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RAISED TWELVE CHILDREN ON SALARY OF \$60 A MONTH AND HAS PROPERTY

Some Interesting Testimony Came Out In the Hearing of the Seagraves Divorce Suit—Woman Lost Suit Because She Lived With Husband After Proceedings Were Brought.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The question of "Should a man marry on a salary of \$25 a week?" was much discussed in some of the city papers a year or so ago, and many readers wrote their views on the subject, some saying that a man should have no trouble supporting a wife and family on that salary, while others did not believe that it was advisable to marry on that income. Some writers in this discussion should have heard the testimony in the divorce case yesterday in district court in the Seagraves case.

About twenty-five years ago John Seagraves and his wife, Margaret, landed in Canada with five children and \$34 in money. Seagraves was a coal miner by trade, and as miners get small wages, even in the new world, his prospects were anything but good when he came over to try his fortunes in the land of milk and honey.

The Seagraves' came to Plattsmouth twenty-four years ago. The family was in due course of time increased from seven to fourteen, the stock paying no less than twelve hundred, if not serious, calls at the Seagraves home. The family lived on an acre or two of land two miles east of town, and live there today and own the place with the improvements. Its value is about \$1,500.

Seagraves on the stand testified that he had never earned more than \$60 a month, but with that had been able to raise his family of twelve children to manhood and womanhood on that small pittance and had accumulated some property besides. For the last ten years or so he had been working for Swift & Co. in St. Joseph and has been sending home about \$20 a month.

Some humorous developments came out in the testimony, one of which lost Mrs. Seagraves her suit for divorce.

Mrs. Seagraves first filed suit for divorce last April. She alleged non-support, cruelty, etc. The roof of their shanty leaked badly and when it rained she had to put a barrel and tubs on the floor to catch the water. When she asked him to fix it he told her to move to a more torrid climate.

The divorce case was heard in June, and she was granted legal separation by the court and was given a third interest in their property and a life interest in two of the lots as a homestead.

After this decree had been rendered she came into court and asked that the decree be set aside and that she be given alimony instead of the division of the property. The decree was set aside by the court and an amended petition was filed asking for alimony.

This case came to trial yesterday. On cross-examination she was asked if she did not live with her husband after she had filed the suit. She said that she went to South Omaha and stayed there three days with him. Then three weeks ago Seagraves became sick and he went out to the home and she had cared for him during that time. Her attorneys knew nothing about this, and they saw at once that by her act she had condoned the offense. It was on these grounds that Judge Travis refused the divorce.

Seagraves on the stand said that he was willing to go back to his family, in fact, wanted to. He said he was opposed to the divorce. Mrs. Seagraves, who is much larger than her husband, showed on the stand that she had long been "boss of the ranch." She not only answered the questions of her attorneys at great length, but wanted to tell much other history besides.

When her husband was on the stand and made some statements that she did not approve of, she looked around to her son with a significant smile, which translated meant: "Well, what do you think of that?"

Seagraves gave some testimony on the "high cost of living" which was interesting. He said that he often lived for months at a time on \$1.50 a week, this including room and food.

Now that they have been in court several times and have accomplished nothing but the contracting of attorneys' fees and court costs, they may decide to make up. He is perfectly willing, and probably she will be more willing herself after a few days' reflection.

Returns From Europe.

Miss Dora Fricke returned Sunday morning from Europe, where she went on a several months' pleasure trip. She visited points of interest in Italy, Switzerland, France, Germany, England and other countries. She was accompanied by Miss Eugenia Wiggernhorn of Ashland. This is Miss Fricke's third trip across the water. She said it was a delightful one in every respect.

NEW TRACK HAS BEEN BUILT IN LOCAL YARDS

Train of 100 Cars Can Now Be Cleared on the Burlington at Plattsmouth.

The Burlington has just finished a new main track for west-bound trains. The track is north of town and runs from a point about a quarter of a mile this side of the water plant to a point west of the plant. The track that is now used for west-bound trains was today cut in for east-bound trains, while the new track was cut in yesterday for those going west.

The new trackage extends the Plattsmouth yards a quarter of a mile and the yards can now clear a train of 100 cars. Heretofore a train of not more than fifty cars could be cleared here. They had to be cut in two.

