

Fire Near Creighton.

Creighton Liberal: C. Schroeder, living one mile north of Creighton, was a severe loser Tuesday morning by fire.

About 9 o'clock fire broke out in a large barn, which was quickly consumed together with its contents, consisting of one mare valued at \$250, and colt valued at \$100, sixteen tons of hay, four good sets of work harness and many other articles.

The fire also burned adjoining sheds and it was with the utmost difficulty and hard work that other buildings in close proximity were saved.

It is not known how the fire started and although two of Mr. Schroeder's sons were working near by the blaze spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save anything within the structure after they noticed the conflagration.

Neighbors and many from Creighton congregated as soon as possible after the fire was noticed, but only a few arrived before the barn had collapsed. All efforts were directed toward preventing the blaze from spreading to other buildings.

Mr. Schroeder very conservatively estimates his loss at \$1,200. He had very small insurance.

Mr. Schroeder had just sufficiently recovered from a severe illness to be able to be about and it is feared that the shock will have a bad effect upon his physical condition. His greatest regret is the loss of the best animal he owned.

The Downfall of Daw.

Columbus Telegram: Harry L. Daw, for three months past local manager of the Nebraska Telephone company business office, has been absent from Columbus since Monday afternoon.

Accountants who have examined into local affairs of the company report that Daw is short about \$500, and on complaint of W. I. Malone, district manager of the company, a warrant has been issued for his arrest for the embezzlement of that sum of money.

At this writing he has not been located. After the warrant had been placed in his hands Deputy Sheriff Burke visited Daw's rooms. He found several post cards written by a young lady in Omaha, one of them indicating that Daw had intended to call on her Tuesday evening of this week.

Missionfest at Pierce.

Pierce, Neb., Sept. 27.—There will be a great missionfest at the German Lutheran church at Pierce, next Sunday, October 2. Services will be held in the forenoon and afternoon in the German and in the evening in the English language.

SHE WOULD BAR DIVORCE.

Permanent Marriage, the Idea of Miss M. E. Seawell, a Writer.

New York, Sept. 27.—"The remarriage of divorced persons is, I think, the greatest blot upon our American civilization." Such is the conviction of Miss Molly Elliott Seawell, the southern novelist, who is visiting in New York.

"I think, she said decisively, 'that divorce is wrong under any circumstances. In extreme cases there should be legal separation. But divorce—never. And the remarriage of divorced persons is demoralizing.'"

"But why do you think divorce is wrong?" "It is wrong from the point of view of individual morality and as a social phenomenon. I believe that marriage is a sacrament and that it is different from every other contract. The others simply depend on the laws of men. Marriage says: 'Till death do us part' and death is a law of God. If men and women knew that when they marry they must stay married they would exercise more caution before marriage, and after it they would bear and forbear."

"Suppose a married couple discover—or think they discover—that they do not love each other? If they know that they must nevertheless stay together they simply will make themselves care about each other. They can do that—anybody can school himself to anything. If every American man owned up, in black and white, to his income at the time of his marriage, one great cause for divorce would be eliminated at the outset."

Massachusetts Primary Result.

Boston, Sept. 28.—Notable features

of the democratic primaries held throughout the state were the defeat of two congressmen for the renomination, John F. Kelliher in the Ninth district and Joseph F. O'Connell in the Tenth, and also the fact that a large majority of the delegates to the state convention will go to Faneuil hall on October 6 without pledges for any one of the three candidates for the gubernatorial nomination, Charles S. Hamlin, James H. Vahey, and Congressman Eugene Foss.

Wichman-Stoltenberg.

At the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Bertha Lenz, 709 South Third street, at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon occurred the wedding of Herbert Wichman and Miss Irene Stoltenberg, daughter of Peter Stoltenberg, Rev. J. P. Mueller of the Christ Lutheran church performed the ceremony, after which the young couple boarded the Omaha-bound train to spend about a week in St. Paul, Des Moines, Sioux City, Omaha and other cities.

A wedding dinner was served before the trip to the railroad station was made. The parlor was decorated in pine, ferns, asters and roses, while the dinner table was laden with ferns and flowers. On their return to Norfolk the young couple will make their home at 419 South Fifth street.

SCARED BY EARTHQUAKE.

Big Strip in Arizona Depopulated Because of Rumbblings.

