

Local News in Brief.

DR. F. W. MILLER, GRADUATE DENTIST, office over Streitz' Drug Store. Phone 83.

John Keliher left this morning for St. Louis to resume his position with the Missouri Pacific, after a pleasant visit with relatives in town.

A masquerade or fancy dress ball will be given in the town hall at Maxwell tomorrow evening. Several from this city will attend.

Let you forget: The fifteenth annual ball of the fire department will be held at the opera house next Thursday evening—New Year's night.

A bottle of carbolic acid which had been placed near the stove in McCabe's drug store Saturday, exploded and set fire to the paper trimmings in one of the show windows.

A. Holmark, now living in Kansas City, spent a day or two in town last week. Mr. Holmark will again engage in business in Gothenburg next spring, where he owns a fine store building.

This is the road some people long have sought, and worried because they found it not—the pike that leads to 105 South Dewey.

GEO. TERULVE.

"At the Old Cross Roads," which was booked at the opera house Saturday, was cancelled at a late hour, the manager fearing that owing to belated trains the company could not get out of town in time to fill other datings.

Among the visitors in town the latter part of last week was John Miller, a coal and lumber dealer at Maywood. Mr. Miller was formerly a member of the Fifth U. S. Cavalry and in the early 70's was stationed at the old barracks formerly standing in the west part of town.

John Bratt and E. R. Goodman, of this city, have been complimented by being selected as members of the general committee at the banquet to be tendered to D. E. Thompson at Lincoln prior to his departure for Brazil, to which country he has been appointed as minister plenipotentiary from the United States.

J. W. Woodry expects to leave next week for Leavenworth, Kan., where he will spend the remainder of the winter in the national soldiers' home. Mr. Woodry has been in ill health for several months and by going to the home he will receive treatment from physicians who are specialists. During his absence Mrs. Woodry will probably visit her sister at Plattsmouth.

Mrs. S. Goozee gave a party Saturday evening at which the guests of favor were Misses Nellie Bratt, Justine Meyers, Edith Patterson and Mabel Patterson, these young ladies having assisted at the reception following the Elliott-Goozee wedding a couple of months ago. Quite a large number of young people were in attendance and the evening proved a delightfully pleasant one.

A petition has been presented to the county commissioners asking them to employ additional counsel to assist the county attorney in preparing a rehearing of the tax foreclosure case recently decided by the supreme court. In accordance with the petition the commissioners have appointed as such counsel Wileox & Halligan and Beeler & Muldoon for a consideration of \$250 and expenses.

The weather in January, as shown by the local weather bureau, is exceeding frisky, that is the temperature one week may run up to seventy and the next week drop down to thirty below zero. The coldest day North Platte has experienced in twenty-eight years was on January 15th, 1898, when the mercury dropped to thirty-five degrees below zero, but fortunately the day was calm and the intense cold was not so severely felt as though accompanied by wind. January is a dry month, the average precipitation being less than one-half inch. The wettest January on record was in 1879, when the precipitation aggregated 2.33 inches.



Men's Clothing.

If You're no Judge of Clothing, Bring in a Friend. If He Knows Good Stuff We'll Gain Another Customer.

STAR CLOTHING HOUSE, Clothiers and Furnishers.

Harold Senter will entertain a number of his young friends this evening at a birthday party.

Nearly 200 children—members of the north and south side Episcopal Sunday schools—were served with a turkey supper at the rectory Friday evening. Following this, exercises were held at the church and gifts distributed to the children.

Mrs. W. M. Baskin, who was the guest of her parents last week, received a handsome hand painted plate last Friday evening from members of the Rebekah lodge. This was given as a testimonial of Mrs. Baskin's work as a past noble grand of the lodge and the esteem in which she is held by the members.

Owing to inability to secure labor with which to harvest sugar beets, there are about fifty acres of beets frozen in the ground in the vicinity of Maxwell. This represents a loss of about twenty-five hundred dollars to the growers. Had the necessary help been obtainable before cold weather set in, these beets could have been harvested, siloed and later shipped to the factory, but they are now entirely worthless.

