

LOOK OUT FOR THESE MEN

A Cass County Farmer Believes He Narrowly Escaped Being the Victim of Confidence Men.

Tuesday night a prominent farmer of Mt. Pleasant precinct, told a reporter of a circumstance in which he believes he narrowly escaped being the victim of confidence men, but was a little too shrewd for them. We are not at liberty to mention the farmer's name, as he made us promise not to give his name in this article. The publication of the circumstances surrounding the case may possibly serve its purpose of preventing some other farmer from being "taken in and done up" for several hundred dollars.

Three strangers drove up to his place and made a number of inquiries concerning the members of his family, his crops, the number of cattle he owned, also the number of hogs, sheep and other things he owned and about other matters. They said they were taking the census for the government, but the shrewd old farmer couldn't understand why it took three to do this work and his suspicions were aroused during the time they were "jotting down" this information. When they asked him to sign the paper on which they had written, this he refused to do. He says he would have refused to sign anyhow on account of a rule he had established years ago not to sign any papers presented by strangers, but when he looked at the paper he noticed it was apparently of two thicknesses. This made him stronger in the belief that the parties were trying to "work" him. The strangers soon took their departure, and our farmer friend could not learn of another person in the whole neighborhood who had thus been approached by these "government census takers."

The Journal notes that in several other sections of Nebraska the same game is being "worked," in one place with success to the "workers." It is a very safe plan for every farmer to adopt a rule not to sign any papers for strangers. These sharks always have their eye upon some certain well-to-do farmer, whose note at any of the banks is as good as gold, to ply their work.

Jurors Drawn.

The following is the list of jurors drawn in the district clerk's office Tuesday afternoon for the February term of court, too late for yesterday's issue of the Journal:

M. L. Williams, Eight Mile Grove.
Henry Kohlrich, Elmwood.
Chris Wohlfarth, Plattsmouth, 1st ward.
W. C. Hudson, Tipton.
H. Dettman, Stove Creek.
G. M. Patton, Plattsmouth 3rd ward.
John Colbert, Weeping Water, 1st ward.
Ora Davis, Rock Bluffs, 1st dist.
Carl Kunsman, Plattsmouth, 2nd ward.
J. J. Hill, South Bend.
Geo. Melvin, Elmwood.
W. McCauley, Plattsmouth 3rd ward.
John Kopia, Plattsmouth, 2nd ward.
G. W. Osborn, Plattsmouth, 3rd ward.
E. S. Barker, Plattsmouth 5th ward.
Emery Hathaway, Liberty.
J. E. Wiles, Plattsmouth precinct.
M. C. Joy, Plattsmouth 4th ward.
Harry Johnson, Plattsmouth 1st ward.
S. L. Furlong, Rock Bluffs, 2nd dist.
Thos. Wiles, Mt. Pleasant.
Stewart Rough, Avoca.
John Lloyd, Rock Bluffs, 1st.
G. G. Meisinger, Eight Mile Grove.

GAME NEAR LOSING BIG TOE

Jack Denson Meets With Misfortune While Splitting Wood.

J. R. Denson met with quite a serious accident while splitting wood at his home in this city Tuesday. In some manner the ax failed to land on the stick of wood aimed at but struck the big toe of the right foot instead. The wound caused the flow of considerable blood before Dr. Cook, who was summoned, reached the house. The injured member was almost severed from the foot, and will cause Mr. Denson to keep his room for several days. At the present time Jack is getting along very well, and feels very thankful that the injury is no worse.

Chris Wolfarth's Sister Dies.

Chris Wolfarth is in receipt of a message announcing the sad death of his sister in New York City, on the 14th of January. Mrs. Frederick A. Doeppling is the only sister Mr. Wolfarth has in this country, and with the exception of one other brother the only members of his family here. The sister died after a lingering illness with kidney and heart trouble. She has no children but her husband survives her. She was 47 years of age the day before she died. The Journal joins with the many friends of Mr. Wolfarth in extending heartfelt sympathy in the hour of sorrow and bereavement. Mr. Wolfarth was unable to attend the funeral.

The Rubber Stamp.

A business man of this city, not one of the leading ones, however, was talking with a Journal reporter Tuesday about how we should proceed in agitating matters of interest to Plattsmouth. His suggestions were all right, as far as they went. He was engaged in making out some statements, and we noticed that he used a rubber stamp at the heading of these statements. Now wasn't this enterprise for you? To the lower regions of hades with such business men. The man who uses a rubber stamp these days is worse than the backwoods merchant of forty years ago.

