

DYNAMITED POND FOR FISH

Jas. Layton Placed Explosives in Pond at Cedar Creek to Capture the Fish.

AFTERWARDS AFRAID TO FACE PENALTY

To Escape He Commits a Much More Serious Offense, by Purloining a Horse From a Near Neighbor.

A telephone message from Constable Jas. Hesselow of Cedar Creek to the county attorney, make known the fact Wednesday that James Layton had used dynamite in a pond at Cedar Creek, in order to stun the fish therein, and thus capture them. The explosion proved so successful in bringing the fish to the surface of the pond that Layton became frightened, and fearing prosecution for this offense, he purloined a horse from Mr. Hesselow and fled from the state, thus committing another offense, which is much more serious than the first.

Layton, who was employed on a farm near Cedar Creek, is presumed to be headed for Aberdeen, S. D., as he sent a card to a friend asking him to send his clothes to that place. The constable desired to get out requisition papers for the return of the man, but for such offense the governor has declined to issue papers.

The horse that was taken by Layton was afterwards found almost exhausted and returned to the owner. The penalty for thus borrowing a horse is a \$100.00 fine or ninety days in jail, and it will be several weeks no doubt before Layton will favor this county with his presence, for he will be "pinched" by the officers and given a chance to settle up for this score.

Heavy Demand on Local Shops.

During the past week the local shops have received orders to build four new locomotives of the G 3 class. This new work, added to the heavy demand for repairs now on hand and constantly coming in, means that Havelock will be one of the busiest towns in Nebraska during the coming fall and winter. To keep as nearly up with the work as possible, the entire force was started on 55 hours per week last Wednesday, which will doubtless be increased to "over time" as soon as the weather gets a little cooler so the men can stand it. The demand for engines to move the immense crop along the western lines of the B. & M. will make the Havelock shops the "center of attraction" and tax their capacity to the utmost for several months to come.—Havelock Messenger.

Death of W. R. Thacker.

W. R. Thacker, of this city, died early this morning at the home of his son, Harvey Thacker, at 108 Sixth Corso. Death was due to a cancer and to old age. The deceased was about seventy-eight years of age and was a native of Ohio. He leaves two sons, Harvey and John Thacker who are residents of this city, and one daughter who lives in Plattsmouth. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the late residence. Interment will be at Wyuka cemetery.—Nebraska City Tribune.

The above is from the Tribune of Saturday. Mrs. Mary Brinkman of this city is the daughter referred to in the above, and the entire family went down to Nebraska City Sunday morning to attend the funeral which occurred in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Louisville Bridge Off Again.

The bids submitted by the Shely Bridge Co., of Lincoln, the Standard and the John Tolle bridge companies of Omaha, were tossed over the transom by the county commissioners yesterday, after extended consideration and deliberation. The average of the three bids of which Shely's was the lowest, showed that it would cost the county in the neighborhood of \$13,000 to repair the Louisville bridge. This was considered exorbitant by the board, who therefore turned down the bids and adjourned to consider the matter later.

Sudden Death Near Weeping Water.

The Weeping Water Republican under date of today contains the following: "Mrs. James Schwab died at her home about five miles southwest of town at an early hour this morning. Her death was caused by internal hemorrhage. She was out at the barnyard when taken ill, and although Drs. Rickard and Butler were called and did all in their power to relieve the patient, their efforts were of no avail and she died about 4 o'clock this morning."

Outing in Wyoming.

Col. W. L. Wilson, Misses Mary Wilson, Florence Wilson, Morton Steinhart, Will Homeyer and Wirt Morton left this morning for Lincoln, where they will join a camping party which is to spend three or four weeks hunting and fishing in Wyoming. Miss Florence Dovey, of Plattsmouth, will also join the party at Lincoln.—Nebraska City Tribune.

Change in the Firm.

Chas. Wilkins, who has been an employe of the well known firm of Wurl Bros., manufacturers of cigars, is now a member of that establishment. Otto Wurl, who is soon to accept a position in one of the largest physical culture schools in the west at Indianapolis, will retire. Mr. Wilkins is one of Plattsmouth's most energetic men, and is highly respected by all. The firm will remain in the present well established firm name of Wurl Bros., but will be under the direct management of Bernard Wurl and Mr. Wilkins. The U. S. revenue inspector, Mr. Voelaw Buresh, of Omaha, is in the city today for the purpose of checking up the stock of the old firm, previous to the new firm taking charge. The Journal extends its best wishes to the new firm.