An election to vote on a proposition to bond the city for fifteen thousand dollars with which to erect a gasoline gas plant, is being held today. Up to yesterday very little interest was manifested in the proposition, but yesterday afternoon several circulars, some favoring and others opposing the proposition, were circulated and these had a tendency to create a little more interest. Some work both for and against the bonds is being done today, but at best the vote cast will be light, and it would require a good guesser to predict the result prior to the count of the ballots.

Terms of District Court.

Judge Grimes has issued the following court calendar for the Thirteenth Judicial District, giving the dates on which terms of court will be held during 1903:

- Cheyenne county—February 9th and November 30th. Kimball county—February 16th and October 19th. Keith county—February 24th and December 7th. Perkins county—March 9th and September 28th. Banner county—March 16th and September 21st. Logan county—March 13th. Deuel county—March 20th and December 14th. Lincoln county—May 18th and November 9th. McPherson county—June 1st. Scott's Bluff county—September 14th.

All these will be jury terms, so far as is now known.

Cattle for Sale.

We have all kinds of stock cattle for sale.

BRATT, BURKE & GOODMAN.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Helen Stolle is home spending the holiday vacation.

Mrs. J. C. Ferguson returned to Denver yesterday afternoon.

Tristram Roberts of Maxwell transacted business in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Donaldson spent last week with relatives near Farnam.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Streitz and children are spending this week with relatives in Omaha.

Alvin Pool, who had been visiting his parents for a week, returned to Columbus Sunday night.

Ed Wallenhaupt, now in business at Fairbury, has been visiting his parents for a few days past.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Weeks, who had been visiting for a few days, returned to Cheyenne yesterday.

Fred Elliott, Jr., returned to Omaha Sunday night. Mrs. Elliott will remain in town for a week or so.

Joe Baskins, who is located at Alliance, has been visiting relatives and friends in town for several days.

E. C. Elliott, superintendent of the Leadville schools, is spending the holiday vacation with his parents in this city.

Mrs. U. G. Sawyer went to Lincoln this morning to visit her husband, who is employed as engineer at the state house.

Rev. Geo. A. Beecher, of Kearney, officiated at the Episcopal church Sunday, delivering two excellent sermons to large audiences.

Lewis and Quinby Tobin and Clarence Harrington, who are attending school at Denver, are home spending the holiday vacation.

Everett Evans has returned from the Chestnut ranch in Keith county where he spent several weeks, riding bucking bronchos, roping steers and engaging in other muscle developing exercises.

Mrs. Fred Letts and daughter Miss Laura returned to town the latter part of last week and will probably again make this city their home. Mrs. Letts has disposed of her hotel business at Nevada, Iowa.

C. L. Patterson left Sunday for Ogden, where he will make settlement for the grading which he and Ed Loveland have performed during the past several months. Patterson & Loveland will complete their work the latter part of this week.

Grazing Lands for Sale.

We have grazing land in all parts of the county to sell at low prices and easy terms. If there is a quarter section or larger piece of land adjoining you which you want, call and see us. We are agents for many non-residents and can sell the land cheap. JOHN BRATT & Co.

RAILROAD NOTES

H. D. Luce, general foreman of the U. P. shops and round house at Grand Island, spent yesterday in town as the guest of friends.

The local yards are still rather badly congested with cars and it is said there is not much show of relieving conditions until the weather moderates.

George Friberg, who has been working at Ogden and Cheyenne, has returned to town and accepted a position in the U. P. car repair gang.

The new through car service of the Chicago & Milwaukee road over the Union Pacific will begin January 4th. Through cars going west will be attached to trains No. 5, 1 and 3, and going east on trains No. 2, 4 and 6.

Ed Bogue, who is braking on the Oregon Short Line out of Salt Lake, came home yesterday for a visit with relatives. Mr. Bogue is still suffering a little from the accident which befell him several weeks ago.

The Omaha Bee says that while it is difficult to ascertain the particulars of the pension system which will become effective on the Union Pacific about January 1st, it has been learned that the age at which men may be retired is sixty instead of sixty-five. Employees in order to get the benefit of the system must have spent twenty years of continuous service with the company.

While several of the strike leaders have been called east to confer with Harriman and Burt, it is generally believed that the final settlement and the terms thereof will take place in Omaha. While the strike leaders can receive and make proposals, the final action must come through the district committees. In making settlement the demands will be: No piecework, an increase in wages, re-instatement of all men discharged or on a strike and the discharge of all strike-breakers.

