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JOTTINGS FOR THE JOLLY

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

Spring is coming; what's the use?
It's shaking of the dice—
Slip on a banana peel
Instead of on the ice.

Why are not eggs used in ornamenting the Easter bonnets.

If you have potatoes to plant, prepare to plant them now.

The world doesn't owe you a living. Remember it was here first.

It seems to take the Thaw trial as long to finish as it did to start.

It will soon be time to cage your hens. Then there will be trouble.

The brave deserve the fair, but they are not always able to support her.

Lazy men are always talking about some other men who are fools for luck.

The way to convince a man is to make him think he is convincing you.

Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy—or otherwise.

It will soon be weather for catching ball. The kind for catching cold is here.

A widow's mite is spelled m-i-g-h-t when she makes up her mind to marry again.

Don't say you saw a robin unless you saw a robin. Some people are so suspicious.

Perhaps some day a genius will rise to the occasion and give the world a noiseless phonograph.

There is something the matter with a woman when she is willing to let a man do all the talking.

Make a list of your acquaintances and you will be surprised at the number of small men you know.

Necessity usually knows a good thing when it sees it, even if it does fall down on a law examination.

An old bachelor declares that you may be sure that when a girl admits a fellow kissed her, he didn't.

Is life worth living?
No, it ain't,
Unless your liver
Is a saint.

Before doing anything that you are ashamed of be sure and see that all your neighbors are several blocks away.

Don't you wish, sometimes, that you could run down to the corner and buy a couple of hours from the first loafer you meet?

Women, as a rule, have poor heads for figures. That may be why it is almost impossible for one to figure her age correctly.

A man may be excused for worrying about the present, but there is no excuse for him if he sits down and worries about the future.

So common has the habit of chewing gum become in Gower that the Enterprise says the young folks even chew while in church.

The water wagon which has been out of business since January might be utilized to advantage now by doing a little street sprinkling.

As between two evils, some men in this old town are inclined to take chances with boarding house hash in preference to matrimony.

Heirship is Established.

In the matter of the claim of Tilly Petersen to the estate of J. A. Bauer, deceased, which action was taken from the district of this county to the supreme court on errors, the former opinion is adhered to by Judge Letton of the supreme court who says: "The right of heirship in an estate can only be established in an action in equity; an action at law cannot be maintained to recover on the ground that the decedent agreed in his lifetime to make the claimant his heir."

The suit was originally tried in this county, where the issues were found in favor of the plaintiff, Tilly Petersen, an adopted daughter of J. A. Bauer, who resided near Wabash, and left an estate worth about \$25,000. It would seem that no disposition of the property was made except through a promise made to the plaintiff by the deceased foster father, who agreed to leave the property to the adopted daughter. The children of Edward Bauer, a son of J. A. Bauer, contested this disposition of the property, with the above results.

Worked Like a Charm.

Mr. D. N. Walker, editor of that spicy Journal, the Enterprise, Louisa, Va., says: "I ran a nail in my foot last week and at once applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve. No inflammation followed; the salve simply healed the wound." Heals every sore, burn and skin disease. Guaranteed at F. G. Gricke & Co.'s, druggists. 25c.

In Honor of Mrs. VanHorn.

Last evening being the regular meeting of the Star lodge, Degree of Honor, after the regular business session of the order a reception was given in honor of Mrs. VanHorn, in honor of her recent wedding. Mrs. VanHorn, formerly Mrs. Dickson, holds the office of Chief of Honor of the Star lodge. A daintily prepared luncheon consisting of many delicacies of the season was set before the members. The occasion was a most pleasant one to all present, especially the honored one, Mrs. VanHorn.

THE MATTER FULLY SETTLED

The Supreme Court Says that Governor Sheldon is Entitled to Use of Mansion.

"It is not a prerequisite of office or other compensation," are the words of the Nebraska state constitution which the supreme court of state used yesterday when it rendered an opinion in an original case which Governor George L. Sheldon requested Attorney General W. W. Thompson to institute to test the right of the governor, to occupy, rent free, a residence owned by the state and which has been set aside by legislative enactment for the use of the governor. The state constitution says that no state officer shall receive "to their own use any fees, costs, interests upon public moneys in their hands or under their control, perquisites of office or other compensation, and all fees that may hereafter be payable by law for services performed by an officer, provided for in this article of the constitution, shall be payable in advance into the state treasury."

The Lincoln Journal adds: "Several governors have occupied a residence set aside for their use by an act of the legislature and no one questioned the propriety of this until Governor Sheldon had the attorney file a test case. The constitution requires the governor to live at the capital of the state and the legislature, by an act has said that the governor shall occupy a residence owned by the state. The precedent set in other states having a similar constitution shows that either a cash appropriation has been voted for the payment of house rent for the governor or the state has furnished the governor a house in which to live."

