

COURAGE OF SAMURAI TESTED

Boy of Twelve Forced to Show He Was Not Afraid of Death by His Own Hand.

Sato told us stories—the young man who wanted the sword that he might disembowel the Russians and not have to bite their throats in the hand-to-hand fighting.

Then the story of the samurai boy who must once in his life face death—make up his mind that he is to die. His own case, at the age of twelve, coming home from school, to find his great uncle and his mother all serious, a naked sword on a little wooden rack, the house all in order.

To be told that he had disgraced the family, he had dishonored his father's sword and killed a dog. He would be given the privilege of committing harakiri, for he was a samurai's son.

His great uncle gave him an object lesson, showed him how it was done and told him to proceed, wrapping the blade in paper, that it might not cut his hand, and telling him that he must do as he had seen his great uncle do, in earnest.

The boy begged for mercy. His kinsman and his mother were immovable. Was he afraid to die? If so, they might help him, and the uncle put his hand on his sword.

The boy's tears stopped. He knew his time had come and bowed. He opened his dress, rubbed his abdomen three times. He put out his hand and grasped the sword. He knew no more till a cry of "Mate" (Stop) brought him to his senses.

The "relieve at last. An instant more and he would have been dead by his own hand. He waited, dazed in a death sweat. His courage had been tested. He had faced death.—Asia Magazine.

ACCORDED PALM FOR BEAUTY

Miss Harriet Lane Acknowledged to Have Been the Prettiest Lady of the White House.

Historians are inclined to give to Miss Harriet Lane, niece of President Buchanan, the palm for being the prettiest woman that ever ruled the White House social life. She was a blond with hair of a rare gold, deep-blue eyes, and her mouth was said to be one of the most beautiful ever owned by a Washington belle.

Her beauty was so noticeable that at the dawn of womanhood, when she accompanied her uncle, then America's representative in England, to Oxford, where he was to receive the degree of doctor of civil laws, that the student body greeted her appearance with terrific cheers, inspired entirely by the smile of her lovely lips as she turned her flowerlike face toward them.

Look Out Upon the Desert.

Come to the eastern side of the peak and look out once more upon the desert while yet there is time. The afternoon sun is driving its rays through the pines like the sharp-cut shafts of searchlights, and the shadows of the mountains are lengthening in distorted silhouette upon the sands below.

A Flying Chariot.

All Paris, I think, myself among the rest, assembled to see the valiant brothers, Robert and Charles, mount into the air yesterday, in company with a certain Pilate de Rosier, who conducted them in the newly-invented flying chariot fastened to an air-balloon. It was from the middle of the Tuilleries that they set out, a place very favorable and well-conducted for such public purposes.

A Half Truth.

Silk Sox—Did Angelina tell you the truth when you asked her whether she wore half hose? Knit Tie—Yes. S. S.—What did she say? K. T.—None of my business.—Lows Frivol.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

JACKSON

Bryan Knudsen and bride returned home from their wedding trip Monday evening.

Joe Hogan is moving this week to the Mrs. Casey farm near Ponce. William Hartnett, jr., will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Hogan.

Mrs. Mary McDonough returned on Saturday evening from Culver City, Cal., where she had spent the winter. She was accompanied home by her son, John and wife.

The Ladies' Guild will meet at the Mrs. Scott Fullen home Thursday, March 10th. Miss Doler will assist Mrs. Fullen in entertaining.

S. H. Nelson, who has been assistant cashier in the Jackson State bank for the past year and a half, has severed his connection with that institution. In connection with his duties as rural carrier Mr. Nelson expects to farm a piece of land as a side line.

John Couch is moving to the H. Dugan farm this week.

List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Jackson, Neb., for the week ending February 26, 1921: M. Dick Williams. M. J. Flynn, P.M. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Riley spent over Wednesday night with Mr. Riley's brother, Miles Riley, who is under the doctor's care, in the home of a daughter living in Sioux City.

The eighth grade pupils took the state examination last Friday.

E. W. Nordyke and little son, of Sioux City, visited his daughter Monday at St. Catherine Academy last Saturday.

The Misses Kathleen Ryan and Kathleen O'Neill, who teach near Struble, Iowa, spent over Sunday at their homes here.