S. C. Mecomber goes to Omaha tomorrow where he will remain until after the conference with the Union Pacific relative to the advance in wages which has been requested by conductors and brakemen. This request, which was made December 20th, is for an advance of twenty per cent in wages and double pay for miles and hours made on trains of more than thirty cars when hauled by more than one engine. A similar request was made upon fifty-two railroads, and January 5th was named as the day upon which the committee of each road would meet to receive the answer from the officials. If the request is not granted, a formal demand will be made and this may result in protracted conferences before the matter is finally adjusted, although the feeling is general that the requests will all be granted sooner or later. One drawback to a speedy acquiescence in the matter is the fact that within the territory covered by these fifty-two roads upon which the request has been made, are roads which do not employ organized labor, and the employees of those roads have made no demands for increased pay. The roads upon which the request has been made will make an effort to induce these non-union roads to pay their men the same wages as will be paid by the unionized roads after the requests are granted. It may therefore require some little time to make such arrangements.

Fifty Cents Saved.

The Semi-Weekly State Journal is \$1.00 per year and The Western Swine Breeder is 50 cents a year, but if you send One Dollar to The State Journal you can get both papers a whole year. The Journal is the paper of all papers to read legislative year and The Swine Breeder is a hummer. Ask them for a sample copy if you haven't seen it. Lincoln is the centre of all things of a state nature and The Journal prints more state news than any other paper.

Dr. F. H. Longley will do a general office business. Special attention given to chronic diseases. Phone office No. 10, residence No. 41. Office hours 9 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m. Office, City Pharmacy.

There are Others

Who sell Stoves, but none who sell Stoves at such low figures,

Everything in Furniture

Will be found at our store. New goods received daily. That article of furniture need will be found here.

E B WARNER, THE BIG STORE.

"When We Were Twenty-One."

A brief outline of this play, which will be seen at Lloyd's opera house, Dec. 31st, is as follows: It is in four acts and the scene is laid in London. The incidents of three acts take place in the house of Dick Carewe, a successful barrister, and those of the other in a famous London Supper Club at midnight. Dick Carew and three comrades, the Doctor, the Soldier Man and Waddles, are bound together by friendship ties of a life-time and their whole purpose is loyalty to each other and to see to the welfare of the "Imp," a "harum scarum" youth, the son of one of their comrades long since dead. Dick and his chums learn of a serious plight into which the "Imp" has gotten himself through a secret marriage to an adventuress, despite their efforts of saving the youngster from the results of his folly. Richard Carew is hopelessly in love with Phyllis Ericsson, who is but half his age, and whose marriage to the "Imp" has been planned by Carew. Neither loves the other, but Dick did not know, and their engagement was generally accepted by their friends. Dick nobly sacrifices himself to save his dead comrade's boy; not only for the lad's sake but for the happiness of Phyllis. In the end his love is rewarded by learning that Phyllis loves him and not the "Imp" and all ends happily.

CAST ADRIFT IN THE PACIFIC

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We were, as near as I can remember, in the latitude of Midway island, in the Pacific, and all was going well with the bark Harvest Home when we picked up a sailor named Williams, who was drifting about in a ship's yawl. He told a story of shipwreck and suffering which we afterward came to know was utterly false, and after a couple of days he was put in my watch and entered as an extra hand.

Williams had no sooner got among the men than he began telling of a great treasure buried on one of the Kuril Islands. Talk treasure to a sailor, and you can bring him to mutiny. The amount of money was given at several million dollars, and Williams claimed to be able to locate the exact spot. It probably never occurred to one of the men to ask why he didn't go to the captain with his story and try to arrange for the removal of the treasure, but if it did he had some answer at hand. He proposed taking possession of the bark, sailing her to the treasure island, securing the great wealth and then using her to get to England. As to the officers and such men as would not join, they were to be cast adrift in midocean to take their chances. We had a cargo valued at \$125,000, and I think the man's game was to peddle it out among the Marine, Caroline and Marshall islands, get what he could and then look out for himself.

