

### Rival Organizations.

The man who had been keeping his seat in a Lexington avenue car, the seats of which were well occupied by women, spoke at last to the woman hanging on to a strap and who had been eying him intently for some time. "I know I ought to get up and let you have my seat, madam," he said, "but I'm pledged against that sort of thing. I have just joined the 'Sit Still club,' an organization we have formed in Harlem, and if I should violate the solemn obligation I took when I became a member of that body I should be expelled and held up to the execration of all other members."

"That is all right, sir," replied the woman. "You mustn't mind my looking at you so hard. I am a member of the 'Stand and Stare club.'"

After which she continued to stand and stare at him in such a fierce manner that he finally got up, waved her into his seat and said, "I guess I'll resign from my club and join yours right now, madam."—New York Press.

### A Throne and a North Wind.

Long had Gustavus Vasa sought to rouse his fellow countrymen, the Swedes, against the infamous Danish tyrant Christian, whose memory will always be linked with that of the "blood bath" of Stockholm. But the brave Gustavus found his compatriots cowardly and slow. An outlaw himself, no voice was raised in the assembly in his favor. He called upon the people to fight, but they sat sullen around him. Suddenly a cold wind rose from the north and an old countryman cried, "God approves of the designs of Vasa, for a north wind is always a happy presage." These simple words acted like magic. The men flew to arms and prayed Gustavus to lead them against the Danes. In a few days he had collected an army large and brave enough to give battle to the formidable troops of the king of Denmark. Victory was theirs from the first, and the capture of Stockholm in 1523 placed the crown of Sweden upon Vasa's head.—Pearson's Weekly.

### West Pointers on the Battlefield.

One thing of which all West Pointers felt proud was the brotherly love and kindness shown by both sides to follow graduates when taken prisoners or when otherwise in distress. I have heard the story told of Fitzhugh Lee that on one occasion when scouting with a squadron of cavalry in the debatable country between Fairfax Courthouse and Alexandria he captured a picket of a similar commander under Tom Height and learned that the latter was taking breakfast in a farmhouse. Fitz went in alone, found Tom at table with his back to the door, so he was able to get up to him and slap him on the back before saying, "I think, Tom, you might have put out one picket." They took breakfast together, and then Fitz sent an escort to conduct him to the Federal lines and bring back his horse, having of course first paroled him. This was to save him from Libby prison.—General S. W. Ferguson in Metropolitan Magazine.

### Champagne Corks.

Champagne corks are made of the very finest Catalonia corkwood. When the tree of that wood is planted, thirty years must elapse before it becomes fit for the first stripping of the bark, and even then the cork is of no use, being much too coarse. After eight years more a second crop arrives, but that is of but poor quality, and eight years more, making forty-six years in all, must pass before the grower can reap any material benefit from the tree. Then, again, the greatest care is necessary for the manufacture of the best champagne corks because should they be defective in size and shape the quality of the wine will suffer. For that reason they are not made by machinery, like the ordinary cork, but are cut by hand, as finer work can be done that way.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Mazarin and His Pictures.

Perhaps no more ardent lover of pictures ever lived than Cardinal Mazarin, minister of the regency during the minority of Louis XIV. Being told that he had but two months to live, he was soon after seen in his nightcap and dressing gown, tottering along the gallery, pointing to his pictures, exclaiming: "Must I quit all these? Look at that Correggio! this 'Venus' of Titian! that incomparable 'Deluge' of Caracci! Farewell, dear pictures, that I have loved so dearly and that cost me so much!"

### Exaggerated.

Among the begging letters recently received at the office of a benevolent society was one running thus: "This unfortunate young man is the only son of a widow who died childless, and his earnings maintain his aged father and infant brothers, whose sole support he is."

The secretary of the society wrote on the margin of the epistle the following note:

"The circumstances of the case are evidently exaggerated."—London Tatler.

"I cannot understand why a man's wife is called his 'better half.'"

"You would if you had to divide your salary with one!"

### LEBANON

(From the Argus.)

Joe Dempsey writes us from Napoleon, Nebraska, where he traded for an eighty acre tract, that he likes that part of the state very well.

