

Class County Farmers Propose to Investigate What Becomes of the Money They Pay in Assessments—About Three Times the Amount Paid for Than the Loss Amount.

Farmers in this vicinity who hold policies in the Mutual Hail Insurance association are up in arms against the company's mode of doing business. They propose to look into the matter and see if there is not some equitable relief from paying assessments that exceed in the aggregate about three times the amount of the losses.

With this end in view a committee consisting of J. P. Falter, Will Richardson and Albert Pappas have called a meeting of all stockholders at the court house in this city on Saturday, October 7.

The farmers holding policies in this concern were assessed 4 per cent, which amounts to \$160,500, while the losses are only \$68,000. This leaves a pretty neat balance and the policy holders are going to endeavor to find what disposition will be made of the balance.

There has only been one loss in Cass county and that was a crop of corn near Nehawka. County Commissioner Falter, in speaking of the company today, stated that he had looked over this field and that he believed it would make a good crop as the average. It was blown down pretty badly, but the hail had not done any perceptible damage. The loss on this field was paid at 85 per cent, and this is also subjected to.

County Clerk James Robertson had a forty-acre field of wheat in Franklin county insured. It was damaged by hail and when the loss was paid his balance amounted to \$13—his renter receiving the balance. The company charged him \$10 for his share of the expense of adjusting the loss, and having paid \$2 for the membership he received \$1 as payment for the loss.

It looks as though there was something "queer" about the business method of the officers, hence the decision of the stockholders to look into the matter.

The company's headquarters are at Lincoln.

Death by a Battering.

Sunday evening about dark, N. Calkin, of the Manley, went to the barn to do the chores. He took a peck measure and reached into a salt barrel and took out several handfuls. There was some hay in the barrel and some of it got into the measure with the salt. Mr. Calkin walked across the barn and started to throw the hay out, and in so doing he felt something sting. He took the measure to the house and examined its contents and found a rattlesnake, not more than twelve or fifteen inches in length and without rattles. He immersed his hand at once in kerosene, and a neighbor, who was present, ran to his home for a bottle of whiskey. Mr. Calkin soon got outside of two tumblers full, and was soon under the influence. The liquor's effect was a new experience to him as well as the snake bite. He came to town Monday and said his hand had not pained him much, but the liquor made him awfully sick.

Mr. Calkin thinks the snake was carried to the barn in a load of hay and that it fell into the salt barrel while the hay was being unloaded.—Weeping Water Republican.

Birthday Party.

Yesterday was Hon. James Patterson's birthday and in honor of the event he was given a party at the home of his son, T. M., last evening. A nice supper was served, after which the evening was pleasantly spent at high five. Those present at the party were Messrs. V. V. Leonard, J. W. Johnson, W. K. Fox, F. J. Morgan, Frank Myers, Omaha, James, Jr., T. M. and Sam Patterson.

The farce comedy, "A Turkish Bath," is this week's offering at the Tabor Grand. The comedy is presented by Miss Claire Paige and an excellent company of comedians, singers and dancers, who are capable in every way of presenting a smooth performance. The theme of the comedy is jealousy and much merriment is obtained. No end of complications arise out of the succession of mistaken identities.—Denver Times, Monday, Nov. 21, 1898.

At White's opera house Saturday evening, Sept. 30.

Republican Caucus.

There will be a republican caucus at the police judge's office Saturday evening September 30 at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of placing in nomination two justices of the peace and two constables, and an assessor for the Fourth ward. By order of

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Found at Last.

After twenty years' search, detectives have discovered the fact that "A Turkish Bath" is one of the most refreshing, bright, musical farce comedies ever written. Will make you forget your debts.

At White's opera house Saturday evening, September 30. Prices, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

The Dutch mint has already a new coinage bearing the head of the young queen at her present age nineteen. She objected to the 7-year-old portrait on the present coinage and protested that she is no longer a little girl.

Back again. Fred leave with Mrs. Huse at the court house.

