

**NEBRASKA NEWS.**

North Platte has 1,018 children of school age.

Five thousand people celebrated the Fourth at Randolph.

For stealing a twenty dollar watch George Hill of O'Neill was fined \$100.

South Omaha paying bonds to the amount of \$27,000 were recently floated at par.

Hartington claims to be the great butter and egg market of Northern Nebraska.

North Platte did not let hard times stand in the way of voting \$10,000 for electric lights.

A movement is on foot at Gothenburg to organize a local building and loan association.

A Fremont man was fined \$5 for using raw language, tending to incite to riot and bloodshed.

The Plattsmouth Herald has been "doing business at the old stand" for almost thirty years.

The town of Savage has a new paper called the Chief. May the Savage Chief live long and prosper.

The Wallace Herald reports a large crop of wire chickens in Lincoln county, almost ripe enough to pick.

Several localities are planning to celebrate the birthday of the independent party in Nebraska on the 29th inst.

Hastings will defer positive action in the matter of building a canal until the purse string of the nation is loosened a trifle.

The public schools of Hitchcock county, so says the Culbertson Republican, are dominated by the Catholic church.

The financial embarrassment of the Canal company at Gothenburg is a serious blow to that young and thriving city.

C. H. Swallow, editor of the Leigh World, has broken faith with the bachelor brotherhood and "gone and got married."

Since spring opened the boys of Buffalo county have presented 29,097 gopher scalps to the clerk and received \$872.91 therefor.

Since May 1st the police judge of South Omaha has dealt out even-handed equity, according to the law and the evidence, in 343 cases.

Wm. Kleffel of Fremont was wounded in the arm by the accidental discharge of a small caliber revolver. It only penetrated the flesh.

Ex-Governor Dawes and Congressman McKeighan decanted of the glories of being an American citizen, at Broken Bow on the Fourth.

Gray wolves have been guilty of murdering cattle in the neighborhood of North Platte. These animals spare neither age, sex nor condition.

Geo. E. MacCarthy, a farmer near Callaway was kicked in the stomach by a blind horse, and died from the effects in less than twenty-four hours.

The editor of the Wallace Star invites the fellow who stole his pitchfork and bale of hay to come back and get the barn as he has no further use for it.

Two men from Iowa the other day came over to Plattsmouth, the papers say, in a skiff as large as a rick of hay. Before returning one had a jug as large as life and it made him a jag, while his sober companion "chewed the rag."

Back into the boat they returned at night, and the man with the jag lost his balance quite and fell off in the river out of sight. His friend, who was sober, saw him fall and thinking the fellow a precious haul "rescued the perishing," jug and all. This tale has a moral deep and wide—as over the stream of life we glide, it is best to steer clear of the "load" inside, lest over we go in the surging tide and perish eternally, hair and hide.

A strange accident happened to a man up near Florence. While coming into town on the river road he was attacked by an infuriated Holstein bull. To save his life the stranger jumped into the river and across a log which was lying partly above water into the stream. The Holstein was intent on gore and followed the man closely. The animal, in crossing the log, got its fore feet over all right, but it could go no further and there it struggled until it fell over exhausted in the water and was drowned. The man who escaped the animal's fury probably enjoyed the tragic demise of the vicious bovine, though the loss must have been of considerable moment to the owner.

T. J. Foley, one of Lincoln county's early settlers, has pocketed his comfortable fortune and gone to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to engage in the mercantile business on a large scale.

While bathing in the South Loup river, Edward Sterner, a boy eighteen years of age, went beyond his depth and was drowned. His companions were too badly frightened to render any assistance.

Johnny Stalls of Gering lit the fuse of a cannon cracker and held to the crater three seconds too long. The result may be guessed at, as the doctor himself is in doubt as to how much remaining of his hand can be saved.

A Vermont man plucks the apple seeds out of the cider press and sells them to the manufacturer of Prunella. He gets about one bushel of seeds from 100 bushels of apples.

