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GUIDE ROCK.

Mrs. Hannah Garber is still on the sick list.

The M. E. society met with Mrs. L. C. Cone Thursday.

Mrs. Crane and daughter left this week for Colorado.

The Baptist sewing society met Friday with Mrs. J. J. Cassell.

Dr. I. A. Pace and family have been entertaining his brother Charles Pace and wife from Farmer City, Iowa.

Mrs. Tompkins went to Inavale Wednesday to visit her son Len and family. His little child is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones visited in Red Cloud from Saturday eve till Monday with George Morhart and family.

A son was born Nov. 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Simpson. The youngster weighed fourteen and a half pounds.

Henry Myers and wife have been visiting with Frank Fisher and family. Mrs. Myers is an aunt of Mrs. Fisher's.

Wm. Sawyer and his assistants went to Riverton Sunday evening where they have a lot of house moving to do.

Mrs. Louisa Sabin visited a few days last week with J. W. Hughes and family. Mrs. Hughes is her daughter.

Rev. Martin and family of Nelson visited over Thanksgiving with O. J. Kailey and family and other friends here.

Richard Lambert and wife of Diller came up Friday evening to visit relatives the families of Fred Watt, John Oglvie and W. S. Lambert and others.

A very nice Thanksgiving dinner was served at the Commercial Hotel, Wm. Elliott proprietor, and at the Watt Hotel, P. W. Roland proprietor.

Mr. and Mrs. Roe from Superior attended the wedding of Miss Amy Pettit and Mr. R. C. Ferguson Thursday. Mrs. Roe is a cousin of the groom.

S. E. Ely and family returned to Reynolds Monday. They had been guests of C. T. Ely and C. E. Vaughan and their families and other relatives since Thanksgiving.

Mrs. M. Sheeley went to Inavale Sunday evening to assist in the care of her little grandchild, who has pneumonia. This is the child of Mr. and Mrs. Len Tompkins.

Mrs. J. C. Warren spent Thanksgiving Day with her aunt Mrs. M. F. Van Woert. She was accompanied by her little girl. They returned Friday to their home in Hastings.

Guests Sunday of John Oglvie and family who reside near Kansas line were, Mrs. Elmer Watt and two children, Richard Lambert and wife, John Watt and Wilbur Watt all are relatives.

The So-Called "Spanish Swindle."

The Department has received a report from the American Consul-General at Barcelona, Spain, in regard to the band of swindlers operating in various towns and cities in Spain, who make a practice of writing to persons in the United States respecting the imprisonment of a relative and the guardianship of a child.

The Consul-General states that the alleged prisoner generally describes himself as a political prisoner from Cuba; he is at the point of death and has but one friend—the prison priest—through whose good offices he is enabled to smuggle an occasional letter out of the prison fort.

The prisoner is rich. He has a fortune in cash on deposit in the United States, but the certificate of deposit is concealed in a secret receptacle of his valise; the valise itself has been taken possession of by the court at Carthage, which tried and condemned him, and will be held until the prisoner or his representative has satisfied the costs of the trial. The prisoner has an only daughter; dying in his prison, his sole thought is of this beloved offspring. He has no friend or relative in Spain to whose care he can commit her. In this emergency his thoughts turn to the distant relative in the United States whom he has never seen and of whom he knows only through hearsay or the family tree. Will the distant relative assume the guardianship of the darling daughter, and the

darling daughter's fortune of about \$30,000? If the distant relative accepts the trust one-fourth of the prisoner's entire fortune will be the material reward. The good priest will go at once to the United States and take the darling daughter with him. There is but one condition; the ready money which the prisoner brought with him to Spain has been exhausted; the distant relative is therefore requested to send enough to liberate the valise containing the secret receptacle and the certificate of deposit. This money is to be sent to the good priest at an address indicated, and, having received it, the good priest will at once secure the valise and start for America, the "land of the free and the home of the brave," with the darling daughter.

The above is generally the first letter of the series. It is quickly followed by another in which the prisoner pathetically states that his strength is rapidly failing and the end is near. He beseeches his dear distant relative to assume the trust and be a loving father to the darling daughter. The third letter is from the good priest himself, who in brief, touching terms, and hopelessly bad English, announces the death of the unhappy prisoner; the good priest adds that the darling daughter is under his care. He is ready to put his promise into execution and start for the United States as soon as he shall have received the necessary funds from the distant relative. The good priest frequently incloses with his letter a bogus newspaper clipping announcing the death in prison at Barcelona of the famous Cuban patriot (sometimes called Augustin Lafente); the newspaper notice also speaks cunningly of the confiscated valise and the darling daughter.