HER NINETEENTH BIRTHDAY

Miss Alice Ferguson and a Number of Her Friends Celebrate the Event.

In Saturday evening's Journal we mentioned the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Schlater. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Schlater and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fitzgerald and their families for Louisville to spend Sunday at the beautiful home of John D. Ferguson and family, four miles south of Louisville. The rain which fell early in the afternoon, made them think some of postponing their visit, and when telephoning Mr. Ferguson to this effect, he would not listen to their refusal, and said he would be at the depot in Louisville to meet them, as it was very necessary for them to be present.

On their arrival at the home of our old friend, they then were apprised why it was so urgent that they should be there; it was in honor of their daughter's (Miss Alice) 19th birthday. Miss Alice had attained her 19th anniversary Saturday, and Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson had quietly planned to give her a surprise. The young lady knew nothing of the scheme concocted by Pa and Ma Ferguson, until she saw them returning from Louisville with the guests from Plattsmouth.

Besides those mentioned above, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tighe of Wabash, and several of the near neighbors were present. The Ferguson and Schlater families were brought up together as neighbors and for over forty years they have been intimate friends, and this meeting, as well as a birthday celebration, also proved a grand reunion of old friends.

Miss Alice was 19 years old Saturday, August 4, 1906, and while the event was not properly celebrated until the following day, did not deter the occasion from being one of great enjoyment by all present, and no one took greater interest in making the guests feel at home than the young lady who just entered upon her 19th year.

Pen or pencil is not adequate to portray the happy gathering as they sat around the festive board to partake of the generous supply of viands prepared by Mother Ferguson and daughters. Here stories of former days were related and jokes interchanged of happenings in the past, and the hours sped so fast that the Sabbath day was almost gone before they realized the fact, and it is unnecessary for the Journal to remark that it was an event long to be remembered by those present, and more especially Miss Alice.

The Plattsmouth guests returned home this morning and report a most happy time, and felt somewhat surprised themselves at the turn of the occasion after their arrival at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, as it was the occasion of that much more enjoyment.

The Journal extends congratulations to Miss Alice and hopes she may live to a good ripe old age, but not, however, without securing a loving and devoted helpmeet, who will assist her down the pathway of Time.

Considerable Bitter Feeling.

A special from Lincoln to the Omaha Bee says: "The outcome last week in Nemaha and Johnson, both of which instructed their congressional delegates for the renomination of Congressman Pollard, is supposed to have settled that question by giving him a large margin over the majority necessary to nominate. Judge Jessen, however, has not publicly withdrawn from the race and will probably ask for his own county, while it is known that a number of Lancaster delegates would break away from their Pollard instructions if they had half a chance. The First district contest has developed considerable bitter feeling between the friends of opposing candidates."

Sixty Head of Hogs Drowned.

Conrad Schlater, who spent Sunday with his old friend, John D. Ferguson, four miles south of Louisville, returned home this morning. He reports that the farmers on the west side of the county have had too much rain, and one night last week they were visited by a regular cloudburst, in which O. E. Chandler, a farmer living near Manly, had sixty hogs and one steer drowned. This is pretty tough on Mr. Chandler, who is one of our best citizens and most energetic farmers.

Go to the gas meter, thou sluggard; consider its way and become busy.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Have An Eye to the Best Interest of the Tax-Payers of the City.

A VERY ECONOMICAL ADMINISTRATION

Wisdom Pursued by Mayor Gering, Indorsed by the City Dads.

Never before in the history of the city has Plattsmouth been favored with a mayor and city council that have worked so harmoniously together for the best interests of all concerned in the welfare of the town. This demonstrates the fact that a wise head at the head of the city government can do much in the way of keeping up public improvements and at the same time keep on decreasing the tax levy. In all his movements in this direction, Mayor Gering has been and will be favored with the level-headed members of the council.

In the special meeting Monday night further action was taken on the sidewalk matter, and the improvements in that direction will again move bravely on until every properly owner has complied with the ordinance relative thereto or the city will make them comply and make them pay for so doing, the same as has been done to many previously.

Last year a great deal of improvements was done in one way and another upon the streets, and in fact, much needed, too, and with all that has been accomplished the present administration comes up smiling this year with ten mill's reduction of taxes over last year.

