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TART CURB-STONE JOSHINGS

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De ye see dat giant Pumpkin dar
Aween deen poss o' ye?
Uam de bes' of all de fruits
An sho' as you' ah bin
De wate million be are fine:
But de apple of my eye:
Is de fruit from which Jeremia makes
De good of Pumpkin Pie.

A barefaced lie seldom lives long enough to raise a crop of whiskers.

Don't fail to attend your ward and precinct primaries Saturday evening.

It takes a wise man to look before he leaps out of the frying pan into the fire.

When it comes to making angels of men the minister isn't in it with the doctors.

Hash is at the bottom of more divorce suits than any other influence in the world.

A man is old when girls don't mind letting him see them in one of their unbecoming hats.

In the case of wise men and pins it may be said that their heads keep them from going too far.

Men might save more money if they would permit women to teach them the art of bargain hunting.

An old bachelor says that bossing is not a woman's province. No married man would dare say such a thing.

It is only after some people are planted under six feet of earth that they cease to say "I told you so."

It is the fool who sits down and cries for the moon. The wise guy gets busy and tries to appropriate the earth.

People who have children old enough to send to school must send them. The law will compel you to.

When a girl says she just hates a certain man she is either in love with him or else he isn't in love with her.

If we have a council to make our laws we should live up to them. Some people, however, delight in being contrary.

What a woman seems to like to do is to sew on something when a man is around so she cannot tell him what it is when he asks her.

The way to have a good town is for every citizen to comply with the laws of the city government—when it is just as easy to do so.

It ought to make a man feel very happy not to have any money and be able to think how many fool investments he didn't go into.

When a young man proposes and is accepted he seems to walk on air, but shortly after marriage he discovers that he can't live on wind alone.

A worried father wants to know what he shall do with his son who shows signs of becoming a confirmed liar. Make a politician of him.

When a girl wears white stockings and gets them muddy she might as well have a big mustache for all the impression she can make on men.

A Nebraska City man was fined the other day for snoring in church. Serves him right. A snoring man in church is a nuisance to those who want to sleep.

If people do not conform with the law in building sidewalks, they should be made to do so—let them be rich or poor. The law should not discriminate either one way or the other.

"Time is money." If it is, then some lazy men's money is surely counterfeit. If time is money, then some men have more money than anything else, for they have all the time there is going.

Some people in this old town are still trying to attend to other people's business. Well, poor fellows, they have none of their own, and consequently have to do something.

A reporter on a country paper in Missouri is putting on airs because he has written up three baseball games without saying the teams "crossed bats." The opportunity is still open for some other enterprising reporter to win distinction by omitting all reference to "wiggling the willow" and "fanning the atmosphere."

A young lady going down Main street one night recently, with her best fellow, hand in hand, she was heard to remark, "John, do you love me?" He made no reply, then she said: "John, if you love me and don't like to say so, just squeeze my hand." We couldn't see whether he squeezed her hand or not.

Since the opening of the public schools the postmaster's troubles begin to increase. The kids stop at the postoffice going to and from school to get mail, when they know there is none for them. It is an unnecessary annoyance. Once a day is enough for these children to crowd into the postoffice.

Get "Bit" Every Time.

We notice that in a certain town in Cass county a retail dealer found that a catalogue house had sold a quantity of binding twine recently to a farmer at one or two cents less per pound than he could afford to. He wasn't satisfied to let it go that way, however, and procuring some of the twine received by the farmer measured it up. He found that in a certain weight the foreign twine fell 129 feet short of the twine he was selling. While the catalogue house was seemingly selling its twine cheaper than the local dealer, it was really getting more for the same number of feet by using a slightly coarser grade. And that is the way with everything you buy of the city department stores—if it is not short in measurement it will fall short in quality. Buy at home and get just what you are paying for. This "sight unseen" business will get you every time you try it.

LOOKING BACKWARD TWENTY-FOUR YEARS

LOVE AND SUICIDE.

Young Man at Louisville Hangs Himself Because He Could Not Get the Girl of His Choice.

[By permission from Judge Ramsey's Historic Scrap Book.]

Correspondence of the Lincoln State Democrat, of date, Plattsmouth, Neb., June 10th, 1881:

"The little town of Louisville, in this county, was shocked this morning to find, suspended from the limb of a tree, the inanimate body of John Sullivan. Coroner Gass of this place was notified and went immediately to Louisville to hold an inquest.

"The facts as your correspondent gathers them are as follows: Sullivan was at work in the stone quarry at Cedar Creek, four miles east of Louisville. He had met a Miss Folden of Louisville and fell madly in love; his ardent attachment does not seem to have been reciprocated by the young lady; his attentions were assiduous and his efforts to win the object he so earnestly coveted, were persistent, but the young lady rejected his offer of marriage.

