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JOTTINGS FOR THE JOLLY

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

A young lady by the name of Lucinda, slipped on a banana and it hurt her—
To the surprise of all
She wouldn't rise from her fall
Till mother came out and fixed everything

The minute a girl feels she needs a chaperon, she doesn't.
The man behind the drum should not work to beat the band.

Sow good deeds today if you would reap happiness tomorrow.
Don't follow in the footsteps of your competitors; set the pace.

Jealousy is an explosive that has wrecked many an air castle.

The average mother is apt to spare the rod and spoil the slipper.

Ask a temperance crank to have a drink and he will take umbrage.

Men who are honest for policy will be dishonest for the same thing.

Every man needs a trouser stretcher but he has no use for a leg-puller.

This world has a short memory—and weather prophets should be glad of it.

A woman's long tongue is often responsible for her shortness of breath.

Don't forget that a little money now and then is relished by the preacher men.

Love may be a great leveler, but it takes marriage to flatten a man's pocketbook.

You would never realize how empty some men's heads are if it wasn't for their tongues.

If a man is unable to make good on his own account he usually points with pride to his ancestors.

The early bird catches the worm, provided he doesn't spend all his time crowing about being so early.

Old maids have quit longing for the coming of Santa Claus. Their day for receiving presents has passed.

The man who lets his money do the talking has no fear that people are going to make fun of his grammar.

Says a woman of this city: "I care not who does the thinking so long as I am permitted to do the talking."

Remember the poor, and give them something to make them feel that the happiest season of the year is here.

A woman never is more grateful for the love of a man than when she thinks some woman is about to get it.

Somehow a man is unable to get the idea into his head that a girl with a dimple can be in the intellectual class.

When a widow makes up her mind that she has lived alone long enough she gets busy and makes up her face.

If a woman hasn't any troubles of her own to worry about she proceeds to worry about those she might have had.

A woman is always ready to admit a man's superior intelligence if he'll admit that she knows more than he does.

A man may be able to fool all the women some of the time, but there are some women who can fool a man all of the time.

When Jonah went home to his wife and tried to explain where he has been, she must have thought his excuse was rather fishy.

Some men in this town when talking to a woman over a telephone, have such a caressing voice that it amounts to almost a hug.

Don't wait for Dame Fortune to knock at your door. She may be kidnaped by some one who is willing to meet her half-way.

At the time of his marriage a man thinks he is getting a better half but later on he may discover that he has a counterfeit on his hands.

There are many young ladies in this town who are wondering what Santa Claus will bring them—in hopes, perhaps, that it will be a diamond ring.

Don't forget that there are numerous poor children in Plattsmouth who will not be gladdened with a Christmas present unless some of our kind hearted and charitable people remember them.

There are some men in this town willing to give to every enterprise, while others freeze to their money as though they really believe they could smuggle it through the pearly gates and purchase corner lots in the new Jerusalem with it.

They were starting for church Sunday morning and she had a couple of hair pins in her mouth and was struggling to button her gloves when he remarked: "Why don't you dress in the house? I'd as soon see a woman put on her stocking in the street as her gloves." "I know it," smiled the sweet one, "most men would."

FOUND WITH THROAT CUT

Young Man Attempted to End His Life Near Greenwood Thursday Evening.

Another Attempt at Suicide Friday

Gave His Name as Harry M. Layton, Age Twenty-seven Years and Home in Waukeo, Iowa.

Through a telephone message from Greenwood Thursday, the Journal was informed that a man was found at 7 o'clock last evening about a mile from that place, lying in the road with his throat cut; the instrument used being a small penknife which was found by the side of the man, where he had evidently dropped it after attempting to end his life. The would-be suicide was taken to the town jail, where a physician was summoned to dress the wounds, which were a gash two inches long on the right side of his neck, and a cut an inch long on the left side.

When the attending physician informed the injured man that the wounds were not dangerous, the man exclaimed with regret, "If the d-d knife hadn't been so dull I'd made a good job of it." The doctor remarked that the patient would probably recover, whereupon he seemed disappointed and told the physician that he would have to try it again.

