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## JOTTINGS FOR THE JOLLY

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

To telephone or telegraph  
Is always needless labor—  
To spread the news just notify  
Your wife to telegraph.

A young man always sneers at the love affairs of a widower.

Nobody likes a knocker, but every one is willing to listen to him.

The difference between salami and Salsome is that one is an appetizer.

Necessity is the mother of invention but she isn't always proud of her offspring.

When it comes to plowshares, the plow may feel that it does more than its share.

A pretty man always looks surprised because the women don't rush up and kiss him.

The surest sign of old age is when comfort begins to count for more than appearances.

A faith cure always looks better to a healthy person than to one who really needs a remedy.

It isn't so bad when the things we didn't do are about commensurate with the things we didn't know.

In speaking of the dress suit going out, one may remark that some of them don't come in until 4 or 5 o'clock in the morning.

Our idea of a real hero is a man who can look his wife straight in the eye and tell her the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

There are things a woman will not eat because they ruin her complexion, but a man never refuses to drink anything for a similar reason.

Elbow length gloves are said to be going out of style. This means that the trade in ladies' hose will not be so brisk, if the grape vine rumor is true that the Plattsmouth fair sex have been known to convert them into gloves.

There was a little woman and she made a lit-bonnet  
With a hatpin and a spangle and a rhinestone  
bug upon it;  
But the evening that I took her to the play I  
saw her toss it  
In a handbox and put on one that was half a  
mile across it.

A couple of little fellows were passing the court house the other day, when the clock on the court house began to strike. One of the boys looked up at the clock, saying to his companion: "Why the town clock has been wound up again, ain't it, and it is keeping good time."

It is related that a loving wife told her partner that he was a model husband, and the husband repeated the alleged compliment to another, who told him to consult his dictionary and ascertain what it meant. He did so, and found that a model husband is a miniature representative of the real thing. And he lived unhappily ever afterwards.

### Lecture on China.

On account of the inclement weather, a small crowd was in attendance at the Presbyterian church Friday evening to hear A. J. Fitch, who spoke on the missionary work in which he has been engaged in China for the past seventeen years, several little ladies dressed to represent the different types of women to be seen in the far east, assisted in illustrating the lecture. The speaker dwelt upon the many obstacles that the missionaries had to overcome, and how, after many years of patient and arduous labor among the Chinese, their efforts were being crowned with success. The men as well as the women were encouraged to take an active interest in this work. The speaker gave many incidents of life in China, illustrating the queer beliefs and forms of worship of the heathens. Although the audience was small, it was very attentive, and evidenced their appreciation of the address by giving their whole and undivided attention. Mrs. Fitch is just home from Shantung, China, and possessed the ability to make the address interesting as well as edifying. Besides the address, which was under the auspices of the Presbyterian ladies missionary society, special music was rendered by the choir and male quartette.

A liquid cold relief with a laxative principle which drives out the cold through a copious action of the bowels and a healing principle which lingers in the throat and stops the cough—that is Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup. Safe and sure in its action; pleasant to take; and conforms to National Pure Food and Drug Law. Contains no opiates. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co.

## WILLIAM HENRY SCHILDKNECHT ANSWERS HIS LAST CALL

### PIONEER PHYSICIAN OF CASS COUNTY AT REST BENEATH VINE AND ROSE.

#### Honored During Life; Mourned in Death

(By Basil S. Ramsey.)

**DIED**—On Thursday, February 21, 1907, at 2:30 p. m., at his home in Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, **Doctor William Henry Schildknecht**, aged 70 years, 8 months, 23 days.

#### BRIEF LIFE HISTORY.

(Written Especially for the Journal)

##### Biographical.

Dr. William Henry Schildknecht was born on a farm twelve miles from Dayton, Ohio, near Germantown, Montgomery county, on May 28, 1836, and had almost completed his seventy-first year. His father, John Schildknecht, was a native of Maryland and the paternal grandfather was born in Germany, whence he emigrated to America in an early day, locating in the state of Maryland where the father of our subject grew to manhood and where he married Miss Susan Durr, a native of that state.