THE RAILROAD TAX CASES

The Decision Guarantees to Counties the Taxes Due, Together With Ten Per Cent Interest.

The disposition which Judge Munger made of the railroad tax cases, may be considered highly satisfactory to the people. While there has been no doubt from the start as to the outcome, the fact that the courts have issued restraining orders at the request of railroad attorneys, upon what appears in the minds of the people to have been very slight evidence, has created a feeling of anxiety, and subjected the court and the railroads to criticism that it will take time to efface from the public mind.

The decision guarantees to the counties the taxes due, together with 10 per cent interest. It also removes the question of the right of the board of railroad assessment to place a valuation upon railroad property for the purposes of taxation.

The attitude of the railroad has been decidedly detrimental to their own interests. It has engendered a feeling of resentment upon the part of the people who have no remedy but to pay their taxes.

The case has displayed the tendency of the railroad lobbyists and corporation attorneys, in the bulldozing methods which they have employed before the taxing board, before the courts, and before the people.

The gentlemen who own the railroads, and who are responsible for their management may deduct a wholesome lesson from this case.

The good will and business regard of the people occupying the territory tributary to the railroads, is essential to railroad dividends.

Somewhat of a Boomerang.

A representative, presumably of home trade merchants, was in Weeping Water last week, securing ads. to be printed on the back page of a home trade supplement to be inserted in local papers. The merchant pays for an ad. set up in an Omaha shop, shipped to his home town and inserted free by his local paper. Isn't this a boomerang for the printer? When you advertise a catalogue house in any shape as competing with home business, it seems to you you are paying a portion of your money to get such information before your patrons, and whether it speaks good bad or indifferent of catalogue houses, it advertises them just the same. This is what we stated in an article some time ago, and we honestly believe that the home merchant can do more to talk his own business more and the catalogue houses less. Talk your own goods and prices to a catalogue customer, and all others, but don't let on that you know of such houses. You will find it hard to build up by running down a competitor, and cat. houses as competitors.—Weeping Water Herald.

Funeral of Mrs. Ed Mann.

The funeral of Mrs. Ed Mann was held at the St. Luke's church Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, the services being conducted by Canon Burgess, the pastor, and the remains laid to rest in the Oak Hill cemetery. A large crowd of sympathizing friends and bereaved relatives attending the services at the church, many of whom followed to the cemetery to witness the closing chapter of another young life laid to its last resting place.

Basket Ball Game.

Exactly at 7:30 p. m., Friday, the referee's whistle will blow, for the opponents of the greatest basket ball game in the history of Plattsmouth to begin. The Plattsmouth High school girls team and the Glenwood High school team are the opponents, and they promise you a game worth going miles to see.

The game will be played at the German Turner hall on Washington avenue, beginning at 7:30 sharp.

The two teams are equally matched and promise to put up a better game than ever seen before. Great rivalry exists between the two teams and for this reason great interest is taken in their practicing for the game Friday evening.

A small sum of 25c will be the admission fee, everybody come and help the girls win the game by your presence. Remember, 7:30 p. m. Friday, at German Turner hall.

DECEMBER CROP REPORT

Winter Wheat Not Injured in the Least by Lack of Moisture.

In his monthly summary of crop condition for December, just issued, Section Director Loveland says:

The dry weather and moderate temperature of the month allowed rapid progress to be made with cornhusking, and most of the corn was secured before the end of the month. However, in all counties a small amount of corn was ungathered at the close of the month. The yield was excellent, although generally less than expected before husking began. The quality of the crop was good, some complaints of a worm working in the ear resulting in slight damage.

Winter wheat and rye retained the rank green color throughout the month and are generally a fine stand. A few late sown fields are not quite so good. Taken as a whole, the condition of winter wheat is fully up to, if not above average, and has not been injured by the lack of rain or snow during the month.

The month was very favorable for stock interests, with no storms or severe weather. Probably less than the usual number of cattle have died from the so-called corn stalk disease. In some localities swine disease has resulted fatally to a small per cent of the hogs.

The month was characterized by high temperature and deficient precipitation. The average, 0.02 of an inch, is the least recorded since the first state mean was determined in 1876. Two-thirds of the stations report less than 0.01 of an inch.

The mean temperature for the state, as determined from the records of eighty-three stations, was 29.9 degrees, which is about 2.4 degrees above the normal of stations with a record of ten years or more. The highest temperature was 65 degrees, at Bartley on the 12th, and the lowest, 14 degrees below zero, at Hay Springs on the 3d. The mean daily range of temperature, as computed from the records of seventy-nine stations, was 28.2 degrees, and the mean of the greatest daily range was 43.1 degrees. The greatest daily range at any station was 58 degrees at North Loup on the 10th.