The tracks and switches will be controlled from the station by electric signals. The new track reduces the sharp curve at the water plant and gives engineers a better view on rounding the curve. The old curve was so sharp that they had to slow up in rounding it.

Cheap Advertising.

One of the principal excitements attached to editing a newspaper is the constant conflict with ingenious gentlemen who seek to gain free entrance into the news columns by fixing up advertising matter with a sugar-coating of news value. One of the latest to attempt fame in this respect is a man who is presumptively sending out advertising matter for a Panama exposition at a southern California city. Newspapers are supposed to boost expositions free of charge because of their semi-public character, and under the cover of furnishing the News with information respecting this affair, a nice line of argument is introduced on behalf of maintaining the tariff on lemons at its present level. The lemon growers insist that the tariff enables them to compete with the foreign growers, and that this competition has brought prices down, and that, anyway, the foreigner pays the tax. The most amusing part of this literature is that portion which contains a threat that if the cotton mills of the south and east, the shoe factories of Massachusetts, the automobile makers and the thousands of other manufacturers all over the country permit the lemon growers to lose their tariff protection, it will mean that the lemon growers can't afford to buy the products of these others, and bad business will follow for everybody. What do you think of that?—Lincoln News.

Progressive House Party.

Mrs. Charles Weckbah, who arrived here Saturday evening from Crete, Neb., was the guest of the members of the Jolly Six club at a progressive house party, Saturday evening and the members of the club were dinner guests at the home of Miss Verna Leonard. Mrs. Donelan gave a dinner for them Sunday, Monday morning they took breakfast with Miss Mia Gering, followed with bridge. In the evening Mrs. Clements gave a dinner for them, which was followed with a bridge party. The affairs were all delightful and the reunion of the club proved very enjoyable. Miss Dora Fricke, who has just returned from Europe, was one of the guests.

Social and Supper.

There will be a social and supper at the home of Mrs. William Wetenkamp next Saturday evening, September 23, for the benefit of the Eight Mile Grove church. You are invited to attend.

JAY AUTOMOBILISTS IN PLATTSMOUTH

Some of the Vain Ones Love to Show Off by Making Noise With Muffler Cut Out.

The Chicago Tribune some time ago said that the sure sign of an amateur automobilist is the tendency on his part to "cut out the muffler." It is purely a country town habit, and a man who would "cut out the muffler" in a big city would be laughed at as a jay, unless there was a necessity for it, as there is once in a while, especially in hill climbing or in sudden bursts of speed. The muffler is put in an automobile to lessen the noise of the engine, but a great many jay automobilists in the "bush" towns try to attract attention by making a lot of noise with the engine.

It is purely unnecessary in starting a machine or when running on level ground or an ordinary hill, and when otherwise used is simply done to attract attention. It is a habit that can be tolerated in the daytime. No one objects to anyone showing off in the daytime, but when at night people are awakened by such useless noises, it is time to call a halt.

Plattsmouth seems to have more than its proportion of jay automobile drivers, and they are a nuisance to the people living in the down-town district.

SEND IN YOUR IDEAS FOR THE CELEBRATION

Bridge Opening Should Be Made a Notable Affair—Thousands Should Attend.

Preparatory to the celebration in Plattsmouth for the opening of the new Platte river bridge, suggestions should be made as to the best means of celebrating an event that means much to the town. The completion of this bridge may have its effect on landing the Missouri river wagon bridge, which will be built at some point between Plattsmouth and Omaha.

The celebration should be made no small affair, but something that would attract 5,000 people or more. The bridge will be free on the day of the celebration and from across the river and Omaha a great number of people will undoubtedly come. The owners of the bridge are going to make special inducements to attract the automobile owners of Omaha to make the trip to Plattsmouth on that day, and with the right kind of celebration here hundreds will come.

If you have suggestions for the celebration, send them to the Journal.

Silver Jubilee Convention.

The Nebraska Christian Endeavor Union will hold its twenty-fifth annual convention in the Auditorium, Lincoln, October 26-29, 1911. More than fifty speakers—among them such men as William Shaw, general secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor; Carl Lehmann, interstate field secretary for the United Society of Christian Endeavor, and a host of other prominent Endeavor workers—will appear on the platform during the twelve sessions of the convention. From 2,500 to 3,000 delegates are expected. Many features combine to make this a gathering of unusual importance. Every session will be up-to-date. The use of motion pictures and extensive educational exhibits will be a unique feature. Literature and information sent free on application to Ray G. Fletcher, 364 Fraternal building, Lincoln.

