

## THE ELOPERS UNDER THE KING'S DOMAIN

And From Late Reports They are Evidently Making no Calculations on Returning.

The rumors which were current some two weeks ago concerning the elopement of Perry Marsh, the horseman, living south of this city in Rock Bluffs precinct, and Mrs. M. W. Pratt, the wife of one of Marsh's neighbors, have been fully confirmed and the eloping couple are now supposed to be somewhere in Canada, although their exact whereabouts are unknown. At the time of the rumors, The Journal investigated them and obtained substantial corroboration of them, but withheld the publication of them at the request of the authorities, who understood Pratt meant to prosecute Marsh and his faithless spouse.

The relations of Marsh and Mrs. Pratt had been quite largely commented upon by the neighbors of the pair long before the elopement took place. From them it is learned that Marsh was largely instrumental in getting Pratt and his wife, with their little child, to remove from Auburn, where they resided, to a farm adjacent to his own in Rock Bluffs precinct.

Mrs. Pratt is reported to be a decidedly handsome woman and Marsh became quite assiduous in his attentions to her. Like most such cases, the husband did not suspect anything wrong and the guilty pair were enabled to keep up their relations for a long period of time, finally culminating some two weeks ago in the woman taking her three-years-old child and disappearing. At the same time Marsh evaporated from the scene, leaving his wife and family behind.

Tongues were immediately busy and Marsh's name was coupled with some three or four different women, all of whom had, at some time or other, received attentions from him. This talk finally simmered down to Mrs. Pratt, whose husband called in the aid of the county authorities, and together they made efforts to locate the parties. While this was being done Marsh returned, and there were hints of impending trouble between her and Pratt. However, while he was here word was received from Grand Forks, N. D., that Mrs. Pratt, with the child, had been apprehended at the town of Emerald, N. D., and Pratt immediately prepared to go after her.

A week ago last Saturday Marsh also left, the two men hurrying away on the same date apparently in a race to see which would get to the woman

first. Prior to leaving Marsh had disposed of his property by turning the bulk of it over to the First National bank of this city, although he had deeded some land to his wife. The bank assumed control of his financial affairs.

In the meantime Mrs. Pratt was in jail at Emerald, and when her husband arrived the couple had an interview, and after some argument the woman consented to return to her home near Rock Bluffs. She was released from jail and the couple went to a hotel in the town, where she feigned illness and changed her mind about returning. She had, however, persuaded Pratt to buy her some jewelry and other things, just to show he was a good fellow. After her pretended illness the woman induced Pratt to come back alone, with the intention of disposing of what property he possessed in this vicinity, and to return to her at Emerald, where they would locate.

Pratt came back, and on his return gave it out that she was not the woman; that the officers had made a mistake and arrested the wrong party. He was to dispose of his property and return to her, but in the meantime Marsh came back into the limelight, and on his appearance the affection of the woman for Pratt vanished like the mist before the sun. Marsh showed up on the scene as soon as Pratt had left, in fact, he was in Grand Forks at the time Pratt was in Emerald, and upon the latter's departure Marsh got into communication with Mrs. Pratt, and the couple again eloped. Last Thursday Mrs. Pratt secured a rig, and in company with Marsh, departed. The North Dakota authorities made no further effort to stop the parties, being apparently disgusted with the turn events had taken.

So far as can be learned there is no definite news as to the whereabouts of the couple. They are supposed to be probably at Winnipeg, altho this is mere conjecture.

What further steps Pratt will take, if any, are unknown. Marsh was well known in this vicinity. He had a strong reputation as a libertine and his conquests among women were reported as numerous. As is usual, in such cases, he probably was credited with a great deal more than he was actually guilty of but if half the stories told were true, he was a bad actor.

### Pleasantly Surprised

A genuine surprise party was given Mrs. G. M. Patton last Saturday evening when a great number of her friends and neighbors assembled at her home in the fifth ward, laden down with lunch baskets and prepared to have a good time at the lady's home. As she had had no previous notice of their coming the party was a most complete surprise and she hardly knew what to make when they came in. It did not take her long, however, to recover her composure and she proceeded to make the company at home in her usual home-like manner.