About the year 1835 John Schildknecht with his family, moved from their home in Maryland to the Buckeye State, making the trip overland with teams and located on the farm above named where our subject was born about a year afterwards. On this farm the Schildknecht family resided for about fifteen years, where young Schildknecht grew into young manhood and where he received thorough tuition in hard farm work incident to early agricultural life in Ohio. This farm work was supplemented with about three or four months of district school work during the year; but these very limited educational advantages were most industriously improved by our subject.

In 1850, when our departed friend was fourteen years old, his father and the family removed to Henry county, Indiana, and again located on a farm near New Castle. Here, as in Ohio, young Schildknecht industriously worked on the farm and, as assiduously applied himself to work in the district school, where, as in Ohio, the term was three or four months during the year.

Few colleges and academies were at this time available for aspiring young men and young women to complete a course of education. Likewise the financial means necessary for this purpose were limited to a very few persons. But Dr. Schildknecht was, notwithstanding, rather fortunate.

##### Studies Medicine.

He had, early in his boyhood, determined on a profession—one of the noblest and most useful to mankind—that of physician. Although deprived of the advantages of a collegiate course, yet at the early age of eighteen, he became a student of medicine under the instructions of one of the ablest physicians and surgeons of his day—Dr. Brewster of Dayton, Ohio, who had himself graduated under the tutelage of the celebrated Dr. Scudder of Cincinnati, Ohio.

##### Settles Near Plattsmouth.

After completing a course of study under Dr. Brewster, our subject commenced the practice of medicine in Henry county, Indiana, and continued the practice there until the spring of 1861, when, with his family, he removed to Cass county, Nebraska, making the journey overland with wagon and a span of ponies. An incident of this journey is known to a number of the doctor's friends. When nearing Glenwood, Iowa, a holdup of the doctor and his family was attempted by two supposedly outlaws. The bridle reins of the ponies were seized and the command "stop" given by the outlaws. He just applied the whip and the ponies struck a vigorous gallop. The vehement suddenness of the start jerked the would-be robbers to the ground and when they had regained their feet, the doctor and family were far beyond the reach of bullets and robbers and were still going.

After arriving in Nebraska—in the spring of 1861, our subject located on a claim three miles south of Plattsmouth, which became generally known and is yet known by many as the Schildknecht farm, owned for a number of years past, and by Mr. Wm. T. Cole of Plattsmouth. Here at the age of twenty-five, with his young and estimable wife and their two small chil-



dren, Dr. Schildknecht commenced pioneer life as farmer and physician. His industry and toil soon converted a wild prairie into a beautiful home and productive farm. His ability, success, faithfulness and conscientious discharge of professional duty, brought large and constantly increasing practice. No matter what hour the call came for medical aid—whether day or night, sunshine or storm, that call was alike humanitarian and a sacred one to Dr. Schildknecht's profession.

Many of the old pioneer settlers of that neighborhood nearly half a century ago, if alive, would recall incidents of Dr. Schildknecht many times seen even on foot with medicine chest on his arm, traveling for miles to relieve pain and suffering. Nor did it seem to matter whether the patient could or would pay for the doctor's services, the same kind, considerate and generally successful treatment was given each and all. With him the matter of payment for his services seemed of minor importance. He practiced his profession because he loved it. He successfully ministered to the sick and afflicted because such ministrations alleviated suffering and thus supplied nourishment to his humanitarian nature. With such a nature it is not surprising that during nearly fifty years of professional work, many thousands of dollars, well, faithfully and conscientiously earned were never collected.

