

PRESENTS A SAD PICTURE

Tom Walker Sold His Soul to the Devil One Day, and There Came a Day When Delivery Was Demanded.

One cannot look at Omaha today without instant reminder of the story of the Devil and Tom Walker. Tom sold his soul to the devil one day, and there came a day in which delivery was demanded, and then the Strange Shape appeared at the door of Tom's banking house, and the black horse at the curb. Long ago Omaha began selling her soul to every corporation which had the price, and the price was not always large, and many corporations came that way to buy. By dint of hard bargaining Omaha has at last redeemed herself in part from her sale to railroad hands, but she is still tight in the grip of the telephone octopus. A million people out in the state are pleading with Omaha to open her ears to the call of her customers who have independent telephones at their homes. But Omaha cannot hear the call, because her ears are stuffed with a wax which has been rolled by the deft fingers of the Nebraska Telephone company's scientific manipulators of men and cities and legislatures. Omaha is asprig, but Omaha lacks pride, and without a fair amount of pride no man or city may run far toward the goal of success. With all her natural advantages Omaha should now be a city of two hundred thousand, but when the tempter came and bargained for the civic soul of Omaha her lack of pride made easy bargaining for the tempter, and now—well, one cannot look at Omaha today and see her futile struggles in the tentacles of the telephone trust without a feeling of pity, sometimes akin to disgust.

The telephone trust is today breeding the same kind of trouble for Omaha which was many years ago bred for the city by the banking trust. The greedy bankers of Omaha got together and began charging exchange against the checks from all the country banks. Kansas City took advantage of the situation, threw down the bars, invited a flood of deposits from Nebraska banks, and holds them to the present day. It is almost remarkable that at the present time twenty per cent of Nebraska bankers are carrying balances in the Kansas City banks. Omaha ought to have every dollar of that Nebraska money which now lodges in the vaults of the Kansas City banking houses, and might have had every dollar of it if the Omaha bank trust had not driven it away from Omaha.

It is not too late for Omaha to wake up and win a better stock of the confidence of Nebraskans. All the state would be friendly to Omaha if she did not shun the friendship of the state so often. In this telephone business Omaha is putting the loyalty of her outside friends to the severest test yet imposed. When the average American citizen addresses anybody he expects an answer, and when a person addressed refuses to reply to a civil question there is liable to be a fight.

Thousands of Nebraskans are calling to Omaha today over the independent telephone lines. Omaha's continued refusal to answer the courteous call will indicate that Omaha wants a fight. —Fremont Herald.

Senator Sheldon for Governor.

According to the Omaha Bee Attorney-General Brown was in that city Saturday, and no opinion could be secured from him, though other lawyers profess to think Mr. Mortensen is not eligible to be a candidate for governor. Mr. Mortensen himself believes there is a serious doubt of his eligibility, but at this time he is not going to announce his withdrawal from the race, and until he has consulted further with attorneys he will make no statement.

In the meantime the political slate makers have already gotten busy looking for more candidates to usher to the front. A letter was received today from Senator George Sheldon of Cass county, who is now in Mississippi, in which the Senator said:

"I shall be enlisted wherever and in whatever capacity it may be necessary to best serve the people of Nebraska." Inasmuch as Mr. Sheldon has frequently been mentioned as a candidate for governor and his letter today was in answer to an inquiry regarding his candidacy, it is taken to mean Mr. Sheldon will run for the office, providing there is a sentiment for him."

POSTMASTER-GENERAL CORTELYOU has again given it out flat that it is the President's intention to reappoint postmasters against whom no serious complaint has been filed as fast as their present terms expire. A few new ones have been appointed here and there and the old ones turned out, but Mr. Cortelyou explains that these places were promised by the congressmen before they had learned of the new rule. In order to save them embarrassing explanations the President has relaxed his rule in a few cases, but it is stated this will not be done hereafter.

THE CATALOGUE HOUSES

The Big "Bait" Now Being Thrown Out to Catch More "Suckers."

