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# ITEMS OF INTEREST

ABOUT OUR NEIGH-BORS AND FRIENDS CLIPPED FROM OUR **EXCHANGES** 

John Evans left here Wednesday for

Denver, where he expects to take a claim

Clyde Bruce left Tuesday for Oska

loosa, Iowa, where he goes to attend

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Truelove of Hart-

ford Kan., returned to their home Wed-

nesday after a visit; with relatives here,

Anna Smith is putting up a fine resi-

dence. Her brother George is doing the

Chas. Potter bought the farm that he

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Talbitzer and Mrs.

Work and Mr. Talbitzer went to Omaha

Mrs. Ruth Kenyon, rurrl carrier No. 2

which is held in that city next week.

al conventions of the association since its

organization, this being the seventh

Two of our farmers were discussing

after year, provided the plowing was

GENOA.

During the past few days two deaths

sure, to prevent the disease from spread-

ing, the board of health has closed the

public schools for one week. Spinal

meaingitis has also appeared in Prairie

Creek township. A case is reported in

the Adams tamily and their home is un

Wm. Pollard has purchased of A

Bratt a quarter section adjoining his

farm northeast of Genoa in Platte county

Mrs. Mort Irish, who was summoned

to Boulder, Col., last week on account

of the dangerous illness of her mother.

writes that since her arrival there her

father, D. Fish, has been taken sick and

but left here three years ago to make

their home with a daughter in Boulder.

Since the death of Peter Storm las

April, G. A. Mollin has been making an

effort to secure a pension for the widow

but the pension department was very

exacting and demanded proof of the

death of the first Mrs. Storm before con-

sidering the application of the second

wife. Mr. Storm came west thirty-nine

was a widower at the time. He said

that after the war the family moved to

another town in the same state. where

Mrs. Storm died in 1868, and that one

of the sons was working for a brewery

Mr. Storm's first wife will soon be filed

with the pension department, and the

the Milwakee son that Mr. Storm had

From the Times.

der quarantine.

the Central Holliness University.

if suited with that country.

PLATTE CENTER

From the Signal.

Miss Thresa Coffee started last Sunday for a visit to the Seattle exposition. She will return by the way of Canada.

Fred Ripp, of Cornles, spent Tuesday afternoon here. He tells us that he has disposed of his restaurant and is running a dray.

Mrs. Tom Daily and Mrs. William Daily came down from their home at work with the help of Will and Bert. Burton, Boyd county, several days ago for a visit with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lohoff, returning to their is living on, known as the old Lute Je home Thursday. well farm. This is a good place and has

some fine meadow on it. Wm. Schelp received a visit last week from his brother-in-law, Wm. Smith, and his nephew, John Smith, and wife, A. M. Work left here Mondey, Mrs from Montgomery county, Illinois. They Talbitzer going to Valley to visit her departed for home Monday. daughter Mrs. Sax Percy and Mrs.

Dan Maher, a former Platte Center bey, but for the past few years a resident to attend Presbyterary. Rev. Wedge left of Corrol, Wayne county, is candidate the same day for Lincoln to attend the for sheriff of that county, on the demo. Presbyterary at that place. cratic ticket.

Joe Frevert has been greatly delayed from Monroe, leaves Saturday for Rochby continued wet weather with his work ester, N. Y., where she will attend the in laying the extensions to the water- national convention of rural letters. main. However, unless something unforeseen happens he will complete the Mrs. Kenyon has attended all the nationjob this week.

Ed. Lusienski came down Norfolk Tuesday and returned Wednesday morning. The ball team with which he is playing has won all but two of the last the winter wheat question the other day fourteen games they had played. They and one of them stated that this crop have games listed for the balance of the could be raised on the same land year

done at the proper time in the fall. He Miss Margaret Evans, who manipulat- said that turning under the heavy growed the "silent messengers of thought," th of green weeds along in the latter part and did other necessary work on The of August was benefical to the lands Signal while the regular incumbent was as a good fertilizer and his experience in away for four weeks for the benefit of doing this was that the land produced a his delicate complexion, returned to her better crop of winter wheat each yearhome at Missouri Valley, Iowa, Satur- and he had used this method for quite a day, the "other fellow" having followed umber of years. a wagon track in Thursday evening.

HUMPHREY.