So quietly did he do his work among the crew that not the slightest hint of what was going on was wafted aft. He enlisted eight of the men in his cause, and on the seventh day of his coming aboard and while the captain and I were eating dinner the climax came. The second mate was seized, bound and gagged, and an alarm was raised that he had fallen overboard. Both of us rushed from the cabin, to be pounced upon and made prisoners. It was a surprise all around, and no insolence was offered any of us. When Captain Holt demanded an explanation, Williams promptly enlightened him. He said:

"We are in possession of the bark. We are going after a great treasure, which is to be equally divided between man and man. It was no use to talk to you, for you would have scoffed at my story. It was agreed that none of you should be hurt, and we have kept to the agreement."
"What do you intend to do with us?"
"Send you adrift within an hour."
"Where is your treasure island?"
"I will not tell you."
"If you really know of a buried treas-

ure, why not let us sail the ship there and share with you?"

"Because that would mean less money for the rest of us."

The captain appealed to the men, declaring that Williams had no special knowledge of a treasure and would lead them a wild goose chase, and offered to overlook what had happened if they would return to duty. The feeling of the crew was expressed by the old boatswain, who took off his cap and stood in humble attitude as he said:

"Captain Holt, we hev nuthin' ag'in ye nor the mates, but here's a chance fur every man of us to git rich fur life, and we feels as if we must take it."

There was more argument, but the men were stubborn. Those who had refused to join in the plot now came forward and gave in their allegiance to Williams, and preparations were begun for casting us adrift. One of the quarter boats was hoisted out, and in it were stowed water and provisions sufficient to last three of us a fortnight. We were allowed a mast and a sail, but neither chart nor compass.

We had made 350 miles to the east and were having fair weather when we made a greivous discovery. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon we sighted a strange object only a point or two off our course, and, running down to it, we found our old bark floating keel upward, with two of her masts and a great mass of wreckage surrounding her. There was but little sea on, and we scrambled upon the bark's bottom. We had a faint hope that a small boat might be sighted, especially if we sighted a craft which would give us assistance. She had probably been in that position for three or four days at the least, but there was still sufficient air to buoy her up. I had not yet walked her length when I heard a knocking, followed by faint shouts. The captain came aboard to see what he could make of it, and it was not long before we were satisfied that at least two men were imprisoned in the cabin. By lying down and placing our ears to the copper sheathing we could make out that they knew some one had boarded the bark, and they appealed to us to cut a hole through which they could escape. We had neither ax nor hatchet, but if we had been fully equipped the chances would have been against us. It was a spot where no one could stand upright to use an ax, and every fifth or sixth wave rose right over it.

We believed one of the imprisoned men to be Williams and the other the boatswain. We could catch their words pretty plainly, but they seemed unable to make out our replies. We could do nothing for them, but decided to remain by the wreck for a day or two, in hope of aid from some craft. At sunset the wind died away, and the night was without a zephyr. At sunrise the morning the first object our eyes lighted on was an English tramp steamer bound from New York to Japan with coal oil and close aboard of us. We looked for our wreck, but it had disappeared. The mainmast lay floating about, but the hull and its tangle and its prisoners had gone to the bottom of the sea.

Know Him as a Sharger. Lord Brampton, when he was Mr. Justice Hawkins, when on circuit, finding a long summer evening drag on his hands, took a turn in the lanes, and, staying at a rural inn for a cup of tea, his ears were assailed by the charmed sound of the falling niplenas.

With a lively eagerness he inquired of the landlord if there was an alley on the premises. By way of answer the landlord conducted him thither. The goodly company assembled eyed the newcomer with greedy eyes, thinking they would lead him on to an advantageous game.

The learned judge at once acceded to their invitation, in the course of a very short time relieving every gentleman in the place of his spare shillings.

Then the landlord thought it time to intervene and, touching his lordship on the back, said:

"Look here, my fine friend, we have had your sort here before, and if you don't want to shake hands with the police you'd better get out of this!"

His lordship went.—London Standard.

Brother Millsap Not to Blame. Sister Durham—Well, you've read the list of conference appointments. How do you think you like Brother Millsap, the young man that is to preach for your church the coming year?

Sister Middleton—I've got nothing against Brother Millsap, but I don't like the bishop for sending him to us.—Detroit Free Press.

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