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JOTTINGS FOR THE JOLLY

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

If I by telling little lies, Could make the one who sigh forget, That they had any cause for sighs— If I, by telling lies could let A little gladness find the way To their sad hearts and enter in, I wonder if I should some day Be punished for the sin?

Even a cheap man may be dear to some woman.

Are stolen melons, like stolen kisses, the sweetest?

Self-interest has shattered many a man's lofty ideals.

When an optimist gets the worst of it he makes the best of it.

Nature would be ashamed to try to imitate some brands of art.

However, the short-change man isn't necessarily short of change.

Only the honest grafter confines his operations to trees and shrubs.

Some people pray as if they thought the Lord needed their service.

It's pretty hard to be dishonest and good natured at the same time.

It isn't the cost of living that worries the man behind the bars.

Money doesn't grow on trees, but much of it is obtained by grafting.

Any man who imitates others admits that he isn't an original success.

Men and women should look during courtship and overlook after marriage.

What a man is and what he might be are as different as day and night.

What a lot of stitches men drop when they attempt to mend their ways!

There are men who everytime they encounter a sight draft envy the blind.

It's time to cross your fingers when you hear a man boasting of his good deeds.

Of making books there is no end—otherwise there would be fewer race tracks.

It is hard for the man who enjoys three square meals a day to pose as a pessimist.

Charity should always begin at home, but there's no law compelling it to stop there.

Many a woman who doesn't know her own mind gives her husband a piece of it.

How scornfully a woman in an automobile can look at another woman in a buggy!

Plattsmouth should have something doing on Labor day—two weeks from next Monday.

The world is cruel. Instead of sympathizing with a jealous woman, it laughs at her.

The wise young man keeps both eyes on the small boy with whose big sister he wants to face the parson.

Perhaps you may have noticed that when people promise you big things they always qualify them with a bigger "if."

It is said a man who can be worked by one woman can be worked by them all. Same way with a church. If one fakir can work it, any fakir can.

Somehow it gives a man a feeling that there has been a conspiracy against him to hear of a piece of gossip after it has floated around among his friends for a week.

Bill had a billboard. Bill also had a board bill. The board bill bored Bill so that Bill sold the billboard to pay his board bill. So after Bill sold his billboard to pay his board bill the board bill no longer bored Bill.

One hundred years ago today, with wilderness here, with powder in his gun, the man went out and got the deer. But now the thing is somewhat changed, and on another plan, with powder on her cheeks, the deer goes out and gets the man.

It has come to light that not many moons ago a young man in this city advertised in the Omaha World-Herald for a wife, and his sister answered the advertisement, and now the parents are saying that it is hard to have two darned fools in one family.

A new story relates that a boy in this city, who said at breakfast the other morning, that he knew the name of the beau sister had in the parlor last night. It was "George D. ent." He has heard her call hi "George, Dont," a dozen times.

A proud young father of this city telegraphed the news of his new responsibility to his brother in this fashion the other day: "A handsome boy has come to my home and claims to be your nephew. We are doing our best to give him a proper welcome." The brother, however, failed to see the point and replied: "I have not got a nephew. The young man is an impostor."

Thrilling Escape from Injury.

Through a card to the Journal we are apprised of a thrilling experience, and a fortunate escape from serious injury if not death, of a Plattsmouth boy, Harmon J. Cline, who is employed in the Paxton Verline Iron Works in Omaha.

The accident occurred Tuesday evening while Harmon was engaged in replacing a belt upon a fly wheel. As he was bending over working with the belt, his jacket caught on the fly wheel and he was almost dragged into the wheel before his jacket was torn off, and he thus escaped from the perilous position. A severely sprained arm, that will necessitate a lay off of a few days, and a bad scare, was the only injuries resulting from the mishap.

UNANIMOUS FOR POLLARD

Jessen Did Not Withdraw, But His Name Was Not Mentioned in Convention.

