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DEATH OF MRS. HARSHMAN

She Passes Away at Her Home Near Avoca, November 2, 1895.

The following account of the death of the wife of the Journal's old friend, George W. Harshman, is taken from the Nebraska Register. Mrs. Harshman had been suffering for several years and her husband went with her a year ago to Oregon, in the hopes that a change of climate would benefit her. She remained there with her children for several months, but gained no relief. She was a most estimable lady, a kind and loving wife and mother, and the Journal sincerely sympathizes with its old friend in this the hour of his deep affliction.

"On last Friday afternoon, November 3, 1905, at 3:30, Mrs. George Harshman, sr., passed away at her late home four and one-half miles southwest of town, at the age of 60 years, 2 months and 25 days. Mrs. Harshman was born in the state of Delaware, and while quite young her parents removed to Ohio where the family resided for a few years, but the western fever again caused the family to again drift nearer to the setting sun, and they came to Illinois, where her parents resided for some years, and where she met and married the husband she has so recently left to mourn. In 1864, Mr. Harshman and his bride came to Cass county and took up a homestead which has been their residence for the past 41 years, and where a family of ten is the result of their union. They are as follows: Mrs. Charles Doty of Alva, Oklahoma; Eugene, Oregon; Rosco and George are the sons; Mrs. Jennetta Tombell, Mitchell county, Kansas; Mrs. Cora St. John, Cass county; Mrs. Barbara Ingwersen, Cheyenne county, Neb.; Miss Sadie Harshman, at home; Mrs. Celia Royals, Cass county; Mrs. Hattie Ashton, Oregon; and two brothers, B. B. Betts and W. H. Betts, Cass county. These children with her life partner, George Harshman, sr., are left to mourn her loss.

"The funeral cortege left the residence at 10 o'clock Sunday morning and conveyed the remains to Avoca where at 11 o'clock the funeral was held from the Christian church, after which interment was made in Avoca cemetery. The friends and relatives have the sympathy of the whole community. The bereaved wish to thank all who assisted them in their sadness."

NEWS OF THE RAILROADS

Three-quarters of a Million Used to Better Physical Conditions West of River.

During the fiscal year the Burlington has spent nearly three-quarters of a million dollars improving the physical condition of the lines west of the river, says the Lincoln Journal. It spent more than a million on the lines of the road east of the river. An official statement of expenditure says:

West of the Missouri river the company expended \$214,050 for new sidings and passing tracks; \$109,835 for new bridges, and \$124,559 for new ballast, in addition to the sum mentioned above. A change of line was effected at Wymore, and new viaduct and bridges were constructed at South Omaha. For new rails the company spent \$87,853 on the system east of the Missouri; and \$115,002 on the lines west.

In Iowa alone the company spent \$640,340 for grade reductions, including new land and second track. In Illinois the expenditure for similar purposes was \$122,451. Track elevation in Chicago cost \$50,881; a subway in the same city, at Forty-eighth avenue cost \$47,796 and land for additional terminal facilities was acquired at a cost of \$49,536. For new side and passing tracks at various points throughout its eastern system the Burlington expended \$468,867; \$275,157 was spent for new bridges and \$130,352 for ballast.

Several small feeders were built into important new sources of traffic. These included a line from Centralia to Herrin, Ill.; Fenton to Thompson, Ill.; and Old Monroe to Mexico, Mo.

Will Change Location.

John Pearce of Council Bluffs spent Sunday in this city among his friends. It is stated upon reliable authority that Mr. Pearce expects soon to make a change in location, and that he has gone to Lincoln where he has accepted a position with one of the leading dry goods establishments of that city. The Journal is very much interested in the success of our good friend Jack, and we are pleased to learn that the position at the capitol is a more lucrative one than that which he occupied at Council Bluffs.

LOUIS VELLNOW'S INSANITY

Was Released From the Asylum on Request of His Relatives, Who Promised to Look After Him.

HAS SOME PROPERTY OF HIS OWN

His Relatives Quite Well-to-do, and Has a Brother Living at Norfolk.