The evening was most pleasantly spent in social visiting, games, music and various amusements, the party finding themselves so well entertained that they stayed until past the midnight hour. Everyone had a pleasant time not the least of which Mrs. Patton enjoyed.

Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Robt. H. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thompson, Mesdames Link Denson, O. P. Monroe, J. O. Thomas, Geo. Verhule, Riley Jones, M. E. Thompson, Miss Drusilla Thomas, Messrs. Alvin Thomas, Ward Patton, Roy Patton, Eddie Verhule, Monte Fraks and G. M. Patton.

Mrs. C. A. Janda and little child departed on the noon train for their home at Havelock, after a visit with Mrs. Janda's folks in this city.

### Card of Thanks

I hereby express to my many devoted friends, one and all, my appreciation of the many acts of kindness shown me and mine in sickness and death. Thankfully yours,  
EMILY DICKSON.

### Gone to Colorado.

J. G. Richey departed Wednesday via the M. P. for Atchison, Kas., where he will take the Santa Fe for Granada, Col., where he has important business interests. The Cass Land company, of which Mr. Richey is general manager, has several thousand acres of land near Granada which they are preparing to put under a private irrigating plant, the water to be taken from wells, insuring a continuous supply in all seasons and it is in connection with this work that Mr. Richey makes the trip. He will also visit other points in Colorado during his stay, investigating lands with a view to purchasing.

### A Pretty Home Wedding.

Wednesday at three o'clock at the home of the bride, on Rock street, occurred a very pretty home wedding, when Rev. A. A. Randall of the Methodist church, united in marriage Miss Lulu Leek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Leek, and Charles Ernest Binkley, of Glenwood. There was no guests present except the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The sermon was a simple one and was followed by a neat wedding luncheon, after which the happy pair departed on the five o'clock Burlington train for their future home at Glenwood, Iowa.

Miss Leek is one of this city's best known and most popular young ladies, whose many friends hasten to extend their heartiest congratulations. Mr. Binkley is a prosperous young business man of Glenwood, who has an excellent reputation in every respect, and who is deservedly popular in the community where he is well known. He is to be congratulated upon his good fortune in winning one of Plattsmouth's fairest daughters.

### A Pleasant Gathering.

A pleasant time was had at the home of Henry Kaufmann, four miles south of the city, Sunday, August 8. Cake, ice cream and plenty to drink was served during the afternoon.

Those who were there were Martin Frederick and wife, Peter Evers and family, Ed. Donat and son, Eddie, Emil Walters, wife and son, Herman Tierkoetter and family, Wm. Kaufman, wife and daughter, Nellie, Chris. Tschirren, wife and son, Roy, Adolph Wesch, wife and daughter, Sophia, Peter Mumm, Fritz Bracht, Mr. and Mrs. James McCulloch, R. H. Ramsel, Will Ramsel of Seward, Neb.

Gus Olson was out and took many different views of the place and gathering.

### QUITE A FEW OF THE REASONS

#### Why Plattsmouth Does Not Prosper as She Should.

While at the old settlers reunion last Saturday we talked with a number of farmers who said that they had not been in the county seat for from one to two years, and gave as a reason "that they had no particular business to call them here; that they could send down their taxes, and there were no inducements for them to come here to trade; that they could buy goods just as cheap in any of the towns of Cass county as they could in Plattsmouth, and some articles they could buy a great deal cheaper."

Now, such remarks as quoted above come not only from one farmer, but from fifty. And while we are about it, we desire to say right here that in our trips over the county we have repeatedly heard remarks of this nature from farmers who stated that ten years ago they bought all their supplies at Plattsmouth, and they would do the same today if the proper inducements were offered.

