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TART CURB-STONE JOSHINGS

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That money talks, quite freely, too. We all have probably heard; but there are some of us to whom it's never said a word.

Attend the Labor Day celebration Monday.

A man isn't too old to learn if he isn't too old to get married, is he?

The public schools of the city open up for business next Tuesday morning.

The state fair is on at Lincoln, and Plattsmouth is well represented each day.

A man may not have a cent to his name and still have dollars in the name of his wife.

A pretty girl is willing to admit that a homely girl is sensible. Ain't that funny?

A man who can induce others to walk into his trap is a strategist. We have 'em in Plattsmouth.

Religion makes a mighty poor shroud after it has been worn as a cloak. A warning to Plattsmouth hypocrites.

Next Monday is Labor Day, and it will be appropriately observed in this city by the various labor unions.

Plattsmouth merchants should make an effort to pull a big fall trade here. Constant advertising will do the work.

There is a tide in the affairs of wheat which, taken at what seems to be the flood, frequently leads on to misfortune.

The foot ball season will soon begin, and then bugged-up eyes and broken noses and limbs will be of daily occurrence.

Because some men have more wealth than others, is that any reason why they should get out of paying their back taxes?

It is wonderful how some ninety-eight-pound women can boss 200-pound men, but we have one in this city who can't do it.

The wise advertising merchant is getting busy to gather in the fall trade. There is promise of something doing, as the season opens.

The democratic county convention to select candidates for the several offices to be filled this fall, will be held in this city on Monday, September 26.

A subscriber wants to know what has become of "Jack-the-Hugger?" He's here yet, and will "engage in business again at the old stand" as soon as the season opens.

And now the South Dakota Rosebuds are finding to their sorrow that every rose must have its thorns; trouble is ahead, not from grafters, but from sooner who have pre-empted claims.

A young lady living in Kentucky was recently killed by lightning while talking over a telephone during a thunderstorm. A warning to all girls to keep away from telephones when lightning begins to play pranks.

Walter L. Main is looking around for winter quarters in Nebraska for his circus and menagerie. Plattsmouth will welcome it. Everything needed can be purchased as cheap here as at any town or city in the state.

The get-rich-quick scamp, the forger and the horse thief are getting to numerous in the land. They are in the same class. If anything the horse thief is more honorable, because he does not try to hide his guilt under a religious cloak.

"Oh, how could you?" exclaimed the Plattsmouth girl who had been unexpectedly kissed the other night. "It affords me pleasure to show you," calmly replied the young man audaciously. Whereupon he proceeded more slowly and deliberately.

The man who makes hay while the sun shines will let little grass grow under his feet. He does not wait for something to turn up, but he proceeds to turn something up. Making hay means working to well devised plans as much as strenuous hours of toil.

The fire alarm was tested Tuesday evening. First the old fire bell pealed forth, which caused the fire boys to respond in great haste. They made a run to test the hose. At the same time the new fire-alarm system was tested. Everything worked admirably and seemed in apple-pie order, but the alarm caused a large number of people to collect on the streets.

We bounce right onto a fellow and put him out of church if he goes to a ball or theatre or is caught in a saloon, but never a word is said about the pious old scamp who practices fraud in his daily walks of life. But he pays the most to the preacher. Isn't this getting to be a funny old world? The bigger the hypocrite, the more respect he commands with the church—if he pays liberally for it.

Mutual Protective Association.

Sarpy county has organized such an association which has been incorporated, the first of its character ever organized in Nebraska. The association is organized to prevent the depredations of hog and petty thieves which at present infest the county. The organizers include many of the prominent farmers of the county, and the officers consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and two captains, who also constitute the executive committee, which directs the affairs of the society. Its object is given to suppress thieving, capture and convict thieves and to indemnify members against loss by theft. Other counties will no doubt do likewise. It is the only remedy to prevent the thieving of horses in this and adjoining counties.

SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER

A Few More Reasons Why You Should Buy at Home.

When your wife or child is sick, do you ask Sears & Roebuck or Montgomery, Ward & Co. to call and sit up during the vigil of dark and stormy nights? No.

