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MORE LOCAL MATTERS.

James Furley, formerly of Ewing, but now of Chadron, has been shaking hands with former O'Neill friends this week.

Louis Stevener has purchased the Christy Yantzi residence in the southeast part of town and has moved to O'Neill from his ranch in the northern part of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ernest and Mr. and Mrs. David Riser drove up from Milford, Nebraska, last Saturday and are visiting at the J. U. Yantzi home and with other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford B. Scott will leave Friday to be gone until the first of the year. After attending the Syracuse-Nebraska football game at Lincoln, Mrs. Scott will go to Sabetha, Kansas, to visit relatives while Mr. Scott will go to New York City to attend the Interfraternity Conference held there November 30th and December 1st as one of the delegates of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity of which he is a national officer. He will also attend, while in New York City, a convention of editors of all fraternity publications. Following this he will be engaged in business for the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity for a month which will take him to various points in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York state, Pennsylvania, Delaware, District of Columbia and Virginia. He expects to spend Christmas in Richmond, Virginia. From December 27th to 29th he will attend the convention of his fraternity in Columbus, Ohio, after which he will return home being joined in Omaha by Mrs. Scott.

MINNESOTA ELECTRIC CO. TO BUILD HIGH LINE

H. H. Henley, president of the Minnesota Electric Distributing Company, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, spent most of last week looking over the company's interests in this vicinity. Mr. Henley met with the city council at a special session last Friday evening, at which time he explained what the company intended doing in the near future in the development of better service and extensions.

Mr. Henley informs the council that a high line will be constructed from Creighton to O'Neill this fall and that work will be begun soon with a force of 250 men working from each end of the line. This will connect O'Neill with a high line that is serving more than 100 towns. The company have a loop of 2500 miles of high line without a

break with the exception of about thirty miles south of Sioux Falls. This loop extends from Sioux City, Creighton, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Minneapolis, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Chicago, Indianapolis, Indiana and Louisville, Kentucky.

When O'Neill is connected to the high line the O'Neill plant, according to President Henley, will be used to care for a group of fifteen towns in this vicinity that is expected to come in later.

JAMES HARNISH HAS COPY OF PAPER CONTAINING ACCOUNT OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S ASSASSINATION

James Harnish has a copy of the New York Herald of April 15, 1865, containing an account of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, the attempted assassination of Secretary Seward and appeal of President Jefferson Davis of the Confederate States to his followers. An article under a Danville, Virginia, date line of April 5 says in the headlines that Governor Vance of North Carolina has advised the submission of the south to the terms proposed by President Lincoln, and also that Jefferson Davis in his last proclamation advises that Virginia be held by the confederates at all costs. Another account is of the fall of Richmond and still another of the details of the terms of surrender imposed by General Grant. The paper consists of four pages, of six columns each, and contains no display advertising. There are several columns of reading notices and the editor, James Gordon Bennett, even apologizes for the appearance of these as lending a commercial tone to the publication. The paper was presented to Mr. Harnish by Clyde Bowden, who found two copies in the effects of his late grandfather. Mr. Bowden retains the other copy.

IOWA HUNTERS WOULD HELP TO SUBDUDE FEROCIOUS WILD DUCKS

Iowa sportsmen would assist in subduing the flocks of ferocious wild ducks which are terrorizing hunters down in the vicinity of Cottonwood lake. After noticing an account of the recent attack on Mr. John Bilsinger, of Chicago, which occurred at the lake last week, several of the Iowa men have written to John L. Quig tendering assistance. The letters and the account of Mr. Bilsinger's sad experience, which aroused them, follows:

Avoca, Iowa, November 20, 1923.

"Friend John: Enclosed find clipping from the Omaha Bee. We have here a few bold, brave hunters that, when they read that article they were going to buy a ticket for O'Neill, Nebraska. They are friends of mine and I say: 'Boys don't you do it.' I told them that I had a friend living there and I would write him first and get the straight of it. Now John, I don't wish these boys any harm, and if it is awful dangerous and they are likely to get run over, or eat up by a flock of wild ducks I will try and stop them from going. Father Albers here was going to start immediately but I finally coaxed him to wait for an answer to this letter. Frank Numan was also on the war path, but I got him cooled down; and I almost forgot Mr. Ebersoll, 'Skinney' for short. Skinney Ebersoll for long and Mr. Ebersoll for both, is another quite brave hunter that was going to start immediately, but I finally got all of them to wait till I heard from you in regard to their safety there.

H. E. LEACH, Sr.

Avoca, Iowa, Nov. 20, 1923.

"Hello, John: Are the ducks sober yet? Advise Hub to keep his friends away until after the ducks and geese get over their celebration and the

frost is off the alfalfa."

F. M. BEYMAR.

"John Bilsinger, Chicago sportsman, is under the care of physicians at the Double O ranch, northwest of Cottonwood lake, recovering from numerous bruises and a severe buffetting received at the lake last week while fighting for his life against the attacks of a flock of infuriated redhead ducks and Canadian brant.