**A Fierce Fire.**  
 PRINCETON, Ind., July 14.—Fire broke out in the law office of Buskirk & Brady at 3 o'clock Wednesday evening nearly destroying the entire city.

The following business houses were destroyed: Reid, Witherspoon & Co., harness dealers; Isaac Babbit, wood and metal manufacturers; Mrs. Walker's millinery establishment; the Western Union telegraph office; E. J. Baldwin's insurance office; Samuel Kidd's law office; the Farmers' bank; Mrs. Olike's bakery and confectionery; Smith & Lucas, furniture and undertaking; Smith & Lucas, china hall; Charles Moasman's grocery; the W. D. Downey company, dry goods; A. W. & Downey's grocery store; W. Daily, grocery; Mrs. Mavery, millinery; office of Dr. Kendle; V. S. Beasner, drugs; Mulford & Co., hardware; Dominick Lewis & Co., dry goods; Ed Hallett, confectionery; the Star hotel; A. J. Bros., general store; Joyce, livery stable; F. A. Boyd, notions; Snapp & Fletner, carriage factory; The M. E. church and parsonage; the Presbyterian church and parsonage; Charles Brownlee, dry goods; Mrs. Baker, millinery; W. Berger, merchant tailor; W. H. Hendricks, music store; G. N. Jerald, general merchandise; Pinney & Woods, drugs; Mrs. Emerson, millinery; Commercial hotel; City hotel; office of Dr. Kidd; Roller Branham, hardware; office of Dr. Blair, dentist; office of Dr. Gilmore; Enterprise hall; Lowe & Scull, furniture and Anderson Crow, clothing; Princetown wagon factory.

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**Terrible Wreck.**  
 NEWBURG, N. Y., July 14.—The West Shore day express, due here at 12:24 p. m., was wrecked on the West Shore night Thursday. In crossing the yards the engine picked up it is supposed some loose object which caused it to leave the track. It ran upon the ties for some distance and then crashed into a freight train standing in the yard. The engine upon feeling the engine leave the track, shut off steam, whistled for the brakes, and he and the fireman jumped. The latter Charles Willis, ruptured a blood vessel and was badly bruised. The engineer escaped with slight injuries, Fred Holland, the engineer of the freight, had his skull fractured and was badly cut over the eye. About a dozen persons were in the smoker, but they escaped injury.

In coach No. 71, which was filled with passengers, nearly all the casualties occurred. The entire side was ripped off and all the killed were on that side. The parlor car trucks were broken, but the passengers, beyond being severely shaken up, were not injured. Those who were able to walk started out on foot for the station and were seen with their bruised and bleeding faces making their way painfully and slowly in the hot sun.

Mr. William H. Callahan, of the Pennsylvania coal company office force near the scene, heard the crash and, upon learning the cause, sent word to the central telephone office to notify every physician in the city to go to the scene and within half an hour there were a dozen doctors attending to the wounded. Several clergymen were also present to offer consolation to the severely injured.

Twenty-one wounded were taken to St. Luke's hospital in this city. Coroner Corwin was notified and proceeded to hold an inquest. The dead bodies were removed to an undertaker's establishment and held to be claimed by their friends.

A few days ago four cars of a freight train left the rails at the same place. It is said that an examination shows a fresh fracture in the frog, probably caused by the engine running off the track.

Phoenix Insurance Co. in Trouble.

FARGO, N. D., July 15.—Sheriff Barnes served papers upon E. Ashley Mears, of the Phoenix Insurance company, to appear before Judge McConnell on July 20, and show cause why a receiver should not be appointed to wind up the affairs of the company and prohibit it from doing business in the state of North Dakota in the future.

The principal office of the Phoenix Insurance company was formerly located at Minocola but was removed to Fargo, June 26, 1893. The deficiency in the assets of the company arose from the failure of the Fargo and the Dakota National banks owned by Mr. Mears.

