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JOTTINGS FOR THE JOLLY

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

Who does Willie, in his sleek, start, and sometimes wake in fear? Swiftly, surely time does creep— A week from Monday school time's here. Even admiration is blind if the girl is rich. Don't carry a gun when you are hunting for work.

Silent votes do most of the talking on election day.

There are some church workers who try to work the church.

Better a dozen freckles on your face than one on your character.

It's usually a man's sense that enables him to accumulate dollars.

Never use the expression "It makes me sick." It doesn't sound well.

A girl who doesn't know one card from another may be an adept at holding hands.

There are plenty of people who would be proud to be arrested for speeding an automobile.

Easy-going men are apt to spend too much time up in the clouds looking for the silver lining.

If some people should make it a rule to pay as they go they would never get very far from home.

An old maid of Plattsmouth says that about all some men are good for is to "second the motion."

Domestic differences should always be settled in the kitchen. The dining room is no place for scraps.

When a married man begins to tell his domestic troubles to his mother it usually indicates a divorce suit.

Probably the hardest thing in the world to preserve is the good reputation inherited from our ancestors.

If an elopement occurs in Plattsmouth anytime soon, it will be the fault of parents. Maybe they do not care.

Opportunity is said to knock once at every man's door, but some men wouldn't recognize it if it knocked them down.

The average man attributes his success to his own good judgment and his failure to his having followed the advice of others.

A Plattsmouth woman by mistake used white canvas shoe cleaner for rouge. Now her face squeaks every time she talks.

Last night we heard a girl sing "I Want to Be an Angel" but if she is, I don't want to be, unless St. Peter has her voice filed.

The average man thinks it's up to him to purchase a larger hat every time he has 10 cents worth of fame thrust upon him.

A bachelor of this city says he isn't going to marry until he meets a woman who is neither curious nor talkative. He is indeed a hopeless case.

An old bachelor of this city says that "if a woman's waist isn't to squeeze it's mighty funny why it was made such a good fit to a man's arm? Here too, Pete.

A judge in Philadelphia has held that the sending of a comic valentine may constitute grounds for damages. Some persons will now have to be careful about exchanging photographs.

The matrimonial market has been very quiet for several weeks in this man's town. But from present indications it won't be much longer. Look out for a stampede in that direction ere snow flies.

Some of the cobwebby fogies who have no personal experience to support their statements are declaring that kissing is an unsanitary practice and should be dispensed with. Those of us who are still young and handsome will continue to take the risk.

The two big piles of gravel in front of the Plattsmouth hotel, which have been there for nearly two weeks, are fine ornaments to the city. Contractors should know about what time they expect to begin a job before having material placed on the streets, especially in the middle of Main street.

There seems to be several business men in this town who are always "caught" by every advertising "fake" that comes along, who never give a dollar's worth of advertising to a home paper. They expect it, though, to do its best to keep people from patronizing mail order houses.

A young lady, whose name we will not give, was seated in the postoffice the other evening talking to a young man for fully an hour and a half, and did not seem at all desirous of going when it came time to close the postoffice doors. It was very noticeable that the young "masher" did not accompany her home.

Arm Broken.

Martin Friedrich's 13-year-old son, Willie, had his arm broken while going to Louisville with a load of wheat Friday afternoon. Mr. Friedrich lives in Eight Mile Grove precinct, and he was engaged in delivering his wheat crop to Louisville. There were several teams engaged in the delivery. The young man was jolted off the wagon and when he was picked up it was found his right arm was fractured. He had a narrow escape from being run over by the wagon, in which event he would no doubt have been killed. The Journal is glad that the accident is no worse.

THE OPENING OF SCHOOLS

There is Duty for Teachers, Pupils, School Officers and Parents to Perform.

It is but a few days until the schools of Cass county will be opened again for all the girls and boys of the proper school age, and previous their opening there is a duty for the teacher, pupil and parents to perform.

Teachers and school officers should get everything in readiness for school at least a week before school opens. Clean house, cut weeds, see that good water may be had, burn trash, make premises sanitary and avoid malaria and other diseases due to uncleanly surroundings.

The teacher should become acquainted in the district before the opening day of school and have the classification of school well in hand. Get ready. Don't waste first week of school getting ready. See that blackboards, library and other supplies are ready for use. A good start means a good school.

Parents should get everything in readiness to start every child on the first day. Few children are bright enough to lose several weeks at opening and then keep up with the work. Much of the dislike of schools is due to getting a poor start. As a rule those who start late can least afford to miss a day.

The compulsory attendance law should be strictly complied with. If the law is a necessary one every good citizen should see that it is enforced.

All children between 5 and 14 years must attend some school for half term. No one can be excused for half term until he has already attended.

