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**LOCAL ITEMS OF THIRTY YEARS AGO**

George Harris and wife returned last Sunday from Lincoln, where they were married New Years day.

Everett Bean and wife returned from their bridal tour to Cass county last week.

It is said that a new brick block will bloom with the opening of spring.

The Modern Woodmen of America gave their members and families a fine banquet on last Wednesday evening.

Frank Cowden was visiting in Logan, Kansas this week.

Mrs. Alf McCall left this week for the east where she goes on an extended visit.

Hugh Miner was on the sick list last week.

**Won Many Prizes.**

A C. Shallenbarger showed a herd of ten short horns at the State fairs at Missouri, Iowa and the American Royal and International stock show at Kansas City and Chicago. He was the only Short Horn breeder at the two latter shows. His herd won the following prizes:

- 8 grand championships.
- 10 first prizes.
- 7 second prizes.
- 6 third prizes.
- 4 fourth prizes.
- And numerous other prizes.

The two year old heifer supremacy was Grand Champion at all five State fairs and American Royal show at Kansas City and was Reserve Grand Champion at the International at Chicago.—Alma Record.

**To Samuel Smith, non-resident defendant!**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of attachment issued by B. W. Stewart, a justice of the peace of Webster county, Nebraska, in an action pending before said justice wherein Ray Mountford and Glen Mountford, partners doing business under the name and style of Mountford Brothers was plaintiffs and Samuel Smith defendant to recover the sum of \$11.45, a writ of attachment was issued and levied upon the following described property: Money on deposit in Peoples Bank of Red Cloud and that said case was, on the return day of the summons issued therein, continued for trial to the 15th day of January, 1923 at 9 A. M.

Ray Mountford, Plaintiffs  
Glen Mountford

Half City, Half Desert.

On the Gulf of Aden is a spot of barren sand where a city springs up every winter and almost disappears in the summer. This place is called Berbera. A market is held there every winter and during the height of trading it becomes a city of some fifty tents with a population of over 20,000. During the summer the place is deserted.

**Cricket.**

The earliest mention of the game of cricket is in the writing of one John Derrick, who in 1333 wrote that "he and his fellows did runne and play at cricket." But in the Bodleian library at Oxford there is an old picture of a monk bowling a ball to another monk, who is about to strike it, and the date of that is 200 years earlier.

**MICKIE SAYS**

A FELLER IN THIS TOWN  
DROVE HIS CAR ON SECOND SPEED  
FOR A WEEK, BEFORE HE LEARNED  
HE WASN'T GOING A-THING AT  
"HIGH SPEED" AN' HE'S BEEN  
PLANNIN' HIS BUSINESS ON "LOW"  
FOR YEARS, NOT KNOWIN'  
THAT HE KIN THROW IT IN HIGH  
BY ADVERTISIN' IN THIS  
PURVENOR OF PUBLICITY!



**FATE OR CUPID?**

By MILDRED WHITE

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Margaret Eldridge was a very pretty girl—everyone was agreed as to that. But when she came to visit Aunt Margaret Wells in Bayardstown, it was not long before the majority of women residents at least had dubbed her "frivolous."

"Does nothing all day," they said, "except dress up to look pretty and loll around."

Daisy loved pretty clothes. There was also a dainty lavender frock—painted muslin, it was called—with violet flowers, scattered quaintly over its lavender surface. Mother had made this frock just before the serious time of her last illness—but Daisy could not yet think calmly of those sorrowful days—days of loving self-sacrifice upon her part—for which Aunt Margaret was now trying to atone—or to efface.

"Darling," she said the day of the anticipated picnic to Morton's falls, "I wish for your sake you'd wear the lavender muslin; it is so becoming and I want you to make a good impression upon my friends. There's Tilly Saunders, for instance, a friend of my own girlhood—her doctor son is one of the finest if not indeed the finest of Bayard's young men." Daisy laughed.

But good naturedly Daisy wore the lavender painted frock. Aunt urged the dark, warm cape upon her at departure.

"It may rain," she said, "and anyway it is cool down at Morton's falls. You will need a wrap." And as it often happens in this misjudging world, Mrs. Saunders, glancing from an upper window at the very moment of Daisy's happy departure for the Falls, viewed the lavender frock, and the silk-lined cape contemptuously. Her son near by was preparing his medicine case for the calls of the afternoon.

"I declare," remarked Tilly Saunders, "that girl from the city is dressed to go to a picnic, as though she were going on the stage."

"By the way," he remarked, "your friend Margaret Wells has invited me to meet her niece at a social. But if the niece answers your description, mother, please write for me the usual polite refusal—I am busily busy and you can make no mistake in saying so."

Thereupon the young doctor went on his way. And Daisy, swinging her satin-lined cape, went blithely upon her way.

Peggy-Jane would not be pleased with this nor pleased with that. And Peggy-Jane insisted upon going out on the lake in shell-like boats with venturesome youths, or swimming dangerously far from shore.

