

The case of the state of Nebraska vs Silver King, the negro, charged with shooting a Japanese laborer, was heard in the county court Tuesday afternoon. King entered a plea of not guilty and was bound over to the next term of district court on bonds of \$1,000 which he was unable to furnish. Several witnesses were brought in to testify and one of them testified definitely that King had a gun and came into the house.

She stated that early in the evening King and another negro, who goes by the name of Happy Jack, came to her and offered to split with her if she would help him rob the Jap. She refused to enter into the plot and said that later she saw the men coming toward the house and that they broke into the door. The Jap went to the door and asked what was wanted, and the next thing she heard was three shots fired in rapid succession and when she went down she found the man lying unconscious on the floor.

The Jap has been in a hospital in Grand Island since the shooting and was only recently able to leave. His jaw is badly torn up and part of the bone had to be cut out. King is being held at the county jail to await trial.

Rev. Dr. Franklin Williams, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city but now at Columbus, arrived in the Tuesday for a visit with friends. Dr. Williams was pastor here for three years but has been gone about two years. He was called to Lexington Tuesday to conduct a funeral service and decided that while he was so close would come here and make a visit. He is at present conducting services every alternate Sunday at the Presbyterian and Congregational churches at Columbus, on account of the illness of Rev. George A. Munre, pastor of the Congregational church. He left Wednesday evening to return to his home in Columbus.

Oscar Smith, who has been in Panama for the past eighteen months, returned home Tuesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Smith. He went to Panama as a machinist on the canal and has been there all the while during his absence. He brought home a number of curios that he picked up as well as some interesting tales of experiences.

James Nolan was bitten by a dog Wednesday afternoon while riding around on his motorcycle. The dog ran out to meet him and grabbed him in the calf of his right leg and took a little ride before letting loose. Nolan had the wound cauterized and aside from suffering considerable pain, will probably have no trouble.

Year's Work in U. P. Shops.
The yearly report of the Union Pacific shops shows 124 engines off the Third district, between North Platte and Sidney, have been brought in for general overhauling. These have all been through the round house during the year beginning January 1, 1913, and the company has spent from \$1,000 to \$2,500 on each engine.

All the engines off the Third district are now in good repair and Foreman Norton stated that engines are billed in here off the Second and Fourth division for repair. They will be brought in after January 1. Engine No. 355 is in the shops now for a general overhauling. Freight engine No. 208 is billed in here for a new fire box. This is the first job of that kind that has been in the local shops for several months. The shops here are doing the same class of work that is done in Omaha, but on account of the limited space there is not so much of it sent in here.

The old round house is being repaired for the purpose of housing engines for repair, instead of leaving them in the yards. The roof is being fixed up and the doors and pits repaired. When this is done, the capacity of the shops will be about doubled, and engines sent in for minor repairs that do not require the trucks be removed, will be attended to there.

It will also be used for housing engines that are already in shape for service. Already there are fifteen engines in the round house that are ready for service and are being kept for emergency. This shows that the amount of work in the railroad shops here is even greater than the North Platte people realize.

Remember. All lots on 9th street in Dolson's Addition will be sold out this month. Don't put off selecting a lot in this conveniently located addition to your work. Phone Temple to show them to you. The car is in waiting.

The case of the state vs Savin was tried Tuesday afternoon in the county court, and by order of County Attorney Gibbs it was dismissed by Savin paying the costs. Savin was charged with appropriating the electric current from the North Platte Electric company.

It was erroneously stated in our last issue that Dr. D. T. Quigley was to speak January 12 to the state medical society in Tecumseh. He will speak on that date to the Johnson county medical society at Tecumseh.

Fire! Fire! That call has no dread for the person insured with Temple. They know they are well protected, and that their loss will be made good.

Clint Patterson Gets Promotion.

Clint L. Patterson, for more than thirty years a resident of North Platte, but for several years past chief of the Union Pacific secret service in the state of Colorado, has been promoted to the head of that service, succeeding Wm. Canada, who goes on the retired last January 1st.

Mr. Patterson will assume his duties upon the retirement of Mr. Canada, and will make his headquarters in Omaha.

This promotion follows the very clever and efficient work, Mr. Patterson has performed for the company in Colorado during his service there. Inside of twelve months, he was instrumental in the arrest, conviction and sentencing to the penitentiary of a dozen men who burglarized cars of merchandise and committed other serious offenses.

