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## Frightful Accident Fortunate Finale

Last Saturday, near the Pugsley farm, some five or six mile south and west of Loup City, Carrier Lou Williams, who is on his vacation, met with a frightful experience, luckily escaping from death or at least being maimed for life. He had started for town, driving a team with mower attached. Behind him, driven by a boy named Moore, came his mule team and wagon dragging a rake. Young Moore was seated in a rocker in the wagon, which was being brought to the city, when in some manner the boy fell out of the wagon, frightening the mules which started on a run. Heading straight for the mower, Mr. Williams saw them coming just in time to jump from the mower seat before the tongue of the wagon struck. In jumping, Mr. Williams dropped one line which got under the tail of one horse, the animal kicking wildly and with its mate started on a run. As Mr. Williams reached the ground, his right leg got caught under the wheel, wrenching the ankle, cutting a deep gash below the knee and his body was more or less bruised and injured. The teams, wagon and mower came together in a clash between two hay stacks, demolishing the mower, putting the wagon out of commission and slightly scratching up one horse, the rest escaping unscathed. The injured man was brought to his home in this city, and it will be a number of days before he will be able to get out and around again. He is unable to give a succinct account of the mishap, but it is evident that had he been a moment later in jumping he must surely have been killed, or at the least very seriously injured in the compact between mower and wagon.

## Kid Wedge Pug-Preacher Quit the Game

According to the Columbus Telegram, "Kid" Wedge, the preacher-puglist, whose strenuous career has been watched with interest by many people, and whose recent stunt was pummeling a parishioner and elder at Genoa, where he preached, and was later "canned" by the Presbytery, has forsaken the pulpit for the stage. He has accepted an offer from a New York theatrical company to play the part of fighting parson and will receive \$125 per week for the season. The role is one for which it is difficult to find a man suitable, and Rev. Wedge, with his training both as puglist and preacher, is just the man to fill the bill. He was to leave for New York last week.

## Looks Bad for Editor Norm Parks

It looks as if our old friend, Norm Parks, is "in bad." He and his mother claim to have been held up at the point of a weapon and forced to give a former employee at Broken Bow considerable money in the form of checks. They filed a complaint against him and Norm was held on bond as a witness in the case. At the trial last week, Norm failed to show up and the bond was declared forfeited, and now the officers as well as the insurance companies are hunting for him. There is going to be an investigation about the burning of Parks' (Broken Bow Republican) newspaper office, for which Norm collected the insurance. Honeywell, the printer in jail on the complaint above mentioned, claims that he set the office on fire at the instigation of Parks, and that he was only collecting his fee, when Parks had him arrested.

## Burning of Broken Bow Republican to Be Investigated

Mrs. Auna Parks, Norm's mother, has recently moved back to Ord from Broken Bow. Her health is very bad.—Ord Journal.

Last week we spoke of J. B. Draper and family moving from Litchfield to Grand Island, and that Mr. Draper had a position in the railroad shops there. That we were in error over the latter part is evidenced by the following letter received last Saturday from J. B. who says: "Friend Burleigh,—As I see by your paper, you have been misinformed as to what I was doing here, and I was too brief when I wrote to have my address changed, I will drop you a line. I have a position as superintendent of the buildings and heat and light plant for the Grand Island College for the coming year. Amy and Delmar will attend the college; Amy in the conservatory of music and Delmar will take the regular business course. Had it been otherwise, I would rather have moved to Loup City than come here."

## The Waite Block Is Going Up.

The Northwestern is glad to note that the proposed new business building on the corner of Nebraska avenue and West street, so long talked of, is now in course of erection. A number of months since, we spoke of W. S. Waite going to build a companion building to the Society Hall building he had purchased of Mellor & Long, but the matter had laid dormant so long our people had almost come to the conclusion it was only a dream. However, Mr. Waite has never so contemplated, intending to build whenever the time in his opinion became ripe, and last Friday the Big Four Co., began the excavation of the new business building. One of the reasons for the delay has been the selection of suitable renters for the upper portion of the building, in order to determine the dimensions of the same. He has finally decided on the length which will be 80 feet north and south, two stories in height, and also proposes to lengthen the Society Hall building to the same length. The new structure will be of brick, with pressed brick front and same facing the east side. This will be a handsome improvement over the vacant eye-sore lot on the principal business corner of the city, and we believe Mr. Waite will be well recompensed for the money he invests. The building will have a frontage on the north of 25 feet.