Did You Help?

The editor of Publishers' Auxiliary says that twelve of the leading mail order houses of Chicago last year took from the country trade the enormous sum of \$200,000,000. This great sum was sent last year to Chicago for goods, much of which could have been purchased of the local merchants with direct advantage to the buyer. A good share of this sum might have been kept in the community if left, to pay the taxes and to buy raw materials, had it not been for the near-sightedness and lack of ability to see their own interests on the part of the purchasers.

Will Re-Advertise for Bids.

While at Plattsmouth Tuesday where he met with the county commissioners, C. A. Richey was insured by Commissioner Marshall that he would favor re-advertising for bids for the repair of the Platte river bridge at this place. Commissioner Switzer was absent on account of illness and no definite arrangements were made. The bridge trust when asked to bid on the structure thought they had a pinch and accordingly put their bids about \$4,000 higher than the work was actually worth and the commissioners did the right thing in rejecting all bids.—Louisville Courier.

What Colonel Bill Says.

An indication of the great change in sentiment toward Bryan is strikingly illustrated in the person of Colonel J. C. Bills, a well known republican citizen of Lincoln, now in New York: "I am not afraid to say it; in fact, I am proud to say it," he said, "that republican as I am, I regard Bryan as one of the greatest and truest men the nation has produced. I was in Lincoln when he was there, and was amazed to find him as well known as he is at home, more I believe than any British leader. He is the idol of the common people of England. I found the newsboys, the cab drivers, the laboring men in their blouses aglow with interest in Bryan and enthusiastic over his career. They say that he is not only the best friend of the common people of the United States, but of the common people of all Europe. I am proud of him and proud to be a citizen of the state that is his home. Nebraska has not always appreciated the true greatness of William J. Bryan. I am sorry to say, but that criticism is one that I believe can never be pronounced again."

A. N. M'VICKAR'S MURDERESS

Refuses to Talk of Her Sentence and Declines to Confess the Murder.

THE GOVERNOR WILL BE ASKED TO ACT

California Invents New Jersey and Missouri.

A special from Stockton, California, has the following to say regarding the murderess of A. N. McVickar who was a nephew of Attorney A. N. Sullivan: Mrs. Emma Le Doux, found guilty of murdering her former husband, A. N. McVickar, with less than seven weeks of life before her resolutely declines to confess the murder of which she is accused, nor will she discuss the probability of steps being taken for a commutation of sentence.

"I have nothing to say. They say 'I hang October 19,' is the reply of the most interesting prisoner in the San Quentin jail to every interrogation, and her lawyers are equally uncommunicative. It is taken, for granted, however, by the state officials connected with the case that an earnest effort will be made to prevent the execution which is set for October 19, and this state will doubtless witness the circulation of commutation petitions and all of the other moves recently seen in similar cases in New Jersey and Missouri, in which women were sentenced to die on the gallows.

October 15 is the last date upon which a bill of exceptions can be filed showing cause why the sentence of death should not be carried out and if that date goes by without a move on the part of Mrs. Le Doux's lawyers the case will be in the hands of the governor.

Notwithstanding the short time left for agitation for a reprieve or commutation, nothing has yet been made public by the woman's lawyers, and it now seems likely that Mrs. Le Doux will be hanged in accordance with the verdict and the sentence.

Body Shipped in Trunk.

The body of McVickar when recovered from the trunk in which it had been checked to a lonely mountain station was found upon a post-mortem examination to contain morphine and chloral. As Mrs. Le Doux was charged with having contracted a bigamous marriage with Eugene Le Doux, she was at once suspected of having poisoned her legal husband to prevent exposure of the situation. Although the evidence was practically circumstantial and Mrs. Le Doux pleaded not guilty and desperately fought the contentions of the state, District Attorney Norton built up so strong a case that her conviction followed.

One of the startling charges made by the state was that McVickar was still alive when he was placed in the trunk, although poisoned with morphine administered in various drinks, and to prove that a man could exist shut up in the trunk for a short period of time, R. R. Rogers, an expert chemist employed by the state, allowed himself to be locked into the identical trunk in which McVickar's body was found and testified at the trial that he remained in it for forty minutes.

Suicide Was Her Defense.

The contention of the defense had been that McVickar took the morphine with suicidal intent and an experiment was conducted to prove that even though he had taken the morphine himself, whoever placed him in the trunk was guilty of murder, as life could not be sustained in the trunk for longer than forty or fifty minutes.

Frank Le Doux, a brother of Eugene Le Doux, carried on the correspondence with Mrs. McVickar previous to her second marriage, it was testified, as Eugene was unable to read or write. Her letters to the man she later married were introduced in evidence, and breathing the tenderest affection in every line.