As was supposed in the case of Louis Vellnow, who was brought before the insanity board one day last week, he has been an inmate of the asylum at Lincoln. County Attorney Rawls has received a letter from the authorities at the Lincoln asylum to this effect:

In the letter from Superintendent Green of that institution the county attorney is informed that Louis Vellnow was an inmate of the asylum from September 1, 1904, to September 28, 1904, when he was discharged at the request of relatives who agreed to look after him and see that he was well cared for. The superintendent also says that he understood that Vellnow had some property of his own at the time he was brought to the asylum.

Anton Vellnow, a brother, lives at Norfolk, from whom the county attorney is expecting some directions in the matter. It is thought the unfortunate man's home is in Madison county, and if it becomes necessary to have him sent to an asylum, he should be sent to the hospital at Norfolk.

Vellnow has been in the vicinity of the home of J. W. Thomas since sometime in last July, and it appears very strange that those relatives who promised to care for him have made no efforts to find him, but allow him to tramp over the country subsisting on just what he could get.

The man is as harmless as a kitten, and if the authorities here had not taken him in charge he would have perhaps frozen to death the first severe cold spell. The authorities at the Lincoln hospital are not to blame for his condition, but his relatives seem to be. He will be removed in a few days either to the Norfolk asylum or to his former home in Madison county.

Farmers' Institute.

Prof. A. G. Peters, of the veterinary branch of the State University, was in the city a few hours Saturday and in his rounds gave the Journal a pleasant call.

Prof. Peters was solicited by the agricultural branch to see what could be done, or rather what encouragement could be given in the direction of holding a farmers' institute in Plattsmouth. At the time he visited the Journal he had seen but very few of our people, but we are satisfied that he will meet with proper encouragement.

These farmers' institutes are becoming quite popular throughout the state, and we hope arrangements will be completed for holding one in this city as soon as the busy season with the farmers is over.

The Farmers' Institute.

The farmers of Cass county should not forget that Saturday, December 9, is the date for holding the institute at Plattsmouth. There will be speakers here on various subjects of interest to the farmers, and this should induce a large attendance. It has been suggested that the merchants offer prizes for the finest selection of a dozen or more ears of corn on exhibition at that time. This proposition, if carried out, will be the means of showing excellency of the corn crop in the county. We shall have more to say regarding the institute, but we desire the farmers to particularly remember the day and date—Saturday, December 9th.

Beware of Fake Advertisements.

Too many people are trying to get something for nothing, and this desire on their part makes them easy victims of the sharper and swindler. All the time on the hunt for something at half its cost, they scan the advertising sheets with which the country is flooded, and eagerly seize upon every attractive bait held out by the schemer, who is sharper but not more dishonest than they are, and in the end, find themselves taken in, and, instead of getting something for nothing, they have paid dearly for nothing. The man who is anxious to give away his wares, and to pay for ads telling people of his anxiety has an ax to grind, and you will find yourself turning the stone, if you pay any attention to him. Answer one of these "give away" ads, and you will regret it for years, besides having your name hawked about among the sharpers as a sucker.

Hon. Frank E. White Selected.

A number of the policy holders of the Equitable Assurance company of New York met in the office of Attorney Byron Clark in this city Saturday evening and selected Francis E. White of Omaha as their candidate for director of the company and appointed a committee to solicit proxies for the voting trustees, of which Grover Cleveland is chairman. This selection was made on account of Mr. White's high standing in this state and his personal acquaintance with Grover Cleveland and Paul Morton, he having been Mr. Cleveland's United States marshal for Nebraska. The meeting also appointed a committee to ascertain if it was possible to secure a state organization of its policy holders.

NEWS OF THE RAILROADS

Burlington Will Build New Yards at Oxford, and a New Freight Depot at Omaha.

It is believed in Omaha that the Burlington is trying to secure ground on which to build a new freight depot. Land leases secured from the company along the river front are being taken up and some move by the company is being forecast by this.

