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JOTTINGS FOR THE JOLLY

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

Thanksgiving day is drawing near. The thought of the date so dear. And our happiness would be sublime if we could only anticipate "turkey mine."

Imagination doth make liars of us all.

Some hair tonics raise more hope than hair.

Lots of heavyweights are looking for light work.

Land is about the only thing sailors have to bank on.

Many a sunny-haired girl has a cloudy disposition.

Haunted houses may be curtainless and still have shade.

Is Plattsmouth to have a basketball team this winter?

Some men's wives, like their sins are sure to find them out.

The hardest work an industrious man can do is nothing.

Uncle Sam's largest burying ground is the dead-letter office.

Lots of men are failures because they never attempt anything.

There is nothing more lasting than a man's love—for himself.

Part of the art of doing things is to attempt but little at a time.

No, Alonzo, thinking caps were not made to protect bald heads.

A model man never has occasion to pose as a horrible example.

He is a wise man who either speaks the truth or says nothing.

Women who kiss each other are often guilty of counterfeiting.

No woman can wear a becoming gown without a show of pride.

Perhaps no one appreciates a legacy more than a man without legs.

What man has done, woman thinks she is qualified to improve upon.

When the unexpected happens at a boarding house you get fresh eggs.

If a man is unable to achieve success it's up to him to succeed without it.

There is often a black eye in a name—if it is applied to the wrong man.

This scarcity of railway passes must seem passing strange to politicians.

A woman isn't necessarily shallow because her beauty is only skin deep.

No man ever got a pain in his back from carrying his neighbor's burden.

Some men get rich because of their ability to separate fools and their coin.

What he calls his diplomacy is always a cause of pride to the trickster.

Every man has an excuse for drinking—and each is worse than the other.

Don't get the idea into your cranium that women have a monopoly of curiosity.

Few magnifying glasses are powerful enough to enable a man to see his own faults.

Our idea of a modest man is one who can keep his opinion of himself to himself.

It is unfortunate that all men are liars—but it is fortunate that all women know it.

One burlesque show will keep the average man awake longer than a dozen sermons.

Occasionally we hear of a man who managed to make good by following his wife's advice.

About the only way to convince a contrary man that he is wrong is to agree with him.

Many a man's ability to put on a good front is due to his wife's ability as a washerwoman.

A girl's idea of a delightful play is one that makes her cry—and order a lobster after it's over.

No man who says just what he thinks is apt to acquire an enviable reputation as a thinker.

Many a man who can't paddle his own canoe imagines he is capable of steering the ship of state.

All the world's a stage—but the majority of us sit in the gallery and throw things at the performers.

You may have noticed that the more an officeholder talks about resigning, the tighter he clings to his job.

A man begins to acquire wisdom when he discovers that he is capable of making just as many mistakes as his neighbor.

Nothing pleases a man with a well developed sense of humor so much as setting two chronic bores to boring each other.

Before engaging the parson, young man, it might be advisable to ascertain if you can support the girl in that condition of idleness to which she has been accustomed.

COURT HEARS BURKE CASE

Wherein Custody of Little Daughter of John Burke is Involved.

MR. AND MRS. BACHLER RETAIN CHILD

Which Was Placed Under Their Care by the Father, Contrary to Last Will of the Mother.

In county court Saturday much interest was centered on the case of the State of Nebraska vs John Burke and his six-months-old daughter, which arose in regard to the custody of the child after the death of the mother a few weeks ago. The last wish of Mrs. Burke was that Mrs. Ida Fields should adopt the child and treat it as her own. When Mrs. Fields attempted to secure possession of the child, Mr. Burke interfered, and she immediately petitioned the court to award her the custody of the child on the grounds that the father was a drunkard, and was not a fit person to raise a child.

In view of these facts set forth in the petition filed several days since, Judge Travis awarded Mrs. Fields custody of the child, pending the trial which occurred today.

The evidence introduced into court this morning showed that the father had placed the child under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bachler, and that proper care and attention were bestowed upon the infant while it was in their charge.