Mr. Bilsinger, inexperienced as a duck huter, was shooting from a blind well out in the shallow lake, when he crippled a brant which dropped close to the rushes, well away from him. Leaving his gun in the blind he waded after the brant and caught it before it could get to deeper water. Aroused by its cries the flock, which had taken flight, circled and attacked the hunter, who because of his waders filling with water was unable to get back promptly to his gun and the blind.

The infuriated birds attacked him with wings and bills in numbers and were joined by an incoming flock of redheads that had been feeding in a nearby alfalfa field. The battle waged for over an hour and until Mr. Bilsinger, with his hunting coat wrapped about his head to save his eyes, finally reached the shore, from which, after removing his boots, the hunter staggered toward the ranch house a mile and a half away. The birds pursued until frightened away by the baying of a pack of wolf hounds kept by the ranchman to chase coyotes, and then made off.

The incident has been investigated by Prof. M. H. Horiskey, a local naturalist, who has made a study of wild birds and their habits. The professor, after visiting the alfalfa field, expresses the belief that the unusual action of the birds was due to their feeding on frost bitten alfalfa blossoms, the potentially of which as a fighting liquor when made into a tea long has been known to the natives.

Mr. Bilsinger's injuries, while painful, are not serious."

CHARACTER NEED IN FICTION

Fewer Complexes and More Personalities is Essential in American Scenes, Canby Says.

Character is essentially what the American scene has to offer the makers of literature—character, the essence of the novel (to which plot is only a convenience), the chief ingredient of all literature not lyrical or philosophic. The characters that have escaped description so far in the United States! I know a dozen which, properly interpreted, and transmogrified into art, would be worth all the realistic, arrant, erotic naturalism in a thousand book shops. Men and women are dying daily who would have made novelists' fortunes and been our delight. Can't we have fewer complexes masquerading as humans, less social conscience, not so many dusty, dirty details of suppressed lives and more people of blood, grit and passion? Can't we have more personality, self-sustained and convincing, which embraces all true motives and impulses, of being merely compounded of psychologists' terms? Can't we have men, women and children whose names we remember although we have known them only in a book? Russian literature will not give them to us, not at least our own brand; nor French, nor British. The job waits upon American writers. Perhaps in serene old age our younger generation will find the time to smile and do it.—Henry Seidel Canby in Century.

"WINE" WAS SPRING WATER

An Explanation of the Split Between Marshal Wu and General Feng.

The Peking correspondent of Kolnische Zeitung reports that everyone in China talked of this summer's civil war as confidently as a Danish peasant talks of the next vintage.

He considers Gen. Feng Yu Hsiang a coming man, and gives this curious account of his alleged break with Marshal Wu Pei Fu, whom he supported against Chang Tso Lin in last summer's civil war.

It seems that Marshal Wu Pei Fu was having a great birthday celebration. His entire camp was en fete. Such observances are always important in China, and in case of prominent leaders are the occasion for political demonstrations and the laying of political plans.

Wu Pei Fu is a "lover of good liquor." His Christian lieutenant, Gen. Feng Yu Hsiang, is a total abstainer and a prohibitionist. Indeed, his army of poundhead followers is as white ribbon as himself. Among the gifts to the marshal were naturally many cases of wine, and especially of Chinese spirits distilled from rice.

When these were opened at the marshal's birthday banquet, it was discovered that the offering from the Christian general contained good spring water. This caused some irritation, and, added to other differences, has made the two leaders enemies.

Written Language for Belgians. In the ordinary way the natives of the Belgian Congo do not wear any clothing, but sometimes put on a hat or a ribbon or carry a sunshade when they are going to have a photograph taken. This is considered a social event. These black people are very moral and live better lives than many of the well-dressed persons in other parts of the world.

Missionaries in the Congo have developed a written language for the natives by jotting down the sounds as they fall from the lips of these denizens of the African forests. The way they teach the natives is to instruct the brightest among the younger men and women, and they in turn instruct the others.

"DOVER ROAD" WINS APPLAUSE

Hart Jenks, Richard Day and Fern Hubbard Are Leads.

Lincoln Neb., Nov. —"The Dover Road," presented at the Temple Theatre by the University Players last night, met with the approval of a highly appreciative audience. Many times, the applause and laughter indicated the approval of the subtle English humor and the ability of the cast.

The Dover Road is the route that couples take to Calais when eloping. Latimer, a wealthy and influential Englishman has a house on that road and it has been his hobby to kidnap the couples, keeping them for a week. If, at the end of that time, they still feel that they want to continue the trip that they started, he gives them his blessings and sends them on their way.

Hart Jenks, as Latimer, gives a clear-cut, convincing character. His personality and English accent dominates the entire play.

Richard Day, as Leonard, acts the typical English lord in a realistic and pleasing manner. His interpretation of the character makes his portrayal of the selfishness of Leonard, a prominent part of the production.

Miss Fern Hubbard, as Eustacia, presents the artificial and doting character of the wife in a pleasing and clever manner. In contrast to her, Dwight Merriman, as Nicholas, a modern Oxford student. His artificiality in bold relief to his frankness emphasizes both of their parts and lends further credit to their abilities.