From the Democrat

Art Wolfe brought his family up from Columbus Friday and they expected to have occurred in Fullerton from spinal move into the Frank Maier cottage as meningitis. As a precautionary measoon as it is fixed up.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pfeifer went down to Columbus Monday to see Mrs. R. Olmer who is recovering from an operatian at St. Mary,s hospital.

Barney Pelle of this place has been appointed by Gov. Shalledberger as one of the delegates to represent Platte county, at the National Dry Farming congres: to be held at Raleigh, N. C., on Ten thousand dollars was the price

A recent ruling of the post office department at Washington will be of interest to patrons of rural routes. Following is the ruling: "Carriers are not required to deliver mail at residences where vicious dogs are permitted to run is in a critical condition. Mr. and Mrs. at large, Persons keeping such dogs Fish were formerly residents of Genoa, must call at the post office for their

Matt Ramsekers, Henry Schacher and Mike Ducey of Lindsay were in town Saturday on their way to Columbus to attend to business. Mr. Ramaekers has recently returned from Milwaukee where he took treatment for rheumatism for several weeks with the result he is entirely free of the disease, and the chances are that it will not return, at least Mr. years ago and settled in Columbus. He Ramaekers is in hopes it will not.

If you are a kicker and see the shad- little of his past, and when Mr. Mollin ows of failure in everything that is pro- undertook to obtain information as to posed to help the town, for heaven's sake his former place of residence in Wiscongo into some secluded canyon and kick sin he was unable, until recently, to obyour shadow on the clay bank, and give tain a single clue. He finally wrote to the men who are working to build up the postmaster of a Wisconsin town the town a chance. One long-faced, where it was stated Mr. Storm had hollow-eyed, whining, carping, chronic once made his home. The postmaster kicker can do more to keep away business turned the letter over to an aged priest and capital from a town than all the who wrote Mr. Mollin that Mr. Storm drouths, short crops, chinch bugs, cy- had been a resident of his town, but clones and blizzards combined.

MONROE

From the Republican.

Mrs. Frank Van Allen is in the hospital at Omaha, taking treatment for in touch with the brewery firm and lodropsy, and her friends fear that her ailment is incurable.

Frank Lamb captured two runaway second wife will doubtless be placed on Monroe and received ten dollars for his letters received from the daughter of recovered. The board of health has

not been in communication with his children for many years. The granddaughter wanted to know all the information she could obtain about her grand-father-his age, how much he weighed, how he looked. and asked that a photograph, if one was in existence, be sent to her address. The second wife had a tin-type of Mr. Storm taken in 1861 in his soldier uniform and bolding an American flag in his hand. The picture has been sent to the granddaughter.

From the Leader

A series of protracted meetings will be held at the Truman school house east of Genoa begining next Sunday morning at 10:30. Meetings will be held every evening thereafter for an indifinite time. Services will be conducted by the Rev. J. L. Headbloom of Stromsber.

Fred Larson and Miss Pauline Kahlberg of the Looking Glass valley took in the state fair last week. Preparatory to the trip they first interviewed Judge Ratterman at Columbus from whose office they issued prepared to meander down life's highway together hand in hand, and the Leader joins their many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes that their pathway may be strewn with roses, with no clouds to darken the sunlight of their happiness.

From the World. Ed Wurdeman brought in a stalk of corn the first of the week from his farm, which is now being farmed by John Oeltjen, which measured 14 feet and 3 inches. It is a sample of pure seed, Read's Yellow Dent, and contains a very large ear of corn. It takes a man six feet tall to reach the ear and then he can only reach the lower part of it without standing on his tip toes. With such monstrosities to boast of it is surely a pleasure to siand up for Nebraska.

Mrs. Henry Moeller went to Columbus last Sunday for a visit with her parents. She returned home on Tuesday accompanied by her father, John Doersch.

Leigh's business houses are changing as quick as lightning these days and two more deals were closed the first of the week. On Monday Mesers Buhman & Moeller bought the general merchandise stock of H Goldberg. The stock was invoiced at once and that gentleman is now out of business. The combining of this stock with their own will give this firm an immense line of goods, in fact one of the largest in this part of the

OSCEOLA.

