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JOTTINGS FOR THE JOLLY

Short Paragraphs Prepared and Purlined For the Readers of the Journal.

Everybody works but the editor. He loaf's around all day. Looking wise and solemn— Drawing the biggest pay. Everybody else must hustle. Getting up the news. But the editor takes it easy And never has the blues.

A little taffy is apt to make silly people appear stuck up.

Usually the man who talks like a philosopher acts like a child.

There's nothing cunning about the toothache, even if it is acute pain.

Often a man casts a shadow over his charitable acts by talking about them.

Never judge the cigar a man gives you by the price he claims to have paid for it.

Watch for the Journal dollar. It is moving right along among the business men.

Every man who lives in Plattsmouth should be for Plattsmouth first, last and all the time.

Don't get discouraged. No man is really down and out until the undertaker gets busy.

It matters but little what you think of a man provided that you do not think aloud.

Did you ever encounter a lazy man who didn't attribute all his trials and tribulations to bad luck.

Although the dignified man may not know much, he has to be very careful of what little he does know.

Many a man thinks that taking a lease on a front pew gives him a free hold on a corner lot in Heaven.

Are we to have a street fair this year? Don't let the knocker begin his avocation.

After a man has acquired a certain amount of wisdom he would rather add to it than make a display of what little he has.

Isn't it strange, but nevertheless very true, that when a policeman is needed he is always at the other end of the street?

Many a man who thinks he is marrying an angel may find that she is equipped with a pair of asbestos wings a few months later.

We should all pull together for Plattsmouth, remembering that a strong pull and a long pull brings forth many good results.

Just think of a woman wearing a rat in her hair, who would climb a stepladder to prevent a mouse from getting into her stocking.

There isn't much pleasure in being honest simply for policy's sake. The man who is really honest, is so because it is a pleasure to be honest.

There are a few young men in this town who think they are "mashers," but some of these days they will get their eyes open by a s-mash on the snoot.

We all need shoving along to know just exactly "where we are." Then let's do a little shoving for Plattsmouth.

Zeal for a cause should never blind its advocates to the fact that others have rights which must be respected. Liberal thought must and will govern the world.

A religion that isn't as good on week days as it is on Sunday isn't good enough to wad a muzzle loading shotgun. The world is afflicted with too many Sunday christians.

The young man who stopped his subscription to the Journal because he read an item in this column he did not like, certainly, was hit pretty hard. Either this, or he shows himself to be a damphool.

A newspaper may say a dozen things about a man and cause him to smile all day, but let the paper pass one deserved criticism on him and he'll rush to the office and "stop" his paper and cuss the editor for a whole week.

Now is the time to think about the spring and summer. Are we to have any entertainments to draw people to Plattsmouth? Other towns are this early thinking of 4th of July celebrations. Let us do a little thinking also.

Quite a number of good citizens have left Plattsmouth in the past few months to make their homes elsewhere. But not one of whom was a knocker. Had they belonged to this class their departure would have been hailed with joy. But the knockers still hang on.

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RATHER A PECULIAR CASE

A Young Farmer of Near Pacific Junction is Taken to the Insane Asylum.

IMAGINES HE HAS WRITTEN A SPEECH

And That His Brother in Denver is Delivering It and Thus Making Lots of Money.

Deputy Sheriff Edwards of Mills county, Ia., recently conveyed to the asylum at Clarinda, a young farmer from near Pacific Junction, and the authorities of that institution consider it the most peculiar case of insanity they ever came across in all their experience. The young man's name is G. P. Thrapp, and Dr. Witte, superintendent of the asylum, says that he has never before known an insane person to admit his insanity and to make an effort (such as Thrapp does) to get away from the one foolish subject that has taken possession of his mind. Thrapp imagines that he has written a political speech and that his brother living in Denver has been delivering the speech, making lots of money out of it but will not "divvy" up.

The brother came here from Denver and tried to reason with the unfortunate man but to no avail. When his brother told him there was no truth in the story and that he must be mentally wrong, Thrapp admitted as much and asked to be taken to a doctor. At times the man will agree with his friends that it is all nonsense about the speech and the money that is being kept from him. Then his mind will revert back to his foolish fancy that took possession of him some weeks ago. Thrapp's mind was apparently all right till last November when he was taken with typhoid fever. It may be only a temporary condition, and as he is only 30 years old, he may in a few weeks have his reason restored.

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A Clever Catch.

