

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Dr. George B. Dent left the latter part of last week for Rochester, Minn. A car load of bodies of soldiers from France passed through this city Tuesday morning on No. 19.

Mrs. C. W. Sprigg, of Kansas City, is visiting friends in this city for some time.

Francis Sandall left the latter part of the week for Grand Island, where he will transact business.

Miss Alma Morrill will leave today for Cleveland. From there she will go to Noagara Falls where she will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ames, of Wallace, were visitors in this city the latter part of the week.

Earl Stamp left Tuesday evening for Cheyenne where he will transact business for a short time.

Harold Peterson left Wednesday evening for Lincoln after visiting at the home of his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Langford left Wednesday for Greeley, Colorado, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clabaugh for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Chaloupka, of Shottsbluff, spent several days with Mrs. Chaloupka's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Murphy.

Lariat Jim

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Perfection in the use of the lasso was the specialty of Jim Willis of Poker Flat, and there was not a man on the ranges who could bring an animal to its knees quicker and surer.

It was at the half yearly round ups and try outs, wild, uproarious carnivals, where Jim excelled. They afforded ambitious cowboys opportunities to show off all the manifold tricks of the flexible rawhide, and one day, after Jim had won all the laurels, a stranger witness of his fascinating maneuvers stepped up to him and tendered a card.

"W. H. Arlington," it read and bore the additional words: "Middle West Circuits."

"What does it mean?" interrogated Jim bluntly.

"Five thousand dollars net to you for half an hour's show twice a day for six months."

"Oh, you want me to act?" interrogated Jim.

"Your natural self, with a natural lasso. A twenty weeks' session."

"I'll take it," announced Jim after a moment's thought. "Two people to see, though, before I leave here. Then I am ready to go with you."

Jim Willis had known two women in his career who had won his deepest regard and respect. One was Mrs. Cora Barker, a widow of thirty with three little children. Her husband had died leaving her penniless. A loafing ranchero named Jose Maderi had annoyed her with persistent proposals of marriage. Jim had trounced the insolent intruder, winning his curses, and had staked the thankful lady with capital to start a little store at the Flat where candy, tobacco and light lunches could be purchased. When he went to say good-bye to her, he had to tear himself away from a shower of blessings from the grateful creature and the wailing grief of the three little ones, whom he had petted and spoiled until they adored him.

His last call was at Dan Campion's cabin upon his daughter, Editha. It was Jim who had found her when lost and nearly frozen a child of barely ten. Now at eighteen he revelled in her beauty and real friendly liking for him. In his mind was the resolve, if he "made his pile" on the stage to come back and ask her to marry him.

Jim electrified vast audiences by his dextrous feats with the lasso and won plaudits and dollars. He started back to the Flat and was crossing the hills when he was struck down from behind by Jose Maderi, who was bound to get even with his enemy. The senseless victim came back to consciousness to find that he had been robbed of the generous earnings of a half year, and lay bound and helpless with the venomous ranchero jeering at him and swinging a heavy whip.

"I'm going to beat you to a pulp!" hissed Maderi, "and then celebrate on your hard earned dollars."

"Not this exact time, you won't!" announced a young man coming from behind the rocks and leveling a weapon. "Hands up, or I'll fire! Then when you have restored your plunder to its rightful owner, right face and vamoose, or I'll make a sieve of you."

Jim was profuse in his thanks to the stranger who had saved his fortune and mayhap his life. The latter refused to be considered a hero and went his way, but Jim expressed the hope volubly that the time might come when he could repay him for his great deed in his behalf.

It came sooner than he anticipated. At the end of a week Jim appeared at the Campion cabin. He was bent now on making a business of winning Editha, but Jim found her in tears. She appealed to him as the dearest friend she had. She confessed that during his absence she had met, loved and had become secretly engaged to a newcomer at the Flat, Paul Norton. The day before she had learned that he had fallen into the hands of a gang of greasers back in the hills and was held captive for ransom.

Jim's heart went down to his boots. The fair fabric of love and marriage he had built so fondly went crashing into ruins. "Who is the fellow?" he demanded gruffly, and Editha showed him a photograph.

It was that of the young man who had saved Jim's life and money. Sadly, but firmly, Jim turned away but with the words: "I'll have him here within twenty-four hours."

They made it a legend of the Flat how Jim shadowed the greaser band for a day and a night, how when they were filing through a narrow pass he, on the cliffs thirty feet above them, with his dextrous lasso described a whirl and a loop, singling out their captive, encircling his arms and then pulling him up out of sight of the baffled group.

Grimly mute, Jim listened to the overwhelming thanks of the reunited lovers. Then he took his way to the little store presided over by Cora Barker.

For two hours he sat with the loving little children tumbling over him joyously, and the buxom, happy mother plying him with all the luxuries in the place. A home feeling warmed the chilled heart of Lariat Jim. Here was devotion and love without stint, where he was needed, welcomed and beloved. With a last sigh he shut Editha out of his life. With hearty sincerity he took into it the four long-souled souls who revered him as champion and hero.

Hand mills were in use among the Britons before the Roman conquest.

TRIBUNE OFFICE AND SHOP TALK

We are glad to acknowledge the efficiency of one of our carrier boys who has not had a complaint filed against him in this office since October 1st. This is Charles Oman who delivers papers on East Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Front Streets. He may have failed to get the paper to the subscriber on some occasion, but we did not hear of it. Such a boy will make good as a man if he continues to be as reliable as he is now.

We are sending out notices to those who are back in their subscriptions and while we do not want to offend anyone there are some who take it as an insult to receive a notice that arrearage is due. Business men expect to receive these notices when they do not pay up on time and we are just following a business custom.

After Dec. 1st, all business locals and want ads will be ten cents a line counting six words to a line. We are entitled to more than that basing the cost on the subscription. We are publishing 2,350 copies each issue.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Judge Woodhurst has issued the following marriage licenses this week: Chas. L. Teel, Kearney, telegraph operator and Miss Martha Husemoller, Kearney. Married by the Judge. William E. James, Maywood, salesman and Nannie C. James, No. Platte. These people were divorced April 13, 1919 and were remarried by the Judge. William L. Ross, No. Platte, U. P. employe and Miss Mary E. Donegan, North Platte, book keeper. Paul E. Vedder, Paxton, rancher and Miss Josephine M. Hehnke Paxton.

Doctor Fetter spent Wednesday in Brady.

Eileen Percy

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Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Stevens, who have resided in California, came the latter part of the week to make North Platte their future home.

The Altar Society of the Catholic church met at the home of Mrs. Clyde Cook Thursday. Dinner was served from three until seven.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyd, of Van Zant, Washington, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Qualley.

Mrs. C. E. Souser and daughter, Miss Helen, left Wednesday for a visit in earney with Mrs. Souser's mother.

Mrs. A. G. Parker, of Maxwell, was a business visitor in the city the first of the week.



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