

ASHTON NEWS DEPARTMENT.

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LOCAL NEWS.

—It is rumored to us that Nick Cosmick has purchased one of Ashton's livery barns.

—Mrs. Emma Currier arrived here Tuesday night for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Wilson.

—R. L. Dobson lost one of his bronchos Tuesday. The animal had to be shot, owing to some severe sickness.

—An organizer for the Royal Highlanders has been here to revive candidates for that order the past week.

—A regulation size and weight baby boy came to enlighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Zowarski last Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kendall and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Taylor of St. Paul were here last Sunday visiting their many friends and relatives.

—Ed. Draper of Loup City spent a couple of days in Ashton last week plastering for H. Smelser. Mr. Gilbert of Loup City was Ed's assistant.

—John Goc put up a new mill on his farm Monday. John was one of the many in the vicinity of Ashton that lost their wind mills by the high wind of last Wednesday.

—The high wind of last Wednesday night played havoc with several wind mills in the vicinity of Ashton. Six between Ashton and Loup City were completely wrecked.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Conklin returned home from their vacations last week. Abe reports a very successful sale of his five cars of fat cattle which he sold on the Chicago market.

—Owing to the heavy rains of last week harvesting was delayed somewhat. A good many stacks were blown down and considerable grain had to be restacked. The rain was excellent for corn which was blown down some, but has since revived.

—An epidemic of genuine mumps has been prevailing in Ashton the past two weeks, several of our citizens having had a hard siege with them. So far as we have learned no one has been seriously ill and those who have been attacked are now recovering.

—We received a communication last week from "On Looker" too late for publication, owing to the fact that we have been busy doing work in the country and managed to get them in on Tuesday night's train. The communication appears in this week's issue.

—The Lukachewski boys have purchased a latest improved feeder attachment for their threshing machine and are having the engine, separator and water tanks repainted by J. F. Smith preparatory to beginning threshing operations next week.

Sherman Newton had the ankle of his right foot broken and crushed while coming to Ashton last Thursday. One of the horses fell and Mrs. Newton had gotten out of the buggy they became unmanageable and in some way Mr. Newton was thrown over the dash board, his foot catching in the wheel and the ankle was broken and bruised, making a very painful wound which will lay Sherman up for many weeks.

—The Ashton post office was slightly disfigured on last Wednesday night during the storm which prevailed, by a young man who claimed he mistook the office for a livery barn and it being stormy he did not take time to knock for admittance, but broke in the window. As nothing was damaged Mr. Ojendyk simply made a report of the break to the post office authorities and Uncle Sam will investigate further for the why and wherefore of the said mistake.

—Harry Beushausen, the three year old son of our townsmen J. F. Beushausen met with a very painful accident Tuesday. The little fellow was playing on a tall shock of wheat and accidentally slipped and fell, breaking his arm above the wrist. Dr. Bogen set the limb which was a very trying operation for Harry. The boy will not be able to be up and around for quite a few weeks.

ROCKVILLE NEWS.

(From On Looker.)

Mrs. E. G. Paige has returned from a very enjoyable visit to many friends and relatives in Butler County, Nebr., her old home, and where the first 20 years of married life was spent in the little pine shanty out on the prairie claim. Her children, first and last, here saw the light of day. Sixteen years had elapsed since leaving the old home and many changes had taken place, but it still seemed the same dear old home.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, D. C., July 30, 1903. That the long cherished dream of a trip from New York to Paris by rail may sometime be realized seems to be indicated by the fact that a company filed with the Secretary of the Interior a petition for his approval of proposed route across Alaska. The projectors of the new road are French and Russian capitalists and American bankers. Their scheme contemplates a tunnel under Bering Straits and it is believed that their petition is the forerunner of a request addressed to congress asking that the Bering Sea and Straits be neutralized so that in time of war the tunnel could not be used for military purposes, an undoubtedly necessary condition to obtaining sanction of Russia and the United States to the construction of such a tunnel. The plans contemplates the construction of a rail line along the Pacific coast to the farthest point of Alaska, there to enter the tunnel referred to and connect with the trans-Siberian railway.

—0— That Cuba will soon become a most profitable market for the breeders of pure bred stock is the confident prediction of the officials of the Department of commerce who have just issued a translation of the Cuban tariff schedules referring to this class of importations. The anxiety of the Cuban to build up their cattle industry is demonstrated by the fact that the exportations of cattle is forbidden and practically all purchased stock is admitted free of duty. The free entry applies specially to cattle but stallions, "more than 4 feet 9 inches tall" will be admitted free and mares suitable for breeding purposes will be taxed but \$2.77 per head. Officers and others who have visited Cuba assert that it will prove a valuable market for fine stock for some time to come and should be cultivated by the American breeders.