D. H. Hobbs and wife drove to the Center, Sunday, to see a brother, Dr. Charlie Hobbs, who has been very sick. He is getting better and at this writing is able to sit up a part of the time.

Rev. J. C. Kreig returned home Friday from Indiana, where he attended the funeral of his father, who lived to a ripe old age of 86 years, 4 months and 16 days.

Lona Estel, the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Welker died Friday evening, April 23. Funeral services were conducted from the house the Sunday following.

Mrs. Milton Shields died at her home near Stuart, Monday evening, aged 70 years. Funeral services were conducted from the Stone church, Wednesday by Rev. A. L. Drummond of Norton. The family came to Kansas thirty ago. The subject of this notice was the mother of quite a large family. County Commissioner Shields being one of the number.

### BLOOMINGTON

(From the Advocate.)

Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Lote Dunn, of Ash Grove, are the proud parents of a boy baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Jones are feeling proud over the arrival of a five pound baby girl to bless their home.

There is now supposed to be no booze sold between Red Cloud and Arapahoe. What a dry strip that is, and how the snakes ought to get in their work.

Chas. C. Brown had to kill one of his big gray work horses the first of the week because one of the other horses kicked it in the leg and broke it.

Last Monday night George Cleveland kept fires burning in his orchard to keep off Jack Frost. He has fine prospects and will try and save the fruit. A good smudge will keep off quite a hard freeze.

### BLUE HILL.

(From the Leader)

Thos. McClure is having an addition built to the west side of his horse barn. An office will be arranged in the front of the addition which will be occupied by Dr. Asher.

Albert Henry is preparing to have a house built on his eighty acre farm north of the old Waterman place. It will be a two-story house of good size and will make a comfortable residence.

The fourteen-months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson died Tuesday. The little one had suffered a severe attack of whooping cough, and then contracted tonsillitis, which in its weakened condition it was unable to withstand. Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon.

### GUIDE ROCK.

(From the Signal.)

J. S. Largent and son, Carlos, expect to drive their stock overland to Texas in July and build a barn on their new farm. He will then return and after the crop here is harvested the rest of the family will go down, shipping the household goods by freight. Mr. Largent reports that the Vance boys are there working like beavers and that they sent their regards to all inquiring friends.

M. Neal, the pool-hall man sold his outfit to Green Bros., of Blue Hill, and then decamped leaving several creditors holding the sack. His family is still here. The new proprietors are in charge.

### SUPERIOR

(From the Journal)

Mrs. Wm. Lloyd is sick with tonsillitis.

Mrs. J. D. Bailar went to Geneva this morning, called their by an accident to her mother, who fell and broke her arm.

Ed Lavaliee was down town this morning for the first time since Saturday, being confined to his home on account of a sprained ankle.

Miss Mae] Smith and Mr. Rock Groves, both of this city, were united in marriage yesterday morning by Rev. C. W. Fye.

### BLADEN

(From the Enterprise.)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Streit south of town Wednesday of last week, a fine boy.

Chas. Lindgren, father of O. L. Lin-

gren of this place, died at his home near Campbell Monday. The funeral was held the following day, a large number of the friends of the family being present from this place. The relatives have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss.

### Public Outcry.

State of Missouri, county of Pike:—To Whom it May Concern: The undersigned will, Tuesday, September 29th, A. D. 1846, sell at public outcry, for cash on premises, where Coon creek crosses the Missouri road, the following chattels, to wit: Nine yoke of oxen, with yoke and chain; two wagons with bed, three nigger benches, four buck niggers, 3 nigger boys, two prairie plows, 25 steel traps, 1 barrel pickled cabbage, 1 hoghead of tobacco, 1 lot nigger hoes, 1 spinning wheel loom, 3 fox hounds, a lot of coon, mink and skunk skins, and a lot of other articles. Am gwine to California. Richard Doe, Crier. JOHN DOE.

Free headcheese, apples and hard cider at noon.—Humansville Leader.

The above is a sample of a sale bill printed sixty-one years ago. We are permitted to reproduce it through the kindness of N. H. Peters.—Guide Rock Signal.