A special from Auburn, under date of Friday, says: "E. M. Pollard was renominated as congressman from the First district of Nebraska by acclamation. There was no opposition to him in the convention and the motion of E. C. Strode of Lancaster county to make his nomination unanimous under suspension of the rules carried without controversy. Mr. Pollard in addressing the delegates briefly thanked them for the honor and their 'magnificent vindication.'"

"During the day the Jessen men were active at times and some effort was made to secure an opening into the Pollard strength. This was unsuccessful and was abandoned soon after attempted. It had been the understanding at the Otoe county convention that Judge Jessen was to abandon his efforts to secure the nomination then but he made no formal withdrawal and gave out no release of his delegation.

"The convention lasted but three-quarters of an hour. Chairman Teegarden called it to order a few minutes after 8 o'clock when Secretary Clapp read the call. Robert Cain of Richardson was made temporary chairman and G. E. Tobey and T. H. Pratt secretary and assistant secretary."

Judge Sullivan of this city placed Pollard in nomination. After which the chairman asked if there was any other nomination. After a pause of several moments, Mr. E. C. Strode moved that Pollard's nomination be made unanimous, which was done, with but very little enthusiasm. The congressman expressed his gratitude in a short speech, in which he upheld the present administration in "stand-pat" idea on protection and everything else that is republican of the graft order.

The short duration of the convention was a true indication that the assembled delegates were not in sympathy with the \$1,000 salary grab which Congressman Pollard stands charged with appropriating to his own use. And as a result of the serious charge against him, the coldness of the convention is attributed.

The convention gave to Mr. Pollard the power to name the chairman and secretary of the congressional committee.

The members of the committee are as follows: Richardson—J. R. Wilhite. Lancaster—A. A. Hyers. Pawnee—W. T. Johnson. Otoe—Frank McCartney. Nemaha—H. R. Howe. Johnson—R. F. Reynolds. Cass—C. D. Clapp.

Former Cass Countian Honored.

In reading over the list of candidates in Sunday's World-Herald, nominated at the democratic county convention, we noticed that Frank Doud, a former Cass county boy, has been nominated for representative in the lower house of the legislature by the democrats of Furnas county. Frank was reared in Cass county, and his father for many years occupied the Eikenberry place, near the Cummins farm, southwest of town. The Journal, while not acquainted with Mr. Doud, extends congratulations, and hopes he will be elected by a good round majority. It is hard to keep Cass county boy's down, no matter where they choose to make their home.

Berge at Weeping Water.

A special from Weeping Water, under date of yesterday says: "The continued pleasant weather has brought increasing crowds to the reunion and as the attendance increases, the interest grows. Mayor Dahlman spoke this morning and this afternoon the Hon. G. W. Berge gave an excellent talk on "Character and Principle."

"Plattsmouth gloves for sale by the local merchants."

CALLED TO HER LAST SLEEP

Mrs. W. H. Shepherd, One of the Pioneer Settlers of Cass County, Passes Away.

AT HER HOME IN DENVER, COLORADO

Resided Near this City for Over Thirty Years—Funeral Held Sunday.

The sad intelligence of the death of one of Cass county's early pioneer settlers at her home in Denver on last Thursday, was received by the Journal last evening, and it is with regret that we have to record the demise of another from the ever decreasing number of pioneers.

The deceased, Mrs. W. H. Shepherd, was afflicted with an abscess over the left eye, and from this declined about two weeks ago into pneumonia and then brain trouble. At different times during her sickness the patient rallied and hopes were entertained for her recovery, but on Thursday the mysterious angel of death hovered near and ere the sun had set, embraced another in the innumerable throng of the silent city.

The remains of the deceased arrived in the city Saturday, to be laid to rest by the side of her husband, who preceded her about fifteen years ago, and their daughter, Nellie, who passed away five years ago in Denver, where they had removed two years before for her health. The Shepherd family resided in this county over thirty years, occupying the farm adjoining the Cummins place, two miles west of this city, and have many friends, who will regret to learn of her sudden death.

Eliza Henkle Shepherd was reared in western Iowa, near this city, and after her marriage to W. H. Shepherd resided for several years in Rock Bluffs, which at the time was a thriving little village. The children are Jacob H., who resided with his mother in Denver; H. D., of Camp Verde, Ariz.; Varney, of Alliance, Neb., and Mrs. T. E. Williams, of Renfrow, Okla. All of whom accompanied the remains to this city.