"Driven to desperation by his mad and ardent love, and the repeated rejection of his proposals of marriage, the unfortunate young man resolved on self-destruction.

"A heavy dose of laudanum was first resorted to, but a prompt emetic only postponed the end. Having thus failed to get rid of a life—to him a burden, by the use of laudanum, he secured a rope used by the children for a swing, firmly tied it to the limb of a tree and, with one end around his neck swung off into that land where, 'they are neither married nor given in marriage.' As if to be near the spirit and body of her whom he loved, he selected a tree within a dozen steps of her whom he so dearly loved and with whom he had only parted an hour or so before the fatal noose launched him into eternity.

"This morning, when the door of Miss Folden's home was opened, a silk handkerchief was found tied around the door knob.

"Upon unrolling this handkerchief, a beautiful ring was found and a note addressed to Miss Folden, telling her that the handkerchief was his and that the ring was for her from him, asking her to accept both handkerchief and ring as a token of his love for her.

"The note further directed Miss Folden to look toward the tree in the morning, 'where the swing is,' for there she would see his body, as he had resolved to die that night for the love which she seemed not to have reciprocated. The note, as your correspondent has learned, further requested that his body be kept until his father, living in Newark, N. J., should come after it."

Caught by Real Estate Swindle.

A Tecumseh correspondent says: "A new swindle is being worked among the farmers of this locality. A farmer will receive a letter asking him to list his farm for sale with a company, which company agrees to advertise the farm for so many months. The farmer signs an agreement to pay them 50 cents an acre when they have fulfilled their part of the contract. And here is where the 'rub' is. They don't agree to sell the farm, as the farmer finds to his sorrow, but simply to advertise it. So there is nothing to do but pay."

THE DEVELOPMENT OF WILL

An Interesting Lecture By Prof. O'Shea Before the Teachers of Lancaster County.

Among the many good things said at the joint institute of the teachers of the city of Lincoln and Lancaster county yesterday, is the following taken from the lecture of Prof. O'Shea, on the "development of the will," which the Journal thinks is worthy of personal review by every teacher in Cass county. Prof. O'Shea said:

"At first the child cannot do deliberately what he attempts to do. He has not learned the route of exact deliberate action. If a six months old child tries to put his hands on his mother's face they are likely to fly in all directions. Accidentally they may come in contact with the face. Then the child is pleased. He keeps striving to repeat it and every time he can do it a little more readily. Nature teaches him to keep trying so that he may learn how to do the thing exactly when he wants to. After a time, through repeated trials, just the right movements occur when he wants to perform an action. Then we call this deliberate action.

"Every art the child has to learn must be gained in this way. We must pass through the hit and miss stage. Gradually the hits will predominate, and finally the errors will disappear altogether and then he will have mastered the art. When the child first begins to write he makes many errors, but if we give him freedom and guidance he will gradually develop just the proper movements.

"In teaching a child an art, as writing, we must seek to give him the right motor experience. It is no account to stand and talk to him. He cannot translate our words into actions. Take his hand and help him. Repeat the proper movement a number of times until he gets the feeling of it; then let him go. You may have to help him a little on several occasions, but very soon he will have the thing himself. In all arts, then, the good teacher will actually manipulate the child's muscles and co-ordinate them so as to help him hit upon the right thing easily. Then she will have him repeat this process until it is firmly fixed.

"Right along with this principle of development is another of great importance. The child at first cannot control his fundamental movements. He is coarse, crude, awkward in what he does, but as he develops he gets himself in hand better; that is, he gains control of his finer activities. The young child can with difficulty co-ordinate the thumb and fingers, but the adult can do this very easily.

"In all education we must allow the child to work first in a coarse, crude way. We must not require him to use fine, delicate instruments of any kind, pens or pencils or needles.

"Method is simply an application of the general principles relating to the nature of the human mind and the purpose of education to the manipulation of the various studies. In deciding how to present a study, the first question which the teacher must ask, is, how is the thing which this study gives to be employed in the world outside of the school? The pupil must gain the experience which each study is designated to afford him in the way in which he will have that experience in the great world outside. In spelling, for instance, he will need to employ it in communicating his thought in writing.

"He must, then, in the school learn spelling by writing words correctly. He must establish motor habits for the commonest words, so that they will occur without any deliberation on his part. One who has to give his attention to the spelling is handicapped in thinking. Require your pupil to write frequently and in different relations the words he is going to employ often in real life. This should be the constant aim in teaching this subject.

"Then, when a pupil is learning a new word the teacher must aid him to master it in connection with similar words that he has already learned.

"In writing, the aim should be to have the pupils master it as a means so that it may be employed automatically.

"In reading, the beginning must be made with the word because this is psychologically simpler than the letter. You can get things so simple in their structure that the mind cannot discriminate them at all.

"In making out new words there is a great opportunity for the teacher to lead the pupil to use what he knows. Whenever at all possible new words must be interpreted in the light of words which the pupil has learned.