## Father And Son Are In Trouble

Father Runs Away With Son's  
Wife, But Is Arrested Before  
Going Very Far  
Case Bound to District Court

Sheriff Joe Wilson made a hasty trip to Grand Island Thursday to intercept the flying love trip of Mr. Chas. McCarver, of Comstock, and Mrs. Vera McCarver, his daughter-in-law, and arrested them upon the complaint of Robert McCarver. Robert is the son of Chas. McCarver and is a young man of 22 years and was married not long ago. Since his marriage it seems that his wife, Vera McCarver, had become enamored with Robert's father, Charles McCarver, and had been carrying on improper relations with him wholly unknown to Robert and his mother, Mrs. Chas. McCarver.

Thursday morning about 9 o'clock Robert who was working about two and a half miles from home, was informed by his mother, that his wife, Vera, and Robert's father had suddenly left the night before and had not returned. Robert immediately phoned to Sheriff Wilson at Broken Bow asking him to arrest the runaways if possible. The sheriff left for Grand Island and found his people in short order. Information had been sent to the Grand Island police as to the appearance of the couple and a demand made for their arrest, if seen there. This the Grand Island police had done and Sheriff Wilson found the couple lodged in jail there. Mr. Wilson returned Friday morning with the couple and placed them in the city jail to await a hearing which was held Friday afternoon before Magistrate G'Schwind. Young McCarver came over from Comstock to appear as a witness against his father.

The testimony of witnesses and the evidence furnished showed that the young wife had been on very intimate terms with her father-in-law. This love affair was carried on by means of letters, although they were both living at the same place. This was done to prevent Robert and his mother from knowing of the affair.

After leaving Comstock the couple proceeded to Ord by buggy, then to Loup City and presumably from there to Grand Island, where they were apprehended.

Mr. Chas. McCarver is a man about 45 years of age and owns little property, if any. The girl is 19 years of age and her husband 22. He was much affected by his wife's behavior. No trouble had arisen between husband and wife previous to this and young McCarver blames his wife for this trouble.

Judge G'Schwind bound Chas. McCarver over to the next session of the District Court. Bonds were fixed at \$500 in default of which McCarver was confined in jail. The young wife was placed under \$100 bonds to appear as witness at the trial in District Court. Her bond was furnished by her husband, their own recognizance being taken as proof of their appearance at the stated time. McCarver then took his wife home to Comstock. The trial no doubt will be an interesting one from the nature of the case as effecting father and son.—Broken Bow Republican.

## EDITORIAL ROMANCE

Editor Jack Richtenour Weds  
Sweetheart of Boyhood  
Days.

It is not often that romance reaches an editorial sanctum, but this week the Northwestern is in possession of a real live one affecting the life and happiness of an editorial friend, editor of mature years, who after a quarter of a century of loneliness finally weds the girl of his boyhood's choice.

Over in the village of Litchfield lives and edits the live little local paper called the Monitor, which looks after the welfare and morals of his town, our former incorrigible bachelor friend, Jack Richtenour, whom all his friends had given over to a life of single blessedness. But they evidently had another guess coming. For some time past, he had been making sundry visits to Loup City, making the uninitiated believe he had suddenly conceived a wonderful love for this best town in the state. And here is where they again had a guess coming. It was not the town in particular, but a lovely portion of the people which proved the drawing card.

And last Saturday proved the happy finale. On that particular morning at an early hour appeared our handsome editorial friend, and as the Union Pacific motor left for the east he was seen therein with the cause of his past visits to our city by his side, going to Grand Island, and upon reaching there the happy couple repaired to the proper officer and were transformed into man and wife and thence went to Lincoln to the State Fair as their honeymoon journey, after which they will be at home to their friends in the village of Litchfield, and where the Monitor will undoubtedly take on added zest and news color from the new joy coming to the editor.