The remains of the late Mrs. Eliza Henkle Shepherd, escorted by many old friends and her grief-stricken children were conveyed Sunday afternoon at three o'clock from the undertaking establishment of Michael Hild to the Horning cemetery, where the last sad rites were pronounced by Rev. J. E. Houkgate, and interment then made beside the husband and daughter, who have preceded her to the land of eternal rest.

Lyman Richardson Dead.

Lyman Richardson, a pioneer citizen and publisher of Omaha, and part owner of the Omaha Herald from 1866 until 1888, died Wednesday at his home in Savannah, Ga.

Mr. Richardson was born seventy-two years ago at Pontiac, Mich., and was the son of O. D. Richardson, later lieutenant governor of his state. The elder Richardson came to Nebraska in 1854 to prepare a home for his family, who followed in 1855. Lyman Richardson was the first registrar of Douglas county and the first assessor of the city of Omaha. He early showed marked business ability and in 1857 became one of the managing members of the company of which Dr. Miller was president and which built the Herndon house.

He was employed in various public and private capacities in Omaha until the civil war, when he entered the union army in the First Nebraska infantry in July, 1862, with a lieutenant's commission. He fought in many of the heavy battles along the Mississippi river and was for a long time on the staff of General Fred Steele in the Department of Arkansas, with headquarters at Little Rock. He was promoted to the grade of captain and was a member of the Loyal Legion, but was so modest he always protested against being called captain.

Complimentary to a Plattsmouth Boy.

The Lincoln Journal of this morning, commenting on the return of the Nebraska troops from Fort Riley, Kansas, says this of our "Billy" Ramsey: "Company F, Second regiment, Lincoln, under its new commander, Captain William C. Ramsey, received favorable comments and bids fair to take as important position in the guard as did the old Lincoln Light Infantry." The Journal as well as "Billy's" many friends, extend heartiest congratulations to Captain Ramsey.

Accident at Louisville.

Last Thursday morning Mrs. David Line met with an accident of a very serious nature. She was preparing the morning meal and had gone to the cupboard to set the table when she was taken with a fainting spell and fell, her head coming in contact with the stove, fracturing her skull just over the left eye. Mr. Line had gone to the cave and there was no one in the room at the time except her little grandson, when Mr. Line returned he was horrified to find his wife lying unconscious on the floor. After repeated effort to restore her the neighbors were sent for and a physician was summoned. She was taken to Lincoln at once to a hospital where an operation was performed to raise the fractured skull from pressing on the brain and at last reports she had regained consciousness and was doing nicely. Mrs. Line is an aged lady but it is thought she will recover unless brain fever should set in.—Louisville Courier.

SHORT OF MOTIVE POWER

Present Rush of Business Has Tested the Hauling Capacity.

The Burlington is now short of motive power, although this condition is expected to be relieved in the near future when a number of new freight pullers will be received, says the Lincoln Journal. Several times during the past week trains have been held from a few minutes to more than an hour for motive power at Lincoln. Local trains are not sent out until the through and fast freight business is moved, and the lack of motive power has at times held locals here for a considerable time.

Recently the Burlington ordered fifty engines, large and powerful, and an improvement even on the standard freight engine with this road, being much heavier. The lines west of the river will get a large number of these, and quite a few are expected to be stationed at Lincoln.

Because of the many lines running out of Lincoln this division is said to get along with a less number of engines in proportion to the tonnage moved than any other division on the system. Engines run out of Lincoln for Omaha, Pacific Junction, Hastings or Ravenna are back in a few hours, and the constant arrival of trains gives the motive power department an opportunity in ordinary times and with the usual supply of engines to fill all orders for engines.

Divorce Record in the Metropolis.

