

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM EXCHANGES WHICH REACH OUR DESK.

VISITORS

About fifty of the members of the Green Village Homestead No. 4664 went to North Platte Monday evening and a big class initiation of the Yeomen Lodge of that city. Three degrees were conferred on about one hundred candidates, after which refreshments were served and the balance of the evening spent in dancing and social amusements. All who attended from here report a royal good time.

Sutherland Courier.

APPRECIATION

Parents and school patrons will be pleased to learn that Miss Margaret Mitchell has contracted with the school board for the position of superintendent of the Maxwell schools for another year. Under her leadership we believe all will agree that we have had the best school in years. Now if the other members of our efficient corps of teachers will follow her lead, Maxwell will be assured of another year of success and progress in school work.—Maxwell Teletop.

ACCIDENT

Meager reports reached Arthur Tuesday that a Mrs. Morse, residing with her family on the Smith farm east of here had been dragged to death by a horse. It seems she rode to the pasture for the cattle and in a short time the horse returned to the house riderless. Search was made at once and her mangled body was found after being dragged some distance before the victim's foot tore loose from the saddle stirrup. She was the mother of five children.

This fatality recalls another tragedy some six years ago on the same farm when Oscar Smith, then owner, was murdered for his money and the house set on fire when the remains were brought to Arthur for post mortem.—Arthur Enterprise.

HEREFORD SALE

The thoroughbred Hereford Stock sale at North Platte Monday was attended by a large number of our stock men and farmers who contemplate improving their herds or going into the stock raising business. All report a successful sale and that the stock sold at good prices.—Sutherland Courier.

The Lincoln County Hereford Association held their first annual sale at North Platte Monday. The buyers were not quite up to the standard of the offerings but then the condition of the money market may have had a little bearing on the sale. However the association members are very well satisfied with the initial sale. The average was \$180 per animal on the offerings which is not quite enough for the class of stock offered.—Hershey Times.

Quite a number of people from here attended the Hereford Sale at North Platte Monday.—Brady Vindicator.

BANK CLOSED

Inability on the part of borrowers to meet their obligations caused the First State Bank, the oldest institution in the county, to close temporarily its doors Thursday morning. This action was brought about owing to the depletion of the bank's reserve fund brought about by not being able to collect notes due the bank. President Day informs us that the bank is solvent and that there is no need for alarm on the part of anyone for the fact that all will receive their money in due time under the state guaranty provision, and that the officials hope to open soon.

A state bank examiner will arrive today and check over the affairs of the institution and proceed to put it on its feet again ready for business. There is no cause for belief that the funds have been misappropriated or misapplied and there is no cause for uneasiness on the part of depositors. The officials of the bank are all men of wealth but like many others have their ready cash tied up in investments, otherwise this blow would not have fallen on the community. The news would urge the whole community to stand by these men and assist them in every way possible to the end that the bank will soon open and be in a position to take care of your needs as in the past.—Garden Co. News.

PLAY BALL

A great team has been signed up. The players will report here the first of May. New uniforms have been ordered and will be on hand for the first game which is expected to be pulled off between the fifth and tenth of May. Eddie Roben, the inspired executive of last season has been selected by the directors to carry the team to a brilliant finish this season again. Nine thousand dollars are available for the ball season.

Manager Roden has signed up Riechle, Pependahl, Kortum, Anderson and is conducting negotiations with others.

The only name possible for a team that does so much for a town, is, logically "The Sidney Boosters," and that it is.

The team will play its way out from Omaha and on the big day of the initial game, a half holiday will probably be declared, the band will lead the population and the team to the ball park, where Mayor Grabbill will hurl the first ball and the president of the association will receive it. Frank Newhouse will umpire the first game.

NO GOOSE

The Editor was a business visitor at Madrid and Elsie Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, renewing subscriptions. Our Elsie correspondent says that "when last seen he was headed to Wallace with a goose under his arm." Well, that must be a goose story for the goose didn't materialize. Maybe he jumped from the polywag express. Anyway, no geese.—Wallace Winner.