When the funeral of your loved one takes place, do you expect Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery, Ward & Co. to come and help you lay away the remains? No.

When you need a little money to help your church and Sunday school, do you ask Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery, Ward & Co. to contribute? No.

When you need some one to go on your bond or note, do you go to Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery, Ward & Co. and ask them to do for you? No.

When you have a social at your house, do you invite Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery, Ward & Co. to attend? No.

When you come to town with your butter, eggs, wood, poultry, etc., do you ask Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery, Ward & Co. to buy your stuff? No.

When you come to town, not to buy goods, but to attend a show and it rains, halls and blows, do you rush into Sears & Roebuck's and Montgomery, Ward & Co.'s business houses for shelter? No.

When you want to buy several dollars worth of goods do you forget the many kindnesses bestowed on you by your home merchants and send to Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery, Ward & Co. and get them? Yes.

And that is the way you pay the debt of gratitude you owe to the home merchants who sympathize with you in sickness and death; who go on your bond or note; who contribute to your churches and Sunday schools; who attend your social events; who extend credit to you when you have no money. Read this and then confess publicly how ungrateful you have been to your best friends.

Still at Work.

The Elmwood Leader, in its last issue, contains an account of where a horse thief was foiled in his attempt to steal a horse. The Leader says: "One evening last week Roy Lean returned home quite late, and when near the barn noticed one of the horses standing at the door with the bridle on. He hastily tied the horse he was riding outside the barn, woke his father and told what he had seen. Mr. Lean dressed, grabbed the shotgun, and they went to the barn, where they found the horse loose in the yard; but without bridle or halter on, the bridle having been returned to the barn. Keeping quiet for some time, they finally heard a faint whistle west of the house, near the orchard, which was answered by a whistle from the corn field east of the barn. They waited a long time, but the parties evidently knew they were being watched for and made good their escape. Had not Roy come home just as he did, Mr. Lean would doubtless have had one good team less to feed next morning. It begins to look as though a vigilance committee was needed in Cass county to deal with horse thieves.

Ak-Sar-Ben Grand Carnival.

Opens at Omaha, September 28, and runs until October 8. Something doing every minute. More parades, music, fun and attractions than ever before. Sensations of the age—Looping the Gap—The High Wire Walking Elephant. Those choice shows on the Pike, the best of the carnival world. Will open your eyes. A panorama of spectacular effect. Nothing cheap. Most of them direct from the world's fair. Very low rates on railroads.

FIERGE LIGHTNING'S FREAKS

Murdock Visited by a Severe Storm, as Well as Several Other Points.

About midnight last Sunday night there approached the village of Murdock from the southeast the most terrific thunderstorm of the season. For about one hour it was one continual flash of lightning and crash of thunder. About 1 o'clock lightning struck the residence of George Utt, tearing the plastering off the second story and two rooms down stairs; also wrecking some door and window casings, but no one was injured.

A few minutes later the house of O. K. Rush was struck and badly damaged. The chimney and part of the roof and the plastering from the entire house except the bed room in which the family were sleeping, was completely knocked off the ceilings and walls. Fortunately no one was hurt except being temporarily stunned.

The rainfall was very heavy from 12 o'clock to 5 o'clock in the morning. From private sources we are informed that this rain will suffice for the making of the corn in that vicinity.

OTHER POINTS.

On the farm of Simon Johnson, three miles northeast of town, lightning struck a large rick of hay, containing about fifty tons, which was entirely consumed. His house was also struck and the roof set on fire, but the heavy downpour had the effect of extinguishing the flames before much damage was done. This was very fortunate, indeed.

Several other farmers in the neighborhood lost large quantities of hay in the same manner. We also learn of a large residence, six miles west of town, being struck the same night, but as to the damages we have been unable to learn.

Some of the farmers on the east side of the river are said to have also been heavily damaged by the storm Sunday night, but just to what extent we have not been able to learn.

A Sensible Judge.