Mrs. C. L. Marshall and two daughters, Belle and Gene, are reported on the sick list today.

Fred Remge was called to Burlington, Ia., last night on account of the death of his mother.

For Rent—Five room brick house, well, cistern and cave; \$6 per month. Inquire of W. W. Hull.

There is very much complaint of sickness about town just now. The cool weather and dust together have been pretty tough on everybody.

Matthew Gering went to Nebraska City today to deliver an address at the old settlers' picnic, which had been postponed to this date from the first of August.

While tied on the street at Mynard the other day, Dan Klapp's team broke loose and ran home, some distance in the country, without doing any damage to either themselves or the wagon.

Reduced prices on silk and woolen wools direct from the factory. Large quantity must be sold at once. Send 25 for circulars. Salesmen wanted. L. & O. Furnishing House, 229 S. Linn St. Iowa City, Ia.

The regular business and social meeting of the Epworth League will be held at the home of Mrs. M. Howland in Mercerville Friday evening. The young people will meet at the M. E. church at 7:30 and walk out in a body.

C. S. Manchester had charge of the special on the Burlington from Omaha to this city the last two nights. Last night there were five coach loads and he had about all he could handle. There were 275 tickets sold at this point alone.

We wish a live traveling manager in your territory at once, man or woman; liberal cash and commission first year—more second year, if deferred; some for local work also; good references required; those out of employment or wishing to better themselves, address, "Factory," Cor. Perkins and Union streets, Akron, Ohio.

Ice formed in all vessels that had water in them and were left out of doors last night. People who did not take the precaution to cover their plants or take them to shelter lost them. It was a hard breeze for September and makes the coal dealer smile and the ice dealer—well, it would not sound well to print what he has to say.

Rev. F. S. Stein of Lincoln will occupy the pulpit at the Methodist church again next Sunday. The subject for the morning service will be "Divine Leadership." In the evening his subject will be "What Must I Do to Be Saved." Rev. Steinh will be present at the prayer meeting next Wednesday evening.

S. B. Cole, an old time resident of Cass county, residing where Mynard now stands—or near there—is visiting friends and relatives here. He is now located in Gosper county and is doing well. He has over 500 acres of land, 200 being under cultivation, and the balance is used for pasture. He is making a good thing out of the stock business.

St. Luke's church will celebrate "Harvest Home" festival on Sunday next, October 1. We make our annual appeal for the benefit of the Clarkson Memorial hospital, which is ever ready to open its doors to all classes and conditions of men. We will be glad if the public generally will contribute as they have done in times past; money or goods of any and every kind.

THURSDAY.

Miss Carrie Holloway was a visitor in Omaha today.

W. J. Straight and wife were among the exposition visitors today.

Henry Goss and H. E. Weidmann were visitors on the Midway today.

E. S. Barstow and wife were viewing the sights at the exposition this afternoon.

D. W. Miller and wife spent the day in Omaha and remained for the parade.

C. F. Stoutenborough joined the procession and went to Omaha this afternoon.

D. S. Guild returned home last evening from a business trip to the Black Hills.

Frank Dickson of Lincoln was in the city today and returned home by way of Omaha.

Mrs. Frank Kauble went to Omaha on the early train and was joined by husband this afternoon.

Mrs. John Domeian of Weeping Water is in the city visiting her parents, A. W. White and wife.

C. C. Joslyn of Minneapolis and Miss Rich of Omaha were the guests of Miss Minnie Sharp yesterday and today.

Mrs. Elizabeth Davis returned to her home in Hillsdale, Ia., this morning after a visit with the family of her son, Meek Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of California are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Phil Harrison. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Harrison are sisters.

Mrs. William Harold came down from Crete yesterday for a few days' visit with the families of her sons, James and Henry.

B. Spurlock of York visited over night with his son, G. M., and went to Omaha this morning where he will attend the North Nebraska conference.

Wesley Davis and wife of Weeping Water were the guests yesterday of the former's brother, S. A. Davis, and family. Mr. Davis was a delegate to the democratic convention.

