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# The Plattsmouth Journal.

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### LOCAL BREVITIES.

Smoke the Wurl Bros.' celebrated "Gut Hell" cigars.

New and elegant Ebony Toilet Articles and Cases at Gering & Co.'s

Useful, handsome and elegant Christmas presents at Gering & Co.'s

"Rectol" is warranted to cure piles. Sold only at Atwood's drug store.

Did you hear it thunder Friday night? Something unusual at this time of the year.

Don C. Despain and Will Robertson came home Friday evening to remain until after the holidays.

Carl Kurtz departed Saturday morning for Fort Worth, Texas where he will engage in bridge work.

The dance given by the fire boys at Waterman hall Saturday night was a grand success both socially and financially.

About all the barges belonging to the pontoon bridge which were carried off some time since have been recovered.

Mrs. J. E. Emory and daughter, of Havelock, are visiting relatives in Plattsmouth, and will remain through the holidays.

Miss Amelia Martens returned home from the normal school at Peru Saturday morning and will remain until after the holidays.

Do you want to make your wife a present of a fine bedroom or parlor suite for Christmas? Sattler & Fassbender have just what she wants.

Gov. Savage will recommend to the legislature an appropriation of \$75,000 for the Nebraska exhibit at the St. Louis exposition. It is all right to do so.

Mrs. J. J. Oldham and two daughters, who visited in this city with the family of Henry E. Snyder, left Saturday morning for their home in Pawnee City.

**Nothing you can buy would please father or mother better than a pair of gold spectacles for a Xmas present. We guarantee a fit or no sale. Gering & Co.**

Think of the poor children in your neighborhood to-morrow. Give them some little memento that will make them think of the Savior. This will show a christian heart.

The average housewife always welcomes a choice piece of parlor or bedroom furniture for a Christmas present, and the place to get such articles is at Sattler & Fassbender's.

Governor-elect Bailey has issued an ultimatum, and declares he will not marry. What, never? In your whole life, Governor? Well, he's a mean old thing, anyway, ain't he girls?

Mrs. Wm. Neville fell on the ice Friday night, sustaining a painful fracture of the right wrist. She stepped out of the door to go to the kitchen when she fell. We are pleased to say that nothing serious will result.

Because you have plenty for your own family don't forget that there are a number who will go without a Christmas dinner, unless some kind citizen, who is abundantly able will provide it for them. Remember the poor.

A glass or two of water taken half an hour before breakfast will usually keep the bowels regular. Harsh cathartics should be avoided. When a purgative is needed, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are mild and gentle in their action. For sale by all druggists.

John Buckingham of Plattsmouth was in town Saturday taking part in the settlement of the land deal by which Lon Mayberry becomes owner of the Buckingham farm in Lyons township. John is a carpenter in the R. & M. shops at Plattsmouth.—Glenwood (Ia.) Opinion.

It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all druggists.

Miss Meta Rogers, who has been engaged to appear in "When We Were Twenty-One," is a southern girl of great beauty and talent. Her first appearance on the stage was in "On and Off" under Charles Frohman's management, but that astute discoverer of ability soon advanced the young actress to Miss Julia Marlowe's company which she left to join Mr. N. C. Goodwin, where she became the understudy of Miss Maxine Elliott, in the part of "Phyllis" in "When We Were Twenty-One." When the company appears in the play at the Parmele Theatre on Friday evening, December 26, Miss Rogers will be seen as "Phyllis," the heroine in what was considered in New York last year the greatest play of the age.

### THE OLD RELIABLE



**ROYAL BAKING POWDER**  
Absolutely Pure  
**THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE**

"Gut Hell," the favorite cigar.

There is one thing sure—we will have no black Christmas this year.

Just what a man wants for Xmas, a traveling toilet case, we have them, Gering & Co.

Mr. Pickrel, a B. & M. employe at Pacific Junction, was over Sunday afternoon.

No one in Omaha or elsewhere carry a better assorted stock of perfumes than Gering & Co. They make nice Xmas presents.