A man gives his wife a terrible beating, he was brought into court and fined \$25, or three months in jail, but in imposing the fine, the judge says, if every wife beater was horse whipped good and hard there would be more happy homes. The fining and putting in jail in such cases is a mere mockery of justice. The man, we will suppose, is the bread winner of the family, and to pay the \$25 is simply taking that much away from the already abused wife and children and means to them, it may be, weeks of semi-starvation, or at the best the deprivation of many things they might have had. If they have no money and cannot pay the fine, the three months in jail makes the matter worse. The father goes to jail, is well fed and comfortably housed, while the poor woman and children must get along as best they can. The punishment falls upon the innocent wife, already severely punished, and the still more innocent children. Is it any wonder that courts and lawyers find it almost impossible to get abused women to prosecute these kind of cases? The whipping post may be brutal, but brutal actions demand brutal punishment, which is the only kind that will appeal to a brutal nature.

Will They Abandon Permanently.

It is rumored that the parties who contemplated fighting the back tax proposition have temporarily abandoned the idea. This is good as far as it goes. But have they abandoned it permanently, or simply until after the election of a new prosecuting attorney, one who can be influenced by the attorneys of the back tax resisters? When it comes to the wealthy men of the county endeavoring to get out of paying their back taxes, while the poorer ones have to march up the captain's office and settle in full, we don't believe in it. But they have the money to employ attorneys to fight it, and if these attorneys can be successful in electing a man to the office of county attorney they want, they can easily have things their own way. The Journal asks the honest taxpayers of Cass county to watch the scheme brewing.

Has Sold a Pile of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for more than twenty years and it has given entire satisfaction. I have sold a pile of it and can recommend it highly.—Joseph McElhinney, Linton, Iowa. You will find this remedy a good friend when troubled with a cough or cold. It always affords quick relief and is pleasant to take. For sale by all druggists.

Has No Jurisdiction.

In the county court last Friday in the matter of Mrs. Kate Johnson against the Theodore Roedeker estate, Judge Travis denied the prayer of the petitioner on the ground that he has no jurisdiction to enter any such decree. The case has been pending for some time, and no doubt will be carried to the district court. The plaintiff, Mrs. Johnson, who now resides in Omaha, claims to have been adopted by Theodore Roedeker, deceased, a number of years ago at Muscatine, Ia., and by reason of this adoption she claims a share of the property left by the deceased.

WHY THEY LEAVE THE FARM

An Old Reader of the Journal Asks Us to Give the Reason.

The other day one of the oldest readers of the Journal, and a gentleman who has made what he has by hard knocks on the farm right here in Cass county, was a caller at these headquarters. He told us that he had reared five boys, and that as soon as they got able to do for themselves they insisted on and did leave home for other vocations in life. Our old friend has plenty of this world's goods and owns six hundred acres of as fine land as there is in the state of Nebraska. And now he has to rent out his land or employ several men to do his work. He tried to persuade each one of the boys, as they departed from the home fireside, to remain, but they would not do so. "Why," he asks, "do boys insist on leaving the farm?"

The Journal does not feel qualified to give a version of this matter, but will do the best we can and let it go for what it is worth. In the first place, pride has driven more boys from the farm than anything else. The roughness of his hands and the tan on his cheek, acquired by hard work in the sunshine, make the farmer boy feel at a disadvantage with his city cousin whom he chances to meet in the parlor of some favorite lady friend on Sunday evening or out on some picnic excursion. The air of superiority exhibited by the soft-handed, fair-cheeked city chap puts the farmer boy ill at ease and he goes home at night sick at heart and tired of the farm. He imagines his country lass favors the city chap and would prefer some other life than on the farm. Like Maud Muller, she is not content with her lot and she spurns the love of the noble farmer boy because of what she thinks is an humble calling. The result is the boy becomes disgusted with the farm.

How many boys who have left the old home on the farm can say they have bettered themselves by going to the city? Perhaps about one in twenty. During our career in the newspaper business, which has extended over almost half a century, we have failed to see any cause for a young man leaving the farm. And the young lady who prefers the city dude to a good honest farmer lad generally gets left after marriage when happiness and prosperity are taken into consideration. Our opinion is that when a city girl prefers a city chap to the hard working country lad because of the latter's rough hands and tanned cheeks, to say the least, she makes a dampfool of herself. And the farmer lad makes a like fool of himself when he pays the least attention to such a girl.