Mrs. O. A. Brown and little daughter, Margaret, departed this morning for their home at Topeka, after a visit of several months with the former's parents, J. C. Coleman and wife. Mrs. T. H. Ewing accompanied them and will visit relatives in Topeka for several weeks.

Notice

To the members of the United Mutual Hail Insurance association: Members of the above association are requested to meet in Plattsmouth on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the court house at 1 p. m.

J. P. FALTER, WILL RICHARDSON, ALBERT PAPPE, Committee.

A. W. Atwood sells stationary.

Supreme Judge, M. B. REESE; Regent State University, L. G. M'GILLTON; W. B. ELY.

Judicial, Judge—Second District, PAUL JESSEN.

County, County Clerk, JAMES ROBERTSON; County Treasurer, J. L. BARTON; District Clerk, W. F. HOUSEWORTH; County Judge, J. E. DOUGLAS; Sheriff, T. E. WILLIAMS; County Superintendent, ROBERT GASS; Coroner, P. P. GASS; Surveyor, E. E. HILTON; Judge—Second District, J. H. DAVIS.

Rev. Taylor Saffice, pastor of the U. B. church, will preach at the Baptist church in South Park at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Everyone welcome.

Shinn's cafe and fruit stand, Perkins house block.

W. R. McCroskey made a business trip to Omaha today.

Claus Brekenfeldt, the Louisville miller, was shaking hands with old friends in the city today.

Mrs. W. A. Swearingen of Mynard spent the day with friends in this city.

Dr. W. A. Humphrey was in Omaha on professional business this afternoon.

Frederick Stohman, of Louisville precinct was attending to business in county court today.

Mrs. S. H. Atwood and little daughter came down from Lincoln this morning to visit the former's mother, Mrs. C. H. Parmole.

T. E. Williams, the republican nominee for sheriff, was in the city today, being on his return from Omaha, where he witnessed the parade.

Misses Gertrude and Mary Schoemann, the former of Crook, Colo., and the latter of Louisville, were in the city yesterday the guests of John Likewise.

Mrs. Dr. Burgess and children departed for their home in Cedar Rapids, Neb., this morning, having spent about three weeks with Mrs. Burgess' parents, A. W. White and wife, and other relatives.

MANY WEEDS GOOD TO EAT.

Certain kinds are often used for food by families. Go out on any farm and see the farmer hoeing away at the weeds that threaten to choke his crop. You may hear him say things that wouldn't sound nice about the weeds. The dandelion isn't the only weed eaten by people who know what's good to eat.

Take wild chery, the plague of the farmer. It makes one of the finest salads served, piquant, tender and wholesome. Charlock or wild mustard is another bane of the farmer. He doesn't know that as a pot herb it can give a soup a delightful flavor. The dock-weeds—how annoying the whole family are! Yet the broad leaf variety and the curly leaf are used all over Europe as table vegetables.

The hundredth one picks the choicest. In France it is cultivated. It takes its place. Sorrel, fetidus and chevill are looked on as a favoring for soup. Everybody in America hates a nettle and can't see what use it is. In Scotland Poland and Germany tender young nettle leaves are used as greens. The Germans boil them with other vegetables to give them a piquant flavor.

Purslane is another weed that can be treated in the same way. Most people think milkweed poisons. It is a medicinal vegetable, with a delightful flavor all its own. The young leaves, when they are in just the right condition, are a cross between spinach and asparagus, and in a salad are delicious. Sorrel, fetidus and chevill are looked on as field pests by ninety-nine out of every hundred farmers.

The hundredth one picks the choicest. Leaves from these weeds and sends them to market, where they find a ready sale for salads to be eaten with game and for flavoring herbs—for herbs they are, and not weeds.—New York World.

Bring in your eggs to F. T. Davis Co., and trade them for shoes, dry goods groceries or anything in the general merchandise line.

How to Enamel Chairs.