It is a simple scheme, but presented in such a plausible way that almost any unsuspecting "distant relative" of European extraction would be more or less deceived by the glad prospect of falling heir to the agreeable custody of a darling daughter with a big fortune, and a one-fourth interest therein as an additional recompense.

Naturally the first impulse of the distant relative is to ask a lawyer or a judge or some authority what course he ought to pursue in the premises, but as he thinks of doing this his attention is taken by the warning in the prisoner's letter beseeching him not to mention the matter to any living soul lest the secret of the valise and the hidden receptacle be indiscreetly betrayed.

The valise, after all, with its concealed certificate of deposit, is the key to the situation and possession must be taken of it before anything can be done or said. This (so cunningly set forth by the prisoner) is very evident to the distant relative, and so he quite frequently preserves the secret intact, and instead of consulting a lawyer or writing to the American Consul-General at Barcelona he quietly sends a draft for the sum demanded to the good priest and awaits results. Of course he waits in vain, and the poor, dead prisoner and the good priest and the darling daughter in the course of time pass out of his life forever, leaving him only an uncomfortable memory of the money he so cheerfully contributed to the confidence game.

For nearly twenty years these same knaves have been practicing their swindle, and it is needless to suggest that they are very carefully organized; they have confederates not only in the United States but in most other countries. The confederates in question select a man and find out all they can about him; they get hold of family names, family origin, and family characteristics. This information is transmitted to the swindlers in Spain, and letters are at once written to the prospective victim. The scheme is presented and developed in a very plausible way and many of our fellow-countrymen have "bitten" promptly and cheerfully.

Under the Spanish laws a felony must be consummated before the police may act, and a mere attempt to obtain money by false pretenses does not appear to warrant arrest. The money must be actually paid over and the prosecuting witness must be present in propria persona to testify; otherwise prosecution would be useless.



SCENE FROM "THE OLD CLOTHES MAN."
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Real Estate Transfers.

Transfers reported by the Fort Abstract Co. for the week ending Wednesday, December 1, 1909.

W. C. Frahm Co. Treas. to Silas A. Fincher lots 13, 14, 18, 19, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 blk 4 and lots 1, 2 Blk 5 Rail Road add to Red Cloud tax D.	183.37
Asa F. Holabangh to Charles F. Cather lot 13 Blk. 1 Yel. ers add to Red Cloud q. e. d.	3.00
Peter J. Helms to Joseph T. Swoboda se 1/4 1-9 wd.	1500.00
Richard D. Moritz to L. A. Husong lots 21 to 24 Blk. 9 Platts 1st add to Red Cloud w. d.	2000.00
Susan F. Ryan to John Ericson and 1/2 w 1/2 nw 30-3-10 w. d.	400.00
Minnie B. Durrett to Florence B. Saladen and 1/2 n 1/2 nw 35-2-10 q. e. d.	1000.00
State of Nebraska to William Rodgers et al n 1/2 ne sw ne 16-2-12 deed.	2000.00
First Natl Bank Blue Hill to E. A. Delahoyde lot 7 blk 14 Blue Hill w. d.	1200.00
Wallace A. Maynard to M. E. Glidden e 1/4 so 30 n 1/2 ne n 1/2 e 1/2 ne 31-2-10 w. d.	11000.00
M. E. Glidden to Lyman Esau e 1/4 se 30 e 1/4 ne n 1/2 e 1/2 ne 2-10 n. d.	10000.00
	\$25,850.37

Mortgages filed, \$6200
Mortgages released, \$2580

The next time one of the children catch cold, give it something that will promptly and freely but gently move the bowels. In that way the cold will at once be driven out of the system. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup moves the bowels promptly and freely, yet gently, and at the same time heals irritation and stops the cough. It is especially good for children. Sold by all druggists.

Letter List.
List of letters remaining uncalled for at postoffice at Red Cloud, Neb. for the week ending Nov. 25th, 1909.
L. R. Clark, John H. Killy, Miss N. Pointbaugh, R. J. Bamm, A. Sheestac, Loyd Stanborg
These will be sent to the dead letter office Dec. 9th 1909, if uncalled for before. When calling for above please say "advertised."
T. C. HACKER, Postmaster.

The symptoms of kidney trouble are urinary disorders, weak back and backache, rheumatism and rheumatic pains and twinges, pains in the groin, etc. There is nothing so good for kidney and bladder trouble, as DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. You may depend upon them to give entire satisfaction. They are antiseptic, act promptly and soothe pain. Sold by all druggists.