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## ENTICES WIFE OF WYOMING RANCHER TO CASS COUNTY AND MARRIES HER

The Parties Arrested at Greenwood, the Wife Charged With Bigamy and the Man She Married With Adultery.

Last Saturday complaints were filed before County Judge Beeson charging a woman named Florence I. Meyer alias Florence I. Smith alias Florence I. Hendryx alias Florence I. Wayen, with the crime of bigamy, and a complaint was also filed against Fred C. Hall charging him with adultery. The complaint was filed by County Attorney Ramsey on the complaint of Charles R. Meyer, the husband of the woman. The complaint against her sets forth that they were married on April 14, 1908, in Scott's Bluffs county, Neb., and that the woman on October 30, 1909, entered into another marriage with Fred C. Hall before Justice Archer in this city, and that her husband, Fred C. Meyer, was still alive and had not been continuously absent or unheard from for the statutory period of five years. The complaint against Hall charges that he had been guilty of living in adultery with Florence I. Meyer from October 30, 1909, to December 11, 1909.

Sheriff Quinton went to Greenwood where the couple were living with Mr. Hall's parents, highly respected people of that place, and placed the man and woman under arrest, bringing them back to this city the same evening. The husband of the erring wife came to the city yesterday from his home in Wyoming, where he has a large sheep ranch.

The story of the breaking up of a home with its attendant pathetic features seems about as follows: Meyer met his wife and was married to her in April, 1908, in Scott's Bluffs county, this state, and they lived together as husband and wife in Wyoming where he has a ranch until August last, when she went to her former home in Minnesota for a visit. It was while on her way to Minnesota that she met Hall in Omaha and the couple seem to have come much attached to one another. Later she returned to her home in Wyoming and after a brief stay there she took a small child which was part of their family and left ostensibly for a visit with Meyer's sister. As she didn't return when expected, Meyer investigated and found that she had not shown up at his sister's. He found, however, that she had left the child there. The husband at once started a search for his wife and she was finally located in this city, where she had come and entered the employment of a local restaurant man as a cook. Chief Amick is said to have been largely instrumental in locating the couple who were about the city for some little time previous to entering into the alleged marriage. Meyer was communicated with and asked that the parties be kept under surveillance until he could come here to prosecute them. The couple later left this city and went to Greenwood, where they commenced life as husband and wife.

County Attorney Ramsey received a message from Meyer announcing that he would be here yesterday and the warrant was issued and served by the sheriff in accordance with the understanding. This morning Meyer expressed a desire to meet his wife and have a talk with her and this was finally arranged, the woman finally being brought over from the jail where she had been confined since Saturday night, and an interview arranged in the county attorney's office. In response to a question from County Attorney Ramsey as to whether she cared to meet her husband she declared emphatically she did not and stated further that she

would never have anything to do with him again. Questioned as to why she entered into the second marriage, she stated that she understood she had never been legally married to Meyer. That he had told her repeatedly that she was not his wife but was merely his mistress, and that being the case she did not know she was breaking the law when she entered into the other marriage. Later Meyer was brought into the room with her and the two allowed to see if they could not fix up the trouble. Meyer announced that he was willing to forgive his wife and forget the past and that he would not prosecute her nor appear as a witness against her. All he wanted was for her to go back home to the child and behave herself. It was quite evident from the young woman's appearance after the interview that she had little use for him despite his protestations of love and that she still clings to Hall.

Hall is still in jail and it is said he has not seen the woman's husband. The latter states that he does not know Hall and never heard of him until he intercepted many letters which he had written his wife. These letters are in the possession of the county attorney and are said to reveal the complete plan to entice Mrs. Meyer from her home by Hall. The woman in the case is a rather large, heavy set young woman, a pronounced blonde with blue eyes and light hair. She is not bad looking but still of no particular striking beauty or attractiveness.

The two parties are represented in their defense by A. L. Tidd and it is expected the preliminary hearing before Judge Beeson will take place today. Should the husband persist in his refusal to testify against the wife, there would be practically no chance to secure a conviction and the same trouble would take place regarding the case against Hall, as the wife would not testify against him. The parties live in Wyoming and should they get away from here and return home it would be practically impossible to do anything with either of them. The husband appears to be only wanting his wife back and not to be actuated by a desire to punish either Mrs. Meyer or Hall.

