver, and his bondsmen reside, show that these men are all insolvent and practically collection-proof, and therefore the depositors have no security against malfeasance.

### In Justice Archer's Court

Five suits on notes brought by the Citizens bank against Plattsmouth parties have been decided in favor of the plaintiff.

Judge Archer was busy Friday hearing testimony in a civil action brought by D'Allemand & Co. against the Bank of Commerce of Louisville and C. H. Parmele. The suit is over the conversion of some liquors by J. N. Drake to Parmele, upon which the plaintiff claims to have held a mortgage.

In the case of D'Allemand vs. Louisville Bank of Commerce and C. H. Parmele, Justice Archer has decided in favor of defendant.

### Saw the World in a Few Days.

A special from Ashland in yesterday's Omaha Bee, says: "Two boys, aged 11 and 13 respectfully, sons of a prominent minister in this city, ran away from home July 4. They took a skiff and a basketful of provisions and floated down the Missouri river to an island, where they camped until getting tired, then floated on to Nebraska City. At that point they became homesick and concluded to come home. They paid their fare to Plattsmouth and beat their way on a freight from there to Ashland."

### Miss Gould On a Tour.

Miss Helen Gould and a party of relatives and friends passed through this city Saturday afternoon on a Missouri Pacific special. The party is en route for Denver to enjoy an outing and is composed of the following people: Miss Helen Gould, Frank Jay Gould, Miss Ida J. Casts and Miss Alice Northrop of Tarrytown, N. Y., William Northrop of Yonkers, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. K. Hain of New York and General Manager W. B. Doddridge of the Missouri Pacific railroad.

Some young men came to town last Thursday driving a lively young pair of bay horses. The team was hitched on a side street at about ten o'clock, and there it stood, without feed or water until eight o'clock in the evening, when the y. m. got in the buggy and drove out of town in a condition much the worse for drink. "The merciful man is merciful to his beast."

## INCREASED HOURS.

Every Department of the B. & M. Working Nine Hours.

### A SUCCESSFUL CATTLE FEEDER.

A. S. Will of Eight Mile Grove Makes Good Money—A Former Plattsmouth Boy Killed By the Cars at Canton, Ill.

### Increasing the Hours.

Every department in the B. & M. shops at this point is now working nine hours per day and six days a week, while several departments are working ten hours a day. More employees are being added daily to the company's force, and the outlook for good times is brighter now than for many months. Six new men were added to Steimker's freight car department Monday morning, while two were employed in the paint shop. There will be plenty of work for some time yet, as the company is now getting all its rolling stock in repair for a big season's business, as soon as the crop, which now seems assured, is harvested. This is the kind of news the people of Plattsmouth like to hear.

### A Successful Cattle-Feeder.

From Monday's Daily. A. S. Wills of Eight Mile Grove, who is without question at or near the head of the successful cattle-feeders of Cass county, expects to send to the South Omaha market tomorrow 101 head of spring fed cattle—nearly all of which are two-year-olds. "They are the finest and best cattle I ever shipped," said he, "considering their age and the time I have fed them. I put them up and began feeding them four months ago. They weighed then just 800 pounds apiece, and will now average a little more than 1300 lbs. I have weighed every pound I have fed them and it has been just about forty-seven bushels to the steer. About one-fourth of the grain was wheat and the average cost was about thirty-five cents a bushel. Besides feeding the cattle I have had 200 hogs running in the lot and they have grown and thrived nicely without a pound of additional feed." The price of such cattle on the South Omaha market on Saturday was about \$4.75, so it is easy to estimate that Mr. Wills has made a reasonable profit on his investment and the labor involved. Other feeders may lose money, but Mr. Wills always makes something on his ventures in cattle feeding.

### Martin Lohman Killed.

From a recent paper published at Canton, Ill., it is learned that Martin Lohman, the fifteen-year-old son of J. B. Lohman, the ex-Plattsmouth implement dealer, was killed at that place a few days since. The little fellow attempted to jump on a moving freight train and, missing his hold, fell under the wheels and was ground to pieces. Mr. Lohman and family resided in this city some three years, coming here from Pekin, Ills. They removed to Canton, Ills., last December. Martin was a very intelligent little fellow and was well liked by his playmates. He carried papers for THE DAILY JOURNAL under Mr. Sherman's management, for some time, and was a very trustworthy lad. His many friends will be grieved to learn of his sad death.

### Declines to Pay Dorgan.

State Auditor Moore declines to deliver the state warrant for \$33,000 to Dorgan, penitentiary contractor, despite the decision of the district court dissolving the injunction secured by Illinois creditors of C. W. Mosher. The Farmers and Merchants' national bank of Galva has filed an appeal bond, taking the case to the supreme court, which will hang the warrant up until September. Because of this appeal the state auditor will not surrender the warrant, notwithstanding Attorney-General Churchill's opinion that he may do so if he will.

A thunder shower came up quite suddenly about 10 o'clock Sunday, accompanied by a wind which blew much growing corn down, and blew many apples off the trees. For a half hour rain came down in sheets as if the clouds had come down to the earth. During the high wind storm the roof of the shingle warehouse in Waterman's lumber yard was lifted and blown out into Fourth street. Small grain came out of the storm in far better condition than was hoped for.

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