The Plattsmouth Daily Herald

KNOTTS BROS.,

Publishers & Proprietors.

A Silsbary Dentist, in Rockwood Building.

—Great discount sale at Beck & Birdsall's. Call and get a discount bill.

—This morning at court a divorce was granted in the case of Owens vs Owens.

—The young ladies of the M. E. church and Sunday school, will give a sociable on next Friday envening, Oct. 21, at the home of Miss Lou Richey.

—Dr. N. Spaulding Smith whose parlors are at the Perkins House, removed from Mrs Mary E. Laffain two large scalp tumors this morning.

—Remember the Milk Maid Carnival at Fitzgerald's hall to-night. The programme will commence at eight o'clock, dancing at ten. Admission including dance tickets $1. General admission 15c.

—Court opened this morning with Judge Chapman on the bench. Judge Allen B. Field arrived on the Lincoln train and proceeded to the court house where he relieved Judge Chapman. No important business was up for the day.

—John H. Ames of Lincoln, who appears to have charge of the Lincoln cable railway line is preparing, instead, to erect an electric railway after the pattern of those in New York City, and intends to lay double track.

—There will be a meeting of the Plattsmouth prohibition club at the house of F. F. Badgley, corner of 8th and Marble streets, on Saturday evening Oct. 15, at 8 o'clock. All prohibitionists are invited to attend.

WM. A. TIFFANY,
Sec. Cen. Committee.

—J. W. Bullis a farmer living four miles southwest of town, lost four stacks of wheat valued at a little more than $200,00 by fire, Sunday night. It is supposed to have been the work of incendiaries.—*Republican.*

—Leave orders for wood with John Tutt at Bennett's grocery store. 8t f

—This afternoon just before 2 o'clock clouds of smoke were seen rolling up in the direction of Pacific Junction. At first it was thought the town must be in flames, but a telegram from there stated the fire was west of the junction and was probably burning gras. as there were no buildings in that direction.

—Mrs. J. F. Johnson has recently returned from St. Louis where she purchased the finest lot of hats, bonnets, ribbons and other millinery that could be found there. We have taken a personal look at them and pronounce them superior to anything of the sort ever brought to Plattsmouth. Mrs. Johnson desires her lady patrons to call and see these beautiful goods before the nicest of them are sold.

—The state convention of the supporters of the home of the friendless at Lincoln, closed yesterday. For the coming year Mrs. R. C. Morley was elected president; Mrs. C. N. Poole, Tecumseh, recording secretary: Miss P. T. Elliot corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. D. Parish financial secretary, and Mrs. Louis Helmer was elected treasurer. A board of directors of seven members was elected and the meeting adjourned till April after adopting resolutions of gratitude to the railroads and people of Lincoln.

Compromising Rates.

During the republican state convention at Lincoln last week it was learned that the railroads had made overtures to the state board of transportatson for a compromise of the move to force a one-third reduction in rates all over Nebraska. Yesterday representatives of the Union Pacific, Burlington and Elkhorn roads assembled at the capital and are holding star chamber sessions with the board.

Court Notes.

In the case of Elizabeth J. Etter vs. Richey, et al Judge Chapman handed down his opinion to-day, holding that there was error in the record of the county court in striking the appeal bond from the files of lower court. Cause remanded with orders to bestow the same.

In the appeal case between the same parties the case was submitted on the motion of Richey et al to dismiss the appeal.

In the two cases of Bickett vs Hofer, one on error and one on appeal, both cases were argued and submitted.

Before Judge Field "the First National bank" vs. "Porter" et al, was argued on a demurrer to the petition. Mr. Covell for Porter and Mr. Hartigan for plaintiff bank. Cause taken under advisement.

Before Judge Field in the case of Elizabeth Copeland vs. Isaac O. Copeland for divorce on ground of Copeland's previous marriage and legal wife living. Byron Clark appeared for plaintiff and the marriage of I. O. and Elizabeth Copeland was declared null and void.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. H. J. Streight went to Weeping Water to-day.

—Mrs. D. H. Wheeler of Omaha visited in the city yesterday.

—Mrs. Kate Oliver returned last evening from her visit to Omaha.

—Mrs. Fred Bishop left this morning to visit her sister at Plumb Hollow, Ia.

—Mr. M. A. Hartigan returned last evening from Lincoln where he has been attending court.

—Thomas B. Gordon, of Baltimore, came in this morning to look after his Plattsmouth real estate.

—W. P. Keeler, of Anderson, Iowa, who has been attending the K. P. assembly in Omaha, came down to Plattsmouth this morning to visit.

—Judge S. M. Chapman returned this morning from Des Moines where he has been attending the reunion of his old regiment. He reports having a good time.

—James Donnelly, of Harverd, Neb., left for that place last evening. He was here to attend the wedding of his cousin James H. Donnelly and Miss Alice Herrmann.

—Mr. C. H. Parmele and Mr. S. H. Atwood went to Ashland last evening to load some cattle there to-day, Mr. Parmele took his little grand daughter home who has been visiting him for the past week.

The Hornet's Nest Brigrade Reunion.

