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## KEIL IS GIVEN \$25,000 FOR PERSONAL INJURIES

### BOTH LEGS SO BADLY BURNED IN GOTHENBURG WRECK THAT AMPUTATION NECESSARY

Settlement Made with Union Pacific at Omaha Saturday by Attorney W. E. Shuman, who Represented the Plaintiff.

Wilber Keil, of Blanca, Col., who had both legs terribly burned in the railroad accident at Gothenburg December 19th, effected a settlement with the Union Pacific company at Omaha Saturday through his attorney W. E. Shuman, of this city, and was paid twenty-five thousand dollars in currency.

Keil, who is thirty-two years of age, was enroute to South Omaha in charge of two cars of stock. He was riding in the caboose, and while the train had stopped at Gothenburg the engine of a train following plowed into the caboose pinning Keil in the debris and setting the car on fire. Before Keil could be rescued both legs from the knees down were terribly burned. He was brought to a hospital in this city and kept until the latter part of last month when he was taken to the Clarkson hospital in Omaha. Upon his arrival there the attending physicians concluded that the amputation of both legs was necessary and they were taken off a couple inches below the knees. A photograph of the limbs prior to the operation shows exposure of the bones where the flesh had sluffed off.

Keil suffered intensely and had it not been for his wonderful vitality he could not have withstood the constant agony. Since the operation, he is doing well, and it is confidently expected will live.

As soon as the wounds properly heal he will have artificial limbs fitted. It is his intention to purchase a farm in some part of Nebraska, believing that he will be in a position to successfully supervise it. He owned a place in Colorado, but he will sell his holdings there. Keil has a wife and two children.

### Held as Hostages

Berne Dispatch.—Germany is delaying the departure of many Americans, so she may have them as hostages in the event war is declared between the two countries. Ambassador Gerard admits that an attempt was made to compel him to sign a treaty guaranteeing German ships in American ports be safe in the event of war. This he refused to do. It was at first intended to hold the newspaper men but the strong stand taken by Gerard prevented this and they are with his party. It is generally believed that the other Americans will be delayed in making their departure until German ships in ports of the United States are insured.

"The Flower of No-Man's-Land," the photoplay showing at the Crystal tonight with Viola Dana as the star, is the poetic description applied to Echo whose father died in the Great American desert. She is reared by Kahona an Indian brave. Her first romance with a metropolitan tenor is short lived for when he tries of her when back among friends—deserts her—the Indian foster father brings the career of the singer to a sudden termination.

### FOR SALE

Best bargains ever offered in real estate. See our list.  
**BRATT, GOODMAN & BUCKLEY.**

Dick Baker, of Stapleton, was here yesterday visiting friends and transacting business.

## PIZER WILL ERECT NEW BUILDING ON LOCUST

Last Saturday at referee's sale Julius Pizer purchased the 22x80 foot lot on the corner of Sixth and Dewey streets for a consideration of \$3,500. This lot, which belonged to the estate of C. L. Wood, was sold by order of the court with O. E. Elder as referee.

Mr. Pizer already owned the 22-foot lot adjoining on the north, and as soon as he returns from New York, for which city he left Sunday, he will have an architect at once draw plans for a building that will cover both lots. The front and south wall will be pressed brick and will correspond in style with the building which Mr. Pizer erected two years ago just north of the one he now proposes to build.

Two business firms have already applied for a lease of both floors of the building.

### Crane Estate Property Sold.

Last Saturday the three houses and one vacant lot owned by the estate of E. W. Crane were sold by referee O. E. Elder. The home place on Second street was purchased by Mrs. Crane for \$2,700 and she also purchased the vacant lot in the South Park addition for \$250. The house at the west end of Second street was bought by Mrs. John Jones for \$1,700, and the house on west First by I. L. Bailor for \$1,600.

### Selling Registered Cattle

W. H. Turpie shipped in twenty head of registered Shorthorn and Hereford bulls the latter part of last week from Newton, Iowa, which he is offering for sale at the old stock yards. Saturday and yesterday he sold two Herefords to Wm. Beatty of Brady, two to Mike McCullough of Maxwell and one to Frank Facka who lives south of town. These animals sold from \$225 to \$300 each. Those who have seen these bulls pronounce them unusually good for the prices asked.

With two pile drivers in service fairly good progress is being made on the work at the new depot. One driver is used on the sheet piling the other on the foundation piling, nearly 600 of the latter to be used. Today workmen began laying the floor of the basement at the west end of the building, an improvised plant heating the sand before mixing.

