

RANDOM SHOTS

What a difference a single word makes. Starting headline in the Omaha Journal-Stockman reads: "Nebraska Offers Great Chances in Raising of Livestock." Now, what the head writer meant to say was that there were great opportunities, but three ranchers have told us that the wrong wording was nearer the truth.

So far as that goes, there are plenty of chances in the printing business. Trouble is that so many of them are against you.

It's getting to be a most unchivalrous age. The kid niece who is not at all hard to gaze upon, has so far failed to locate a youth of her own age to teach her to swim or to play tennis.

The office woman hater gets out of sight the minute she enters the door.

Every time we run across one of those persistent life insurance agents, we think how he could clean up the cash if he were only in the bootlegging game.

By the way, do you suppose Tom Gray has ever forgiven us for making light of the serious fact that he was in jail?

We've gotta admit that Colonel Rufus Jones has got the whole Platte Valley kowtowing to him because of his knowledge of words and their uses. His great story, as we recall, is the best contribution to the sagas of western Nebraska, but after what he said of the hoi-polloi, we refuse to place any laurel on his brow.

Anyway, we always like to picture Rufus with vine leaves in his hair.

When the fishing season is on in earnest, Abe will forget he owns a canoe.

You can't get the old kind of liquid bait, without which no fishing trip was ever a complete success.

One fisherman got hold of a quart of bait, but it was gone before he got to the fishing hole.

The state board of pardons, it is said, is now inquiring diligently into the history of every convict who applies for a parole. This undue diligence is due to the discovery that Fred Brown, who has the whole state excited, was turned loose although, under the rules, he was not eligible. Regrettable, isn't it, that the board should just be discovering the extent of their obligation to the public?

Some day, if the interest in Flag day continues to increase, there may be a Memorial day parade in Alliance where at least a dozen hats will go off as the flag passes.

Al Gavin came upon a humorous paragraph which constitutes the best defense of the flapper to date. This squib said that the girls of today display more understanding than their mothers or grandmothers ever did.

The Rotarian Magazine, in a boost for spelling reform, presents the word "Ghoughphttheightteau" as the word "potato" spelled in English according to the pronunciation of certain combinations of letters found in other English words. This is no argument for simplified spelling, but rather a demonstration of how extremely versatile the bloomin' language is.

If a man wants to get cured of the simplified spelling bug, let him read a letter from some enthusiast who puts his own ideas on the subject into practice.

The supreme court has rendered a decision saying that the North Platte school board has ample authority to permit school dances. Now there's nothing in the way of Alliance pupils enjoying the same privilege.

In North Platte, some patrons objected and took the matter into court. The judge said the rules adopted were excellent safeguards, and the mere fact that some taxpayers objected didn't have anything to do with the case.

However, just because Alliance may legally have school dances doesn't spell anything.

THE GUILTY PARTY.

It was about half way through the revival meeting and as the principal evangelist was warning to his work he saw a man sleeping peacefully in the front row, his snores ascending to the ceiling.

"Will somebody please waken that man?" he requested. Nobody stirred. "Somebody wake that man up!" thundered the great exhorter. "Aw, wake him up yourself," growled an unconverted neighbor of the slumberer. "You're the guy that put him to sleep."

It's all right to kick about your assessment, but if you value your life, don't cast any asparagus on the county assessor. One wallop across the dome with that cane of John's, and your heirs may pay the taxes for you.

Oh, well, John uses the famous old democratic method of settling an argument.

That was the thing that attracted the Irish to the party.

A Nebraska City woman, who is something of a man-hater, has done a little research work and has discovered that the ingredients of man, plus water, are as follows:

"Fat enough for seven bars of soap; iron enough for a medium-sized nail; sugar enough to fill a shaker; lime enough to whitewash a hen-house; phosphorus enough to make 2,200 match tips; magnesium enough for a dose of stomach remedy; potassium enough to explode a toy cannon; sulphur enough to rid a dog of a dose of fleas. My investigation led, too, to the

discovery that the whole collection is worth about 98 cents, in a day when things are three times as high priced as they should be."

Wednesday, Fred Brown, the Omaha bandit, was seen in seven different counties in seven parts of the state. That bird is getting more publicity than the James boys, and there were two of them.

Among the humorous incidents of the week is the tale of the two households which were aroused to anger and strong language by some merry-makers who, late at night, tossed lighted firecrackers under the windows where strong men slept.

The merry makers were routed easily. One volley of language strong enough to set fire to the roof was enough to accomplish it, because there were two girls in the party of jokers. But when the tall gink fired a couple of shots from a .38, the incident lost its humor that it might have possessed.

"There was a dog in the back seat, and I like dogs," is the anguished protest. "I never patted anything but the dog."

