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## JOTTINGS FOR THE JOLLY

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

It was a little lawyer man Who softly blushed as he began Her poor, dead husband's will to scan, He smiled, while thinking of his fee, Then said to her, so tenderly, "You have a nice, fat leg-a-cy."

A woman's train of thought is apt to run toward her dressmaker.

Many an otherwise honest young man doesn't hesitate to steal a kiss.

When a man is unable to choose between two evils he usually hunts up a third.

Shop early and avoid the rush—usually joits the fellow who has't the price.

Crops may come and crops may go, but the forbidden fruit crop is always with us.

Some people seem to think that they ought to apologize when you do them an injury.

It's difficult for a woman to make a dollar go farther than the nearest bargain counter.

Riches may have wings, but don't sit down and wait for another man's riches to fly your way.

Some men in this town are so mean that they even refuse to let their wives have the last word.

A married man thinks he could have saved a lot of money had he remained a bachelor, but he couldn't.

A baby is about the only precious thing a woman possesses that doesn't excite the envy of other women.

There never was a pretty girl so stupid that she couldn't fool the cleverest man of her acquaintance.

The campaign cigar will now disguise itself with a sprig of holly and lie in wait for the unwary on December 25.

The grand holiday pocketbook openings are going to begin very early this year and continue longer than usual.

Many a little boy is nine years old when at home, but when he is on the cars with his mama he is not quite five.

When a fellow stops buying extravagant presents for a girl it means that she has either refused him or accepted him.

We are not so apt to consider ourselves better than other people as we are to consider other people worse than we are.

When young girls get so bold as to not only flirt but keep company with married men, it is time for parents to draw the line.

If a man leaves plenty of change in his pockets when he goes to bed his wife may not have occasion to ask him for pin money.

For courting purposes a girl naturally prefers an automobile to an old fashioned buggy. Every automobile has a sparkler.

Pray tell me, ladies, if you can Who is that highly favored man Who, though he marry many a wife, Still remains single all his life? A preacher.

An old bachelor says the greatest improvements of the age are those which hide the ravages of time and keep women looking young.

When you see a boy of 10 with a clean face and his hair carefully combed it's a safe bet that he is in love with his school teacher.

One of the rules of a hotel in Plattsmouth is that the guests afflicted with hay fever are prohibited from sneezing when passing grass widows.

Are we to have lighted streets? It looks to a man up a tree as though the council is very slow to act. Either accept or reject the proposition.

Christmas shippers are beginning to get busy. Only a few days now until Old Santa will have full sway or at least as long as the pocketbook holds out.

Our jewelers are well supplied with diamonds, so you need not go away from home to secure that engagement ring when you desire to present to your intended on Christmas.

Some young women in this old town would be better off if they were sent to the reformatory for a few years or until they learned not to flirt with every stranger that comes to town.

The sending of Gladys Hines to the reform school this week should be a warning to some other young girls, whose names we will not mention. And they want "to look a little out."

For the next two Sundays the Sunday schools will be attended by many children who have not seen inside the church for a year. They want to participate in the grand distribution of popcorn and candy Christmas eve.

## INSTITUTE OPENED FRIDAY

Good Roads Problem Fully Discussed by Mr. F. M. Chase of Pawnee City.

ADVISES USE OF KING ROAD DRAG

Gives Many Undisputable Facts and Conservative Estimates in Support of His Argument.

At 2 o'clock Friday afternoon the Plattsmouth Farmers' Institute convened in the district court room, a large number of farmers and town people being in attendance to hear the excellent address by Mr. F. W. Chase of Pawnee City and Mr. C. G. Marshall of Lincoln. While waiting for the program to commence those in attendance were entertained by selections on a graphophone, which Phil Sauter furnished for the occasion.

Secretary Henry R. Gering, in the opening address, called the farmers' attention to the fact that Cuming county had raised an average of 42.1 bushels of corn to the acre this year, while Cass has produced only an average of 37.5. To increase the yield of this county, he impressed upon the farmers the necessity of attending these institutes, which are held for their benefit and edification—giving an instance of advantage that the instruction has proven to one of our Cass county farmers who attended the meetings last year, and was therefore able to raise 300 bushels more corn this year on the same number of acres.

After dwelling on the fact for a few moments, that the farmer who attended these meetings was not wasting time but learning to improve his grade of seed corn, Mr. Gering introduced Mr. F. W. Chase of Pawnee City, Nebraska.