"She is so reckless," Peggy-Jane's mother confided to Daisy.

The afternoon was not a success; just near the supper hour came one of the sudden drenching showers. Daisy was out in it—so was Peggy-Jane—they were far from shelter. A moment the despised visitor of Bayardstown stood looking down at her rebellious charge. Peggy-Jane was giggling. "It is cold here near the Falls, isn't it, Miss Eldridge? Queer, how cold it can be in summer time, just because a little rain comes up," Daisy cast one hasty glance at the cherished painted muslin. Mother's fingers had fashioned it—the violets would run disastrously into the lavender ground. And Peggy-Jane was not the only one who had been warned against cold or dampness that summer. The trip into the country had been suggested as a fortifying remedy also for Margaret after her long days of nursing.

"There!" she said, as she folded the warm cape about Peggy-Jane's receptive figure, "that will keep you both warm and dry. Now let's run for it."

Peggy-Jane's mother was tearfully grateful. "You have saved her from an illness, I am sure," she said.

But Daisy had not saved herself from illness. It began that night after Aunt Margaret lovingly tucked her in bed. Daisy hated to tell about the queer throbbing pain in her back—the funny little creepy chills. But Aunt Margaret found out and later Daisy found herself telling a kind young physician.

"You see," she explained, "our old doctor at home told me I must be careful to avoid dampness, and all that. I had barely gotten over the flu, when mother was taken sick, and then—"

"I see," the understanding young physician said. "The Falls is a damp hole," he remarked later, "and you were soaked in that cold rain; but we are going to prevent any serious trouble. You will have to take my word for it." Doctor Stephen smiled.

Daisy took his word for it. She felt that she would take his word for anything. Certain it was the young doctor did not neglect his patient.

"Just ran in again to see how she is," he would explain to smiling Aunt Margaret.

When Daisy was able to take her first drive in his car, Doctor Stephen moved admiringly into her violet eyes. "That was mighty decent of you," he remarked approvingly, "to wrap your cape around my foot young niece. My sister has not forgotten the kindness, however."

Daisy stared, unbelieving. "Peggy-Jane your niece?" she questioned—which shows that fate, that mysterious power—or Cupid, or whatever you choose to call it, will not be cheated where two hearts are destined to beat as one.

**LEAGUE OUTLINES PROGRAM OF TAX REDUCTION**

A Hastings dispatch, under date of December 28th, has the following to say concerning the meeting of the Nebraska Taxpayers' League, held in that city on last Wednesday:

"A flat slash of 25 per cent in all state appropriations, and in salaries and licenses including auto licenses, which are fixed by the legislature amounting to a cut of about \$8,000,000 in the platform adopted here last night by the Nebraska taxpayers' league, which besides adopting its program included its officers.

"The platform demands greater authority for local boards, county boards, school board, etc., and would bring it about by substituting the word 'may' for 'shall' in all state laws which by the use of the word 'shall', tie the hands of local boards.

"It is demanded that the four years' course in four of the five normal schools of the state be cut to two years, and the four years' course in a teachers' training college granting diploma be limited to the normal training college of the state university. The league demands the concentration and not the diffusion of the schools.

"The platform 'grows' upon the state matching dollars with the federal government for schools and roads and asks that this system be abandoned.

"The educational progress of the state the platform declares to have come to a standstill on the subject of athletics, home economics and normal training.

"It declares that athletics should be for health and not district and state championships.

"Auditing of the accounts of the state university by the state auditor is asked and investigation of its expenditure by a committee authorized by the legislature.

"Encouragement of the use of Nebraska gravel for making highways, instead of paving program is asked, coupled with transportation adjustments favorable to the use of Nebraska's resources for road making.

"It is demanded that schools in the state should open at 9 and close at 4 o'clock, and the granting by teachers of holidays and half holidays is condemned. 'School boards,' it is declared, 'should be masters not servants of teachers.'

"Fifteen counties were represented at the gathering by delegates, although a number of the counties represented are not organized and delegates, in the e cases were volunteers. Altogether about 100 were in attendance.

"W. I. Farley, of Aurora was elected president; Peter W. Shea, Orleans, treasurer. The following were elected to the executive committee: O. A. Williams, Neligh; W. E. Patterson, Webster county; T. H. Moore, Aurora. The executive committee will select a secretary whose first task will be the organizing of county leagues, reaching into the school districts. A. B. Cole, of Aurora, now purchasing agent for the state, will be the choice of the committee.

"F. E. Edge ton, of Aurora, a prime mover in the organization presided at the gathering. His suggestion for financing the state league is to begin with the raising of a fund of \$50 in each county.

**BURLINGTON PREPARES FOR BIG BUSINESS**

"The Burlington has just placed an order with the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, for sixty fast freight (Mikado) locomotives of the very latest type. These engines will be similar to a lot of 39 delivered a short time back and which proved highly satisfactory.