After hearing the arguments the court handed down a decision, stating that as long as the child had been properly taken care of by Mr. and Mrs. Bachler, and that since it was the father's wish that they have custody of the infant, the court was not inclined to interfere with the arrangements made by the father.

The child was therefore returned to the care of Mrs. Bachler, and the case dismissed.

RUMOR HAS IT THAT WAY

Is Our Ethel Soon to Wed the Author of "The Land of Nod?"

The following in reference to the rumored approaching marriage of Miss Ethel Dovey, of this city, is taken from the Sunday Omaha News:

"Is Ethel Dovey engaged to Ernest Adams, author of 'The Land of Nod?' Her friends claim she is, but Miss Dovey would neither affirm nor deny it when she was here with 'The War Correspondent.'"

Yet if you can read between the lines of this interview, you may at least imagine things.

"It is rumored, Miss Dovey, that you are engaged to Mr. Adams?"

"Indeed, I suppose my friends have started the rumor because Mr. Adams and I have been together so much," answered the pretty Nebraska girl, as she removed three dainty blouses from the only chair in the dressing room.

"Did your friends guess correctly?"

"Perhaps and perhaps not. You see, Mr. Adams is a fine fellow and a good friend of mine," she said.

"How long have you been engaged, Miss Dovey?"

"Why, I didn't say I was engaged to anyone, but it wouldn't do me any good to affirm or deny," she returned, quite alert.

"Can I presume the rumor is true, then?"

"I'll leave it all to you," she said, and hastened to elope through the roar and smoke of cannon with the War Correspondent.

Ray Patterson Gets Broken Arm.

While breaking in a riding nag Sunday Ray Patterson met with an accident that will require several days to recover from. He rode the animal bareback from the barn to C. C. Parmele's residence, where he dismounted and secured a saddle. After mounting again and riding a short distance, the animal reared up so far that it fell over backwards, and the rider was hurled to the ground and sustained a fractured arm. Medical aid reduced the fracture as much as possible, but it will be several days before Mr. Patterson will be able to resume his duties as assistant cashier of the Bank of Cass County.

\$10 Furs at \$6.75

at closing out sale of Herold's stock.

The Two New Trains.

A new time card went into effect on the Lincoln branch of the Missouri Pacific Sunday, two new passenger trains being added, giving people from western Cass county a chance to go to Plattsmouth and return the same day. We doubt if any branch road in Nebraska has as good train service as the Lincoln branch of the Missouri Pacific at present. It's just what the people in this part of the county have been striving for for years, and we hope the new service will prove permanent. — Elmwood Leader-Echo.

NEBRASKA AT KANSAS CITY

Omaha, Lincoln and Plattsmouth Will Be Well Represented.

This is the week that the Trans-Mississippi congress meets in Kansas City—November 20, 21, 22 and 23, and the Journal is pleased to learn that Plattsmouth will be represented along with Omaha and Lincoln.

In the list of subjects which are to be discussed are some especially interesting to Nebraskans, among them river improvement, the live stock industry, irrigation and forestry. Among the speakers will be Elihu Root, James J. Hill, E. H. Harriman and W. J. Bryan.

"Aside from the importance of the subjects to be discussed," said President Judson of the Omaha Commercial club, "the attendance of a large Nebraska delegation will advertise the state. The Omaha delegation will let it be known that Omaha is on the map."

Henry T. Clarke, vice-president for Nebraska of the congress, is interested more than all else in the improvement of the Missouri river and will appear before the congress with an address on the subject.

"We need federal help in straightening the Missouri river, confining it where it is too wide and for otherwise improving it," said Mr. Clarke, to an Omaha Bee reporter. "Discussion before the congress at Kansas City will be a means of agitating the subject and making preparation for its presentation before the rivers and harbors committee in December at Washington. Forty years ago great side wheel steamers plied the Missouri past Omaha and the river is a better stream today than it was then, being freer of snags. With a little government help the boats would run again. Transportation on the river would cost only half what it costs by rail."

