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## HERMAN BESTOR RECEIVES PAY FOR SERVING AS A "SQUIRREL HUNTER"

Receives Thirteen Dollars From the State for Services Rendered When Kirby Smith and John Morgan Attempted to Devastate Southern Ohio in 1862.

In 1862—forty-nine years ago last month—Confederate Generals Kirby Smith and John Morgan threatened to invade Ohio. Daniel Todd was then governor of the Buckeye state, and the invading army was quite large and had just entered Kentucky through Cumberland Gap, and driven back the Union forces stationed at Richmond, taking many prisoners and completely scattering the federal forces in every direction.

The writer remembers the great battles all along the line from Big Hill to Richmond, and then on to Lexington. He was right there, being a member of Company B, 95th Ohio regiment, and knows how fast we had to travel in order to get out of reach of the confederates, who were in hot pursuit. The defeat of the Union forces in this battle caused great excitement in the state of Ohio and Indiana as well. It was then that Governor Todd called on every loyal man to rise in their might and protect their homes and wives and children, and they armed themselves with any old gun they could get a hold of and proceeded directly to the boarder of the state and Cincinnati. Thousands responded to the call, and our old friend, Herman Bestor, was one among the number. Kirby Smith fell back, but later did cross the river into Indiana, went up through Ohio when Morgan was captured and placed in prison at Columbus. Six months afterward Mr. Bestor received an honorable discharge as one of the "Ohio Squirrel Hunters." Three years ago the legislature made an appropriation to pay each one a month's pay, \$13, and Mr. Bestor received a warrant from the treasurer of Ohio this morning for this sum. The following correspondence was received by Mr. Bestor, which he prizes very highly, as it came from Governor Todd:

The State of Ohio, Executive Department, Columbus, March 4th, 1863.

To Harmon Bestor, Esq., of

Geauga, County, Ohio:

The legislature of our state has this day passed the following resolution:

Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives of the state of Ohio, That the governor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate out of his contingent fund a sufficient sum to pay for printing and lithographing discharges for the patriotic men of the state, who responded to the call of the governor and went to our southern border to repel the invaders, and who will be known in history as the "Squirrel Hunters."

And in obedience thereto, I do most cheerfully herewith enclose a certificate of your service. But for the gallant services of yourself and the other members of the corps of patriotic "Squirrel Hunters," rendered in September last, Ohio, our dear state, would have been invaded by a band of pirates determined to overthrow the best government on earth; our wives and children would have been violated and murdered, and our homes plundered and sacked. Your children and your children's children will be proud to know that you were one of this glorious band.

Preserve the replicate of service and discharge herewith enclosed to you, as evidence of this gallantry. The rebellion is not yet crushed out, and therefore the discharge may not be final; keep the old gun, then, in order; see that the powder horn and bullet pouch are supplied and caution your patriotic mothers and wives to be at all times prepared to furnish you a few days' cooked rations, so that if your services are called for (which may God in His infinite goodness forbid) you may again prove yourselves "Minute Men" and again protect our loved homes.

Invoking God's choicest blessings upon yourself and all who are dear to you. I am very truly yours,

Daniel Todd, Governor.

## DELIGHTFUL TIME AT THE T. J. SOKOL HALL

Saturday Evening Witnessed One of the Finest Events in the History of the Society.

The home talent troupe, composed of L. Jiran, E. Ptak, F. Hobub, P. Stoker, Mr. and Mrs. Altman, were greeted with a full house at the T. J. Sokol hall last Saturday evening, when they put on the play entitled, "The Night-mare," which was a comic production.

The leading parts were taken by Mr. Jiran and Mr. Ptak, well supported by the other members of the troupe. The play was well rendered and very highly appreciated and enjoyed by those who attended.

After the play those who cared to do so participated in the ball given by the T. J. Sokol and Z. G. B. J. societies. A pleasing feature of the dance was the music furnished by the popular M. W. A. orchestra.

Refreshments were served and a very pleasant time had by everybody. Another dance will be given in two weeks. These dances given at the Sokol hall are becoming more popular all the time, the best of order is maintained and the committee in charge is entitled to much credit for the efforts put forth to make everyone welcome who visits the hall.