The average precipitation for the state as determined from the records of 142 stations, was 0.02 of an inch, which is about 0.53 of an inch below the normal of stations with a record of ten years or more. The largest precipitation reported at any one station was 0.02 of an inch at Fort Robinson and Hay Springs, and the least 0.00 at fifty stations in the state.

The prevailing direction of the wind was from the northwest. The average velocity was 8.0 miles an hour, which is about 1.4 miles below the average velocity for December for the last eleven years.

Farmers Holding Their Corn.

W. H. Johnson, assistant general freight agent of the Burlington, says, in an interview to a World-Herald reporter, that the road is having no trouble in supplying cars for grain at present; and then adds:

"W. H. Johnson, assistant general freight agent of the Burlington, says that his road is having no trouble now supplying cars for grain. He adds:

Conditions are much easier now than they were some weeks ago. We are not getting nearly so much grain as formerly. Farmers are holding their corn for better prices. It is a curious thing about the way the farmer ships his grain. He always waits until the price falls a cent or two, then he ships. The raising of freight rates does not cut much figure with the farmer. A cent a hundred means only a half cent a bushel, and it does not affect him much. There is no falling off in receipts on account of freight rates."

Teachers' Association.

A special from Ashland, says: "Superintendent Magee of the Ashland schools has returned from Fremont, where he met with the Fremont Commercial club relative to the annual meeting of the east central Nebraska teachers' association to be held April 5 to 7. This is a new district association formed at the last meeting of the state teachers' association and includes the counties of Burt, Dodge, Douglas, Washington, Nance, Sarpy, Cass, Colfax, Saunders, Platte and Butler. Superintendent Magee is president of the new district association."

The Original.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar many imitations are offered for the genuine. These worthless imitations have similar sounding names. Beware of them. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar is in a yellow package. Ask for it and refuse any substitute. It is the best remedy for coughs and colds. F. G. Fricke & Co.

Constipation and piles are twins. They kill people inch by inch, sap life away every day. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea positively cure you. No cure no pay. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets.

Caught Just in Time.

Last Saturday evening two strangers registered at the Riverside hotel as Booth Bros. and were assigned a room. This in itself was all right, but what followed was not. Sunday morning John Beac, who works there, discovered that the toilet soap had been taken from his room to the one occupied by the strangers. Having his suspicions thus aroused John investigated further and found that they had also appropriated a new suit of underclothes which he had paid \$2.50 for. John swore out a warrant for their arrest and Constable R. D. McNurlin caught them at Dunn's livery stable where they had a team ordered with which to leave town. They were taken before Justice Barnes Sunday afternoon, where they were compelled to pay Mr. Beac for the clothing along with the costs of the trial.—Weeping Water Republican.

A COOL-HEADED MANAGER

He Stops What Might Have Terminated in Stampede and Several Killed.

A special from Lincoln to the Omaha Bee, under date of last night, says: "The coolness of Frank Zehrung, manager of the Oliver theatre, in a trying moment tonight during the performance of 'Ben Hur' prevented what probably would have been a terrible catastrophe. A fire in the basement beneath the theatre and the adjoining building started about 9 o'clock and almost instantly smoke began to pour from the adjoining room. The smoke and odor of the fire was swept into the theatre. Some one yelled fire and men and women instantly became alarmed.

Zehrung sprang into the aisle and made the speech of his life, assuring the people there was no danger if they would be calm. The crowd settled back into the seats, the performance continued. One woman rushed out the entrance and that was all. A crowd collected on the outside, but Police Officer Grady kept them away from the entrance. The department extinguished the blaze in a short time with little damage. The theatre was crowded."

That Choking Incident.

From Weeping Water comes the following: J. D. Hilman, employed at the Missouri Pacific coal shutes at this place, had a peculiar experience yesterday, which he does not care to go through again. During the noon hour Mr. Hilman went to a restaurant for his dinner. He had taken only a few bites of food, however, when a piece of meat lodged in his throat, and he proceeded to the rear of the building to cough up the obstruction, if possible.

