

VERY SMOOTH SNEAK THIEF

Pays Visit to Perkins House and Secures Watch and Small Amount of Money

One of the smoothest and most clever sneak thieves to visit this community for many years dropped in last evening and paid the Hotel Perkins a little call, departing with several watches, rings and a small sum of money. The gentleman to whom the world seems to owe a living arrived at the hostelry at about 5:45 p. m. and engaged a room from the proprietor Charles Guthman who happened to be behind the counter when he came in. Mr. Cory the other proprietor was at the time getting ready for the evening meal. Mr. Guthman assigned the visitor who was a man apparently forty-five years of age, some five feet seven or eight inches in height, red faced and wearing mustache, to room No. 12 in the west end of the building on the first floor. The man registered as "H. Marvin, M. P. Ry." and was dressed as a laborer, having on a suit of yellow khaki and a corduroy cap.

When he obtained the room he explained to Mr. Guthman that he had injured his foot and he wished to use some liniment on it and asked to be assigned the room at once. When given the room he immediately retired and Mr. Guthman paid no more attention to him.

About one hour later he was seen to come down stairs by Mr. M. Martin, one of the boarders, and to go down the street. Mr. Martin paid no attention to him save to notice his going out. At the time the members of Mr. Cory's family were engaged in the kitchen and the dining room serving the evening meal. They had come down from their rooms which are in the east end of the building on the first floor about the time that "Marvin" entered the building. Not suspecting the presence of thieves, they had left their rooms unlocked and a number of valuables were lying about.

It was probably eight o'clock before any of the family found time to go to their rooms and immediately on entering them they discovered things strewn about and every evidence of a raid by robbers in sight. Investigation was at once made and

it was found that a valuable watch belonging to Mrs. Cory had been taken along with a chain and ring and some \$5.50 in money. Miss Florence Cory also found that the thief had taken a watch, ring and fifty cents in money from her room. Nothing could be found to indicate that the thief had visited the other rooms on the floor, most of which were either locked or unoccupied. Immediately an alarm was given and the police notified. Mr. Cory himself being one of the night police, being the first man summoned.

Chief Rainey and Officer Nitka were immediately furnished with the best possible description of the thief and a hasty search was instigated to locate him if possible. Owing to the fact that the robbery was not discovered until several hours after its perpetration, the robber obtained a good start and the officers could find little of value to them. They located a man answering the description of the robber as having been seen making his way to the ferry and going over into Iowa, and the Mills County authorities were notified to be on the lookout for him. A number of other clues were obtained and the police and sheriffs of the several adjoining counties were notified to be on the watch for the thief.

One of the most peculiar things noticed and which may have a bearing on the matter, was that of Emil Walters, the contractor, who was working on the Falter & Thierolf store. Mr. Walters and George Parks who is his assistant saw two men emerge from the rear of Schiappacasse's fruit store just about six o'clock or a little later and run up the alley apparently heading for the M. P. station. The men's actions excited Mr. Walters' attention and he called Mr. Parks' attention to them. They seemed to be watching for someone and when they came from the store they glanced all about and finally mounted the low wall at the rear lot line and made a hurried dash up the alley. Nothing has been heard of these men since, but their actions were very curious.

NEW DIVISION ON THE BURLINGTON CREATED.

Omaha Division Made By Cutting Lincoln Division in Half.

A circular was issued yesterday by General Superintendent H. E. Byram and Superintendent of Motive Power T. Roope, approved by General Manager Holdrege, creating the Omaha division of the Burlington, cutting nearly in half the Lincoln division, naming Omaha as the headquarters of the new, and appointing chief operating officials for the segregated lines. This formal announcement created no surprise as its contents had been known for several days.

E. Flynn, at present assistant superintendent of the Lincoln division, is made superintendent of the Omaha division; E. D. Andrews of Sterling, is made master mechanic of the Omaha division; J. B. Austin is made trainmaster; A. F. Hedengren master carpenter, and John T. McShane chief dispatcher.

Ross W. Way will be chief clerk to Superintendent Flynn. He has been in Mr. Byram's office for some time holding a clerical position. O. A. Perkins will be chief clerk to Master Mechanic Andrews. For some time he has been in Mr. Roope's office.

In the above listed directory but one man is selected from a place on

the system other than Lincoln. That man is Mr. Andrews. Mr. Flynn was a conductor running out of Lincoln before he was successfully made a trainmaster, assistant superintendent and superintendent. J. B. Austin was one of the oldest passenger conductors running out of Lincoln when he was made a trainmaster. Mr. Hedengren has been an employee of the road in the carpenter's department in this city for some time. John T. McShane, the new chief dispatcher, is at present night chief dispatcher at Lincoln, and ten years ago began service with the road as a messenger boy.

Mr. Flynn will get about four hundred miles of track of the present Lincoln division, and Mr. Bignell will retain about six hundred miles of trackage in the Lincoln division, retaining all lines west and north-west. Mr. Flynn gets the most troublesome part of the present division—the Sioux City-O'Neill line. The lines east of the east limits of the Lincoln yards are made to constitute the Omaha division.—State Journal.

Albert A. Wetenkamp, one of the best citizens of the precinct, was in the city today attending to business matters, paying this office a pleasant call and making himself one of its most agreeable patrons.

MISS MARIE DOUGLASS SECURES GOLD MEDAL.

Ben Windham of This City Secures Second Prize in Humorous Class In Declamatory Contest.

The first annual contest of the East Central Nebraska Declamatory Association was held last evening in the auditorium of the South Omaha high school and was a very successful one. Eleven contestants took part. The following towns were represented: Arlington, North Bend, Columbus, Plattsmouth, Mead, Blair, Scribner, Schuyler and Fremont. There were three classes of contestants the oratorical, the dramatic, and the humorous. Plattsmouth was represented in the dramatic by Miss Marie Douglas who gave "If I were King" and in the humorous by Ben Windham who recited "The Young Man Waited." The greatest struggle centered in the dramatic class which was the largest. In this class Miss Douglas won easily, securing the unanimous decision of the judges and secured the handsome gold medal offered to the winner. In the humorous class Ben Windham won second place and misses first by only a very narrow margin. The Plattsmouth contestants were both popular with the audience and the decision met with great applause. Considering the fact that our young people appeared against contestants who have appeared in contests of this nature before the victory was a signal one and the school has just cause to be proud of the victory. Superintendent Gamble is president of the association and received much favorable comment on the manner in which the contest was conducted. A delegation of high school students accompanied the contestants and helped cheer them on to victory.

William G. Erhart.

William G. Erhart, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of this part of the county, died at his home northwest of Manley, Thursday, March 25, after a short illness of pneumonia.

Mr. Erhart's death was a great shock to his many friends, the announcement of his death following so quickly upon that of his illness that no one could be prepared for the result. He was seen on the street in Manley, Monday morning apparently in the best of health. Later in the day he took home a load of machinery and while engaged in setting it up, was seized with the illness which caused his death. There was a slight improvement in his condition Wednesday, but during the night, the alarming symptoms returned, and Dr. Dunn was called from Omaha for consultation. Neither of the attending doctors gave any hope and at ten o'clock Thursday morning, the sick man sank into unconsciousness, from which he never rallied up to the time of his death at five thirty in the afternoon.

The funeral was held Saturday at ten o'clock from St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and was the largest ever seen there. The pall-bearers were: John Tighe, August Glaubitz, William Rauth, John Murphy, Charles Murphy and John Rauth.

Interment was made in the College Hill cemetery northeast of town, where the father and mother of the deceased are both buried. Mr. Erhart leaves a wife and eight children, two sisters Mrs. John Arras and Mrs. Albe of Lincoln, and one brother, C. E. Muckenaupt, of this place, to mourn his loss.

Besides these, he leaves a large number of friends to whom the simple straightforward and kindly man was very dear.

William Erhart was born in Plattsmouth, December 5, 1861. On March 19, 1874, he moved with his parents to the farm northwest of Manley, which he occupied at the time of his death.

On the 27th of November, 1890, he married Miss Katherine Stander, the second daughter of Peter Stander, one of the pioneers of the county. Mr. Erhart was an exceptionally ambitious and energetic man, as the amount of property which he accumulated will testify. He owned 400 acres of land in this county, worth about fifty thousand dollars, and 320 acres in South Dakota, valued at eight thousand dollars, besides considerable personal property. In addition to this he carried \$30,500 in life insurance, the greater part of it in the Equitable of New York. Above and infinitely beyond all property considerations, Mr. Erhart leaves to his family and friends the memory of an honest, upright life, crowned with a multiplicity of generous and kindly deeds.

A Healing Salve for Burns, Chapped Hands and Sore Nipples.

As a healing salve for burns, sores, sore nipples and chapped hands Chamberlain's Salve is most excellent. It allays the pain of the burn almost instantly, and unless the injury is very severe, heals the part without leaving a scar. Price, 25 cents. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

Assessor for Center Precinct.

Jas. M. Carper, one of the sterling and upright farmers of Center precinct is spending the day in the city. Mr. Carper has just been appointed to look after the assessment of his home precinct, Mr. Essick who had been appointed by Assessor Soennichsen having been compelled to decline on account of continued ill health. In the person of Jim Carper, Mr. Soennichsen has secured a fine man and one who will give the people of Center precinct the best possible results. Mr. Carper is one of the best citizens the precinct affords and he is in addition, a sterling democrat. He entered upon the discharge of his duties today and the assessment of Center precinct can be relied upon as being as close to the actual value as any precinct can be. He departed for his home this afternoon on the Schuyler train.

SOON TO MAKE ASSIGNMENTS ON NEW OMAHA DIVISION.

Train and Engine Men Find Much Room for Speculation.

Train and engine men on the Burlington have been discussing the creation of the new Omaha division almost to the exclusion of other topics during the past few days. The men have been asked to state their preference of divisions and assignments will soon be made. It is said that assignments of trainmen and engineers to the Omaha division will not mean that these men must move from Lincoln. An effort will be made to handle the business as it is handled now, with trainmen stationed where they are now. There may be a change of a few families where Lincoln men may be assigned some of the Omaha division branch runs, but where a loss is encountered it will be made up for by trainmen coming here from where they have been displaced.

Assignments for work on the Omaha division will soon be made. Employees say that the expense of conducting two divisions so far as they can see, will be greater than the old plan, although there will be operational advantages that may more than make up for the expense incurred.

The new division quarters at Omaha will be finished before April 15, the date of making the changes. It will not be necessary to issue a new time card for this change.—State Journal.

Former Superintendent Here.

C. S. Wortman, formerly county superintendent of this county and now a resident of the new and growing state of Oklahoma came in this morning for a business visit with our people. Prof. Wortman is a member of the state legislature having been elected from his home district, he living at Claremore, to the house at the last fall election. Prof. Wortman is enthusiastic over Oklahoma and its people and he unqualifiedly endorses the laws of the new state, especially the bank guarantee law which he pronounces the best ever. He is also a strong adherent of Governor Haskell and declares that the governor has been made the victim of systematic attacks by Wm. R. Hurst and his hirelings. Prof. Wortman, speaking of Governor Haskell's indictment for land frauds, denounces the entire affair as a job which was worked on the governor and predicts his early and speedy trial and acquittal. He does not believe that Governor Haskell was guilty of any of the offenses charged against him. During the session of the legislature which has just closed Prof. Wortman made an enviable record as one of the best men and the most conservative in the house and he made himself well known throughout the state. There is no doubt but there is a brilliant future in front of him in the new state and high honors may safely be predicted for him.

Prof. Wortman will be here for several days and will meet his many old friends before returning to the great southwest.

Object to Strong Medicines.

Many people object to taking the strong medicines usually prepared by physicians for rheumatism. There is no need of internal treatment in any case of muscular or chronic rheumatism and more than nine cases out of every ten of the disease are of one or the other of these varieties. When there is no fever and little if any swelling, you may know that it is only necessary to apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely to get quick relief. Try it. For sale by F. G. Fricke.

The many friends of Mrs. Wm. Ossenkop will be delighted to learn that the lady has successfully passed through the operation which was performed upon her at St. Joseph hospital on Tuesday last and is now on the highway to recovery. Mrs. Ossenkop is reported to be progressing very nicely and there is little doubt but that her recovery will follow quickly. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Schlater were passengers for Omaha this afternoon on the mail going up for a visit with her.

Little Lady Makes a Hit



Yesterday the Journal made comment of the brilliant success achieved by little Annette Leaf at the millinery opening of M. Fanger. At the time full consideration was not given to the real work of this little artiste who performed veritable miracles on the piano. Many a student of mature years would have found himself or herself at a loss to give the exquisite fingering and the artistic touch which this little girl gave to her selections, and there are many who are years her senior who would have given all they ever

hoped to possess to have her technical knowledge and her wonderful musical skill.

It is to be hoped that this delightful little lady can find time an opportunity in the future to visit Plattsmouth again and exhibit her great talent before an audience which appreciates her. At the head of this article appears a photograph of this wonderful little lady and it is a fine likeness. M. Fanger surely selected a good attraction when he chose her and it is to be hoped she comes once more for the benefit of Plattsmouth people.

Are All Doing Well.

John McNurlin and wife returned last evening from an extended visit with relatives and friends at Stanton and vicinity. Mr. McNurlin is glad to be able to say that all former Cass County people are getting along finely. He made a particular visit with Gottlieb Sprieck and his son Edward Sprieck and he found them doing superbly. Especially was he gratified to find Gottlieb Sprieck in such fine health and doing so well. Times have been very prosperous with this aged gentleman who will be well remembered as one of the best citizens Cass County ever turned out. He has made much money and by his industry and thrift has accumulated a great amount of property. Always a saving, frugal and industrious citizen when he lived in this vicinity, he has kept up the pace and is each day adding more to his holdings. As the

father is, so is the son and Edward is rapidly becoming as wealthy as his esteemed father. Both gentlemen send their best regards to their many Cass County friends and especially does Mr. Gottlieb Sprieck hope that his many friends are prospering and succeeding in this world.

For Constipation.

Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Spirit Lake, Iowa, says: "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are certainly the best thing on the market for constipation." Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. Samples free. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

C. H. Boedeker of Murray spent Wednesday in the city, looking after business matters, driving up this morning.

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