The Burlington railroad will build new yards at Oxford, Neb. Five and one-third miles of track will be added to the present yards on the west, extending 4,000 feet west of the Railroad hotel. The right of way has been secured for these yards, a strip 275 feet wide and 4,000 feet long. While the company has bought room for twenty tracks in this strip, it is understood that but seven tracks the length of the strip will be put in at this time. It is not stated how much this improvement will cost, nor just when it will be completed, but it is understood that the work will be started this winter, and perhaps completed by spring, unless weather should prove unfavorable. It is said that congestion in the Oxford yards has interfered considerably with handling business in the past; that land could be secured there for a reasonable price, and that conditions were favorable for extending the yards and making it possible to handle business economically. The company is completing extensive yards at Ravenna, and it is said that within the next few years all congested yard districts will be relieved.

A report from Chicago says that the Rock Island has issued orders reducing its shop and operating forces to a minimum. Coming at a season of heavy business the reason for this is not plain to railroad men.

Caleb Haley, one of the oldest engineers on the Union Pacific railroad, died Wednesday night in a squalid hovel in the railroad yards, under the Eleventh street viaduct in Omaha. Old age and neglect are supposed to have caused his death. Haley ran one of the finest trains on the Union Pacific railroad years ago, and previously ran a steamboat, and was known as "Dude" Haley because of his love of finery. The house which he occupied and died in, it is interesting to note was the same one in which Maude Kuble was murdered fourteen years ago by Sam Payne. Haley had been seriously injured in a steamboat explosion several years ago and had had many thrilling experiences. Wm. McHugh, wondering at not seeing Haley for several days, went to the hut on Wednesday night and found that he had been dead for several days. "Dude" Haley was one of the nattiest dressers in all Omaha twenty years ago. He was nearly seventy years old at the time of his death.

Then He Moved.

A few nights since a sweet Plattsmouth girl after entertaining a young man until the chickens were crowing their last crow, banded him a pencil and paper, and asked him to make nine ciphers in a line: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 then to commence at the first and from the right side of the cipher draw a straight line down, the right side of the fourth a short line up, on the right side of the fifth make a line down, on the right side of the seventh make a short line up, and from the right side of the eighth one draw a short mark down, and then to read what he had written.

C. S. Wortman, sr., and son, O. J., came in on the Schuyler this morning and spent the day at the home of Prof. Wortman. While in the city they gave the Journal a brief but very pleasant call.

HAS BEEN DECLARED INSANE

Miss Mary Louise Hill Who Mysteriously Disappeared in Chicago.

The readers of the Journal will remember the account published in this paper of the disappearance of Miss Mary Louise Hill from her home in Chicago a few weeks ago. Also of her discovery in a police station under arrest for shoplifting.

Dr. A. P. Barnes, her uncle, received information Saturday that his niece had been adjudged insane and would have to be sent to an asylum. It now turns out that the unfortunate lady had been acting very strangely for several weeks before her arrest, and this is what gave belief in the suicide theory advanced by some of her most intimate friends. The shoplifting charge is the only disreputable one against her or was ever known to be against her, which a thorough investigation of her past record has brought to light.

She has always borne an excellent reputation, and while her insanity is very much regretted by her relatives and friends, they feel considerably relieved that the charge against her was not committed while in her right mind.

Aid for Christians in Russia.

J. Pepperberg received the following message from New York: "On behalf of National Committee for relief of sufferers by Russian massacres of which I have been appointed treasurer, we urge you and your associates to call a meeting of the Jewish community to form branch committees and collect immediately funds, necessitates very great, conditions appalling." JACOB H. SCHIFF.

Mr. Pepperberg says that those who desire to assist the sufferers can leave their money with him and it will be forwarded. He heads the list with a \$10 contribution.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned desire to extend their thanks to those kind friends and neighbors who rendered such valuable assistance during the illness and death of our dear mother and grandmother.

WILL LUSHINSKY AND FAMILY,
GEO. LUSHINSKY AND FAMILY,
MR. AND MRS. E. ROESNER.

A Former Nebraskan.

