SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SETTLEMENT OF GERARD ESTATE

Weeping Water Case in the County Court Has Very Queer Turn Divorces and Marriages of the Principlas in Case.

This morning's State Journal publishes a list of marriage licenses granted yesterday in the capital city. Among them is one issued to Millard F. Haskell, aged 50, and Della Haskell (Gerard) also aged 50. This couple was married by County Judge Cosgrave.

Back of this innocent appearing announcement lies a romance and a tragedy. The Mrs. Della Haskell referred to in the license is the first wife of the late Silas V. Gerard of Weeping Water and a woman who supposed for many years that she was legally divorced from the dead man. Away back in the dead years of the early eighties Della Gerard then, now Mrs. Haskell, was the wife of Silas V. Gerard and lived in Sarpy county, Nebraska. She found that she could not get along with her husband or rather he thought he could not get along with her, and he accordingly deserted her if the tale told in the court records is true. Acting upon information imparted to her by an agent of her husband, she began proceedings for a divorce, a Plattsmouth lawyer acting for her. This attorney assumed that she was a resident of the city of Omaha, where he met her and it was in the courts of that city that her case was filed against her husband alleging desertion. In due time, no opposition being made by the husband, a divorce was granted and the lady supposed she was free to marry some other man. As a matter of fact, the divorce was illegal as neither of the parties had a legal residence in Douglass county but this she did not know.

On February 16, 1881, Mrs. Gerard entered into what she believed to be a legal marriage with Millard F. Haskell and for the past twenty-eight years they have lved together as husband and wife, there being one child Essie F. Haskell born to them as a child. In the former marriage to Gerard, one child, a son Harry, was born.

Perhaps had Gerard lived longer the sad tragedy might not have come to the surface but in the endless march of time Gerard passed from among the living and left behind him an estate which is estimated to be worth all the way from $15,000 to $20,000. The son by his first marriage, Harry Gerard, believed that he might have some claim on this property and commenced to investigate. The ultimate outcome was that he found that the divorce was illegal and to the eyes of the law his mother was still the wife of the late Silas V. Gerard. Attorneys were retained and a contest instituted in the courts in this county to break the will and secure for the first wife and the son the property which he had accumulated. Of the second marriage several children had been born and these were named in the will of the dead man as his heirs. The contest is set down for hearing in the near future in county court.

Yesterday Judge Cosgrave united in marriage Millard F. Haskell and Della Gerard and there was filed with him a document which sets forth the previous marriage on February 16, 1881, at Omaha, and recites the fact that the divorce which was secured was at the solicitation of the agents of her husband and was obtained in a county where neither party had a legal residence and that she did not know of the illegality of the marriage until several days since, and asking for a new license and a marriage under the law as her husband is now dead The application is signed by both Della Haskell and Willard F. Haskell.

It is a tale almost as romantic as any Balzac ever told and it is simply the plain truth. According to the facts as set out in the application and gleaned from those best qualified to know, the second wife was never legally married to Gerard and she is left in a most unfortunate condition. The entire case is interesting and promises to raise to raise some interesting legal problems. In addition to the illegal divorce the will of the late Mr. Gerard was written by a daughter by the second marriage and she also witnessed the execution of it.

FIRE CHIEF IS SOME HUNTER

Returns From Rabbit Hunt Near Union With Many Bunnies.

Mayhap Anton H. Koubek, fire chief, is not some hunter. Then again mayhap, Anton H. Koubek, fire chief, is some hunter. The Journal is always pleased to record the achievements of the best fellows in town and today it is pleased particularly to dilate upon the exploits of the dougthy fire chief. It chronicled his departure with a companion into the wilds which abound about and lie east of the town of Union with the intent, then and there being, to slaughter all the wild fowl and rabbits which infested said wilds. It also chronicled the solicitude of fond mothers for their offspring and the wild rush they made to get them in the clear before the fire chief and his companion got their artillery in action. It is a pleasure now to be able to record their return to the city safe and triumphant after a journey filled to the brim with excitement and punctuated with many cannon shots. They returned last evening and with them came a carload of rabbits. Agent Norton of the Missouri Pacific was appalled at the load of dead game which was unloaded upon his platform last evening and he came near telephoning for Chief Amick and a detail from the central station to relieve him. However, he reconsidered his idea and with the aid of Fire Chief Koubek and his companion, succeeded in clearing a passageway for the train through the great mess of dead animals. The chief was much pleased with the success of his hunt and he vows every animal has gunshot wounds on it and not one was run down and trampled to death. Ye reporter for the Journal was remembered by the chief and his companion with two fine rabbits, all we cared for as we are a single man, and we can state each of said rabbits contained gunshot wounds. We are among those who lift our hat to the chief and can say in a loud voice "Hail to the chief." He is back of the bar today at Eddie Egenberger's with the same old smile, although it is a little worn and frayed around the edges from carrying so much game. Will Patridge was the good Union citizen who stood for their work and he deserves great credit for having escaped sound from the slaughter.

