

A SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

MRS. J. C. FERGUSON MEETS DEATH BY ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF A GUN.

The Shooting Occurred in Plant Precinct and the Wounded Woman Breathed her Last While Enroute Home.

AN ALMOST CRAZED HUSBAND.

Never in the history of North Platte has such a shocking and heartrending accident befallen one of its citizens as occurred Sunday evening in Plant precinct when a gun in the hands of J. C. Ferguson was accidentally discharged and the contents entering his wife caused her death a few hours thereafter.

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Mr. G. R. Griffin, of Bessemer, Col., was in the city yesterday attending the funeral services of Mrs. J. C. Ferguson. Mrs. Griffin had been visiting in Kearney for a week past, and was present last Saturday when her parents celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The city council held a meeting last night and appointed twelve special policemen to serve during reunion week at three dollars per day, and the mayor was authorized to appoint more if he thought necessary required them.

CITY AND COUNTRY NEWS.

The Era printing office has been moved to the Hershey frame building on the corner of Spruce and Sixth streets.

Light up the streets and business places in good shape next week, both for your own protection and for the appearance of the city.

August Shadel has opened a lunch counter at the Casino. He is a first-class cook and is prepared to fill all orders for hot and cold lunches.

Street Commissioner Grace has been doing some good work the past week in the way of repairing and rebuilding crossings and sidewalks.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. F. N. Dick went to Denver Friday night.

W. D. Waldo went east on No. 2 Monday.

G. G. McKay returned from Chicago Sunday night.

Judge Church is holding court this week in Keith county.

Mrs. Russell Watts and son went down to Lincoln Monday morning.

Mrs. W. F. Cody returned Saturday night from a visit in the east.

Harry McConnell, of Omaha, spent Sunday with North Platte friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burke were visitors in Nebraska City last week.

A. S. Baldwin, T. F. Gantt and Tim Kellner went to Lexington Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Gattard left Friday for a visit with friends in Columbus, Neb.

J. Q. Thacker and family left Friday for a visit with relatives in Beatrice.

Mrs. J. I. Nesbitt and family left Sunday morning for Lake Geneva, Wis.

E. J. Newton and Joseph Hershey left Sunday for Lincoln to attend the state fair.

Rev. Dr. Martin, of Kearney was in town Saturday shaking hands with many friends.

Mrs. D. A. Baker and son Elmer went down to Lincoln Monday to attend the state fair.

W. J. Stuart and father returned Sunday from a trip to Denver and Cheyenne.

Conductor J. M. Moseley and wife returned last week from their visit to Boston, Mass.

C. R. Ogden, son of County Treasurer Ogden, left Sunday for Milwaukee to attend school.

Postmaster Wood returned the latter part of the week from his trip of recreation in the east.

SHOT AND ROAD NOTES.

Engineer Charles Ell was a visitor in St. Joe, Mo., the latter part of the week.

James Crockett, now running an engine on the Rio Grande, is visiting his family in this city.

Mose McFarland, at one time in charge of the yards at this point, is visiting friends in the city.

Engine 1016 was turned out last week, having had a general overhauling and supplied with driver brakes.

C. E. Norton handled the throttle up on the fast mail run between here and Sidney for several days last week, and he did it to the queen's taste, too.

Engine 918 which has recently been doing service switching in the yards here has been assigned to the K. P. division and after a light overhauling will be sent to Armstrong.

James Bisset, who worked in the shops here several years ago, but now running an engine on a North Carolina railroad, is visiting friends in the city and spending a little time hunting prairie chickens.

Connections on the new blast pipes in the blacksmith shop were made Saturday and the test made Monday morning.

Engineer Paul McGraw, who was married to Miss Hilda Stark in this city ten days ago, began the matrimonial state very properly indeed, having purchased a house and furnished it prior to the wedding ceremony.

It is a source of wonder to the many friends of a certain fireman as to whether it is the vast number of prairie fires on the North Platte river, or some other reason that causes him to spend his spare time hunting in that locality.

Fireman H. F. Jeffrey found a very handsome silver duplex movement railroad watch one day last week. It had three adjustments, viz. heat, cold and normal, and although calculated at times to be a little fast was well adapted to the rough usage incident to a railroad man's life.

