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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

8 grand championships, 10 first prizes, 7 second prizes, 6 third prizes, 4 fourth 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

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

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

MICKIE SAYS

A FELLER IN THIS TOWN DROVE HIS CAR ON SECOND SPEED FOR A WEEK, BEFORE HE LEARNED THAT HE KIN THROW IT IN HIGH BY ADVERTISIN' IN THIS PURVENOR OF PUBLICITY



FATE OR CUPID?

By MILDRED WHITE

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

"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"

"It may rain," she said, "and anyway it is cool down at Morton's falls. You will need a wrap"

"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

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

"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

"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

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 abolished

"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

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

"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

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, penitently: "we sing it at Sunday school. You know it—that one about going home on high."

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