The order calls for delivery early this coming spring and amounts to approximately \$3,180,000," said E. P. Bracken, vice president, this morning.

"In addition to the above," said Mr. Bracken, "the Burlington has just received 2,000 reconditioned steel coal cars, 600 new automobile cars, 500 reconditioned box cars, and has just let a contract for the reconditioning of 200 refrigerator cars."

**ELECT DELEGATES**

At a called meeting of the Farmers Union Local 1922, held in Red Cloud, December 30, the following were elected delegates to the quarterly county convention to be held in Guide Rock January 9th: M. B. Corner, W. J. Haskins, A. J. Grant, J. B. Saladen, Geo. Heffelbower, W. H. Thomas, C. J. White, R. Bowen, D. B. Stunkard and August Brinkman. C. A. PEIRCE, Secy.

Ralph Newhouse went to Hastings Sunday evening to join the Sterling Eye Orchestra.

**WARDS OFF EVIL**

Japanese Amagatsu Supposed to Bear Child's Misfortunes.

Strange Contrivance is Implicitly Believed to Guard a Baby From Life's Early Dangers.

The Japanese amagatsu is a doll made to bear the misfortunes that might befall the child, and is carried around by the baby until it is three years old. It is made on a frame. This is covered with gloss silk with the face and neck wrinkled to suggest longevity. Eyes and mouth are marked and the thin, curled locks painted black with powdered ink. The ears are not indicated. A writing, the ritual of the cleansing ceremony, is inscribed in the head. The arms are formed of a piece of wood tied crosswise and covered with gloss silk with red paper at the ends. The body consists of two pieces of bamboo, each wrapped and covered with gloss silk and tied with two paper cords. Below these cords it is wrapped with paper, around which is tied a girdle of ceremonial paper cords, mizuhiki. Another mizuhiki passes over the shoulders and through the belt. Below the belt the body is pasted with red paper folded backward over the feet. The finished doll is wrapped thickly with brocade or silk, which is covered in turn with a white silk garment with a pattern displaying the stars, toroishi, pine, bamboo and treasures printed in gold or silver.

According to ancient usage, Stewart Gullin writes in Asia Magazine, the amagatsu was sent to a woman a month before her confinement. It was a custom for an old person to make the amagatsu, receiving instructions from a teacher and then sending it to a Buddhist temple to be prayed over in order that it might insure health and longevity. After the prayer it was put into a box, which was placed on a stand, and a day of good omen being selected, it was sent to the woman by the priest. For the first hundred days both the parents and the baby wore white clothes, but on the hundred and first day they changed them for colored garments. Clothes similar to those worn by the child were put on the amagatsu and this correspondence was kept up until the child was five or seven years old. The garments put first on the amagatsu might be worn afterward by the child. In the case of a boy after the ceremonies of adolescence, gembuku, a lucky day being selected the amagatsu might be returned to the temple with a present of money as a token of gratitude for its protection of the child. Sometimes, however, it was kept until after the boy was married and then it was placed with the amagatsu of the bride. After the marriage a table of food was offered to the two amagatsu.

"You did do well," the Woman exclaimed.

"You'll never guess how I got this coat," the young artist said, "and so I'll tell you.

"An old man came to the exhibition and then he came again. The second time he came carrying a big bundle. He said he sold furs and this was the best coat he had, and he wondered if I'd exchange it for that seascape of mine. He thought he was making a terrible bargain. I did, too!"—Chicago Journal.

Fair Exchange.

The Woman knows a young artist who is getting along remarkably well. She still does not command big prices, but she has recently given an exhibition of her work, and has had much praise. But the other day she came to see the Woman, wearing a magnificent fur coat.

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Australia a Slow Grower.

The population of Australia increased from 4,573,808 in 1911 to 5,510,229 at the end of 1921, according to a report recently issued by the commonwealth statistician. This is a yearly increase of 1.27 per cent. During the ten year period the excess of births over deaths accounted for 786,442 of the increase, and the excess of arrivals over departures to only 149,919, or 16 per cent of the total.

Unless some marked influx of immigration occurs, such as the gold rush of the '50s, it is estimated that at the present rate of increase it will take 82 years for the population to reach 10,000,000 and 69 years for it to reach 20,000,000.—Exchange.

Modern Dress.

Mrs. Josephine Daniels said at a dinner party in Washington:

"I asked a little boy the other day if his mother had gone to a certain dance. He said she had, and I went on."

"What kind of a dress did she wear?"

"A long, short dress," said he.

"Oh, nonsense," said I. "A dress can't be long and short both. What do you mean, child?"

"I mean," said the little boy sturdily, "that it was long in the waist and short at the top and bottom."

Sunday School Hymns.

"Mamma," begged Betty, "do sing that automobile song again—please."

"Automobile song?" her mother asked. "I don't know any automobile song."

"Oh, yes, you do," the child responded, positively: "we sing it at Sunday school. You know it—that one about going home on high."

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