The writer was not fortunate enough to be raised on the farm, (and we have wished a thousand or more times that we were), but we imagine and believe it is the most prosperous, happy and independent life to live. Then it is healthful to get up at five o'clock in the morning, harness the horses, eat while they do, and hurry to the field amid the song of the birds, the perfume of flowers and the sparkle of the dew, there to turn the loamy soil, while the city chap lies in bed for many hours after, suffering from a distressing headache occasioned by last night's dissipation.

Stay on the farm, boys; be happy and healthy, and steer clear of the many alluring enticements of city life. Never mind the rough hands and the tanned cheeks—they were caused by honest toil—while that fair complexion and soft hands of the city chap may not have been.

Annual Hog Sale.

C. J. Gaebel will hold his annual hog sale at Evergreen Breeding Farm, on Wednesday, October 5, 1904, at which time he will sell seventy head of Duroc Jersey hogs. Mr. Gaebel's farm is situated three and a half miles southwest of Louisville, and these sales are usually attended by a large crowd of stock breeders, as they know Charley will not have a poor breeder on his place.

STOCK IS SELLING FAST.

Plattsmouth Telephone Company's List of Stockholders Increases.

Since issuing the new directories last week the following persons have subscribed for stock in the Plattsmouth Telephone company:

J. E. Douglass, Plattsmouth	500
Fred G. Egenberger, Plattsmouth	500
William G. Erhardt, Louisville	500
C. E. Mockenhaupt, Louisville	500
Frank Crawford, Omaha	500
Rev. J. D. Kerr, Omaha	2000
Ellen C. Pollock, Plattsmouth	100
J. K. Kellieley, Weeping Water	200
H. Frederick Ball, Chicago	500
Pollock Parnele, Plattsmouth	100

The remaining stock will soon be subscribed for and the necessary extensions to the system are being rapidly completed.

These contemplating investing in this stock would do well to not delay making application, for it will not be long before the treasury stock will all be sold and there will be no chance to buy at par after this issue is disposed of.

For any information regarding the stock call at our office over First National bank or address

T. H. Pollock, Gen. Mgr. Plattsmouth, Neb.

Does It Pay?

He is a farmer 70 years of age and rich. His principles have always been to take everything in sight, more land, larger crops, more buildings. His gait has been the "get there" that kills. Overwork killed his third wife five years ago. His sons slid away from home at the first opportunity, his daughter married an old stick of a man just to get away from home. His sons and worthless sons-in-law have engaged their lawyers and are now sitting on the fence like buzzards waiting for the old man to die so they can divide his wealth among them. There will be a large funeral one of these days, seventy carriages, and that will be the end of the old man. Does it pay to work night and day, save up a lot of money and never spend a cent? Does it pay?

The Inheritance Tax Law.

Here is a law adopted by a republican legislature that is of as little use to the tax payers of a county directly, as any law upon the statute books. Every dollar derived through this law goes to the state and not one cent to the county. But the county authorities are expected to enforce a law which robs the people of the county and gives the money to the state. This law has been in force for some time, but few people of Cass county know of its most objectionable feature. It was certainly a wise legislature that adopted it, and most certainly the members thereof did not have the interests of their own counties at heart when they voted for it, or else they were ignorant of its full meaning.

Democrats, Attention.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Journal will be found the call for the democratic county convention, which is to meet in this city on Monday, September 26. The primaries will be held on Monday evening, September 19, at 7:30. It behooves all the democrats to attend these primaries, and have their various precincts represented by a full delegation. Several good speakers, including Hon. Hugh Lamaster, fusion candidate for congress, will be present to address those in attendance. Even if you are not sent from your precinct as a delegate, come anyway and let us have a good, genuine democratic love-feast.

Charged to Tramps.

John Wiles fine two-story farm residence, six miles south of Plattsmouth, was totally consumed by fire last Friday evening. The loss is estimated at \$2,000, with no insurance. It is believed that tramps ransacked the house, stole \$50 and started the conflagration to cover up the crime, as two pair of pants containing the money were missing. None of the family were at home at the time and it is impossible to ascertain just how the fire started. It is quite a loss to Mr. Wiles, as the property was not insured.