Shabby Windsor or bent wood chairs can be made to look quite smart enough for bedroom or "den" by being painted over with black enamel paint. If, when the enamel is dry, a little bronze paint be smeared or smudged over them, a "Japanese" effect will be obtained, which will be very pleasing, and a great relief to their somber appearance. The expressions "smeared" and "smudged" are used advisedly, for the bronze should be put on with an almost dry brush and should merely cling to the hair, so that they may leave a certain amount of color when they are dragged over the black enamel. To regularly paint on the bronze would be to lose the pretty effect sought.

His Winding Ways.

Fuller—What do you kick at everything for when you strike a restaurant? It makes me nervous. Bradley—Impoliteness pays. The wheel that squeaks the most gets oiled the oftenest.—San Francisco Examiner.

Local Color.

"Those new people next door are from Boston." "How do you know?" "I heard the man tell his wife that she couldn't bake beans as his mother used to bake them."—Chicago Record.

What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called Grain-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about one fourth as much. All grocers sell it. 15c and 25c.

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Part of the queen's block on St. Catharine street, Montreal, Quebec, collapsed. Some defect in the work of reconstruction, which was going on at the time, was responsible. The loss will be \$100,000. Fortunately no one was injured.

SUCH A THING

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JACK HORNER.

Everybody who has once been a child knows that rhyme about "Little Jack Horner," who "sat in a corner." That there was ever a real Jack Horner and that the plum he extracted from the pie was a very valuable plum indeed, few of the little folks who enjoy his exploits know, or would care to learn.

For the benefit of those who are not quite little folks, Agnes Carr Sage, in Lippincott's Magazine, tells the origin and history of some famous nursery stories and rhymes, among them "The Pleasant History of Jack Horner," containing "His Witty Tricks and Pleasant Pranks," for so it is set forth in a very old chap-book, carefully preserved in the Bodleian library.

It appears that this worthy was steward to an abbot of Glastonbury. The good abbot learned that his majesty Henry VIII. had seen fit to be indignant because the monks had built a kitchen which he could not burn down. Now a king's indignation was dangerous, and must be appeased. Therefore the abbot sent his steward, Jack Horner, to present the sovereign with a suitable peace-offering. It took the form of a big and tempting-looking pie, beneath the crust of which the transfer deeds of twelve manors were hidden.

But Master Jack had an eye for the profit of number one, and on the road he slyly lifted the crust and abstracted the deeds of the Manor of Wells. On his return, bringing the deeds, he plausibly explained that they had been given to him by the king. Hence the rhyme:

Little Jack Horner Sat in a corner (of the wagon), Eying his Christmas pie; He put in his thumb And pulled out a plum (the title-deed), Saying, "What a brave boy am I!"

World's Business Language. It is interesting at this time of accomplished imperial penny postage and prospective pan-Anglo-Saxon postage at the same rate, to know that two-thirds of all the letters mailed in all the postoffices of the world are English. There are about 500,000,000 people who speak colloquially the ten or twelve chief modern languages, and of these some 150,000,000, less than one-third of all, speak English. About 90,000,000 people speak Russian, 75,000,000 Spanish, 35,000,000 French, 45,000,000 Polish, 35,000,000 Italian and 12,000,000 Portuguese, and the balance Hungarian, Dutch, Polish, Flemish, Bohemian, Gaelic, Roumanian, Swedish, Finnish, Danish and Norwegian. But all these people together write only half as many posted letters as the English. The Russians, Spanish, Portuguese and Italians, for instance, include many illiterate people who never write at all. Russian postoffice handles only one-tenth as many letters as the British, although there are more than twice as many people in Russia as in Great Britain. Of course, too, most of the business letters for British India are written in English, though few of the 200,000,000 population either speak or write the tongue.

Emperor as Godfather. The German emperor has consented to stand godfather to the twin sons of a coachman at Giesorf. He has also made their parents a handsome present of money and has given permission for the babies to be christened William I. and William II. These names will appear in the church register. The twins are the seventh and eighth sons of their parents.

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