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ATTEMPTED MURDER AT ELWOOD.

DR. BRITTON GETS A DOSE OF BUCKSHOT IN THE NECK.

The Attempted Assassin Gets Away in the Darkness—John Graham, the Lost Machinist, Not Heard From, But He Is Probably Still on Earth—A Woman Supposed to be in the Case.

The following telegram from Elwood to the Bee, relates a queer story of crime. It says:

"Saturday night at 11:30 Dr. J. E. Brittan was shot in the back of the head with a charge of buckshot by some unknown person. Brittan was in the saloon with some friends wh[illegible] were startled by the discha[illegible] a [illegible] glass and Dr. Brittan fell to the floor with five buckshot in the back of his head and neck. One of the shot entered at the base of the head and came out at the cheek. Four others are lodged lower down in the bones of the neck. The gun was discharged from the darkness without the charge passing through the glass front of the building and into it. Victim not fifteen feet away. All was confusion in the saloon, and no effect was made to capture the assassin.

"As yet no cause for the crime is known, and suspicion attaches to no one, though it is believed the victim knows who did the shooting. At this writing the attending doctors are probing for the shot and strong hopes are entertained that the wounds will not result fatally."

A Woman in the Case.

John Graham, who was here to buy a farm and who suddenly vanished, giving some of his acquaintances cause to fear foul play, is probably still on earth. From an investigation made by the officers, Graham seems to have been seriously smitten with the charms of a woman who was staying with Mrs. [illegible] along. He is known to have seen this woman the dance that night and the morning she left for parts unknown creates the suspicion that there was a mutual understanding. Graham probably got away on a night freight so that his location might not be known to inquiring friends.

Graham looked a little green and this kind of an escapade is about his calibre. There will be no further efforts made by the officers to find him.

With the Baers.

The Bern Reige had a jolly time at the Turner hall Saturday night. A class, composed of what was thought to be back numbers, but which turned out to be up-to-date in great form, entertained the crowd with some fine work on the horizontal bars.

We thought John Sattler was a little stiff, but when he got warmed up he could perform like a professional. His feet got a little heavy sometimes, but he generally won his share of the applause. Fred Ebinger was nimble as a jaybird. Meicher Soennichsen, with his bay window, made the crowd roar. He looked like he could not lift himself onto the bar, but he did, and performed every difficult feat that the balance of the class did. He was agile as a cat. Several others were especially good, but space forbids further mention.

Spoke Seven Times.

Colonel Alexander Hogeland, the indefatigable "newsboy's friend" and president of the Boys and Girls National Home and Employment association, [illegible], arrived in Plattsmouth Saturday night. He spoke on the street Sunday to a large audience, and also spoke four times in churches. This morning he addressed the High school students and at noon spoke to the operatives in the B. & M car shops.

Delegates were appointed to the state division convention at Omaha May 16. We challenge the world to find another man who will come and give as many gratuitous addresses—full of valuable suggestions—in the same length of time and make no charge, as those given by the colonel.

A premium is being awarded the student in the High school who writes the best composition on his address.

IN THE COURTS.

The case of the state vs. John Marsh at the complaint of Aaron Gerheardt who claimed Marsh had assaulted and battered him, was tried before justice Patterson at Rock Bluffs today. After hearing all the testimony the justice, on motion of A. J. Graves, defendant's attorney, dismissed the case. It seems Mr. Gerheardt was a trespassor on Marsh's premises when the assault occurred.

Captain Jack Crawford, the famous [illegible] scout, tried to wrap up too [illegible] jiskey in his hide yesterday [illegible] beneath the burden. He was [illegible] before Judge Archer fined him [illegible] which he will board out [illegible] at Jailor Denson's. His [illegible] says if they will make Jack [illegible] till come down to see him, [illegible] see him work for sev-[illegible]

[illegible] court convenes in Otoe county [illegible] Judge Chapman came in from his home yesterday and went to Nebraska City on the M. P. this morning.

HOW TO PLAY THE RACES.

A Safe Method That Will Find Small Favor Among Hot Sports.

One of Cincinnati's best business men, who has made a success in a line that would never have been attempted by a great majority, has ideas upon the matter of playing the races that he declares outline the only way that a man of affairs dare engage in the enticing sport.

"When I play the races," said he to an Enquirer man, "I always go to the track. When there I never allow myself to lose more than $5. I make up a book of my own when I first come on the ground, and arrange so that if I lose it will be no more than the sum that I have stipulated. Then I place high money and [illegible] those I quit. If I win I play on until I am loser to the amount set or else am winner in a small amount. I would never allow myself to carry away from the track a large winning, and I'll tell you why.