O. F. Mayfield moved his family from St. Louis to this city today. Mr. Mayfield is associated with his father, E. O. Mayfield, on the News-Herald.

## ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF BRIDE AND GROOM

Miss Johnson Gives Shower for Miss Florence Hutcheson and Mr. Carl Cole.

One of the most delightful social events of the season occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson Friday evening, when their daughter, Miss Jennie, gave a "handkerchief and linen shower" in honor of Miss Florence Hutcheson and Mr. Carl Cole. Showers prevailed throughout the evening, both inside and out, but the young people weathered that of the elements in anticipation of the other, which was more congenial.

Miss Johnson's ideas of a good time were splendidly carried out, and the whole evening was one of continual merriment. Soon after the guests arrived the hostess passed small pink pencils and card-board, upon which were written the names of twelve Russian generals, each containing sufficient letters to spell the name of a piece of furniture if properly placed. This was most interesting. After the cards were exchanged and correct answers read, pink hearts were passed and each guest was requested to write upon them the very best wish in store for the happy pair. These were collected and placed in a sealed envelope and given to the prospective bride, who is not to open the envelope until her wedding day. "The Romance of a Country Girl," was heartily enjoyed by all, it being a guessing game, in which Roy Cole proved most successful, and was accordingly presented a box of stationery, while Mrs. Cash Wiles received the booby prize, it being a foot-toot auto horn.

After the ample supply of popcorn, peanuts and sweet apples were polished, the honored pair stood in the center of the room to receive a large cake upon which rested two large pink hearts. They then proceeded to investigate the contents of the cake, which proved to be a large round box covered with white crepe paper, in which were the many beautiful pieces of linen, which the happy couple inspected and will cherish for years and years to come. The linen consisted of many nice lunch cloths, doilies, centerpieces and towels and an amply supply of handkerchiefs for Carl.

After the piano music, rendered by Miss Johnson and Mrs. C. G. Barnard, the guests were invited to the dining room, where a delicious luncheon was served, consisting of pink and white cakes and fruit salad.

This pleasant occasion was one long to be remembered by all, and the guests departed at a late hour, each declaring Miss Johnson a most amiable hostess.

Those who enjoyed this hospitality were: The Misses Beulah Sans, De Ella Venner, Winnie and Florence Hutcheson, Elizabeth Campbell, Messrs. Carl Cole, Ernest Hutcheson, Roy and Sherman Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Will Carey, Charles Barnard and C. L. Wiles.

## Engine Topples Into Water.

From Monday's Daily.

The Nebraska Construction company met with a slight obstruction to the progress of the work on the new wagon bridge across the Platte river Saturday night by having one of their engines topple into the water, where it lay in four feet of water until today. The rise of three feet in the river caused the false work on this side to give way and down went the engine. The work will be rebuilt and the engine righted today and the work of completing the bridge go right on. The men are working like beavers today to get the false work back in place. The contractor at Ashland had a similar experience, a pile-driver and engine going into the river at that place, and one of their large tubings.

Theodore Eggers and wife and two children of Milwaukee, who have been spending some time in the west, stopped off in Plattsmouth en route to their home, and were guests of John Hatt, sr., and family. Mr. Hatt and Mr. Eggers are brothers-in-law.

## Convention Meets Monday.

Next Monday is the day the eleventh annual convention of the Cass County Sunday school association meets in this city for a two days' session. The residents of the city will be on their good behavior, no doubt, and extend to the visiting delegates the courtesy due visitors in the city. Remember, some of the best talent in the country will speak at this convention and everyone who possibly can do so, should hear these addresses. Any movement calculated to benefit the children should receive the support of good citizens everywhere.

## MRS. P. A. BARROWS IS BADLY BURNED

She Jumps From a Second-Story Window and is Badly Injured.

Mrs. P. A. Barrows, wife of the publicity manager of the ball club, Pell Barrows, was injured in a fire at Elgin, Ill., last Tuesday night, according to a telegram received by Mr. Barrows from a brother of his wife, John Baker, of that city. Mr. Baker's son had died recently and Mrs. Barrows arrived in Elgin Tuesday night to attend the funeral. She was slaying at the home of the bereaved parents, which caught on fire during the night. The telegram merely warned Mr. Barrows that his wife had sustained injuries in jumping from one of the upper windows of the blazing edifice. Mr. Barrows left on a train for Elgin Wednesday at 1:30 p. m.—Lincoln Star.