The theory of the state, borne out by circumstantial evidence, was that Mrs. Le Doux poisoned her first husband with morphine, chloral and other drugs, packed his body into a trunk and checked it to a mountain station in the mining region, intending to call for it there, take it away and probably dump the uncolored body into an abandoned prospect hole, where it might never be discovered.

The friends who persist in throwing "bananas" pebbles on the sidewalk, should be detected in the net and heavily fined. "It would learn them a lesson they would never forget."

A Narrow Escape.

About half-past two this afternoon Henry Guthman had a narrow escape from being seriously injured. He had his horse hitched to the buggy and the lines wrapped around the whip in the socket, and just as he was getting in the buggy the animal started to run before he could release the lines. Ripping the buggy upon the large sand pile in front of the Plattsmouth House it was upset, throwing Henry on the paved street, and within a few inches of a passing wagon. Mr. Guthman was pretty badly shook up, but he re-latched the horse and the last we seen of him he was going up Main street at the animal's usual rate of speed.

A RIGHT TO GET MARRIED

Matrimony and the School Marm Play Vavoo With Public Schools Sometimes.

While matrimony has not bothered the Cass county schools to any great extent the past year, it has played sad havoc with the schools in Otoe county and to the extent that they need fifteen teachers down there to fill the positions of young school marms who have chosen, since contracting with the school directors, to try the matrimonial career instead of longer continuing the avocation of "teaching the young idea how to shoot." Some of the patrons of the schools in this county are disposed to blame the young ladies when they give up their schools for that of conjugal bliss. The Journal don't.

In the whole list of women's rights, matrimony is the one most absolutely inalienable. Any infringement thereof is sure to provoke rebellion, stubborn and implacable. It would be easier to retain the services of specially desirable young teachers by pretending to try to force them into marriage than by opposing any matrimonial inclinations they may develop.

Not only have the young teachers the right to marry, but it is their duty to do so when a worthy and acceptable suitor falls upon his knees and shows good cause. The proper management and discipline of a husband is a higher and nobler task than managing and instructing other people's children, in any age or country.

Marriage of a certain proportion of the teachers annually contributes to that gradual rotation in office which is good for the efficiency of any service. Those who, for one reason or another, eschew matrimony sufficiently, supply experience, while those who marry and drop out only make room for fresh enthusiasm and for the latest graduates in the arts of pedagogy.

Let the young school marms marry just as soon as they are sure they have found the right partners. The normal schools will make new teachers, but it takes a marriage to make a family, and without the family there would be no need for the teachers.

Mickey Fears Railroad Control.

A special from Lincoln says that Governor Mickey fears the railroads will control in the event the republican ticket is elected. He says in an interview: "If the republican ticket is elected, I fear the railroads will still have control of the board of equalization." He said that Land Commissioners Eaton and Auditor Searle, probably would vote in the future as they had in the past. According to indications D. C. Brian of Albion would be with Searle and Eaton. Governor Mickey also believes that the officials are unwise in their discussions of what they would have done had they known a large dividend would have been declared by the Union Pacific.

Collision on Missouri Pacific.

A special from Auburn, under date of August 27, says: "A freight and passenger train collided near Julian, on the Missouri Pacific road, last night and considerable damage was done. A colored man, named Tom Jones, who was riding on the blind baggage, was thrown from the car and had one foot badly crushed. He was brought to this city but the company surgeon refused to care for him and he was taken to the city jail, where his injuries were cared for by the county physician."

Just What Beat Him.

The publication of the constitutional amendment in two papers in Weeping Water and its absence in a county seat paper would not seem to give it the widest publicity. Secretary Galusha evidently did not want the public in general to read it. It is said the same policy was followed all over the state.—Louisville Courier.

HON. A. C. SHALLENBERGER FOR GOVERNOR

His Public Career as Portrayed by One Who Knows His Excellent Worth.

That political virtue is its own reward, that deep thinking and upright conduct pays best and wins oftenest, is well illustrated by the nomination of Hon. A. C. Shallenberger for governor.

I say political virtue advisedly, for from the day when Mr. Shallenberger first entered politics as a member of the Nebraska Binetalia League and his speech as chairman of the democratic state convention attracted general attention to his exceptional power as an orator, on down through the successive stages of his career as congressman and publisher, his record is absolutely clean and creditable. No stain attaches to his acts.

As to his record as a congressman, I speak with authority. I had the honor to act as his secretary while he was at the national capital and to be closely associated with him in both his campaigns. I can well remember the extraordinary efforts made by the corporations, and more particularly the railroads, in the Fifth district, to accomplish his defeat, as well as the obstacles placed in his official pathway and the inducements offered him to swerve aside in his duty to the public. That he did not swerve but was ever loyal to the general welfare is creditable alike to his own courage and integrity and to the judgment of those who elevated him to official place and responsibility.