"The reason that I play the races at all is that I may gain some recreation in a line that is entirely distinct from any regular business. In order to enjoy recreation it is necessary that what we go into shall have no connection with our everyday affairs and carry with it a sense of absolute newness and distinct separation from work. Rest is a change of work, you know, and I go into the betting with a vim but when I am through I want to leave it absolutely behind as if it were only a dream. In the same way I want to leave my business behind when I get to the track, that it may be absolute recreation, so when I am through betting I cannot afford to think a thing about the winnings or losings when I am ready to go back to work and carry on my business.

"If I lose only the $5 that I set as a limit, it does not worry me and I have had the pleasure of betting, and if I win only a small sum I do not have to think about it when I am through. The moment that I begin to lose large amounts I begin to worry, whether I am in the betting shed or at my business where my mind should be clear of everything of the sort, and in the same way if I have large winnings my mind will run on that instead of on my affairs that need my undivided attention."

A Peculiar Return.

Dr. A. L. Child was one of the pioneers known by everybody in the county in the early days.

Mrs. Hasse today ran across the following return on a marriage license that is certainly novel and unusual:

TERRITORY OF NEBRASKA, } ss.
County of Otoe.

I hereby certify that on the 22d day of September, A. D., 1895, I did solemnize the marriage of John P. Aughe and Cecelia D. Throckmorton at the house of Joseph Throckmorton in said county.

Given under my hand this 22d day of September, A. D. 1859.

A. L. CHILD, Justice of the Peace.

N. B.—I further certify that up to this day, October 15th, I have received nothing for the above service and seventy miles travel to perform it or to pay for recording this return either, nor do I see any prospect of getting anything. A. L. CHILD.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle of Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co., druggists.

Bryan Preaches in Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., April 15.—W. J. Bryan arrived here today and spoke to a crowded house at the Knox Presbyterian church on "The Belief in God and in the Immortality of the Soul." He was well received and was given an unanimous vote of thanks.

Just as Bryan's train from Lincoln pulled in, the Sibley-Warner train from Chicago to Denver came in. A committee was on hand and hustled Mr. Bryan into a carriage to take him to the church. He shook hands with General Weaver, but did not see Sibley or Warner.

The Decker Case.

At a hearing in the Decker case today it was agreed that the administrator might send $150 to Theodore, in order that he can attend the hearing and make proof of his heirship on April 30th, when the case will come up in county court. There is no doubt but that the claimant is genuine and can prove his interest.

Bohemian Woodmen.

A lodge of Bohemian Woodmen of the World was organized in this city yesterday. They will leave their charter open for sixty days so that as many as desire to join, can do so now and save over $5 in fees.

THE Illinois democrats are apparently indifferent as to the size of the republican majority in that state next year.

FACTS FOR FARMERS

What Is a "Good Corn Crop."

Report of yield of more that 100 bushels of shelled corn per acre are not uncommon. That such crops have frequently been produced is undoubtedly true. That such yields are exceptional is equally true. The average yield for the whole country, or of any state, is discouragingly low. This average includes the corn grown on poor soil and that grown by careless or indolent farmers. Many of the reports of remarkably large yields are based on estimates rather than actual determination; on mea[illegible] rather [illegible] weighings on yields as husked rather than when thoroughly dried. The results of the experiments at the Illinois Experiment Station are interesting. This station is in a good corn-growing region, the farm being on good prairie soil in one of the chief corngrowing regions of the country. Large numbers of varieties have been tested for each of the last seven years. While these have been grown on small plats, usually two rods square, the methods of culture have been much like those of ordinary field culture of corn. There has been no unusual manuring nor expensive hand hoeing. The yields have been determined by caueful weighings and are reported on the basis of thoroughly air dried corn. The average yield of all the medium maturing varieties grown for the seven years was a trifle over sixty-five bushels per acre. This period of seven years includes two unusually favorable seasons and one very poor corn year. The yields of several varieties have been determined for eight years—1887 to 1895, inclusive. This period includes two poor years, 1887 and 1893, in each of which drought greatly reduced the yields. Three good medium maturing varieties gave an average yield of 62 bushels af air dry shelled corn per acre. The average of seven years, excluding the first of these three varieties, was 77 bushels. It is interestgng to notice that the average for each of the three varieties varied but one tenth of a bushel.—Prairie Farmer.

Build Evergreen Hedges.