TODAY'S BEST STORY.

Before the days of the dethronement of King Bacchus, there was a party of South Omaha stockmen on a train taking a trip through Minnesota. To while away the hours a friendly game of poker was in progress. The game was for medium stakes and strictly table stakes.

One fellow named William—the fellows call him Bill—was in a pot for a showdown, as all his chips had dwindled away in poor calls and poorer bets.

Behind Bill sat a fellow who was carrying a fair sized load and he had watched our friend's chips melt away.

Reaching over and touching Bill on the shoulder he said in a low tone: "Say, young man, I am going to get off this train at Worthington, and I want to say to you that you want to get off there, too, whether this damn train stops or not."

Warrick Wins Libel Suit In Supreme Court

Lincoln Star: President S. K. Warrick of the First National bank at Scottsbluff was within his legal rights when he questioned the official integrity of Grant L. Shumway, former land commissioner of Nebraska, in a written protest against the granting of a bank charter at Scottsbluff to Shumway and others, the state supreme court holds in a decision dismissing Shumway's \$50,000 libel suit against Warrick.

Even if the charge was maliciously made, says the high tribunal, Warrick could present it to the state banking bureau without being held responsible under the libel law. It is declared to be the bureau's duty to investigate the integrity and financial responsibility of persons applying for bank charters, and therefore Warrick's charge was pertinent, whether true or not.

The district court of Scottsbluff county sustained Warrick's demurrer. On Shumway's appeal the supreme court affirms this finding. The bank charter applied for was denied by the banking bureau, and an effort to secure it by mandamus proceedings failed.

The man with a political bee in his bonnet often gets stung.—Charleston Gazette.

Herald Want Ads—Results

CHURCHES

LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Holy communion will be celebrated in the service Sunday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. The service will be conducted in the German language. Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock. F. DROEGEMUELLER, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.

The pastor will speak at both the morning and evening services next Sunday at the usual hours.

Notwithstanding the absence of many people last Sunday on vacation trips, the church was well filled at both morning and evening services. The unique cradle roll service in the morning in which each class appeared in their regalia, received many complimentary remarks, and the children's day program in the evening was said to have been one of the best given in the church for a long time.

We invite all our people to take advantage of the rare opportunity next Tuesday night to listen to the world renowned lecturer, Dr. Louis Albert Banks who will speak at a mass meeting at the Methodist church. It will be a great privilege to listen to the man who has written the most books of any man living, who as the pastor of Trinity Methodist church in Denver received over a thousand members into the church in two years, who was a close friend and contemporary worker with Frances E. Willard, and whose voice has been heard for years at the big chautauquas.

We also will have a chance to win the large flag on display in Miller's store window, if our Sunday school can send out the largest number of adults to the lecture.

M. C. SMITH, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

"Our Best for God," and "The Great Storehouse," are the subjects for the sermons next Lord's day. It is our desire to present sermons that are Scriptural and helpful. The preaching of the word is given its proper emphasis each Lord's day. Gospel music is rendered at each service. The excellent work done by the choir makes all services more worshipful. The male quartet sings nearly every Sunday evening.

The Bible school contest continues with the men and boys on one side and the women and girls on the other. The same points are used as in the other contest. Come, be on time with a prepared lesson and stay for the morning service and you will count fifteen points for your side.

The minister will attend the Chadron conference on fundamentals next week. This is to be a great meeting and many would find it helpful to attend.

At the last board meet H. D. Shellenberger was elected church treasurer and Fremont Wilson financial clerk. We hope that all who are interested will see that the finances are sufficient to meet expenses as they come.

You are invited to come to the church with a message and a welcome. S. J. EPLER, Minister.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

With the attendance at 263 last Sunday at Bible school, we have set a mark that will not be easy to keep up and it will require every effort upon the part of all members to see that this mark is not missed this coming Sunday. The women are determined to give the men an overwhelming defeat, but the men are not asleep on the job. The men will meet under the tree next to the parsonage for their study. The topic this week is,

"The Greatest Sinner in the Bible, Abram." We claim that no greater sinner is mentioned in that wonderful book than Abram. Come and be one that will study with us. The B. Y. P. U. boys are meeting twice a week for practice in baseball to beat the "Dads" in the near future.

Men, you had better get together on this matter. We have been with these boys twice now and we do not hesitate to say that they are developing some team. They have challenged the C. E. boys of the Christian church. Sermon subjects for Sunday: "Morning," "The Royalty of Christian Service," evening, "Healing Faith." Baptism service following. Welcome to the friendly church with the friendly grip. Orchestra accompanies all songs. The church has been redecorated at last, and it's a beauty. B. J. MINORT, Pastor.



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