Twelve or fifteen players were on the golf links yesterday afternoon and Arthur Plumer succeeded in tying the previous low record by C. T. Whelan, that of fifty-three. This will probably tend to aggravate the rather keen rivalry which exists between these two players.

The wheat market is extremely feverish these days and the buyer is up against a real game of samblins. Based on Omaha sales yesterday wheat in North Platte is worth \$1.60, but buyers are not keen to load up at that price.

Omaha papers state that the Fifth Nebraska regiment will be mustered out of service Wednesday of next week. The North Platte boys will reach home Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

banks and the Union Pacific shops observed Lincoln's birthday yesterday as a legal holiday. On a number of flags, the stars and stripes were visible.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Souder and baby left yesterday morning for Maryville, Mo., to visit relatives for some time. Before returning they will visit in Chicago.

The bulk of hogs in the South Omaha market yesterday sold at from \$11.90 to \$12.20, five cents higher than Saturday.

## TWO KILLED WHEN CAR PLUNGES OFF A BRIDGE

### HERMAN KOSBAU AND HIS TEN YEAR OLD SON KILLED SATURDAY NIGHT.

Car in Which Family is Enroute Home Goes off the West Side of the Bridge and Drops Twelve Feet to the River.

Herman Kosbau, a well known farmer living southwest of the city, and his ten year old son Harry were killed about 10:30 Saturday night when the car in which the family were returning home plunged off the west side of the bridge across the river south of town. Mrs. Kosbau and a younger son, who were also in the car escaped with slight bruises.

Mr. and Mrs. Kosbau and children drove into town late Saturday afternoon to do their trading. They remained until shortly after ten o'clock, when they started on the homeward trip. When Mr. Kosbau struck the incline leading to the bridge the car was under the wheels hit the protruding approach they swerved to the right and before the driver had time to turn them the car crashed through the soda rails and dropped to the river twelve feet below.

Mrs. Kosbau and the younger son were riding on the rear seat. Mrs. Kosbau was thrown clear of the car, but the father and Harry were thrown underneath the car but free. Mr. Kosbau lay with the side of the car resting on his neck, while Harry was under the back frame of the front seat recovering from the stunned condition due to the fall. Mrs. Kosbau in the darkness of the night attempted to free her husband who was groaning. Finding herself unable to do so, she hurried back to the Graceland addition where assistance from town was summoned. Sheriff Salisbury and others reached the scene at eleven o'clock and found Mr. Kosbau and the older son dead, and the younger son suffering from exposure to ice and water. The bodies of the dead were brought to the Maloney Morgue and the mother and younger son taken in care by friends.

Mr. Kosbau, who was forty-four years of age had lived in Lincoln county since a boy and was well known as an industrious and hustling man. He was a member of the Modern Woodman, Odd Fellow, United Workman and Moose lodges. Surviving him is the wife and little son who made a miraculous escape. The accident is deeply regretted by all who know the family.

The funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 Rev. Harman officiating. Members of the four fraternal orders to which Mr. Kosbau belonged will attend.

### The Darktown Minstrels

The class of 1918 will present the world's famous Darktown Minstrels at the Senior high school auditorium Friday evening of this week. Among the features of the program will be Bonita, the celebrated Oriental Mystic; Fred Du Diable, a second Herman the Great; and a spirited melodramatist "The Villain Still Pursued Her." The class promises one continuous laugh from start to finish.

The admission fee will be twenty-five cents.

## BARRON WILL ORGANIZE A COMPANY OF ZOUAVES

Peter F. Barron whose visible means of support is court reporting for Judge Grimes is now engaged in the laudible effort of organizing a company of zouaves whose services will be tendered President Wilson should the fissure between the United States and Germany widen. Naturally Mr. Barron aspires to the captaincy of the company, feeling that the more or less arduous task of placing the organization in the field worthy of such recompense. Great care will be taken in the selection of the men, the one idea being to have an even hundred who are without blemish physically and mentally, who have been accustomed to rugged work and therefore well seasoned for prolonged campaign duties should such be necessary; in fact the specifications of what the men must possess fill two closely typed pages.

So far but two men have successfully passed the mental and physical examination and found nearly perfect in both. These are Platt White and Arthur Plumer, the former analyzing ninety-seven per cent pure and the latter ninety-six. Several who applied and were examined fell just a shade below the minimum percentage, which is ninety-five. George Fretz registered ninety-four and eight-tenths, Frank Murray ninety-three and three-tenths and Loren Sturges ninety-two and nine-tenths.

