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## ANXIETY TO EMULATE CIRCUS PERFORMERS IN HIGH ROPE WALKING

George Capiski, Eleven Years Old Puts On a Stunt Which Came Near Ending His Immature Career.

George Capiski, eleven years old, yesterday put on a stunt which came near ending his immature career. In his anxiety to emulate circus performers and do some fancy stunts in the high rope-walking line, he came near dislocating his neck and make a speedy and sudden exit into the hereafter. In company with a number of other lads of about his age, he was playing around some dump cars which were standing on a siding near the stock yards. George suddenly conceived the idea that it would be great to lay a 2x4 scantling from the top of one of the cars to the fence of the stockyards and perform sundry and divers merry tricks and sprightly exhibitions of skill thereon. No sooner had the brilliant conception entered his youthful brain than he took steps to put it into execution. Obtaining the needed timber from a nearby pile, he laid it over the space at a distance of some seven feet from the hard, frozen earth. Now, this scantling had a knot in it which the embryo circus performer had overlooked and when he started to do his little stunt, this knot came near being his undoing. He waltzed merrily out on the plank and forthwith it separated itself in under him and he was precipitated to the ground with a loud bang being rendered hors du combat by his juxtaposition with the frozen earth. His companions were greatly alarmed at his undone condition and hurried to Agent Pickett with a report that George's spirit had winged its way into the bourne from which no traveler returns. Agent Pickett was some upset by the intelligence and hurriedly summoned a physician who found that George was severely jolted up and rendered unconscious but that he was not in

danger and had not been seriously hurt. He revived him but later he again relapsed into unconsciousness and is suffering greatly from shock and the bruises of his fall.

In connection with his escape, it may be said that the small boys of the city have again taken up the habit of "hopping" trains in the yards to such an extent that many accidents can be looked for any day. There was a large number of them yesterday afternoon in the yards indulging in this pastime and unless the parents take steps to aid the railroad authorities in stopping the practice, some of them will meet their sons coming home minus several members one of these fine days. The boys do not realize the chances they are taking and the danger to which they are exposing themselves by this practice and they should be taken in charge of by their parents and made to stop the practice. Railroad yards are no playgrounds for children and parents with any consideration for their offspring will see that they stay away from there.

The railroad authorities are doing all they can to stop the practice and they ask the concurrence of the parents in their work. Agent Pickett today issued the following warning to which the attention of parents is called:

### Warning.

I wish to notify parents of the importance of keeping their children away from the R. R. buildings, tracks and grounds. It is against the city ordinances, it is dangerous and they are subject to arrest for trespassing. Please talk to them.

W. L. Pickett, Agent.  
Plattsmouth, Feb. 28th.

## LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Preliminary Steps Taken to Secure the Attendance of Delegates to Omaha Meeting

There was a very large attendance last evening at the M. E. church where the union meeting of the Laymen was held and where the preliminary steps were taken to secure an attendance of delegates from each church in the city upon the Laymen's missionary convention which is to convene at Omaha during the latter part of March. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one and great interest was manifested in the growth and success of the movement which is spreading so rapidly the christian world.

The meeting was presided over by Hon. R. B. Windham and on the platform with the speaker of the evening, Prof. G. W. Noble of Omaha, were representative Laymen of the several churches interested in the movement. Mr. Windham introduced Prof. Noble who is so well known to Plattsmouth audiences as to really require but small introduction.

Prof. Noble's address was an excellent discourse upon the aims and object of the movement and served to elucidate the theories upon which it is hoped to make it succeed and the great good which it is expected to do in the missionary field. Prof. Noble is a good talker and is a master of his subject. His address was an admirable one in every respect and aroused great interest and much enthusiasm in the assembly. The marked effect of it is demonstrated in the fact that there will probably be a representation of five to ten delegates present at the Omaha convention, from each of the churches in this city, the exact number being definitely determined later.

The young people's meeting in the evening was handsomely entertained by an address by Prof. W. N. Halsey of Omaha. Prof. Halsey's talk was purely an informal one and for its nature, was most excellent. He aroused the enthusiasm of the young people to a fine degree. This meeting

was quite as pronounced a success in its line as that of the Laymen later in the evening.

### In District Court.

District court today is engaged in hearing the case of Gering vs. Leyda, a damage suit brought by former Mayor Henry R. Gering of this city against John M. Leyda. The case originally was brought against Mr. Leyda, former County Attorney C. A. Rawls and one Samuel Beggs. Mr. Rawls was afterwards withdrawn from the action as a defendant, leaving Leyda and Beggs to defend the action. The case grows out of an arrest of Mr. Gering for selling liquor without a license about a year and a half ago. On the trial Mr. Gering was acquitted and he immediately brought this action for damages.