The Eureka Water Lift, by use of one gallon of city water, will pump a gallon and a half of cistern water, hot or cold, to your fixtures, thus saving one-third of the meter rate.

A. C. RAWLS, Plumber.

George Bente and his brother Herman, who have been visiting with the family of August Tartsch, in Plattsmouth, departed Saturday morning for San Francisco, where they expect to spend about three months.

If you want any article in the furniture line for a Christmas present for your wife, or sleds, wagons or other suitable toys for the children, bear in mind that Sattler & Fassbender have just what you want. They are not selling at 20 per cent discount, but their prices are lower than their competitors, at that.

Holiday displays in the windows of the various dealers give evidence of great taste and judgment on the part of our merchants. Their goods are all up to date and uniformly low prices are being marked. Don't go away from home this year for your Christmas purchases until you are thoroughly satisfied you cannot be suited here.

John R. Meisinger and Miss Sarah A. Bailey, two prominent young people who reside west of Plattsmouth, were united in marriage on Thursday evening last, by R. H. E. Burgess, Rector of the Episcopalian church, at the latter's residence. The ceremony was witnessed by the brother and sisters of the contracting parties.

The tidy housewife always admires a fine article of furniture, and many prefer such to anything else for a Christmas present. Sattler & Fassbender have a most tasty and elegant line to select from. For the boys and girls they have an abundance of toys, including sleds, wagons and other articles calculated to make the young heart leap with joy on Christmas morn.

Mayor Morgan, of Plattsmouth, has selected a committee composed of H. R. Gering, Jesse L. Root, F. E. White, H. N. Dovey, H. D. Travis and J. P. Falter to prepare a bill in reference to the collection of taxes, which will be presented to the next legislature. Nebraska City might appoint a committee to act in conjunction with the above as we are interested in good tax collection laws.—Nebraska City News.

J. G. Richey of Plattsmouth, Neb., arrived here last Thursday and is looking over the work and the prospects of the Brown-Pollock mine, near the Half-way house, some four miles northwest of Central. He represents the capitalists who have leased the mine and informs a Register reporter that they have let a contract to A. M. Smith of Carbonate for a sixty-foot extension of the tunnel, which is already 140 feet in length.—Central City (S. D.) Register.

One of the new fads is men's socks for women. There is a rumor prevalent that some wives wear the socks, but no one imagined the socks would also be appropriated. If the women continue the invasion of the wardrobe of the men there will be mighty few articles of wearing apparel that man can call his own. His hat, shirt, vest, coat, collar, tie, socks and suspender are gone. He has remaining his chewing tobacco, not much of a layout for a cold day.

Colonel C. W. Sherman, an old time Plattsmouth (Neb.) democratic newspaper man, and in whose office the junior editor of the Northwest Post served in the capacity of "printer's devil," has recently compiled and had printed a directory of the Black Hills towns, which is said to be the finest ever. The Northwest Post is under great obligations to Colonel Sherman for a complimentary copy of the book that we have not yet received, for we know he fully intends expressing one of them over, when he gets to it.—Belle Fourche (S. D.) Northwest Post.

### Found His Father.

Charles Fisher, whom it will be remembered left here several weeks ago to meet his long lost father, whom he had not seen since his infancy, was certainly a most fortunate young man. He writes to a friend in this city, in which he states that his father is president of a large elevator company, in Kansas City and that he will remain there to assist him.

In speaking of the long separation of his father from the family, he states that the ship was wrecked, and that during a severe storm they anchored near an island inhabited with savages. These savages succeeded in capturing the ship, killing many of the crew, and making prisoners of the balance. For over a year the natives held them captives, when one day a party composed of fifteen of the old ship crew, among whom luckily was Mr. Fisher, managed to escape from the island in a couple of boats. After drifting about on the open sea for a day and night, they were observed by a ship headed for New York, and were taken on board. Several months later, Mr. Fisher arrived at his old home in Illinois, where he found that his family had disappeared. He has spent thousands of dollars in his efforts to find his loved ones, and his wife had given him up for dead, and with her little family moved to Iowa, where she died. Charles is evidently a most happy young man, and in turn the father is also no doubt happy in the restoration of his son.