It appears that those in charge of the restaurant paid no particular attention to the incident, thinking that his prolonged absence indicated that he had finished his meal and returned to his work. Several hours later his fellow workmen ran short of coal and proceeded to search for him. This led to the discovery of Mr. Hilman at the rear of the restaurant, gasping for breath and almost worn out, physically, from his vain attempts to remove the obstruction in his throat. Dr. Hungate was quickly summoned and probed for the obstruction, hoping to loosen it and cause it to pass into the patient's stomach. The physician's efforts, however, were also unsuccessful, and it was decided to remove the patient to an Omaha hospital at once.

At Union, while Dr. Hungate and Mr. Hilman were waiting for an Omaha train, the patient finally succeeded in swallowing the meat, greatly to his relief. They continued their trip to Omaha, where a throat specialist will examine into the cause leading up to Mr. Hilman's experience.

Installation of Officers.

At the meeting of the McConahie Post No. 45, last Saturday evening the following new officers were installed, Col. J. H. Thrasher, acting as installing officer:

Commander—Edwin Bates.
Senior Vice Commander—John Barnhart.
Junior Vice Commander—James Thomas.
Quartermaster—H. J. Streight.
Adjutant—R. H. Hyers.
Officer of the Day—James Hixon.
Chaplain—John Carter.
Officer of the Guards—John Haney.
J. H. Thrasher was elected trustee.

At the same time the following officers of the Woman's Relief Corps were installed:

President—Mrs. Bertha Peterson.
Senior Vice President—Mrs. Elizabeth Streight.
Junior Vice President—Mrs. Caddie Bates.
Treasurer—Mrs. Nannie Burkel.
Secretary—Mrs. Bertie Stenner.
Chaplain—Ettie Parker.
Conductor—Mrs. Ault.
Assistant Conductor—Mrs. Carrigan.
Guard—Mrs. Williams.
Assistant Guard—Mrs. Wales.

For Rent.

80 acre farm 3 miles west of Elmwood, Neb. Apply to E. G. DOVEY & SON.

AN INTERESTING CASE IN COURT

Charles Johnson Brings Suit to Recover on Insurance Policy for \$1,000.

POLICY HELD BY MRS. JOHNSON

The Company Demands the Surrender of the Policy on Payment of \$200 to the Beneficiary.

Quite an interesting case is on in county court today in which Chas. Johnson is plaintiff and The Bankers' Union of the World Insurance Co., doing business at Omaha, are made defendants.

The late Mrs. Chas. Johnson held a policy in the said company for \$1000, and since her death it is said the company have made all kinds of propositions for a settlement, even being so liberal as to offer beneficiary \$200 in cash for the surrender of the policy, and as no settlement could be reached the case is being fought in county court today, the outcome of which is hard to tell. From the morning session a continuance was given until four o'clock, and will in all probability be carried over until tomorrow.

Miss M. Burdock, secretary of the company, is here as a witness, and Matthew Gering appearing for defendant, and D. O. Dwyer for the plaintiff.

A Small Fire.

The home of Chief of Police Joseph Fitzgerald narrowly escaped a very disastrous fire Tuesday afternoon about half past four o'clock. Mrs. Fitzgerald had the basement of their residence fitted up for a laundrying room, and the weekly washing had been finished and placed on the lines for drying by the aid of a fire. Just above the stove in the ceiling the plastering had fallen off some and left the dry lath and timbers exposed to the heat from the stove, and it was in this place that the fire started, and had burned partly through the floor before Mrs. Fitzgerald knew it.

Considerable excitement prevailed when their little daughter came home from school and had occasion to open one of the doors leading to the basement and the smoke came pouring into the upper portion of the house. It is said that Mrs. Fitzgerald had the gasoline stove lighted preparing for supper, and she immediately grabbed a bucket of water and dashed a dipper full upon the flame on the stove, which came near causing more trouble than the first fire.

Aside from the shock necessarily received in the time of a fire very little damage was done, and a few dollars expended will place the property in better condition than before.

Indigestion Overcome.

Indigestion is easily overcome by the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, because this remedy digests what you eat and gives the stomach a rest—allows it to recuperate and grow strong again. Kodol relieves Indigestion, Belching of Gas, Sour Stomach, Heart-Burn, etc., and enables the digestive organs to transform all foods into the kind of rich red blood that makes health and strength. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co., and Gering & Co.

Saloons Must Close on Sundays.

By invitation, the saloon men of Plattsmouth appeared before County Attorney Rawls this morning, where he good-humoredly told them they must cease violating the Sunday law. Mr. Rawls did not attempt to single out any particular one who was thus violating the law, but he told them it was being done and must cease. He also told them that all such violators in the future would be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, without further warning.

Oklahoma Lands.

