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## "NOT GUILTY"

### So Say the Jury in the Barton Murder Case.

The jury impaneled in the Barton murder case, which came to a close last week at Sheridan, Wyoming, decided that Mrs. Barton was not guilty of the charge, and the lady has been set at liberty. When the news of the acquittal of her daughter reached the aged mother of the unfortunate lady on Friday last, she was almost overcome with joy. The particulars in this case are well known to most of the readers of the Journal.

It will be remembered that Miss Agatha Stull married a young man by the name of Barton, and soon after the marriage, through the influence of the young man's father and others of the family he refused to live with her and left the country. Reports derogatory to the character of Mrs. Barton were circulated for the purpose of making the community believe that the husband was justified in leaving her. So preying upon the mind had these reports become that Mrs. Barton went to her father-in-law, who, it seems, was the originator of these reports and demanded an explanation. The father-in-law was postmaster of the little town in which they resided, and when she approached him, he became very insulting and replied to Mrs. Barton that "he could prove every word he had said about her." This so enraged the young lady that she fired the fatal shot. A special dispatch from Cheyenne, Wyoming, under date of June 9, says:

"At Sheridan last night Mrs. Agatha Stull Barton was acquitted of the charge of murder. She shot and killed her father-in-law last fall.

"The defense was emotional insanity. She will be sent to the Nebraska insane asylum.

"The state attempted to show that the murder was premeditated several witnesses testifying that Mrs. Barton had made threats upon the life of Barton and that several months before the shooting she purchased a revolver and said it was for the purpose of killing Barton. The defense pleaded temporary insanity. The testimony of physicians and experts was to the effect that while suffering from severe illness and laboring under domestic difficulties, as she did, the defendant would be apt to be, and no doubt was temporarily insane at the time the killing occurred.

"The case has attracted widespread attention throughout northern Wyoming and western Nebraska, where the Bartons and Stulls are well known. The court room was crowded during the trial, and last night the streets in the vicinity of the court house were filled with people who were anxiously waiting for a verdict.

Much interest was taken in the outcome of this case, as the Stull family has resided here for many years, and much credit is due Hon. Matt Gering, who made a special effort in behalf of Mrs. Barton. As soon as the Journal learned that this gentleman had been employed on the defense, we were ready to bet our bottom dollar that Mrs. Barton would never be convicted.

From the Sheridan (Wyoming) Post.

The jury in the Barton murder case brought in a verdict of "not guilty," at seven o'clock this (Thursday) evening, after remaining out but one hour and forty minutes.

As soon as it was known that a verdict had been reached the court room rapidly filled with spectators, eager to hear the report. When the verdict was read a great many in the audience applauded vigorously, until stopped by Judge Stotts, who said it was repeated he would fine every offender for contempt of court.

Although Mrs. Agatha Barton has been on a severe nervous strain for the past week she was composed and controlled herself very well when it was announced that she had gained her liberty.

The verdict was no surprise to the people, who would have been badly disappointed had any other verdict than acquittal been brought in.

## A Social Event.

Miss Stella Boyd entertained a number of her friends at her home last Saturday evening, in honor of Miss Lilly Martin, of San Jose, California. The guests were furnished a Chestnut story in blank. While Miss May Baird played and sang several songs, each guest was required to write their titles in the blanks. In case this was correctly done the guest had an excellent story, and the mistakes in titles made the results varied and amusing. The balance of the evening was spent in fine music and social conversation. At the proper hour refreshments were served. All present pronounce it one of the most enjoyable events of the season. Those who were present to enjoy the hospitality extended were Miss May, Estelle and Caroline Baird, Margaret Wells, Lily Kerr, Alma Larson, Louise Osborne, Nellie Whalen, Amelia Metzger, Lilly Martin, Stella Boyd, Francis Mitchell and Messrs. John Crabbill, Will Robertson, F. W. Lotshaw, Charles Kerr, Glen Phebus, McElroy, Crossman and W. N. Baird.

## ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

### Large Men.

There are seven Messenger brothers in Cass county who constitute the original members of that family in Nebraska. They are all large men, and all of them being in town last Saturday, some one suggested that they each be weighed. After they were corralled they proceeded to the hardware store of John Bauer where the job was done, and we give below the weight as well as the age of each:

NAME AGE WEIGHT

Bals.....68.....225

Mike.....62.....217

Conrad.....62.....209

Henry.....58.....209

Jake.....54.....218

George.....52.....179

Phillip.....50.....196

The average weight of these gentlemen is 211 pounds. They are apparently in the enjoyment of the best of health. They are old settlers and by industry and perseverance have "laid up" an abundance for the veritable "rainy day." The largest one of these brothers still follows the plow, and can do as big days work as any of his neighbors. There are no better citizens anywhere. They have numerous children who have married and settled among them, and it is said when one reaches Eight Mile Grove precinct it is impossible to go in any direction without reaching the home of a Messenger. Cass county is proud of this family, and The Journal adds, "Long may they live and prosper."

### Serious Accident at Mynard.

A young Mr. Cole, in company with a young lady friend, attended a social gathering near Mynard on Friday night last. When they were ready to return home the lady was assisted into the buggy and was in the act of reaching for the lines when the horses became frightened and started to run. The young lady was advised to jump from the buggy, which she did in safety. The horses continued their course in the direction of Mynard. It was very dark at the time and they soon disappeared. A short time after the mangled remains of the horses and pieces of the buggy were found strewn along the Missouri Pacific railroad track north of Mynard. From all appearances the horses had run up the track and got tangled in the cattle guards at one of the crossings, when the south bound train came along and ran into the outfit. It was indeed a miraculous escape from death for the young lady, and it is also a great wonder that she was not crippled in jumping from the vehicle.

### Killed by Lightning.

Roy, the twelve-year-old son of Mr. G. V. Pickwell residing at Murdock, was instantly killed by lightning on Thursday night of last week, while standing on the front porch of the family home. The youngster was leaning on a bench holding out his hands to catch hailstones that were falling, when the fatal bolt struck him. The family, with the exception of Mrs. Pickwell, were standing on the porch, and was also piled in a heap on the floor with the unfortunate lad. Leta McDonald, who stood beside him, was severely burned from the effects of the bolt. The balance escaped injury.

### Improvements Commenced.

Several weeks ago The Journal mentioned the fact that Heisel & Son contemplated making extensive improvements on their mill in this city. The work has been commenced, and what is completed will be one of the finest mills in the state. A third story is being added and a great deal of old machinery is being replaced by that of a more modern improvement. Messrs. Heisel & Son will expend several thousand dollars to bring their mill up with the times, and our citizens, and the business men of the city especially, should appreciate this fact by patronizing home enterprise. Such improvements are worthy of more than ordinary note.

### Other Improvements.

W. W. Coats has purchased the Fitzgerald block and expects to renovate the same throughout; sewerage is being placed under the Krug building; the Cass County Bank is having the proper sewerage placed under its building, and the basement rooms will be laid with concrete, the walls repapered and fixed up in grand shape; the building known as the "Little Gem Restaurant" is being raised, a new floor put in and otherwise improved inside and out. While this is being done the "Little Gem" people will occupy quarters near the depot.

### A Cut Never Bleeds.

After Porter's antiseptic healing oil is applied. Relieves pain instantly and heals at the same time. For man or beast. Price, 25 cents.

### G. A. R. DISTRICT REUNION.

Arrangements Completed and Dates Fixed for August 25 to 28 at Louisville.

The executive committee of the G. A. R. district reunion met with John Davis, president of the association in Louisville, on Saturday, June 13, 1903, and fixed upon the above dates for holding the district reunion at Louisville. After naming the dates, the following committees were appointed.

Speakers—James Stander, Dr. M. U. Thomas, Isaac DePuy, H. E. Brown.