From the beginning of Mayor Gering's first administration a decrease in city taxes has been systematically accomplished, and he, aided by the wise heads of the council, deserve more credit than the Journal is able to give him, and much more than those who so bitterly opposed his re-election last spring would acknowledge. This paper has always been willing to give credit to whom credit is due, and Mayor Gering at all times has proven himself in every particular to be "the right man in the right place." He has taken a greater interest in the welfare of the tax-payers of this city, than any chief magistrate of Plattsmouth for many years, and without taking the Journal's word for it, evidences of this fact are right before the people.

Mayor Gering is to be congratulated upon his manner of procedure in enforcing the law, and backed, as he is, by a council made up of men who believe in following the procession of public improvements, we can confidently look forward to a time when Plattsmouth can boast of as good streets and sidewalks as any city of its size in the state of Nebraska.

Crops Along the Burlington.

The weekly crop report of the Nebraska district of the Burlington shows that corn on the Lincoln division is in fine shape and has plenty of moisture. On the Wymore and McCook divisions it is stated there are some sections that are in need of rain. It is asserted, however, that corn is not yet suffering anywhere.

Winter wheat, as was predicted several weeks ago, is still turning out more than the average quantity to the acre and the quality is the finest. Wheat in the district is running from 15 to 40 bushels to the acre, and there is plenty of it that is running 25 and 30 bushels.

Sugar beets are booming and better than for years. Potatoes are expected to yield an average crop and of average quality. Pastures have practically recovered from the drouth of June and the latter part of May and stock is sleep and fat.

Peaches are a good crop, and the apple output is a bumper one. Oats, which were touted as a failure, are declared by the crop report to be better than half a crop.

Death Sentence For Woman.

A special from Stockton, Cal., under date of August 7, says: "Mrs. Emma Le Doux was sentenced today to be hanged October 19, next, on her conviction of the murder of Albert H. McViekar, a miner, with whom she had been living as man and wife. The convicted woman heard her sentence with calmness. The case will be appealed." This is the woman who murdered A. N. McViekar several months since, an account of which appeared in the Journal at the time his dead body was discovered in a trunk which was being shipped to Denver. The murdered man was a nephew of Judge Sullivan of this city, and was named for him. Judge Sullivan attended the trial of this woman, but it seems sentence had not been passed for some time after conviction. The circumstances surrounding this dastardly deed are no doubt fresh in the minds of our readers.

—Do you want to buy some small acre tracts close to Plattsmouth? See Falter in the Coates block.

Old Settlers' Reunion.

A special from Union says: "Committees are making extensive preparations for the eighteenth annual reunion of old settlers of Cass and adjoining counties, to be held here August 24 and 25. Among the special attractions this year will be the music furnished by the band of Hamburg, Ia., an excellent musical organization consisting of twenty young ladies, all first-class musicians. For orators the committee has secured Captain L. W. Billingsley of Lincoln and Matthew Gering of Plattsmouth for the first day and Judge William Hayward of Nebraska City and Hon. J. C. French of Madison, Mo., for the second day. Other prominent speakers are expected. Special efforts are being made to arrange an interesting program for each day in the way of ball games and free outdoor exhibitions."

THE AMENDMENT MUDDLE

Secretary of State Galusha Neglects His Duty in Sending Out Notices.

A special from Lincoln, under date of August 4, contains the following in reference to Galusha's neglect of duty: "After a stormy conference today five state officials insisted on Secretary of State Galusha ordering 'extras' in every county of Nebraska where a daily paper is not published in order to rescue the railway commission amendment. As stated in the World-Herald this morning Galusha neglected sending out the notices until yesterday in a majority of cases. The law states that 'three months' must elapse from the date of the first publication before election day. Deputy Attorney General W. T. Thompson ruled that this meant three calendar months. So the amendments had to be published this afternoon."

"State Superintendent McBrien, Auditor Searle, State Treasurer Mortensen and Land Commissioner Eaton met this morning with Deputy Attorney General Thompson. Galusha was sent for. He was told that publication must be made today and that unless it was accomplished the amendment could not possibly run the gauntlet of the courts."

"Galusha at first declined to allow anyone to meddle with the affairs of his office. However, he was impressed by the statement that negligence in regard to the commission amendment would mean party defeat. It was also stated that the state officers would inform the editors of the situation and appeal to the press."

