

Scenes and Principals at Record-Breaking Auction Sale on Berne Hopkins' Former "Million-Dollar-Farm" Eight Miles South of Council Bluffs



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These pictures give an idea of the throngs which have been attending the three-day auction sale at the famous Berne Hopkins "million dollar farm" just south of Council Bluffs. At the left is shown a cross section of the crowd of bidders; in the center, the log cabin honeymoon love cot of the millionaire rancher; at the right, some of the automobiles parked at the farm, extending more than a mile down the highway. Below, left to right, are shown W. D. Weaver of Kansas City, who traded apartment houses for the farm; Jack Cusick, who managed the farm for Hopkins; C. O. Jones, who is Weaver's partner in the deal, and Fred DeVore, who is manager of the big dispersion sale.

Wife Says Mate Was Beer Sponge

Wholesale Liquor House Felt Slump When "Hans" Swore Off, She Says.

A husband whose capacity for liquor, she alleges, was almost unlimited, was described by Mrs. Pauline Nindel, wife of Hans Nindel of East Omaha, former saloon keeper, from whom she is seeking a divorce.

"Hans drank so much liquor that when he finally swore off for a few days a big wholesale liquor dealer noticed that business was falling off and called up to see if Hans had closed his saloon," testified Mrs. Nindel.



Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

How very great would be the waste if all of us agreed in taste.

—Welcome Robin.

The Plungers Are Respected

Plunger the Osprey and Mrs. Plunger are thought much of by their neighbors. They are respected and looked up to, and at all times are welcome, and no one has other than good words for them. When the little people of the Old Orchard and the Green Meadows and the Green Forest found that Plunger and Mrs. Plunger were going to build a new home not far from Farmer Brown's there was great rejoicing.

"Once upon a time I wouldn't have believed that I ever would have a good word to say for a single member of the Hawk family," said Wel-



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come Robin. "That was before I knew Plunger and Mrs. Plunger. They are fine people. With them about I am not worried at all of unexpected visits from other members of the Hawk family. They all know better than to come around where Plunger and Mrs. Plunger are nesting."

"Yes," piped up Kitty the Catbird. "The Hawks will keep away, and there are others who will keep away. Those eyes of Plunger's are wonderful. We won't see much of Black Pussy in the Old Orchard as long as he is about. And the same is true of Mrs. Plunger. Have you ever noticed that even Farmer Brown's biddies pay no attention to Plunger and Mrs. Plunger, while they run as fast as their legs will take them when another member of the Hawk family appears in sight? I have been told, though I can't say that I quite believe it, that Creaker the Grackle and Mrs. Grackle have even built their nest among the sticks of Plunger's big nest and have raised a family there."

"It is true, quite true," broke in a creaking voice. It was the voice of Creaker himself, who had happened to come along just in time to overhear Kitty the Catbird. "Mrs. Creaker and I have done that more than once. We would do it again this year, only the new nest of the Plungers is not big enough. Perhaps in another year, when they have enlarged it, there will be room for us."

Just then there was a shrill whistle from Mrs. Plunger, at once answered by Plunger himself. Mrs. Plunger was on her nest. She had three precious eggs she could not leave. But she was none the less watchful, and she had been the first to see the strange cat. So she had given the alarm. At once Plunger had darted down toward that cat, whistling shrilly. With a bound the strange cat started away as fast as her legs could take her. Plunger followed her far enough to see that she was not likely to return. Then he returned to the perch on the edge of the cart-wheel platform on which he and Mrs. Plunger had built their nest.

"Isn't it splendid to have someone always on the watch like that?" demanded Welcome Robin. "Big as the

Searchers Fail to Find Wickham

Relatives Admit They Are Without Clues to Man's Whereabouts.

Omaha was again unsuccessfully combed last night for E. A. Wickham, Council Bluffs millionaire, who disappeared from home Monday night. Headed by Harry Wickham, a searching party visited every hotel where it was thought he might have spent the night, but without result.

Early this morning relatives admitted that they were without a clue which would lead to the eventual discovery of the missing capitalist. Late yesterday the family offered a reward of \$100 for information leading to the finding of Mr. Wickham, but dollars were no more powerful than men in the search.

Wickham's relatives Wednesday distributed 500 cards bearing a picture and description of the missing financier and offering \$100 reward for information leading to his discovery.

The cards were distributed in Council Bluffs and Omaha and a number were mailed to police departments in other cities.

Summer J. Knox, prohibition officer, Wednesday asked all railroads

running out of Council Bluffs to notify their special agents to be on the watch for Wickham, and to inform Chief of Police Van Deusen of Omaha if he is found.

Club Activities Discussed at York by George H. Miller

York, March 11.—George Henry Miller of the United States Chamber

of Commerce, Washington, D. C., spoke at the meeting of the board of directors of York Chamber of Commerce. His talk was along the line of commercial club activities.

W. H. Davis Dead at York; Former Burlington Agent

York, March 11.—W. H. Davis, 69, died at a local hospital following an illness of two weeks. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Mr. Davis was born in Park county, Indiana, coming to Nebraska in 1879, and settling at Sutton where he acted as station agent. When the Burlington company started building west Mr. Davis was sent to York as agent. He served in the capacity for a number of years. Later he became district manager for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company. He was a prominent Mason and active in the work of the local lodge.

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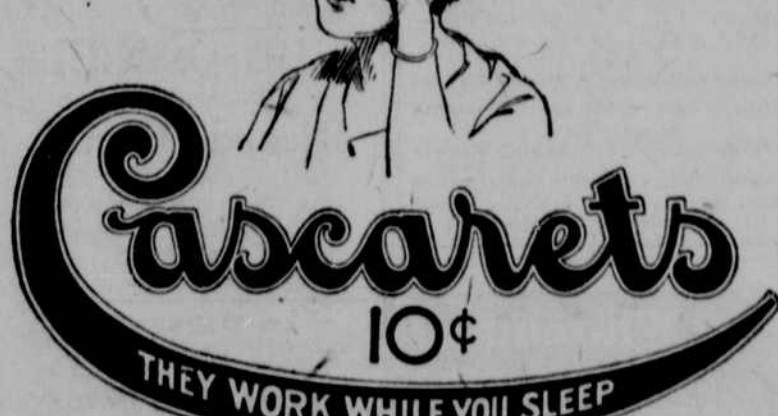
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