The stranger gave no reasons for his deed, and when questioned, gave his name as Harry M. Layton age twenty-seven years, and his home as Waukeo, Iowa. On his clothing was found \$5.25, a Bankers' Benefit association card No. 109, issued at Webster City, Iowa.

The town authorities of Greenwood have sent an inquiry to Waukeo in regard to the man.

Later—A message received at noon Friday informs the Journal that Layton is still determined to end his life; the patient, although under surveillance of the jailor at Greenwood, having torn the bandages from his throat and with his finger nails opened up the gashes, which had been sewed up by the physician. On account of his persistent efforts to injure himself it was found necessary to confine him under a strict watch and to telephone for the board of insanity to take charge of the case. Further information in regard to Layton could not be obtained from Waukeo, Ia., which he claimed to be his home.

From the description of the man, it is now presumed that his home is in Shenandoah, Ia., and that he is the same man that worked in the shops in this city about a year ago. Very little was known about Layton during his residence in this city.

The board of insanity, composed of Dr. E. W. Cook, District Clerk J. M. Robertson and County Attorney Rawls, went to Greenwood on the fast mail today to examine Layton. Sheriff Quinton also accompanied the board in order to expedite matters, in case Layton was adjudged insane.

Sister Lost.

Information wanted regarding the whereabouts of a long lost sister. Her maiden name was Annie Maria Hays. She came with me from the New York Juvenile Asylum in the year 1864. We were adopted by different families in Cambridge, Henry county Illinois, the family who adopted her was named Pierce, and the one who took me was Frank C. Welton. I was a girl of nine years and she was 13 or past. She was about 16 when she left Pierce's. Then four years later or more I received a letter from her, after that I did not hear any more of her except that she had married a man by the name of Enoch Jenkins, I heard this in the year 1894. She had a scar on one of her cheeks, also was pit marked. Any information will be gratefully received by her sister Mrs. S. J. Eaton (maiden name Sara Jane Hayes) 102 E 25th street, Chicago, Ill. (Exchanges please copy.)

Death at Nehawka.

A special from Nehawka, under date of December 13, says: "Cyrus K. White died this morning from a complication of heart disease and dropsy. He was an old resident in the community, coming here soon after the war from Ohio. He was a veteran of the civil war, serving in an Ohio regiment. He was 72 years old and leaves no family, his wife having died a year ago."

Silver and nickel plated ware make good Christmas presents. See our line, H. L. Asemussen & Son.

Pollard's Pension Bill.

Representative Pollard introduced a pension bill to amend section 2 of the act of June 27, 1890, so as to read as follows:

"That all persons who served ninety days or more in the military or naval service of the United States, honorably discharged and who are now or may hereafter be suffering from a mental or physical disability of a permanent character which incapacitates them from performance of manual labor in such a degree as to render them unable to earn a support, shall, upon due proof, be placed upon the list of invalid pensioners to receive not exceeding \$30 and not less than \$6 per month."

The bill further provides that such pension shall commence from the date of the filing of the application in the pension bureau. The measure, if enacted into law, will do away with all special act legislation of private pensions and relieve congress of a vast amount of time and labor.

TELEPHONE IN RAILROADING

It Becomes Necessary to Have the Aid of It in Their Operation.

In conversation with a prominent railroad man one day this week, the subject of telephones in connection with railroading came up, and in speaking of the utilization of the telephone in railroading, said:

"The yards and terminals of the railroads have grown to such an extent in mileage and traffic, that it becomes necessary to have the aid of the telephone in their operation. Every switch shanty, round house, signal tower, and every car inspector, yardmaster and train dispatcher is now supplied with the telephone service in order to handle with dispatch the immense traffic at all hours."

"In the handling of passenger trains the telephone has its duties in the way of block signal circuits. This has proved to be the most efficient aid to this life saving device."