Some of the big catalogue houses are now offering to sell customers certain lines of goods "below cost." This is another inducement held out to buyers, and is about on a par with some of the other actions of these institutions. The catalogue house cannot afford to sell goods below cost any more than the retailer can. Obviously the promise to do so is merely a bait to secure the business of new customers, or to hold old ones in lines. It is generally conceded that the catalogue house makes enormous profits on its goods. It must do so in order to live, for its expenses are very heavy. If it sells goods "below cost" it stands to reason that this loss must be made up on other purchases. No business institution can run any length of time by selling at a loss, and the managers of the catalogue houses know this as well as any one. But if they can get the names of new customers, they know they can by clever advertising, sell other goods on which the profit is great enough to make up for the difference. The catalogue house never does anything without a reason. The reason for this latest step is not difficult to see. But what advantage is there in having some goods below cost, if one has to pay enough more for other stuff to counterbalance the saving? The man or woman who intends sending even a trial order to one of these concerns should ask this question. The answer will suggest itself. The retail dealer can supply reliable goods just as cheaply as the mail order institution, and he will accommodate his customers in every way. He is always accessible to correct errors or replace goods which may be unsatisfactory. He don't sell goods "below cost," and he sells reliable goods, and this is the big point to keep in mind.

The Louisville Bridge.

The following is from the Papillion Times of this week, and from its tone one would naturally judge that the commissioners of Sarpy county would do nothing in the way of repairing the Louisville bridge when the commissioners of the two counties do come together: "C. A. Rawls, county attorney for Cass county, accompanied by one of the county commissioners of that county and Editor Mayfield, of Louisville, were Papillion visitors Tuesday evening. They intended to be here to meet with our county board but owing to a belated train did not get here until too late. The object of their visit was to talk over the matter of getting Sarpy county to join with Cass county in rebuilding the Louisville bridge across the Platte river. Our county is not vitally interested and will, no doubt, reject all propositions of this nature." Perhaps the Times is not posted on the recent action of courts on such matters. By law, by all past usages in the building of such bridges, the taxpayers of Sarpy county are just as much in duty bound to pay their proportion in keeping up the Louisville bridge as are the taxpayers of Cass county.

Just arrived, new Columbia and Victor records for February. Hear them free at Phil Sauter's.

Public Sale

The undersigned will sell at public auction, at the farm 5 miles west of Mynard, 10 miles southeast of Louisville and 8 miles southwest of Plattsmouth, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., on

Wednesday, February 21, '06

The following described property, to-wit: Seven head of horses—1 span of horses, 5 and 6 years old, weight 2,500; 1 span horses, weight 2,200; 1 span horses, weight 2,600; 1 mare, weight 1,300. Fourteen head of cattle—1 bull, two years old, (Red Polled stock) 7 milch cows; 1 milch cow with calf at side; 1 milch cow, fresh very soon; 2 heifers, eighteen months old; 2 steer calves. Thirty head of hogs—1 young boar, (Poland-China stock); 12 brood sows; 17 fall shoats. Wagons, machinery, etc.—1 wagon nearly new, 1 good wagon with new box, 1 low wagon in good repair, 1 good spring wagon, 1 hay rake, 1 new McCormick mower, 1 good corn planter with 100 rods of wire, 1 Western Bell riding lister, 1 John Deer lister, 1 corn drill, 1 riding plow, 1 18-inch string plow, 1 John Deer walking cultivator, 1 1-horse garden cultivator, 1 14-16-inch center-cut disc harrow, 1 3-section harrow, 1 2-section harrow, 1 hand corn sheller, 1 feed cutter, 1 grindstone on iron frame, 2 set of heavy farm harness, 1 set 1 1/2 inch harness, 300 chickens, and many other things too numerous to mention.

—FREE LUNCH AT NOON—

Terms of Sale: All sums of \$10 and under cash. Over \$101 year's time will be given, purchaser to give bankable note bearing 8 per cent interest. Two per cent off for cash. No property to be removed until settled for.