A Big Advertisement.

The Fiddlers' Carnival, which was pulled off at the Overland theater on last Wednesday evening was the biggest advertisement Nebraska City has had in many a day. While it was a big bunch of fun and something that pleased, there were many people from the outside who came to enjoy the treat with us and they have all gone home and told about it. The newspapers all over the country have told of it and in this way have brought the name of this good town into prominence in a way that it could not have been otherwise. There is nothing like doing something new and novel, something to bring the name of your home and people before the public and let the world know that you are still on the map. This is a fair sample of what advertising will do and what can be done.—Nebraska City News.

As the News says, such contests are a big advertisement for a town. Several towns down in Missouri hold them annually, and they are attended by people from far and near, and create a great deal of interest. What is the matter with Plattsmouth enjoying a treat of this kind, say one night during the holidays? We have many old-fashioned fiddlers in Cass county that would create considerable merriment by playing "Old Zip Coon," "Arkansas Traveler," "Old Dan Tucker" and such old time pieces. Let us try it once, anyway. What say you?

Stung For 15 Years

by Indigestion's pangs—trying many doctors and $200.00 worth of medicine in vain, B. F. Ayscue, of Ingleside, N. C., at last used Dr. King's New Life Pills, and writes they wholly cured him. They cure Constipation, Billiousness, Sick headache, Stomach, Kidney and Bowel troubles. 25c at F. G. Fricke & Co.

G. Robinson of Clarks, Neb., who has been making a visit in the city with his son-in-law Ed. Mason, was a visitor in Omaha today, going to that city this morning on the Burlington train.

STORM HARD ON TRAIN SERVICE

Missouri Pacific Has Derailment Near South Omaha.

Railway traffic in the west is demoralized and trains are running today far behind schedules. This morning there was absolutely nothing certain about trains coming in from the west and north and traffic was being handled only as the weather god sow fit to permit it. The worst storm in years has the entire western country in its grip and trouble for the railroad man is in evidence in every quarter.

The Burlington reports serious trouble over all its lines west of the river and passengers and freight are alike tied up. The storm made havoc schedules in the state of of Nebraska and Colorado and snow and ice have stopped trains going to and from Denver. This morning's No. 6 was almost three hours late while No. 10, the Atlantic Limited, was an hour late. No. 4 was likewise away late and things in general were demoralized. The cold weather is blamed for the trouble by the railroad men as it prevents the trains making any where near schedule time. Serious derailments are not reported from any place along the line and general conditions are regarded as good. There is a desperate effort being made to get trains through on time but it is not succeeding very well. From the east trains are running almost on time and doing very well.

The Missouri Pacific is also having its troubles and the trains from both directions are very late. The train from Kansas City this morning was running several hours behind its schedule and finding it difficult to make time while the south bound train from Omaha to Kansas City due here at 10:25 did not get in until noon. The trouble with this train was due to a derailment on the Union Pacific between Omaha and Gilmore. It is not at this writing known how serious the derailment was, but it was bad enough to cause an hour and a half delay to the south bound passenger. As the connecting train at Union for Weeping Water, Elmwood and Lincoln was not held for this train, passengers for those places were compelled to either lay over at Union until this evening or remain in this city. Several of them preferred to take the latter course and stayed here. They expressed a great deal of dissatisfaction with the arrangement of affairs.

Reports from all over the west have the same tale to tell which local authorities have. The storm is widespread and intense in its devastation. Snow and ice are the lot of the states in the west and southwest and wire communication is badly interrupted as well as rail traffic. Trains and messages alike are buried in a great white snow desert which cloaks the country from the Missouri to the Rockies. It is stated that cattle on the ranges have fared badly and great loss is feared. There are also reports of some loss of life in the blizzard but these are largely suppositions and do not bear the stamp of reliability.

One curious incident in the bad weather is that the special train of Samuel Newhouse running from Chicago to New York yesterday made the run in 830 minutes, the distance being 842 miles. The regular trains on which he traveled from Salt Lake to Chicago were several hours late and as he wanted to catch the steamer Lusitania at New York, he feared to trust to the regular trains and hired a special which frisked him to his destination in plenty of time. This is a remarkable feat when the weather is considered. The record for fast time between New York and Chicago was destroyed, it being reduced from eighteen hours to seventeen hours and forty-six minutes.

Looking One's Best.

It's a woman's delight to loog her best but pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils rob life of joy. Listen! Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face. Cures Pimples, Sore Eyes, Cold Sores, Cracked Lips, Chapped Hands. Try it. Infallible for Piles. 25 c at F. G. Fricke & Co.

Bellevue College to be Moved.

Plattsmouth people will be considerably surprised to learn that the Presbyterian synod in session at Kearney, yesterday adopted a resolutio nmoving the college now at Bellevue to Hastings where it is to be consolidated with the synodical college at that point. There have been a large number of students from this city in attendance upon that institution at Bellevue and they will regret the action of the synod very much.

