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Victory But No Peace.

Once more Germany is ringing bells and flinging out the colors in celebration of a great victory. The smashing of Rumania is said to have had few precedents in the rapidity and thoroughness of the movement. It is a great stimulus to the national pride of the Germans, for it undoubtedly represents a great achievement. But it is doubtful if this victory brings any nearer the peace that all Germany now so ardently desires. The allies are relatively stronger than they were before Rumania declared war. They have lost comparatively few men outside of Rumania. This makes the German losses in the conquest of this country a net loss. Man power will decide the war in the end therefore this conclusion by the Wall Street Journal:

Germany in men, money and munitions is a receding factor while all her enemies are increasing in strength, power and virility.

One of the most notable features of the times showing the inexhaustible power of the allies is that which relates to man power. While Germany has called to the muster role for military activity and industry all males between sixteen and sixty, Russia can outnumber in men all the Teutonic forces. She has already summoned to arms 22,000,000 of her 182,000,000 population. She has 15,000,000 men armed and equipped and 5,000,000 more in training.

France and England are more limited in available men, but the notable news of the day is that Asiatics are flowing into France and Russia and are to be invited to England to work in munition factories and arsenals. Already Japan is one vast arsenal for the allies, but the introduction of Chinese labor to supply the deficiency with the allied countries opens up limitless possibilities.

The most astounding thing about the

war as the German people see it is their inability to win after a long series of brilliant victories. This is because the success of German arms has filled Europe with so much apprehension that none of the allies feel that they can afford to talk about peace. The stronger and more victorious the Germans show themselves to be, the more fixed their enemies become in their determination to break the power of Prussian Militarism. It is that paradoxical situation that may now postpone peace for another year or two.—Lincoln Journal.

No One Loves Soldier Life.

Recruiting officer John J. Flannigan, attached to the Twelfth Regiment, U. S. Infantry, who had been here for eight days, left yesterday without securing a recruit. Officer Flannigan made the federal building his headquarters and though he stood at "attention" in his natty uniform in the corridor of the building from eight in the morning until five in the evening, not a prospective recruit hove in sight—whereat Mr. Flannigan—Irish in name, looks and brogue—muttered something about lack of patriotism on the part of the young men of North Platte and Lincoln county. He is serving his third enlistment and receives \$21 per month and fixings.

Will be Appointed Bank Examiner.

The Sutherland Free Lance says that Chas. R. White, of that place "gracefully acknowledges that he has a verbal promise" for appointment as state bank examiner. Mr. White is a son of James R. White, one of the best known farmers of the valley and a prominent democrat. He has been associated with a bank at Sutherland for a number of years.

Organizing Dancing Club.

Members of the B. P. O. Elks are organizing a dancing club and will give a series of dancing parties at regular intervals during the winter season. It is expected that at least fifty Elks will become members and very pleasant parties are anticipated. The membership fee will be ten dollars.

Arthur Shivers underwent an operation at a local hospital a few days ago for a growth on his neck.

Mrs. P. J. Norris, daughter Mildred and son Francis, were called to Omaha Saturday afternoon by the death of a relative.

An Original Expedient

By ALAN HINSDALE

"Father," said Johnnie, "tell me a story."

"All right; I'll tell you a story about an elopement."

"When I was a young man I secured a position with a maker of artificial limbs. I traveled through the country selling legs and arms and other surgical contrivances to the small dealers."

"One day I was driving along a road with my wagon load of samples when I overtook a pretty girl walking the same way I was going. I asked her if I couldn't give her a lift. She accepted the offer and got in on the vacant seat beside me."

"Her name was—let me see, what was her name? Well, we'll call her Susie. That was the first girl who ever snuggled up to me, and I tell you I stuck to her like a kitten to a foot warmer. In truth, it was one of those cases of love at first sight, and I couldn't tell you which fell in love with the other first. She was going to town to do some shopping, and I arranged with her to drive her back the same afternoon."

"I didn't go into the house with her when we reached her home. You see, it wouldn't look right that I had picked up Susie on the road. But the next time I went over the route I called with a letter of introduction."

"Who from?" interrupted Eva.

"Well, I didn't intend to say anything about that, but since you want to know Susie gave me the name of a friend of hers, and I wrote the letter myself, signing the friend's name. I called on Susie, presented the letter, and she received me as a stranger. Of course that wasn't a nice thing to do, but Susie had told me that her father was a cranky old man and she couldn't make a young man's acquaintance without his asking innumerable questions about how, when and where she had met him."

"When does the elopement begin?" asked Johnnie.

"It begins right here. I visited Susie and courted her. From the first her father opposed me, and when I asked him for his daughter he refused me point blank. Susie wouldn't give me up, and there was nothing for it but to run away and be married. By this time winter had come on, and that winter there was a great deal of snow. After a big storm I started on a business trip in a sleigh. Susie had written me that her father had been called on to serve on a jury and was away most of the time. Her mother sympathized with Susie and me, so she didn't count against us. I drove up to the house one afternoon, and the father being at the county seat, Susie and I concluded that it was as good a time as any to go off and get married. Susie's mother didn't object, and we started."

"We hadn't been gone long when Susie's father came home. He asked her mother where she was, and the poor woman looked guilty. He forced her to admit that Susie and I had gone off to be married and to tell him which way. Then he got into the sleigh he had come home in, and away he went licketty split after us to head us off before we could get married."

"Susie was looking back all the while, and presently, when we were on a rise, she saw her father coming some two or three miles away. Then I knew I was in for a chase."

"Did you lick your horse?" asked Johnnie.

"You bet I did, my boy. But he had no speed in him. I used him simply to jog through the country, carrying me and my samples, stopping here and there, and for this I didn't need a fast horse. The consequence was that Susie's father, having the best animal in his stable, gained on us."