Arthur Beyer has gone to Greenwood, Neb., to spend a few weeks with relatives.

Miss Dineen of Sioux City, spent over Sunday in the M. Quinn home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baney and son Charles, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Barber and little son, departed Tuesday for Colome, S. D., where they have purchased land. They shipped their household goods and stock in three immigrant cars. Several of their neighbors and friends gathered at the Geo. Baney home last Thursday evening to bid them farewell.

The evening was spent in cards, at the close of which oysters were served. Mr. and Mrs. Baney have resided here the past nine years, and their many friends join in wishing them the best of luck in their new home.

J. P. McCormick shelled 4,000 bu. of corn the past week, which he delivered to the elevator here.

Bart Leahy returned to his school work at Creighton college last Wednesday.

Mrs. D. J. McDonald of Sioux City, and her brother, Mr. Dunn, of Chauncey, Pa., visited in the John Ryan home one day last week.

Matt Zulauf returned the last of the week from Omaha where he visited his sons, Walter and Roy.

Mrs. John J. Ryan of Sioux City, attended the Ladies' Guild at the H. W. O'Neill home last Thursday.

John Merchant spent over Sunday with relatives at Newcastle, Neb.

H. W. O'Neill had a car of hogs on the Sioux City market last Thursday.

While Ed O'Neill was up town last Friday evening, thieves broke into his house and stole his pocketbook, which contained over \$200. Nothing else was taken. No clue has been discovered, but it is presumed that it was some hoboes who have been hanging out in a bunk car near the Burlington depot.

ELK VALLEY

Mike Garwin was in Sioux City on business Monday of this week.

David Woods and wife were in Sioux City Monday of this week. Mr. Woods is taking treatment.

Sam Knox was in South Dakota the first of the week looking after his farm which he owns in that state.

Delbert Linafelter who had the misfortune to run a pitchfork tin through the fleshy part of his thigh last week, is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McAfee were visiting Mrs. McAfee's sister, Mrs. Surber, in Waterbury Sunday afternoon.

Sam Knox and Henry Knudsen each shipped a car of cattle to the Omaha markets. They were quite well pleased with the markets.

George Barnes, who is attending high school at South Sioux City, spent Sunday at home.

Elmer Stewart, who had the misfortune to get his ankle broken several days ago, is getting along nicely.

Mr. Swanson has rented the same farm for the coming year that he had last year.

Jess Hinken, who accompanied L. C. Tilton's car of household goods to Central City, returned home the first of last week.

Quite a large crowd attended the Farm Bureau meeting at the Elk Valley church Thursday night of last week.

The Farrell public sale held the first of last week, was attended by a very large crowd, and the most of the offerings received good prices.

Several from this community were in Dakota City the first of the week attending the good roads meeting.

Nice audiences were present at all the services at the Elk Valley Friends church Sunday. The pastor will preach on the following subjects next Sunday: At 11 a. m., "The Promised Shiloh." At 7:30 p. m., "The Wells of Salvation." We urge every person in the community to attend our church next Sunday. Mrs. Rose Sierk will sing a special solo at the morning service. A most cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Geo. J. McClellan purchased two fine Silver Laced Wyandotte cocker-

HOMER

Miss Rose Smith, who has been at South Sioux City with her sister, helping care for her nephew, Sherman McKinley, who was quite sick with pneumonia, came home Thursday.

Bert Thacker of South Sioux City, was a Homer visitor Tuesday.

Charles Ostmeier was a Homer visitor from Salem Tuesday.

Roy Crippen and wife arrived from Wayne Tuesday, where they had been to attend the funeral of Mrs. Crippen's brother.

Mrs. "Damp" Thacker was a Sioux City visitor Saturday to visit her daughter, Miss Ester, who is taking treatment at St. Joseph's hospital.

John Critz of Morningside was a Homer visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Victor Anderson and children were guests of her sister, Mrs. Merrill Brasfield, the week-end. They returned to their home in Morningside Tuesday.