"The composite set, one of the latest instruments in the telephone line, has been a great success. This instrument enables the railroad company to telephone orders over a telegraph line at the same time the telegraph operator is sending messages without either the telephone or the telegraph interfering with the other. There is a portable composite set to be carried upon trains which will in the case of wrecks, washouts, etc., be of great aid. This set can be at once attached to the telegraph wires by the side of the track, and communication between the conductor or engineer can be immediately established with the division office, and succor and supplies speedily secured."

"The Union Pacific is using the telephone on its system between Omaha and Gilmore, Neb., to dispatch trains."

Holiday Edition.

The Louisville Courier shows considerable enterprise in getting out a holiday edition with a handsome colored front and back. The edition contains a writeup of Louisville and its business interests, and is well patronized in the way of advertising. The Journal congratulates Bro. Mayfield upon his enterprise.

Book Store Again Changes Hands.

The stationary store purchased from Robert L. Mauzy by L. F. Patterson of Omaha, again changed hands Saturday, when a deal was closed whereby H. E. Weidman became the owner of the stock of goods. Mr. Weidman, with the assistance of Mr. Patterson, will continue the business of the two stores until after the holidays when the two stores will be consolidated—the Mauzy stock, being removed to Weidman's present location.

T. J. Sokol Elect Officers.

The T. J. Sokol society held their annual meeting Saturday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—Ed. Donat.
Vice President—Emmons Ptak.
Treasurer—Jas. Rebal.
Secretary—Philip Roucka.
Directors—Anton Kanka, J. J. Svoboda and Wm. Holly.

Of Whom to Buy.

An advertiser who will deliberately sit down and tell the public about the things he has to sell does not do so for fun. Usually he has something to say that will be of interest to those who contemplate making purchases. Our advertisers are men of business. They do not put money into advertising for the purpose of seeing their names in print. Read the ads and you will make money.

DEATH OF FRANK CARRUTH

Passes Away Sunday Morning at His Home in Denver, After Several Months' Illness.

In Business in This City Many Years

Services at Denver, After Which Remains Will be Brought Here for Burial Wednesday Morning.

Through a message received by A. B. Todd Monday, the intelligence of the death of Frank Carruth, a business man of this city for many years, was conveyed to the friends of the deceased. During his residence in this city, Mr. Carruth was a most energetic and enterprising business man—erecting the building and conducting the jewelry and photograph business where the firm of C. E. Westcott's Sons are at present located. The following short biography of Mr. Carruth before he settled in Plattsmouth is taken from the history of Nebraska:

"Frank Carruth, photographer and jeweler, was born in La Porte, Ind., April 27, 1844. Removing to San Francisco, Cal., some years later, he learned photography with Bradley & Rulofson, serving three years at this business, after which he returned to the east and conducted a photograph gallery at Chicago, Ill., for a short time. In 1867 he went to Michigan City, Ind., and conducted a gallery there until 1870, during which time he was employed in learning and working at the trade of watchmaker, after which he was employed as a messenger in the American Express Co. till he came to Nebraska in February, 1871."

Locating in Plattsmouth, Mr. Carruth engaged in the jewelry and photograph business, which increased so rapidly that he soon had the leading business of this county, and was thus enabled to put up the substantial business house that bears his name. Many of our merchants remember Mr. Carruth, and speak in the highest terms of his industry and integrity.

After being in business in this city for some twenty years Mr. Carruth went to McCook and established an electric light plant which he managed until three years ago, when he disposed of this property and removed to Denver, Colorado, where he has lived a retired life with his family. In September 1905 he suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never recovered, and when he visited in this city last spring he was gradually declining in health and mind.

After being confined to his bed for two months, he passed away Sunday morning at 7:20 o'clock. A wife and three children, namely—Fred, Glenn and Louise—are left to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and kind father.

The tributes to the memory of the departed will be made in Denver, after which the remains will be brought to this city for burial. The body will arrive on Burlington train No. 6 Wednesday morning, and will be taken to Streight & Streight's undertaking rooms, from which place the funeral will occur at 10 o'clock of the same day.