"So Galusha hurried out telegrams to all editors of weekly and semi-weekly papers as follows:

"Publish special edition of this week's paper or supplement containing constitutional amendment, and issue it not later than today or Sunday to insure validity of publication. Wire answer. A. GALUSHA."

"The state officials did not seem to be satisfied. They duplicated the instructions, wiring as follows:

"Publish special edition of this week's paper or supplement containing constitutional amendment and issue it not later than today or Sunday. Wire answer."

"It was not decided how the extra expense was to be paid. The law allows \$49 for the publication in each county. The editors and publishers probably will charge the expense of getting out the extras to the state."

"Wild rumors were floating about the state house today, many claiming that the publication of extras would not comply with law. Others assert that the commission amendment was doomed, while a few hinted that the railroads would be pleased to have publication fail."

"It is a question whether the publication of a few copies of the special edition will answer the requirements of the law. It may be that the court will hold that the publication must be sent to all of the regular subscribers of the paper."

Fine Peaches.

In speaking about fine peaches, the Journal begs leave to remark that the finest we have yet seen this season were brought to this office today by our friend, Ed. Ruffner. They are very large and Mr. Ruffner says there were only about one bushel on the tree, but he no doubt wishes there were a hundred more. The sample brought in were very mommoth in size, and we don't believe they can be equalled in Cass county.

Coal For the County.

Bids will be received at the office of the county clerk of Cass county for the furnishing of coal for the court house, county jail, poor farm and paupers for the ensuing twelve months. Bids to be filed with the county clerk on or before 12 o'clock (noon) August 20, 1906. W. E. ROSENCRANS, County Clerk.

Why does the sun burn? Why does a mosquito sting? Why do we feel unhappy in the good old summer time? Answer: we don't. We use DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, and these little ills don't bother us. Learn to look for the name of the box to get the genuine. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co. and Gering & Co.

A CHILD STEALS A TEAM

Tommie, Six Year Old Son of Wyatt Miller, Commits a Daring Act.

HITCHES UP TEAM AND GOES RIDING

While Boy Races About South Park, the Owner Discovers His Loss and Notifies the Authorities.

After we had gone to press yesterday afternoon, the local authorities were notified by Peter Spader, that his team and spring wagon, which he had tied to the hitch rack near Glese's saloon on 5th street, were missing, and no trace could be found of them by him. Considerable excitement was aroused in a short time by the supposed bold daylight theft, and the sheriff and chief of police immediately began to hastily scour the city in the latter's rig. After making several inquiries of people along Lincoln avenue, it was ascertained that a rig answering to the description of the missing team and spring wagon, were being raced about South Park by a mere child, who seemed to be enjoying himself to the utmost. The attention of several farmers had been attracted to the rig by the youth of the driver and the manner in which he raced the team.

When the officers came in sight of Baeh's store in South Park, they discovered the team standing near by, and on close inspection observed that they were nearly exhausted. The sheriff took charge of the rig, driving back to town, while the chief went in pursuit of the guilty youngster, who after riding about for an hour had left the team, where the officers found it, while he meandered homeward. It seems that the chief had a similar experience with Tommie Miller last week, and from the description obtained of the boy, he was certain that the wise six-year-old boy, Tommie, was at his tricks again.

Tommie was found at his home on Washington avenue, and was soon induced to confess to the theft. He was taken to the county attorney's office and questioned in regard to his escapade. An older brother is in the reform school and it was thought that he wished to join him, but when closely examined he denied such intentions. After a severe reprimand, and a warning to desist from such acts, in the he was sent home.

"The Holy City."

If half that may be read is true, LeComte & Flesher's latest production is one of unusual beauty. It is generally conceded that the performances of Miss Morey in "Cleopatra" were superior, but there has been provided for "The Holy City" dramatic embellishments and stage accessories of even more remarkable magnificence. The powerful story, voiced by those forming one of the largest and most talented companies traveling, is so aided by allegorical, musical and spectacular effects that astonishment and delight is manifested in every mention of this play. In the complete satisfaction that each production of this capable and praiseworthy management insures, past successes are understood and future confidence is inspired. To the lavish expenditure necessary to the presentation "Cleopatra" theatrical pessimists shook their wise heads and predicted failure. The managers paid their bills and banked their surplus. The much greater expense attending representations of "The Holy City" is met in sagacious belief that for the drama loving public, nothing can be too good. With always increasing artistic endeavor, Messrs. LeComte & Flesher prove their commercial intelligence.

