

SOME OF OUR CASS COUNTY FARMERS "DUPED" BY TRAVELING SALESMEN

The Goods They Handled Looked All Right, and the Proposition in Making Up Same Looked Fair Enough, But the After-
clap is What Hurts.

A few weeks ago three well-groomed gentlemen arrived in Plattsmouth to canvas the county and make sales of tailor-made garments to the farmers. They procured a horse and buggy each and secured the services of prominent retired farmers residing in the city to drive them out to the precincts.

The proposition they placed before the prospective purchaser was very attractive and calculated to appeal to them. The drivers were Bennett Christwiser, Isaac Nelson and C. Meisinger, who had all expenses paid by the crafty salesmen and received for their skill as drivers the sum of \$2 per day "and found."

The strangers did considerable business and gathered in the cash in every instance. In fact, they did not stop at a place which did not possess fine buildings and appearances of thrift. The men proposed to sell only a limited number of suits in a precinct, and not over four suits in one family. The suits of men's clothing were to be tailor-made for \$12 each. The purchaser was required to go to Omaha to have the suit cut, and after that it was to be sent to Chicago to be made. To enjoy this great saving of a tailor-made suit the farmer would have to buy at least two suits. And not to exceed 100 suits could be sold in any one precinct.

A number of purchasers went

to the Omaha concern to have their suits cut and fit. There they were asked if the suit should be lined or not. As most people desired linings, of course these would cost about \$3 per suit extra. Another thing the customer was given choice of machine or hand-made, as the latter would cost about \$3 more than the machine-made suit. After this additional cash bill was settled the goods were forwarded to Chicago and made, then expressed to the purchaser with express charges collect. Taking the whole into consideration, the same suit could be had at any of the clothing stores in Plattsmouth for considerable less than the farmer was required to pay the foreign concern.

The same smooth gentlemen handled groceries and ladies' furnishings. It is rumored that the tailoring branch at Omaha has disappeared, so that the farmer who has not had his cloth cut to fit may now have to pay for the fitting and making in addition to the lining.

We never get too old to learn. Moral: Deal with the men you know, then you can have them present when you register your kick.

The gentlemen who accompanied these fellows were innocent of anything but square and honest dealing, and are among our best citizens.

M. E. Aid Society Meets.

From Friday's Daily.
The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church was very pleasantly entertained in the church parlors by Mesdames Val Burkel, W. L. Austin and Mrs. Babbitt. At the usual hour the business session was held and then the remaining few moments were given over to social conversation, sewing and other amusements. During this social hour delicious refreshments were served to the large number in attendance, there being something like 74 present.

WILL CELEBRATE EIGHTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY

J. W. Rodefer of the Masonic Home a hale and healthy man at 81 years of age.

From Friday's Daily.
J. W. Rodefer of the Masonic home will celebrate his 81st birthday tomorrow and he says it will take a good man physically to put him under the table.

He was born in Abingdon, Washington county, Virginia, October 14, 1830. At the age of 27 Mr. Rodefer came west and located at Keokuk, Iowa, where, in 1860, he was married. He resided at Keokuk for some nineteen years, when he came further west and took up his residence at Council Bluffs, residing there until 1886, when he removed to Omaha, where he lived until 1905, when he came to the home, where he has been for the past six years. Four children were born to Mr. Rodefer, one son surviving, who resides in Omaha. Mr. Rodefer's wife died about twenty years ago.

Since residing at the home he has engaged in making a collection of postage stamps, and has a collection now of over 200,000, which have a market value of 30 cents per 1,000, but Mr. Rodefer expects to obtain a better price. He is still receiving stamps and increasing his collection.

During the six years' residence at the home he has not taken a dose of medicine, and he believes his practice of walking to the Burlington station twice daily to meet the morning and afternoon trains has kept his body healthy. Mr. Rodefer has missed this trip but three times during the three years, but not on account of being indisposed, but on account of the weather.

Preparing for Convention.

The committee on arrangements for the Cass County Sunday School convention has received word from Dr. Shepherd and Mr. Wallace that they will be here next Monday to take part in the eleventh annual convention of the Cass County Sunday School association. A few more places of entertainment for delegates is desired, as the attendance is expected to be large and an enthusiastic convention is anticipated. The entertainment committee held a meeting last evening and perfected its organization. There will be members of the reception committee meet the trains and show the delegates to their place of entertainment.