Falter & Tate have a number of homestead relinquishments in western Oklahoma, in Roger Mills, Custer and Green counties that can be secured at a bargain; also a number of good farms in central and southern Oklahoma, in the great cotton belt. Some can be had at a good figure. Call and see us or write if you are interested.

FALTER & TATE,
Plattsmouth, Neb.

Elegantly Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidtman entertained a few friends at a four course luncheon last evening, and those who were present were the following: Mr. and Mrs. John Schulhof, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barker and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tippens. It was a most enjoyable occasion, and the guests wended their way home at a late hour feeling that it was good to be there.

Surprise Party.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barton yesterday evening a very pleasant surprise party was given in honor of their daughter, Miss Pearl, given as a farewell party, as Mr. and Mrs. Barton will soon move to Lincoln to make their future home. Those who participated in the affair were Mr. C. S. Polk's Sunday school class as follows: Vivi Barton, Alice Kerr, Anna Kopia, Eva Jones, Crete Briggs, Marie and Clara Bookmeyer, Pearl Barton, Clara Teipel, Dora Kaffenberger, Nora and Lucy Martin, Beulah Minner, Beatrice Hasse and Edrie Kiser. One member of the class was absent, Nora Batten, owing to the fact that they received a message from Alliance, announcing the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Grassman, and the mother and daughter have gone to that city. One of the brightest features of the evening's entertainment was the costumes worn by the young ladies, that of the Japanese, even to the manner in which their hair was decorated and face painted. The evening was a source of great pleasure to all in attendance and at the closing hour all departed for home with but one regret, that they were soon to lose several of their number in the removal of Mr. Barton and his family.

New Books.

The following named books have just been received at the public library "Over the Border".....Robert Barr.
"Ethel".....J. J. Bell.
"Interference of Patricia".....Bell
"Whosoever Shall Offend".....Crawford
"Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come".....

"Millionaire Baby".....Fox
"Dennis Dent".....Green
"An Apache Princess".....Hornung
"A Knight of Columbia".....King
"The Game".....London
"The Grafter".....Lynde
"Marjorie".....McCarthy
"The House of Fulfillment".....Martin
"Her Lord and Master".....Morton
"A Deal in Wheat".....Norris
"Wooing of Wistaria".....Watanna
"Golden Chain".....Overton
"Gorden Keith".....Page
"Pride of Telfair".....Peake
"Castle of Twilight".....Potter
"Hearts Courageous".....Rives
"Captain Toll-gate".....Stockton
"Frixty".....Ward
"Duke of Cameron ave".....Webster
"Silent Places".....White
"Wind in the Rosebush".....Wilkins
"Seins of the Lord".....Wilson
"The Virginian".....Wister

These books were purchased from the librarian of the Evanston, Illinois, library at less than seventeen cents per volume. All are in good condition a portion of them have never been on our library shelves, while others are to replace worn out copies.

"Advertising Pays."

The Commercial Club of Topeka, Kan., composed of Topeka business men, has an advertising committee whose duty it has been to protect business men from "fake" advertising and to encourage legitimate advertising among Topeka merchants. Here is an extract from a recent report of the committee rendered by the chairman to the club:

"Advertising is the vital energy that promotes, sustains and perpetuates the world's commercial interests and industries. The latitude of its possibilities has widened until even the most conservative individual must recognize that advertising scope is as limitless as the fruitful harvest to be gathered from a judicious fertilizing with the printer's ink.

"In taking up specifically the objectionable advertising features, I desire to pay the tribute of my admiration to the press of America, and it is my candid opinion that fully ninety per cent of all the outlay for advertisements might be judiciously and profitably spent for space in the newspaper."

In District Court.

Mrs. R. B. Wallace, a late resident of Union, but now of Lincoln, has filed a petition in the district court, asking permission to sell 160 acres of land located in Otoe county, belonging to the minor heirs of the late Dr. Wallace. The petition asks that it be sold in order to secure sufficient funds to properly educate and support the said minor children. The case will come up for hearing before Judge Jessen at the February term of court.

Married at Nebraska City.

A special from Nebraska City under date of yesterday, says that William H. Miller and Miss Myrtle Roberts, of Union, were united in marriage on the evening of January 16, 1906, in that city by County Judge Wilson.

Pretty Hard to Beat.

Mrs. John Mutz reports that she has a hen that has already hatched a nice brood of chickens this year. This, we believe, is the earliest of any so far reported, and we are of the opinion that Mrs. Mutz will have to knit stockings for the chicks or they will freeze their toes.—Weeping Water Republican.