Christmas Don'ts.

Don't make presents because you "have" to, but because you want to.

Don't be afraid to give something within your means; nothing is in worse taste than to give expensive gifts when you cannot afford it.

Don't give things that are against your own taste, even if you suspect the taste of the recipient.

Don't play practice jokes in your giving; few people like to be made fun of, especially at Christmas time.

Don't be afraid, when it is possible, to give money, that the recipient may choose his own gift. Remember, especially with the young people, the Christmas money is often the only money of the year which they can spend for themselves.

Don't forget to read the ads in the Journal; they will assist you wonderfully in selecting your presents.

Don't forget the less fortunate than you at Christmas time. Your holiday season will be all the more happy if you adhere to the scriptural admonition that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Council Bluffs Couple Married.

In the county judge's office the proper papers were made out last evening to Benjamin F. Bicknell, age 24, and Sadie Newcomb, age 19, both of Council Bluffs, Ia. The knot was made secure by Judge H. D. Travis, after which the newly wedded departed in great glee.

Happiness Concentrated.

Of the three hundred and sixty-five days in each year, in no one of them is so much happiness concentrated as in that of Christmas. Parents and guardians are made happy by the expenditure of labor and money to please the young and the refining influences of these acts on their own natures is of more value to them than thrice the amount of gold and silver they have expended in procuring them. Who is the man or woman of fifty or sixty who cannot look back over these vanished years and recall with pleasing associations some token in his or her youth from some kind friend on Christmas? So it will be now, and from generation to generation. The real good and the extended influence of these gifts to young we may not presume to measure. In a refining sense they are more durable and far exceed their price in silver and gold.

District Court Notes.

Judge Paul Jessen and Court Reporter John Taggart came in from Nebraska City early Monday and reconvened district court. The attention of the court was occupied the greater part of the morning hearing the tax sale suits which resulted from the scavenger act. There are about ninety-three of the cases on the docket and between thirty and forty of them were disposed of this morning.

The case of Coatman et al., vs. Drum et al., was dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

Anna Frye vs. Clara Frye, et al. By-lord Clark appointed guardian ad litem, for minor defendants.

School District No. 32 vs. Geo. Wood, administrator. Plaintiff given leave to file petition in court, and defendant given leave to file answer.

Frank Fisher vs. John McNurlin, et al. Dismissed by plaintiff.

Margaret Reuland vs. Joe Fitzgerald, et al. Plaintiff given leave to file amended petition in ten days, making additional parties defendants.

State vs. Lou Taylor, et al. Plaintiff has leave to refile motion to dismiss the appeal.

A. A. Wetenkamp vs. Grant Wetenkamp, et al. On application of Matilda J. Wetenkamp, wife of plaintiff, she is made party to action. Report of referee examined, partition made firm and effectual forever, and bond of referee fixed at \$6,000.

Albert A. Wetenkamp vs. Wm. S. Wetenkamp. Report of referee examined, partition made firm and effectual forever.

Bank of Cass County vs. J. M. Craig and J. H. Hall; defendant, Hall, given twenty days in which to answer.

Lewis H. Wall vs. Jacob Schrum; objections made to jurisdiction over person of defendant for reasons therein given. Plaintiff given leave to insert amount in petition.

State of Nebraska vs. Lou Taylor, et al, motion to dismiss argued, submitted and overruled; request for jury by defendants overruled; set for trial December 19.

Lena L. Peden vs. Joseph Peden, cause called for trial; trial had and issues found in favor of plaintiff. Decree of divorce granted and maiden name, Lena Lucy Beckner, restored to plaintiff.

D. Z. Mummery vs. John Henry Herold, et al, plaintiff given twenty days to file an amended and supplemental petition.

Anna Frye vs. Clara Frye, et al, issues in favor of plaintiff generally—that she is entitled to land set out in petition. Charles L. Martin appointed referee to partition said property.