Delegates to Meet Mr. Bryan.

A special from Lincoln says: "T. S. Allen, chairman of the democratic state central committee, has been authorized by the committee in New York having in charge the reception to be tendered to W. J. Bryan on his return to this country from his trip around the world to appoint twenty delegates at large from the state of Nebraska to attend the reception at Madison Square garden on August 30. "Mr. Allen has appointed the following delegates: Joseph Hayden, Omaha; W. H. Thompson, Grand Island; E. E. McKillip, Humphrey; C. J. Smythe, Omaha; A. C. Schallenberger, Alma; Edgar Howard, Columbus; W. H. Cowgill, Holdrege; Henry S. Dungan, Hastings; C. J. Bowby, Crete; Dan T. Stevens, Fremont; J. M. Leyda, Plattsmouth; W. H. Kellighar, Auburn; Tom E. Parmele, Plattsmouth; George C. Gillan, Lexington; W. B. Eastham, Broken Bow; W. H. Taylor, Exeter; W. H. Green, Creighton; Stephen L. Geisthart, Lincoln; Matt Miller, David City."

It will be seen that Plattsmouth has been honored by the appointment of two members of this delegation in the persons of Thos. E. Parmele and John M. Leyda.

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You may not want to hang yourself,—but you might want to hang your clothes up so they won't get wrinkled. We have the latest improved hangers for coats and pants. 10c and 25c

C. E. Wescott's Sons

"Where Quality Counts."

GIVE THE DEVIL HIS DUES

Senator Millard Proves That He Is No Salary Grabber.

Senator Millard deserves credit for his honesty, and the people of Nebraska will think more of him for his manly effort in proving that he received only his just dues as senator, as the following communication to the Lincoln Evening News shows: "To the Editor of The News: "Recently Omaha newspapers have commented upon a statement attributed to your Journal to the effect that I had, as United States senator, drawn salary covering a period prior to the date of my election by the legislature, which occurred on March 25, 1901. I did not see the copy of your paper containing the statement.

"Believing that you would not purposely misrepresent the facts in the case, I have no doubt that you would cheerfully give your readers the benefit of the truth. The appended letter from R. B. Nixon, financial clerk of the senate, dated August 3, 1906, states the exact truth, and I respectfully request you to publish it in full.

"You will note that salaries are paid in all such cases in accordance with the law—Uncle Sam's paymasters having no discretion in any case.

"Mr. Nixon's letter is as follows:

"United States Senate, Office of the Secretary, Financial Room, August 3, 1906: Hon. J. H. Millard, U. S. Senator, Omaha, Nebraska: Dear Senator Millard: I have your letter of the 30th ultimo, and in reply to the inquiry therein beg leave to inform you as follows: The first payment made you as United States senator was in two amounts, on December 4, 1901—one for \$1,324.20, the amount due for compensation from March 29, the date of your credentials, to July 3, 1901, the end of the fiscal year; the other for \$2,620.14, from July 4 to December 3, 1901, including mileage.

"The date for the commencement of the salary is fixed by the following provision of the act approved July 31, 1894: "That the salaries of senators elected or appointed to fill vacancies in the senate, and of senators elected for a full term subsequent to the commencement of such term, shall commence on the date of their election or appointment." (28 Stats. p. 102, Sec. 1.) I herewith enclose a statement in detail of all monies paid you on account of compensation and mileage from the beginning of your term to August 3, 1906. Trusting the information will be found satisfactory, I am,

"Very truly yours,

"E. B. NIXON,

"Financial Clerk."

"Anyone who may desire to see the original letter will be given permission to do so should he call at my office.

"Yours truly,

"J. H. MILLARD.

"August 6, 1906."

Unlike our Congressman Pollard, who took what belonged to him, and several hundred dollars that did not belong to him, Senator Millard does not desire the stigma, "Salary Grabber" attached to his name, and he is right in clearing himself of a charge which is almost equal to grand larceny. Pollard will find himself facing a serious charge in this campaign, and his election will depend very much upon how many voters of the First district believe that a person has got the right to go down in the people's pockets and take that which does not belong to him.

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