A traveling man saw a sign in a Horton store window, "\$15 paid for 1903 pennies," and decided to pick up all the 1903 pennies he could find, believing them to be of value to coin collectors. The postmaster at Willis had three pennies of the 1903 date, and these the traveling bought, paying \$1 each therefor. At last he thought he had made a shrewd bargain and telephoned to the Horton merchant to ask how many pennies he would take at \$15 each. The merchant replied that he would give \$15 for 1,903 pennies just as often as anybody could get that many pennies together, for he would make \$4.03 every time. The traveling man left town without even asking for his money back.

IS THERE ANYTHING IN IT?

The Visit of the Burlington Officials to Plattsmouth Yesterday Afternoon.

Since the arrival and departure of the Burlington Brass Collars yesterday, the object of their visit here is a subject of much discussion among our people. Among the party were Vice-President Willard, General Manager Holdrege and Superintendents Byram Bignell and Woodrig. While here they spent considerable time at the shops in inspecting the various departments, and also spent some time in viewing the ground adjacent.

Of course many believe that the visit of these gentlemen in a body means something for the betterment of the local shops, and that the long talked of improvements are about to take place. There is no doubt something significant in their visit, and it is to be hoped that the talk of new additions and the enlargement of some of the old departments is not all wind, and that during the coming season something in this direction will be started.

Of course railroad officials are very cautious in their movements, and they are not in the habit of telling their business to everyone with whom they converse, and all that the people are left to do is to surmise what the visit of these officials to Plattsmouth means. Let it be good, bad or indifferent, we can hope that it was for the best, and that we will soon see employment of one thousand more men in the departments.

Wants \$20,000 Damages.

The Lincoln Journal says that Benjamin H. Stewart, formerly a fireman on the Rock Island, has begun suit in the district court of Lancaster county against the road to recover \$20,000, as remuneration for injuries which he claims he received in May, 1905, through being compelled to leap from an engine which he was firing, a second before the train ran into an open switch. Stewart claims that the accident occurred May 12, 1905, at Meadow. Through the negligence of employes of the road, he alleges, a switch at that place had been left open. The freight on which he was riding was going at a good rate of speed, he says, when the switch was approached, and there was no signal to indicate that the switch was closed. He claims that he saw that the switch was open at the last minute, and that he jumped to save his life, injuring his shoulder, side and limbs. The injuries and the experience have incapacitated him for further work as a fireman, he says, and he wants the court to give him judgment against the company.

A Test Case.

To test the constitutionality of the Nebraska supreme court commission law a case originating in the district court of Cedar county will be appealed to the supreme court of the United States, says the Kearney Hub. The appealing party contends the commission is not a constitutional body and that its acts and findings are therefore void. This may be true. The commission was born of necessity to relieve the burden of work upon the three justices of the supreme court, and it is not improbable that a "calmly dispassionate bunch of supreme judges might regard the invention as not at all according to Hoyle."

Too Good to Keep.

A man down in Otoe county, not very far from Union, who patronized the mail order houses, allows the children to play with the big catalogues. One morning the nurse came out and told them there was a new baby in the house. "Who brought it?" asked the children. The nurse replied that it had just come. "Oh I know," said one little tot, "its a Sears-Roebuck baby and I bet it's adulterated like the pepper and the strawberry jam was, and papa will have to keep it because the money was sent in advance."

THE OMAHA JAIL DELIVERY

Four Men Break Out and One of Them is Quickly Captured.

Four prisoners made an easy escape from the Douglas county jail in Omaha Friday evening by battering a hole through the east section of the wall. So neatly and easily was the work done that the result might have been a wholesale jail delivery but for the chance discovery made by J. M. Buel, a night watchman at the court house. After giving the alarm Buel gave chase after the prisoners and captured one, Mickey Ford, a South Omaha holdup man. The escaped prisoners are: J. J. Buckley, recently found guilty of holding up Healey's saloon at Albright; Pat O'Brien; John Berry; Mickey Ford, holdup man from South Omaha; recaptured. Buel was passing close to the building when he heard a brick fall on the ground back of him. He looked around and saw the four men drop in rapid succession to the ground from an eighteen-inch hole in the wall about fourteen feet above the ground. After giving the alarm Buel gave chase to Ford, who was the last man, and caught him at Twentieth and Pierce streets, where a hack had been located to take the quartet away.

Plattsmouth Woman's Club.