"I was full of expedients, and as I drove on racked my brain for one to delay our pursuer. I remembered that there was a bridge ahead, a small, rickety affair. If I could have time to ruin that bridge behind me I could keep my pursuer from getting over it and in that way I might escape. Then an idea struck me how to cause the delay."

"Passing from a rise down into a place where there was a deep snow-drift beside the road, I pulled up, took a couple of artificial legs from my samples and asked Susie for her shoes. She took them off, and I put them on the wooden feet, got out of the sleigh and stuck the legs in the snowdrift, leaving only the feet and ankles exposed. Then I got back into the sleigh and started on again."

"What's that for?" asked Susie.

"He'll see the feet sticking out o' the snow, think you're buried head down and stop to pull you out. If he takes enough time doing it I'll be able to send that bridge sailing down with the current."

"The bridge was beyond the next hill and, after crossing it, I got out and worked like a beaver till I had loosened the supports and dropped them into the stream. Of course they couldn't be replaced in a hurry, and when I had completed the wreck I breathed easy. I was driving away when I saw our pursuer on the rise behind us. But the race was over. He couldn't get across the stream, and I took my time in driving to a parson's, where Susie and I were married."

"John," said the wife and mother who had come in in time to hear the climax of the story, "you ought to be ashamed of yourself to make up such stuff for the children."

Coyote Round-Up.

A big coyote round-up will take place south of Hershey Saturday, December 15th. Those wishing to join in the hunt, and an invitation is extended to everyone, will meet at Dell Titterington's at 9 a. m., where the route will be laid out and the captains appointed.

It is planned to surround a section at a time and drive toward the center. Coyotes are reported as being more numerous than usual this year and have become extremely annoying to the farmers.

Numerous good dogs have been secured and a day of real sport is anticipated. Dinner will be served at the Rauch Bros. ranch (the old McIntire place). For any further particulars see Dell Titterington.—Hershey Times.

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Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an order of sale issued from the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, upon a decree of foreclosure rendered in said Court wherein Florence M. Hershey is plaintiff and Oliver A. Ridenour et al are defendants, and to me directed, I will on the 29th day of December, 1916, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the east front door of the Court House in North Platte, Lincoln County, Neb., 1916, sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said decree, interest and costs, the following described property, to-wit:

South Half (S 1/2) of Section Ten (10) and the North Half (N 1/2) of Section Fifteen (15), Township Eleven (11), North of Range Thirty-Three (33), Lincoln County, Neb.

Dated North Platte, Neb., Nov. 27, 1916.

A. J. SALISBURY,
Sheriff.

Notice of Petition.

Estate No. 1446 of Claus Gruenau, deceased.

In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska. To all persons interested in said Estate, take notice that a petition has been filed for the probate of an instrument, purporting to be the foreign will of Claus Gruenau and the appointment of Louisa Gruenau, as Administratrix, with Will annexed in said Estate, which has been set for hearing herein on December 15, 1916, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Dated Nov. 17, 1916.

GEO. E. FRENCH,
County Judge.

Notice, Decree of Heirship

Estate of Sophia Meyers, deceased. In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The heirs, creditors and all persons interested in said Estate, will take notice that on the 11th day of November, 1916, Jack Palmer, claiming title by mesne conveyance from Sophia Meyers, decedent filed his petition herein, alleging that the said Sophia Meyers died intestate on or about Feb. 21, 1883, a resident of the city of Washington, D. C. and that at the time of her death she was the owner of, or had an Estate of inheritance in fee simple title in and to Lots 7 and 8, Block 64 city of North Platte in said Lincoln county Nebraska, and that no application has been made in the said state for the appointment of an administrator. That she left surviving her Minnie Oberst, over the age of 21, residing at North Platte, Nebr., a daughter, Mary Reagon, over the age of 21, residing at Washington, D. C., a daughter, Fred Meyers, over the age of 21, residing at Washington, D. C., a son, Sophia Federhoff, over the age of 21, residing at North Platte, Nebr., a daughter.

That all the debts of said decedent have been paid, and praying that regular administration be waived and a decree entered barring creditors and fixing the date of her death and the degree of kinship of her heirs and the right of descent to said real estate.

Said petition will be heard December 15, 1916, at 9 o'clock a. m. at the office of the county judge in said county.

GEO. E. FRENCH,
County Judge.

Sale Under Chattel Mortgage.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a chattel mortgage, dated on the 29th day of September, 1916, and duly filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on the 23d day of September, 1916, and executed by P. H. Lonergan and Lucy Lonergan, husband and wife, to Julius Hahler, to secure the payment of the sum of \$957.50 with interest at 8 percent per annum from date thereof, and upon which there is now due the sum of \$973.45, default having been made in the payment of said sum, and no suit or other proceedings at law having been instituted to recover said debt or any part thereof, therefore I will sell the property therein described, viz: two symplex moving picture machines with stands and equipments complete, all electric wiring, wires, lights, bulbs and sockets, together with all chandeliers, and electric supplies and fixtures, all chairs, stoves, piano and all musical instruments, pictures, paintings and their frames, all stage curtains, stage fixtures and appliances, all electric fans, all opera chairs, being 248 opera and 100 folding slat chairs, and all other personal property and fixtures owned by us or either of us and now used in and about the Pat Theatre in running and operating the same, situate and being in the two story brick building on lot 14, of the Lutheran Subdivision of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 115 of the original town of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, at public auction at the front door of the said described premises, known as the "Pat Theatre" in the city of North Platte, Nebraska, on the 23d day of December, 1916, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon (central time) of said date.