Well Known in This City.

Robert Black, who was recently killed at Rulo, Neb., was well known to quite a number in this city. He was superintendent of bridges on the B. & M. division at Nebraska City, and was standing on the track talking to another railroad man when he was struck by a switch engine coming down the track with a long string of cars.

Mauzy & Murphy, fine china and cut glass.

Old Settlers' Reunion.

The thirty-seventh annual reunion of the old settlers of Otoe and adjoining counties will be held Monday, September 5, in Morton park, Nebraska City, and all are invited to attend. The meeting promises to be very enjoyable as all arrangements have been made to entertain a large crowd. These annual meetings are in the nature of family gatherings and reuniting old acquaintances, so all are asked to bring their dinners and come and have a good time.

There are no games of chance, no "grafting" and no expense.

The ladies will serve fine hot coffee, lemonade and ice water.

There will be speeches by several recognized orators and important papers read.

There will be amusements galore for old and young.

The Labor Union organizations will celebrate at Riverview park on the same day and you can visit there if you so desire.

There will be two games of baseball, morning and afternoon.

All who have been residents of Nebraska for twenty-five years are eligible to membership in the Old Settlers' association.

Forty Days of Fasting.

This fast having been so many times accomplished does not meet with popular favor any more, as the recent announcement of a new attempt has shown. We see more fasting around now than we ever saw before; some of it is the result of labor difficulties, loss of work, negligence and indifference, while other cases are due to maladies of the stomach. In these last cases, when the stomach refuses to accept or digest food, Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine is the only reliable remedy. It imparts to the stomach through mild stimulation the necessary strength to readily take any food and to assist in the work of digestion and assimilation. It is made of pure grape wine and vegetable tonics, that is, selected herbs, known for their effect on the digestive tract. It heals the inflamed mucous membranes of this tract, renews the blood and the vitality. Being very palatable it is the ideal family medicine for all stomach and intestinal troubles. At drug stores. Jos. Triner, manufacturer, 799 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ills.

Teachers Selected.

At the special meeting of the board of education Monday night, Miss Annie Maxwell of Fremont was selected to fill the place in the high school made vacant by the resignation of Miss Sprung. Miss Maxwell is a daughter of the late Judge Maxwell, who at one time lived in Plattsmouth. Miss Hilda Barwick was also added to the teaching force. Miss Lettie Smith was selected as principal of the East Fourth ward school; Miss Della Tritsch will take Mrs. Williams place, and Miss Ficht transferred to Central school building. Everything is in readiness for the opening of the various departments next Tuesday morning.

Football Team Organized.

The young men of Plattsmouth have organized a football team, and propose to "do up" all other teams in Cass county during the season. The team is composed of the following members: Ernest Wirick, captain; Will Robertson, manager and treasurer; with other assignments as follows: L. E.—Robertson, L. T.—Carmack, L. G.—Warga, C.—Sanders, R. G.—Glenn, R. T.—Mapes, R. T.—Mapes, R. E.—Travis, R. B.—Palmer, O. B.—Barger, L. B.—Wilkins. This will prove a great aggregation, and all the contesting clubs want to look out when they run up against these boys.

Hold On, There!

Adams county has more good looking schoolma'ams than any other county in the state. State papers please copy.—Hastings Republican.

We challenge the Republican for a show down. We are from Missouri. Cass is the banner county for the hand-somest and best schoolma'ams in the state, and claims that reputation.

Emergency Medicines.

It is a great convenience to have at hand reliable remedies for use in case of accident and for slight injuries and ailments. A good liniment and one that is fast becoming a favorite, if not a household necessity, is Chamberlain's Pain Balm. By applying it promptly to a cut, bruise or burn it allays the pain and causes the injury to heal in about one-third the time usually required, and as it is an antiseptic it prevents any danger of blood poisoning. When Pain Balm is kept at hand a sprain may be treated before inflammation sets in, which insures a quick recovery. For sale by all druggists.