—0— The president summoned assistant Postmaster General Bristow to Oyster Bay recently in order that he might learn at first hand the progress of the investigation. Numerous fallacious stories have been published since Mr. Bristow's return but your correspondents is in a position to deny that the President gave the slightest indication of wavering in the investigation. On the contrary, he instructed Bristow to pursue the investigation to the end without fear or favor and to take all the time necessary to do his work well. The rumor that the Postmaster General will resign from the Cabinet at no distant date will not down, notwithstanding the fact that it has been denied from Oyster Bay. There are indications that Mr. Roosevelt would be glad to relieve Mr. Payne's services and, as in the case of Secretary Long, as soon as the time comes when it can be said that Mr. Payne did not "resign under fire" it is pretty certain his resignation will be forthcoming.

Near Diamond Anniversary.

A married couple named Luxwelder-Van Dort has just been celebrating their seventy-fourth anniversary of their marriage in Langezaag, Prussia. The husband is 97 years of age and his wife 91.

Would Be Waste of Time.

Miss Goode—You should try to break yourself of the habit of swearing, my little man. Jimmy—Wot! After all de trouble I've gone to to learn it?—Puck.

MADE THE PLEA TOO STRONG.

Two Over-Zealous Youngsters Worked Themselves Out of a Job.

The working members of a family consisting of a father and two sons found themselves out of employment. After a diligent search, the youngest son found employment on the Roxborough filter plant, helping to dig the excavations.

On the completion of the first day's work he asked Mr. McNichol to give his brother a job. The contractor, ever on the alert for good men, asked the young man if his brother could do as much work as he, and on the strength of this recommendation the elder brother was engaged.

The next day both brothers went to Mr. McNichol and pleaded to have their father put on the job.

"Can your father do as much work as either of you boys?" asked McNichol.

"Yes," answered the brothers; "he can do as much work as both of us together."

"Very good," replied McNichol. "Send your father around in the morning and you two stay at home."—Philadelphia Ledger.

ACCORDING TO HIS FOLLY.

Fresh Young Man Who Bantered a Jap Answered in Kind.

A young Japanese compositor employed on a Japanese paper hardly a stone's throw from the Mall and Express building, was riding down town in a city hall train the other morning. He was engrossed in his morning paper and paid little attention to the other passengers. But a fresh-looking young man who sat next to him, and who had been eyeing him all along, suddenly said:

"What sort of a 'nese' are you, anyway? A Chinese or a Japanese?" The little Jap was not caught napping. Quick as a wink he replied:

"What sort of a 'key' are you anyway; a monkey, a donkey, or a Yankee?"

The fresh young man had no more to say, and left the train quickly when City Hall station was reached.—New York Mail and Express.

Enginemen Must Be Alert.

An engine driver working from Crewe to London and back has to notice no fewer than 570 signals.

Home of Golf.

Twelve thousand people were arrested in Glasgow last year for using obscene language.

Her Objection.

"Don't you think you are taking the wrong stand when you say you do not wish your son to marry, Mrs. Willoughby?" asked an intimate friend. "Don't you know it is natural and best for a young man to marry, and that he will not think any less of his mother because he has a wife?" "Oh, it isn't that," protested Mrs. Willoughby. "I don't mind his marrying on general principles; but I don't want to be called 'the old Mrs. Willoughby.'"

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The commissioner appointed to view and report upon the vacation of a road commencing at a point where the Loup City and St. Paul road strikes the North East quarter of section Ten (10), Township 14, Range 13, and which is now angling through the said described quarter, be vacated as it is no longer needed, has reported in favor of the vacation thereof and all objections thereto or claims for damage must be filed in the County Clerk's office on or before noon of the 25 day of September, 1903 or such road will be vacated without reference thereto.

Dated this 20 day of July, 1903,
GEO. H. GIBSON, County Clerk.

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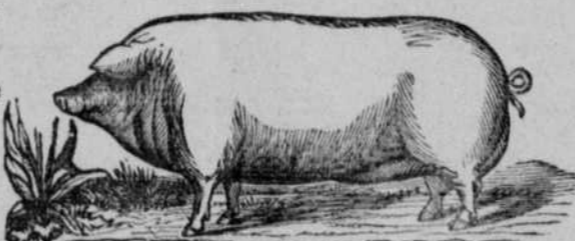
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