J. C. Carrigan, who for the past two months has been at Pocatello, Idaho, returned to the city the latter part of the week, and yesterday took his old position in the North Platte shops. He was offered the assistant foremanship at Pocatello, but he was not in love with the country, hence returned.

Engine 565 came up from Omaha last week after a thorough overhauling and has taken its place on the local run on the Julesburg branch under the supervision of Wm. Ryan. Engine 682 has, by this move, been assigned to the service between North Platte and Sidney under charge of James Flynn.

During Friday night three narrow escapes from instant death occurred in the Union Pacific yards. A colored porter on No. 5 was thrown from the platform between two cars, and was tumbled along for a few feet by the truck frame before the train came to a stop.

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THE G. A. R. ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainments to be given at the opera house on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week, under the auspices of G. A. Douglas Post promise to be of such nature as to call for crowded houses.

On Tuesday evening the war drama, "The Veteran of 1812, or Keziah and the Doctor," will be put on the stage.

A strong play and will be presented by a company composed of the best local talent obtainable. It will be stirring in its nature and will present features of war not often seen portrayed on the stage.

On Wednesday a war drama of similar nature will be presented, and on Thursday evening, Rev. Lozier, the lighting chaplain, will give a talk which will be highly interesting.

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BESACK'S BLAZING BARN.

THE MOST DISASTROUS FIRE THAT HAS OCCURRED IN THIS CITY FOR YEARS.

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LOYD'S OPERA HOUSE.

ONE NIGHT ONLY. FRIDAY, SEPT. 11. You Will Smile, You Will Laugh, You Will Roar.

THE COMEDY SENTINEL. Little Trixie.

Introducing a surprisingly clever company of comedians who perform Specialties That Please, Songs That Charm, Dances that Amaze.

And interpret the play in a faultless manner. You can see them here but once. Prices 50 and 75 Cents.

WEEKLY WEATHER-BULLETIN. CREST, NEBRASKA, Sept. 5, 1891. The following is compiled from reports from thirty counties.

The week past has been a favorable one for the maturing of the corn crop and for farm work.

The temperature in the northern part of the state has been about average; in the southern part, from two to six degrees below average.

The sunshine has been generally rather above the normal.

Over the state generally little or no rain fell except in the south-eastern part of the state, where it was above the average, reaching a maximum of an inch at Omaha.

Definite estimates have been secured from nearly all our observers with reference to the time required to mature the corn crop.

Some fields in nearly all parts of the state are reported as safe from frost; the average made from the reports indicates that the bulk of the crop will require until Sept. 15th to be out of the way of frost in South Nebraska and until the 20th in the northern part of the state.

Some pieces even in southern Nebraska will not be ripe till near the end of the month.

The average date of the first killing frost, as compiled by the chief signal officer from the records of the national weather service is before the 15th of Sept., north of a line drawn nearly straight across the state from Dakota county to Dundey county, and south of this line after Sept. 15th and in the southeast part of the state not until after Oct. 1st.

Fall plowing is in progress and the ground is in excellent condition for it.

G. A. LOVELAND, U. S. Weather Bureau, Assistant. G. D. SWEZEY, Director.

PROFITABLE INVESTMENTS. A careful and well-posed gentleman from the north, on a recent visit to Baltimore, remarked: "Never in all my experience did I see better openings for the investment of capital than exist along the line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. Why, this is comparatively a new, undeveloped country. You have every advantage for people seeking pleasant and profitable homes. I have just examined the low-price \$10 to \$15 per acre farms that are for sale, and am surprised that such properties are offered at such low prices. The style of these homes would be probably erect would be in no danger from neighborhood stones, but would solve a problem of considerable consequence in a treeless, stoneless region so far from building material markets.

CARD OF THANKS. We desire to return our sincere thanks to the many friends who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and at the funeral of our darling Alta.