The hearing of Mrs. Meyer and Fred C. Hall charged with bigamy and adultery respectively, is to take place this afternoon, this having been agreed upon between County Attorney Ramsey and Attorney Tidd for the prisoners. It is not thought the case will take any great length of time at the preliminary and it is believed the parties may plead guilty and throw themselves on the mercy of the court. The general opinion of the authorities seems favorable to giving the woman a chance to reform and to permit her to go on bail and return to her husband, the case to be dropped if she remains with him and does not leave him again, otherwise the case to be rigorously prosecuted.

At the preliminary hearing this afternoon both Mrs. Meyer and Hall waived examination and were held by Judge Beeson for trial in district court. The bond of Mrs. Meyer was fixed at \$200 which her husband states he will give by depositing sufficient money in a bank here to secure bondsman while that of Hall was fixed at \$300 which he states he will be able to give. Hall was taken to jail after he had held a private talk with Mrs. Meyer while the latter was left in the custody of her husband.

### Johnnie Was Right.

A pretty young schoolmarm who teaches in one of the rural districts of Cass county but resides in this city, is telling a funny story on herself that happened last week. She had some visitors on the afternoon in question, and she thought she would show them what a good class she had. Calling on a bright little fellow at the rear of the room she said to him:

"Johnnie, if I give you two cents and your father gave you three cents, how much would you have?"

"Seven," promptly replied Johnnie. The teacher blushed painfully, but thought that she would try again. "You can't have understood me Johnnie. Now listen, and I will repeat the question. If I gave you two cents and your father gave you three, how much would you have?"

"Seven," said Johnnie again, and with the same promptness. "I am surprised at you Johnnie," said the teacher. "How on earth would you have seven?" "I got two in me pocket," said Johnnie.

## THE DANCE AT CEDAR CREEK

A Fine Time Enjoyed and the Woodman Orchestra Won the Plaudits of All Present.

The dance given last Saturday night by George Horn at the hall in Cedar Creek was one of the best ever given there. Despite bad roads and uncomfortable weather there was a large attendance and everyone was more than pleased with the occasion. The music was furnished by the Woodman Orchestra of this city, and was of the very highest order and was warmly endorsed by the dancers and by Mr. Horn. He states that it was much superior to the music furnished by the several Omaha orchestras he has had in the past and does not hesitate to recommend the orchestra for any dance. The orchestra is composed of Roy Holly, violin and manager; Antop Bajek, drums; Stuart Janda, cornet; and Miss Pearl Mumm, piano. The music which they have been furnishing is such that the very best of reputation is being made by the orchestra and it is in great demand. It plays tonight for the Royal Neighbors dance in this city. The party made the trip to Cedar Creek Saturday evening in a sleigh and started to return Sunday morning morning the same way but had a break down when near Fred Kehne's place and were compelled to secure a spring wagon to complete the journey with. Fortunately there was no serious damage by the accident, although it delayed the travellers a little. The members of the orchestra are loud in praise of their treatment at the hands of Mr. Horn and the warm reception accorded their music by the dancers.

### Matrimonial Events.

Last Saturday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. Austin united in marriage Holmes S. Batchelder, aged 26, of Hamilton, Mont., and Miss Grace Davis, aged 21, of Scranton, Ia. The couple came to this city on the afternoon train Saturday and secured the license, going at once to the parsonage and immediately after the ceremony, left the city for the groom's home at Hamilton.

A marriage license was also issued this morning to Tim Wooster, aged 21, and Miss Rosa Bowers, aged 19, both of this city. These young people are very well known here, the groom being a son of Frank Wooster and wife and a most estimable young man. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bowers and a refined and talented young lady. The many friends of these popular young people unite in extending congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy married life.

Mr. Wooster and Miss Bowers were united in marriage this afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents by County Judge Beeson, the ceremony being performed in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The happy couple departed on the afternoon train for a brief trip, expecting to return to the city on Wednesday, after which they will go to Cedar Creek for a further visit with friends and later be at home in this city.

### Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remain in the Plattsmouth postoffice uncalled for on this (December 13) date, and unless the same is called for within a reasonable length of time, they will be sent to the Dead Letter office at Washington. In calling for same please say, "advertised:" Mrs. Julia Elliott, Miss Lena Gunn, Mrs. Jane Price, Miss Elsie Theis, Doc. Adams, Humphrey Bates, Lemuel Bishop, Chas. Dasher, W. F. Davis, Chas. Frolich, Geo. Elliott, Roy Uicholson, Mr. Pearce, Edgar Spencer, Harve G. Turner, M. M. Turner.

Mrs. Ed. McMaken of Sheridan, Wyo., and Mrs. Spencer G. Palmer, her mother, of Keyston, S. D., who have been making a visit with Col. Henry C. McMaken and folks, departed this morning for Omaha, where they will consult a specialist today concerning an affection of the ear.