"Governor Sheldon was defended in the suit by two attorneys, United States Senator Norris Brown and State Senator J. L. Root of Cass county. Attorney General W. W. Thompson represented the state. Governor Sheldon filed a demurrer to the suit to collect from him \$100 a month rent for the use of the governor's mansion. The supreme court yesterday sustained the demurrer. The opinion of the court was written by Judge Letton. The court finds that the furnishing of a house in which the governor may live is no more a perquisite of office no more than providing him with office rooms in the state house. The syllabus of the opinion dismissing the action is as follows:

"When the legislature has construed a provision of the constitution in an administrative matter in one of two equally reasonable ways, the court will not take the opposite view, but will adopt and follow the legislative construction."

"The occupancy by the governor during his term of office of the executive mansion provided by the state, in which he is required by law to maintain his residence, is not a 'perquisite of office or other compensation' and is not prohibited by the constitution."

Compelled to Remove Track.

The river is fast cutting away the land in the vicinity of Minersville and the Burlington track is so near the main channel of the river that a large force of men are at work there moving it back and further up the bluff. The railroad has experienced considerable trouble with the river at this point and they are going to put the road bed so high this time that they hope not to be bothered in the future.—Nebraska City News.

With Grit and Energy.

Now is the proper time for our merchants and business men in general to resort to some means by which they might instill a little more energy in their beings. Now is the proper time to agitate something that will draw more trade to Plattsmouth. This can easily be done if we go to work and organize a company to inaugurate a sales day every two weeks. While these sales are in vogue, the merchant can make it also a bargain day at his store. We can instill more life in the old town by using grit and energy. Let us try the remedy through one summer.

THE CEREMONY WAS DELAYED

But Not the Fault of Either the Bride or the Groom.

WENT TO OMAHA FOR THE LICENSE

But the Document Received at Omaha Would Not Go in Cass County.

Young people sometimes have a great deal of trouble in getting married, but not many make such mistakes as did the groom in the instance the Journal here relates, and which retarded the ceremony somewhat.

Oscar Fred Johnson, it seems, desired to marry Miss Edna Kelberg, and the hour was set for the ceremony. Instead of coming to Plattsmouth for the necessary permit for their marriage, the groom bled himself off to Omaha, where he procured the license. Returning to Nehawka, and everything being in readiness for the event, the officiating minister proceeded to open the envelope that contained the license, when he found that the groom had made a great mistake in not procuring his permit in the county in which the bride and groom reside. The consequences were the postponement of the wedding.

As soon as the mistake was discovered, the very much disappointed groom procured a team and "lit out" for Plattsmouth, where they arrived about 5 o'clock. After the license had been issued another predicament occurred. In going down in his pocket for the necessary wherewith to pay for the document, he was surprised to find that he did not have his pocket-book with him, and felt very much embarrassed. He appealed to his prospective brother-in-law, who also failed to have the necessary amount.

The groom told Judge Travis that he thought when he left home he had his pocketbook containing \$50, and that he had either lost it or some one had slipped it out of his pocket for a joke. Judge Travis sympathized with the groom in his sad predicament, and told him that in order not to further delay the happy event, he would consent to him taking the document and send the money to him after he returned home.

Evidently the young man was in considerable trouble when he discovered that his pocketbook had mysteriously disappeared, but when Judge Travis kindly consented to his taking the papers anyway, his countenance brightened up, and he was ready to pronounce the judge his savior. He departed from the Judge's office in great glee, and the Journal hopes that he did not meet with any more ill-luck before the nuptial knot was tied.

Burlington Improvements at Ashland.

A special from Ashland says: "The Burlington is still continuing its improvements here. The foundations for the new water tanks have been completed and the large force of men is now at work, tracking for the mains that will lead to the different cranes in the yards. Plans for the new passenger station have been received and work will at once commence upon the erection of this depot. It will be modeled after the Burlington station at Crete. A corps of engineers is now in the city making a final survey for the realignment of trackage for the new yards which have just been completed."

Struck By Stray Bullet.

While at work in the Burlington coach shops this morning, Roy Burdick felt a sudden stinging pain in his left breast. Think that some of his clothing was scratching him, he rubbed the affected spot vigorously for a few minutes and then continued with his work. In a short time he began to grow faint, and ceasing the labor at which he was engaged, he observed that his shirt was saturated with blood. Fellow workmen assisted him to the company surgeon's office, where upon examination it was found that the man had been pierced in the left breast above the heart by some unknown missile, presumably a bullet.

The young man was taken to the home of his father-in-law, J. M. Johns, where he is resting nicely this afternoon. A further examination will be necessary to locate the bullet, which did not go completely through the unfortunate man. The wound is not considered serious, and it is thought that the patient will recover in due time.