Flagstaff, Ariz., Sept. 28.—A territory fifty-five miles square and extending from here to the Grand Canyon of the Colorado river, stands practically depopulated because of earthquakes and rumbblings which, beginning Saturday, are steadily increasing in magnitude and violence.

Indians, of whom there were many in the region, fled when the quakes began, terrified by sinister warnings which they imagined to be contained in the cracking of the solid grounds. Tribal tales of the ancient activities of now burned out craters of which there are more than fifty in the region, hastened their flight. The whites remained until their houses fell about them.

J. B. Chaves, the first of the refugees to reach Flagstaff, reported that his house had cracked open. Others who arrived later reported that the volcanic stones weighing many tons were torn from their beds and sent crashing down the mountainsides and that the whole district was in a state of unrest. They refused flatly to go back for anything. While in the district of volcanic origin, the present quakes are attributed to the stopping of the earth's crust.

Wife Wants Kratke Free.

"I have been to Madison to see my husband. We have talked it over and I want to get him out of jail and then everything will be all right," said Mrs. Joseph Kratke Wednesday to Constable John F. Flynn, whom she beseeched to intercede for her husband and endeavor to get him out of prison. Kratke was bound over to the district court and, unable to secure \$200 bail, is behind the bars at the county seat awaiting trial. His wife charged him with brutality cruelty, and threats to do great bodily harm. Kratke himself admitted that on one occasion he would have killed his own son with a butcher knife with which he destroyed the household goods, and he declared he would kill Judge Eiseley, should the judge send him to prison. His wife wants him out of jail now and says "everything will be all right if he can get out."

Elkhorn League Disbands.

Neligh, Neb., Sept. 28.—Special to The News: The report circulated of the disbanding of the Clearwater baseball team was correct, and is vouched for by the management of that city. The indications at this time are that the other three teams, Oakdale, Tilden and Neligh, are following suit, although the Neligh team was ready to combat with the Tilden boys yesterday, the latter failed to put in an appearance for some unknown reason.

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Under an Auto.

Ainsworth Democrat: Herman Jay had a very narrow escape from serious injury on Wednesday of this week, when he was planned underneath an overturned auto, between this point and Long Pine. He was returning from Long Pine, when he struck a patch of sand, the front wheels swerved sharply, and one of them collapsed. The machine overturned and Herman was underneath. He escaped with minor bruises.

Meadow Grove.

On last Saturday was held the mammoth stock sale of S. L. Frye at this place. Mr. Frye is one of the biggest dealers of live stock in this part of the state and always deals in first class stuff. At this sale 231 head of cattle, eighteen head of horses and twenty-nine head of mules were disposed of and brought the neat sum

of \$13,000. A tremendous crowd was in attendance, some estimating as high as 500 people in attendance. Mr. Frye is a live wire, and his business is certainly a big element in the up-building of Meadow Grove. T. D. Preece of Battle Creek was the auctioneer, and H. C. Mason, clerk.

Rev. Mr. Hilsley and family arrived in this place on Saturday from Craig, Neb. Mr. Hilsley is the new pastor of the Methodist church.

Meadow Grove people were somewhat surprised last week to learn of the marriage of two of their prominent young people, Edward Funk and Maud Hawkins, who were married in Sioux City.

Jack Duffy of Battle Creek was a Sunday visitor in this city. Albert Fields was a fifteen visitor between trains Sunday.

New fixtures have been placed in the Meadow Grove State bank and now it is one of the best equipped banks in this section. A golden quarter-sawn oak counter, fitted with oxidized copper grill work with chipped plate glass screen. This counter is also equipped with black Bohemian marble for dealing plates and the base is trimmed in verde antique marble. An office for the cashier has also been made. In all this bank certainly presents a fine appearance and its working force is justly proud of their newly equipped place of business.

Prof. G. M. Hopkins was a Norfolk visitor Saturday. Work on the new Evangelical church has commenced.

One of the biggest pumpkins ever raised in this country was brought to this place Saturday by Phillip Sheets. It weighs ninety-five pounds and is surely a big one. It is on exhibition at the Meadow Grove State bank.

S. L. Frye, the stockman, is contemplating a sale at Madison some time in October.

Mrs. H. E. Mason and son, Donald, visited friends in Stanton last Thursday and Friday.