The Woman's club met with Mrs. H. D. Travis Thursday afternoon. The club at its previous meeting having finished the play of "Julius Caesar" spent the afternoon in a review of the play and history of the time. Miss Arnold occupied the chair as leader and the following program was given:

Favorite Quotations from Julius Caesar, Outline of the Play..... Mrs. Frank Shopp
Caesar as a Ruler..... Mrs. H. J. Streight
Character of Brutus..... Miss Alice Eaton
Cassius..... Mrs. Wm. Cole
Caesar's Reply to Cassius..... Mrs. J. D. McBride
The address of Brutus and funeral oration of Mark Antony were given as recitations by Mrs. E. H. Wescott and Mrs. H. D. Travis.

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Streight and Mrs. Wescott were elected as delegates to the First district convention to be held in Weeping Water April 5 and 6.

Believing in the popular supposition that a cup of tea loosens a woman's tongue the hostess served light refreshments and current topics were taken up and pleasantly discussed.

As the club thus far have devoted its time to the tragedies of Shakespeare, they will at their next meeting change to comedy and laugh with Petruchio and mourn with Katherine in "The Taming of the Shrew."

Is Recovering Nicely.

Dr. Green, of Manly, was in town Friday last, and reported Mr. Hostetter, the young man who attempted suicide, as recovering all right. The boy was despondent, but if his kind friends will step in and lend encouragement, there is no reason why a bright future may not await him.—Weeping Water Herald.

Will Try Again.

According to the Lincoln News all state officers who have served one term only, with the exception of Attorney General Brown, who is a candidate for the United States senate, are candidates for re-election. Since Mr. Brown issued his statement some days ago that he would not again be a candidate for re-election, Deputy Attorney General Thompson has announced his candidacy, and so far no one has come out against him.

Treasurer Mortensen, by the provisions of the constitution, is not eligible to again be treasurer following on his two terms in that office. Governor Mickey has served two terms as chief executive, and may be a candidate for a third term, though he has stated he would not be.

Secretary of State Galusha, Auditor Searle, Land Commissioner Eaton and Superintendent McErien are all candidates for a second term and so far neither of these has any opposition from an avowed candidate. Galusha, Eaton and Searle are on the board of assessment and equalization as well as other important boards and each will rely on the record made and upon precedent to again be elected. None of the officers so far as known are doing anything to further his candidacy, but it is presumed that before the state convention every one of them will get busy. Inasmuch, however, as no opposition has thus far developed these officers intend to devote their time to their offices for the present rather than to campaigning.

Depart for Their New Home.

George Koehnke and family departed Saturday night for Plainview, Neb., near which place they begin farming life. Mr. and Mrs. Koehnke, having lived here principally all their lives, will be greatly missed by their large circle of friends, and while they regret their departure, the good wishes of all attend them in their new home. The Journal will visit this excellent family regularly to keep them posted on local events at their old home, and to drive away the blues if such an affliction should visit them occasionally, which we trust will never overtake them. May health, happiness and prosperity always be with them is the prayer of the Journal.

"STAND BY OUR NEIGHBORS"

A Motto That Should Be Adopted By Every Citizen of Cass County.

FARMERS AGAINST THEIR OWN INTEREST

Money Kept at Home Helps Reduce Taxes, and If Sent Away Hurts Your Neighbor.

The Journal is going to do all in its power to help in building up Plattsmouth and Cass county by advocating that every farmer is making a mistake when he buys goods away from home. Thousands of dollars are spent annually by catalogue houses in Chicago and eastern cities in an effort to induce Cass county farmers to buy goods of those department stores. The Cass county farmer who spends his money with such houses as Sears, Roebuck & Co., is doing an injustice to himself and community in which he makes his home. Now put on your thinking cap and then consider.

Do these big mail order houses help the farmer pay taxes in Cass county? Do they help bear the expense of maintaining any of the county institutions? Do they really sell cheaper than the local merchant? We doubt this, because local merchants are in a position to buy as cheap as any of those "skinflints." And besides you see the goods here before you buy. There is only a certain margin of profit above the manufacture. The western merchant ships his goods from Chicago, New York, or some other eastern market in car lots. The farmer pays a higher proportionate freight rate on his small order to Plattsmouth or any other town in Cass county. Hence the home merchant can sell on as close margin as any of the catalogue houses.

The Plattsmouth merchants' guarantee of quality is *always good*. Now, Mr. Farmer, honor bright, haven't you had trouble with the mail order man about "quality?" You don't have any such trouble with your home merchant, because you see just what you are buying, and then after taking it home and it should not prove just the thing, he will exchange it for something more suitable. Will the mail order man do this?

How are we to keep the roads in good shape for the benefit of the farmers of Cass county, if they don't help sustain home institutions which help pay for good roads. Our merchants help in this as they do in everything else that benefits the people of the county in general. Never a cent comes from the mail order house to pay our road taxes or any other kind of taxes.