Mr. Chase in his opening remarks complimented the farmers for turning out and attending the afternoon session, in spite of the threatening weather. On the subject, "Good Roads," the speaker gave a very instructive and interesting address, pointing out the fact that the farmer wants a good substantial road that will hold up a load at any season of the year.

The speaker declared that the farmer wants a road that will hold up a load at any time of the year, but this public highway must not necessarily be constructed of concrete, for it has been demonstrated that a good, substantial road can be made out of terra firma if the plan that he suggested would be followed. He called attention to the fact that the soil is of such a nature that it can be packed down, so that it will be impervious to water, and this can be quickly and cheaply done with the aid of the King Road drag, a simple device discovered by Mr. King of Missouri, who has done more to improve the roads of Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa, than any other man.

Mr. Chase had a miniature King Road drag, which he exhibited to his audience, showing how simple the machine really was, and how any farmer can construct one from the two halves of a log about 14 feet long and 12 inches in diameter. If a log is not available, two planks of the above dimensions can be employed to build the drag, which can be used to advantage a short time after a rain.

The speaker then gave some very instructive estimates of the cost of a poor road to a farmer hauling grain, and how this needless expenditure might be obliterated by an hour spent in dragging the road every month of the year, Mr. Chase was a very entertaining speaker, and was followed by C. G. Marshall of Lincoln, who was discoursing upon soil tillage as we go to press.

Tonight C. M. Lewelling of Beaver City, will address the people on the subject of breeding and caring for poultry. This is a matter in which everyone is interested, and should call forth a large audience at the court house. Townspeople are interested in learning more about poultry raising. Mr. Lewelling can tell many who think they are experts in this line of business; many things perhaps that they never knew before. Come to the court house tonight and hear what he has to say.

Thus far nineteen exhibits have been brought in and entered in the seed corn contest which is free to everybody. Many more exhibits will doubtlessly be received tomorrow, when the twenty-five useful and valuable prizes offered by our merchants will be awarded for the best displays of twelve ears of seed corn. The farmers who have entered the contest up to 2 o'clock today are Jas. McCulloch,

## M. W. Thomas, G. W. Halmes, Chas. Jean, C. L. Wiles (two entries), Rudolph Hell, N. E. Todd, F. E. Cook, John C. Peterson, J. N. Bailey, Chas. E. Cook, C. Bengen, Will Baldwin, Harvey Harger, Chas. T. Peacock, H. M. Miller, C. A. Miller and Frank Ploetzer.

Notes of the Institute.

Many farmers were here today from a distance.

Mayor Gering is doing his best to make our guests feel at home.

The exhibits of corn shows that some excellent crops were raised in Cass county.

The interest taken in these institutes shows that farmers are always anxious to learn something they don't know.

The ladies should not hesitate about attending these meetings. Their presence always adds tone to these sessions.

Wm. DelesDernier Surprised.

Wm. DelesDernier celebrated his fiftieth birthday anniversary Sunday and Mrs. DelesDernier entertained a number of his old friends at a 1 o'clock luncheon, which was in the nature of a surprise, where a few social hours were spent in honor of the event.

Mr. DelesDernier was presented with a fine rocking chair and a box of cigars by his friends.

During the afternoon all called in a body on Uncle Dave McCaig, who was celebrating his seventieth birthday, and presented him with a box of cigars, together with their best wishes.

Those invited were Messrs. A. B. Dickson, J. G. Stark, Joe Mullin, C. D. Clapp, Geo. Carnahan, J. R. Balrd, Jno. Hall, L. F. Uhley, L. F. Langhorst, David McCaig, D. Saxton, S. D. Eells, W. C. Bartlett, E. T. Comer.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

C. A. R. and W. R. C. Elect Officers.

At the regular meeting Saturday evening at the local post of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. The following officers were elected to direct the affairs of the G. A. R.: Commander, J. H. Thrasher; S. V., Wm. Barnhart; J. V., Sam Barker; Quartermaster, H. J. Straight; Chaplain, T. M. Carter; Officer of the Day, Jas. Hickson; Officer of the Guard, John Renner; Trustee, D. Hawksworth.

The W. R. C. also elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Bertha Peterson; Senior Vice, Mrs. John Kuhney; Junior Vice, Mrs. Currey; Chaplain, Mrs. Gallagher; Conductor, Mrs. Ault; Guard, Mrs. Jas. Williams; Treasurer, Mrs. Kerr; Delegate to next state meeting, Miss Gertrude Stenner.

Lemons Raised in Cass County.