### Visiting Friends.

J. M. Craig, formerly of this city and vicinity but now located at Burwell, Neb., arrived in the city Saturday evening for a visit of several days with friends. Mr. Craig has been engaged in farming near Burwell and has had very good success, having been blessed with an abundance of crops, his corn crop being an especially good one this year and averaging about 35 bushels to the acre. The snowfall in that section is fully as heavy as at this point and the roads like those here, are rough and in bad shape.

## PIONEER CITIZEN LAID AT REST

The Funeral of William T. Cole Largely Attended Sunday Afternoon at 2 O'clock.

The funeral of the late William T. Cole was held yesterday afternoon and was very largely attended, there being a great many of the friends of this respected citizen present to pay a last mark of respect to the deceased. There were a great many floral marks of respect and esteem laid upon the bier, the tribute of a large circle of sorrowing friends.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. John T. Baird, for so many years the pastor of the deceased. Rev. Baird preached a most eloquent sermon, one filled to the utmost with lessons drawn from the useful life of the departed, and full of kindly courage for the bereaved family. Rev. Baird spoke with much feeling and pathos in thus performing the last service for one so long his friend and so faithful in his christian devotion to the church. There were a number of musical selections, they being the hymns which the deceased had so well liked during his life time. Despite the roads, there was a long line of carriages forming the cortege to Oak Hill where the remains were laid to rest beside his sons who had preceded him to the better land.

In connection with the life of the late Mr. Cole, it is interesting to know that he was a guard at the bier of President Lincoln when the chief executive lay dead in Washington, D. C. This highly important fact is not generally known. At the time the assassination occurred Mr. Cole was assigned along with other soldiers to serve as a guard and was an active participant in one of the great and most momentous events in the country's history.

### Died in Chicago.

The shocking news of the death of his sister at Chicago, reached Ed. Ackerman last Saturday afternoon, the information being conveyed in a telegram from his brother William of Havlock. No information as to the cause was given. Mr. Ackerman departed for Chicago on No. 2 Saturday evening, joining his brother on the train at this point. In their sad bereavement, the young men have the sincere sympathy of all who know them. They were much attached to their sister whom they had not seen for sometime and this made the parting doubly sad.

### Homes for Two Boys.

The Journal has been requested to try to secure homes for two boys, aged 13 and 10 years respectively. The mother of the lads wants them placed in a farmer's home if possible, convenient to school, where they can do chores for their clothing and keeping. Any good, reliable and reputable farmer can secure information as to the boys by inquiring at this office.

### Will Go to Honolulu.

Mrs. Emma Wallace of 1320 South Sixteenth street, will leave on December 15 to spend the winter at Long Beach, Cal. She will go with her father and mother and two sisters, Isaac Pollard and two of his daughters, Mrs. Barnum and Mrs. Shotwell, will visit Honolulu and then return to Long Beach for a time.—Sunday State Journal.

George Halmes and wife returned to this vicinity several days ago, after having been residents of northern California for some months. They will make a visit with relatives for some little time before returning to their home in the west.

## CITY COUNCIL ENJOY A VERY QUIET SESSION LAST EVENING

There Was No Action on the Part of Any Member to Mar the Good Feeling That Existed Throughout the Session.

### From Monday's Daily

The meeting of the city council last evening was an harmonious one except for a wrangle over driving over the walk on Lincoln avenue near the shops by farmers coming to the city. During the bad weather of the past month the avenue became badly cut up and the mud was very deep. When it froze up the street was very rough and nearly impassable for travel. Farmers and others driving into and out of the city by this route had gotten into the habit of driving upon the walk where the footing was smooth and this has proven a great inconvenience to the travelers on foot. Mendenhall and several others of the fathers proposed to put several posts into the ground along the walk and string barb wire on them to stop the practice. This proposition led to an animated discussion participated in by Stelmker, Bookmeyer, Mendenhall and others and finally resulted in the adoption of a motion to put two posts into the ground at the point where the trouble occurred but not to put wire on them.

Aside from this there was not much of interest. The members were all present when Mayor Sattler reported for order except Dovey who was detained at his store by pay day business. The minutes of the previous session was read and approved after which the reading of the several reports of the city officers was had. There were no communications or petitions on file. The report of the city treasurer showed approximately \$4,300 in the treasury. The clerk's report showed that Dr. Elster had collected the princely sum of \$14.50 during the month while Judge M. Archer reported six arrests and fines and costs collected to the amount of \$4.00. The several fire department officers reported on the condition of

the equipment of the several companies, it being good in general, and the reports were all sent to the various committees for investigation and check. Chief Amick's report on arrests for the month coincided with that of Judge Archer, six being arrested. This too, went to the police committee.