It will therefore be seen that it is useless for any but high perfect men to apply; only those who can measure up in all details with White and Plumer being acceptable. Mr. Barron is of the opinion that it will be necessary to go outside the Thirtieth judicial district in order to secure the full complement of the company.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rector are enjoying a visit from the latter's mother, Mrs. Mann, who came from Pine Bluffs last evening.

Charles L. Moore, of Wallace, and Selma J. Ward, of Curtis were granted a marriage license by County Judge French this morning.

## JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DEDICATION NEXT WEEK

Arrangements are now being made for a formal dedication of the new Junior High School building on Friday of next week. While the program has not been completed it is the purpose to have three events during the day. During the forenoon the Senior and Junior high school students will render a program before an audience composed of pupils from the ward schools. In the afternoon the same program will be rendered to an audience of adults, both men and women, and in the evening the formal dedication of the building will be held under the auspices of the board of education, with addresses by members of the board and by other citizens.

The program as soon as completed will be given in full in these columns.

### Elementary School Doings

The sixth grade in Miss Watts' room has been reading about beavers in their reader. One of the pupils brought part of a tree that had been gnawed off by beavers and it was an object of interest that was real.

Most of the pupils in Miss Murray's room have subscribed for a little weekly paper called Current Events. On one day this paper is used for the regular reading lesson. Those pupils who do not have the paper sit with those who do have it and so all can read. In this way the reading lesson is coupled up with the newspapers and the daily doings of the world.

With their pocket knives for tools and chalk-boxes for material the boys of Miss High's room have been making some interesting doll house furniture. They are planning on enlarging this field in the future as they are able to get different material to work with.

Mr. Grady, Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Willerton were visitors at the Washington building this week. No visitors were reported from the Lincoln or Jefferson schools.

The pupils of Miss Hunter's room are making a map of the German submarine danger zone as an exercise in geography.

Irregular promotion of pupils who are, too old for their grades or too far advanced for the work they are doing have been made in some of the schools this week with the idea of evening out the quality of the work done in the different grades. No other cause for promotion has been considered yet this year.

The pupils of Miss Hansen's room decided that Tennyson's "What Did Little Birdie Say?" is their favorite poem in their reader and "Little Red Riding Hood" is their favorite story. This was done by the first grade.

Three pupils of Miss Smith's room have earned the second pin for completing the first 100 drills in Palmer Penmanship.

### Charged With Receiving Stolen Brass

In the county court Saturday afternoon Chas. Echeberry was arraigned on the charge of buying stolen property, this property consisting of brass belonging to the Union Pacific Company. The defendant entered no plea and was released on \$400 bond to appear at a preliminary hearing next Monday. The information against Echeberry was filed by Special Agent Phillips, of Omaha, who came here to run down the thief or thieves who have been stealing brass from the Union Pacific shops, of which about a thousand pounds have been taken in the last ninety days. Phillips intercepted a shipment of brass billed out by Echeberry, and following this the information was filed against the latter.

### North Platte Wins Checker Tournament

In the checker tournament at the Huffman cigar store held last evening between Stapleton and North Platte the latter won by ten games. One hundred and sixty-two games were played and eighteen men took part in the contest. After the games a banquet was served at the Vienna cafe.

### The Retort Courtous.

James Russell Lowell was once a guest at a banquet in London where he was expected to reply to a toast. The speaker who preceded Mr. Lowell said many contemptuous things about the people of the United States, avowing and repeating again and again that they were all braggarts. As American minister at the court of St. James Lowell could hardly overlook this speech, so as he arose he said smilingly: "I heartily agree with the gentleman who has just spoken. Americans do brag a great deal, and I don't know where they got the habit. Do you?"

### A Young Pessimist.

First Office Boy.—The old man's stenographer just told me she loved me for myself alone. Do you think she's kidding? Second Office Boy.—No, certainly not. Probably the old gink is going to raise your salary to \$5 a week and has told her about it.—Boston Globe.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

School girl wants to care for children. Rev. R. H. White, Black 603.

Sheriff Benjamin Sonner, of Arthur county, was a business visitor here this week.

Dr. Twinn made a professional visit to Brady Saturday.

The feature attraction at the Crystal Thursday night will be "Fanchon, the Cricket," with Mary Pickford.

Willis Baker and Don O'Brien returned last evening from Omaha where they spent the week end with friends.

Mrs. Renslow, living at 520 east Second street is suffering from fractured ribs sustained by stumbling over furniture in the dark.

The LeMar rooming house on Front street was sold last week to a lady from Paxton and will be known in the future as "The Eye."