Many Meadow Grove people are planning to take in the Ak-sar-ben in Omaha next week.

V. E. Hixson and sons will hold a dispersion sale of their thoroughbred shorthorn herd at their farm southeast of this place Thursday.

Battle Creek.

The members of the German Lutheran St. Johannes church of this place met Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Nearly all of the voting members were present. In the case of Rev. J. Hoffman, who had a call to go to Atmshorst, it was nearly unanimously voted here that our old minister stay here to serve us. After collecting about \$100 to furnish a room with all the necessities at the new Lutheran hospital at Sioux City, they adjourned in harmony.

Leaves Ministry.

Battle Creek Enterprise: Battle Creek people were surprised just before the assembling of the annual Methodist conference last week to learn that Rev. R. J. Callow had resigned his pastorate and would not consider an appointment to Battle Creek or any other charge, having decided to leave the ministry temporarily, if not permanently, and devote his energies to other pursuits.

All will regret this popular pastor's decision, though there are none to question the propriety of such decision, conditions over which he had no control being responsible. Mr. Callow has been in Battle Creek for nearly four years and during that time has not only given every attention to those within his church, but has never turned a deaf ear to appeals from others desirous of or in need of his services.

Mr. Callow expects to remain in Battle Creek for a few months and will fill the pulpit as usual at the Methodist church until the arrival of his successor, Rev. M. E. Richmond, now pastor at Paddock, Neb. Mrs. Callow will spend some time with her parents at Plainview.

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"I will admit that state laws enable the state railroad commissions to reduce railroad rates and take from capital, which is tied down and cannot get away, just earnings. But while we are considering the so-called swollen values of the railroads, look on the other side of the fence. "Land values in Kansas have increased in the last ten years by leaps and bounds, due in a large measure to the great railroad systems. Kansas has 52,480,000 acres of land. There is no doubt that it has increased in value \$15 an acre on an average, but call the increase \$10 an acre; this is an advance in land values in ten years of \$524,800,000. "Is this swollen value?" "If it is fair for the farmer to have earnings on these increased values, it is certainly fair for the railroads also to have at least the same rate for freight per mile per ton that they had ten years ago, when corn was

half the value that it is now. "It seems only fair that the railroads should want to share in this increased prosperity. And why not? Is not capital in railroads entitled to share in the prosperity as well as capital invested in lands?"

"I predict that if you attempt to thwart these laws of just compensation for all alike you will see conditions arise that will put land values back and reduce prosperity in every state."

Football Situation.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Walter H. Eckersall, regarding the football situation as developed by the first games under the new rules, writes: "Football rules to govern the 1910 season, which will open officially next Saturday, were given a severe test on Saturday in the practice contests by the leading teams in the east and west. The defeat of Pennsylvania by Urbins, 8 to 5, featured the first game of the year, and this result should be a lesson to coaches of other large college elevens not to hold too cheaply teams of smaller institutions. Minnesota, by defeating Lawrence, 34 to 0, demonstrated that Coach Williams already has a good idea of the possibilities of the new rules, and with a wealth of veteran material the Gophers are sure to cut a big figure in western football this year. Williams gave the new rule which allows a player to be taken out in one quarter and substituted once at the beginning of any subsequent period a thorough test, and from the results obtained it is a certainty coaches freely will take advantage of this rule.

Although it is early to make definite statement whether the new rules will have the desired result of lessening the injuries, Saturday's contests were prolific of the usual number of disabilities. So only the larger and more important games will demonstrate whether the new code is a success in that respect. Allowance must be made for the fact that the players who took part in Saturday's contests had not been hardened to the degree which they will reach later.

Two Broken Noses Start List.

Rosenwald, Minnesota's star half-back, had his nose broken in the game with Lawrence, while Davenport, one of the promising candidates for a backfield position on the Maroon eleven, suffered a similar accident in practice while scrimmaging against the freshmen. These were the most serious injuries, but other players suffered minor bruises, mostly because of their unseasoned condition, however.

Pennsylvania's defeat must be attributed in part to the over-confidence of Penn's coaches and players, who undoubtedly belittled the ability of Urbins, and this defeat of a larger college team by a supposedly weaker aggregation will no doubt teach the coaches to be prepared in what they consider practice games.