Mrs. James Foltz and Mrs. Will Rockwell were dinner guests Wednesday of last week at the James Allaway, jr., home to visit with Mrs. Sarah Richards who spent the week with her brother, James Allaway and wife.

Fred Rasmussen moved on Wednesday to Sioux City where he will reside.

Mrs. Chas. Fueston of Dakota City was a Homer visitor Thursday.

Will Beardshear and wife were incoming passengers from the north on Friday.

Chas. Bristol and family came Saturday to visit at the home of his parents, D. C. Bristol and wife.

There was an explosion in the Farmers' Union store Friday. A barrel of vinegar? A hem! they said it was "odoriferous"—exploded.

Miss Alice Leamer was a north bound passenger Friday night.

Mrs. House and children, who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Whaley, were passengers north Friday evening.

The Misses Anna and Lillie Pedersen and Miss Ardath Harris spent the week-end at their respective homes.

Lewis Pilgrim came home Saturday from Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he has been holding down a job for some time.

Mrs. Geo. Cain of Dakota City was a Homer visitor Saturday.

Dr. Daily motored to Lincoln Saturday to visit his parents, Mrs. Bob Small accompanied him to visit her daughter, Miss Ruth, who is attending the University. Miss Rose Mann was a passenger with them as far as Winnebago to visit relatives.

Miss Gertrude McKinley spent between trains here Saturday with relatives.

The Frank Shook family on the reservation are under quarantine. Mr. Shook having a mild case of smallpox.

Born, to Geo. Trickey and wife on February 26th, a daughter.

Miss Addie Goff of Lyons is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bill McEntaffer, Albert Probst visited with his wife at Alton over Sunday.

Robert Smith was a Winnebago visitor Sunday.

Wm. Gill visited his mother at Winnebago Sunday.

Frank Hirsch and wife of Sioux City were guests at the E. J. Smith home Sunday.

Frank Combs and family of South Sioux City were guests at the Sam Combs home Sunday.

John Church, who is quite sick with pneumonia, is not getting well as fast as his many friends would like to see.

Born, to Frank Church and wife, a son. The little one lived only a few hours.

Geo. Penry and family have moved to Hay Springs, Neb., where they will farm the coming season.

Dick Hart arrived home Monday.

Miss Christine Jensen spent Sunday at the home of her brother, John Jensen.

Geo. Mounce of South Sioux City, was a Homer visitor Monday.

Fred Kipper and family and Mrs. Gies Polly were Winnebago visitors Sunday.

Vic Nelson hauled hogs to Sioux City Monday for Chas. Davis.

Mrs. Snider of Omaha, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Church.

James Allaway, jr., and wife, and her sister, Miss Margaret Adams, motored to Sioux City Friday.

Miss Daisy Mathews was a passenger from Omaha Saturday evening to visit her parents, H. W. Mathews and wife.

Miss Lulu Harris, teacher of the Meridian school, spent the week-end with her parents, Alfred Harris and wife.

The H. C. Rasdal family are out of quarantine, having had three light cases of smallpox—the only ones reported in this part of the county.

Miss Cora Midkiff of Sioux City, visited home folks Sunday.

Born, to Bill McEntaffer and wife February 27th, a son.

Leo Wagner and wife of Wisner, were Homer visitors Sunday.

Harold Allaway of South Sioux City, visited Homer friends Sunday.

Miss Olive Leamer came home Saturday from Dakota City, returning Sunday.

Will Blacketer and children and

Mr. and Mrs. Fox spent Sunday at the Pete Sorensen home.

Mrs. Chris Rasmussen and children motored to Sioux City Saturday.

Miss Abbie Rockwell was an incoming passenger from the north Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Miller and children were Sunday guests in the Chas. Bates home.

D. C. Bristol (Omaha Charley) has just passed his 80th milestone, a hale, hearty, jolly old man—always a kind word of good cheer for all. Mr. Bristol for years was on the road with his private show—consisting mostly of Indian acts and amusements, as most of the company were Indians, trained by Omaha Charley.

Today, despite his age we do not believe there is young man or middle aged man in Dakota county that does more manual labor the year round. Long may he be with us. Mr. Bristol is the owner of the finest collection of Indian relics in the state. He has for several years kindly loaned it to the state, and it can be seen at the Lincoln University. Nebraska should buy this collection, as today it cannot be duplicated.