Nebraska is interested in all the subjects that will be discussed and every section of the state should be represented. The delegation from Plattsmouth will be composed of R. B. Windham, H. R. Gering, C. C. Parmele, T. E. Parmele, H. N. Dovey, W. H. Newell, Frank Schlater, Pollock and Ed Fitzgerald. These men represent the city board of trade and real estate exchange and all are very enthusiastic over the Missouri river improvements.

Bob Was a "Swift."

During a recent rush in the Opinion office R. W. Greenlee, the well known real estate man, pulled off his coat and helped out by setting up quite a string of type. He did it so rapidly and so correctly that it surprised the printers. Mr. Greenlee was once a type setter, and when he first came to Glenwood worked a year on the old Mills County Journal of which Joe LaChapelle was the editor. Bob was a "hum-dinger," as the boys say, being able to set up a "string" of 10,000 ems per day. He drifted into the real estate business and has piled up a lot of money at it.—Glenwood Opinion.

Bob is well known to the Journal people, and while being lucky in retiring from the printing business, he says there is something so interesting to him about a print shop yet, that he always has to come around and see the boys when he is over here, and we are always glad to see him, too.

Frank Gobleman "Gets Left" Also.

When the announcement of the failure of the F. D. Day & Co., was made Saturday afternoon it did not take long for Frank Gobleman to get action on his possessions. He had fitted up his office at his own expense, putting in desk, stove, chairs, etc., and when the crash came he turned them back to those from whom they were purchased, put the key to the office over the door, and quit the commission business. Frank says the company owes him two months salary.—Nebraska City News.

A PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING

Thomas C. Janda and Miss Mary Woster Married at Holy Rosary.

An impressive wedding ceremony was solemnized at the Holy Rosary church at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning, when Thomas C. Janda and Miss Mary Woster were united in the holy bonds of wedlock by Fathers Hancik and Bradley. The nuptials were witnessed by a large gathering of friends and relatives, who were seated by the ushers, Messrs Chas. Janda and Tim Wooster.

At the hour designated the bride, gowned in beautiful blue silk, accompanied by her brother, Joseph Woster, who was also the best man, advanced to the hymenial altar to sweet strains of music rendered by Miss Clara Janda. At the appointed place the bride was joined by the groom, and the bridesmaid, Miss Mary Janda, who was attired in nile green silk and is a sister to the groom, and the words that united them as husband and wife were then pronounced by Father Hancik who was assisted by Father Bradley.

After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where a large number of friends and relatives assembled to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Janda, and also join in the festivities that were prepared for the occasion.

The bride, who has grown to womanhood in our city, has many friends who will learn of the happy event with pleasure, while the groom, who has also been reared in this city, also received the congratulations of his host of friends, among whom the Journal desires to be numbered.

Mr. and Mrs. Janda departed in the afternoon for their future home in Denver, Col., where Mr. Janda has been engaged in the carpenter business for several months.

Commission Firm Goes Broke.

The firm of F. D. Day & Co., who have been doing a grain commission business in the Coates block, have gone under, discontinuing business Saturday morning. They had been permeating the entire northwest, reaching into South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa.

The reason given for the failure by the house is lack of business and high expenses. The employees at this place knew nothing of the condition of the firm until on Saturday, when going to work it was reported that there was nothing doing. Mr. Briggs, the local manager, took the first train for Omaha, but found nothing there but some moving vans taking the last of the furniture, for rents and bills due the creditors there.

The Postal Telegraph, which had its office in the same room, has been installed in the office of Dr. Cummins for the present.

This leaves Mr. Hale, the operator, and Mr. Briggs, the manager, out of employment, with losses of a considerable salary for both, and in addition, expenses which the latter has paid which makes his loss much heavier.

It is understood that the losses of traders at this point are very light, as there was very little business on the books when the break came.