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Q. K. PARMELE, Auctioneer,
J. G. MEISINGER, Clerk.

CASS COUNTY REPRESENTED

Checker Champions in Their Annual Clash At Lincoln.

The following from the Lincoln News gives an account of the annual meeting of the checker players of the state which met in that city this week. Among the number present is our old friend Herman Bester, who has never missed a meeting since the organization of the association:

There will be no flapping of coppers this year to establish the state checker championship, as there was last year, for the would-be champs decided in business meeting yesterday that the fight should be fought out to the bitter end unless the contestants should fall from fatigue, in which case the medal should remain in the custody of the secretary.

There were sixteen checker experts at the meeting yesterday in the hall at 1034 O street. It was a business meeting that was held then, and it was arranged that trouble over the boards should begin promptly at 1 p. m. The annual election of officers occurred, in which C. E. Calkins, of Ashland, was made vice president and C. G. Hulbert, of Utica, secretary. The president will be the man who wins the championship at the close of the tournament, which is expected to last until Friday night.

At noon the following had registered and drawn numbers for participation in the contest: L. O. Whitesides, J. B. Pepon, C. D. Hyatt, Charles Lee, all of Lincoln; Herman Bester, Plattsmouth; G. G. Hulbert, M. W. Leonard, Utica; F. A. Shoemaker, Stromsburg; C. E. Calkins, Ashland; James Campbell, Havelock; Albert Johnson, Omaha; G. W. Pepon, Table Rock; C. G. Lewis, Gosper county; G. W. Armsted, North Bend; L. T. Brookings, Funk; W. Kelly, Geneva.

Mr. Brookings now holds the trophy, and W. Kelly, of Geneva, is the man who held it the two preceding years. He was not present at the tournament a year ago and is picked for a winner this year. He remarked facetiously this morning that he had not thought of taking it when he came, but he has found several of the strongest players absent, and had about changed his mind, a suggestion which seemed to strike those who heard him as genuine wit.

"I shall miss C. H. Reed, of Lincoln," said he, "and Mr. Cameron, of Omaha, as well as Mr. Chambers, of Table Rock, all of them strong players."

It was stated that C. H. Reed's absence is explained by the fact that he is traveling with a concert company, and that he had played every checker champion in every state he had traversed, and has met defeat by but one, a man in Pittsburg. It evidently occasioned some surprise to hear that he had met the champion who strikes terror into the hearts of all who have visited Kansas City, and they had won two games each, while something like a dozen more had been drawn.

Mr. Chambers, of Table Rock, had intended being present, but was unable to come because his barn burned down the other night and inflicted considerable loss.

Herman Bester, one of the old-time experts of the state, is here from Plattsmouth, of course. He never misses a state tournament and is said to be a master of the "black doctor" system of play.

C. G. Lewis, of Gosper county, is another patriarch present, although he is comparatively new at the tournaments. "I have been a hardworking old farmer all my life," said he, "but now I have turned farming over to my family and intend to have some fun. I used to know how to play checkers, but I have been too busy for years to keep up with the game."

The Kupke-Polk Case.

The following are the particulars as to the order of the supreme court recalling mandata theretofore entered in the Polk-Kupke case.

The former mandata recited the judgment of the supreme court, or rather had attached to it, the findings and opinion of that court, which was a reversal of the judgment of the lower court, with directions to the lower court for new trial.

Under the opinion of the supreme court, itself, the attorneys for Polk evidently concluded that the supreme court should enter final judgment themselves and not refer it to the lower court for a new trial, and so filed a motion there asking the supreme court to re-call the mandata and enter judgment in that court in accordance with their opinion so filed.

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Insurance Tax Legal.