### Sharpshooters of the Revolution.

As soon as a pioneer boy was big enough to level a rifle he was given powder and ball to shoot squirrels. After a little practice he was required to bring in as many squirrels as he had received charges under penalty of a severe lecture or even of having his jacket "tanned." At the age of twelve the boy became a fort soldier, with loquacity assigned him from which to fight, when the settlers rallied against an Indian foray. Growing older, he became a hunter of deer, elk, buffalo and bear, skilled in trailing and in utilizing cover, capable of enduring long marches through trackless mountain forests. At night he was content to curl up in a single blanket beside a small fire and sleep under the roof of heaven. If it rained, in a few minutes he built him a ledge of bark or boughs with no impediment but his one pound tomahawk. Incessant war with the Indians taught him to be his own general, to be ever on the alert, to keep his head and shoot straight under fire. Pitted against an enemy who gave no quarter, but tortured the living and scalped the dead, he became himself a staunch fighter who never surrendered. The wilderness bred men of iron.

### The Churchyard Yew's Secret.

"Why are yew trees found in cemeteries only?" said a forester. "Why, all over the world, saying here, why they don't exist—do you find in cemeteries great yews of immemorial age? Antiquaries have tried to attach some druidic significance to the matter. Yews grow in churchyards and nowhere else; hence they were sacred to the dead in the time of the Druids, and it was as erroneous to plant them in your garden as to plant tombstones there. I have exploded that superstition. On a walking tour of England one summer I asked every farmer I met why he had no yews on his place. The answer was always the same: 'Do you think I want to lose my cattle?' or 'Had one, but cut it down. The beasties got at it, and yew leaves is poison to the beasties.' Yes, that is the secret of the churchyard yew. It grows only in cemeteries because the farmers have destroyed it everywhere else, its leaves being injurious to live stock."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

### The Sneezing Prayer.

The custom of following a sneeze with a prayer goes so far back into the past it is next to impossible to say when it actually began. According to Strada, the custom originated among the Assyrians, who, through an opinion of the danger that attended it, after the act of sneezing made a short prayer to the gods. The Romans after sneezing cried out, "Jupiter, help me!" The custom is mentioned by Homer, the early Jewish writers and others and is found among many savage tribes.

### The Original New Zealanders.

The original New Zealanders were known as the most ferocious cannibals and the most warlike savages. They were big, gaunt fellows, of immense muscular force and great sagacity. These savage New Zealanders, though they ate their enemies, interred their own dead, and they believed that the third day after burial the heart separated itself from the corpse and was carried to the clouds by an attendant spirit.

### The Ills We Are Heir To.

There are three modes of bearing the ills of life—namely, by indifference, which is the most common; by philosophy, which is the most ostentatious, and by religion, which is the most effectual.—New York Press.