Tents—Wm. Wade, M. N. Drake, Thomas Johnson.

Wood and Straw—M. D. Ruby, H. E. Pankonin.

Water—W. C. Dorsey, H. E. Pankonin, James Hoover, John Jackson.

Concessions—W. A. Cleghorn, John Gorder.

Police—S. B. McLeran.

Sports—L. J. Mayfield, S. W. Davis, G. H. Wood, P. O. Esmay.

Transportation—L. J. Mayfield, C. A. Richey.

Vocal music—Louis Eddy, W. C. Dorsey, Miss Alma Brodine, Miss Neva Wood, M. A. Sams, Miss A. Smith, Miss Emily Livingston.

Instrumental music—H. E. Brown, F. H. Nichols, J. P. Wood.

Decorations—E. Palmer, W. F. Diers, P. A. Jacobson.

Grounds—J. O. Cox, E. C. Twiss, H. J. Tangeman, Wm. Anderson, James Alloway.

Printing—G. A. Mayfield, George Frater, Dr. E. H. Worthman.

Reception—Captain J. T. A. Hoover, G. W. Mayfield, I. DePuy, Jackson Barker, B. W. Teodoroski, W. A. Johnson, Geo. Jackman, sr., David Line, T. T. Ball and the Woman's club.

There are no more hospitable people on earth than in Louisville, and we confidently look for the most successful reunion this year than has ever been held in the history of the association. Louisville was never known to do anything by halves.

### Sound Business Principles.

There is a very strong sentiment in this world concerning newspapers. The people expect the merchants to make some profit on the goods they sell.

They expect lawyers and doctors to collect the usual customary fee for their professional services, but the moment they have dealings with a newspaper, they expect a cut rate figure and begin to hunt around to find where it will be done the cheapest.

The newspaper business is legitimate and should be conducted on as sound business principles as any other profession. The men engaged are justly entitled to fair profit as the merchant, lawyer, or doctor. A partial reason however, for this wrong sentiment was the disposition of the bygone newspaper men to cut and slash prices regardless of business principles. This class is fast disappearing and the public should know it. Newspapers are conducted today from a business point of view.

### Wheat Continues to Do Well.

The past week has been cool, with moderate showers. The daily mean temperature has averaged 4 degrees below normal in eastern counties and 2 degrees below in western.

Showers occurred quite generally during the last half of the week; the amount of rainfall in most of the eastern portion of the state ranged from one-half an inch to an inch, but in some cases it exceeded two inches. Some of the showers were accompanied by hail, seriously injuring crops in limited areas.

Winter wheat continues to do well, although most wheat fields are affected by rust. Oats are beginning to head, and in some instances with rather short straw. The condition of corn has improved and cultivation has made rapid progress, while some corn has been planted during the week; all corn large enough has been cultivated the first time and the second cultivation has commenced. Alfalfa cutting has progressed rapidly and much of the first crop is now in the stack; the crop is rather a light one. Grass in meadows and pastures continues to grow well and the hay crop promises to be large. Potatoes are doing well. Strawberries are a large crop.

### More Low Rates.

The Burlington will sell round trip tickets as follows: San Francisco and return \$50.00; July 1 to 10. Los Angeles and return, \$50.00; July 1 to 10. San Diego and return, \$50.00; July 1 to 10. Ask the ticket agent for particulars.

### A Burn Never Burns.

After Porter's antiseptic healing oil is applied. Relieves pain instantly and heals at the same time. For man or beast. Price, 25 cents.

### OLD SETTLERS' REUNION AT UNION

Friday and Saturday, August 7 and 8 the Dates this Year.

We learn from the Ledger that the annual business meeting of the Old Settlers' Association was held Saturday afternoon, June 13, and that notwithstanding the small attendance there was considerable interest manifested, and the business was transacted in a manner that seemed satisfactory to all excepting those who were called upon to fill the offices. The following were elected for the ensuing year.

President—Wm. B. Davis.