SALEM

On Friday night, March 11th, the ladies of the Salem Lutheran church will serve a general supper. Hours from 7 p. m. After supper there will be a Farm Bureau community meeting with a program and election of officers. The social is intended to be of the nature of a "hard times" gathering.

Mrs. Carl Nelson visited in Sioux City Monday and Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Claude Morgan.

Ferdinand Root has moved to the Dewire place recently vacated by the Erlachs.

George Ramsey was surprised on his 22nd birthday, the 21st of Feb., by a bunch of young folks. All had a royal time.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Armbright of South Sioux City attended church at Salem Sunday.

Mrs. Gene Nordyke and Mrs. Art Nordyke of Sioux City, visited last Thursday at the Arthur Armbright home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Justice of South Sioux City, spent Saturday and Sunday in the Chas. Sierk home.

Mrs. Adolph Bartels gave a birthday party to about 65 friends and neighbors Saturday night. She was presented with a beautiful cut glass bowl by the guests.

Ernest Runge has moved onto the old Geister farm.

The Golden Rod club met with Mrs. F. V. Larson Feb. 9th and gave an Abraham Lincoln birthday program, and on the 23rd at Mrs. Eric Beermann's, with a George Washington anniversary program.

Mrs. Steve Joyce returned Tuesday from Rochester, Minn., where she had been with her son Archie Joyce, of Grindstone, S. D., who underwent operation for stomach trouble. Mrs. Chester Heikes was down from Omaha and kept house for her mother while she was away.

HUBBARD

Josephine Leedom is assisting in the Will Heaney home at Nancora.

Mrs. A. L. Andersen returned home last week, after a several weeks' stay in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sharp.

L. B. Palmer, Dan Hartnett and Oscar Sharp shipped a car of hogs to Sioux City Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Rasmussen spent the past week in the C. M. Rasmussen home.

Mrs. Graves and children visited the past week with relatives in Emerson.

Miss Rose Stephens will leave in the near future for her home in Buffalo. Miss Brown will succeed her as housekeeper for Rev. Zeph.

Mrs. Allen spent the past week at Walthill visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Nelson visited the past week in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Lou Jepson.

James Nelson and son Vic, of Homer, were business callers here the first of the week.

Amos Linafelter and John Hinken shipped stock to Omaha from here last week.

Mrs. Story and daughter are visiting relatives at Foster, Neb.

The second annual March 17th St. Patrick's social will be given by the ladies of St. Mary's church at the Danish Brotherhood hall. Everybody invited.

Mrs. John Heaney visited several days the past week with her father in Sioux City.

Fred Johnson motored to Sioux City on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans visited friends in Sioux City Sunday.

Mrs. John Heffernan returned from Omaha last week, where she visited relatives for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Ben Rooney returned last week from the hospital somewhat improved in health.

Mads Hansen, of near Emerson, visited in the home of his daughter the past week.

Treff Deroin motored to Sioux City the first of the week.

Mrs. Will Hayes and little son visited in the home of her parents at Jackson last week.

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HOMER, NEBR.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF DAIRY COWS.

The Dairy Law of Nebraska requires that all cows from which any milk or cream is sold for consumption shall be tested at least once each year by an approved veterinarian. The only exceptions to this are in cases where milk or cream is delivered to a dairy where the product is properly pasteurized before it is sold to the public, or where the entire product of the herd is sold for manufacturing purposes.

Cow owners are urged to have this testing done during the months of January and February for the reason that more time is available, and when a number of cows are assembled at one time and place, reduced rates for testing will be made. The law provides this testing shall be done by an approved veterinarian, and you should make arrangements with your local veterinarians to have this work done.

Arrangements should be made to have this testing done within the time specified, as the dairy inspector will check all cow owners who are required to test. Attention is called to the fact that the Dairy Law provides a penalty for failure to comply with the above provisions.

Department of Agriculture

By HARRY MARSHALL, Dairy Inspector.

E. F. Rasmussen

Auctioneer

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