State of Nebraska vs. Several Parcels of Land, etc., M. P. R. R. Co., motion to re-tax costs argued, submitted and first paragraph therein sustained.

The case entitled Fred Gorder & Son vs. H. E. Pankonin has occupied the attention of the court the greater part of today. The suit, which is for specific performance of contract, is brought by the plaintiff in order that they may retain possession of the harness and implement business purchased from H. E. Pankonin, and grows out of a misunderstanding in regard to the contract; the defendant contending that after signing a five-years contract, he was approached by defendant who wished him to sign another contract on some pretense that the first one was not suitable without knowledge of a clause being inserted in the second contract the defendant signed, and thus has the litigation arose.

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.

URNS KEYS OVER TO FRIED

Geo. W. D'Ment Wins Out in District Court of Johnson County.

The Deal is Declared to be Void

Defendant Has to Take Back Drug Store and Give Mr. D'Ment Possession of Farm Involved.

From the information obtained today, A. T. Fried is forced to take back the drug store in this city, traded to Geo. W. D'Ment for a farm near Crab Orchard, Neb., because he misrepresented the value of the stock in the store.

The facts in the case, so the Journal understands, are to the effect that Fried made a deal with D'Ment, whereby the former became the owner of the latter's farm near Crab Orchard, Neb., while D'Ment came into possession of the drug store, valued at \$5,000. Upon looking over the stock, the new owner was of the opinion that it had been slightly misrepresented, and therefore at once took an inventory, which showed that the stock was barely worth \$3,000. In order to regain possession of the farm Mr. D'Ment immediately instituted proceedings in the district court of Johnson county, where much litigation has been made, and the deal declared void, which eventually will place Mr. D'Ment in possession of the farm.

Acting in accordance with the decision of the court of Johnson county, the drug store, which has been the source of the trouble, was locked up yesterday and the keys turned over to A. L. Tidd, attorney for the defendant. Thus has the graft and avarice of the "get rich quick" been exposed and foiled, while the intended victim has been returned his farm.

An Excellent Opportunity.

The Journal is informed that an overall concern desires to establish a factory in the eastern part of Nebraska, and in regard to this has been in communication with our citizens. The plant will employ about three hundred men, boys and girls, and the managers are anxious to locate in our town on account of the excellent facilities that are to be had here. The greatest difficulty that the company contends with is that they may not be able to secure the necessary number of hands in this city.

That they may get all the help they need in this vicinity the Journal feels confident, and hopes that the citizens will express themselves favorably toward this factory, and induce them to put in a plant in this city.

Visits the Pacific Coast.

C. E. Metzger came in last evening from the coast, enroute to his home near Cedar Creek. Christy has been enjoying several weeks visiting with former Plattsmouth people in California, and many of the places of interest. While gone he visited with the families of G. W. Houseworth, in Long Beach, Mrs. Lucy J. Martin, in San Jose, A. C. Helps, in Long Beach, and viewed the ruins of the San Francisco disaster. Christy was not favorably impressed with the California climate, and says that Cass county is good enough for him.

Every Man Wounded.

Mr. Raymond had a scene painter with him during his stay in Rogers and Bentonville, and the artist had been a Union soldier. He was more or less inclined to talk and one day got into quite a heated argument with an Arkansas man who had fought with the confederates. They were discussing the valor displayed by the respective sides during the war: "Well," said the scene painter, finally, "we whipped you anyway."

"Yes," answered the southerner, "but according to the pension reports we wounded every man of you that got out alive."

Governor Sheldon Returns.

The Lincoln Journal of this morning, says: "It is understood that Governor-elect George L. Sheldon will return today from a trip to his plantation in Mississippi. He was detained there on account of business. He formerly rented his plantation in a body but has decided to rent it in smaller tracts and he was obliged to attend to the work of subdividing the land. Owing to frequent rains the work of surveying could not be done."

Avoid the man who is dead in love. It's not your funeral.