The Journal is informed that Mr. Briggs has entered into partnership with E. M. Clark, and that these two gentlemen will conduct a barber shop in the stand at present occupied by Mr. Clark.

Becomes Unruly.

A special from Weeping Water contains the following: "Wave Allen, a junk dealer and former inmate of the asylum, became intoxicated Saturday night and proceeded to whip his whole family, whereupon he was arrested. Proper proceedings will be taken to place him back in the asylum." Mr. Allen is well known in Cass county, and at one time was quite well to do. Several years ago he owned a large flouring mill at Ashland, and was also an extensive dealer in cattle and hogs. Here it was he began the downward path, which was attributed to the excessive use of liquor. He served time in the asylum at Lincoln, and his present condition would denote that he would be sent back. He has a wife and a large number of children.

Looses the Sight of An Eye.

Word has been received in this city that Ellis Goolsby, who is a teamster in Omaha, has lost the sight of an eye on account of getting some foreign substance in that member. Mr. Goolsby formerly lived in this city where he, together with Ed Brantner, conducted a pool hall. His many friends in this vicinity will regret to learn of his misfortune.

Death of a Pioneer.

The Wabash correspondent of the Elmwood Leader-Echo has the following to say in reference to the death of a Cass county pioneer: "August Wendt, sr., a former resident of this vicinity, died at the home of his son, two miles north of Wabash, on Monday night, aged 72, and was buried Wednesday at Louisville. Mr. Wendt was an old pioneer of this county and was the owner of the land now owned by Manley now stands."

WATCH FOR SMOOTH FORGER

Farmers and Real Estate Men are Especially Warned Against This Man.

CLEVER METHOD OF WORKING GAME

He is Wanted in Many Places for Forgery and Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.

Through a circular letter, the authorities of this vicinity have been warned to be on the lookout for a smooth forger, John L. Butler, alias John Hoover, alias John H. Kline, who probably has many other aliases. The farmers and real estate men throughout the county are especially warned against this man, who is wanted in many places for forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses. His method of working, which is very complicated and does not arouse the suspicion of his victims, is given below for the benefit of the people of this vicinity:

A short time after arriving in the county, he will look up farms that are for sale, usually some distance from the county seat. He tells the farmer that he is a widower and is buying the farm for his son, or some other relative with whom he intends to live. He asks him if there is a notary public near there who can acknowledge the papers that are necessary to be drawn. Learns there is a notary at the village near the farm. He then asks the farmer if he has an abstract of his farm and gets, if possible, the loan of it, saying that he wants his lawyer to look it over. He then persuades the farmer and his wife to go with him to the notary at the village and induces them to give him either a power of attorney to sell the land for them or to sign an agreement to sell the land to him upon the payment of a certain price, usually a very good one. This power of attorney or contract is then acknowledged by the farmer and his wife, before the notary, who signs his name to the acknowledgement, and places his seal thereon. After getting this seal, he either makes or has made an exact duplicate thereof. Then he goes to the county seat and calls upon some real estate man or lawyer and tells him that he is about to buy this particular farm, in some instances even taking the farmer with him to verify these statements to the lawyer. He then asks the lawyer or real estate man to look over the abstract, or if the farmer should have none, then to make one, and to carefully examine the records and see if the title is perfect. This is done and everything found all right. He then asks the lawyer or real estate man to draw up a proper deed for the farm, and to give the deed to him to take to the farmer to get it executed, or, if this is refused, directs the lawyer to mail the deed to the farmer, requesting him to go with his wife before this particular notary public, to have the deed executed and acknowledged. He then says, as he is paying cash for the farm, that his ready money will be consumed, and that there are many improvements he would like to make on the place, in the way of buildings, fences, etc., besides purchasing farm machinery and live stock, asks the lawyer or real estate man to obtain for him, a loan on this land, which is finally arranged for.