Dr. Schildknecht was one of the oldest practicing physicians in Nebraska in point of years of practice, and the oldest practitioner in Cass county. He was contemporary with such pioneer physicians as Dr. Robert R. Livingston, Dr. William E. Donegan, Dr. John Black, Dr. Edmund F. Donegan, Dr. George H. Black and others of Plattsmouth; Dr. Henry Bradford, Dr. F. B. Reed and Dr. William E. Latta of Rock Bluffs, all of whom have answered the last call. Among the strong and leading physicians of Cass county at the present time is Dr. M. M. Butler of Weeping Water, who commenced preparation for his successful career under Dr. Schildknecht more than thirty years ago.

##### Family History.

To Dr. Schildknecht's father and mother four children were born of whom only two now remain: a brother, Lewis J. Schildknecht, residing at Foyle, Indian Territory and a sister, Mrs. Sarah Hoover, residing at Bartlett, Iowa. Some years after the death of the doctor's mother in Henry county, Indiana, in 1858, the father again married and Mrs. Schildknecht, the step-mother, is now living near New Castle, Indiana, at the advanced age of 88. Of the children born to the second marriage, two are still living: Jacob Schildknecht, residing near New Castle, Indiana, and Ezra J. Schildknecht, residing at Carlsbad, New Mexico. The doctor's father died in Henry county, Indiana, in 1883.

##### Marriage.

Dr. Schildknecht was twice married. The first wife was Miss Mary Adams to whom the doctor was united in marriage in Henry county, Indiana, in the spring of 1854. Miss Adams was the daughter of William and Rachel Adams, natives of North Carolina, whence they had emigrated in an early day to Indiana. Mrs. Schildknecht was a sister of the late Jonathan and Jacob Adams, who owned and lived upon farms near the Schildknecht home. The writer well remembers his first acquaintance with Dr. and Mrs. Schildknecht. This was in the winter of 1864-5. They had then been living in their pioneer home for about three years. Both had commenced life's struggle and both were full of hope. The husband, ambitious to rise, succeed and excel in his profession and the wife with firm, beautiful faith and confidence, nobly helping him along.

To Dr. and Mrs. Schildknecht ten children were born, of whom five died during infancy while the family resided in Indiana. Of the other five, two died in infancy and were buried in the Eikenbary cemetery. Three daughters grew to womanhood: Lydia Ann, born in Cass county, Nebraska, February 11, 1862; married to Stephen D. Smith; died at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, December 11, 1904 and buried in the Eikenbary cemetery. Issue, Georgia and Daisy. Sarah Elizabeth, born November 24, 1864; married to Frank T. Davis and resides at Los Angeles, California. Living issue, Mary, William and Lucy. Etta Cornish, born October 10, 1871; married to R. B. Carter; died at Blair, Nebraska, April 13, 1906 and buried at that place. Issue, Ethel and Lawrence.

Mrs. Schildknecht died in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on June 12, 1873, and was buried in the Eikenbary cemetery where so many of the old pioneers of that vicinity have been laid in final rest. Three little motherless girls were thus left to the care of father.

Dr. Schildknecht for his second wife united in marriage at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, to Mrs. Jane McCormick Fox, widow of Hon. Jesse C. Fox, a prominent and leading attorney and newspaper man, who with his wife and only child, William K. Fox (so well and generally known) had emigrated from Rushville, Illinois, locating in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, November 17, 1870, where he died on November 14, 1872.

This union proved a most fortunate, happy and helpful one. The highest type of womanhood, of wifehood, of motherhood, was most beautifully illustrated in the new home. Here another took up the care and guidance of three little children—related to her by no ties of blood, but whom cruel fate had deprived of one who had first taught them to lip the sweetest word in any language—mother. And most patiently, grandly and nobly was that task performed. From infancy—into girlhood—into exemplary, beautiful young womanhood, love grew and ripened into strongest filial affection and alike reciprocated by the loving tenderness, maternal devotion of one who had taken up and completed the work another had begun.

And yet still further as if again to testify that tender, humanitarian mother love, two little girls, Georgia and Daisy Smith—motherless by death of Mrs. Lydia Ann Smith—have found a home of love, care and tenderness with her whose guardian care so tenderly and lovingly guarded and directed the footsteps of the mother when in her early girlhood.