## Lofholm-Gilbert

As if Cupid had not done damage enough to the king and queen of hearts in his raid upon Loup City people on the Saturday above mentioned, he made another draft on that day, Grand Island officials again profiting thereby. On said morning, our popular young druggist, Lawrence Lofholm, of the firm of Swanson & Lofholm, with Miss Maud Gilbert, also of this city, left on the morning motor for Grand Island, where they were made one in the bonds of matrimony upon arriving in that city, going from there to Omaha, where they were to purchase their household goods, the happy groom returning to this city the later part of this week, while Mrs. Lofholm proceeded on to Kansas City for a few days' visit with her mother, preceding the arrival of their goods. We are not informed as to where they will reside in this city where of course they are to make their home. The Northwestern has an especially kindly feeling for these young people, the groom being one of our brightest young business men, while the bride is a pretty and winsome young lady, both having a host of friends who will wish them joy and happiness without limit.

## Loup City Good Town In Good Territory

When Editor Beuchler returned to his Independent at Grand Island after his visit to Loup City on Festival days he made his excellent paper say the following good things for this city: "Loup City is a mighty good little town in a mighty good territory. The indications are that it is just beginning to grow to what the average county seat town is or ought to be. The people have perhaps been a little slow in providing a suitable court house, but a proper home for the county government is on the way. A pretty little opera house is under course of construction. Postmaster Grow has a fine, commodious building and reports increasing receipts and continually larger mails to handle. There are two railroads—the Union Pacific and Burlington. The two newspapers are doing a good business and have the patronage of a loyal clientele. Its banks have good buildings and good business. It has neat, well kept, substantially built homes, with modern conveniences. Its wide streets are skirted by a substantial growth of trees in the residence section. Its people are pleasant and enterprising. Its churches and schools, from outward appearances, are all that can be offered in a town of its size, and in general it is a boss little city."

District Court convened in this city Tuesday morning, Judge Hostetler presiding, and proceeded to clean up the docket, which numbered some thirty cases, and succeeded so well that court was able to finish up by the following noon. There were no cases of especial note, save that of the Arabs, who are alleged to be the fire-bugs who attempted to burn their store at Ashton. The court bound them over to the coming district court in the sum of \$1,000, which we understand they furnished and are free to go about till their forced appearance.

## Odentahl Hotel A Sure Thing Contract Given

On Tuesday of this week, Mrs. Viola Odendahl let the contract for the erection of her fine, new, modern hotel she has had in contemplation for some time. Mr. O. Almqvist of Central City was the fortunate contractor and work will begin on the new building immediately. The hotel is to be situated on the northwest corner of Nebraska avenue and Humes street, just east of the Milburn house, formerly the St. Elmo hotel, and is to be two stories, 30x80 feet, with basement under full length, the building to be of brick, with pressed brick frontage on Nebraska avenue on the south and on Humes street on the east. There will be twenty-one bed rooms, the parlor on the second floor, with baths and toilets; office, dining rooms kitchen, etc., on first floor, with sample rooms, laundry, heating plant, etc., in the basement. The hotel is to be the most modern in every respect, with heat, electric lights, city water and interior furnishings of the latest type. In fact, according to the plans and specifications, and the intentions of Mrs. Odendahl, the hotel in all its appointments will be second to no other in any city of this size, or in central Nebraska, for that matter, and will be a pride and gratification to Loup City, which is and has been making giant strides forward in the matter of improvement and city development, especially during the year 1912. We understand the Big Four Co. will begin the excavation work just as soon as the excavation for the Waite building is completed, which is now receiving its finishing touches.

## School Opened Monday

Our city schools opened Monday with the following corps of teachers: Superintendent, Miss Abi Beynon; principal, Miss Francis Sweetland; first assistant, Miss Elizabeth Luce; second assistant, Mr. R. H. Kendrick; eighth grade, Mrs. Emma McCray; sixth and seventh grades, Miss Jessie McGarven—Miss Olive McCray assisting for two weeks to try out the proposition of two teachers in one room, at which time Miss McCray goes to the State University and the board will hire an assistant or not, as the two weeks' experiment may demonstrate to be advisable; fifth grade, Miss Lena Smith; fourth grade, Miss Ada Smith; third grade, Miss Hazel De Camp; second grade, Miss Flora Ohlsen, and primary, Miss Nettie Conger. The school board was unable to find a suitable room down in the city for Miss Conger's department. In regard to the proposition for building a new high school building, the matter still hanging fire, particulars of which will be given in these columns next week. But don't for a moment think the matter is dropped, but rather that the proposition has certain reconstruction necessary before submission to the voters.

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