HER DESK

By MABEL W. SANFORD.

"Yes," said Brent, answering the deferentially questioning look in the eyes of the clerk, "I like these rooms very much. Did you say they are the only vacant apartment in the house?"

"Yes," returned the polite clerk promptly; "and we shouldn't have these to offer only that the young lady who had them was ill, and obliged to go home."

"I will take the rooms," he said. "But tell me: do all these pictures and this desk go with them, or do they belong to the young lady?"

"Well, it's this way," said the clerk; "they are to stay here if you wish them, not unless. You see, the young lady, Miss Castleton, is an artist—you have heard of her—and these pictures are mostly her own work. She used this room as a studio. And the desk is hers, too."

Stanley Brent was a young man of enough wealth to enable him to indulge his fancies; but he had concentrated all his energies and ambitions upon a novel, which had finally been accepted by a New York publishing firm on condition that he would make certain changes in the plot.

He found his new apartment all that could be desired in the way of stimulus. He whimsically attributed his success to the Chippendale desk, at which he did most of his work.

Hanging directly over the Chippendale desk, there was one picture which roused Brent's admiration and imagination more than all the rest. It was a study of a young man, with features faultlessly Greek, who looked the epitome of youth and poetry and love. It set Brent to weaving a romance at a faster pace than his own pen could follow.

"Yes, that's the man she loves, or did love when she painted it," he said to himself as he lighted his brier, and gave himself up to the joys of speculation.

And Brent put down his brier, and started on a prolonged search for a note from Miss Kingston, who had invited him to dine with her and her chum.

"Here it is," he said at last, spying a blue-gray sheet of note-paper in the far corner of a pigeonhole.

He pulled it out and began to read. A puzzled expression came over his face. He could not remember having received this strange letter:

"It is such a joy to love you that I feel as if I must tell you so. I fancy most women don't tell a man that they love him. They allow him to do all that. Well, my heart, I am different, that is all. I sit here looking at your wonderful face tonight, and it seems to me that you were born for love, just as a Greek statue was born for immortality. I cannot help adding my tribute of adoration, even while I feel that it will not touch you very deeply. Why should it? You must have wearied before this of the countless oblations offered on your altar. Nevertheless, because I love with a love which is as fresh and pure as it is lasting, I dare to tell you so, and sign myself

"Yours devotedly,
"ALICE CASTLETON."

This, then, was the way some woman loved, Brent reflected, as he carefully replaced the tell-tale letter. He wished he had ever known that sort of girl. He made up his mind then and there to meet Alice Castleton, no matter what the pretext, as soon as he finished his novel.

He did not have to wait long, however. As he entered the house late in the afternoon of the next day, he was met by the clerk with a smile and the information that Miss Castleton was in his rooms.

Entering, he saw a plump, merry-faced girl in the act of jumping from a high chair with the fatal picture in her hands.

"How do you do?" she laughed. "I suppose you are Mr. Brent. Well, I am Alice Castleton. I hope you won't mind my taking Narcissus."

"The loquacious gentleman at the desk tells me you are a literary man," she continued, still in a serio-comic way. "Why don't you put us into a story, Narcissus and myself? I've even written him love letters in odd moments when I'd nothing better to do!"

Finally he summoned up sufficient courage to tell her about the note he had discovered, and his romantic deduction. Miss Castleton could not restrain her mirth.

"And now," she said, "which do you prefer, Mr. Brent—the blighted violet of your fancy or the prosaic reality?"

Brent was silent for a moment.

"Might one be permitted to be glad that a Narcissus seems to be his only rival?" he said finally.

"But you forget," laughed Miss Castleton, "that Narcissus spells art, and that art is long."

"May I not see you again?" he pleaded.

"Certainly," returned Miss Castleton. "I was just about to ask you to come to tea next Sunday at my new studio. Here is my card. I am sending for the desk tomorrow. Good-by, Mr. Brent. Until I see you again, remember I am consoling myself with Narcissus!"