Suit for Divorce.

John M. Clarence has filed in the district court a suit for divorce against his wife, Belle Clarence. The petition states that they were married in Plattsmouth in June, 1906. The plaintiff charges that his wife refuses to live with him. No children were born of the union.

Phil Becker of Eight Mile Grove precinct is in town today.

Mont Robb in Town.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Mont Robb, steward of the state penitentiary, was in the city over last night visiting with his many Plattsmouth friends. He came up from Wyoming and Union, where he had been spending Saturday and Sunday with home folks. He paid the Journal office a brief call. He is hale and hearty and looks as though he was enjoying his share of the pleasures of life.

PUT IN BUILDING TO HANDLE PRODUCE

Hatt & Son Have Need for More Room to Handle Their Produce Business.

Hatt & Son are putting up a concrete block building back of their store, which will be used by them in the handling of produce. They are big shippers of eggs, poultry and butter and they have been handicapped for want of room.

The new building will be 20x30 feet in dimension and will make quite an addition to their floor space. This improvement is one of the many that are now being made in Plattsmouth, which has undoubtedly started on an upward growth again.

CLEANING OUT WELLS AT THE WATER STATION

New Wells Will Be Put in and Old Ones Put in Better Condition, Says Birney.

The water company is busy cleaning out the wells at the station. These wells are from 50 to 75 feet deep and run through a gravel bed, where there is a fine underground stream of water. Six-inch casing is used in the wells, and at the lower part is a strainer that permits the water to seep through, but keeps the gravel and sand out. The pipes, however, fill up in the course of years, and ought to be cleaned out every few years.

There are eight wells at the water station, and it is probable that several more will be drilled. Wells often play out and have to be abandoned.

Mr. Birney, an expert erecting engineer, is directing the work. He will remain here until the new improvements are all made.

Ed Rynott Goes to Hospital.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Edward Rynott, who has been suffering with appendicitis for the past few days, went to Omaha today, where he will enter the hospital for an operation. Mr. Rynott has suffered several attacks during the past few months, and it was thought he might recover without resorting to a surgical operation, but he has grown worse, until the last attack proved quite serious. The drug store will be left in charge of Mr. Ralph Roby of Stafford, Kansas, who arrived in the city last Friday. Mr. Roby is a registered pharmacist of several years' experience, coming to our city as he does, most highly recommended, he will prove an excellent gentleman to take charge of Mr. Rynott's business during his absence. Mr. Rynott expects to be gone about ten days to two weeks.

Presbyterian Figures.

The annual report of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church just issued gives the following statistics on the Nebraska synod: Presbyteries, 6; ministers, 183; churches, 234; communicants, 20,279; baptisms, 859; Sunday school membership, 20,225. In the Nebraska City Presbytery are 41 churches, 43 ministers, 6,166 communicants, 5,393 in Sunday schools and 252 baptisms.

Improving Its Roadbed.

The Missouri Pacific has a gang of men working on its grade at La Platte, just north of Plattsmouth, as well as at a number of other places along its line between Falls City and Omaha. In many places the grade is being widened.

MONEY APPORTIONED FOR NEW BOOKS

Library Board Working Hard to Make Institution Useful to Large Number.

From Tuesday's Daily.
The library board met last evening and apportioned the \$150 recently appropriated by the city council for books. For binding \$40 will be spent, for juvenile books \$50 and for miscellaneous books \$50. A committee consisting of Prof. N. A. Abbott, Miss Olive Jones and Miss Verna Leonard was appointed to purchase the books.

The board decided to meet once a month hereafter, and the regular day of meeting will be the first Thursday in each month.

The library board will attempt to do much work for the good of the library this year. More and more the library is becoming a necessary part of school work. More and more reference work is being done, and the number of school children using the library is constantly growing.

It will surprise many people to know that 1,800 people are now using the public library. These people have cards for taking books from the library and are making use of their privilege. This is a showing that few other towns of Plattsmouth's size in the country can make. In two towns of the same size in Plattsmouth that the writer is familiar with, the showing does not compare with this. At one place where there is a Carnegie library and more funds are available for library purposes, there is not half of the number of patrons as in Plattsmouth.