MR. AND MRS. G. S. HOFFMAN. From A. J. Norman, who has just returned from Ord, and from T. C. Patterson who attended a meeting of the Duluth & Pueblo railroad about a month ago, we learn some encouraging news about a railroad that is mapped out to pass through Wallace. Bonds have been voted and contracts for building the road have been let by the road \$50,000 worth, and no doubt Lincoln county will be discussing the question of bonds before snow flies. Mr. Hitchcock, president of the new road, drove through this place a year ago last spring, and Mr. Norman formed his acquaintance at that time, though not suspecting his mission. He met him again recently and learned that the route Mr. Hitchcock picked out on that trip will be the one followed by the road of which he is now president. It is generally understood that the powerful Northwestern has his new venture under its protection.—Wallace Star.

Advertisement letters. List of letters remaining uncalled for in the post office at North Platte, Neb., for the week ending Sept. 9. GENTLEMEN. Burk, Wm. Cummings, Geo. Row, M. McNulty, Lucinda Woodman, Fredrich Meyer, E. D. Wood, Mr. tree agent Letter held for postage.—Fitzgerald & Fajen Persons calling for above will please say advertised.—C. L. Wood, Postmaster.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Advertisements under this head charged 1 cent per word each line, but nothing accepted for less than 10 lines.

DUTTERICK'S PATTERNS. D. be had at E. J. Newton's. WANTED—MEN MEN TO PUT UP Three months job. Wages \$1.75 per day. 323. E. M. Sarr.

HAVING TOOLS—MOOREHEAD. Mr. Moorehead, Thomas Bailey, also Stanchell, Stevens, London, etc., at Hershey & Co's.

FOR SALE—ONE POLISHED OAK dining table, six leaves; one polished oak refrigerator, one cot and mattress, one double mattress, night window shades. They are sold by Call at the Episcopal rectory immediately. 321.

REPAIRS IN SECOND-HAND. Buggy Implements, Wagons and Buggies at Hershey & Co's. Some of these goods are practically as good as new.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—A NEW FIVE room dwelling on corner, with city water. Five fireplaces. Easy terms. Inquire of Arthur McNamara, First National Bank.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES FOR RENT. First National Bank. J. NEWTON HAS BEEN APPOINTED agent for Butterick's patterns and will keep a full stock of all the patterns. 324.

FOR SALE—BUGGIES, PHLETONS, Sarrays and Road Wagons and Carts. We guarantee quality for price. Call on us. Hershey & Co.

SMOKERS CAN ALWAYS FIND A Good Cigar at Schmalz's manufactory. He manufactures his Cigars from the best leaf tobacco.

CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES. At the original North Side Grocery Store. Also Feed of all kinds and Fresh Country Produce. Give me a call. V. VON GOETZ.

CASH FOR GRAIN—I WILL PAY the highest market price for wheat, rye and oats. C. F. DODDSON. 344.

THE MOLINE WAGON IS THE easiest running wagon in the market. They are sold by Davis & Gattard. 332.

TWO CHOICE MILK COWS FOR sale. Inquire of L. Strickler.

ONE BORSE GRAIN DRILL, with rollers and gang plow, Stakeholder wagons, and fanning mills at Hershey & Co's.

THE ORIGINAL NORTH SIDE Grocery Store is the place to buy groceries cheap. I take special pains to keep nice fresh country produce and will not sell anything in this line unless I can recommend it. V. VON GOETZ.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT ON corner of Eighth and Spruce. Third ward. House contains five rooms. For particulars inquire of G. A. Norman.

SEWING OF SEWING MACHINES, examine the New Home at Strickler's.

DAVIS & GATTARD ARE AGENTS for the Gazelle sulky plow. Drop in and examine them. 332.

I am prepared to do any work in my line and BRIDGE WORK. I have all kinds of Metal Plate work. TEETH without plates. A. B. AYRES, D. D. S.

Advertisement for a person prepared to do any work in their line, including bridge work and metal plate work.

Advertisement for Geo. R. Hammond, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Oils, Gasoline, Coal Tar, Crude Petroleum, Mica Axle Grease, Rochester Lamps, Etc., North Platte, Neb.

Advertisement for Foley's Large and Elegant Stock of New Goods, being unpacked. No such stock ever brought to North Platte before.

Advertisement for Bulletin, which will be issued in a day or two giving description of stock and quoting prices. In the meantime call and see us.

Advertisement for Shiloh's Vitalizer, a medicine for various ailments including Dyspepsia, Dizziness, and all symptoms of Bile.