A paper containing the above account of the serious injury of Mrs. Barrows was received by Frank Gobelman of this city Saturday evening, at the same time Mr. Gobelman received a card from Mr. Barrows stating that he had just returned from Elgin, where Mrs. Barrows was badly injured. Hands and feet were badly cut by broken glass and two spikes passed entirely through the right foot. Cannot be moved. Mr. Barrows expressed a hope that nothing serious would develop, although the doctor feared blood poison.

The numerous friends of Mrs. Barrows in this city will be grieved to learn of her serious injury, but rejoice that she escaped with her life.

## In District Court.

Judge Travis called the docket at the equity term of the district court Saturday afternoon, but owing to the fact that many of the attorneys were absent, not a great deal of business was done. The following matters were considered:

The City of Plattsmouth vs. Earl Wessott was marked "pending," on motion to make the petition more definite and certain.

W. H. Jones, sheriff of Sarpy county, against Cass county, is pending on a motion. This is a case where the sheriff of Sarpy claims a part of the reward for the capture of a horse thief.

Monroe vs. Stull, pending on motion to make the allegations of the petition more definite and certain.

Reynolds vs. Kohrell, defendant given thirty days to file his answer.

Olsen vs. Cass county, pending on a motion to make definite and certain.

Carrarher vs. Carrarher, pending on motion to dismiss the action.

John Gorder, et al, vs. Fred H. Gorder, et al, settled by a stipulation.

John M. Clarence vs. Belle Clarence, case called, trial had and taken under advisement by the court.

State vs. J. Bose, gave bond of \$3,000 conditioned to keep the peace, Fred Bose as surety.

## Canon Burgess Better.

From Monday's Daily.

Canon Burgess, who has been reported quite ill for a week, was much better this morning and was resting nicely. His legion of friends in the city will be pleased to note his improvements and will be glad to see his familiar face again on the street soon.

## THE PASSING OF A MOST ESTIMABLE YOUNG LADY

Mrs. E. P. Stewart Died at Her Home in This City After a Short Illness.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. E. P. Stewart, wife of E. P. Stewart, train dispatcher at the Burlington station, died last night after an illness of but short duration. Mrs. Stewart has been more or less ill for several months with diabetes and stomach trouble, but was not considered seriously sick until Saturday last. In fact, she was able to visit the Ak-Sar-Ben last week, but on last Saturday she became much worse, and a physician was called, who discovered at once that her symptoms were alarming, and Mr. Stewart, who working on the second trick at the train dispatcher's desk, was notified and went home immediately.

Mrs. Stewart's parents at Hamburg, F. McBride and wife, were notified at once and were present when their daughter passed away. The deceased leaves surviving, her husband and one little daughter, 2 years of age; her father and mother and two sisters and one brother. The bereaved husband and little daughter have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in this hour of greatest sorrow.

Mrs. Stewart's remains will be taken to her former home at Hamburg for interment. The funeral will occur Wednesday.

## For Bride and Groom-to-Be.

About forty friends of Carl Cole and Miss Florence Hutcheson gathered at the W. D. Wheeler home, south of this city, Saturday evening and spent a most enjoyable evening. A "mock wedding" was the most novel feature of the evening and it produced much merriment.

The bride-to-be received many beautiful bread and butter plates, several of which were hand-painted, and Carl was showered with socks galore.

In the dining room oyster soup, coffee and cake were served and relished by all, and at a late hour the guests dispersed, each vowing the time well spent.

Those present were: Misses Jennie Johnson, Lela Vallery, Winnie and Florence Hutcheson, Rose Tschirren, Beulah Sans, Rachel and Jennie Livingston, Mabel Adams, Elizabeth Campbell, De Ella Venner, Lillian Wheeler, Messrs. Charley Vallery, Ed Tschirren, Lee Cole, Elbert Wiles, Carl, Roy and Sherman Cole, Ernest Hutcheson, Charley Sans, Percy and Joe Wheeler, Mr. Taylor of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Will Carey, C. L. Wiles, Ted Barrows, C. G. Barnard, J. E. Wiles, Albert Wheeler and Will Hutcheson.