But few people would ever dream of seeing a lemon grown in Cass county. But we have had the pleasure of examining one that was raised by W. B. Roberts, of near South Bend, and a brother of J. M. Roberts—cashier of the Plattsmouth State Bank. Mr. Roberts came down from South Bend yesterday to pay his taxes and visit over night with his brother and family. The sample lemon Mr. Roberts brought to this office yesterday, and upon a thorough examination we found it perfect in every particular. It demonstrates to a dead moral certainty that there are some tropical fruits that can be raised in Nebraska, although it requires great care to do so.

A Close Call.

While standing on the tracks north of the Burlington depot Saturday morning, Ebery, the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vroman, was struck on the chin by a stray ball from the gun of some hunter on the river bottom. The bullet glanced and while it cut the skin only, the little fellow's tongue was paralyzed to the extent that it was some time before he could speak. This showed great carelessness on the part of the hunter, as he had no business of shooting in the direction of the depot, especially at such short range.

Death of Mrs. Current.

Mrs. W. P. Current died at 4 a. m. yesterday, from blood poisoning, caused by a small sore on her lip becoming infected in some manner. She was ill but a few days.

Funeral services will be held from the M. E. church at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The casket will not be opened at the church. Those of her friends who wish to view the remains may do so from 10 to 12 this morning at the home.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

It is a mistake to use a violent cathartic to open the bowels. A gentle movement will accomplish the same results without causing distress or serious consequences later. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are recommended. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co.

## ENJOINS COUNTY TREASURER

Burlington Secures Order Restricting County Officials From Collecting Taxes.

LENGTHY TELEGRAM TO THAT EFFECT

Followed by U. S. Marshal Warner, Who The Served Notice of Injunction on W. D. Wheeler.

In order to prevent the several county treasurers from collecting taxes under the provisions of section 10,560 of Cobbe's annotated statutes of Nebraska, the Chicago Burlington & Quincy railway company secured an order Saturday evening restraining the counties from in any manner attempting to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes. The lengthy telegram which was received by County Treasurer W. D. Wheeler, Saturday evening sums up the order as follows: "You, as county treasurer of Cass county are notified that Judge Munger of the U. S. Circuit Court today issued an order restraining you from in any manner attempting to collect from the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad company, its agents or representatives in your county, the taxes levied against all or any of the railways operated by it within your county. Said order containing among other things, enjoining you from in any manner attempting to carry out the provisions of section 10,560 of Cobbe's annotated statutes of 1903, or from taking any steps or procedure under said section and from notifying any agent or officer of said complainant, C. B. & Q. R. R. Co., to pay over moneys that may be in the hands of said agent or officer, or that may hereafter come to their hands belonging to the complainant until the further order of the court."

This dispatch, which was signed by United States Marshal W. P. Warner, was followed up by the marshal in person, who Monday served notice of injunction on County Treasurer W. D. Wheeler. This action on the part of the railway company was rendered necessary by the attempt on the part of several county treasurers to enforce the state law in regard to the collection of taxes. The order issued by Judge Munger prevents the county treasurers from any further action, until the case now pending in the United States supreme court is decided.

It Pays to Advertise.

The following incident is said to have occurred in Cass county, but the exact section we are not permitted to print:

When the teacher was absent from the school Billy, the mischievous boy of the class, wrote on the blackboard: "Billy Jones can hug the girls better than any boy in school."

Upon her return the teacher called him up to her desk.

"William, did you write that?" she asked, pointing to the blackboard.

"Yes ma'am," said Billy.

"Well you may stay after school," said she, "as punishment."

The other pupils waited for Billy to come out and then begin guying him.

"Got a lickin', didn't you?"

"Nope," said Billy.

"Got jawed?"

"Nope."

"What did she do?" they asked.

"Shan't tell," said Billy, "but it pays to advertise."

May Happiness Attend Them.

Our old friend, Henry Lehnhoff, who has been visiting in Plattsmouth for several days, departed Monday for his future home in Lincoln, to which place his wife and daughter preceded him several days ago from their old home near Louisville. Mr. Lehnhoff has been a resident of Cass county for 10 these many years, and for the greatest portion of this time, he has resided on the old homestead—one of the finest farms in Cass county and where their children were reared to womanhood and manhood, and which he will not part with at any price. He has bought a fine residence property in the capital city where he and his excellent lady will be enabled to enjoy the fruits of fifty years of toil which has favored them with an abundance for the inevitable "rainy day." May happiness be their lot in their new home is the prayer of the Journal. What is Cass county's loss, is Lincoln's gain.