Mr. Shallenberger's record as a public official is well known. He succeeded in eliciting much favorable notice and comment during his two years of service in Washington and gave Nebraska an importance which up to that time she had not enjoyed in congressional circles. His speeches and committee work drew forth enthusiastic praise of John Sharp Williams, Champ Clark and other democratic leaders, as well as the republican members from the western states with whom he worked on the irrigation question. Mr. Shallenberger's most notable work was in connection with this legislation, he being secretary of the first congressional conference ever held to discuss the subject and later taking a prominent part in the fight which meant so much to the arid regions of the west. He was also actively identified with the anti-oleomargarine propaganda, a bit of legislation in the interest of the farmer and butter-raiser. One of his strongest points as a congressman was his zeal for the old soldier, he having brought the machinery of the government pension bureau to bear in behalf of near a thousand veteran claimants, a majority of them successfully.

Mr. Shallenberger is one of the best types of public men which western conditions produce. Thrown upon his own resources early in life, his close application to work and strict honesty have made him a power in business circles and his banking and stock-raising interest have a reputation all over western Nebraska for conservation and substantiality.

Resistance to corporation domination of public affairs is not a matter of eleventh-hour conversion with him. It has been a matter of life-time conviction, and his elevation to the governor's chair will be a public declaration that the voters of Nebraska believe in rearing men who have always been steadfast in their opposition to corruption and dishonesty.

Mr. Shallenberger's popularity where known is indicated by the remarkable races he made for congress, running 1,500 votes ahead of his ticket in 1900, and over 2,000 in 1902. He has the happy faculty of making a friend of every one with whom he is thrown in personal contact. His executive ability, commanding presence and fluency of speech make him an ideal candidate. The same qualities would make him a chief executive of which the state could be proud.

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Empty Cigar Boxes.

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Reunion of Sisters.

Mrs. Sabina Kitzel, of Alvo, who was attending the reunion at Union Friday and Saturday, came in Monday morning with her sister, Mrs. S. O. Cole, at whose home she spent Sunday. These two ladies are sisters of Mrs. W. D. Wheeler, and in company with Mrs. T. W. Vallery, who is also a sister, spent a very pleasant day at the Wheeler home. It is very seldom that the four sisters meet in a body, and it is a guaranteed fact that they had a good time, as Billy was down to pick up the event by his jokes which he sometimes perpetrates upon these good ladies when an opportunity is afforded.

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The Canning Season Ripe.

There's steam upon the windows and peach skins on the floor; the table's buried under trash about a mile or more. There's juice on the piano and grape seeds in the bed; and pulp and jelly glasses crowd the pantry overhead. And father's in the garret, and mother's in a stew; they're rushing round from dawn to dark to get the job put through. The cat is choked on sealing wax, there's solder in her ear, and I guess we're mighty happy now that canning time is here.

BRAKEMAN HURT BY FALL

Loose Board on Car Causes C. S. Clary Seriously Sprained Ankles

ACCIDENT OCCURRED NEAR LOUISVILLE

White Freight Train No. 76 Was Running About Fifteen Miles an Hour.

A loose board in the roof of a freight car on train No. 76, was the cause of an accident Monday from which brakeman C. S. Clary, fortunately escaped with only seriously sprained ankles.

The accident occurred while the above mentioned freight was entering the yards at Louisville and Clary stepped to the edge of the car to signal the engineer, when the board on which he stood suddenly gave away and would have allowed him to fall had he not managed to get down. He was not quickly caught, sufficient motion on the cars was to land him on his feet. The train was running about fifteen miles an hour, and brakeman Clary sustained serious sprains to both ankles.

He was conveyed from Louisville to this city on train No. 4 and was taken to the company physician's office where his injuries were dressed. With the aid of crutches he managed to walk from a cab to the last mail, which he took for Lincoln, where he resides. It will be several weeks before he will be able to resume his run, but he feels very fortunate to have escaped as easily as he did.

Frost for "Easy Money" Pollard.

A special from Lincoln, under date of Sunday says: "Friends of T. J. Doyle are exulting today over the applause won by their candidate at the meeting in Havelock yesterday afternoon. There Congressman Pollard vied with his opponent in the First district, both Doyle and Pollard making non-partisan speeches. Doyle scored a decided hit, while the efforts of Pollard were not accorded much consideration. The alleged salary grab was one of the topics of discussion among the people of Havelock and the shop news seemed to be eager to learn the details of how Pollard got the money. The city park was formally thrown open to the public after the oratory and musical program."

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