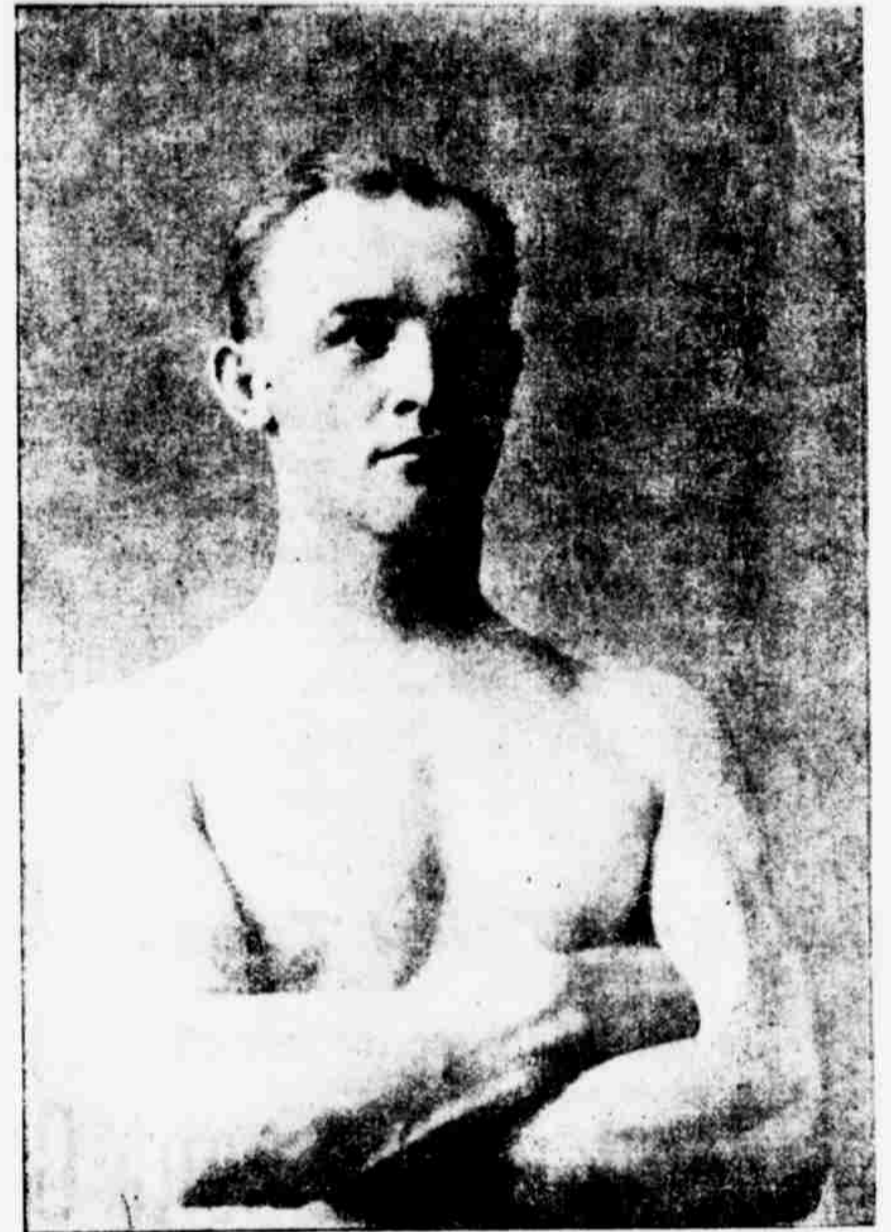
### Tactful.

Charming Hostess (to dyspeptic guest who has been refusing dish after dish)—I am so distressed. You've had no dinner at all. Guest—Thank you, but I have to be very particular about my food. Punch.

# WRESTLING

## Tepee Theatre

### Tuesday Night May 12



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TABLE ROCK, NEBR., Champion Bohemian Middleweight.

This match will be wrestled catch-as-catch-can style, two falls out of three. The men are very evenly matched and the people of Red Cloud will never have an opportunity of witnessing a better contest. This contest will be entirely free from unnecessary roughness, and all who attend may be assured of a fast, clean exhibition. THE MOVING PICTURES WILL BE RUN, COMMENCING AT 7:30.

## Ladies Especially Invited

Tickets on sale at the Tepee

Admission 50c and \$1.00

### Real Estate Transfers.

For the week ending Tuesday, May 5, furnished by the Fort Abstract Co., L. H. Fort, Manager.

Edwin E. Rogers to A. D. Baker, lots 1, 2, 3, Blk 29, Blue Hill, Adm deed .....	450
Beatty Taylor et al to A. D. Baker, lots 1, 2, 3, Blk 20, B. H. qd .....	1
L. E. Tait to L. H. Rust, lots 17, 18 Blk 15, S. & M. add to Red Cloud, wd .....	700
Edward P. Kellogg to Martha M. Fox, pt w2 sw4, 35-2-11, wd .....	510
James Witt to Anna Bent, lot 2, Blk 6, Sweezy's add to Blue Hill, wd .....	225
	\$ 1886

Mortgages filed, \$10010.  
Mortgages released, \$6714.

### Mrs. Sabra Baker.

Mrs. Sabra Baker aged 54 years, an old settler of Jewell county, Kansas, died at her home in that county May 1st. Rev. Hummel preached the funeral service and interment was made in the Stone church cemetery near North Branch Saturday. She leaves a husband to mourn her loss.

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