The case is being tried before Judge Good and a jury. Judge Good being called in by Judge Travis to hear the case. It will probably take today and tomorrow to complete the trial. A very hard fight is being put up by both sides, the plaintiff being represented in this trial by his brother, Matthew Gering, while the defendant Leyda is being represented by Byron Clark of this city and the defendant's brother, J. Elmer Leyda of Falls City. Up to the hour of going to press the introduction of testimony for the plaintiff was still going on, a number of prominent citizens being subpoenaed in the matter and testifying to Mr. Gering's good character while records of the trial of the case brought against him together with testimony bearing thereon had been introduced.

### Great Dissatisfaction.

Ed. Schulhof came over Saturday afternoon from Glenwood, for an over Sunday visit with his mother and sister, returning this morning to his duties at the institute. Owing to a change in the time of the trains through Glenwood, people from that place have no morning service to Pacific Junction on Sundays in time to connect with No. 15 for this city now and those desiring to spend Sunday here must come over the night before. Mr. Schulhof reports that the change has occasioned great dissatisfaction in that city and the people there are going to do their best to have other arrangements made.

## FORMER GOVERNOR GEO. L. SHELDON

He Will Stand With the Insurgents and Has a Special Program for Liquor Question

Under date of February 26, the Sunday Chicago Record-Herald contains the following correspondence from Lincoln, setting forth ex-Governor Sheldon's solution of the liquor question in Nebraska. While we do not agree with the ex-governor on this question, we believe he is probably about as conservative in his views as any others who claim to be out and out prohibitionists. Following is the article in full:

George L. Sheldon, former governor, is back in Nebraska to make it his home, after an absence from the state dating practically from the time a little over a year ago when he surrendered the executive office to his Democratic successor. With his family he went to Mississippi, where he has a plantation, not quite determined as to his future sphere of activity. He has returned, he says, as strong a Republican as ever, and frankly admits he proposes to take an active part in politics, but not as a candidate for office. The former governor declares he is as earnestly opposed to the special interests, to railroad domination and to activity of saloon keepers and brewers in politics as he was, when he made his campaign for a second term on these issues and was defeated. As a free lance in politics, he is an opponent of the faction in the Republican party represented by Speaker Cannon and will fight his battles alongside of those representing the progressive wing.

### Gives His Views.

"The powerful special interests are still concerned in Nebraska politics," said Mr. Sheldon. "They have again marshaled their trusted forces. Their confidence men are cunningly at the work. Their regard for the public welfare is measured by the opportunity it offers for their own special interests. I know whereof I speak. I have been in the fray, measured their strength and endured their cowardly attacks in an honest, if not efficient, effort to keep the vultures off the state.

"In no event will I become a candidate on my own initiative," continued Mr. Sheldon. "My interest in politics is not to seek vindication. That is for vain. Neither am I interested to gratify any personal ambition. I have none such to gratify. My sole interest in politics is to do my part in advocating, supporting and doing those things deemed best to promote the general welfare. I am content to strive with the plain people of the state to the end that our government may be steadfastly for the people. The struggle has begun. It is not a struggle of the people against all corporations, but a struggle against those corporations and those communities of interests which seek to control the national government and the government of the states so that they may continue unlawful practices or prevent further legislation needed to correct abuses now apparent."

### Liquor to the Front.

Mr. Sheldon says he believes in the coming campaign in Nebraska the liquor question will be the dominating issue, just as it was a factor in determining the last election, and he adds that it might as well be fought out in the open and settled for all time, because no candidate or party carrying the dark lantern can hope to succeed when the search light is turned on.

The former governor says he has a programme entirely his own in dealing with the control of the liquor traffic, and this programme, which he will soon make public at considerable length by addresses or otherwise, is in effect about as follows:

1—By legislative enactment provide a law for state-wide prohibition, reserving the right, however, to any municipality to suspend the application of the law by a three-fifths vote, and when so suspended to remain so for two years, when a resubmission is possible.

2—A lawful method by which any person of legal age may have liquor consigned to him when it is for his own or family's use.

3—Provision for medical use that cannot be abused.

4—Designation by law of certain "wet" cities and "wet" towns, not exceeding two in each congressional

district within the state from which liquor can be consigned, but in no event to be sent to any "dry" city or town.

5—A federal law that will prevent common carriers shipping liquors to any point designated as "dry" territory, and co-operation on the part of the federal government such as will give the state control.