The action of the state to recover from the Insurance Company of North America 2 per cent of the gross earnings of the company in Nebraska for the year 1902, the amount sued for being \$802, has been sustained by the supreme court. The suit was based on a statute imposing on any insurance company from another state a tax equal to the tax imposed by such other states upon Nebraska insurance business. The suit was defended on the ground that the statute was void. One of the points urged was that the act had been repealed. The act was also assailed on the ground that the business of insurance is interstate commerce within the meaning of the federal legislation and that the Nebraska statute was such an interference with such commerce as made the act a violation of the federal legislation. The court held against the insurance company on all these propositions. The amount now due from foreign insurance companies under the Nebraska statute is \$37,000, which the auditor is now authorized to collect immediately. The statute when enforced will also be a source of revenue. The auditor will make collections in the future as well as collect the amount now due.

Don't Deceive Yourself.

Don't deceive yourself. If you have indigestion take Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It will relieve you. Rev. W. E. Hocutt, South Mills, N. C., says: "I was troubled with chronic indigestion for several years; whatever I ate seemed to cause heartburn, sour stomach, fluttering of my heart, and general depression of mind and body. My druggist recommended Kodol, and it has relieved me. I can now eat anything and sleep soundly at night. Kodol digests what you eat, makes the stomach sweet, palatable, strengthening and affords quick relief. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co., Gering & Co.

A Third Term.

A special from Washington says: "Representative Pollard today settled, so far as he is concerned, the postoffice fight which has been waging between several contestants for the postmastership at Tecumseh, Neb. Today he recommended P. A. Brundage, the present postmaster, for reappointment.

Postmaster Brundage, if nominated, will enter upon his third term as postmaster at Tecumseh. There were two other candidates for the office, Mr. Coffey, an old soldier, and Mr. Ferguson, a young man who has recently come to the front in local political affairs of Johnson county. Mr. Pollard, however, found a majority of the patrons of the Tecumseh postoffice through petitions and personal letters, desired the renomination of Brundage. Not only was he the candidate of the majority of the patrons of the office, but he had the recommendation of the state central committee and all the county officials.

Frightfully Burned.

Chas. W. Moore, a machinist, of Ford City, Pa., had his hand frightfully burned in an electrical furnace. He applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve with the usual result: "a quick and perfect cure." Greatest healer on earth for Burns, Wounds, Sores, Eczema and Piles. 25c at F. G. Fricke & Co., druggist.

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Hog Cholera.

A farmer over in Page county, Iowa, says he keeps the cholera away from his hogs by putting a can of concentrated lye in a barrel of swill and dishing the stuff out to them once every two weeks. His hogs are healthy when his neighbor's hogs are dying of the cholera. It might be well for those farmers in Cass county whose losses have been so heavy in the past few months, to make a note of this, and profit thereby.

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is my baby girl, now two weeks old," writes Mrs. J. Priest, of Webster City, Iowa. "She is a fine healthy babe and we are both doing nicely. I am still taking Cardui, and would not be without it in the house."

Informer Gets No Reward.

In the case of J. A. Chapin against Seward county the supreme court holds that under the provisions of section 23, chapter 50 of the compiled statutes a county is not liable to a complaining witness for an amount equal to one-fourth of the sum collected as fines and paid over to the school fund, where the complaint is for selling liquor without a license. The plaintiff was the complaining witness in criminal prosecutions for the sale of liquors without license in an incorporated village of Seward county. The village is not held responsible to the complaining witness because the village issued no license. The county board was without jurisdiction to issue license and while the fines were paid into the county treasury for the benefit of the school fund of the county yet it is not receipt of the fine by the municipality liable to the complaining witness.

The court says it is clearly the purpose of the statute to make the municipality receiving the license money responsible, and as no municipality had received license money from the persons paying the fines no municipality was liable to the complaining witness.

Strangely Afflicted.

W. H. Seybert, wife and little daughter, Frances, came in from Cullom Saturday to consult the doctor with reference to the ailment of the little girl, and will remain over Sunday as the guests of George Sayles, jr. and family. The little patient has been suffering for several weeks and it seems the disease with which she is afflicted has heretofore baffled the doctor as he has not given the parents anything definite as to the cause of the little one's troubles.

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