## In County Court.

In the county court Saturday Judge Beeson heard a petition of the relatives of Margaret A. Shryder, 77 years of age, for the appointment of a guardian for the aged lady to manage her property. C. A. Rawls appeared for the petition, for D. O. Dwyer, George Shryder of McMinnville, Oregon, and G. E. Young of Nehawka and J. D. Cross of Union were present. Mr. Cross was appointed guardian of property having a rental value of \$250 per year, on giving bond of \$1,000.

## Little Girl's Eyes Affected.

From Tuesday's Daily.

James Loughbridge of Murray went to Omaha this morning with his little daughter to a hospital there, where the little girl's eyes are being treated. Some sort of trouble with her eyes has bothered the little girl for some time. The doctor thinks it will yield to treatment readily. Mrs. Loughbridge has been an invalid for some weeks, and this, with the little girl's affliction, seems more than one man's share of trouble.

L. A. Meisinger and wife drove in from the farm Sunday afternoon and boarded the fast mail for Omaha and Benson, where they visited P. M. Meisinger and wife over night. Today the Messdames Meisinger went to Bloomfield to visit their parents for a few days.

## Business Picks Up.

The business of the Olson Photo Postal Picture Card company is taking on new life as the fall orders come in. Mr. Olson departed for Glenwood, Tabor and Sidney, Iowa, this morning to look after the interests of the company. Demmie Hatt left for Ashland and Hastings and intermediate points on No. 15. A third man departed for the north part of Nebraska last week, and the fourth for Missouri Valley, Iowa, and surrounding territory. New help is being taken on at the factory and when spring opens about eleven or twelve states will be covered, which means more help employed at the home concern. It will take about six people in the factory to keep up the work one man on the road will bring in.

## CHARGED WITH PURLOINING CORN FROM FIELD

The Trial Before Judge Archer, but Evidence Produced Cleared the Accused.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Judge Archer's court was the forum in which was tried yesterday evening the case of the State against C. E. Barrett, who was charged with stealing corn from the field of Roy Taylor on October 2, raised on the land of C. L. Stull, two and a half miles north of this city. The case was prosecuted by the county attorney and defended by C. A. Rawls.

Mr. Taylor, Mr. Stull and J. W. Elliott testified for the state and the evidence disclosed that about eight to twelve bushels of corn had been taken from the field. Mr. Elliott saw the defendant on the day above stated, shortly after 5 o'clock, with his team and wagon, in which was his wife, and the man with a sack in Mr. Taylor's field, near the fence. When Mr. Elliott drove by the sack was dropped, the man got over the fence and walked around the team. Mr. Elliott saw several sacks in the wagon which appeared to be full, though he could not say they contained corn.

The witness drove on down toward Plattsmouth, and stopped to notify Mr. Taylor, but found no one at home. As he drove on toward his own home he again passed the defendant, who, with his wife and two sons, was driving toward the city. In the wagon was some wood and the sacks containing what he thought was corn.

Defendant had sworn Mr. Kennedy and William Egenberger and then defendant took the stand himself.

Mr. Kennedy's evidence was to the effect that on last Monday Mr. Barrett and himself shucked out about ten or twelve bushels of shock corn and that the defendant got half of this, and it was measured out to him at C. L. Martin's barn.

Mr. Egenberger testified that he had sold feed to Mr. Barrett and some flour, all amounting to \$16.50; the last hundred pounds of ground feed was sold to the defendant on September 30.

The defendant testified that he had been at Kennedy's on October 2 and got five or six bushels of corn, in the forenoon. That in the afternoon, with his wife and two sons, he was out northwest of the city with his team and wagon, gathering up some wood; that he had five or six sacks with him, which the boys and himself used in gathering up the bark and small sticks along the fences; that he was not in Mr. Taylor's corn field that day nor at any other time. He testified that he resided in the city and had a wife and six children; that he had been working for the Missouri Pacific at the grading, near the station.

The wife and the 14-year-old son were placed on the stand and corroborated the testimony of Mr. Barrett. The matter was then argued by the attorneys and submitted to the court.

In summing up the evidence the court observed that there was no doubt that corn to the amount testified to had been taken from the complaining witness' field, but from the evidence the court did not believe the defendant took the corn, and dismissed the case.