Vice-Presidents—Wm. Stotler and W. H. Mark.

Treasurer—Dr. A. E. Walker.

Secretary—C. L. Graves.

Directors—J. A. Nicholson, C. F. Morton, A. H. Austin, S. C. Hattaway and F. H. McCarthy.

The dates selected for the 15th reunion are Friday and Saturday, August 7 and 8th.

The meeting of the old settlers of Cass county have long since become one of the fixed institutions of the county, and are always looked forward to with great pleasure by the pioneers. Union has always extended the right hand of welcome, and these gatherings have always proved successful in numbers present as well as in the program arranged for the event. And the Journal believes the arrangements this year will be no exception to the rule. All hail to Union and her old settlers' reunion.

### A Pointer to Merchants.

The editor of the Pine Bluff (Mo.) Republican says: "When we were publishing a paper at Mt. Vernon, Ill., on the second floor, a store was opened in the room under our office. The senior proprietor came up stairs and contracted for three columns of space for twelve months with local cash issue and 2,500 doggers each week. The firm started on borrowed capital. In less than two years it had money enough to start two stores, one in Sedalia and one in St. Louis. It dissolved partnership, and each partner took a field to himself. Byron Nugent was the partner who is now the senior member of the firm of B. Nugent & Bro., the great St. Louis house. He not only owns the store building and ground but is erecting a modest little cottage home which will cost \$87,000. We must add that some of the old mossbacks who were in business in Mt. Vernon before Byron Nugent ever saw the place are still grumbling about dull trade and hard times."

Some people persist that there is nothing in advertising extensively, and a few merchants in Plattsmouth claim there is nothing in advertising at all. The writer knows that the above is true. During the years from 1868 to 1875, he published a paper at Marion, Williamson county, Illinois, and knew when this store was opened in Mt. Vernon, and he thought himself that the firm had gone crazy. In those days a double half column was something great for a newspaper. But see the result of this advertising, and today B. Nugent & Bro., are the most extensive advertisers in St. Louis. The merchant who fails to advertise in this day and age is now considered "datty."

### Almost a Serious Affair.

As Dave Amick and family were coming to town last Saturday, they came very nearly meeting with a most serious accident near the old mill on Chicago avenue. The team was not the gentlest in the world and were attached to a large wagon. One of the tugs became unbalanced and the wagon bumped against one of the horses, and they had proceeded very far thus, the tongue fell down and broke. But by the timely aid of passers-by the team was halted and the wife and children rescued in safety. Evidently it was not a team to Mr. Amick's liking, as he sold it the same afternoon.

### Murdock Next.

At the close of the Sunday School convention in Louisville last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—C. C. Wescott.

Vice-President—Wm. B. Ambler, Weeping Water.

Treasurer—Geo. L. Farley.

Superintendent Primary Department—Edith Clizbe, Weeping Water.

Delegates to state convention—Rev. Martin, Elmwood; James Stander, Louisville; Miss Lena Barnes, Weeping Water.

The next annual meeting will be held at Murdock.

### Taken to the Reform School.

Sheriff McBride conveyed Louis Kezor to the state reform school at Kearney Tuesday, to which institution the boy was ordered by Judge Jensen at the recent term of the district court. Kezor is the boy who stole money from Mr. Inhelder at Cedar Creek several months ago, and lit out with it.

### Driven to Desperation.

Living at an out of the way place, remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident, resulting in burns, cuts, wounds ulcers, etc. Lay in a supply of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the best on earth. 25 cents at F. G. Fricke & Co's drug store.

### Ceremonies Postponed.

On account of the rain last Sunday the ceremonies of laying the cornerstone for the new Catholic church at Manly have been postponed to next Sunday, June 28th.

## Take a See!



It costs nothing to see our Men's Summer Clothing—and not very much to own a suit or two.

Flannel, Wool Crash, or Homespun, from \$5.00 to \$15.00 for coat and trousers. So loosely woven that you can see through it, and yet as strong as cheviot.