Through his vigilance organized bands of thieves in Denver, Pueblo and other points were broken up, and the name of Patterson became one of horror to the wrong doers of our neighboring state.

While a resident of North Platte Mr. Patterson displayed a natural instinct for "sleuthing," and when at one time marshal of the town ferreted out more wrong doings than any other officer we have had. His activity along this line made him unpopular with the gang that then existed.

In his new position Mr. Patterson will have a wider field to display his talents, and it is a safe bet that he will make good.

We congratulate our friend of over thirty years on his promotion.

SPLENDID BARGAINS IN MILLINERY
From December 17th to January 1st every trimmed hat in my department ranging in price from \$3.00 to \$9.00 will be sold for \$2.48. Villa Whitaker, Wilcox Dept. Store. 94-4

Mrs. George Macomber, who has been very ill for several weeks at a local hospital, was able to return Tuesday to her home seven miles northwest of the city. She was operated upon for appendicitis.

Harry Smith who has been studying medicine in Chicago, is expected to return the latter part of the week to visit through the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Smith.

Don't be afraid to join the "Spugs" for R. F. Stuart can show you plenty of useful gifts along the line of bath room accessories. 610 Pine St. Phone 69.

Counting by Knots.
It was the custom of the Aztecs to keep their accounts by means of strings. The numbers were indicated by knots. A single knot was ten, two single knots twenty, and so on. The hundreds were indicated by double knots. The color of the string indicated what the numbers referred to. Soldiers were red, gold yellow, silver white and corn green. This method is still in use on the steams of the Argentinians, where the herdsmen keep tale of their charges in a similar way. Several strands depend from one, the first of these strands being reserved for bulls, the next for cows, the milk and dry being differentiated; the next for sheep, and so on. Knots were probably among the first methods of man to record figures—the knot or the mark on a bit of stick. In the English hop gardens the tallyman (generally the local schoolmaster) goes around with the tally and its mark, and the most civilized Chicagoan still ties a knot in his handkerchief when he is asked "to be sure to remember."—Chicago News.

Tennyson and the Horse.
Tennyson once arrived at Haslemere station carrying a parcel of books, and as his own carriage had not arrived to meet him he was glad to accept the offer of a lift home. Going up the steep hill to Blackdown, Tennyson, with his characteristic consideration for animals, suggested that they and the books were too heavy for the pony to drag. The two men therefore got out and walked for some distance in front of the trap, until they discovered that the books had dropped out. The owner of the pony asked Tennyson to stand at the animal's head while he went back for the books. These he found a hundred yards or more down the hill, and on his return he found the pony had been restive, but had quickly become quiet. Knowing that it disliked strangers, he wondered how Mr. Tennyson had kept it quiet. What was his surprise to learn that the poet had managed the affair by holding a watch close to the animal's ear.

Elephants' Teeth.
The elephant has no cutting teeth, like most animals, but only a series of molars. These molars or grinders as they wear away gradually move forward in the jaw, and the remnant of the tooth, when the surface is completely destroyed, is cast out in front. The same molar can thus be replaced as many as eight times. The tusks, which are only enormously elongated teeth, can be renewed only once. This wearing process and the ejection of the stump of the tooth go on very slowly during the life of the elephant. Only one or two teeth at a time are in use or in view in each jaw. There are always other teeth waiting to pass forward and begin their work, although there is a limit to this succession, for when the last has come into use and been worn down, the elephant can no longer chew his food and must die of starvation, if he has not already succumbed to old age.

The Poet's Banknotes.
In "The Tragedy of Isabella II." it is said that the unfortunate Spanish queen, blessed with generous impulses, was exceedingly charitable. Unfortunately she had no notion of the value of money and would want to give away sums out of all proportion to the occasion. Once the queen had commanded a large grant in aid to a man of letters, and the steward, in order to give her a just idea of its magnitude, decided to present the donation in the form of many banknotes of small value—enough of them to paper the walls of the boudoir. Isabella was startled—she would never have believed, she said, that there were so many banknotes in the world. "But no matter," she concluded. "Since banknotes are so easy to get, it is quite proper to send the poor poet plenty of them."

Realistic Dream.
A Hanover college professor was annoyed by the pranks of a freshman in his classes. He resolved that if that individual would not reform he would "kick" him out of the class.

The other morning the professor was seen coming to college with a slight limp in his gait. He was met by a brother member of the faculty and asked why he was limping.