The lower house of the Nebraska legislature passed a bill yesterday appropriating \$100,000 to pay for the destruction of animals affected with foot and mouth disease.

Weather forecast for North Platte and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; somewhat colder to-night. Highest temperature yesterday 41 a year ago 30; lowest last night 23, a year ago 9.

The Episcopal guild will hold its spring sale and supper next Monday afternoon and evening in the basement of the church. Many articles will be on sale during the afternoon, and supper will be served beginning at 5:30.

LeRoy Springer, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Springer, was injured on the head Saturday morning by a passing automobile which struck him while he was playing in the streets.

The North Platte Experimental Substation recently received a number of copies of the 1916 Annual Report of the Nebraska Dairyman's Association. These have been left with Mr. Durbin at the Chamber of Commerce rooms for distribution to people interested in dairying.

Roy Workman, the nineteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samp Workman, who live on the former Watts ranch, died Sunday morning after an illness of several weeks. The funeral service will be held at the Presbyterian church at half past two this afternoon, conducted by Rev. B. A. Cram.

## TO PLANT TREES TO KEEP SNOW FROM RAILROAD TRACKS

Union Pacific officials are figuring on evincing a plan by which if it is adopted, in the future they hope to eliminate snow blockades along that portion of the line through western Nebraska, Wyoming and other prairie districts. The plan is to plant trees.

Estimates are being obtained on the comparative growth of the trees best adapted to the altitude at different points along the line of road and their ability to withstand dry weather. In the event the information justifies making the experiment, it is probable that rows of trees will be planted along the right-of-way, on the north side of the tracks. The idea of the officials is that if the trees will adapt themselves to climate conditions can be secured, wind breaks may be grown up. And it is argued that in a few years these trees will have reached a growth sufficient to hold the snow back from off the tracks, even during the most severe storms.—Omaha Bee.

The congested freight at Nebraska terminals, due to the Wyoming snow blockade, has been moved, and traffic has about assumed normal conditions. At one time about 900 cars were delayed in the local yards.

Miss Alice Langford left last evening for Omaha where she will spend a couple of weeks and will also visit in Corning, Iowa, before returning home.

Miss Mae Hill, of the local teaching staff, returned Sunday evening from a short visit in the eastern part of the state.

The Rowena Circle will meet with Mrs. T. J. Kerr Tuesday afternoon of next week. Every lady Yeoman is asked to come and bring a friend.

Miss Marie Rudat, who recently submitted to an operation for appendicitis at the North Platte General hospital, was able to be out yesterday.

Rev. B. A. Cram left for Sidney Sunday evening to conduct services and visit his father-in-law, Rev. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Oilphant left last evening for Des Moines, Iowa, where the latter will take medical treatment. The Methodist Brotherhood was entertained last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Plummer.

William Adair returned Sunday from Washington, Iowa, where he attended the funeral of a relative.

## Registered Bulls for Sale

These Bulls are exceptionally large boned, good type, strong and rugged, and every one a good individual.

We have eight Shorthorns and seven Herefords left at the old stock yards, North Platte.

### W. H. Turpie.

## PUBLIC SALE

### OF LIVE STOCK WAGONS AND IMPLEMENTS

The undersigned will offer at public sale at the NORTH SIDE BARN, NORTH PLATTE, NEB., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 and 24

Commencing at 12:30 p. m. each day, the following:

#### THOROUGHbred POLAND CHINA HOGS

15 Thoroughbred Poland China Sows with pig, and 2 young thoroughbred Poland China Boars.

#### HORSES

1 black mare 6 years old weight 1600, 1 black gelding 4 years old weight 1650, 1 brown mare 6 years old weight 1500, 1 roan mare 4 years old weight 1500, 1 bay driving mare 6 years old weight 1200, 1 Percheron stallion 5 years old weight 1650. In addition to these a number of other horses will be offered for sale.

#### MILCH COWS

A number of milch cows will be on sale that cannot here be described.

#### IMPLEMENTS

22 wagons of the Old Hickory and Bain makes complete with boxes and seats, 2 new buggies, 2 spring wagons, 1 carriage, a number of listers, cultivators, two rows, plows, discs, harrows, gasoline engine, fanning mill, corn sheller, breaking and stirring plows. All these implements are new. Also a set of work harness.

#### AUTOMOBILES

1 new Chandler Automobile, 1 new Elcar Automobile and a number of second hand cars.

TERMS—All sums under \$20 cash, above that sum 10 months' time at 10 per cent interest. 2 per cent discount for cash.

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