### "BEN HUR."

#### The Great Spectacle Is Coming to Omaha.

The famous spectacle "Ben Hur," which is well known to all, is coming to Omaha, for a single week at Boyd's Theatre, commencing Monday, January 5th. This will be welcome news to all in this vicinity as it now brings within our reach an opportunity of witnessing the greatest and most impressive religio-historic drama of modern times. Special accommodations will be arranged on all roads leading to Omaha during this important week and everything is being done to provide for the accommodation of out-of-town patrons.

The production which comes to Omaha is the same original Klaw and Erlanger organization which was seen in Chicago last year with the same cast, scenery, equipment, horses, camels and ornate electrical effects. It is a sermon of varied speech, illustrated by art and music. The purpose of the drama and dramatist is wholly good and the play begins most adroitly, yet reverently.

There are a few bars of music—serving the same purpose as a voluntary before divine service—and when the curtain rises, it discloses the illimitable waste of desert; the tired camels, the three wise men gathered from Greece, from Egypt, from Hindustan, to greet the appearance of the star, "a focus of dazzling lustre." His star proclaims His birth. The play opens with His birth and closes with hosannas and rejoicings over the last miracles He was to perform before His appointed end.

Following the prelude comes the brilliantly colored pictures of the house tops of Jerusalem, the terrace of the palace of Herod. Next is one of the great scenes of the play—the dim interior of the Roman galley ship—the muscular, grim visaged slaves lugging in rhythmic motion at the oars. Then the wreck with Ben Hur and his captain struggling in the waves.

Then comes the most thrilling and realistic effect ever presented on the stage—the great chariot race. A rumble is heard in the background, the hurrying clatter of horses' hoofs and then the race is disclosed. Two Roman chariots, each drawn by four horses, from the centre of the marvelous picture. The animals with far stretched necks and dilated nostrils run like mad, urged on by whips of the charioteers—Ben Hur and his enemy, Messala. The wheels of the chariots rumble and sway. Now Ben Hur is ahead, now Messala, then Ben Hur and the race ends.

The last scene is one of fitting beauty and impressiveness, revealing the Mount of Olivet, where a great multitude gather to greet the Nazarene and where the Savior performs the miracle of cleansing the lepers. Christ's personality is never represented in the flesh but his presence is indicated by a ray of marvellous brilliancy which is reflected by a shaft of pure white light from the halo over his head.

To present the marvellous spectacle no less than 350 people are required. In the chariot race eight horses are used, while four more are kept in training for emergencies.

"Ben Hur" will remain in Omaha but one week and the advance sale of seats opens Wednesday morning, December 31st, at nine o'clock. The management announces that all out of town orders, if accompanied by cash or money order, will be filled before the regular box office sale opens.

Come and price and compare our goods with other stores we are sure we will sell you. Gering & Co.

### NEW RULING MADE

#### The Supreme Court Says that Divorced Persons Cannot Marry in Less Than Six Months.

Eli Eaton, who lives in the neighborhood of Union, this county, and who is well known in this and also sections of Otoe county, has secured a decision from the supreme court, that is of great interest in all parts of Nebraska. By his last marriage Eaton has enjoyed enough excitement and experience that would satisfy most any common man for a life time. His marriage, trouble, etc., are well known to the readers of the Journal, and it is not necessary to recapitulate how he got his wife and brought her to this county to live. After a few months of married life she applied for a divorce on the grounds of cruelty and wanted alimony. In answer he denied that they had ever been legally married, claiming that she was a divorced woman and that the necessary six months had not elapsed to enable her to again legally marry. The case was tried in this county, the court holding that the ceremony was void and Mrs. Eaton was not the wife of Eaton. The judge also refused to grant Eaton a divorce. The case was appealed to the supreme court and the decision is told by the Lincoln News as follows:

"Marriages within six months after one of the parties thereto has been granted a divorce, are absolutely void. Such is the decision of the supreme court of Nebraska handed down yesterday afternoon. This has been a mooted question among the members of the bar of the state. The court holds, however, that the marriage may be validated by the act of the parties living together as man and wife after the six months have expired.