From the Record. The county commissioners were in session Tuesday at which time the bids of various bridge builders were op ned and it was found that the Nebraska Construction Company's bid made by their representative. Glen Smith was the lowest and the contract was awarded to them. One would have supposed from the number of bridge representatives that crowded into town that day, that there was some real competition for work, but such was not the case. The Duncan bridge simply fell in the territory presided over by Mr. Smith in the bridge building business and the result is that Mr. Smith gets the work. The cost of this bridge will be about the \$11.000 and of that sum, the people over on the Island have raised about \$7,000. They have done exceedingly well and are certainly entitled to a bridge.

BELLWOOD.

From the Gazette. Mrs. W. D. Fink, wife of the Union Pacific agent at Princton, died Sunday morning last after an illness of fifteen years. She was sixty-one years old and had a large acquaintance in this vicinity She is survived by a husband and six children. The funeral was held from the Congregational church Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Brooks of Madison Neb., took charge of the services. Mrs. Clarence Smith, is a daughter of said deceased and was at her bedside at time of death.

Mr. ans Mrs. Herman Greening and four small children, left Columbus Monday by covered wagon for Oklahoma, where they were going to capture some government land. They reached Bellwood about dark and pitched their tent for the night under the trees near Jim Robert's ranch. During the night, or about 1 a. m. next morning. Mrs. Greening became very ill with pneumonia. Dr. Smith was summoned, when he had his patient taken to the Bellwood House. All day Tuesday and Wednesday she lay in a critical condition, but the doctor remained by her bedside almost unceasingly until Thursday morning, when a change for the better came and now hope of her recovery is much brighter. A nurse from David City also waited on her, assisted by Mrs. Greening's mother, Mrs. Luken of Fremont. Her husband now says he will return to Columbus as soon is his wife is able, where he has lived for seven years.

SILVER CREEK.

Mrs. Harriet Hobart and daughter Ivy Mrs. Geo. Merrill and Ed Ruffner, accompanied by the latter's mother and sister, visited Columbus Sunday les August A. Cermen of Polk county and Mollie A. Kretzbmer of Pleasanton were married at Columbus Wednesday last. It was a surprise to the boys around here. Marion Rowley says that Gus came to him to have his gun fixed a few bays ago, but he thought that Gus was going hunting after different kind of game than a wife.

SHELBY.

From the Sun Shelby has been very fortunate during the epedemic of spinal meningitis, hav-Indians Monday, and took them to the pension rolls. It appears from inghad but one light case, which has

raised the quarantine and will begin school Monday.

John L. Peterson is another individual who is undergoing repairs as the result of an accident received Tuesday. While working around the refrigerator one of the hinges of the door broke, or was broken, letting the door fall on his bead, cutting a gash that required a large piece of court plaster to close it up.

The school board met last Monday evening and considered the bids for the erection of a new school house. There were three bids in amounts as follows: \$14.-725.00, \$15,715.00 and \$14,860.00. With only about \$12,000 for a building and the only thing the board could do was to reject all bids and readvertise. But there is no prospect for having a bailding such as the plans and specifications call for and such as the citizens of the district want and expect to have, built by any contractor for the amount the district has available for a building fund. The board has spent much time in trying to devise plans for such a building as would supply the needs of the district for a time, but after leaving out the heating plant they are still over \$2,000 short. It would be folly to reduce the size of the building or use chesp material for then after the structure was completed we would be in but little better condition than we are today. The only way we see to do in this case is to do as an individual would who had planned for just the kind of a building he wanted and needed and found that the cost was going to exceed his first estimate-raise a sufficient amount of money to complete the work in a satisfactory

### TOLD BY THE FAKIR

DIRE POVERTY COMPELLED HIM TO BECOME A PROPHET.

Now He Laughs at the Gullibility of the Dupes on Whom He Fattened as a Teller of Fortunes.

I never guessed that I was a seer until the spur of poverty drove me into prophecy. Then I happened to light upon the advertisement of a wholesale dealer in prophesying ma chines at an address in Brooklynof all places!-and he sold me an outfit for a low price. Advice he gave free.

"Hand 'em line of hot talk full o' big words They'll fall easy."

The machine has been seen by mil lions of Americans and trusted implicitly by hundreds of thousands. It is to be found at nearly every seaside and mountain resort in the country What met the eye of the victim was a swarthy, hollow, bodyless head of papier-mache, mounted on a tall tube that sprang from a pedestial. The head was wrapped in a turban and the dreamy eyes peered afar into the fu ture over a scrubby plantation of black Oriental beard. That head was my familiar, and I was Abdul Azis Khan. Had I, too, been of swathy and Oriental appearance, that fact might have been some palliation of the folly of the gabies, who flocked around the cheat. But, far from suggesting the mysterious east, I am a blonde, blue-eyed, thin, nervous American, impossible to be mistaken for a citizen of any land east of Cape Cod. The stupidity of the dupes was gross and unpardonable.

Madam and I collected the nickels and distributed the blank sheets of paper among the dupes, asking each jolterhead whether he or she preferred an answer in English, French, German. Spanish or Italian, and giving each one a sheet bearing the prophecy already written in the language chos en. My loyal partner never permit ted herself the luxury of a smile at the gross credulity all around us Each dupe wrote his initials with lead pencil on a proper blank sheet of paper handed to him and when 30 or 40 sheets had been collected I put them in a solid block in the metal box and numbled a jumble of polysyllables at the crowd while the invisible

words were stewing into visibility. This done, I tapped the box with the wand most majestically, opened it to the accompaniment of an incantation and distributed the sheets each to its rightful victim. Shall I ever forget those scenes, always alike, the quick gasps of surprise, the gleam of staring eyes, the hastening off to a remote corner, there to read in ob scruity the oracular hodgepodge I had cooked for them. Sometimes I could have sworn that I heard the papier mache laughing. Poor old Ab! He did the work and got none of the nickels.-Harper's Weekly.

Where the Work Came In. Mrs. Bacon-"I understand your husband is at work on a new poem?" Mrs. Egbert-"He is. He's trying to get some magazine to accept it."

It is vain to find fault with those arts of deceiving wherein men find pleasure to be deceived.—John Locke

Deception.

The Flea. Oh, there's nothing quite so maddening as a pesky, crawling flea, when the little cuss is biting in a spot you can not see! Nothing which drives man or woman to the point where they will swear, like this hopping, frisk; critter, when he's out upon a tear!-Los Angeles Express.

Magnanimous. Infuriated sportsman (showing bullet-nunctured hat)-You manslaughtering young imbecile! Do you see what you've done?

"My dear chap, it's my hat you've been sporting all day, and if I don't mind I don't see why you should."-Life.

"I think it's wrong for a married man to gamble." "It's worse than wrong. It's idiotic. His wife gives him fits if he loses and onfiscates the proceeds if he wins"

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Grandeur in the Thunderstorm as It Is Seen by the Dweller in the Country.

The thunderstorm now has its day. It rumbles across the sunny face of the midsummer heavens. Sometimes it lowers the temperature and fills the air with freshness. Almost invariably it pricks the nerves of your little sister and maiden aunt. It splinters the city flag pole, it demolishes the village steeple, it burns the farmer's barn. But all this does not prevent the thunderstorm from being the most awe-inspiring phenomenon which nature ordinarily shows to man. The city dweller, scurrying impotently through canvons of masonry, does not have more than a hint of the true grandeur. One should be upon a hilltop or on a broad lake to realize the omnipotence of the storm. The air is sultry. Great white "thunder-heads" pinnacle the heaven. Dark clouds bulk upon the horizon. These are laced with lightning. The dwarfs can be heard at their bowling on distant mountain peaks. The sun is overcast, The storm rushes onward. A glowering copper tinge marks its center. A hush broods over the lake's unrippled waters. Suddenly comes a blast of wind as if from the puffing cheeks of a giant. Then like a marching white waterfall-the rain. It pelts upon the lake until the drops seem to rebound. The thunder has ceased its rumbling. Now it comes with the lightning in a treble rip like the tearing of a sail. Thus the storm mounts to its crescendo, sendies, wanes, dwindles and fades - amping away across the country-side. The sun creeps out. The heavens shine with fresher blue. The universe is purified. If all this be not majesty, there is none in nature.-Col-

### STORY FAILED TO MAKE HIT

Old Man's Lame "Yarn" Greeted with Laughter Instead of Admiration He Expected.

"That was a lame and impotent conclusion," said Senator Aldrich of an opponent's tariff speech. "It failed of effect like old Elisha Grey's adven-

"At a package party one winter night in the village the guests regaled one another with weird and frightening adventures that had befallen them in lonely churchyards. They told of meetings with highwaymen in deserted lanes, encounters in lonely houses with desperate burglars, and so forth.