Did you ever wear one of those blue serge coats to come to town in?

They are about the coolest coat we know anything about; as dressy as anything a fellow can put on his back, and then put on a nice light colored or striped pair of pants and you are certainly comfortably and neatly dressed.

Come in and take a see

Leading Clothier....

# -MORGAN-

Leading Clothier....

### To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. *E. W. Linn*

Seven Million boxes sold in past 12 months. This signature, *E. W. Linn*

### CALLED TO HIS LONG HOME.

Death of J. H. Bauer, a Pioneer Citizen of Cass County.

Mr. J. H. Bauer, one of the pioneer citizens of Cass county, died at his home near Walash, on Saturday, June 20th, 1903. The deceased was well known to many of the old settlers of the county, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

The funeral occurred on Monday following and was largely attended. The remains were conveyed from the home to the Glendale M. E. church west of Louisville, where Rev. H. S. Geotz of the German M. E. church conducted the services, and preached a most excellent sermon, the subject being "the uncertainty of life," and which was especially adapted to this solemn occasion; after which interment was made in the Walash cemetery.

The deceased was born in Germany, (Hesse-Darmstadt,) October 22, 1825; came to America and settled at Hamburg, Penn., in 1855; in 1857 he removed to near Louisville, Cass county, Nebraska, where he lived until 1890. He then removed to his late home near Walash where he lived until death called him from this world at the age of 73 years, 8 months and 28 days.

The deceased was married to Margaret Berger in 1860. To this union was born two children, one of whom died in infancy, and the other survives his father. The faithful wife and mother died August 27, 1896. The deceased leaves one son, four grandchildren and two sisters to mourn his death.

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral were John Bauer and wife, and George Bauer and wife of Lincoln, nephews of the deceased, and Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Schlatter of Plattsmouth, old friends and former neighbors of the family, and also Mr. and Mrs. T. Peterson of this city.

The casket containing the remains was wreathed in an abundance of most beautiful flowers, brought from Lincoln by the Messrs. Bauer, as a tribute to their dear departed uncle.

### The Add Was There All Night.

A minister down in Kansas found his congregation too poor to purchase hymn books, and being offered the same books free by a patent medicine concern, provided they be allowed to insert their advertisements, he ordered three dozen for his congregation. He was highly elated upon receiving them to find no ads therein. The next Sunday he distributed the books, telling of his good fortune and requesting that they sing hymn No. 120. His chagrin may be imagined when the congregation sang as follows:

Hark, the heavenly angels sing,  
Johnson's pills are just the thing;  
Angels do sing meek and mild,  
Two for man and one for child.

Some interesting figures are gleaned from the returns made by the Cass county assessors, which have recently been placed on file in the county clerk's office. They show that the total number of farmers in this county is 1,897 and the total number of acres of land under cultivation to be 367,659.

The total number of acres of winter wheat sown last fall was 15,527; corn, 153,982; rye, 970; spring wheat, 3,889; oats, 32,420; barley, 46; Irish potatoes, 940; sweet potatoes, 12; sorghum cane, 627; sugar beets, 5; millet, 603; broom corn, 387; timothy, 8,743; clover, 2,717; blue grass, 10,946; alfalfa, 709; tons of hay cut last year, 6,300. The number of acres in apple trees, 9,200; pears, 5; peaches, 100; plums, 10; cherries, 28; timber, 12,551. Number of cattle, 33,783; hogs, 24,155; sheep, 412; horses and mules, 9,679. Oumber of cattle died with disease during the year ending March 1, 1903, 716; hogs, 1,603; sheep, 16; horses and mules, 216.

Plattsmouth precinct leads with 180 farmers and 27,855 acres of land under cultivation, while Greenwood precinct has the largest number of acres of winter wheat, which is 1,887.