Fred S. Nave, United States district attorney for the territory of Arizona, who was recently appointed to succeed Judge E. A. Tucker on the supreme bench of that territory, proves to be a former Nebraskan. This is considered solace to those who desired to see a Nebraskan succeed Judge Tucker who was a Nebraskan. Mr. Nave is the son of Chaplain Orville J. Nave, the auditor of the Topical Bible, who donated the proceeds from this work to the Wesleyan university of Nebraska. The newly appointed judge is about 23 years of age. He attended the Wesleyan university in the year 1888 while his father was chaplain in the regular army, stationed at Fort Niobrara, Neb. The young man practiced law in Chicago eight years ago, but removed to Arizona on account of his health. After four or five years' residence there he was appointed United States district attorney and is now promoted to the supreme judgeship of the territory.

Taken to the Poor Farm.

Lewis Villnow, who had been living in a straw house on J. W. Thomas' farm in a plum thicket since last July, was taken before the county insanity board Saturday.

After being examined he was given a bath, some hot soup, a new suit of clothes and then taken to the Cass county poor farm, where he will be cared for until further investigations have been made.

Will Not Pay Full Taxes This Year.

Daily reports from out in the state confirm the earlier impression among state officials that the Burlington and Union Pacific railroads will refuse to pay their full taxes this year. This had been anticipated because of the existence of suits questioning the assessment last year, which could not have been maintained, if it were admitted that the taxes for 1905 were legal. It is believed, however, that all of the other roads operating in the state will pay taxes. Among them is the Northwestern, which has a mileage in the excels of the Union Pacific although of a much smaller aggregate value. The Northwestern corporation paid its taxes promptly last year and has been pointed out as an example to the litigious companies by Governor Mickey.

New Title

"Superintendent of Shops" not master mechanic, is the correct title of W. F. Ackerman. His official title was changed Oct. 1, but as the notice was not served until Wednesday the fact was not generally known among the shop men. Similar notices have been served on the master mechanics of all the shops of the Burlington system, and all are now bearing the title of superintendent.—Havelock Times.

READS LIKE A ROMANCE

A Young Lady Starts Across the Ocean to Join Hands With Her Future Husband.

Miss Lena Wesch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wesch, departed Monday for her old home in Germany. She was accompanied as far as Omaha by her father. And thereby hangs a story which reads somewhat like a romance.

A few years ago Mrs. Wesch, and her children, accompanied by a young German lad, arrived from the Fatherland. The young man and Miss Lena had decided to remain in Germany, but at the last moment when she saw her mother and sisters leaving (her father and brother were already here) she broke down and informed her future husband that she must go. He was not long in deciding that he preferred Miss Lena for a wife rather than to remain in his native land, so he came along with them.

After staying here for a short time it seems he did not like this country and returned to Germany last spring, no doubt with a promise from the young lady that she would soon follow and then be united in marriage.

There is much written of love, but this romance shows the true spirit of the word in its fullest sense, and the Journal hopes that her voyage across the ocean may be as pleasant as the happiness she expects upon meeting her future husband.

RAILWAY TAX OF YEAR 1905

Attorney General Brown Says It is Duty of Treasurer to Refuse a Tender of Less Than Amount Due.

According to the Lincoln Journal, Attorney General Norris Brown does not sanction the acceptance by county treasurers of a portion of the taxes due from railroads. The question arose last year when the Burlington and Union Pacific refused to pay the tax levied by the state board of equalization and tendered partial payment. The roads filed a suit restraining the county treasurer from collecting the tax. This suit was filed in the federal court and that court issued an order permitting acceptance of partial payment without prejudice. Until the roads file similar suit to restrain the collection of the 1905 tax and the federal court issues a similar order, Attorney General Brown will not advise county treasurers to accept partial payment. Mr. Brown has sent out a circular letter to county treasurers, being a copy of his opinion given to County Attorney C. O. French of Nebraska county, who inquired about the acceptance of a tender made this year by the Burlington. The letter contains the following:

"In reply I beg to advise you that the revenue law nowhere authorizes the county treasurer to receive a partial payment of taxes which appear on his books to be due from any person or corporation. It is obvious from an inspection of the law in question that it was the intention of the legislature to authorize the tax collector to collect the taxes in full. There is no distinction made between taxpayers. They should all be treated alike. The treasurer is required by law to keep a set of books; his form of receipt is prescribed by statute; his warrant to collect taxes, and the manner of making payment, all lead but to one conclusion, and that is that the treasurer has a right to refuse and it is his duty to refuse a tender of anything less than the full amount due as shown on his books. The treasurer is vested by law with no discretion or judgment touching the validity of the tax assessed or any portion of it. In the absence of an order of the court having jurisdiction of the subject directing or authorizing the treasurer to do otherwise, I am clearly of the opinion that it is the duty of such officer to refuse to receive from any taxpayer a portion of the taxes assessed against him. The warrant of the treasurer provided by law commands him to collect taxes; this means all taxes assessed, and not a portion thereof."

If you are a judge of a good smoke, try the "Acorns" 5 cent cigar and you will smoke no other.

NO PAY FOR STAY-AT-HOMES

Men Exempt From Army Drafts Have Been Misinformed.

A special from Washington says: Many inquiries are received at the pension bureau from all parts of the country asking if a law has been enacted reimbursing those who paid money to be exempt from the draft in 1863-4, but the pension officials point out that there has been no legislation to warrant the reports which led to the inquiries. Deputy Commissioner of Pensions Davenport today said:

"The pension bureau has no knowledge of a proposed law of this kind and it is a little strange that anyone would expect the government to come to the relief of these stay-at-homes. In 1863 it became necessary in some states to resort to draft to fill town quotas. It seems at that time anyone could purchase exemption for a fixed price. In many towns that price was \$300. It was simply a barter and trade arrangement between the man liable to be drafted and the town. The man purchased exemption upon paying his \$300. This money was used by the town to hire a substitute to serve in the place of a man who purchased his right to stay at home. The question is, 'Did the man receive the full equivalent for his money?' It seems that he did, as at that time the regular price for a substitute was something like \$500. The town was compelled to add \$200 to the \$300 it had received from the exempted man to purchase his substitute.

"Somebody must be laboring under the impression that these drafted men should be reimbursed for this \$300. It does not look that way to an outsider."

THEY ARE COMING WEST

Why Not Make an Effort to Get Them to Come to Plattsmouth?

THE LOCATION IS AN AVAILABLE ONE

Many of the Big Eastern Manufactories Are Seeking Location in the West.

In looking over the great daily papers we notice that numerous large manufacturing establishments are seeking locations in the western states. Among the number are the proprietors of the Baldwin Locomotive works of Philadelphia. There are others, perhaps, not so large, but any of them might be induced to come to Plattsmouth if the proper effort is put forth. There is nothing like trying.

Located as we are on the banks of the Missouri river, with two of the greatest railway systems in the west running through the city, plenty of locations for manufacturing establishments, we can see no reason why some of these establishments cannot be induced to come to Plattsmouth. We know of cities of far less advantages who have succeeded in steering establishments of this character to their towns—and why can't we?

Manufacturing establishments are not in the habit of locating in towns or cities unsolicited. Then why not let the secretary of the commercial club "get busy" and write some letters to the eastern cities, find out the names of these establishments who think of locating elsewhere, and invite them to send representatives here to confer with our people and view the situation over. The winter season is a splendid time to do this work, and perhaps by the dawn of spring we will have several enterprises on the string.

There is no doubt that manufacturing establishments in the east are becoming too crowded for comfort, and desire to spread out and must come west in order to do so.

Let us all "get busy" and talk for new enterprises from now till next spring, and all put our shoulders to the wheel of enterprise and we will be able to fare equal with other towns in the west.

Congressman Pollard in Town.

Congressman Pollard drove over from Nehawka Monday and met with the business men of Plattsmouth this afternoon to secure data, etc., in regard to securing a new government postoffice building for this city. He stated that he would do all that he could to secure one, and that he expected to have the assistance of Senator Burkett.

He desired to secure any data on file or otherwise. He stated that the government was spending millions of dollars on the Panama canal and for the navy and it seemed to him that the leaders in congress will be for retrenchment.