The Journal feels the same as many farmers do—that goods ought to be bought as reasonable in this city as they can at retail either in Omaha or Nebraska City. Why the principal merchants of Plattsmouth can not see the reason why trade is rather more on the decrease than increase we are unable to say, and it will continue on the downward path unless something is done to counteract it. We feel a deep interest in the prosperity of our town, and we are not writing this article because we want to, as much as we desire to again warn those who have the city's interests at heart, that unless something is done to retrieve our lost ground we had just as well resign ourselves to the inevitable, "sit down on our oars," and let every little town in the county gradually coax the trade away from Plattsmouth by selling goods that ought to be bought here cheaper than they are now sold.

We shall keep on warning those who feel a deep interest in Plattsmouth and when the day comes that we lose out in many other matters that will cause trade to drop off, they will then begin to realize that they have been entirely too slow in the progressive procession for their own good.

### They Choose to "Light Out."

Saturday the police took in three of the genus hobo who had imbibed too freely at the fount of Bacchus or some other brewer, and who had found themselves weary and heavy laden, especially the latter. They were something of an eyesore to the esthetic tastes of our noble police force and were cast into the nethermost depths of the city portion of Jailor Manspeaker's hostelry, there to sober up and reflect upon their fallen state. After mature reflection over Sunday, they were haled before Judge M. Archer, where they gave the names of Paul McQuillan, Thos. Craven and Jas. Kelly. After listening to their forced and feeble explanation of the cause of their downfall, the Judge produced his celebrated brand of justice and administered five dollars worth each to Paul, Thomas and James, giving them the privilege of either taking this or making themselves scarce in this vicinity within one hour. They chose the latter and soon left in the wilds of the Iowa shore where the rum demon could not get in his work on their enfeebled constitutions.

### Peaches! Peaches!

For this week only the undersigned will have many bushels of peaches to dispose of at 60c per bushel in the orchard. The peaches are of fine grade. Call at my place in Rock Bluffs.  
W. S. SHERA.

### Watching Bryan's Home.

A correspondent at Mr. Bryan's Fairview, near Lincoln, Neb., tells how the Democratic candidate provides for the squad of newspaper men who are assigned to "cover" the candidate. He writes: "Mr. Bryan takes a personal interest in the newspaper men who are assigned to the task of watching his home, and he does everything in his power to make them comfortable. On the east side of the north and south country road, 400 feet back from the highway, stands the Bryan home. On the west side of the road, facing the big brick house, is the 'press tent,' surrounded by fine trees. Its position on Fairview Hill insures a good breeze at all times, and the correspondents could not find in all the neighborhood a cooler resting place. For most of the visiting newspaper men, who are glad to be away from the hot streets of the cities, the Fairview assignment is much like a vacation in some choice rural resort."

### GETS LATE MODEL CASH REGISTER.

#### H. M. Soennichsen Adds Fine Machine to His Store Equipment.

H. M. Soennichsen today received a fine model National Cash Register, one of the finest the company produces and a register which fills every want of the storekeeper, the clerk and the customer. It is considered the most complete register ever manufactured. There is a drawer for each clerk. The model which Mr. Soennichsen put in is really four complete registers in one. The machine keeps a complete record of each clerk's sales both cash and credit, with the number of customers served, and a record of each clerk's receipts on account and also the amount paid out. The machine also issues and prints receipts showing the date, clerk, amount and whether it is a cash or credit sale. This enables a customer to check up his expenditures either in cash or in charges and discover any errors. The drawers are each equipped with a different toned bell so that when opened it is impossible to make a mistake. These drawers can be locked when required. The machine is a great benefit to Mr. Soennichsen's customers in many ways. It prevents overcharges, protects those buying on credit and prevents bills being presented twice for payment and insures quick service. The machine is really a marvel of human ingenuity and is as near human as a machine can be. The machine is being installed by C. S. Lusk, the agent of the National Cash Register Co. who is present today instructing Mr. Soennichsen in its workings.

### Let There be Light.

In an interview with O. F. Reihart, of South Omaha, Monday he informed the Courier that the prospects of putting in an electric light plant in Louisville were very favorable and that he had secured almost enough patrons to enable him to put the plant in operation. We certainly need a lighting plant of this kind and ought to be able to sustain it. Many towns all over the state much smaller than Louisville have lighting plants.—Louisville Courier.

The Journal would not hesitate over a month to wager that Louisville will have lighted streets before Plattsmouth, now, and the city council contracted for them nearly a year ago. There is something wrong about this matter, and people of the city are getting pretty tired of such "monkey business."

### Getting Bridges in Shape.

Glen E. Smith of the Nebraska Construction Co. who have the county bridge contract, is in this city today and states that every possible effort is being made to get the bridges washed out by the spring rains in shape. That, in fact, practically all of them are now in shape except those in the Otterbein district which will be repaired just as speedily as the material can be received. To facilitate the work the company had put on an additional force of two crews making them a total of three crews on bridge work. This necessitated them the expenditure of a large amount of money and took some little time but the work is now in full swing. Ordinarily the company uses but one crew on this work. Considerable trouble has been occasioned by the failure to get material promptly and Mr. Smith has purchased all the available local stock at Union and Weeping Water.

### Short Horn Cattle.

I have for sale some choice Scotch Short-Horn bulls. Address,  
C. F. MORTON, Union, Neb.  
Ind. or Mut. Union Phone.  
Call Omaha over the Independent telephone.

## PEACEFUL CLOSING OF AN EXEMPLARY LIFE

### Mrs. L. G. Todd Passes Away at Her Home in Union, Monday Evening, August 17, 1908

**DIED**—Todd, Lydia, at Union, Neb., on Aug. 17, 1908, at 7:40 p. m., aged 74 years, 8 months and 13 days. Funeral Aug. 19, 1908 at 11 a. m.

Once more has the hand of time touched the ranks of the Cass county pioneers, removing from them one of the most beautiful characters they possessed. As the day fades before the coming of night so did the life of this aged woman go out of the world. There was none of the strife and storm that marks the passing of the man in his prime nor any of the useless and vain efforts of the early age to prolong its earthly career, but serene and peaceful as the sleep of the blessed did death steal away this spirit. It was a fitting close to a life full of usefulness, a quiet going out of the world with all its cares and troubles.

Mrs. Todd was the widow of the late L. G. Todd and since 1855 she had been a resident of Nebraska. Born in Lee county, Iowa, near the city of Keokuk, Lydia Jones came into the world on Dec. 4th., 1833 and here her earlier years were spent until she was married to L. G. Todd on February 29, 1855, and came with him immediately to Cass county settling near the now village of Union. Since that time her residence was never changed. In that same community this good woman became the mother of nine children, seven of whom lived to man's estate while two died in infancy. Of the seven who grew up five still remain in the land of the living while two, the eldest daughter Mrs. T. J. Thomas and Mrs.

A. D. Eigenbroadt, have passed away. Those who survive this worthy woman are her sons Louis C., H. G., John T. and L. G. and daughter Jessie B. Todd all residents of Union and its vicinity.

For a long time past the life of Mrs. Todd had been drawing to its close. There had been a gradual weakening of her system, and while no particular complaint was noticeable, she had each day gone a little farther toward the end until it came as outlined above.

The funeral of deceased will take place tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock, from her late residence in the village of Union. The funeral sermon will be preached by Rev. J. T. Baird, formerly of the Presbyterian church of this city, provided he can be reached by notice in time to permit his attendance. The pall-bearers will be W. H. DuBois, S. L. McCarthy, C. H. Taylor, W. C. Ramsey, A. E. Stites, and R. A. Foster.

There is so much in the life of this good woman that has endeared her to all whom she came in contact, that her passing is hailed with an universal regret. In her husband's life she was the cheerful, loving helpmeet, ready in every way to make life's rugged path smoother and the way more pleasant. In the lives of her children she will always live as the best friend they ever knew and the harbor toward which they steered when life's storm came upon them. While to her many friends she was the personification of all that was true, good and noble in this narrow vale. So it comes that her end comes to all as a personal bereavement.

