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BIGAMIST AND HORSETHIEF.

Walter Degarmo, Formerly of Red Cloud, in Trouble.

Last fall there came to Red Cloud a young man who gave his name as Walter Degarmo. He secured employment at the roundhouse, and stayed here during the winter, boarding at Lindley's restaurant. When he left the town in January he owed several small debts among them a twelve-dollar board bill. He was one of the kind of men who have an idea that all the girls are "stuck" on them.

It seems that from here he went to Illinois, where he succeeded in inducing a girl to marry him. After wheedling his wife out of all the money she possessed he stole a team of horses at Galesburg, Ill., which he drove to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and then sold. From there he drifted up into South Dakota, where he stole another team of horses. Coming back into Nebraska, he secured employment at Wilsonville, where, early in July, he induced a young woman, who was engaged in the millinery business to marry him. Shortly after they were married he robbed her of \$50 and skipped out.

The next heard of him was about two weeks ago, when Sheriff Hedge learned that he was in Denver. The sheriff wired the Illinois authorities to ascertain if Degarmo was wanted there, and upon receiving word that there was a reward of \$100 for his arrest he wired to Denver to have Degarmo arrested, but the bird had flown.

He had the nerve to go back near the scene of his latest crime, where he was arrested by the sheriff of Furnas county. He was taken to Beaver City and given a preliminary trial last Monday on the charge of bigamy. He pleaded guilty and asked for immediate sentence. No doubt by this time he has been landed in the penitentiary.

Sheriff Hedge went to Beaver City Monday to make an effort to secure Degarmo for the Illinois authorities, but the people up there were so indignant over his treatment of the young woman whom he had wronged that they would not give him up.

The crimes with which Degarmo is already charged will keep him in the penitentiary for the next forty years, if they are prosecuted.

DEGARMO CONFESSES.

The following dispatch published in yesterday's Star throws some additional light on the case of Walter Degarmo:

BEAVER CITY, Neb., Aug. 9.—The newspaper stories recounting the varied career of Walter Degarmo now in the county jail awaiting trial on the charge of bigamy, brought several telegrams from different parts of the country, where Degarmo is wanted.

A message from the state attorney at Carthage, Ill., confirms the confession of Degarmo that his wife, Maude Degarmo, is alive and has not been divorced.

The sheriff at Huron, S. D., wires that Degarmo is wanted for horse stealing, and on being confronted with the charge he confessed and stated that the horse, harness and buggy were sold by him in this county.

The Illinois authorities want him also on a charge of horse stealing and to this he also acknowledges, giving the name of the town in Iowa, where the stolen animals were sold.

Miss Luella Thompson of Wilsonville has been notified of all the facts regarding the scoundrel who imposed himself upon her and succeeded in obtaining sums of money.

Elopement at Superior.

R. S. Hinkle, a grocery peddler, and Mrs. Geo. Jenkins eloped Monday afternoon, and the affair has caused considerable excitement here. Inasmuch as Mr. Hinkle has a wife and baby of whom any sensible man ought to be proud, and Mrs. Jenkins a very nice home near Smyrna which ought to furnish contentment for any woman, and as she has five very nice children and an apparently amicable husband,

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the elopement is a surprise to everybody who knows them.

The Hinkle and Jenkins families had been intimate friends and had visited each other frequently of late. Mrs. Jenkins had come to Superior on Monday, and as she did not return in the evening Mr. Jenkins sent his daughter down here to find her mother; but she could not find her, and so informed her father by phone. She was then told to go to Oak, where Mr. Mrs. Hinkle had been visiting, in search of her mother. This was done, but of no avail. Mr. Jenkins had evidently suspected what had happened and at once secured the services of Sheriff Jones. Hinkle hired a rig to go to Nelson, at the Blue Front livery barn, but instead of going to Nelson, he drove around a few blocks and by appointment met Mrs. Jenkins in the west part of town and they took the road for Mankato. They met Chris Anderson on the west bridge and gave him a bottle of beer, evidently to keep him quiet. Yet Mr. Anderson never surmised that they were eloping, but thought that they were only taking a drive, which he had seen them do before, and thought nothing more about it until inquiry was made as to their whereabouts.

Messrs. Jones and Jenkins left here for Mankato about 7 o'clock this morning. This morning word was received from the sheriff that they were close on the trail of the eloping parties, south of Beloit, Kan., and it is likely that they have by this time been apprehended.—Superior Journal.

REUNION WEEK.

Committee Announces Some of the Principal Attractions.

The reunion committee has given out a partial list of the features for the week of August 27-September 1.

Among the speakers who have been invited and are expected to be present are: Congressman Norris, Hon. Norris Brown, Col. Preston, Gov. Hoch of Kansas, State Commander Maxon, and others.

Among the amusements provided are Lucky Bill's hippodrome, balloon ascension with parachute drop, high dive, slide for life, races, etc.

The Alma M. W. A. band and Hogan's boy drum corps of fifteen members will furnish soul-stirring music during the week.

Wednesday will be Relief Corps day. Mrs. Abbie L. Adams, national president of the Relief Corps, and Mrs. Morgan, national secretary, will be present.

Old Settlers' day will be Friday, for which a special program has been prepared.

State officers of the G. A. R. will have headquarters in Red Cloud during the reunion.

That Constitutional Amendment.

In response to a request signed by all the state officers except Governor Mickey, many papers throughout the

state last Saturday published either extra editions or reprinted their regular editions in order to give the proposed constitutional amendment creating a state railway commission the required three months notice to the voters of the state. THE CHIEF got out an extra, but some of our subscribers seem to have been overlooked in the mailing. However, the notice appears this week, and will be published until the week before election.

A Big Day.