Brent looked at the bit of paste-board she had left in his hand, kissed it with reverence, and placed it in a conspicuous position on her Chippendale desk.

"And there are four beastly days," he sighed aloud, "until Sunday!"

FAMINE FUND WORK AT HALF-WAY MARK

Thomas W. Lamont, Chairman, Tells of Relief Administered and Task to Be Completed.

The American Committee for China Famine Fund, according to a statement issued by Thomas W. Lamont, chairman, has reached the second stage of its mission of mercy of sending funds from America to feed the millions of starving famine victims to the far eastern republic. At the latest estimate, the statement says, just as much more is needed to carry "the last 5,000,000" through to the June harvest as has already been sent.

Mr. Lamont points out that quick response by America to appeals made by President Harding and his predecessor, President Wilson, has resulted in such prompt distribution of relief that the threatened magnitude of the famine has been checked to a marked extent. A continuation of the efforts so far made, it is declared, will place the famine relief for China among America's most effective philanthropies.

The Waiting Millions
There remains, however, the statement shows, a "last 5,000,000" to be saved, and these people can be saved only by continuous and voluminous relief resulting from American subscriptions.

The statement, in part, follows: "Quick response to the appeal of the American Committee for China Famine Fund gives us at the half-way point in our work the cheering assurance that the subscriptions from generous America already have served a great humanitarian purpose, inasmuch as relief already administered has held the famine in bounds and made it possible for America to save a multitude of human beings.

"Whereas early estimates made it seem that millions must perish, we now are advised that instead of the 15,000,000 who, it was originally feared, were doomed to death from hunger, relief at present in sight from all sources, American, Chinese and foreign, is sufficient to provide scanty rations until the June harvest for all except 5,000,000 people. These 'last 5,000,000' are destitute, according to our latest reports from the American Advisory Committee in Peking and are dependent for existence upon new help coming from outside sources, and this means America.

From All the People
"It is the earnest hope of the Committee that the number of contributions made as well as the aggregate will be such as to make our humanitarian gift, in a real sense, a gift of the American people as a whole.

"One way to make individual effort and generosity contribute toward saving China's starving population is for every one responsive to China's need, in effect, to 'pick a pal in China for a day.' The thought behind this special appeal in connection with the latter part of our effort will be for American men, women and children to choose, figuratively, a Chinese famine victim as a friend for a day and to send what they spend one day on themselves or an American friend to the China Famine Fund either through local committees, banks or churches or direct to Vernon Munroe, treasurer, Bible House, New York City.

"No American is so poor that he cannot save a life at the lowest rate ever quoted, one dollar a month. Life's quotations fluctuate, sometimes in one nation, sometimes in another, but the lower the quotation the greater the opportunity of humanity, the opportunity of human beings to save human life. China is far away—6,000 miles—but hunger is hunger, whether around the corner or beyond the Pacific.

"We appeal to America to make effective the work already done in checking the China famine disaster by saving until harvest those already saved from death."

"CHINA WEEK" IS SUPREME EFFORT OF FUND WORKERS

As a practical and popular demonstration of the sympathy of the nation for a sister republic, a "China Famine Week" to be observed throughout the United States, has been set for the eight days from Sunday, May 1, to Sunday, May 8, inclusive.

In this week it is hoped that the churches and civic, commercial and professional bodies will take an active part. The success of this week will determine largely the amount of relief which can be sent through personal sacrifice to 5,000,000 starving people still dependent on outside aid.

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RESCUE IN STORM

By EDWINA ROSATTO.

The sky was threatening, with its ominous masses of purplish black thunder clouds streaked every now and then with flashes of chain lightning. Though the storm was still at some distance from the quiet lake, everyone was scurrying in to the landing, for it gave promise of being a severe one.

The group of girls at the boathouse were casting frequent glances at the approaching darkness in the heavens. Only one of them stood silently apart. She seemed to be gazing vacantly out over the expanse of water.