"The validity of marriages contracted by divorced parties within the six months period which has been a mooted question with the attorneys and judiciary of Nebraska, was settled yesterday by a decision of the Nebraska supreme court. The holding is that such marriages are absolutely void when contracted and so remain during the impediment, but the parties may, after the impediment is removed become lawfully united by continuing to live together with the intention of sustaining toward each other the relation of husband and wife.

"The effect is to legalize many marriages contracted by Nebraskans, but the denunciation of the court and the ruling that the marriages are void if contracted during the six months period is calculated to stop the practice. Nothing is said in the decision of the difference between such a marriage contracted in Nebraska and one contracted by citizens of this state in territory beyond the borders of the state. The ground taken is that there can be no valid marriage without the consent of the state and a positive prohibition in the form of a statute does not evidence consent.

"It is not the policy of the divorce law to encourage bigamy," says the court. "Therefore a person who has been released from wedlock by judicial decision is not permitted to indulge in the hope that if he marry again in violation of the statute the marriage will be valid unless the decision is reversed."

### "When We Were Twenty-One."

A fortune awaits the man who can predict in advance the possible success or failure of an untried play, but that fortune will always be without a claimant, for after all, the public is the supreme court and no exception can be taken to the verdict which it renders. The public is a hard master to serve, but is a very just one; no matter what ability a manager may possess, no matter what his years of experience may have taught him, he must figure that some of the dramatic plums will fall into their baskets, and an amusing story is going the rounds which rather tends to prove the truth of this statement. It is told of the play "When We Were Twenty-One." Mr. Esmond, the author happened in the office of a prominent theatrical manager in New York, and had the M.S. of the play under his arm. "What have you there?" asked the manager. "A new play I have just sold, to be produced at the Knickerbocker Theatre, next month," answered Esmond. "What do you call it?" asked the manager. "When We Were Twenty-One," answered Esmond. "It's a good title," ventured the manager. "What's it about?" Esmond proceeded to give him an outline of the plot, but before he had finished, the manager exclaimed, "It's great; why didn't you bring it to me first?" Esmond smiled and said quietly, "I did, you had it seven years ago."

### Assist the Young Men.

A great deal of amusement is being indulged in by the young people in various towns over the state with what is called "A Proposal Party." The young ladies each arm themselves with hearts and plenty of mittens and invite an equal number of young men. The object is for each young man to make the rounds of the fairer sex and try his hand at proposing, the lady making an estimate of skill and is gauged by giving him a heart or a mitten. The young man drawing the most hearts is given a prize for his cleverness, and the one drawing the most mittens is also given a prize for his stupidity. Refreshments are usually provided by the young ladies, partners being chosen by lottery. Ribbons are laid in such a way as one end will be on one side of a curtain and the other end on the other side. The ladies arrange themselves behind the curtain and each take hold of a ribbon. The young men come upon the opposite side and select their ribbon when the curtain is raised and the partners discovered to each other.

### Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by F. G. Fricke & Co., druggists.

### A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c, at G. G. Fricke & Co's drug store.

Leading Clothier... **-MORGAN-** Leading Clothier...

## December Clearance Sale!

### Boys and Children Clothing MUST BE REDUCED.

In order to reduce this stock and at the same time enable parents to make suitable Christmas presents to their children at greatly reduced prices, we have decided to offer our entire line of boys and children clothing at a reduction of 25 per cent on all cash purchases.

This means that

\$3 00 suit or Overcoat for	\$2 25
4 00 " " " " " "	3 00
5 00 " " " " " "	3 75
6 00 " " " " " "	4 50
8 00 " " " " " "	6 00

This is a genuine reduction sale—all our clothing is marked in plain figures and you can arrive at the reduced price yourself.