The Des Moines papers give about one half of their space to an account of the reunion of the famous hornet's nest brigade. The affair was a grand one, long to be remembered. Our fellow towns man, Judge Samuel M. Chapman, was complimented by being selected to present on the part of the 14th regiment a fine gold headed cane to the gallant Col. Shaw. This he did in a fine speech which was fittingly responded to by Col. Shaw.

—Pick out the piece of Real Estate you want and then call for price and terms upon Windham & Davis. Over Bank of Cass Co. 18tf.

The Sackett-Monroe Wedding.

One of those pleasant, happy social events which are enjoyed more than any other through the course of life, took place at the residence of W. J. Monroe in this city, on the evening of October 6th. Handsome invitations had been out for a fortnight announcing the event, and giving 8 o'clock of aforesaid evening as the hour. Some time before the hour, the friends began to fill the house, many bringing with them appropriate and beautiful tokens of love and good will for the worthy young couple. Promptly at eight, the notes of the wedding march announced to the assembled friends that the moment had arrived for the marriage ceremony. During the rush that followed the music, Rev. Geo. Hindley, entered the parlor followed by the bride and groom, all now rose to their feet, when in a few but impressive words, Mr. E. A. Sackett and Miss Nellie Monroe were pronounced husband and wife, which was followed by a most earnest prayer. After the ceremony. congratulations were in order and more than a hundred persons we should say, shook the hands of the happy pair and wished them joy.

A bountiful supply of coffee, cake and fruit was served, and the party without exception seemed bent on having a jolly good social time. Quite a number accompanied the bride and groom to the depot where they took the 10:40 St. Louis train for Ohio and Indiana, where they will remain for about a month, visiting relatives and places of interest.—*Weeping Water Republican.*

Hon. H. W. Grady.

The Statesman, Scholar and True American, set an example worthy of reflection for all True Americans. Healing wounds that no methods except those used by Heaps' Camphorated Arnica Salve which is sold on its merits for any use that a salve can be used. No cure, no pay. For sale by the following druggist. Price 25c per box.

W. J. WARRICK

A Hastings Paper Sold.

In yesterday's issue of the Hastings *Daily News*, a bright and newsy morning paper just 38 days old we read its valedictory, as far as Hastings is concerned. The editor and proprietor states in the first three lines the entire newspaper outfit has been sold and will be moved from the city. Since the editor is an escential part of a newspaper outfit, it looks like he had been included in the sell, in this case. Now if it is a fact that an editor gets sold when he starts a third daily paper in Hastings, it is so much against her.

The editor winds up his valedictory by stating that it is not with regret that he leaves his position.

The *Daily News* was an excellent four-page paper and was indeed a credit to Hastings, and in its loss Hastings looses a valuable advertisement. The out-come of the sold plant will be awaited with interest.

VALUABLE SHELLS.

ARRIVAL OF A CARGO OF 3,600 POUNDS OF PEARLS.

A Reporter's Chat with a Large Importer and Manufacturer—Dangers of Gathering Shells -- Factories Where Pearl Work is Turned Out.

A cargo of about 36,000 pounds of pearl from the Philippine Islands arrived in this city recently, and it will, no doubt, soon be converted into artistic shapes for the adornment of fashionable mansions. One of the latest affectations of the wealthy is the addition to their household gods of artistically executed sea and landscape paintings in oil upon mother of pearl shells. It is doubtful if one of the hundreds who purchase them, or five out of the thousands who admire them in the show windows on Broadway or elsewhere, have the remotest idea that nature formed these shells for any other purpose than to be used in this style of adornment.

A large importer of shells and a manufacturer of pearl goods, in conversation with a reporter, expressed astonishment at the profound ignorance of so many persons in regard to the different localities from which pearl shells come, and the hundred and one purposes for which they are used.

"How many kinds are there used in your business?" asked the reporter.

THE VARIOUS KINDS.

"The shells which possess a commercial value are known to the trade as the Manila, Australian, Bombay, Japan, East India, Trocus, Chinese snail, black and red ear, and Panama. Several of these species are pearl bearing shell, and are only obtained by professional divers at the imminent risk of their lives. Many of these bivalves are very heavy, weighing sometimes eight or ten pounds. The moment the native gets one ashore he forces it open, and, carefully removing the living inhabitant, carefully searches for any pearl it may contain. Not only the shell, at and about its hinge, but the meat or fish within is thoroughly examined, lest the pearl might be secreted, as is frequently the case, in the body. This examination over, the shells are laid aside to dry, having first been thoroughly cleaned. The finest shell for manufacturing purposes comes from the Philippine islands and is called the Manila. It ranges in price from sixty to seventy-five cents a pound, and is used for making dress and shirt buttons, pistol stocks, cuff buttons, parasol and umbrella handles, pen handles, studs, and scores of other articles. A thin veneering is also made of it, which is worth $12 a pound, and is used for inlaying the covers of albums and fancy cabinet work. These veneerings are fairly dazzling with rainbow hues, and when lightly polished are exceedingly beautiful. When we have got all these articles out of the shell there is very little of the shell remaining."