"I dreamed last night that I was 'kicking'—out of one of my classes, and when I woke up this morning I found that I had a very sore toe. I must have struck the bedpost."—Indianapolis News.

Deeds and Mortgages.
Lord Barrenhurst—You must bear in mind, Gwendolen, that we of the nobility must do nothing unworthy of the deeds of our noble ancestors. Lady Barrenhurst (nee Gotrox of New York)—Deeds of your ancestors? Indeed! How'd you live if it wasn't for the mortgages of mine?—Puck.

Milk in Naples.
In Naples the cows and goats are led through the streets and milked at the doors of the houses. People lower their cans by a string from the upper windows; the animals are milked into the cans, which are then hauled up again.

Too True.
"Our washerwoman says it's funny about colors in dress goods."
"What's funny about them?"
"That folks call 'em fast when they won't run."—Baltimore American.

Widows in Korea.
Widows in Korea never remarry, no matter how young they may be. Even though they had been married only a month they must not take a second husband.

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ONE AND ONE MAKE TWO?

Not Always, by Any Means, According to Sir Oliver Lodge.

Sir Oliver Lodge has attracted a tremendous amount of attention by telling scientists (of whom he is one) that he believes in immortality in spite of science. This is not the first time he has locked horns with scientific dogma. In his book, "Modern Problems," he affirms that one and one do not always make two. And this is the "almost frivolous" way he makes his point:

"I would contend that, whereas the proposition that one added to one makes two is abstractedly beneath controversy, it need not be true for the addition of concrete things. It is not true for two globules of mercury. For instance, nor for a couple of colliding stars; nor true for a pint of water added to a pint of oil or vitriol, nor for nitric oxide added to oxygen, nor for the ingredients of an explosive mixture; nor necessarily true, either, for snakes in a cage, or for capital invested in a business concern, flourishing or otherwise, nor is it true, save in a temporary manner, for a couple of trout added to a pond. Life can make havoc of arithmetic.

"The moral of all which is that propositions can be clear and simple and sure enough, indeed absolutely certain, as long as you deal with abstractions, but that when you come to concrete realities and have all the complexities of the universe behind you—not only behind but in front and among and intermingled with every simplest thing—then we perforce step out of the realm of positive dogmatic security into the region of reasonable and probable inference, the domain of pragmatic conviction, of commonplace intuition, of familiar faith."

Took a Mean Advantage.
Returning from South America, a New York man vouches for the ingenuity of the city officials in Rio de Janeiro.

The householders on a certain street received notices that the city fathers had heard complaints of the high tax rates along that particular thoroughfare, and in order that justice might be done the residents were asked to submit their own valuation of their property. When the prompt and joyful responses had all been received the lots were condemned and bought for a contemplated public improvement.—New York Tribune.

LONG TIME FARM LOANS.

Simple and Easy Credit System That Operates in Europe.

The standard length of time in Europe for a long time farm loan is fifty-four years. For such a loan at the present time the rate is 4.85 per cent divided as follows. Interest 4 per cent, administration .35 per cent and amortization (payment on principal) 50 per cent. This rate will pay both principal and interest and repay all charges due to the bank in fifty-four years. As this will seem almost incredible to some students, I will give a concrete illustration of how it works. It does not depend upon compound interest, but upon the fact that, though the rate of yearly payment remains the same, the charge for interest and administration is constantly decreasing because they are computed on the principal sum which is constantly being repaid; therefore the proportion which is applied toward the repayment of the principal is always increasing.

For illustration, if the debt is \$1,000 the debtor will pay \$25.25 every six months. Of the first payment, \$20 will go for interest, \$1.75 belongs to the bank, and \$2.50 is applied to the repayment of the principal. When the debt is half discharged, however, this distribution will be greatly changed. The borrower will pay \$25.25, as usual. Of this amount only \$10 will go for interest, \$8 cents will be retained by the bank, while \$13.37 will be applied to the discharge of the principal. The final payment will be almost wholly to the payment of principal, as the first one went largely to the payment of interest. In this way one-half of 1 per cent will repay the principal in fifty-four years, provided a constant payment is maintained on the principal for interest during the entire period.—Representative Ralph W. Moss in World's Work.

Cured of Liver Complaint.

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to every one." For sale by all dealers.

The J. Miller company of Omaha filed a case in the county court Wednesday against Charles H. Kuns and Minnie Kuns, of Maxwell, to collect \$286.60 alleged to be due them.

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