"The tendency of the child to inter-

pret the new word in terms of what he knows explains many of his errors.

"Silent reading should be given a prominent place so that the pupil may get thought through the eye. The eye should be made the prominent thing in all reading."

Why Fit Themselves?

A dozen years of hard study is the price a young man or woman must pay for a chance to be hired as a school teacher. And then, after all the expensive preparation, comes a job and a salary so shamefully small that the mention of it ought to bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of fathers and mothers in Nebraska. Even here in Plattsmouth, in this city, where we boast of our educational advantages, we pay our school teachers no better wages than we pay a common day laborer. Is it not a shame?

WARNING TO CONSIGNORS

The Game Warden Calls Attention to the Law Relative to Game Shipments.

G. L. Carter, the chief game warden, is sending out notices to the agents of express companies calling attention to the provisions of the game laws relative to the shipment of game. It is the duty of the express company, he points out, to see that no illegal shipments are made, calling attention to the joint liability of the agents and the company. It is unlawful to ship game unless it is accompanied by the owner. Carter advises the agents that the maximum number of birds which may be shipped cannot exceed 110, which may include 10 geese, 50 ducks and 50 other game birds, but during September no person can have more than 10 prairie chickens in his possession.

Carter calls attention to the necessity of protecting the birds from extermination, assuring the agents that the birds are worth more to the companies because of "their benefit to the agricultural interests of the state than would be the proceeds from the shipments of them while they were being exterminated by an army of market hunters, and they do not want business derived from the illegal shipment of game.

"It is possible that unscrupulous shippers may try to deceive you by offering for shipment game marked as butter, eggs, poultry, or many other false labels, but not knowing the contents, does not relieve you or your company from liability, and when strangers or persons who are not your regular shippers offer such shipments you should satisfy yourself that they do not contain contraband game. Our law provides that all packages containing fish or game must have placed on the address side of the package the name of the consignor, the destination and a true invoice of the contents.

"Every person delivering to a common carrier any game or fish without being so marked is liable to a fine of not less than \$10.00 or more than \$50.00, and the common carrier accepting it is liable to a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$100.00."

Judge Holcomb Declines.

When asked concerning his candidacy for renomination, says the Lincoln Journal, Judge Holcomb said:

"Under no circumstance can I become a candidate for re-election to the office I am now filling, and I expect to retire to private life at the expiration of my present term. Conditions affecting my health are such as to render it imperative that I pursue this course and seek other fields of labor. I am grateful beyond expression for the support I have received in the past from the people of the state, and for the confidence manifested in my election to office of the highest honor and trust. I hope in the future, in a humble way, by my efforts, to contribute something to the cause of honest and efficient government in all its branches."

While in the west Chief Justice Holcomb improved but soon after returning home suffered another attack. He hopes to be able to get out of the house in a day or two.

Return From Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Halmes arrived at home Friday afternoon. They are both looking remarkably well, and seem to have enjoyed the trip splendidly. Mr. and Mrs. Halmes have been gone three months, and while they enjoyed their trip and had a most enjoyable visit among their friends in the Fatherland, they seem more than pleased that they are at home and among their friends in America.

WANT TO GET INTO OMAHA

The Independent Telephone Projectors Say What They Will Do for the Metropolis.

The World-Herald of Friday morning says: "Tom Parmele, the well known Plattsmouth capitalist and president of the Plattsmouth telephone company, and T. H. Pollock, general manager for that company, were in South Omaha on business yesterday.

"Following the statement of A. B. Hunt of Omaha relative to the intention to ask the Omaha council for a franchise, Mr. Parmele said if one were secured one of the first things to be done would be the abolition of all tolls between Omaha and South Omaha.

"Mr. Parmele said further that if a franchise were secured in Omaha an enormous amount of money would also be spent in South Omaha. Continuing, Mr. Parmele said:

"If we get into Omaha it means we get down to business, and, aside from what we spend there, we will go to the front in South Omaha. We will build the finest building in this city as our exchange and we will not do anything by halves. It means a great deal to get this matter settled and get the improvements started. This is what we are anxious to do now."

Test Cigarette Law.

The anti-cigarette law enacted by the last legislature will be tested in Omaha. Judge W. D. McHugh already has taken steps to determine the constitutionality of that law. John Alpeson, whose place of business is at 321 South Sixteenth street, Omaha, has been selected, by mutual consent, as the experimental defendant as it were. The proceeding is to have Alpeson arrested, then released on habeas corpus and then bring the matter to argument. The former part of the case has been instituted and it will be argued today before Judge Day of the Douglas county district court.

LEADS ALL ROADS TO DENVER

The Burlington Carries 25,000 People to the National Encampment.