Many a man doesn't do things he wants to do because his wife wants him to do them.

## Returned From the Pacific Coast.

C. S. Wortman of Ashland, Neb., came in Wednesday evening of last week and visited over night with his nephew, W. P. Wortman, and the following two days with relatives near Straban. Mr. Wortman is one of the pioneers of Cass county, Nebraska, having been there more than fifty years, and owns one of the largest and best equipped farms in that county. He is taking life a little easier now and spends a good deal of his time in travel, having just returned from a trip to the western coast.—Malvern (Iowa) Leader.

## VERY BAD BLAZE TUESDAY

Residence Property of W. L. Withrow Is Visited By Destructive Fire.

For the first time in several months the fire department was called out today to fight the flames and prevent the destruction of property.

The alarm was sounded Tuesday about 1 o'clock summoning the department to the residence property of Wm. Withrow on north Sixth street. On account of some misunderstanding, the location of the fire was not known until the alarm sounded the second time, and when the boys arrived at the scene of the trouble, they found the blaze making rapid inroads upon the interior of the building which is a story and a half frame structure.

The hose was soon strung out, but in a short time froze and delayed the work, but undaunted, the men resorted to buckets, which had been used before the fire department arrived, and with these the flames were extinguished.

The fire, of which the origin is not known, was confined to the dining room of the house, but the entire building was badly damaged by water, and the loss is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$200—no insurance being on the building, which is quite old.

## A Miraculous Cure

The following statement by H. M. Adams, and wife, Henrietta, Pa., will interest parents and others. "A miraculous cure has taken place in our home. Our child had eczema 5 years and was pronounced incurable, when we read about Electric Bitters, and concluded to try it. Before the second bottle was all taken we noticed a change for the better, and after taking 7 bottles he was completely cured." It's the up-to-date blood medicine and body building tonic. Guaranteed. 50c and \$1.00 at F. G. Fricke & Co.'s drug store.

## Something for Nothing.

If all the efforts that are made to get something for nothing were turned to useful, productive pursuits this world would be overflowing with plenty, and poverty would fade into mere tradition.

A pair of Pittsburg bank clerks who speculated heavily with the bank's money have got by it only a term in the penitentiary. In pleading guilty to embezzlement they confessed that every cent of the \$35,000 they had stolen was lost, and they stood before the court penniless. The eager study they had given to the stock markets, the almost superhuman efforts they made to recover their steady losses and the agony of mind they underwent would have been sufficient, if rightly directed, to have made them comfortably rich and universally respected.

Through some peculiarity in our construction we are willing to work ten times as hard to get "something for nothing" as to earn it in a natural way. A scoundrel will exercise more cunning and energy in beating somebody out of a dollar than would be called for in acquiring ten dollars honestly. And he thinks he has got the dollar for nothing! Poor fool.

The gambler shoves all his surplus earnings over the table and what he wins now and then he shoves after them. So long as he has anything to lose he counts himself ahead of the game. His fortitude, his patience, his insensibility to failure, if enlisted in a worthy occupation, might bring him substantial success.

There's a weakness in human nature through which most of us are inclined to regard as clear gain only that which comes unearned. And in striving to get more than we earn we perform unrewarded labors that, if rightly applied, would not only bring us far more than we get, but shield us against disgrace and disaster.

It is easy for a man to make a fool of himself, but none of us is wise enough to fool old nature into giving us more than we work for.

E. C. DeWitt & Co. of Chicago, at whose laboratory Kodol is prepared, assure us that this remarkable digestant and corrective for the stomach conforms fully to all provisions of the National Pure Food and Drug Law. The Kodol laboratory is a very large one, but if all the sufferers from indigestion and stomach troubles could know the virtues of Kodol it would be impossible for the manufacturers to keep up with the demand. Kodol is sold here by F. G. Fricke & Co.

What is more suitable for a Christmas present for your wife than a nice bed room suite, or handsome rug? Nothing. M. Hill, the furniture man, has just what you want.

## Great Inconvenience.

Much to the inconvenience of a large number of workmen who are employed on the north side of the river in stone quarries and sand pits, comes the announcement of the Missouri Pacific that no one will be permitted to cross their bridge in the future.—Louisville Courier.

Ladies—When you buy cigars for Xmas, get the kind the men buy for themselves—Pepperberg's "Buds." Small boxes of twelve and twenty-five cigars, 50c and \$1.