### Not With Bryan.

Mr. Sheldon has been accused, because of his radical position on the liquor question and his demand for more strict control of corporations, of joining hands with W. J. Bryan, but he says this is a mistake, and they can have little in common politically. He has a great admiration for Mr. Bryan personally, and was a captain in the Bryan regiment during the Spanish-American war, but they have always opposed each other strenuously in Nebraska political campaigns, and he said he supposed they would continue to do so. Besides, he is opposed to Mr. Bryan's plan of county option, and he is certainly wholeheartedly opposed to the Democratic leader as a candidate for United States senator.

Mr. Sheldon will make his home on his farm in Cass county. There is a strong element in the Republican party that believes he may be impressed to again make the race for the governorship, but as a seeker for that office he enters a disclaimer. He believes the coming campaign in the state will be one of the most important in its history. "While some of the people of the state," said he, "may not realize the fierceness of the conflict and the urgent need for a united action, there is no cause for despair. The people of Nebraska when aroused will even stand and fight for righteousness."

### Real Estate Transfers.

The real estate business in Cass county is still on the move. Today a warranty deed was filed with Register of Deeds Snyder by which John R. and Mary L. Baird conveyed to Geo. P. Nickel for the sum of \$14,000, the east half of the northeast quarter and the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, all in section 32, town 11, range 10.

A mortgage deed from George P. and Mary B. Nickel to Nebraska Christian University for \$5,000 covering the east half of the northeast quarter of section 32, town 11, range 10, was also filed.

A warranty deed from Hester F. and Wm. H. Crawford to Sarah A. Eaton for \$1,000 covering lot 35 in the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 23, town 10, range 13.

A warranty deed was also filed from Philip and Florence Spangler to Peter Jorgensen for the sum of \$8,400 covering the northeast and southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 18, town 10, range 12.

A warranty deed was filed from Emma F. and I. N. Hunter to Katie Rich for the sum of \$4,600 covering the south half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 1, town 10, range 11.

A mortgage deed was filed from Wm. and Ruth Clarence to John R. Pierson for the sum of \$2,150 covering the west half of the southwest quarter of section 17, town 10, range 14.

### Departs for His California Home.

Former Senator Samuel L. Thomas who has been spending several weeks in the city and vicinity looking after business matters and visiting with relatives and friends, departed this morning for his home at Long Beach, Cal. The senator was loath to leave his old friends here but was anxious to get back to his family. He carries with him the greetings to the Nebraska colony in that city from a great many friends here. One peculiarly pathetic occurrence during the visit of Senator Thomas was the sudden death of his brother-in-law, the late Edwin R. Todd. These two gentlemen had always been the most close and intimate friends and when Sen. Thomas arrived here for a visit, Mr. Todd lost no time in hurrying to town to greet him, the two spending the day together and enjoying a pleasant visit. This was the last time the two aged friends met until Sen. Thomas was summoned to the bedside of his friend, finding him stricken and his tongue stilled. The unexpected stroke was a great shock to Sen. Thomas and he feels the loss of his old friend very deeply. The Journal is promised some interesting letters in the future from Long Beach at the pen of Sen. Thomas and they will contain much news of former Plattsmouth and Cass county people now living in and near that place.

## CHARLES C. ROSEWATER DELIVERS A MOST INTERESTING ADDRESS

Tells The Young Men's Bible Class of the Making and Handling of Great Metropolitan Daily Papers.

An attendance of some thirty-five members of the Young Men's Bible class of the Methodist church last evening heard an excellent, although brief talk upon the making of a great metropolitan paper by Mr. Charles C. Rosewater, business manager of the Omaha Bee.

Mr. Rosewater's address was really informal and was more in the nature of a talk upon the several different aspects of newspaper work as exemplified in a great daily. He dwelt at some length upon the several lines along with the modern newspaper is conducted detailing the building of the paper throughout all its departments. His talk was not confined to the handling of the business end of the paper, although that received its due share of attention, but took up the compiling of the news, the editing of it, the management of the editorial department, the mechanical process of making the paper, the task of distributing the completed paper to its patrons and the thousand and one little details which are combined in so large a business.

He described at length the scientific division of the metropolitan paper, the assignment of the several reporters to the different special lines over which they were the masters of subject to the supervision of the managing editor, and the importance of knowing what is news. The editorial management of the paper is in a like manner assigned to the several editorial writers who are specialists in their chosen field and who are held responsible for the lines upon which they write.

Space forbids an extended notice of Mr. Rosewater's address which was admirable in every way. Many of his auditors were deeply interested in his explanation of the mechanical construction of the paper and listened closely to his analysis of the important steps which are taken when the monster rolls of white paper are fed into the presses and come out at the other end a completed newspaper filled to the brim with the doings of the great world.