Readers of the Prairie Farmer ought to figure what it would cost to plant a grove of evergreens in the spring on the north and west sides of barnyards. Plant the Platte Valley cedar on the south and east, two rows eight feet apart. Plant them hit and miss. Then north and west of them plant two more rows of White pine, Austrian pine, or Black spruce, which ever is your choice. Plant them ten feet apart, then cultivate well, and as your trees grow the low, thick trees will be to the south and east, so that they will all have the sun. Let the limbs of your cedars come right down to the ground. Don't trim the lower limbs off, for they are valuable to keep the snow from blowing through under the trees. The snowbank will be on the north side of your grove instead of one in the lot south of the fence. Spring is the time to act. "Procrastination is the thief of time." "Now is the accepted time." Go to your nearest nursery some still, cloudy day. Don't take what they have dug up and in the packing house, but go out to the field and take them right from there. Then you will be sure to have live trees. Handle with care and don't let the wind blow on the roots of the trees, for that is sure death to an evergreen tree. Do this, and in a few years you will say you never invested money that paid any better in every way. Groves of other kinds of trees are very good, but they take up too much land, and then when you want a grove their leaves are on the ground.

Iowa. J. H. COLEMAN.

Beef Cattle Breeding.

The evidence is conclusive that there is a shortage in the supply of beef cattle. The receipts at Chicago for the first three months of this year have been smaller than in any recent year. Prices have made a marked advance, yet the receipts are not much if any increased. There is much reason to hope that fairly satisfactory prices will continue for a considerable time. The high prices paid for good stockers and feeders indicate prevalence of such an opinion among many cattle feeders. It seems very probable that increased attention may wisely be given to raising good cattle for beef. The long continued depression has driven many out of the business. The number of men engaged in breeding pedigreed stock of the beef breeds is much smaller than it was a few years ago. The pedigree records show this, as do the advertising pages of the agricultural and live stock papers. We hope and believe the breeders who have maintained their herds, in quality if not in quantity, will now reap their reward. There are indications of a better demand for such stock. It is an encouraging sign that this demand seems an intelligent one—that merit of the animals counts for more than mere pedigree. At a late sale of Shorthorns in Chicago, $300 was paid for a bull. It is undoubtedly true that many farmers have been less careful in selecting bulls during the time of low prices than they were when beef-making was more profitable. There is now more encouragement in this direction and certainly, if breeding poor ones will not. At the price at which good bulls can now be obtained there is no good reason for using inferior ones.—Prairie Farmer.

FROZEN SEAS OF THE SOUTH.

Experiences of the Sole Survivor of the Wilkes Antarctic Expedition.

There is living at Oxford, Md., Thomas Sinclair, seaman, a survivor and perhaps the only one, of the celebrated Wilkes exploring expedition when the so-called Antarctic continent was discovered, says a writer in the Globe-Democrat. Captain Wilkes, United States navy, sailed from Norfolk, Va., Aug. 18, 1838, in command of a squadron of five vessels and a store ship, to explore the southern seas. Sinclair was one of his men. The expedition visited Maderia, [illegible] Cape Verde, Terra del Fuego, the Hawaiian [illegible], the Samoan group and Australia. December, 1839, Captain Wilkes left Sydney and sailed toward the south pole and discovered what has been called the Antarctic Continent, as it appears even to-day on the maps. For several weeks he sailed along vast ice fields. Landings were made at several places during this period, and Seaman Sinclair was one of the men who manned the boats, and actually trod upon the icy fields of the Antarctic Continent. They were not prepared to make any attempt to explore this ice tract in the direction of the pole. The expedition did much other exploring. It was gone nearly four years, arriving at New York June 10, 1842. Mr. Sinclair was with the expedition all these years, and has many reminiscences of the voyage, or series of voyages, and stories which never got into the books. He speaks of Captain Wilkes as a very able commander and a very strict disciplinarian. As a rule, he was better liked by the men than by the officers. Indeed, after his return he was court-martialed on charges preferred by some of his officers, but he was acquitted all except for illegally punishing some of his crew, for which he was reprimanded. Mr. Sinclair is considerably over 80 years old. His memory is first-rate, and his mind strong and clear. He suffers much from rheumatism and other ailments of old age, due to the exposure he underwent when with Captain Wilkes.

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Second—The list of words must be written in ink plainly, must be alphabetically arranged, numbered, signed by the contestant and sent in before May 20, when the contest closes.

Third—Words used must be English and must be found in the dictionary. If two words are spelled alike only one can be used. Abbreviations, obsolete words and names of persons or places are barred. Lists purposely stuffed not considered.

Fourth—The same letter must not be used twice in one word, except the letter T, which may be used twice in any word, as it appears twice in the prize word.

Fifth—Each contestant must become a subscriber to the Omaha Weekly World-Herald for one year, and must send his dollar to pay for his subscription with his list of words.

Sixth—Every contestant whose list contains as many as thirty words, whether he wins a prize or not, will receive a portfolio containing handsome photo engraved copies of sixteen famous paintings—size of each picture 10x12 inches, with history of the painting.

Seventh—In case two or more prize winning lists contain the same number of words the one that is first received will be given preference.

Eighth—Prizes will be awarded and shipped to winners within ten days after the contest closes.

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