It is regrettable that the levy for the library was decreased by the council recently. It is an institution, because of its value to the schools, that ought to be encouraged and maintained on a proper standard.

ST. MARY'S GUILD MEETS WITH MRS. HENRY HEROLD

Arrange to Hold a Cafeteria at Rooms Recently Occupied by Nemetz & Co. on Saturday.

From Wednesday's Daily.
A most enjoyable and profitable meeting was that of the ladies of St. Mary's Guild of St. Luke's church, which was held at the pretty home of Mrs. Henry Herold on North Fourth street yesterday afternoon. A large number of the members of this organization were in attendance. The ladies held their usual business session, during which time, aside from attending to the routine business matters, the ladies decided to hold a cafeteria on Saturday afternoon and evening of this week in the rooms recently occupied by Nemetz & Co.'s store for which final arrangements and plans were made.

The remainder of the afternoon hours were delightfully spent in playing the busy needle, social conversation and the like and partaking of the delicious luncheon served by the hostess at this time. The ladies are very much pleased over the way the fall work is starting out and feel that the coming winter months could not help but be successful ones for the Guild.

Death of Herman Schieffert.

Herman Schieffert, a well known and highly respected farmer of near Manley and of heart trouble on Tuesday evening, September 14. He had been in poor health for some time, yet the announcement of his death came as a shock to his many Cass county friends. The funeral occurred from the family residence at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.—Louisville Courier.

Puts Down Fine Cement Walk.

George R. Styles has taken up the board walk in front of his residence on Marble street and replaced it with a fine cement walk, which greatly adds to the looks of his cosy home.

J. A. Schwab of Weeping Water was in town yesterday.

APPOINTMENTS FOR NEBRASKA CITY DISTRICT

Rev. W. L. Austin Returns to the Plattsmouth Church, Which Will Be Welcome News.

At the M. E. conference in Lincoln the following appointments were made Monday night for the Nebraska City district. It will be seen that Rev. W. L. Austin has been returned to Plattsmouth, which will not only please the congregation of the M. E. church, but also everyone who has made the acquaintance of Mr. Austin, who has become very popular with our people, as his appointment to this change for the third year would truly indicate. A. A. Randall, a former pastor of the church here, goes to Syracuse; J. W. Embree, superintendent, Adams—J. R. Newkirk, Alvo—Alfred Hunter, Ashland—W. P. Stoenumb, Auburn—Richard Pearson, Avenue—Peter Van Fleet, Bennet—T. J. O'Grady, Bookwalter—To be supplied, Brock—To be supplied, Brownsville—W. T. Taylor, Burchard—J. B. Wyba, Cook—A. A. Korber, Crab Orchard—E. H. Bannhill, Douglas—J. H. Bounds, DuBois—T. R. Hollingsworth, Eate—To be supplied, Elk Creek—W. O. Harrell, Elmwood—J. W. Davis, Falls City—O. M. Kove, Filley—To be supplied, Greenwood—W. G. W. Reynolds.

Humboldt—C. E. Ruch, Johnson—A. E. Chadwick, Lashard—To be supplied, Lewiston—J. D. Hammel, Louisville—E. H. Gould, Murdock and South Bend—To be supplied, Mynard and Eight Mile Grove—A. E. Waehlel, Nebraska City—F. M. Sisson, Nehawka—William Van Buren, Nemaha—To be supplied, Palmyra—To be supplied, Pawnee City—M. T. Stiffler, Peru—J. H. Stitt, Plattsmouth—W. L. Austin, Rulo—J. A. Murray, Salem—To be supplied, Stella—To be supplied, Sterling—J. W. Lewis, Syracuse—A. A. Randall, Table Rock—H. P. Young, Talmage—To be supplied, Tecumseh—W. E. Alexander, Unadilla—To be supplied, Union—To be supplied, Vestal—Newton Sherman, Wabash—To be supplied, Waverly—G. W. Bylton, Weeping Water—L. F. Townsend.

Ed Brandt Dead.

Edward O. Brandt, a former general traveling auditor of the Burlington, and well known in Plattsmouth, died Sunday night in New York City. For the last ten years he has been traveling auditor for the Anheuser-Busch company. He was unmarried and 59 years old. He was a very prominent Elk.

Miss Mary Becker of Eight Mile Grove precinct is visiting in Plattsmouth today.