Dr. Schildknecht was not only a life long member of church, but in his daily walk, in a association with his fellowmen, ever illustrated the practical teachings of his christian belief and religious faith. Early in young manhood he made public profession of religion, becoming a member of the United Brethren church at his old home in Indiana; and on removal to Cass county, Neb., became a member of the same religious denomination, a church then with an organization a short distance south of Plattsmouth.

##### Funeral Services.

On Saturday, February 23, 1907, at 2 o'clock p. m., funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Plattsmouth, where a large number of friends assembled, both from the city and county to attest their respect and high regard for one whom they had so long known and so highly honored. The funeral was under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, of which the deceased had long been a member. Floral offerings were many and beautiful—mute tributes of love

and esteem for him who had passed away.

Rev. J. E. Houlgate conducted the services at the church, and delivered an able and instructive discourse with many soothing words to sorrowing relatives and friends. Rev. A. L. Zink of the Christian church assisted in the impressive services and delivered a most beautiful and eloquent eulogy on the life of deceased. A choir consisting of Mrs. H. E. Westcott, Mrs. Mae Morgan and Messrs. Ralph W. White and Emmons Richey beautifully and touchingly rendered the following: "Sun of My Soul;" "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me;" and "There is a Wilderness in God's Mercy."

The pall bearers, selected from intimate friends of deceased and family, were Judge William H. Newell, Chester H. Smith, Henry R. Gering, Oliver C. Dovey, Dr. Josiah E. Martin and Eli Manspeaker.

After the conclusion of the ceremonies at the church, the long funeral cortege slowly wended its way to the Eikenbary cemetery where, under the beautiful and most impressive closing burial ritual of the Masonic fraternity, all that remained mortal of an early pioneer; of an honored, valued citizen; of a leading, faithful physician; of a devoted husband and father and of a true, constant and most charitable friend, were consigned to final rest by the side of loved ones who had gone before and near the spot where he and his young wife commenced life in Nebraska, nearly half a century ago.

##### Tribute.

During the most of Dr. Schildknecht's long life, he had enjoyed remarkably good health; but within the last few years his generally strong physical constitution had been gradually yielding to advancing age. Although active in the practice of the profession he loved so well, yet at times during the last few years, he would be forced to stop work for awhile in order to recuperate. Some time ago, he was forced to give up practice entirely and take to his bed. Infirmities of age, aggravated by a complication of diseases incident to one who has passed beyond, three score and ten, prolonged his last sickness for several months. But the best medical attention, supplemented with careful, hopeful nursing of a devoted wife and stepson, could not arrest nor turn back the ravages of time. The last call had come from—Beyond and—it must be—it was answered.

Dr. Schildknecht was a man universally honored and respected. There was that something in his individuality which always attracted friends and when a friendship was once formed, it was seldom, if ever broken.

Most genial, social, charitable and warm-hearted, no one ever appealed to him in vain for aid and help. In charitable acts as in his profession, helping the needy and relieving the sufferer, were alike compensatory to his nature.

In professional life, he ranked among the best and most successful. In home-life, surrounded by his family, loving, devoted, indulgent. Although death had often—ten times broken the family circle, yet calm resignation to the inevitable with buoyant hope, still held him up.

Dr. Schildknecht had faithfully worked out his destiny—his work finished. His memory and example still and will, long remain.

Alone we leave him, quietly at rest by the side of loved ones and beneath garland and verdure.

##### Breeders of Red Polled Cattle.

Henry Heil, jr., of the firm of Wendell Heil & Son, of Eight Mile Grove, was in the city Monday, and made the Journal a business call. These gentlemen have been engaged for some time in breeding Red Polled cattle, and while they have an excellent herd of the animals, they expect to embark more extensively in the business in the future. Mr. Heil, jr., is an energetic young man, and expects to give almost his entire attention to the care of these celebrated cattle. It would be well for those who expect to make a business of breeding fine cattle to call on these gentlemen and look over their fine herd. They will give all a cordial welcome, and will take great pleasure in exhibiting their stock to all who come.