The divorce record in Omaha shows that more divorces are granted in that city than marriages. This denotes a peaceful state of affairs, when such a record can be shown. Hasty marriages nine times out of ten result in misnaming, and that means sooner or later a divorce. The divorce record of Douglas county indicates that on an average one mismatched pair is legally separated every day. Since the beginning of the May term of court, only three months ago, there have been granted an even hundred divorces. While comparison with several years back indicates that divorce is steadily on the increase, the average has been about the same for the past few months.

During the past term twenty-nine divorces were granted by Judge Kennedy, thirty-seven by Judge Day. There are as many more cases pending.

A Bold Holdup.

A bold holdup is reported in an Italian railroad camp near South Bend one night last week. It is said two masked men entered the sleeping tent with drawn revolvers and relieved the laborers of everything of value they possessed, amounting to about \$800. They then made their escape through the timber.—Louisville Courier.

Larceny Endorsed.

The republicans of the First congressional district have declared in favor of larceny in two places.

Congressman Pollard drew two thousand dollars from the national treasury in payment of salary which he had not earned. The republicans of that district endorsed the larceny by giving Pollard a nomination for another term.

The convention endorsed larceny when it declared in favor of making no deviation from the principal of a protective tariff, under the workings of which the tariff barons have practiced legalized larceny from private citizens and from the national government.

Having knowledge of the disposition of the average republican in the First district, it is fair to prophecy that Pollard and the other two kinds of larceny will be endorsed at the polls.—Fremont Herald.

TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Former Plattsmouth Citizen, W. H. Hyers, Commits Suicide in Kansas City, Mo.

DEATH DUE TO SPECULATION IN GRAIN

Was Reared in This City, Where He Has Many Friends—Remains Will be Brought Here For Burial.

In a message received in this city Sunday the intelligence of the sad death of a former Plattsmouth citizen, William H. Hyers, in Kansas City, Mo., was conveyed to his father, R. W. Hyers, and other relatives in this city. The father departed Sunday afternoon for Kansas City to bring the remains to this city for burial. The deceased was born and reared to manhood in this city, where he has many friends who will be shocked to learn that he took his own life.

A special from Kansas City under date of August 12 says: "W. H. Hyers, whose dead body was found in a field here Saturday afternoon and who was reported from papers found in his pocket to have been a resident of St. Paul, was secretary of the national board of trade of Kansas City. His suicide is said to have been due to financial difficulties. Saturday afternoon about two hours before his body was found, Hyers called by telephone a director of the national board of trade and told him that he was short \$10,000 in his accounts. It was not thought at the time that Hyers intended doing himself harm, and even after the body was found no one for a long time suspected that it was of the secretary. Hyers was well known in St. Paul. Expert accounting along the line of grain business was his specialty. He came to Kansas City about fifteen months ago, and seven months ago was made secretary of the national board. Hyers lost the money speculating in grain."

A wife, a father, R. W. Hyers, of this city, a brother, A. A. Hyers, and two sisters, Mrs. Berta Davies of Butte, Neb., and Mrs. Rose Williams of Spokane, Wash., are the near relatives, who survive his demise.

William H. Hyers, son of R. W. Hyers, of Plattsmouth, and brother of Postmaster A. A. Hyers, of Havelock, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart in a pasture on the outskirts of Kansas City at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Later information from Kansas City is to the effect that Hyers was apparently in the last stages of consumption says the Lincoln News. He had evidently considered the act several times before taking his life as he was seen in the vicinity for five hours before shooting himself. It was not ascertained who he was for some time after the body was found, the only means of identification being a Knights of Pythias membership card bearing his name, and issued by St. Paul lodge No. 2. Besides this he had \$6.04 and a bunch of keys in his pocket.

Later it was discovered that Hyers was the secretary of the national board of trade of Kansas City and that his suicide was probably due to financial difficulties. About two hours before the discovery of his body, Hyers had called up one of the directors of the board and informed him that he was short about \$10,000 in his accounts. It was not thought at the time that he intended doing himself any harm and even after the discovery of the body it was a long time before anybody suspected that it was that of the secretary.