### No Reduced Rate for State Fair

The railroads, presumably for the purpose of working revenge on states that have enacted reform legislation have aimed a hard blow at Nebraska and other western states having state fair associations.

The special reduced rates, granted some time ago on account of the Nebraska state fair, have been withdrawn, and as a result, people who come to Lincoln to attend the fair will have to pay the regular passenger rate.

July 23, last, local railroad agents were informed by the Western Passenger association that special rates had been granted for Nebraska. Nothing more was heard in the matter until today, when word was received stating that none of the state fair associations west of the Missouri river would be given the advantage of reduced rates.

As most of the railroad legislation passed by recent legislatures was in western states, it is presumed that the railroads are further "punishing" the states that placed such laws on their books.—Lincoln Star.

### An Old Timer Visits Louisville.

Rance Decker of Medford, Okla., was here this week, visiting with his brother, Jefferson. Rance was one of the early settlers in Louisville precinct, and this is his first visit to Louisville for a number of years. He used to be a typical westerner, wore a broad rimmed sombrero, leather pants, rode a buckskin pony and helped to make the history of Cass county which was never written in book form.—Louisville Courier.

### The Stork Gets Busy.

The stork, in his rounds Tuesday night, got busy and left a fine baby boy at the home of Joe Zitka, in the Second ward. Both mother and child are doing fine, while Joe is feeling even better than that, and really was behaving some foxy. He was down this afternoon with a smile on his face, all wool and a yard wide, as he thinks he has just the finest boy ever.

### Knew the Market.

Kunsmann & Range Wednesday received a carload of fine heifers for their market. The animals manifested almost human intelligence as they were being driven up the street early this morning. They paused in front of the market and all turned and gazed into the doors for several seconds. It might have been on account of not knowing where to go, but Frank Benfer insisted they knew the market and could see their finish. They were a fine looking lot of animals.

### Again in the Toils.

John Miller, the young man against whom a fine of one hundred dollars has been standing for sometime past, was Tuesday afternoon swooped down upon by Chief Fitzgerald and Officer Janda and hurried into the noisome depths of a city cell. John, it seems, had failed to heed the gentle admonishments of the police to make himself unseen upon the streets but had sat about upon the corners and grinned through his teeth at the officers until they would have no more of it. He seems to have preferred to show the folly of overlooking an opportunity, and doubtless, will be wiser and older when he emerges from his enforced seclusion.

### Platte River Dry Out West.

The water in the Platte river has completely disappeared and only the sand is left. The fishes are dying in large numbers and fishermen are making great hauls wherever water can be found. The second channel has running water, but the main channel is dry except in very few places where water has collected in depressions in the sand. This phenomenon occurs practically every year, although last year there were few, if any, times when there was not running water in some places.—Kearney Hub.

### Douglas County Commissioners.

The Board of Commissioners of Douglas county, accompanied by the county surveyor were visitors today at the stone quarries of Newell & Atwood at Cedar Creek, coming down to this city on No. 6 and taking No. 29 here for that point, the latter train being held for the connection. The Commissioners are in the market for a large amount of stone and were desirous of inspecting the kind of rock the Cedar Creek quarries produced, Messrs. Newell & Atwood being among the bidders for the contract. From the quarries at Cedar Creek the party expected to be taken in two autos to the quarries of C. D. Woodworth at Weeping where they would also inspect the quality of the output. Messrs. W. H. Newell, S. H. Atwood and C. D. Woodworth accompanied the party.

Mrs. Paul Bajecck was a passenger on the noon train for Omaha where she will visit her husband, Paul, who is in the hospital at that point, having been operated upon recently. The last report Mrs. Bajecck had from him was on Sunday last when he was not getting on very well. She was greatly in hopes that she would find him better.