The main criticism from the Penn contest came from the players, who said there was no use of dividing the game into four quarters, contending that any player who is not able to play through one half ranging in time from twenty to thirty minutes has not right playing football.

Gophers Loom Up Strong.

That Minnesota stands a good chance to retain its title as conference champion was demonstrated by the showing which it made against Lawrence. Coach Williams is fortunate in having practically a veteran team this season while his backfield is composed of players who are adapted for the new game. Stevens, Rosenwald and Johnston form a trio of backs which most any coach would like to have on his team, for they are fast and agile and each is capable of making ground on either end runs or off tackle drives. Pickering was given a tryout at end and it is more than likely he will play this position during the entire season. He is a heavy and strong player, just the kind needed to break an interference. McGovern, who was selected as quarter back on the All American and All Western teams last season, performed as brilliantly as any time last year, and Johnson, who suffered a broken leg in the Minnesota-Iowa contest last year, also showed well and gave no evidence that the accident will interfere with his play.

Interpretations of Rules.

"Interpretations of the different rules which will govern the play in the western conference colleges this year and which were adopted at the meeting of the coaches and officials held in Chicago on September 17, were announced officially yesterday by Prof. Arthur G. Smith of the University of Iowa, who was selected to draw up the interpretations and send a copy to every coach of the conference teams, and also to officials who will have charge of the contests. In regard to rule VI, section 16, the interpretation follows: It shall be interpreted as crawling if, after a man has been thrown to the ground, and while he is in the grasp of a tackler, his foot, hand, or any portion of his body touches the ground, he makes any attempt to advance the ball by extending his arms forward. "In construing the penalty clause of rule X, section 2, it was determined that a ball shall not be considered in possession of either team while it is not in the actual grasp of a player."

Every Time Request Counts.

It was decided in regard to rule XVI, section 3, that any request for time shall be charged against a team, no matter whether a player is removed or not, and no matter whether it is among the first three times or not. This ruling is an important one, and it means that no matter whether a player is taken out of the game, or whether he is momentarily injured, time out will be charged against his team, and only three such queries are allowed in the first two quarters and

three in the last two without penalty. This rule differs from last year's ruling in that penalty now is inflicted for the removal of a player, while last year it was not.

In rule XVII, section 6, which reads: "No player of the side in possession of the ball shall use his hands, arms, or any other portion of his person to pull, push, or hold on his feet the person carrying the ball," the following amendment was adopted: "That no person shall be allowed to wear hand-dressed belts or any other devices on his uniform which might afford an opportunity for the runner to grasp hold of and be pulled through an opposing team." It was further agreed that a player running with the ball shall be allowed to grasp or hold on to one of his teammates, affording him interference, providing there are no special devices attached to the interferers for the purpose of aiding the man with the ball.

Routing on Forward Pass.

In rule XVIII, section 2, which reads: "No player of either side while in the act of catching a forward pass shall be tackled, thrown, pushed, pulled, shouldered, or straight-armed until he shall have taken more than one step in any direction, provided that any such interference which is incidental to a bona fide attempt to catch or intercept the pass shall not come within this prohibition," it was decided that the catcher of a forward pass may be tackled as soon as he begins to take the second step.

The following amendment was added to rule XVII, section 4, which covers the twenty yard zone for kicks and forward passes: "As soon as the ball is touched by a player of either side everybody is on side without reference to the twenty yard zone." It was decided in conjunction

PICK OUT YOUR OWN NAME.

New York, Sept. 28.—Doesn't your name suit you? Then change it. Of course, if you are a girl you can trade your patronymic to some man in exchange for doing his housework, but if you are a man you need assume no such obligation. Go to bed as John Brown and get up as Percy Montgomery, and no one can say you nay.

That is the decision of Justice Finelite of the city court in passing on the application of Bernard Bernstein to change his name to Bernard Burnston. Justice Finelite says there is no power, legal or biblical, that can prevent a man's changing his name as often as he please.

Justice Finelite mentions persons known to history who changed their names without recourse to law, among them President Cleveland, who dropped Stephen from before Grover, and President Grant, who had the name of Hiram before Ulysses dropped through the error of the recording officer at West Point when he entered there. James B. Matthews and James B. Taylor dropped the James and became known as Brander Matthews and Bayard Taylor. The baptismal name of Honore de Balzac was Guesse, Maurice Barrymore's was Herbert Blythe, Henry Irving was John H. Broadbrib and Henry M. Stanley was John Rowlands.