Aside from the above matters about the only thing taken up was another effort by Councilman Dwyer to have the city attorney present at the council meeting to advise with the council and his insistence upon that official reporting to the council on the legality of the charge being made for commitment of offenders to the jail. This report was asked for, it is claimed, several months ago but it has not yet been produced and Mr. Dwyer insists upon it being brought in.

The finance committee reported the following bills to go to the claims committee for investigation:

Neb. Light Co., lights.....	\$ 42.00
C. W. Baylor & Co., coal.....	8.25
Kroehler Bros., mdse.....	3.78
Cass county boarding prisoners, November.....	28.60
The finance committee also reported the following claims which were ordered paid by the clerk:	
Platts. Water Co., hydrant rental.....	\$ 877.50
John Bauer, mdse.....	1.68
Louis Roetter, labor.....	5.25
Dave Amick, salary.....	50.00
M. Archer, salary.....	30.00
Neb. Light Co., light.....	1.45
Jas. Donnelly, salary.....	4.50
Jas. Marasek, labor.....	7.70
Albert Scuttler, labor.....	3.40
Neb. Light Co., lights.....	4.00
Public Library, ex.....	1.76
Olive Jones, salary.....	25.00
Henry Trout, salary.....	50.00
Jas. Hickson, labor.....	14.70
W. H. Scott, labor.....	5.60

## WALKING CONDUCIVE TO HEALTH

That is What Judge Beeson Says When You Have No Choice in the Matter.

A good walk on a winter's day is something which County Judge Beeson has always advocated as conducive to good health and the other day he put his preachings into practice. The judge and Will Streight are also sportsmen of much experience and ability and they concluded they would take the latter's team and drive out toward Dick Streight's place north of the city and slaughter a few dozen rabbits for supper. They extended their trip west toward the Lawrence Stull property and intended to hunt along the valleys west of that place. Running up against a snow drift which they could not drive through, the judge suggested he shoulder his trusty cannon and walk over to the valley where he would while away time in cannonading the wild beasts. Streight was to drive back and come out the valley road and pick up the judge and the game. This was arranged and the judge took his fowling piece and trudged off through the snow. He wandered up and down the valley making the welkin ring with the report of his gun and accumulating a scandalous amount of game. In fact, he had Rip Van Winkle in his palm-est days backed off the boards as a hunter. The day waxed and then commenced to wane. The leaden sky was growing dark with the mantle of approaching night, yet Streight came not. At last the judge concluded to walk home and he did so groaning under the weight of the game and scattering rabbits hither and yon to relieve his burden. He reached home footsore and hungry and the next day he went after Streight. He found out why the looked for aid never came. After Mr. Streight had started back he came to a bridge which looked all right but in crossing it, one of the horses stepped

into a hole and caught its hoof. It plunged about and Mr. Streight had a hard time in getting it quiet. He finally did so and gently got out, unharnessing the animals so as to release the one caught if possible without danger to it. Everytime he tried to do anything with the animal it plunged and reared about and threatened to break a leg. Finally a brilliant idea came to Mr. Streight. He took a piece of the harness and strapped the horses' head to the bridge. Then taking an oak fence post he pried up one of the planks on the bridge and after hard work released the animal. The leg was skinned up some but no bones were broken. Mr. Streight was afraid to drive the animal too far and concluded to bring it home which he did, and had medical treatment for the injured member at once. When the judge heard the statement of the trouble he said he always believed in walking in the winter time as a fine exercise.

### Doc Young's New Star.

A grand presentation of a fine new star to Dr. H. M. Young, night merchants' police, took place last Saturday evening at Ed. Egenberger's. The gift was from admiring friends at the shops and was a work of art, being the finest product of the tin shop. While rather large it was purposely made so in order that it might be seen in the darkest night. The "doctor" has instituted a reform in costume for the night men and wears the star attached to his coat tail. He was quite overcome when the room filled with his many friends and the several presentation speeches were made. He responded in a voice much affected and accepted the gift. Owing to its intrinsic value as well as the sentiment attached to the gift, the "doctor" does not wear the star in public but has it in Mr. Egenberger's mammoth steel vault for safe keeping.

Mrs. E. C. Garrison and baby of Havlock, who have been visiting with her mother and brother at Nehawka and Union, passed through the city this morning on her way home.