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AN IOWA ADMIRER OF BAILEY.
DYSART, IA., Feb. 17, 1896.
TO THE MAYOR OF NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA:—

Sir:—Your town has succeeded in bringing disgrace upon itself by a cruel & wanton attack upon a friendless & hopeless lunatic. Tar & feathers may be considered a salutary dose to administer to a well known criminal but to use such instruments of torture upon a man who is at worst a religious crank is certainly very discreditable to your city. You talk about the freedom & unconventionalism of the "wooly west" but such exhibition of inhuman atrocity will certainly make your part of Nebraska "a good country to live out of." After all it is very much a question who were the most insane the christian scientist or the mob. No greater disgrace to a community can be imagined than a mob of lawless brutes undertaking to regulate to their own conception or rather misconception of justice & they are generally lowlived villains & a set of hypocrites who would do infinitely worse than the crime they are "correcting." I don't want to dictate to you but for God sake as a true American citizen do something towards stopping this fearful tendency towards mob law which if not squelched will slowly but surely degenerate into Anarchy. I write you because I am a loyal American & every crime against law which is committed by organized mobs makes every citizen less secure in his rights & strikes a blow at our constitution & our very civilization is imperilled. Yours truly
ALFRED MACROW.

The proud state of Iowa now has four lunatic asylums, and the present session of legislature will be asked for an appropriation for the erection of another. Judging from the above epistle these institutions will speedily be crowded to their utmost capacity. The writer boasts of his Americanism, yet judging from the name it is pretty safe to assert that either himself or his immediate ancestors religiously chanted "God Save the Queen." As Tama county contains within her borders some genuine Americans, the aborigines of this continent perhaps the individual's pride in his nativity may be well founded. If the latter view is correct no wonder he considered "Elder Bailey's" actions as almost God-like; for certainly it is not a violent assumption to presume that the morals of the Caucasian are of a higher order than those of the Red race; hence according to the glasses with which Mr. Macrow examines the actions of "Bro. Bailey," he is found to be the ne plus ultra of propriety.

Now the fact is that there are certain cancerous spots in the body politic of Iowa, of which the home community of this individual contains a number of persons who mistakenly believe that they have been called upon to go forth into the world and endeavor to proselyte all the people of the earth to their way of so-called religious belief. To slightly paraphrase Madam Roland, oh religion, what crimes by some are committed in thy name.

In the absence of statute, according to the old common law so often quoted, custom makes law. "Elder Bailey's" offence against the decency and morality of the community unfortunately did not come within the scope of the Nebraska statutes, hence the end will justify the means regarding his expulsion from this vicinity.

Now Bro. Macrow, "shiny on your own side." It is but a short time ago in central Iowa a "charivari party" invaded the sanctity of the marriage chamber, threw a hog into the bed occupied by the newly wedded pair, fired guns and in divers other ways endeavored to raise hades in general. Yet the press dispatches did not teem with copious accounts of the arrest and punishment of the miscreants. Which was the greater sin—the attempt of a mob to punish "Elder Bailey" for his efforts to break up a once happy household, or the evil deeds of a mob who invade and disturb the sanctity of the marriage relation, an ordinance recognized by divine and human laws?

It is but a short time ago that for a brief period Iowa abolished capital punishment, and in one year the lynching record of the Hawkeye state exceeded all others in the glorious sisterhood of states. This looks as if human nature were the same between the broad prairies bounded by the Mississippi and the Missouri, that it is west of the latter stream. When the law weak and insufficient, a stern justice is sometimes meted out to the evil doer.

JUSTICE.

Dr. Sawyer—Dear Sir: I can say with pleasure that I have been using your medicine, and will recommend it to all suffering ladies. Mrs. W. Westphalen, Augusta, Ga. Sold by F. H. Longley

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.
The fifth annual convention of the Dept. of Nebraska L. of G. A. R. was held in Omaha Feb. 12th and continued three days. Reports of department officers and Circles showed a gratifying increase of membership and influence. At every session of the convention comrades were obligated. On the second day twenty-two veterans, including Mayor Broatch of Omaha, were received into the order. The mayor stated that he had never understood the work of the ladies, but was proud to be an honorary member of such a grand organization. Some one started to sing "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord," and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The department now numbers upwards of 300 comrades as honorary members and more than 400 ladies. Total membership of national organization 25,000; honorary members between 10,000 and 13,000.
W. E. HESSE,
Dept. Cor. Sec'y.

NICHOLS AND HERSHEY NEWS.

