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**"My Horse for a Man" Who Can Interpret Some of the Laws.**

During the recent investigation into the legislative history of the Junkin anti-trust law, it was discovered that several minor amendments to the bill had not been adopted regularly, says the Lincoln News. It is believed that the interests opposed to the measure wished to make sure that the bill would be held invalid in the supreme court and sought another safeguard in addition to the discriminatory rider exempting railways and Nebraska corporations from the operations of the bill. The lawyers who have investigated the matter believe that the statute will stand, notwithstanding the efforts to defeat it in that insidious manner. It is claimed that the apparent discrimination between various corporations is not of such a nature that it can be availed of, and it is also contended that the other minor amendments which make the legislative history of the bill uncertain will not have the effect intended. It is now pretty generally believed that the members of the trust lobby, realizing the popularity of anti-trust legislation and the impossibility of staying it off in a direct contest, sought by the use of underhanded means to make the statute innocuous. It is pointed out that a similar method was employed two years ago to make the Ramsey elevator statute inoperative. In this connection there is considerable sentiment among officials who are interested in legislation to secure changes made in the personnel of the enrolling and engrossing room force in the next legislature. It is pointed out that with a lot of inexperienced and careless clerks it is an easy matter for mistakes to go through inadvertently with the result of invalidating legislation. Several such blunders in the recent legislature have come within an ace of discrediting various measures. An error of that character occurs in the bill regulating the speed of automobiles. Through a blunder of the enrolling clerk the bill reads "tracks and engines," where the printed copy read "traction engines." Some illiterate clerk made the blunder. Its effect on the validity of the law is still in question.

In addition to the dangers due to such errors it is pointed out that they fill the statutes with mistakes of varying gravity necessitating explanatory notes by the editors of the laws. To avoid this trouble in the future there is a movement on foot to secure the selection of competent persons to work on these committees.

**Eclipse of the Sun.**

The next eclipse will be that of the sun on the morning of August 30. It will begin before sunrise—the sun rising at 5:24 solar time and end about 6:30 in the morning. Those of us who rise early enough to see the sun come up that morning, if the sky is clear, and a smoked glass is used, will see disc with a considerable piece taken out of its side. Of course the older people only will be able to see this one because the hour at which it occurs is entirely too early for the average Plattsmouth girl or boy. They prefer an eclipse of the moon.

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**The Misses Dovey Entertained.**

The following is taken from the Sunday's issue of the Lincoln Journal: "The Misses Ione and Helen Dovey of Plattsmouth have spent a week in the city as guests of Miss Gratia Green and Miss Babbette Weil. On Wednesday Miss Weil gave a pretty luncheon in their honor at her home on South Seventeenth street. Twenty girls were seated around a big table with a color scheme of yellow. After the luncheon the girls played hearts and the prize was awarded to Miss Ione Dovey. Thursday evening Mrs. Carl Weil gave a picnic supper at the state farm for the visitors who were to have been followed by a trolley party. The latter feature was omitted, however, on account of the storm. Friday morning Mrs. W. H. Raymond gave a swimming party at the sanitarium followed by a luncheon for her niece, Miss Virginia Rogers of Minden, and the Misses Dovey. Fifteen young girls were invited. Last night Miss Gratia Green gave a dinner at the Country club for the young ladies from out of town. Covers were laid for twelve girls. The Misses Dovey will probably return to Plattsmouth tonight."

**Melon Thieves.**

Some depredators got into Mr. Holyoke's melon patch Saturday night before the moon arose. It seems the family were not at home but Charley Martin, who lives nearby got onto their maneuvers and run them out. They had filled one large sack and were making away with it by running through Mr. Martin's yard where they were compelled to deposit all they had secured. The melons were not ripe, and it is a shame to have them plucked from the vines. The boys evidently intended to go into the wholesale business. The next time they make their appearance they will get a somewhat warmer reception.

**Entertained by Miss Coleman.**

Miss Clara Coleman entertained at cards Saturday evening in honor of her guests, Misses Hortense Eads, Florence Pennington and Eva Denson, of Omaha. It was a most successful affair from beginning to end. The home was prettily and tastily decorated and the guests were all shown a delightful time.

The evening was spent principally in playing cards, after which ice cream and cake were served. Miss Florence Dovey won the first prize, a handsome cut glass dish, and Miss Minnie Guthman the second, a pretty fan. Among the gentlemen Messrs. Emmons, Richey and Sam McCallen won first and second prizes.

Those present were as follows: Misses Hortense Eads, Florence Pennington and Eva Denson, of Omaha; Blanch Sullivan, Loretto Scotten, Eva Fox, Florence Dovey, Helen Cox, Lena Fricke, Lillian Cole, Edna Marshall and Minnie Guthman; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mrs. O. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Coleman; Messrs. Gail Hamill, Ralph Towl and Eugene Rose of Omaha, Emmons Richey, George Weidman, Will Ramsey, Ed Crites, Sam McCallen, Fritz Fricke, Tom Murphy, Henry Guthman, Emil Weyrich, Roy Pepperberg. Several others were invited who, unfortunately, were unable to be present.