"Why, Alta!" cried Muriel Brown, a tiny blonde. "Surely you are not frightened by the storm!"
Alta slowly shook her head. The girls whispered covertly to one another, for they knew that it was not the fright of the storm that troubled Alta.

"Fie! Alta Winston!" said Muriel in mock indignation. She seemed to be leader of the group. "Thinking of Mr. Hilton? You are a fine bachelor girl. I suppose it is quite natural to be so anxious for one's future brother-in-law, isn't it, girls?"

They joined in her merry peal of laughter. Strangely Alta did not participate in their fun. The storm was quite near now, and one by one they sped timorously from the boathouse to their camp. Only Muriel remained with Alta. She was troubled by the girl's seeming moodiness.

"I am sorry," she began, half apologetically, putting her arm around Alta's waist, "but I didn't mean to be rude. I never knew you to be so smitten with any fellow like this, and we do hate to lose you."

"Please don't jest, Muriel," Alta interposed. "Why won't you girls take me seriously. You have often heard me speak of Harry. You know he is engaged to Helen. He has often teased me about our 'bachelor camp,' and I invited him up while Helen was away on his vacation. Now he is out alone on that lake"—her voice broke as a warning rumble announced the beginning of the storm. "He doesn't know about the drop at the mill up at the other end. After all, he is like a brother and—"

"You silly girl," interrupted Muriel, though her heart sank inwardly. "He will be in any moment. Oh!" she started at a fearful crash of thunder. "Come back from that door, Alta. It is dangerous to stand near it!"

"I have watched the lake since he went out. I made him promise not to go far, for some vague foreboding troubled me," she spoke as if to herself. "It is all my fault. It would kill Helen if anything should happen. There is only one thing for me to do," and she started for the landing. Muriel had only dimly grasped the meaning of her words.

"Alta Winston!" she cried, seizing her by the hands. "You won't go out on that lake in this storm. It is madness—it's worse—it's death!"
Muriel's efforts to stop her were futile. With a quiet smile she thrust the little blonde from her and in trice was down on the landing and into her motor boat. Muriel gasped in dismay and her face went as white as her sailor dress. She stepped to the head of the landing. As she did, a vivid flash of lightning lighted the whole of the darkening lake.

It did not take long for Muriel to spread the news, even though the storm was at its height; but luckily both storm and peril proved to be not as great as had been threatened.

In less than three-quarters of an hour the boathouse was thronged with people. Though the waters of the lake were still tossing wildly, many were starting out after the brave girl when a cry went up that her motor boat had been heard.

In the meantime Muriel was surrounded by a bevy of anxious questioners.

"Just to think," she kept saying. "Her bravery was in vain for Harry Hilton had already put in at one of the other camps, where they mistook him for one of their new members who is missing. He is right here now, while poor Alta is probably drowned."

A loud cheer proved that she was mistaken about Alta's danger, for that young lady had already reached the landing. It was hard to distinguish her in the darkness, but as the lantern shone upon her its light disclosed a rather bedraggled but joyful Alta.

"I've got him!" she smiled weakly. "He was just drifting to the drop when he capsized. It was hard work, but—"

She stopped abruptly. There before her with the lantern stood Harry Hilton. Amazed, she watched him shift his light upon the unconscious form they were lifting from the boat. Then she turned quickly to hide her embarrassment, for his face was a strange one. He was the missing camper.

About 10 o'clock that night Muriel interrupted the rubber hand of whist at the "Bachelor Camp."

"Girls," she said, slamming the door by way of announcing the importance of her appearance. "The doctor said that Alta's camper needed a nurse, so she remained to fill the position. I guess we have lost her this time all right. Do you know, I am going to make an addition to the rules of the camp. No member can under any condition go fishing during a thunder-storm."

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate No. 1809 of Alice R. Heyse, deceased in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.
The State of Nebraska, ss: Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is August 10, 1921, and for settlement of said estate is April 5th, 1922; that I will sit at the county court room in said county on May 10, 1921, at 9 o'clock a. m. and on August 10, 1921, at 9 o'clock a. m. to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.
Dated April 5th, 1921.

WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
County Judge.

NOTICE OF PETITION

Estate No. 1813 of John H. Singleton, 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 last Will and Testament of John H. Singleton, deceased and for the appointment of Sarah Anna Singleton as Executrix of said Estate, which has been set for hearing herein on April 29, 1921, at 10 o'clock a. m.
Dated March 31, 1921.
WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
County Judge.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of March, 1921, there was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, a petition asking for the formation of Drainage District No. 2 of Lincoln County, Nebraska, under Article 5, Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Nebraska for the year 1913, the title of which appears in the Revised Statutes of the State of Nebraska for the year 1913 as "Drainage Districts Organized by Vote of Land Owners," and the full title of which act as the same appears in Chapter 153 of the Session Laws of the State of Nebraska for the year 1907 as follows:

"AN ACT to provide for drainage districts to drain wet land and land subject to overflow; and any land which will be improved by drainage; to build dykes and levees; to construct, straighten, widen, deepen, or alter any ditch, drain, stream, or watercourse; to riprap or otherwise protect the bank of any steam or ditch; to construct, enlarge, extend, improve or maintain any drainage system; to construct, enlarge, extend, improve or maintain any system of control of surface water or running water, and the rights, obligations, and powers of such corporations, including the power of eminent domain, the creation of debts, issuing of negotiable bonds, and the levying of special assessments on such real estate and easements therein as may be benefited by such public work, and defining the duties and powers of public officials; that the boundaries of said proposed Drainage District No. 2 of Lincoln County, Nebraska, as fixed by the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, Nebraska, are as follows:

Commencing at a point where the line of the south bank of the North Platte River intersects the West line on Section nine (9) in Township fourteen (14) North, of Range thirty-three (33) West of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska, running thence south along the west line of said section nine (9) to the southwest corner of said Section nine (9); thence east along the south line of said Section nine (9) to the southeast corner of said Section nine (9), in Township fourteen (14) North, of Range thirty-three (33) West of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska; thence south along the west line of Section fifteen (15) to the southwest corner of said Section fifteen (15), in Township fourteen (14) North, of Range thirty-three (33) West of the 6th P. M., thence east along the south line of Sections fifteen (15), fourteen (14), and thirteen (13), all in Township fourteen (14) North, of Range thirty-three West of the 6th P. M., and east along the south line of Sections eighteen (18), seventeen (17), sixteen (16), and fifteen (15), all in Township fourteen (14) North, of Range thirty-two (32) West of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska, to the southeast corner of the southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section fifteen (15) in Township fourteen (14) North, of Range thirty-two (32) West of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska; thence south along the west line of the East half (E 1/2) of the Northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section twenty-two (22), in Township fourteen (14) North, of Range thirty-two (32) West of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska, a distance of forty (40) rods to the southwest corner of the Northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northwest quarter (NE 1/4) of the Northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of said Section twenty-two (22); thence east along the south line of the North half (N 1/2) of the North half (N 1/2) of Sections twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24), all in Township fourteen (14) North, of Range thirty-two (32) West of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska, to the southeast corner of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section twenty-four (24), in Township fourteen (14) North, of Range thirty-two (32) West of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska; thence north along the east line of Section twenty-four (24), thirteen (13) and twelve (12), all in Township fourteen (14) North, of Range thirty-two (32) West of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska, to a point where the south bank of the North Platte River intersects the east line of said Section twelve (12), in Township fourteen (14) North, of Range thirty-two (32) West of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska; thence in a westerly direction along the south bank of the North Platte River to the point of beginning, and that said drainage district include all lands lying within said boundaries.

That an election will be held at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, in the Court House at North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 6 o'clock P. M. on the 21st day of April, 1921, for the purpose of determining the question of the formation of the proposed drainage district and for the further purpose of electing a Board of Directors for said Drainage District, which said Board will be composed of 5 Directors, who will take their office contingently upon the formation of said Drainage District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 26th day of March, 1921.
WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
County Judge.

A. A. ALLEN,
County Clerk.