Store Open - Evenings -

E. G. DOVEY & SON

Answer to the Gift Question

We are showing a beautiful and well selected line of Holiday Goods —moderately priced, and cordially invite you to come and inspect our line of many NEW THINGS.

CHRISTMAS NECKWEAR!

What could be more appropriate than a dainty piece of Neckwear. Here you get exclusive styles. Prices from

25c to $1.50 Each

Fancy Work!

Pillow Cases and Guest-room Towels stamped in a good line of patterns. Fancy Bags, all sizes. Pillow Tops in Tapestry and Plush with the fringe to match in all colors—just new.

APRONS! APRONS!!

In plain and fancy styles, lace and embroidery trimmed, from

25c to $1.00 Each

SPECIAL SALE ON RIBBONS!

We are showing a beautiful line of flowered moire and taffeta ribbon, from 5 to 6 inches wide, in all shades, at

25c a Yard

50 pieces of colored taffeta ribbon, all shades, No. 5-7 and 9 at 5c a yard; No. 12 and 16 at 7c a yard. Christmas tie ribbon, for tieing packages—all colors, good quality, at 1c a yard. Red and green combination at 2½c a yard. 10 yard bolts Xmas ribbon No. 1½ at 30c a bolt.

Our Christmas Handkerchiefs

ARE NOW READY!

We headquarters for the sort that are not obtained elsewhere. All linen, plain hemstitched handkerchiefs at 5c, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 18c and 25c each. All linen embroidered handkerchiefs at 15c to $1.00. Maderie embroidered handkerchiefs from 35c to $1.00 each. We are also showing a full line of initial handkerchiefs.

FURS! FURS!! FURS!!!

Best Quality Furs moderately priced. Buy your Christmas furs now. Our stock is complete: Scarfs from 98c to $25.00 each; Muffs from $2.00 to $20.00 each. Fur hats $2.50 each. Children's sets all prices.

HAND BAGS AND PURSES!

A beautiful line of high-class Hand Bags in real seal, mounted in German silver. Fancy frames also in black. Price from

$1.75 to $7 Each

Other Styles from 25c to $1.50

WAIST FRONTS!

Swiss embroidered waist fronts at

39c, 69c and 89c

BABY BLANKETS!

White Eiderdown with dainty borders at

$1.65

Fancy Pink and Blue, animal designs at 89c.

CHRISTMAS BELTS!

in fancy boxes in black and colors, at

50c Each

E. G. DOVEY & SON

PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA.

CLOSING OUT

Prices on Hardware!

You probably are aware of the fact that we have decided to discontinue business in Plattsmouth, and on or about the 15th of December will remove our stock, that is what remains of it, to Dakota. For the next few weeks we are going to make a great reduction in every department of this big store, and if low prices will sell the goods we not believe we will have a great amount to move.

This Sale Will Continue Up to December 15th!

Below we quote you a few prices, simply to show you what we are doing in the way of a cut price sale. A similar reduction will be placed on every article in our store. This is certainly your opportunity to buy hardware and the more you buy at these prices the more money you save:

SAWS

$ 85 saws now.....$ 65
1 65 " " 1 20
2 25 " " 1 49

TRY SQUARES

12-inch try squares 50c, now 30c
10-inch " " 40c, now.....25c
9-inch " " 35c, now.....20c

Many Other Tools at Surprisingly Low Price.

A FEW XMAS SUGGESTIONS:

Four lots of Skates at 75c, $1.00, $1.50 and $2.00, former price from $1.00 to $4 50
Carving Sets, a large variety, at following cut prices: $6.50 now $5.49; $5.00 now $3.49; $2.75 now $1.99.
The Ever-ready Flashflight $1.20 now $1.00. Also a full line of cutlery at greatly reduced prices.

"Monarch" Paint was $1.65 per gallon, now..$1 35
"Devoe" Paint was $1.60, now..... 1.25
Paint Brushes were $1.40, now..... 90
" " " 1.00, " 69
Carborundum Stones were $1.15, now..... 75
" " " 1.00, now..... 65
No. 5 U. S. Cream Separators were $90.00, now 72 00
No. 7 " " " " 70.00, now 69 00
Remington, double barrel, hammerlet shot gun $32.50, now 25 00
German Heater was $32.00, now.....25 00
14-inch "Splendid" Heater was $14.00, now...10 00

One "Quick Meal Comfort" range, 16-inch oven $40.00, now.....31 50
One "Quick Meal" range, 18-inch oven was $50.00, now.....40 00
One "Quick Meal" range, 16-inch oven was $47.00, now 39 00
Mounted Grindstone, all steel frame $6.50, now..... 4 10
"Snow Ball" Washing Machine, was $6.50, now 4 98
"Motor" Washing Machine was $10.00, now.. 7 50
Garden Hose was 12½c per foot, now..... 8
Rolled Rim, porclain lined bath tubs, 5½ feet, were $19.00, now.....13 15

CASH SALES—All goods sold during this sale will be for cash only.

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PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA.