

# ASK LEGISLATION UPON MARRIAGE

## Ministers Declare That Law Should Prevent Wedding of Mentally and Physically Unfit Persons to Marry.

Awake to the fact that something should be done to prevent the marriage of the criminal classes and the physically unfit and the reproduction of their species, the local ministerial association yesterday passed a resolution that a committee should be appointed to confer with the Nebraska state medical board to learn if steps cannot be taken to secure some legislation along these lines, says the Lincoln News.

A committee composed of Revs. B. M. Long, H. H. Harmon and M. A. Bullock, as appointed to confer with the board to this end. The review of the book treating of this evil from the pen of the most famous living biologist by one of its members brought on a lively discussion which culminated in taking the action of the great danger that menaced the lined. The trend of discussion was human race from the union of criminals, the degenerate and the diseased. In taking this action the ministerial body is perhaps the first in the country to place itself on record in this respect.

The book referred to is the book of Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, entitled "The Traveling of the Human Plant." In reviewing it Rev. B. M. Long declared that he did so chiefly to awaken the discussion on a subject which was of great interest to him. He said in part:

"Mr. Burbank tells us in the course of many years of investigation into plant life of the world in creating new forms, modifying old ones, and adopting others to new conditions, and blending still others, he has been constantly impressed with the similarity between the organization and development of plant and human life. He declared that the hopes of all progress rests in the rigid selection of the best and the rigid exclusion of the poorest. He regards the crossing of species, unaccompanied by selection, intelligent care and great patience is not likely to result in marked good and may result in vast harm.

"In passing great emphasis is laid upon what he regards as the greatest opportunity ever offered to the United States of developing the finest race the world has ever known out of the vast mingling of races brought here by emigration.

"He tells us that the material from which we are drawing this colossal example of the crossing of species is widely separated both geographically and ethnologically and that we are more crossed than any other nation in the history of the world and here is met the same results that are always seen in a much crossed race of plants; all the worst as well as all the best of each are brought out in their fullest intensities.

"Right here, he says, is where selective environment counts. When the necessary crossing has been done then comes the work of elimination, the work of refining, until the ultimate product, the finished product, will be the race of the future. All that has been done for the plants and flowers by crossing, nature has already accomplished for the American people.

"Mr. Burbank asserts that by the crossing of types strength has in one instance been secured, in another intellectually, in still another moral force. Nature has done all this, the work of man's head and hands has not yet been summoned to a race. When nature has done her work the balance falls to selective environment."

Rev. Long then went on to review that part of the book which related to the development of plant and child life, making interesting and effective comparisons along these lines, declaring that the individuality of the child should be considered and its training precisely as in plant cultivation.

While declaring that the greatest hope for the American race lies in the crossing of races," said the speaker, "Mr. Burbank points out that herein lies the danger. In the measure that we fail to give training to our children of the vicious and leave the waifs and foundlings to themselves and evil surroundings, to that extent he says we are breeding peril in ourselves. The physically weak must also have our tenderest care. Because a plant is weak it must not be destroyed. It may

possess other qualities of superlative value. Because a child is weak it should not be put out of the way.

"But in the consideration of the mentally defective? He asks what shall be done with them. In the case of plants in which all tendencies are absolutely vicious he points out that they must be destroyed, but in the case of the imbecile shall he be destroyed? Here he emphatically enters a negative and says the analogy must cease. For such cases the state must give the best and broadest aid.

Then he dwells at some length upon the marriage of the physically unfit. It would be the best if possible, to positively prohibit in every state in the union of the marriage of the physically, mentally and morally unfit. If a plant is taken which is recognized as poisonous and this cross makes a wholesome plant evil this is criminal enough. But suppose two poisonous plants are blended together and make a third even more virulent, a vegetable degenerate then sends the evil descendants adrift to multiply over the earth are we not distinct foes of the race?

"What shall be said of two people of absolutely defined physical impairment who are allowed to marry and have children?" he says. "It's a crime against the state and every individual in the state if these physical degenerates are also morally degenerate. The crime then becomes the more appalling."

## IN JUDGE ARCHER'S COURT

### Charles Hixon Arraigned and Pleads Not Guilty.

In Justice Archer's court this morning Charles Hixon was arraigned and plead not guilty. His preliminary examination is set down for next Monday, November 9, at 2 p. m. Hixon has no attorney yet but will doubtless make arrangements for one before his examination takes place. He stated this morning when arraigned that he had a fight with Thomas and admitted beating him up but denied any intent to do great bodily injury. He intimated that he might plead guilty to assault and battery and that would be all. He does not seem to be much affected by the result of his fight and apparently seems to fail to grasp the enormity of his offense. Thomas is reported this morning as getting along in pretty good shape and it is believed he will be in condition so that he may be present next Monday morning when the hearing will be had. He still has attendants at night and is troubled yet with his head, but this condition will likely wear off before the preliminary hearing. Hixon's bond is fixed at \$500 which he could not furnish and he was remanded to jail.

Before Justice Archer this morning William Riley, Owens, Michael Neeson and William Murphy were arraigned charged with breaking and entering a freight car of the Burlington and with stealing property to the value of forty dollars. When arraigned this morning they entered a plea of not guilty and volubly protested their innocence of the charge. They have no attorney so far, but will doubtless be represented by counsel when their case comes on for hearing. After entering their plea the men were held for examination in bonds of five hundred dollars which they were unable to furnish and in default of which they were remanded to jail. Their preliminary examination is set down for next Monday, November 9, at 9 a. m. They are a bold, defiant set of men and are a bad type of citizen. The police are confident they can make a good case against the men and secure their conviction.

### How is Your Digestion?

Mrs. Mary Dowling of 228 8th Ave., San Francisco, recommends a remedy for stomach trouble. She says: "Gratitude for the wonderful effect of Electric Bitters in a case of acute indigestion, prompts this testimonial. I am fully convinced that for stomach and liver troubles Electric Bitters is the best remedy on the market today." This great tonic and alternative medicine invigorates the system, purifies the blood and is especially helpful in all forms of female weakness. 50c at F. C. Fricke & Co's, drug store.

## Funeral of C. A. Ralston.

The funeral of the late Charles A. Ralston was held yesterday afternoon at the Mennonite church at Weeping Water and was one of the largest ever held in that city. There were many flowers for the dead man and the community took every possible method of expressing its profound sorrow over his untimely end. In the city stores were closed during the time of the funeral so that everyone might be able to pay a tribute of respect to the deceased.

So far there has been no news of the assassins and little hope is now felt that they will be caught. Sheriff Quinton and his office have been kept busy in running down clues but always with no tangible results. The men under arrest at Beemer turned out to be other than the parties wanted and were released. There has been no relaxation of the hunt, however, and if it is possible to capture the murderers they will be landed.

## In District Court.

After an election recess of several days, the members of the jury returned last night and this morning and Judge Travis again convened court. The case for trial this morning is that of Henton vs. the Sovereign Camp of the Woodmen of the World. The cause of the action is an insurance policy which the defendant Camp refuses to pay. The morning session was taken up in impaneling a jury and the preliminaries of the case. It will likely be before the court for the rest of the day and perhaps most of tomorrow.

## BRYAN ON LOCAL VICTORY

### Highly Gratified Over Election in Nebraska.

The State Journal of this morning, says that a delegation of friends called yesterday on W. J. Bryan to pay their respects and congratulate him on carrying his precinct, city, county and state. John A. Maguire, the successful candidate for congress on the democratic ticket, as spokesman, said:

"These friends and neighbors are here to pay their sincere respects to you. Incidentally we are here to tell you that our armor is still on and that we are to remain with you in the great political struggle for popular government. We carry to you the greetings of victory from the people of your precinct, your city, your county, and the great commonwealth of Nebraska. In this grand beginning we can still see the certainty of a permanent national victory in years to come, if not, perhaps, on this day."

Mr. Bryan said in response: "I am highly gratified over the results in this state. The national defeat has not been such a disappointment when we have had so many things to console us. I hope I have convinced my friends that running for office has only been an incident to my work. My heart has never been set on holding office, but I wanted to do certain work, and it looked as though the presidency might offer the opportunity to do that work. I am sure that in private life I can have the chance to do something. One is not required to hold office in order to do big things; one is simply required to do those things within his reach, and that much is within the reach of each of us.

"Personally I shall as much enjoy being out of office, if the returns show I must be, as I would to be in office. I hope still to be of influence to bring about needed reforms. I appreciate very much the confidence and loyalty of the people near us. It has been the greatest comfort that the election has given us. The fact that those among whom we live have shown this confidence we appreciate more than I can tell you. It has been very kind in you to come out here and visit us on this day.

Mr. Bryan was up early, notwithstanding it was after midnight the night before when he went to bed. He appeared cheerful and all the members of the family were in the same mood. Mr. Bryan said he desired to see the actual returns from Ohio, Indiana and Kansas before making any statement. During the morning he talked the situation over with Rev. Father John Nugent of Des Moines, Ia., one of his staunchest friends, who was a house guest over night. The two men took a brisk walk to the trolley station, where Father Nugent boarded a car to take him down town.

## Tired Brain.

After prolonged work requiring constant thinking we often notice that the brain refuses to work. It is impossible for us to think, our head and our eyes ache, the whole body is tired out. In such cases we need a remedy which will make the blood to circulate quicker and to bring new nourishment to the exhausted nerves. Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine is such a remedy. It works directly on the digestive organs through which the food must pass in our body. It makes new blood and distributes the food through the body. You should use it in all maladies of the digestive system, in nervousness, weakness and exhaustion. At drug stores. Jos. Triner, 616-622 So. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

## THE VOTE IN CASS COUNTY

### The Number of Votes Cast for Each One From Governor Down.

The official count was made today by County Clerk Rosencrans and his assistants. The following is the result so far as it had been completed at the time of going to press:

The total vote cast in the county was 5148, the heaviest vote ever cast in the county.

The school fund amendment carried by the following vote, for 4433, against 111.

The amendment increasing the supreme court carried as follows: For 4227, against 181.

For presidential electors Bell headed the republican list with 2440 while Henry R. Gering led the democratic list with 2390, a majority for Taft of 50 in the county. The socialists polled 59 votes while the prohibitionists polled 86.

For Governor—Sheldon, (rep.) 2581; Shallenberger, (dem.) 2291; Teeter, (pro.) 88; Harbaugh, (soc.) 35. Sheldon's plurality 290.

For lieutenant governor—Hopewell, (rep.) 2489; Garrett, (dem.) 2355; Lynch, (pro.) 104; Jorgensen, (soc.) 61. Hopewell's majority, 134.

For secretary of state—Junkin, (rep.) 2490; Gatewood, (dem.) 2302; Hockenberger, (pro.) 106; Aberly, (soc.) 62. Junkin's majority, 188.

For auditor—Barton, (rep.) 2513; Price, (dem.) 2345. Barton's majority, 158.

For Congress—Pollard, (rep.) 2498; Maguire, (dem.) 2390. Pollard's plurality 108.

For State Senator, Tefft, (rep.) 2317; Banning, (dem.) 2410; Coatsman, (pro.) 201. Banning's plurality 93.

For representatives—Noyes, (rep.) 2518; Smith, (rep.) 2425; Laughlin, (dem.) 2267; Sattler, (dem.) 2281; Carter, (pro.) 105. Noyes' plurality, 237; Smith's plurality, 158.

For float representative—Harrison, (rep.) 2511; Bates, (dem.) 2353; Harrison's plurality, 158.

For county attorney—Tidd, (rep.) 2305; Ramsey, (dem.) 2291; Ramsey's majority, 286.

For county commissioner—Switzer, (rep.) 2474; Seybert, (dem.) 2383; Switzer's majority, 91.

The tabulated statement of the vote by precincts will likely be in shape for publication tomorrow evening.

The result of the election, as shown by the vote above, is a large democratic gain all along the line and speaks well for the splendid management of Dr. Livingston and his campaign committee.

## Death of Little Boy.

The many friends of John Wooster and wife were greatly shocked yesterday when they learned that the dread scourge of diphtheria had invaded their family and taken away their little son, John. This little one died yesterday morning at 10:20 after a brief illness and the body was buried this afternoon. The funeral from the nature of the disease had to be private.

The little fellow was but three years and eight months of age and his death is a terrible shock to the devoted family. The entire sympathy of their many friends and neighbors goes out to the stricken parents in this hour of trial.

More Than Enough is Too Much. To maintain health, a nature man or woman needs just enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be all right again. For sale by F. C. Fricke & Co.

## Considerable Interest.

Interest in the Journal's misspelled word contest continues to multiply and there are letters galore pouring into the "A. B. C." Editor who will have a gigantic task plowing through them and deciding upon the winner. The contest closes Saturday, November 14, and there will no doubt be several days' work ahead of the editor by that time. Since the first start of the contest interest has steadily grown and it has increased the mail of the paper considerably.

## Card of Thanks.

To the many kind friends and neighbors who extended us their sympathy in the illness and death of our son, John, we desire to extend our sincere thanks. Though they could not be with us in our sorrow, we know how their sympathy is and we appreciate it.

JOHN WOOSTER AND WIFE.

## Mind Your Business.

If you don't nobody will. It is your business to keep out of all the trouble you can and you can and will keep out of liver and bowel trouble if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They keep biliousness, malaria and jaundice out of your system. 25c at F. C. Fricke & Co's, drug store.

## A Case of Charity.

Several days since an article appeared in the Journal calling attention to a reported case of destitution in the city. Commissioner Friedrich at once investigated the case and found that he could not legally extend the county aid, as the woman in question had money out at interest. While she technically was not a county charge, she deserved aid as she was an honest, hard working, industrious woman. It is probable charitable persons will look after the case.

## THE MATTER OF DIPHTHERIA

### Some Good Suggestions From a Lady Friend.

A very excellent idea was telephoned the Journal this morning by a lady who requested that her name be withheld. It was in effect that the members of the school board take advantage of the absence of the teachers and the dismissal of the schools and have the various school buildings fumigated and disinfected. This is on account of the prevalence of contagious diseases in the city. While there is no occasion for unnecessary alarm over the presence of disease, steps to prevent the spread of it should be taken by all means. While there is no school in session, this work could be quickly and efficiently done and all traces of it over before the schools reconvene. The Catholic school is to be thoroughly disinfected and this work is highly commendable. The cost of fumigating this school is borne by one of the public-spirited ladies of the city and if the school board finds it cannot stand the expense of this duty to the public schools, there is small doubt but what the cost of it could be easily raised for every parent and public-spirited citizen is interested in preventing the farther spread of the disease. The board should take immediate action in the premises and show that they realize the importance of the work. Doubtless this action will be quickly taken and the work gotten under headway. There should be no hesitancy on the part of the board, on the ground of expense, for the matter is too important to allow the question of expense to interfere. Let them get busy at once.

## DEATH OF A FORMER CITIZEN

### George Forbes, a Pioneer Citizen of Plattsmouth, is No More.

Charles S. Forbes and wife and Robt. Sherwood departed this morning for Lincoln, called there by the news of the death of George Forbes, once a resident of this city, and well known among the older citizens.

Mr. Forbes died on Tuesday, November 3, at 8:25 p. m., and the funeral will be held today at 2 p. m. from the Grace Lutheran Church, at Fourteenth and F. Streets, Lincoln. Burial at Wyuka. No flowers by request of the family.

Mr. Forbes was a pioneer drug man of Lincoln and previous to his residence there, he had been in the drug business in this city with Dr. Chapman. He left this city to enter the employ of Leighton & Brown more than thirty years ago, remaining with that firm until the wholesale drug firm of Leighton & Clarke was founded and afterwards was a traveling salesman for the Lincoln Drug Company until a year ago, when ill health compelled him to resign. His illness dates from that time and at no time was there any hope of his recovery. He was a fifty-four years of age. He was a cousin of C. S. Forbes of this city.

## A SIMPLE QUESTION.

### Plattsmouth People Are Requested to Honestly Answer This.

Is not the word of a representative citizen of Plattsmouth more convincing than the doubtful utterances of people living everywhere else in the Union? Read this:

Herman Tiekotter, carpenter, northwest corner of Ninth and Day streets, Plattsmouth, Neb., says: "I never took a medicine or remedy which gave me such permanent relief as I derived from Doan's Kidney Pills. My kidneys caused me much suffering and inconvenience. I did not have sharp pains, but there was a dull aching across my loins that distressed me for a couple of years. If I stooped or straightened my back would pain me intensely and in the morning when I would arise, I would feel as tired and unrefreshed as when I went to bed the night before. The secretions from my kidneys were unnatural in appearance and too frequent in action, especially at night. Hearing so much said in praise of Doan's Kidney Pills, I procured a box at Gering & Co's, drug store. They banished every symptom of my trouble promptly and thoroughly and I recommend them to other kidney sufferers with pleasure.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

## Local News.

R. D. McNurlin, the democratic war horse of Weeping Water, was in the city yesterday, being registered at the Plattsmouth Hotel.

Regulates the bowels, promotes easy natural movements, cures constipation—Doan's Regulants. Ask your druggist for them. 25c a box.

Louis W. Roettger of Elmwood was registered yesterday at the Perkins hotel, he having business to attend to in the city.

Miss Josephine Hall was a passenger this noon on the fast mail for Omaha, where she will spend the afternoon with friends.

John M. Creamer of Wabash is among those registered at the Perkins Hotel, Mr. Creamer being one of the regular jurors.

John Gonzales of Elmwood came in yesterday to be present when court opened this morning and assume his duties as a juror.

Miss Mabel Keer, of Avoca, Neb., who has been visiting in the city with the family of John H. Becker, was a passenger this noon for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Midkiff of near Union, were in the city today and while here Mr. Midkiff called and renewed his faith in the Journal another year.

Herrnan Klietsch, the popular Weeping Water miller, was a guest today at the Plattsmouth Hotel, coming in to take orders for his popular brand of flour.

D. L. Amick of Murray, was in the city a few hours this afternoon, looking after business matters on route home from Omaha. He paid the Journal office a appreciated call.

Mrs. Jos. Shera came up this morning from her home at Rock Bluffs and was a passenger on the mail train at noon for Omaha where she will visit with friends and relatives until Monday.

A Journal representative will visit several sections of the county next week in the interest of this great weekly. These occasional trips have been neglected for several months on account of sickness and the campaign.

Mrs. S. R. Sanders was a passenger this noon on the mail train for Omaha, where she will meet her daughter, Miss Myrtle Sanders, who is enjoying a few days vacation from her school at Alvo. They will return to this city this afternoon.

Mrs. Jas. Chalfant and daughter, Mrs. John Hendricks, came in this morning from their homes below Rock Bluffs, and were passengers on the mail train at noon for Omaha, where they will do some shopping and visit with friends.

P. W. Wright and wife, Mrs. Anna Wright and her son, Clyde, were all passengers this noon on the mail train for Greenwood, where they will visit for several days with friends and relatives. Clyde Wright will go direct from Greenwood to Chicago, Ill., where he is employed after his visit at that point. They will probably be absent several days. P. W. Wright is the well known Burlington fireman.

E. G. McCullough, who is working near Greenwood, came down Monday to visit his folks south of town, and to vote Tuesday. He returned today, and while in the city, he called and ordered a copy of the Journal sent to his address, in order to keep posted regarding matters of a local nature in this vicinity.

James Stander came down from Louisville today to attend to some court matters and gave the Journal a pleasant call. Our old friend is always a welcome visitor at these headquarters, notwithstanding his visit at this time was renew his subscription for the Journal and also that of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stander.

## Watched Fifteen Years.

"For fifteen years I have watched the working of Bucklen's Arnica Salve; and it has never failed to cure any sore, boil, ulcer or burn to which it was applied. It has saved us many a doctor bill," says A. F. Hardy, of East Wilton, Maine. 25c at F. C. Fricke & Co's, drug store.

LOST—Between town and home in the south part of town a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles. Finder please leave same at this office.

## Poultry Wanted

The Clarinda Poultry, Butter and Egg Company will be in Plattsmouth, on

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and will pay the following prices for poultry to be delivered at the store of Zuckewiler & Lutz:

Hens	8c
Spring Chickens	8c
Young Hen Turkeys	12c
Old " "	12c
Young Gobblers	10c
Old " "	10c
Roosters, per doz.	\$1.80
Ducks F. F.	5c