Likewise the process of handling the papers after they are printed, of the necessity of getting the country

editions to the early trains and the loss which a delay of a few moments imposes on the publisher when an edition fails to make the train in time. For the first time many of his hearers learned the value of a regular schedule in printing a paper and the working of all forces so that each edition, early mail, regular mail and city reached the presses. In the city the necessity for getting important matter in the paper at the earliest possible moment and having the edition on the street ahead of competitors is as important as to catch the mail trains.

Altogether this number is considered one of the most masterly of the number which have been given this season by the bible class and its members are greatly under obligations to Mr. Rosewater for his kindness in coming down and elucidating newspaper problems and newspaper making to them. They extended him their individual appreciation for his address.

The next meeting which the class will give will be on next Monday night and will be one for the public and will be given in the auditorium of the church. This will be addressed by Dr. F. H. Milliner, "the wizard of the west," the electrical expert of the Union Pacific at Omaha, one of the most widely known men in his line in the United States. Dr. Milliner is an authority on wireless telegraphy and telephony especially and his lecture will be well worth hearing along these special lines. The members of the class are to be congratulated upon obtaining him for a lecture and they could not have done so had it not been for his especial interest in young men and his desire to aid them to climb up. He will assist in explaining his speech with a number of exhibitions of the wonders of electricity and wireless work which will interest young and old. The enterprise of the class in securing so distinguished and able a speaker and so eminent an authority in his line as Dr. Milliner, is to be highly commended. He speaks next Monday evening in the auditorium of the M. E. church to the public, at 8 p. m. Admission is free to all.

## BIG SPREAD FOR J. E. M'DANIEL

Tendered That Gentleman Preview to His Departure Into the Wilds of Texas

Now that J. E. McDaniel is once more at home, the facts concerning a celebrated supper which was tendered him by some of his friends just prior to his departure into the wilds of Texas, are coming to light. It seems that J. E. was made the victim of foul misrepresentation by William Holly and M. L. Johnson, together with several others. He was waited upon just before the date set for his foray into the world and informed that a grand feast had been prepared for him, consisting of some choice Caribou steak, together with the trimmings, the feast being set for the night before he left. True to schedule the feast was pulled off, a table groaning with strange and unheard of dishes being set at which the party of friends gathered and toasted the departing wanderer. The first course consisted of baked sauerkraut, a new way of serving this toothsome German dish. Mc. didn't apparently relish this much but he stuck for a big show. Then came canned beans which likewise met with a rather chilly reception. Then followed in succession blind robins, fried wurst and other dishes not out of the ordinary, the guest meantime wondering when the grand uncovering would take place. This came finally after the appetite had been properly whetted and the "Caribou" was served. Mr. Johnson explained that this steak was the real goods, being smuggled into this country by an Omaha meat salesman from Omaha. This salesman had given him (Johnson) several pounds

of it as a special favor, he being one of the salesman's best customers. This had been prepared in French-Canadian style and was not to be served. Then the dish came forth and it was so fine Mc. ate it with a relish seldom seen and pronounced it superior to anything he had ever tasted before. He wondered how the salesman came to let loose of so good a thing but he didn't care, as he surely liked it. At last the lights were turned out and the party broke up but not a smidge on of the "Caribou" remained, Mc. had eaten it all.

Now comes the denouement. The celebrated "Caribou" was not Caribou at all. It was a choice cut from the wild bovine of Speck's island. This every select steak had been secured by Mr. Johnson for Mr. Holly and the latter had taken it home where his wife prepared it for the feast, bletting it ready only as she knows how. The steak had been first salted and pickled, then parboiled and afterwards baked and it was simply grand. Whether it was "Caribou" or just plain bovine from Speck's island makes no difference. As prepared by Mrs. Holly, it was superb and if it wasn't Caribou, Mc. is prepared to say that it is fine enough for a king and Caribou could be no better.

### Settled With E. H. Tritsch.

The Journal is pleased to note that the Woodman Accident Association of Lincoln, Neb., has just recently settled with Ed. H. Tritsch for a disability which he received on January 13th, last. Mr. Tritsch's disabilities covered a period of ten days, total and six partial for which the association paid him the sum of \$19.70 in full settlement. He is much gratified at the promptness with which his claim was taken up and allowed and takes pleasure in recommending the association to all desirous of accident insurance. Mr. Tritsch is now entirely recovered from his severe injury which was rather severe and which discommoded him exceedingly.