Loses Valuable Mule.

From Friday's Daily.
Fred Clugey, who is doing some grading at La Platte for the M. P. was a Plattsmouth visitor last evening. Mr. Clugey had the misfortune to lose a valuable mule a short time ago, the accident occurring when he was away from the camp. He had advised his teamsters to place the teams, four horses and a span of mules, in Mr. Mark's barn at La Platte, which they did, but did not place poles between the animals, and when the men went to the barn the next morning the best mule had been kicked to death. Mr. Clugey was considerably discommoded by the circumstance and had to hunt another mule to take the place of the one killed.

Young Man Improving.

From Friday's Daily.
Steve Huntley's son, who was reported dying with appendicitis at his home in La Platte, was taken to an Omaha hospital last week and is now reported as improving.

WORK ON PLATTE RIVER BRIDGE DELAYED

The Engine Going Into the River Saturday Night Cause of About Two Weeks' Delay.

From Friday's Daily.
Glen Smith of the Nebraska Construction company was in the city this morning. He has his engine almost to shore, which was swept down by the rise in the Platte river Saturday night. The work of getting the engine on firm footing goes rather slowly, as it has to be jacked up a few inches at a time. It is out of the sand now and will be on shore in a short time.

The work on the north end of the bridge is being finished, while some of the force are getting the engine out. Mr. Smith's loss from the accident will probably be \$200, as some lumber went down the river. The loss would have been much heavier had he not seen the rise coming and notified his men from Ashland that all loose lumber and other material should be taken off of the false work.

The engine going down will delay the completion of the bridge about two weeks. There will be no steel piling driven until the engine is in shape again.

No Limit.

The Christian Endeavorers of the state will notice a new feature in connection with their great convention to be held in the Lincoln Auditorium October 26-29, 1911. No limit is placed upon the number of delegates from any church. Some societies will send their entire membership. This was found to be necessary on account of the international scope of the program, and a general protest went up in regard to the representation being limited. Besides this, entertainment is to be furnished to all who attend on the Harvard plan, i. e. lodging and breakfast free.

The program is complete with specialists in every line of Young People's work, and as it is particularly a young people's convention, a large representation is assured; 2,500 to 3,000 delegates are expected.

Any desired information in regard to the convention can be obtained by writing Mr. Ray G. Fletcher, 361 Fraternity Bldg., Lincoln, Neb.

Read It in the Journal.

From Friday's Daily.
The gray nag belonging to M. L. Freidrich was found yesterday by J. P. Meisinger, who lives about five miles west of the city. The animal had walked into the field and had gone through the corn, pulling up at the southwest corner of Mr. Meisinger's corn field. The mare was discovered in the forenoon of the day that she left her owner's barn lot, and taken up by Mr. Meisinger. When Mr. Meisinger received the Journal and his wife was reading this household necessity, she informed her husband at once that she knew whose gray nag it was they had taken up. Mr. Freidrich was communicated with by phone and informed of the find and was accordingly well pleased to get trace of the missing mare, as she is gentle and city broke and safe for Mrs. Freidrich to drive.

Suffering With Consumption.

John Brooks, formerly a Plattsmouth resident and later a Burlington switchman at Pacific Junction, has been confined to his bed with consumption for some weeks. He is at the home of his sister, Mrs. G. M. Straly, at South Omaha, having returned from the M. W. A. sanitarium at Colorado Springs three weeks ago, where he has been taking treatment for some time. George Brooks of this city was up to see his brother last Sunday and found him in bad condition physically.

Jacob Fornoff and father, Adam Fornoff, and Jake Lohnes of the vicinity of Cedar Creek were visitors in the city today. Jacob Fornoff was a pleasant caller at this office and renewed his subscription to this paper for another year.

Louis Dose Improving.

From Friday's Daily.
Louis Dose, who has been quite ill for the past month, during which time he has been confined to his home, is now improving. Louis has been greatly missed by his many friends down town, all of whom will be much pleased to see his familiar face upon our streets again, which will be within a few days if his present progress continues.

A NARROW ESCAPE FROM INSTANT DEATH

Accident to Mr. and Mrs. John Kaffenberger at the Missouri Pacific Depot.

From Friday's Daily.
John Kaffenberger, jr., and wife and babe had a narrow escape from death last evening, when their team became frightened at a M. P. train and upset their buggy. Mr. Kaffenberger escaped with slight bruises, but his wife was seriously injured and did not regain consciousness for some time.

The accident occurred as they were driving home, having been to Plattsmouth yesterday afternoon. When they neared the M. P. crossing on the cemetery road Mr. Kaffenberger heard the rumble of the passenger train coming in from the south. He had barely stopped his team when the engine and cars dashed out of the cut in front of the team, which, frightened at the sudden apparition, whirled about, upsetting the buggy and breaking the tongue off short, throwing Mrs. Kaffenberger out, the shock rendering her unconscious.

A physician was summoned and Mrs. Kaffenberger was brought to town in a hack. So serious was her wounds that she was not able to return home last night, but remained over night in the city. Mr. Kaffenberger took his rig to a blacksmith shop for repairs and took his family home this morning.

Entirely Blind.

From Saturday's Daily.
L. C. W. Murray came in from his home near Mynard this morning, accompanied by his son, to consult a doctor in regard to an injury he received to his eye yesterday. The old gentleman was picking apples when one fell from the tree, striking him in the eye, completely destroying the sight for the present. It will be remembered that Mr. Murray lost the sight of one eye a few years ago from a poisonous bug striking him, and with the injury of yesterday it places him in a serious condition, although the doctors are of the opinion that it can be partially restored. Today he is completely blind, and is going to Omaha for the purpose of consulting Dr. Gifford in regard to treatment. It is hoped that the specialist may be able to restore the injury.

Died at Omaha.

From Friday's Daily.
Lillian May Hickson, the 16-year-old daughter of James Hickson, jr., who has been a great sufferer from tuberculosis for a long time, died in Omaha last night. She was being taken to the hospital on the M. P. train when she became much worse and was taken to the home of her grandmother, Mrs. James Hickson, where she died. The remains will be brought here for interment, the funeral to be announced later.

Died at Newton, Iowa.

From Saturday's Daily.
S. Ray Smith received a message Thursday informing the family of the death of his grandfather, John Smith, at his home at Newton, Iowa. Sam Smith, S. Ray's father and son of the deceased, departed for Washington, D. C., the first of the week, and his address could not be learned, so that he could be notified of his father's death. The funeral occurred today. The deceased leaves surviving a widow, two sons and four daughters.

Mrs. Lloyd Gapen and children, accompanied by Miss Villa Gapen, visited the metropolis this morning, going on the early train.

THE LAST SAD RITES TO A NOBLE CITIZEN

Funeral of John P. Tritsch Attended by Large Number of Sympathetic Friends.

From Saturday's Daily.

The funeral of John P. Tritsch occurred yesterday afternoon from his late residence and was one of the most largely attended ever held in this vicinity, the procession extending from the home of the deceased to the cemetery, a distance of almost two miles. Seldom does it occur that so great a tribute is paid to one deceased, as evidenced by the large number of sympathizing neighbors and friends who manifested their high regard for a noble citizen by their presence at his bier yesterday.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. John H. Steger, pastor of St. Paul's church, who, in his remarks, dwelt upon the noble characteristics and admirable traits of Mr. Tritsch.

The music consisted of the well known songs, "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Some Time We'll Understand." The floral tributes were many and beautiful, attesting the esteem and love of the donors, and were silent mementoes of the purity of the life of the deceased.

The pall-bearers were selected from the old-time neighbors and friends of the deceased, the following named gentlemen acting as such: George Snyder, Henry Born, Julius Pitts, Adam Stoehr, George Born and George Stander. Interment was made at Oak Hill cemetery.

MORE TROUBLE FOR SVOBODA IF APPREHENDED

Transfers Personal Property Upon Which Another Possessed a Lien.

From Saturday's Daily.

R. L. Propst was in the city today and showed a bill of sale contract signed by Frank Svoboda of Mynard, transferring to Mr. Propst all of Svoboda's personal property, stock of blacksmith material and lease on his shop until March first next. On settling up their accounts yesterday, after the value of the material was considered, Mr. Propst allowed Svoboda \$15 and paid him the cash.

When he got back to Mynard and discussed the matter with Mr. Marler, owner of the shop, it was ascertained that Mr. Marler claimed a lien on all that was in the shop for rent past due, and he forbid Mr. Propst from entering the building or taking anything from it.