This Sale Only Lasts Until January 1st, 1903.

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### Half Rates to Lincoln.

December 30th and 31st the Burlington Route will sell tickets from any point in Nebraska or South Dakota to Lincoln, Neb., and return at one fare for the round trip. Tickets good returning until January 3, 1903. Ask the Burlington Agent.

### Notice to Taxpayers.

Having been ordered by the county commissioners to collect all delinquent personal taxes, I will after January 1st commence issuing distress warrants for the collection of personal taxes for 1901 and prior years. No other notice will be given and parties owing taxes for those years are requested to call and settle same at once. J. L. HARTON, County Treasurer.

### Dips from 5c to \$3.00 at Gering & Co's They make a fine Xmas present.

### Wid-Winter Excursion to Florida.

The Burlington Route again offers a mid-winter excursion to Florida, to leave Nebraska points Tuesday, January 6. Through standard Pullman sleepers will be run from Lincoln and Omaha to Jacksonville, Florida, doing away with the necessity of any change of cars.

The route will be via St. Louis and thence to Jacksonville, Florida, closely following the lines of Sherman's famous march to the sea. The journey will be pleasantly broken at Chattanooga, Tennessee, where a day will be spent in visiting Lookout Mountain and other points of historic interest. Those who desire to stop over at St. Louis can join the party en route.

The excursion will be personally conducted by a representative of the Burlington Route, who is familiar with points of interest en route and in Florida. After leaving Jacksonville, the members of the party will have the choice of a number of attractive side trips, and may return home at their leisure. An exceedingly low rate has been made for this excursion, and the opportunity to escape the snow and ice, the wintry blasts and coal bills at home is a notable one.

If you contemplate going it would be well to advise me early. In the matter of accommodations, you know, "It's the first come, first served."

Booklet giving complete itinerary of the above excursion mailed free to any address on request.

J. FRANCIS, G. P. A., Burlington Route, Omaha.

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### To Ladies

In want of suitable Xmas presents for gentlemen friends, buy a box of Pepperberg's Celebrated Fancy packages. Boxes contain twenty-five and twelve cigars. Quality A can be sent through the mail at a very little extra cost of postage, now ready. For sale at Pepperberg's cigar factory.

**A Frightened Horse.**  
Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It benoves everybody to have a reliable salve handy and there's none as good as Buechel's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at F. G. Fricke & Co's drug store.

### PLENTY OF HARD COAL

**AT \$9.00 A TON**

would be appreciated by nearly all of us poor mortals. But that's out of the question. So what will you do about it? Burn soft coal of course. Yes—soft coal stoves. Yes—to use a good stove, one that's built right, of good material and on correct principles. That's where we come in.

**We've Got 'Em!**

Lots of them. Good stoves built by reliable manufacturers, stoves with reputations, stoves plainly finished, stoves attractively dressed, stoves elaborately nickled.

### The Prices are Right!

And don't forget we sell cook stoves and steel ranges. We are always ready to show goods and explain their points of merit. At

**John Bauer's**  
506 Main Street,  
Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

**CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE!**

A time that always brings good cheer. To the little ones at least, and all others who buy their

**Candies,**

**Nuts**

**Fruits**

—OF—

**JOHN SCHIAPPACASSE,**  
where "Old Santa Claus" has made his headquarters for the Holidays.

**HOME-MADE CANDIES** manufactured of the choicest articles and by an expert candy-maker.

**Sattler & Fassbender.**

**DO YOU WANT A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR YOUR WIFE OR CHILDREN?**

Nothing will please your wife better than a Handsome Bedroom or Parlor Suite, a Fine Rocker or Easy Chair. The finest display of Elegant Furniture and other articles for Christmas Presents can be found at the reliable Furniture Store of Sattler & Fassbender, leaders in Furniture. Their stock of Sleighs, Wagons and Toys for the children is much larger than ever before and they are sure to have just what the boys and girls want for Christmas.

**Sattler & Fassbender.**