"Vain old Elisha Grey, after an hour or so of this, got jealous of the interest and awe that the adventure stories of the men about him stirred up. So, interrupting a burglar yarn quite rudely, he piped in his high quaver:

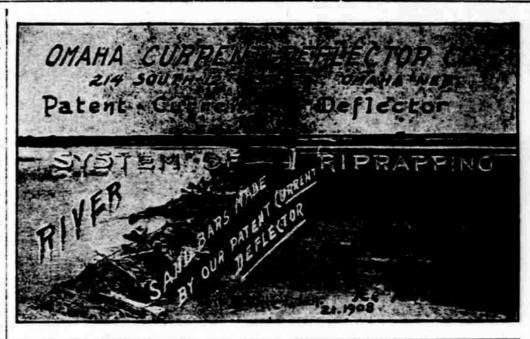
"'I ain't never been molested, but wunst, ladies an' gents. I was hurryin' to hum from the gin'ral store at the time. It was late at night-close on ten, I guess-an' jest as I was passin' the doctor's-it was dark an' lonesome, I tell ye-why, a soft-spoken young feller steps up an' asts me fur a match. So I up with my fist an' landed him a good 'un on the jaw, an' hiked out o' that just as fast as my legs 'ud carry me.'

"Old Elisha, looking around for a display of shuddering admiration, was very much disgusted, indeed, to find the end of his story greeted with a roar of laughter."

The Philosopher of Folly. "Originality is a fine thing," says the Philosopher of Folly, "even if you have to steal it."

Her Company. Don't judge a woman by the company she is compelled to entertain.-Illustrated Bits.

All a Matter of Comparison. In blind man's land a one-eyed man is a celebrity.-Baltimore Sun.



The Heaviest Ringing Bell. Grandisson, the famous tenor of the peal of bells in Exeter (Eng.) Cathedral, has had a narrow escape from

disaster. It was being rung during the Whitsuntide when a bolt which kept the clapper in position came out owing to the displacement of a pin. The result was that the clapper, which weighs well on toward two hundredweight, also came out and fell as the bell was swinging. A good stout floor prevented the clapper from going into the ringing chamber below, where there were 15 or 16 ringers. The clapper was knocked clear by the bell itself, and beyond slight chipping of the lip, Grandisson suffered no damage.

The bell is the heaviest used for ringing in the world, and has only been rung single handed through a peal, the ringer in that case being Mr. W. Pye of London. Grandisson weighs 72 hundredweight; and if the stock be included, something like four tons. The bells had not been run for a twelvemonth, owing to repairs to the tower, and the present mishap is therefore particularly unfortunate.

Miles Covered in Dancing.

Dancing is a strenuous exercise. Calculations show the distances negotiated in a night by fair enthusiasts and their partners to be worthy the performance of athletes. Thus, the average waltz turn will require a dancer to travel over 1,300 yards. Other round dances in their accomplishment involve: the mazurka, 1,050 yards; the polka, a trifle under the thousand; the pas de quatre, barely 900 yards. Quadrilles, however, hold the record, since dancing one entails on each of the eight persons in the set the achievement all unwittingly of a constitutional of a mile and a quar ter long; while dancing the full card inclusive of the cotillon, at a ball be ginning say at ten o'clock at night and winding up at five o'clock the fol lowing morning, necessitates the taking of 28,000 steps, or a total dis tance covered of over 11 miles.

Serving His Sentence. "I ain't seen de boss man for de longest. Whar you reckon he gone ter?" "I thought you knowed whar he gone. He went roun' de country talkin' an' talkin' ever' day an' Sunday, an' de fus thing he knowed dey give him 50 days in de legislatur' an' he won't be back 'twel he sarves his time out."-Atlanta Constitution.

Praises American Woman. Alfred East says that American women, like American machines, need but little man power. The American No. 1 woman, he says, is the most chummable woman in the world, therefore she is the most charming. Our excellent educational system, he thinks, is responsible for the fact that American women are such "good fellows."

Evidently Some Time Had Elapsed. There is in London a school for mothers. One poor woman was dissolved in tears when he a baby was undressed at the hospital and its wasted limbs revealed. She ingeniously explained her grief by saying that "It was a beautiful child last time it was undressed."

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