He, Mr. Butler, alias Hoover, then takes the deed, which has been drawn up, if it is delivered to him, or falling in this, intercepts the farmer's mail, by getting the deed out of the post-office or rural route mail box. Having obtained the deed, he then goes to his hotel or stopping place. There he very cleverly forges the name of the farmer and his wife to the deed; also the name of the particular notary to the acknowledgement, and then places the notary's seal to the acknowledgement on the deed.

After a suitable time, he again calls on the lawyer or real estate man and shows him the deed, the identical deed which the lawyer mailed to the farmer, all properly signed, sealed and acknowledged. He again explains that he has paid the full purchase

price for the land, and would now like to secure the loan asked for on the place, as soon as possible, so that he can return home and move his family on the farm. Thereupon the lawyer or real estate man sends for the party who intends to loan the money. This party, on his arrival, together with the lawyer or his own lawyer, agent or banker, look over the deed carefully and finding it, to all appearances, regular, the signatures and notary seal genuine, makes the loan, takes a note for the amount asked for, and also a mortgage on the farm, to secure the payment of the principal of the note and interest. The deed and mortgage are now recorded, then the money in cash is paid over and this slick impostor and forger skips the town.

The following description is given of the man: Age about 58 years; height, 5 feet 8 inches; weight, about 190 pounds; complexion, dark (ruddy); eyes, brown; hair, dark; prominent cheek bones; broad forehead; rather heavy dark eyebrows; smooth face, (may grow short beard and moustache); heavy built; rather broad shoulders; somewhat stooped; crease at base of nose; large flat feet; legs unusually thin for body; generally wears black or dark clothes; fair dresser; rather slow smooth talker, but unassuming in his ways, seeking to represent himself a farmer with means.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT MATTER

Secretary of State Galusha's Blunder May Cost the State a Big Sum.

A special from Lincoln propounds the following: Will the coming legislature object when the bill of the county papers for the publication of the constitutional amendment reaches it? The bill will be at least \$1,215 greater than was anticipated by the former legislature. Secretary of State Galusha is now daily receiving statements from the county papers which have been sedulously publishing the amendment for the last three months. Each paper demands \$62.50 instead of \$49, set aside by the last legislature. The difference is due for the special editions which were rushed out in order that the amendment might be published during a period of three months, as required by law. The secretary of state will present these to the legislature as deficiency claims.

No bills have yet been received from the daily papers, but it is known that some of these published the amendment every day, and it is thought that their bills will be much greater than those of the weekly papers, the total possibly amounting to \$7,500. Several years ago the legislature encountered a similar problem, when the Nebraska State Journal and the Omaha Bee presented bills of more than \$1,000 each for publishing the amendment every day for three months. Those bills were much cut before they were paid by the legislature.

Funeral of C. M. Root.

The remains of Charles M. Root arrived in this city Monday afternoon over the Missouri Pacific from Omaha. From the train the bier was conveyed to the Oak Hill cemetery where services were conducted by Rev. J. T. Baird, and interment then made. The pall bearers were H. A. Schneider, Byron Clark, A. J. Beeson, C. A. Rawls, J. M. Robertson and J. E. Douglas. An Omaha correspondent to the State Journal has the following to say of C. M. Root, the father of Jesse L. Root of this city.

"The funeral of Charles M. Root, aged sixty-nine, who died last Saturday after a short illness, was held from the family home, 2519 Wirt street at 10:30 a. m. Monday. Mr. Root had been a resident of Nebraska for over twenty-five years, settling first at Beatrice and then removing to Lincoln. A few years ago he came to Omaha to accept a position on the Twentieth Century Farmer and resided with his two daughters, Alice M. and Mabel V., who are teachers in the public schools. He was also engaged in preparing a genealogy of the Root family. In addition to his daughters he is survived by two sons, one at Dafett, Neb., and the other at Plattsmouth, where the body was taken for burial this noon."

For Rent.

Two five-room cottages near the shops; also a seven-acre tract with a fair little house, barn, all necessary outbuildings, for rent. Call on J. P. FALTER, Coates Bl'k.

All Dress Goods Less Than Cost at Closing out Sale of Herold's Stock.