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Young Stubbs Succumbs. Cleveland, Sept. 28.—Donald P. Stubbs, son of John C. Stubbs, vice president and traffic manager of the Harriman lines, who was found in the offices of the Union Pacific railroad here at midnight on Saturday with a revolver bullet wound over his heart, died last evening. According to the story told by young Stubbs before his death the shooting was accidental, occurring while he was examining a new revolver. He was alone in the offices.

Thrown From Wagon.

Long Pine Journal: While on his way to the lakes last Monday morning on a hunting expedition, Abe Ash had the misfortune to be thrown from a wagon and as a result had his collar bone broken, and received a number of other injuries. The party of which Ash was a member started out of Long Pine about 2 o'clock on Monday morning and the accident occurred on one of the hay flats, where the road was in a bad condition. At the present time Mr. Ash is getting along as well as can be expected.

Tack Peters Swam Out.

Only his skill at swimming saved the life of A. C. Peters, Jr., formerly a Norfolk barber but now of Seattle, Wash., when a week ago he fell from a boom of logs near West Seattle and in some way got beneath the timber which was floating out with the tide.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Peters, his sister, Mrs. Fred Berner, and his brother, James Peters, had gone for a stroll on the tide flats. They were jostling each other over the logs when suddenly they discovered that the tide had come in and they were drifting apart. In an endeavor to jump from one log to another on which his wife was standing, Peters fell into the water and disappeared. A letter from his wife to Norfolk relatives says that only his good swimming saved "Tack's" life. Mr. and Mrs. Peters left Norfolk about one year ago. Mrs. Peters was formerly Miss Anna Zuelow.

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mar. In England, Princess Patricia of Connaught the most sought after of all royal maidens, and Princess Alexandra of Fife are alone of sufficient age to contemplate matrimony. The former, who is 23 years old, gossip couples with the names of the young marquises of Anglessea, while the latter was prevented from making the imperative debut at Buckingham Palace owing to King Edward's death.

Only three more marriageable princesses remain unaccounted for, but, as will be seen from their not very noble lineage, Portugal's king is unlikely to look here for his queen. Princess Helene of Serbia is not only plain, but 26 years old, while Princesses Xenia and Vera of Montenegro are also getting on in years.

THE CHRISTYS "MAKE UP."

A Separation of Two Years Ends for the Artist and His Wife.

Zanesville, O., Sept. 28.—Mrs. Howard Chandler Christy is back at the home of her artist husband and there is reason to believe that after a separation of two years the couple have been reconciled.

It is believed that Mrs. Christy's love for her daughter, Natalie, now 11 years old, who was given into the custody of her father, made her take the initiative in patching up the differences.

Mrs. Christy, heavily veiled, arrived in Zanesville from New York and engaged a motor car, instructing the driver to go to the Christy home.

Mr. Christy met his wife at the door. It was the first meeting since last winter, when Mrs. Christy tried to prove that Mr. Christy was not a fit guardian for the child. The court proceedings gave Zanesville an insight into the life of the Bohemian set in New York. Since the trial Mrs. Christy has been employed on the staff of a New York newspaper and Mr. Christy has been hard at work in his studio here.

Mrs. Christy before and after the court hearing said she could never live with Christy again. She told of her great love for her child, but said she could not sacrifice life for a man who had stifled her affections.

Christy, Mrs. Christy and Natalie, holding to a hand of each of them, appeared on the lawn in the afternoon. It appeared to the neighbors as if there had been a family reunion. Then husband and wife started a game of tennis and their laughter could be heard a block away. While the game lasted Natalie sat near the court and joined in the merriment.

Mr. Christy was given possession of his daughter, Natalie, January 28, after a trial in which Mrs. Christy was charged with drinking and with being more friendly with her chauffeur than Mr. Christy fancied proper.

Mrs. Christy charged that her husband drank to excess and that he fondled his models and beat her when she protested. Mrs. Christy's sister testified that Mr. Christy's conduct was "unbecoming of a father," and that at one time he knocked Mrs. Christy down and sat on her. The artist's sister, Miss Rose Christy, told of a time when the artist spanked his wife.

The child was given