J. R. White shipped his sheep to Omaha last Wednesday. There was a dance at Mr. Day's Tuesday evening. Several cars of gravel and sand were unloaded at Hershey with which to fill up around the depot. Foreman Bergman and wife, of Hershey, were county seat visitors Tuesday. J. W. Liles is now in the windmill business. He put up a mill of his own make for Mart Cryderman of North Platte. Jas. McMichael and T. M. Cohagen were in this locality this week. It is said that a certain chap, somewhat under size, residing in this locality will soon procure the necessary papers to wed one of the fair and blushing damsels of more than usual avoirdupois, also a resident of this vicinity. Distemper is prevailing to some extent among the horses locality. G. W. Applegate of Sutherland paid the old canal company eighteen cents per bushel for corn, and hauled it from Hershey this week. W. S. Cox's brother departed for his home in Iowa the first of the week. Rev. Stearns, of the Platte, preached to a large audience at Hershey Sunday evening. Five cars of hay were pulled out of Nichols sidetrack by an east bound freight train a few days ago. Corn is getting to be a scarce article in the valley. One hundred tons of hay in the stack, on the Manjon ranch, was sold under a chattel mortgage Monday for \$107. Rev. Coslet will preach at Nichols next Sunday at the usual hour. Seed grain of all kinds is in good demand in the valley. Bent McMichael and W. E. Park were recent visitors in this locality. Cecil Tuell, of Somerset, and a Mr. Crangall, of Wellfleet, attended the revival meetings at the Platte valley school house recently. A few from up this way attended the farmers' institute at the county seat Wednesday and Thursday. F. L. Terry is said to be on the gain since returning from Omaha last week. A fine line of tinware is now in stock at the Hershey lumber yard. Another party is on deck and a meeting was held at the Nichols school house last evening for the purpose of organizing a class in vocal music. We did not learn how it turned out. We understand that the revival meetings at the Platte valley school house are still in progress. While the conversions are few the attendance is large and quite an interest is manifested. It is a thoughtful young lady who goes to the neighbors to meet her best fellow or to entertain him of an evening these hard times in order to save fuel at home. W. Jesse Kemp, well known by the older settlers in the valley, preached to a few at Nichols last Monday evening. He is seemingly somewhat demented over religion.

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NEBRASKA NOTES.

The Beatrice Express offers an additional prize of \$5 to any Gage county citizen who will win the

prizes offered by the Nebraska club for the best written article on Nebraska.

Lincoln is to be congratulated on its capture of the Nebraska Grand Army reunion for the coming five years. The state fair got away and this will partly if not wholly compensate for that loss. It was a lucky day for Lincoln for it was Lincoln's birthday that the reunion was located there.

Judge Westover has just granted a peremptory writ of mandamus to compel the commissioners of Box Butte county to call an election to vote on the question of removal of the county seat from Hemingford to Alliance. Now there'll be blood on the moon.

The Lincoln city council having passed a curfew ordinance keeping children off the streets after 9 p. m. is now wrestling with one calculated to prohibit boys under fifteen years from smoking cigarettes. The capital city council is going in for reform with a capital R.

The Beatrice city council is considering an ordinance having for its purpose a reduction of the number of wards in that city. This is to reduce expenses by cutting off official salaries. Everything else has been reduced in the town and it is in harmony with the events that the wards should undergo the same process.

JACK RABBITS FOR COURAGING.

Is it to Be Greatly Superior to the English Hare For That Purpose.

The sport of rabbit coursing is receiving a new impetus since the Kansas black tailed jack rabbit has entered the arena. Not until quite recently has the coursing fraternity been aware of the great superiority of the jack over the cotton tail rabbit or the English hare for this purpose. Kansas jack rabbits are now greatly in demand, both in this country and in England, and live ones command a good price. The difficulty in catching them alive is very great, and only one man in Kansas, so far as known, has given his undivided attention to the work.

Charles Payne, familiarly known throughout the west as a hunter and plainsman, has been a jack rabbit enthusiast for years, and it is largely through his efforts that the merits of the animal for coursing purposes have become so generally recognized. The capture of live jacks involves the purchase of a great deal of expensive paraphernalia. Mr. Payne has two nets made of seine twine, 5 feet in height, which, when both are extended, reach almost across a section, and made expressly for catching live jacks. His method of entrapping the live jacks is unique. It is his usual custom, when preparing for the raid upon the rabbits, to advertise among the farmer boys the day upon which the jack rabbit drive is to take place.

At the appointed time hundreds of country boys, mounted on ponies, flock to the rendezvous, armed with fog horns, drums, bells and anything else that will make discordant music. They are deployed in a semicircular line two miles in front of the net, and at a given signal from the marshal of the day the line moves toward the net, each man making all the noise possible. If the hunting grounds have been well selected, the horsemen will have no trouble in "bouncing" rabbits innumerable, and as they scamper away toward the net, followed pell mell by the eager farmer boys, the scene is one of great animation.

The rabbits, if they do not become confused by the noise and excitement, bound away toward the net at almost lightning speed, and many of them strike the net so hard that they break their necks. Those that survive the shock scamper into the pockets which are ingeniously arranged for their reception, and for them the jig is up. Rabbits sometimes die of fright, not having sufficient strength to make the race for life.

These rabbit drives are among the most popular sports in which the prairie farmers indulge, and it is customary for the organizer of the drive to provide a bounteous spread for his gratuitous helpers.—Philadelphia Times.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

Joseph Henry Gustave Chamberlain will take notice that on the 21st day of February, 1896, Andrew H. Picard, plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the district court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, against said defendant, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a judgment against the said defendant for the sum of \$184 25 due the plaintiff upon a final settlement and allowance of his final account, by the county court of said county, as guardian of the estate of said defendant; that plaintiff has caused an order of attachment to be issued in said action and the same has been levied upon the following described real estate, viz: The east half of section 25, in township 14, range 7, Lincoln county, Nebraska, as the property of the defendant, and plaintiff will on the recording of judgment in said action pray for an order of said court requiring the sheriff of said county to sell as much of said real estate as will satisfy plaintiff's claim and the cost of this action.
You are required to answer said petition on or before the 6th day of April, 1896.
ANDREW PICARD, Plaintiff.
By T. C. Patterson, his attorney.

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