Mr. Propst came to Plattsmouth this morning to interview Svoboda, but found he had taken the evening train yesterday for the north, and in order to get into close touch with him Mr. Propst went to Omaha this afternoon with the avowed intention of having the young man arrested and held for placing a forged signature on a promissory note. Should Mr. Propst succeed in locating the young man it is possible that he may be brought back for ferry.

Death of Mrs. Alfred Kime.

Mrs. Alfred Kime died early yesterday morning at the home of her son, M. G., three miles south of town, of ailments due to her extreme age, she being over 80. She has been a helpless invalid for a number of years and death no doubt came to her as a welcome relief. Her death occurred so near the time of our going to press that we are unable to give any arrangements that they have made for the funeral.—Nehawka News.

Elmwood Boy Drowned.

A special from Elmwood, under date of October 13, says: "Word has just been received here of the death of Joy Kear, a former Elmwood boy. Mr. Kear was working with a bridge gang at St. Louis and in some way fell from a bridge into the river last Friday and was drowned."

MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

Young Man From Mynard Tried to Raise Money on a Forged Note.

From Friday's Daily.

Frank Svoboda, the Mynard blacksmith, yesterday appeared at the Bank of Cass county, just at the hour of opening, and inquired of Ray Patterson, assistant cashier, if the bank would make him a loan of \$50, which Mr. Patterson declined to do without security. The young man then inquired if the bank would take Bob Propst on the note and make the loan. On being informed that the loan would be made on Mr. Propst's signature, Svoboda left the bank and was gone about the length of time it would require to go to Mynard and return and presented a note with the name "Bob Propst" at the bottom.

Mr. Patterson looked at the signature, shook his head and then took the note back to the counting room to C. C. Parmele, president of the bank, who took it up to the First National bank and compared the signature with Mr. Propst's signature on file there, and found that it did not tally. Mr. Parmele then returned and told Svoboda that the signature was not genuine and that Mr. Propst had not signed the note.

Svoboda then said Mrs. Propst had signed it for her husband, but on telephoning Mrs. Propst this was found to be a fabrication. Svoboda was then asked if he had not signed the note himself, but he denied it. The note was retained by the bank and turned over to the county attorney to be dealt with as he shall deem proper.

Mr. Propst was in the city this morning and called at the Journal office, and in discussing the matter remarked that his note ought to be good, as a good many persons had it.

Visit in Germany.

August Bach, sr., and wife arrived from Chicago this morning, having landed at New York last Sunday, from a two months' trip to Europe. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bach were looking well and evidently had enjoyed their visit in Germany.

Resolutions Adopted.

Resolutions of condolence by Evergreen Camp No. 70, Woodmen of the World, upon the death of Sovereign John P. Tritsch:

Whereas, An all-wise and overruling Providence, under immutable laws of nature, has removed from our midst and from earthly associations our highly esteemed and beloved brother, Sovereign John P. Tritsch; therefore be it

Resolved by Evergreen Camp No. 70, Woodmen of the World, as follows:

1. That in the death of Sovereign John P. Tritsch our order has lost a valued and most highly esteemed member, a faithful brother associate, the wife a true and loving husband and the children a devoted, kind and affectionate father.

2. That the sympathy and condolence of Evergreen Camp No. 70, Woodmen of the World, be and the same is hereby extended to the bereaved wife and fatherless children, in the hope and belief that He who, in His own good time, has taken away from earthly habitation, will comfort the hearts of those who mourn the loss of husband and father, as well as those who mourn the final departure of a loved and loving relative and friend.

3. That these resolutions be entered at large upon the records of this camp; an engrossed copy be, by the clerk, delivered to the widow of deceased and a copy thereof be furnished the Plattsmouth Daily Journal and the News-Herald for publication.

Basil S. Ramsey,
H. M. Soennichsen,
R. B. Windham,
Committee on Resolutions.

Return From Tripp County.

Robert Troop and John Vondran returned this afternoon from Tripp county, twenty miles south of the reservation, which is being opened up this fall. They brought samples of corn, onions and potatoes home with them, which grew on land across the road from Mr. Vondran's half section. These samples were fine specimens of their kind and did not indicate that the country there had suffered any from drouth.

Will Vallery and wife and son arrived from Havelock this morning and will visit relatives for a few days.