Will Hyers was a native of Nebraska, having been born in Plattsmouth about thirty-five years ago. He was a man of unusual attainments in the clerical and accounting line and prior to leaving Plattsmouth about nine years ago, held various positions in the county offices there. He first went to Kansas City, where he held responsible places for a while and went from there to St. Paul, where he became known as an expert accountant, making a specialty of the grain business.

About fifteen months ago he returned to Kansas City and seven months ago was made secretary of the national board. His uncontrollable passion for speculation was the cause of his downfall and death and had on more than one occasion got him into difficulty. The sum which represented his shortage with the board had been lost in speculating on grain. He was a married man, his wife being the former wife of Mart O'Brien, who was for a number of years superintendent of the

fish hatcheries at South Bend. Relatives state that she was with deceased at Kansas City.

R. W. Hyers, father of deceased, is well and favorably known throughout the state. He was twice sheriff of Cass county, was later a member of the state senate and was warden of the penitentiary during a portion of Governor Thayer's term. He also served for some time as chief of police of Plattsmouth and has always been prominent in Grand Army circles.

A. A. Hyers received a telegram Sunday noon telling of the tragedy and left for Kansas City last night. The remains will be brought to Plattsmouth for interment. Postmaster Hyers had not heard from his brother since last December, at which time he was in Kansas City and was apparently doing well.

Don Despain as a Politician.

A special from Lincoln contains the following: "Don Despain, chief clerk in the office of the labor commissioner, has made scarcely any pretense of working in the labor office. He has divided his time between the Brown headquarters in the F. and M. building, where the press bureau is located, and the attorney general's office, where he constantly pulses the Brown campaign. Deputy Attorney General Rose has devoted almost his whole time to boosting Brown through the aid of press notices.

"The desk of Despain looks like the 'hang-out' of an exchange editor. He compiles the Brown clippings and writes complimentary letters to the editors who have expressed themselves favorably.

"Despain has not returned his annuals. He travels on a Burlington pass and also holds a Northwestern annual, it is stated. He made a trip to York county, posted notices of Brown meetings and flashed free transportation. His case has never been alluded to by the Brown organs who oppose passes.

"The state has indirectly paid for the Brown campaign, it is said. The state pays for the time of the officials named and has received no service in return for months.

"The Brown followers are credited with 'putting up' the job that led to the denunciation of Rosewater by the Epworth leaguers. They also started the tax agitation against Omaha."

Don Despain is a renegade democrat and his father was also a democrat previous to about four years ago when the democrats refused to nominate him for councilman in the first ward of this city. Republicans evidently favor renegade democrats to those of life-long republicans for office-holders.

Bought a Half Section.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kell returned Saturday from a trip to Jerould county, S. D., where they went a week or ten days ago to look at the country, and where several weeks ago Uncle Peter took an option on a tract of land, and where he purchased on this trip a half section. The land is located seven miles south of Alpha, the county seat, and both Mr. and Mrs. Kell are well pleased with their purchase. This looks like our friend intended, sooner or later to leave Cass county, but the Journal hopes not.

Galusha Killed It.

Under existing conditions it looks ridiculous to go to the further expense of advertising that constitutional amendment. It will cost several thousand dollars to pay the printers, several thousand dollars more to print the ballots and canvass the votes and a very few dollars to induce the court to declare that the amendment was not submitted according to law if the vote should appear to be favorable. The thing is dead. Galusha killed it.

Another Heavy Yield of Wheat.

Here is a wheat story that caps the climax, but it is nevertheless true. Young Saxon who lives on the Freeman farm, near Union, realized the neat little sum of \$850 off of twenty-two acres of wheat, which was threshed and marketed a few days ago. There is no use to ask anyone to beat this, because we know they can't do so.

To Play Haskell Indians.

The arrangements have been completed by the Red Sox to play the Haskell Indians, of that institution in Lawrence, Kan. The team is now touring western Nebraska, where they have been playing fast ball—their average not exceeding four scores to each side in the games played thus far. This contest will no doubt make the boys work all the time, but those who have witnessed their playing this season know that they will be equal to the emergency. The game will be held on Friday, August 24, and everyone who desires to witness some fast ball playing should not fail to attend.