Although a little too early for the exact figures on the amount of business hauled to Denver by the three roads running from Omaha to the Colorado capital, the estimates now are about what they were before the movement started, showing the perfection to which railroads have organized their forces for the handling of immense crowds.

The Burlington hauled into Denver, counting the eleven sections of No. 2 now enroute, eighty-five trains, with an average of over 300 passengers to the train, making over 25,000 people hauled by this road alone.

The Union Pacific has had no report from the Kansas line, but at the passenger department the estimate of people hauled into Denver at 25,000 people. The Rock Island officials think that during the last six days, during which time the Grand Army of the Republic has been effective, that road has moved 15,000 people into Denver. The Union Pacific hauled many via Cheyenne, these remaining over for Frontier day, so that the record is not complete.

No movement for years has so attracted the attention of the people of the east and the traffic on all lines has been phenomenal.

Burned to Death.

A special from Weeping Water, under date of Saturday, September 9th, says: "This morning about 5 o'clock, Mrs. Riley Rector was starting a fire in the cook stove and used kerosine to hasten it. In some manner the oil ignited and set her clothing on fire. She was so badly burned that she died about 10:30. Mr. Rector was also badly burned on the hands and face. The kitchen was badly damaged by the fire which was extinguished by the fire department before it spread to other parts of the building. The fire damage is about \$100 fully covered by insurance. It is thought that Mrs. Rector mistook gasoline for coal oil."

K. C. Conductor Killed.

In a collision at Nebraska City Junction Monday, in which a passenger train collided with the rear end of a freight, caused the death of a conductor named "Buck" Newburg, who had charge of the passenger train. Newburg has been in the employ of the K. C. road for a number of years and was very popular in railroad circles. We have been unable to get full particulars or the extent of damages done.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO ELMWOOD

Arrangements are Being Perfected to That End.

TRAINS TO START FROM PLATTSMOUTH

Only One Fare for the Round Trip and Plenty of Room for All.

Arrangements are about completed for a special train to carry the Plattsmouth and the adjacent delegates and friends to the Elmwood democratic convention on Tuesday, September 19. The train will leave here in the morning and return the same evening.

Those delegates who desire to take advantage of this rate will please write the chairman of the county committee how many from each precinct will attend. This should be done as soon as possible.

Tickets will be issued for just as many as desire to attend. This will also include the two Rock Bluff precincts, Mt. Pleasant, Eight Mile Grove, Liberty, Nebawka, Weeping Water, etc., and the rate will be in proportion to that from the start. By such arrangements the fare will be proportionately low to all, and besides as many outsiders can attend as so desire.

Why We Don't Always Tell the Truth.

A newspaper man resolved to tell the truth for a whole week, regardless of consequences. A marriage took place that week and the editor commented thusly: "Miss Sylvia Simkins and John Jenkins were married last night at the Baptist church. The bride is a very homely, ordinary girl, who doesn't know any more about housekeeping than a rabbit, and never helped her mother three days in her life. The groom is an accomplished loafer, who has been living off the old folks all his life, and don't amount to snucks, now. We can see the finish of this couple in the divorce court." The editor who wrote the above is still in the hospital. So you see there is no encouragement for an editor to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

That Dear Mother.

Young man if your mother is living, love her and do your best to crown her declining years with joy. You can never know how much she has suffered and sacrificed for your sake. The silver threads came in her hair as she knelt with bowed head by your cradle. You can never know the agony of the sleepless nights and anxious days she held you as a babe at her breast and prayed as only a mother can pray that your life might be spared.

With that thankfulness and joy the poor heart overflowed when the crisis passed and she praised God that her boy was spared. How tenderly she cared for you all through childhood, sacrificing every pleasure that you might have the advantages of her limited means could provide. The old dresses she used to wear, the trips home she did not make, the weary burdens she carried for your sake until her shoulders began to droop as you see them now. And how changed she is in her appearance, but not a particle is she changed in her love. We quote this beautiful tribute from one whose name we do not know:

"Time has scattered the snowy flakes on dear old mother's brow, plowed deep furrows in her cheeks—but is she not sweet and beautiful now? The lips that have kissed many a hot tear from thy childish cheek are the sweetest lips in all the world."

"Oh, yes, she is your dear old mother. Her sands of time are nearly run out, but feeble as she is, she will go farther and reach down lower for you than any other on earth."

"You cannot walk into midnight where she cannot see you; you cannot enter a prison whose bars shall keep her out; you can never mount a scaffold too high for her to reach that she may kiss and bless you. In evidence of her deathless love, the world may despise and forsake you—when it leaves you by the wayside to die unnoticed, the dear old mother will gather you up in her feeble arms and carry you home and tell you of your virtues until you almost forget that your soul is disgraced by vices.

"Love her tenderly, and cheer her declining years with true devotion."

Any humorist who thirsts for fame must be a dry joker.

It isn't every man who is competent to enjoy a competency.