On learning of the accident Mayor Gering directed an investigation in the neighborhood of Wintersteen Hill, from which direction the bullet is thought to have come, but this failed to disclose the party or parties who did the shooting.

F. G. Ackerman Dead.

The following account of the death of F. G. Ackerman, formerly of Plattsmouth, was taken from the Havelock department of the Lincoln News, of Thursday, March 21:

"F. G. Ackerman, who has been seriously ill for some time, passed away at his home at 2:15 yesterday morning. Mr. Ackerman was over sixty-six years old, and had been a resident of Havelock for about fifteen years. He is survived by a wife and nine children, two of the later, W. F. Ackerman, master mechanic of the Havelock shops and George Ackerman being a resident of this city. The other children are Mary Ackerman of Chicago, Edward Ackerman of Plattsmouth, Mrs. Anna McClary of Mt. Pleasant, Ia., August Ackerman of Bennington, Ia., John Ackerman of South Omaha, Mrs. Minnie Knox of Lincoln and Frank Ackerman of Tacoma, Wash. Services were conducted today at the Methodist church by Rev. Prescott of Lincoln, the body afterwards being taken to Mt. Pleasant, Ia., for interment."

GREEK MEETS WITH GREEK

Several Arrests of the M. P. Foreign Section Men Made by Officers

POLICE JUDGE ARCHER HEARS TROUBLES

Fine of \$5 and Costs Paid by One, Another Pleads "Not Guilty;" Still Another to be Tried for Hurling Plates

From the appearance of a number of Greeks of the Missouri Pacific section gang in police court Friday morning, it would seem life in the bunk cars at the above station is not as peaceable and free from disturbances as our citizens are lead to believe, from the general conduct of the foreigners recently imported to this vicinity.

The first complaint made was that against Angels Kalos for carrying concealed weapons, mention of which was made in yesterday's issue of the Journal. The trouble arose when Kalos persisted in abusing and insulting the Greek interpreter, whom he claimed owed him several dollars. This fact he seemed to think, gave him a right to be abusive to the interpreter, who, as soon as he received his check, paid Kalos the obligation, and warned him to desist from further insulting remarks. Kalos upon hearing the above warning, jumped upon and "took a crack" at the interpreter, whose friends attempted to interfere. Kalos then grabbed a fierce looking knife but it was taken away from him, and he drew a pistol but was prevented from doing injury to anyone. The officers were notified of the disturbance and started out for the quarrelsome Greek, who, anticipating their coming, took up the track toward Omaha. After several hours' chase, the fugitive was landed behind the bars. At the preliminary hearing he pleaded "not guilty" and giving bond of \$300 for his appearance for trial on tomorrow morning, he was released from custody.

The second case to be heard by Judge Archer was that of fighting and disturbing the peace, Sperious Bonholas being the defendant. A plea of guilty was entered, and the judge interposing a fine of \$5 and costs, which was handed over and the Greek discharged.

The climax of the trouble which seems to have been brewing in the Greek quarters came this morning when Dan Movros hurled a plate and several other dishes at a fellow countryman, because the latter refused to get up and cook breakfast. A warrant was issued for his arrest, but no return has been made up to this time. The arrest of the Greeks caused considerable excitement among the others, who collected about on the streets last evening, talking and gesticulating in excited tones and manners. A Greek interpreter from Omaha was present at the trial in police court to assist the one in this city with the examination and explanations.

Willie wailed and Winnie wheezed, while wintry winds whined weirdly. Willie wriggled while Winnie wheezed wretchedly. Wisdom whispers, winter winds work wheezes. Wherefore we write, "Use Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup." Nothing else so good. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co.

For Trade—13-acre tract of land south of town for city property. Inquire of J. H. Thrasher, Coates Block.

LOSES FOOT UNDER WHEEL

Tramp Attempting to Steal Ride on Fast Freight Meets with Accident.

INJURED MAN CARED FOR BY COUNTY

A Native of Edinburg, Scotland, Where Father and Sisters Reside—Has No Relatives in this Country

About 9 a. m. Saturday last northbound freight No. 71 was passing through the Burlington switch yards, two tramps attempted to steal a ride—one succeeding in boarding a car, while the other was thrown underneath the wheels and got his left foot badly crushed and mangled.

The accident was observed by Conductor Sweeney of the freight, and he alighted from the train to notify the station agent. The injured man was found on the west side of the track near the elevator, south of the depot, where he had rolled after escaping from beneath the wheels of the passing train. He was conveyed to the station where further loss of blood was stopped, and a temporary dressing made by company surgeon T. E. Livingston, who had been hastily summoned.

The case was then turned over to the county physician, Dr. J. B. Martin, who had the patient conveyed to the Perkins House, where he is being cared for.