"Is there any difficulty or danger attending the gathering of these shells?"

"I should rather say there was. There is one species of shell shaped like an ear, called the silver and red ear, in the sides of which are small holes, and through these, by means of long suckers, the fish fastens himself to a rock. When the tide has pretty nearly run out the natives go down among the rocks and, watching their opportunity, catch hold of the upper shell which the shellfish keeps open. Unless he succeeds in the first instance in pulling it from its resting place the animal will close its shell in a second, and the man's fingers will be held there in a vise like grip. In that case the unfortunate pearl gatherer will have to stand up to his knees in water unless he cuts off his imprisoned fingers, for the shell cannot be pried open, nor can three men, with their united strength, pull his suckers from the rock. The shell is so hard that it is next to impossible to smash it. There the poor fellow is held in agony until the tide rises, when, unless he frees himself by chopping off his finger ends and leaving them for the animal to dine on, he is sure to be drowned.

PEARL MANUFACTURING.

"After the shells have been thoroughly searched for pearls, they are cleansed and packed in cases of about two hundred pounds each, and shipped to England, France, or this country. Great ingenuity and long experience are required to become an expert in pearl shell working. When a manufacturer receives an order for a lot of cuff buttons he is sometimes obliged to overhaul dozens of cases in order to obtain those of the required thickness, and then not more than three or four buttons can be drilled out of the heaviest shell. But then nothing goes to waste, for small buttons and other articles are made from the thinner parts, and then, by means of a circular saw, the 'scrap' is cut for inlaying or veneering. Pistol stocks require the very heaviest shell. A pearl worker in this city, having some time ago received an order from an army officer for a pearl handled revolver, was obliged to overhaul nearly a whole ship load before he could find two shells of the required thickness. He received $100 for that pistol stock.

"The business of pearl manufacturing is comparatively new in this country, and the profits are so large that there is a tendency to monopolize the industry. In consequence all sorts of devices are resorted to in order to obtain the advantage. Some time ago a large house in this city bought a cargo of pearl shells to arrive at 70 cents a pound. While the vessel was in transit the market fell about 40 cents. It was a lucky thing for the house that the vessel foundered off the Cape of Good Hope, for the concern would certainly have foundered had the ship come safely to port. Manufacturers here prefer waiting for lots of pearl shells to arrive at this port direct from the fisheries, instead of ordering from London, knowing that the shells are assorted there and the choicest picked out for the English and French markets. There are several large manufactories of pearl work in Newark, Philadelphia, Germantown, and in this city, and since the establishment of this industry here the importation of pearl buttons from England has greatly fallen off."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Mexican Waterspouts

A dispatch from the City of Mexico says that recent serious damage done by washouts on the northern section of the Mexican Central road was due to waterspouts bursting on the track, and that it is a curious fact that waterspouts seem to be attracted by the iron track and telegraph wires. Recently in building the Guadalajara branch of the Mexican Central railway, it has been noticed by engineers that as fast as the construction advances rain follows, and they hold that this is due to the large quantity of steel rails on flat cars, which are carried forward as fast as the work of construction permits. The most noticeable fact is that the country is dry in advance of the construction trains and also behind them for many miles. Rains beat down, as described, in bucketfuls just where the steel rails are, but only in circles a few miles in diameter.—Rochester Democrat.

In the Swiss Hotels.

The fashionable Swiss hotels now have American bars, presided over by handsome Swiss girls in native dress. This is said to account for the withdrawal of English patronage.

—The prohibitionists have placed the following ticket in the field;

For Justice of the Supreme Court,
E. S. ABBOT.
Regents of the State University,
REV. J. D. NEWELL.
REV. H. S. HILTON.
District Judges Second Judicial District.
ADA C. BITTENBENDER,
L. C. HUMPHREY.

Cass County Ticket.

For Treasurer,
H. M. GAULT.
For Clerk,
SAMUEL CARLYLE.
For Recorder,
SAMUEL L. DUNHAM.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction,
E. A. LAKE.
For Sheriff,
J. C. COLEMAN.
For Judge,
P. P. GASS.
For Clerk of District Court,
SULIVAN HUTCHINS.
For County Commissioner,
WM. TUCKER.
For Coroner,
E. W. MURLESS.

Ladies' Glaze Dongola button shoes $2, worth $2.50 T. H. Phillips'.

In Honor of the Judges.

At a called meeting of the Lancaster county barr association Tuesday evening it was decided to give a banquet in honor of the retiring Judges Pound and Parker. For the evening L. W. Billingsley was elected chairman and C. E. Root secretary. A committee on arrangements D. G. Courtney, L. W. Billingsley and G. M. Lambertson were given full charge of the matter. It was decided to invite ladies to the banquet and every guest will be allowed the company of a lady.

New Departure.

We the unsersigned druggists of Plattsmouth do hereby announce to our patrons and friends that we can heartily endorse and recommend the following remedies of the Quaker Medicine Company: Balycat's Fig Tonic, Dr. Watson's New Specific Cough Cure, and Heap's Arnica Salve, for the reasons that we know what they contain, and are the results of science applied practically.

WILL J. WARRICK.