The capital stock of the Phoenix Insurance company was \$200,000 of which \$100,000 was paid in. A large amount of the stock of the two banks was held as assets by the Phoenix Insurance company and by the failure of these banks the assets became diminished by the amount of that stock. The company also had included as assets \$25,000 of the stock of various state banks owned by Mears, which list not legally be included in the list of assets.

At a Tigers' Mercy.

CHICAGO, July 15.—Amelia Berg, a German girl who puts trained tigers through performances at a menagerie in Midway plianance at the world's fair was badly hurt by a tiger.

She was trying to make the brute sit on a stool and when he refused, tried to drag him by the fore paws. He was too heavy and the girl slipped and fell. The tiger leaped upon her like a flash and before the attendants could drive him away he had lacerated the girl's right thigh in a fearful manner.

Miss Berg was carried from the arena unconscious and although not fatally injured it will be a long time before she will resume work.

Robbed in Broad Daylight.

MOUND VALLEY, Kas., July 15.—The bank of Mound Valley, owned by C. M. Condon of Oswego, was robbed at 12:30 o'clock Thursday by three men who rode into town, and entering the bank, tied and gagged cashier J. O. Wilson and secured the money in sight which amounted to \$600. Before Mr. Wilson could give the alarm the robbers had made their escape and were on their way to the territory, twenty miles south. As soon as the news reached Coffeyville several posses started out to intercept them.

Mound Valley is a little town of about 1,000 people, eighteen miles northeast of Coffeyville, in Labette county at the crossing of the Frisco and M. & K. T. railroads. It was the only bank in the town, its capital stock is \$15,000, but on account of its proximity to Oswego but little money is kept in the bank. The robbers were white men and young. No one from Mound Valley is in pursuit, but the country between here and Edna is aroused and their capture is probable.

Will Probably Resign.

MILWAUKEE, July 13.—James G. Jenkins, United States circuit judge under indictment here in connection with the failure of the Plankinton bank said that if he had received the slightest intimation of his indictment he would have immediately resigned his seat on the circuit court bench. He thinks he will have some friend, probably Secretary Gresham, lay the matter before Cleveland and if the president thinks best he will resign.



**LADY MAJENDIE**

CHAPTER XXI—Continued.

She had wondered in the carriage how she should meet Jack; but he came up with a warm shake of the hand, and was here, there, and everywhere, with rather, boisterous fun. All seemed like a dream, the noise and the warmth and the shouts, as they played earth, air, and water; and for half a moment she shut her eyes to try and realize it all; but she was summarily roused by a sharp blow from the ball, and a shout of earth, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

"Trout, salmon, eagle!" she cried, in an agony of hurry, and then followed a burst of laughter; she was fairly roused, and found herself playing with as much vigor as little Dick, the youngest Gretchard, still in knickerbockers. Then came a pause, and in marched the butler carrying a magnificent dish of snapper, and the lamps were carried out, and the fun rose to the highest pitch.

One of Lady Armine's children, little Alice, was rather frightened, and Dita held her hand to coax her. Then the salt was thrown on, and the usual effect produced—Jack and the boys adding to the terrors by the most horrible grimaces.

At 8 o'clock the little children dispersed to bed, and the elder ones went to dress for dinner, while all the performers in the evening's amusement joined in a school-room tea.

Perdita begged to be allowed to join them; she was the merriest among them; once, when the recollection of her troubles flashed across her, she wondered at herself, and fancied that they were all untrue—that her troubles could not be real—only a mistake.

When the charades were over, dancing began. Dita was still afraid to venture, but Mrs. Lee Aston made her sit close beside her, and she enjoyed it almost as much.

"Not one dance?" asked Jack, "will you not dance even once? What a fatal first ball that was!"

"Dita gave a little shiver; but she answered gayly. "Not one; my dancing days are over."

"I wonder what my Mabel is doing!" said Lady Armine, wistfully; and her thoughts were wandering away to the sight of her nestlings who had taken wing.