A big day at Red Cloud on Wednesday, August 22, Campbell Bros. shows are coming and will be a big day, a day that will long be remembered. The shows come this season in all their entirety and splendor, giving the same performance in every detail that they have given in the larger eastern cities. The Campbell Bros. shows have been the acknowledge leading arena institution of America for years anything ever attempted by them or any other showmen. They present this year's features that have heretofore never been seen under circus tents. Acts that have been considered impossible to give under canvas, but they do it and do it everyday. This is an age of progress, the people want something new, and in accord-

ance with the spirit of the times, Campbell Bros. are keeping up with the times, and this year come with the largest, finest and most complete shows that have ever visited this vicinity.

A Good Idea.

In view of the fact that Red Cloud had no Fourth of July celebration it seems to us that it would be a good plan to make arrangements for a business men's excursion and picnic. A special train could doubtless be secured to take all who wished to go to Leroy or some other suitable place at a reasonable fare. The writer has known of this plan being tried in another city, and we see no reason why it should not be successful here.—The Nation.

Ordinarily we would consider the above a splendid suggestion. However, it is now so near reunion time that the business men will all be busy, and after that it will be rather late. Excursions of this character are very enjoyable, and at another time we would be strongly in favor of the plan.

A Certain Cure for Chilblains.

Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures chilblains, frostbites, damp, sweating, swollen feet. At all druggists and shoe stores 25 cents. Sample free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

"BILLY" THORNE.

By J. M. Chaffin

The Republican county convention held at Red Cloud on August 1, 1906, did a graceful thing when it expressed its preference for state senator in the person of William Thorne of Bladen.

"Billy"—as he has been called by his friends ever since he was a small boy—is just such a man as the people need in the legislature.

"Billy" has never been known to go back on his word, and ranks among those whose word is their bond.

"Billy" like many an other, might be mistaken, but the truth of a statement made by "Billy" Thorne is never called in question.

"Billy" is one of the most genial of men. He was never known to go back on a friend. He was never known to intermeddle with the affairs of his neighbors. He never professed sorrow at the grave of a friend, and, afterwards, helped to rob his estate. He never suborned perjury. He never corrupted witnesses. He never helped to "fix" the jury. He was never known to do a mean thing. "Billy" wasn't built that way.

The professional lobbyist needn't approach "Billy" Thorne. The man with the "ax to grind" may as well keep hands off, since there won't be the ghost of a show for "working" Mr. Thorne.

Then, too, the "wise men" of the legislature will do well not to count on "Billy's" ignorance of the laws of his state, since Mr. Thorne is a man of a liberal education, and has ever kept abreast of the times. His modesty, however, will prevent him from posing as a great constitutional lawyer. But his good sense, and his good judgment as well, eminently qualify him for the position thrust upon him by the people of his district. He will be elected by an overwhelming majority—or plurality as the case may be. Mark the prediction.

The foregoing has been written without the knowledge or consent of Mr. Thorne, but not without submission to some of the leading men of the community, who have given these assertions their unqualified endorsement.

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them" is in line with the foregoing statement, since Mr. Thorne was not at the convention, and had not the remotest idea that he was already the unanimous choice of his fellow citizens.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Items of News Found in The Chief of Twenty Years Ago This Week

Rev. J. G. Aikman was in Orleans this week.

Several new houses are going up in the south ward.

Miner Bros. are building a ware house on Third avenue, size 20x50.

Harry Pond is preparing a family mansion for himself and family on Webster street.

Mrs. Miller, wife of L. W. Miller, an old resident of this place, died at Peru, August 7.

Died, August 11th, Jennie M. Harris, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, aged 9 months.

Next week THE CHIEF will be in new quarters right opposite our old three story brick print shop.

Jim Potter had one of his horses stolen the other day. The sheriff and Jim went in search of it Thursday.

E. F. Heltman and P. Letham of the Superior Journal were in the city Monday evening, enroute for a visit to Hastings.

W. J. Kenady of Cambridge, N. Y., a nephew of Mrs. Geo. B. Holland, is visiting in the city and to make this his future home.

D. M. Platt has returned from his sojourn in the "Badger" state. Mrs. Platt still carries there for another month's visit with friends.

Andy Berg has some very rare and ancient coins that he procured from his old home across the sea. Some of them are over 200 years old.

The Red Cloud Roller-mills made a run of 144 hours during the six working days of last week and during that period manufactured 800 barrels of flour.

Dr. G. E. McKeeby has purchased the old Garber meat market and proposes to build an elegant brick business house on the site in the near future.

We understand C. L. Cotting and J. L. Miller will commence preparations at once for the erection of two more fine brick business houses, adjoining Lindsey's building on the north.

A hunting party consisting of Dick Ferris, John and Geo. Garber, A. M. Aultz and J. Nesbitt are making gigantic preparations for a two months' hunt among the wilds of the north-west.

A five-year-old son of D. M. Abel, of the depot police, was quite severely injured Tuesday evening by being run over by a spring wagon driven by C. R. Mallory. The little fellow, who with a number of companions was playing in the road, was not seen by Mr. Mallory, until after one wheel had run over him.

Died, in Orleans, August 9, 1886, Mrs. Carrie M. Nelligan, aged 35 years. She was born at Malta, Morgan county, Ohio; lived several years in Illinois, and had been a resident of Nebraska about two years. She leaves a son, with several sisters and other relatives to mourn her loss. Funeral services were held at Orleans by Rev. J. G. Aikman, pastor of the Congregational church at Red Cloud.

Norris Renominated.

At the Republican convention in Hastings Wednesday Congressman G. W. Norris was renominated without opposition. There had been a little fight made before the convention by a few of the newspapers of the district who had candidates they wished to boom, but there never was any doubt of Mr. Norris' renomination. He has served the district faithfully and well, and his past experience will undoubtedly be a great help during his next term.