##### Bridges Waves Examination.

The case of the state vs John P. Bridges, charged with incest and raping his own daughter, was called this afternoon in the county court and the prisoner waived the preliminary hearing and he was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$1,000. He is to give a surety bond and it is understood that the matter is to be fixed this evening and when it is done the prisoner will be released from jail.—Nebraska City News.

## BUGGY DASHED TO PIECES

### Occupants Have Wonderful Escape From Injury in a Runaway Sunday.

### COLLIDED WITH TELEPHONE POLE

#### Demolished Vehicle, Frightened Steed and Two Women Land in a Heap Unharmed.

About half past twelve o'clock Sunday noon, considerable excitement prevailed for several minutes, when a buggy containing two women, was dashed down main street, careening from side to side, behind a badly frightened steed, which finally precipitated the outfit and occupants in a heap against the steam laundry building at the corner of Lincoln avenue and main street.

The accident occurred, when Mrs. Mrs. Chris Tschirren and daughter Miss Mary were driving along Main street near the Methodist church, where the horse being frightened at some object, became unmanageable, and was soon running at his best speed. On the corner of Lincoln avenue and Main street the driver who was frantically endeavoring to restrain the unruly animal, attempted to turn south out the avenue. The speed of the beast was too great, and before the turn could be made the buggy collided with a telephone pole, which tore off both of the wheels of the left side, causing the occupants to be hurled upon the sidewalk in front of the laundry building, while the steed and wrecked buggy landed in a heap along the west side of the building.

Many people upon the streets at the time, who had followed the mad flight of the runaway, were soon at hand to lend assistance, but this was devoted to the frightened horse, as Mrs. Tschirren and her daughter, had fortunately escaped without injury, beyond a severe shaking up, from which they quickly recovered. The horse after being extricated from the harness and splintered buggy, was found to be none the worse for the spin.

### Debaters Lose to Wahoo.

The Senior debating club of the Plattsmouth High school, who represented the school in a debate against the Athenian debating club of the Wahoo High school, returned to this city Saturday after suffering defeat at the hands of the Wahoo High school.

Ernest Horn, R. K. Bates and Elmer Root represented the Senior debating club, and James Spaulding, James Anderson and Will Westram represented the Athenian club. The debate was very close, the Athenian club debaters winning on a very close decision. Westram of Wahoo secured first place, Bates, of Plattsmouth, second and Anderson, of Wahoo, third.

Prof. E. E. McGee of Ashland, Prof. Cohn of Fremont Normal and Attorney Maynard of Fremont, were the judges.

The question of debate "Resolved that the government of United States should control and operate the railroad systems."

After the debate the Senior class of the Wahoo High School gave the visiting team a reception which was enjoyed by them.

### A Singular Accident.

A special from Murray gives the following account of a singular accident that occurred near that city on Saturday last: "Grandpa Cline, who lives with his son, William Cline, three miles northeast of town, suffered from a peculiar accident Saturday morning in which the large muscles of both arms were torn from their upper attachment. He had arisen and was dressing when he was taken with severe cramps in the arms. The pain was agonizing, but did not last more than a few minutes. On examination there was found a mass of muscle above the elbow beneath the skin. This was followed by swelling and the skin becoming black and blue. Other than soreness and inability to raise the arms properly he is comfortable."

### Girls Defeated at Glenwood.

The members of the Plattsmouth high school girls basket ball team, returned Friday night from Glenwood, where they suffered defeat at the hands of the Glenwood girls team, by a score of 16 to 11. The game was an interesting one, and although the home girls played together well, the local girls was too much for them. The first half resulted in a score of 9 to 2, and in the second half many fouls were made, but the Plattsmouth girls succeeded in scoring 5 points while their opponents gained six.

A large number of rooters with Miss Mae Darling as chaperon, accompanied the team to Glenwood.