Far away in Dunmonaigh, Mabel was standing at her window, alone, and the large tears were rolling down her cheeks. Christmas day, when all families meet together, and the boys are home from school, and life is at its brightest, she stood alone, looking out on the frozen lake, where the moon gleamed over the snow, and each black Scotch fir was shrouded with white. It was very cold, and her heart was full, longing for the father who loved her so fondly, for the noisy brothers and the merry sisters who overflowed her home; all was so dignified, and all seemed so kind, and Lady Grisel was even too anxious to do all for her she could; but they were so wise and old, and Mabel felt as if she were fluttering in a cage; and as she looked out, she pressed her forehead against the cold window-pane, and sobbed, and kissed the great packet of letters that had arrived that morning, the loving blessings from her parents, the pages of school-room news from her sisters, and the boyish "Merry Christmas" from all the boys.

Then she started on hearing her husband's voice, and carefully wiped her eyes and put the letters away. He had thought them silly in the morning, and she would rather he did not speak of them again; so she smoothed her soft hair, and stole down stairs for fear Angus should come and seek her.

The dancing at the Lee Astons' went on till past midnight; then all was over, and Perdita went to bed. What a strange long day it seemed! and then she started and gave a little moan, for the pain came back to her heart with a sudden pang; and she knew that it had not slept for a time, and that it lived and was very keen. Her little simple prayer went up for distant friends, for Edward and for Mabel, and when she fell asleep her pillow was wet with tears.

CHAPTER XXII.

When the spring came Nannie was not well enough to leave Saltford, so the journey to the German baths was postponed till the autumn, with which arrangement they were all well pleased.

The fine sunny summer brought back some strength to the invalid; she was able to be constantly out of doors, and the quiet and peace made her enjoy it much.

The Armines and Lee Astons, and all the gayer neighbors, were gone to London; but Perdita was almost glad, as it left her free to devote herself to Mrs. Lovel, whom she watched with clinging tenderness.

At last, when the middle of July was reached the doctor would hear of no further delay. A courier was engaged and the whole party started on their journey.

Badfeld lay, as do most of such towns, in a valley, mountains rising hopelessly on every side. The railway ran through the midst of the valley, which was perhaps a mile wide, and the low ground was swampy and wet. The town was built on a lower slope of the hills; a huge square hotel, with windows open to the sky, stood in a large garden, and there were innumerable steep little walks through the low woods on the mountainside.

The little party arrived very tired after a hot dusty journey one Thursday evening, and found the courier (who had preceded them by an earlier train) in despair. There were no rooms to be had except one small bedroom on the fifth floor.

They looked at each other in dismay. The hotel-keeper could give them no hope, though their rooms had been ordered weeks before; more and more people were arriving daily, and he was to see if any rooms could be put there.

"A large family came yesterday," he said, "and I know not how long she stays. If she goes, these ladies shall immediately occupy their apartments; if not—" and he shrugged his shoulders.

A carrying-chair was brought, and Mrs. Lovel was carried up stairs to the one room, while Mr. Lovel and the courier sallied forth on an expedition to all the other hotels and lodging-houses in the town. They returned in triumph; they found that though the Schwelltzerhof (of which every village in German Switzerland possesses one) was quite full, it had belonging to it a tidy little chalet, a dependence containing five rooms. It was now occupied by a German Princess with her two daughters, but they were going to leave on the following morning, and Andrew had joyfully secured it all.

For this one night Perdita must sleep with her mother and the maid, and two beds were rolled in from the passage; and Andrew could find a room for himself in the Badhof, a little inn some way off in the town.

It was a great relief to think that the present state of things was not to continue, and they were in better spirits than they had ventured to think possible an hour before.

Nannie had her dinner brought up to her room, and Perdita and her father went down to the table d'hote room.

It was all new to both of them, and they were much amused by the crowd of people seated in groups round little tables eating and talking ceaselessly. The courier marshaled them to a table which they were to share with two ladies and three very magnificent German officers, who rose at