**Money for Nebraska Soldiers.**

A Lincoln special to the Omaha Bee says: "Governor Mickey has received a draft from the general government for \$8,012.83 for the members of the Nebraska regiments which took part in the Spanish-American war. The basis on which the money is to be distributed is not known to the governor, but it is stated that the Washington attorneys who had charge of the claims will forward a list of the names as certified by the war department. The draft was placed in the First National bank subject to the governor's check." We are not advised as to how much of this money comes to Cass county, or whether any.

**Would Not Speak.**

D. W. Foster, of Union, president of the Old Settlers' Association of Cass and adjoining counties, was in the city Monday on his way to Minneapolis on a visiting and outing trip of a week.

Mr. Foster says the old settlers of Cass and vicinity are trying to get hold of Senator Burkett's definition of "vaudeville."

The association had its seventeenth annual reunion and picnic at Union last Friday and Saturday. On Friday there was a joint debate between County Attorney C. A. Rawles and H. D. Travis on the merits of the jury system. On Saturday Senator Burkett was expected to be the drawing card. He was present and the general attendance was about 5,000. There were some humorous recitations by Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie of Omaha and then the program called for Senator Burkett, but he informed the committee that he had decided not to speak. He said he would not speak at a vaudeville show.

This surprised the committee and the people down there are still wondering what he meant. The senator's place was taken by State Senator Sheldon of Nehawka, who gave a sketch of the history of Nebraska.—World-Herald.

**THE OLD SETTLERS' REUNION**

An Immense Attendance on Saturday, and the Day an Ideal One for the Event.

The annual reunion of the old settlers of Cass county for 1905, has come and gone, and to say that it was a success but half expresses it. The rain of Thursday night had made the roads very bad, in consequence of which the crowd on Friday was not as large as it would otherwise have been. However it was very respectable as to numbers, and in the afternoon the regular program was carried out.

On Saturday morning Old Sol came up with a countenance that beamed with delight, and it seemed as if everybody had made preparation to attend in case the day proved propitious. Nearly all of the farmers south of Plattsmouth went to Union. This seemed apparent here in this city from the fact that the usual large Saturday crowd was not here. And then at least one hundred and fifty went down from this city and immediate vicinity—especially all that could possibly get away. A Journal reporter was among the throng, and by the time the Plattsmouth delegation arrived on the grounds the grove seemed to be one solid mass of moving humanity.

On the first day Judge Travis and County Attorney Rawls discussed the jury system, which was a theme highly enjoyed by the old pioneers, who are very much interested in such matters. Both sides of the question was able presented. The Ritches were present to amuse the people, and it is said they done it in a first-class manner, too. The crowd on Friday, some say, was larger this year than on the first day last year.

The program on Saturday was carried out fully until it came to the speech of Senator Burkett, and the audience seemed too much interested in the amusements that the Ritches afforded, and they occupied too much of the Senator's time and he only spoke about five minutes. He did not like this kind of treatment, and it could be easily seen that he did not like such treatment. Evidently the old settlers preferred to listen to the Ritches than to hear Burkett's usual harangue. From the countenance of the Senator as he appeared upon the platform he thought so to. He did not like the treatment accorded him, and he so expressed himself to many who were there. The people generally go to such celebrations for amusement and not to listen to such speeches as Burkett generally delivers. Consequently they preferred the Ritchie vaudeville exercises to a stump speech from the "Great I Am" from Lincoln.

Saturday was the biggest day, many say, that the people of Union ever experienced, and the reunion committees left nothing undone to make everybody feel at home. The old settlers, or rather the pioneers missed one old familiar face from their group this year and that was L. G. Todd, who, on account of the injuries received in a runaway several weeks ago was unable to mingle with them. Many however, called on the old gentleman at his home and their visit was highly appreciated by Mr. Todd.

The exhibition given by members of the Turnverein of this city was most highly appreciated, and after the program on the grounds and the assemblage was dispersed, by request of the business men of Union their exhibition was repeated in the town. The boys returned home well pleased with the reception given them, and we know that every one was just as well pleased with their exhibition. The following are the names of the team that delighted the audience: Otto Wurl, Ernest Wurl, Walter Palmer, Charles and John Wilkins.

The crowd present on Saturday was variously estimated from 5,000 to 8,000 and the citizens of Union did themselves proud in entertaining such a mass of people. These reunions are becoming more popular each succeeding year, simply because those who attend expect a grand, good time and they have never yet been disappointed. The amusements were abundant, and the Union band furnished inspiring music, which added much to the success of the 1905 reunion.

**Cards Are Out.**

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Wm. M. Hoover of Louisville, to Miss Daisy May Sherwood, of Plattsmouth, which will occur at the home of the bride at one o'clock p. m., Sunday, August 27. The bride is a daughter of Robert Sherwood, a well known merchant of Plattsmouth, and the groom is a son of J. M. Hoover of Louisville precinct. The Courier offers congratulations in advance to the happy event.—Courier.

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