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

### Mining in Cass Fifty Years Ago.

If citizens of Union have faith in mining companies organized fifty years ago they might strike a bonanza by investing in land in and near Union and opening a few coal mines. We have in this office proof that some of the first settlers of Nebraska had great expectations regarding this vicinity as a mining district, but as yet we have been unable to find an old settler who remembers anything about the "Cedar Bluff" town and coal mining Co., which appeared to be doing business here in 1857. The proof referred to is a certificate of stock printed as follows:

No. 141. 320 Shares.  
CEDAR BLUFFS TOWN & COAL MINING COMPANY.

This Certificate Entitles  
to 1-320th part of 220 acres in the CEDAR BLUFF TOWN AND COAL MINING Co., with all rights, profits, and liabilities. Each share is entitled to from five to ten lots, according to size.

J. P. SNOW, President.  
Secretary.

Cedar Bluffs is situated in Cass Co., Nebraska Territory, on a well known river called "Weeping Water," five miles from its confluence with the Missouri River, and ten miles from Nebraska City, on the National Road leading to OMAHA, and contains an abundance of Coal, Iron Ore and Limestone.

CEDAR BLUFFS, Cass Co., N. T., 1857.

The above description locates the company's "coal fields" not far from here, and we are informed that the farm now owned by M. G. Kime was known as "Cedar Bluff" long ago, so if our friend Michael desires to engage in a little speculation he can no doubt buy up all the stock at a nominal price, become the whole company himself and develop the town that has slumbered since '57. Any Nebraska pioneer who remembers anything of this company can probably write some reminiscences that would interest the old settlers as well as the younger people, and The Ledger invites communications on subjects of this kind.—Union Ledger.

### Interesting Statistics.

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### "A Race for a Million."

The above named play, put on at the Parnelle theatre, Monday night by home talent, was not attended by as large an audience as it really deserved. While it was expected that "A Race for a Million" would be nothing heavy, the audience seemed to enjoy its production very much. "Dudley Carlton," the character assumed by W. R. Butler, was remarkably well given, as was also that of "Col. Blake" by Emmons Hickey. L. D. Hiatt as "Harry Hoffman" was good, and demonstrated that Denny was no "stomach" on the stage. Miss Nellie Hopping, as "Synthia" wife of Dudley," was excellent, and in the part she played, showed that she was no stranger before the foot lights. Miss Margaret Warren in the character of "Rose, daughter of Dudley," done remarkably well. Take it all in all, they all did well, and no doubt better than was really expected. The quartet, composed of Messrs Marshall and Street and Messrs. Butler and White, although no strangers to a Plattsmouth audience, was highly enjoyed. They are all fine vocalists and can hold an audience spellbound on any occasion. Plattsmouth is proud of this quartet and we all have reason to be. Billy Butler and Miss Warren sang solos and were greatly applauded. For home talent they all deserve credit for their efforts, and all the complaint The Journal has to register is that there should have been a larger attendance, in fact the theatre should have been filled to its utmost capacity.

### His Last Hope Realized.

(From the Sentinel, Getz, Mont.)  
In the first opening of Oklahoma to settlers in 1889, the editor of this paper was among the many seekers after fortune who made the big race one fine day in April. During his traveling about and afterwards his camping upon his claim, he encountered much bad water, which, together with the severe heat, gave him a very severe diarrhoea which it seemed almost impossible to check, and along in June the case became so bad he expected to die. One day one of his neighbors brought him one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as a last hope. A big dose was given him while he was rolling about on the ground in great agony, and in a few minutes the dose was repeated. The good effect of the medicine was soon noticed and within an hour the patient was taking his first sound sleep for a fortnight. That one little bottle worked a complete cure, and he cannot help but feel grateful. The season for bowel disorders being at hand suggests this item. For sale by all druggists.

### \$45.00 to California and Return.

Via Burlington route. For the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States at Los Angeles, May 21st to June 2nd. Tickets on sale May 3, also 12 to 18th limited for return to July 15, 1903. Stop overs allowed at many points of interest. Ask the ticket agent or particulars.