The entire play was presented in a manner that bespoke the careful and skillful preparation of the directors, Miss H. Alice Howell and Herbert Yenne. The lighting effects, the scenery, and the general atmosphere of the play gave the audience a fine appreciation of "The Dover Road."

M. E. CHURCH NOTES.

The revival services continue with good interest and an increasing attendance. So far this week the evangelist has been dealing with questions of the future, such as the second coming of Christ, of future punishment and of heaven.

On Friday afternoon at 3:45 there will be a special service for the children of the grades. They are invited to the church direct from the school house. Good songs and a special message for them.

Hear the word of the Lord: God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16. Repent ye, and believe the Gospel. Mark 1:15.

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation. Heb. 2:3.

WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES.

The General meeting of the Woman's club will be held at the club room, Wednesday afternoon, November 28th.

At this meeting, the reports of the delegates who attended the state convention of the Nebraska Federation of Woman's Clubs at Beatrice, last month, will be given.

Much business of importance is to come up at this meeting, and a large attendance is desired. The club room lacks much needed furniture. Any one having a table, a desk, or floor screens, that they feel they can donate to the club, call Mrs. J. M. Hunter.

Any needed furniture donations will be gratefully received by the club.

W. C. T. U. NOTES.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. J. H. Meredith Tuesday, November 20th. After the regular meeting Rev. Wood gave a fine talk to mothers, and you who were not there missed a treat.

Every member is requested to attend the next meeting, Tuesday, December 4th, at the home of Mrs. E. F. Roberts. Mrs. Uttley will lead. Topic: "Legislation."

The W. C. T. U. will have a food sale at Ben Gradys store, Saturday afternoon, December 15th. Contributions by any one wishing to help this organization will be gratefully accepted.

WOMAN'S CLUB RUMMAGE SALE

The Rummage Sale will be held in the old Rest Room in the Cook building on Friday afternoon, November 30th and all day Saturday, December 1st. Have your donations ready, Monday, November 26th; committees will call for them.

COMMITTEE.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown us during our late bereavement, the death of our husband and father.

Mrs. Catherine Wabs.
Henry Wabs and family.
August Wabs and family.
William Wabs.

McALLISTER-WILKINSON.

(Atkinson Graphic.) Miss Esther McAllister daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McAllister was married on October 13th at Dallas, S. D., to Mr. Earl Wilkinson, whose parents reside in Colome, South Dakota, where the young couple will also make their home, the bridegroom conducting a business there. Miss McAllister had been spending the past several months with her father on the ranch south of Dallas but has spent most of her life in Atkinson where she has many friends who extend best wishes for future happiness.

DEATH OF CIVIL WAR VETERAN.

(Atkinson Graphic.) John T. Elsberry was born in Will County, Illinois, June 20, 1847. He enlisted for service in the Civil war at the early age of sixteen years

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serving one year and eleven months in the Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry.

On the Price raid through Missouri and Kansas he was in the saddle forty-two days and nights and was at Kansas City when the surrender of Morgan, Duke and Cable with three thousand men was received. He was a faithful soldier and was active throughout the period of his service. His health was undermined by privation and exposure and he suffered from wounds received during his service to his country. He was given an honorable discharge. He was united in marriage to Eliza Jane Booday at Kankakee, Illinois, on March 23, 1874, residing there for three years when they

moved to Dyersville, Iowa. It was while living here that he and his wife united with the Baptist church of which they were faithful members until their departure to make their home in Atkinson, Nebraska, where they have since resided, transferring their membership to the M. E. church. He has been a faithful member and attendant. He was a member of the Edward Lenox Post No. 39, of Atkinson and was one of the very few old soldiers who are fast passing. After an illness of seventeen days from infection of the face, he died on November 10, 1923, at his home in Atkinson, aged 76 years, 4 months and 21 days. Mr. Elsberry was of a kindly, friendly nature and was loved by all. He leaves to mourn his death a wife, children, Mrs. Francis McKee, Chamberlain, Nebraska; Mrs. Effie Porter, White Cloud, Kansas; Mrs. May Beebe, Emmet, Nebraska; Mrs. Grace Buch, Clearwater, Nebraska; Mrs. Ethel Mohr, O'Neill, Nebraska; Mrs. Cloe Marcellus, Stuart, Nebraska; Earl Elsberry, Atkinson, Nebraska; a brother, Wm. Elsberry and a sister, Margaret Preston, both of Marseilles, Illinois. There are also thirty-seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was a man who had many friends by whom he will be sadly missed.

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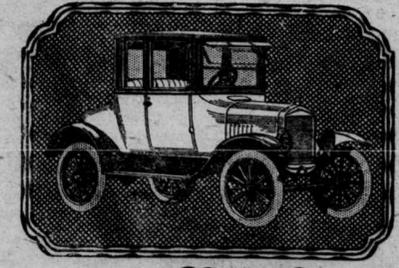


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