The Journal wants the farmers to think of these things, and every time you want an article, which you know your home merchant keep in stock, take your catalogue (if you have one) with you to his store and compare prices, and if you can't get the article as cheap at home we will donate you our head for a foot ball. Make up your mind to always follow the motto: "*Home First—World Afterwards.*"

Buying at Home.

"I purchased a stove from one of our home merchants for which I paid \$10. Just to see whether I paid too much I looked up the price in a mail order house catalog and found the identical stove quoted at \$13.50, to which the freight added would have brought the price up to \$15.00," said a friend to the Courier the other day. That is the safe plan; buy of the home man if you are satisfied with the article and then look and see how much you have saved later on.—Louisville Courier.

A Scientific Wonder.

The cures that stand to its credit make Bucklen's Arnica Salve a scientific wonder. It cured E. R. Mulford, lecturer for the Patrons and Husbandry, Waynesboro, Pa., of a distressing case of Piles. It heals the worst Burns, Sores, Boils, Ulcers, Cuts, Chilblains and Salt Rheum. Only 25c at F. G. Fricke & Co.'s drug store.

HE CAN HAVE \$8,000

The Sum Which Ed Brantner Can Have If He Wants to Accept.

HAS TO THE 20TH OF MARCH TO ACCEPT

Word was received in this city Monday that in the case of Ed Brantner vs. C. B. & Q. R. Co., the court found the verdict of \$16,000 was excessive and gives plaintiff Brantner until the 20th of March to remit \$8,000, which amount if remitted the motion for a new trial will be overruled, and judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$8,000. If the plaintiff does not remit \$8,000 the motion for a new trial will be sustained. In conversation with Mr. Brantner he stated that he had not determined upon an acceptance as yet.

Snowbound for Twenty-Four Hours.

County Clerk Rosencrans passed through an experience returning home from Denver, which he says he does not care to pass through again. He says the train consisted of twelve passenger coaches and sleepers, and ran into a snow drift from which predicament they were not relieved for twenty-four hours, and could gaze upon nothing but snow in every direction. They remained thus for twenty-four hours, and without anything to eat. And in a short time they would have been without fuel. It was a glad hour when they were relieved from such a condition. Mr. Rosencrans intended to reach home Friday night, but this caused his delay until Sunday morning. Baring this incident he enjoyed a fine trip.

The only other mishap to overtake "Rosey" was the loss of a \$5.00 Stetson hat, the best one, he says, he ever possessed, while the train was running at the rate of twenty miles an hour.

The Reading Circle.

A reading circle was held in County Superintendent Gamble's office Saturday afternoon, and very interesting papers were given by Miss Bryan on "Effect of Pictures in the School Room;" Miss Hornum, "Environment and Hereditary;" and by Miss Stenner on "The Louisiana Purchase." Mrs. White rendered a recitation that was appreciated very much by the teachers present. The next reading circle will be held Saturday, April 7th, and the county superintendent extends a cordial invitation to all teachers to attend these reading circles.

Runaway Boys Return.

The following is a special from Ashland, under date of March 4, and refers to a couple of Cass county boys: "The two boys, Roscoe and Charles Wortman, who ran away from home during the past week have been brought home by their fathers from Stromsburg, where they were overtaken. The boys are ten and twelve years old. They each took a horse from his father's barn and started out to see the world for themselves. They were traced through Valparaiso and other points to Stromsburg."

Beware of Him.

The editor of the Nebraska Independent says: "Beware of the newspapers that are offered to you at a price below the cost of the paper they are printed upon. Somebody must pay for them, and that somebody is making an investment in the intelligence of the reader. The reader is expected to repay the investment a thousand fold in the end, and remain ignorant of the fact that he does so." There is an immense amount of truth in the above. Some few months ago when the railroad and tariff bills promised to be the leading issues of the coming campaign and the irrigation and public land questions were prominently before the country, every paper in this portion of Nebraska was offered ready printed supplements, with the name of paper and date on the first page, and all it would cost the paper was the price of the expressage. There was a lot of good reading matter in these supplements, but every other item was in favor of the monopolies and the corporations, and the advertisements were such as would not be accepted by papers of any standing. In this day and age you can't get something for nothing.

The hearing in the case of Coatman vs. Drummond was heard Monday before District Clerk Robertson, who was appointed referee by Judge Jensen. This is a partition suit in which a quarter section of land south of Weeping Water is involved.