The unfortunate man is a wood chopper and was enroute from Chicago to the west where he expected to find employment. He is 23 years of age, a native of Edinburg, Scotland, where he has a father and several sisters living, but has no relatives in this country, or is not a member of any society, on account of which the county had to take care of him.

After examining the injured limb, from which the foot was severed near the ankle, it was found necessary to perform a surgical operation. In this Dr. Martin was assisted by Dr. T. P. Livingston, Dr. E. W. Cook and Dr. B. F. Brendel of Murray. The left limb was amputated a short distance below the knee this afternoon and Fred Nixey, the patient, is slowly recovering from the anesthetic administered.

THE THIEVES AND THIEVES

Inadequate Penalty for High Crimes Against the Government.

Four Nebraska cattlemen who conspired to steal 200,000 acres of government land have been condemned to pay the penalty for their crimes. Two of them are to pay a fine of \$1,500 each and serve one year in the county jail; two of them must pay \$800 each and spend eight months in jail. It cannot be said that this is an excessive punishment for the theft of 200,000 acres of land, says the Chicago Tribune.

Suppose that these men had been convicted of stealing \$200 in cash or that by force they had held up a citizen and taken a dollar from his pocket they would not have got off so easily. There is a defect in the laws when greater thieves escape with penalties mild in comparison with those imposed upon the lesser thieves. If the man who stole \$173,000 from the sub-treasury is found to be a trusted employee of the government no greater punishment can be inflicted upon him than upon a sneak thief who takes an overcoat worth \$15, while the minimum penalty in the latter case is one year and in the former case six months.

Whether viewed from the standpoint of punishment or warning the penalty inflicted upon the land thieves is not likely to have a great deterrent effect. To serve one year in the county jail, where money will procure luxuries and where there is no hard labor to perform, is little enough to pay for the use for years of 200,000 acres of land. The government is making a good beginning in prosecuting the men who seize the public domain, but the next convicted criminals should be given the extreme penalty of the law if the practice is to be rendered unpopular.

A Sudden Death.

The report arrived here yesterday (Sunday) early that Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell had passed away very suddenly a little after midnight Saturday. The deceased was a large woman, and apparently in the best of health all day Saturday and had transacted business in Union in the afternoon.

Soon after returning home in the afternoon, she began to feel ill, but it was thought to be only temporary, and had revived to some extent. The next attack terminated in death in a very few moments.

Mrs. O'Donnell is a widow, and is the mother of four children—Misses Alice, Rose and Mamie, and one son, Henry—all of whom survive her. The deceased is a sister of Pat Egan of this city, and she is well known in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Egan went down yesterday, having been notified of his sister's death soon after its occurrence.

The remains will be brought to this city and interment made in the Holy Sepulchre cemetery, but as to the exact hour the services will occur we have not been informed.

WORK TO BEGIN MAY FIRST

Three Snag Boats Are to Be Kept in Operation on the Missouri River by the Government.

\$400,000 AVAILABLE FOR UNDERTAKING

Plans for Clearing Channel for Navigation Approved by the War Department.

From all reports one year from the present date those who are alive of the pioneers of this section can again view steamboats plying up and down the Missouri river. Telegrams from Washington are to the effect that plans have been perfected for improving the river, under the appropriation allowed in the river and harbor bill. Work will begin May 1. A special from Washington, under date of March 21, says:

"The plans were approved today at the War Department by General McKenzie, Chief of Engineers. They were submitted by Colonel J. B. Quinn whose office is at Sioux City, and who is the engineer in charge of the Missouri river."

"The rivers and harbors bill made available for Missouri River work \$400,000, to be expended as follows: Between the mouth of the river and Kansas City, \$150,000; between Kansas City and Sioux City, \$150,000, and between Sioux City and Fort Benton, Mont., \$100,000.

"The most important part of the work, as outlined by Colonel Quinn, will consist in the removal of snags and other obstruction in the channel. On this work about one-half of the total appropriation will be expended. It is expected that, when it is finished, the river will be in condition for the navigation of the boats of the proposed freight lines that are being organized in Kansas City and Omaha for the greater part of the year."

"Three steamboats will be put at work, the C. R. Suter, between Kansas City and St. Louis; the James M. McPherson, between Kansas City and Sioux City, and the Mandan, above Sioux City. None of these boats are now in commission, and Colonel Quinn says it will cost \$23,000 to get them ready for the work. He thinks it will require two snagging seasons' work for the removal of obstructions in the channel. He estimates that the cost of this work will be from the mouth to Kansas City, \$85,000; from Kansas City to Sioux City, \$50,000, and from Sioux City to Fort Benton, \$37,000.

A considerable portion of the work of protection of the banks where such work is necessary to navigation.

"Colonel Quinn states that a survey of the river at St. Joseph, which was specifically provided for in the rivers and harbors bill can be completed at an expense of about \$1,000.

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