



Scene from "Bought and Paid For," at the Parmele Next Saturday Night

Local News

Mordock's Variety Store, headquarters for postcards.

Watch for our Xmas ad. You will stay at home and buy at Eastwood's.

"Flial Love," the greatest child play ever shown in this theater. At Majestic tonight.

Miss Elsie Gapen was a passenger this morning on No. 15 for Omaha, where she spent the day.

James Schuffler departed this morning for Tabor, Ia., where he will visit with his parents at that place.

Miss Ella Kennedy was a passenger this morning for Omaha, where she attended to business matters.

Mrs. T. B. Bates was a passenger this morning for Omaha, where she visited for the day with relatives.

S. S. Gooding was a business visitor in the metropolis today, being a passenger this morning on No. 15.

Miss Violet Dodge was a passenger this morning for Omaha, where she will visit with friends for the day.

"Bought and Paid For," big, throbbing, realistic, at Parmele theater, Saturday, December 14. Don't miss it.

B. W. Livingston, from south of the city, was a business visitor in Omaha today, going up on No. 15 this morning.

County Attorney C. H. Taylor spent Sunday with his mother at Union, returning on the Missouri Pacific yesterday.

Donald White of Omaha, who has been visiting friends here for a few days, returned to his home yesterday afternoon.

Attorney D. O. Dwyer was among those attending to business matters in the metropolis yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Joseph Droege was among the visitors in the metropolis today, being a passenger this morning on the early train.

Help Plattsmouth win from one of the best teams in the state.

Largest line of dolls in the city at Mordock's Variety Store. 12-9-21-wkly

Henry Hinz of the precinct was in the city Saturday looking after business matters.

Mrs. L. Miller of Alvo is visiting for a few days at the home of J. H. Becker and wife.

Mrs. Hattie Keer and son, Jay, of Alvo, are in the city, guests at the home of J. H. Becker and wife.

Henry Horn of near Cedar Creek was in the city Saturday looking after business matters for a few hours.

Miss Seva Johnson of Omaha came down Saturday evening and spent Sunday with her parents, Gus Johnson and wife.

L. G. Larson and John Toman were passengers this morning on No. 6 for Pacific Junction, where they are engaged in work.

Mrs. John Nemetz and Miss Mary Nemetz were passengers this morning for Omaha, where they looked after business matters for the day.

John Vallery and wife of Denver, who have been visiting relatives here for a few days, departed this morning on No. 15 for their home.

H. M. Soennichsen and daughter, Miss Mathilde, and son, Waldemar, were passengers this morning for Omaha, where they attended to some business matters.

We have a fine assortment of Dennison's white tissue paper, Christmas cards, stickers, labels and ribbons to trim up that Christmas gift with. F. G. Fricke & Co.

Mrs. Bert Despain and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, visited here yesterday with C. C. Despain and wife and departed this morning for their home at Colorado Spring, Colorado. They have been visiting at Whiting, Iowa, where Mrs. Despain was called by the illness of her father.

Get your Xmas tree and house decorations at Mordock's. 12-9-21-wkly

Stoves of all kinds at reduced prices. See Eastwood.

"Bought and Paid For," the play that has them all talking from ocean to ocean.

Henry Horn of Cedar Creek was in the city this morning looking after some matters of business.

Earl Blish was a passenger this morning for Omaha, where he looked after business matters for the day.

William Rummell of the precinct came in Saturday afternoon and spent a few hours visiting with friends.

Mrs. L. B. White and two little sons were passengers this morning for Omaha, where they visited for the day.

Miss Teresa Hemple was a passenger this morning for Omaha, where she attended to some business matters.

Mike Meisinger of Eight Mile Grove was in town Saturday afternoon attending to some trading with the merchants.

Be sure and take the children to see "Flial Love," a great child story, with a child in the lead, at the Majestic tonight.

Guy McMaken and little son departed this morning for Omaha, where Mr. McMaken was called on some business matters.

Ray Travis of Omaha came down Saturday evening on No. 14 and visited over Sunday with his parents, Judge and Mrs. H. D. Travis.

D. C. Morgan was a passenger this morning on No. 15 for Lincoln, where he will attend a meeting of the finance committee of the Degree of Honor.

Mrs. Robert Schafer and son, Robert, of Havelock, who spent Sunday here with Fred Range and family, departed this morning for their home.

C. S. Polk of Boise, Idaho, arrived in the city Saturday evening on No. 2 for a short visit with old-time friends. Mr. Polk was called to Nebraska by the death of his brother, O. B. Polk, of Lincoln. Mr. Polk is looking fine and his many friends were greatly pleased to meet him.

From Saturday's Daily. Do your Xmas shopping early. See Eastwood.

Fritz Lutz of Mt. Pleasant precinct drove in today to do some trading with the merchants.

Charles Herren of Maple Grove was in the city today attending to some matters of business.

Adam Meisinger of Eight Mile Grove was in town this afternoon to look after some week-end shopping.

John Beck of Mt. Pleasant precinct was in the city this afternoon looking after business matters.

Cam Seybert of Louisville was in the city today attending to some business matters at the court house.

James Loughridge of Murray was in town this afternoon to attend to some matters of business.

Prof. J. Aseh of Murray came up this morning to transact some business matters for a short time.

Ben Dill of Murray was in the city today visiting with relatives and looking after business matters.

Ed Rummell and wife were in town today to attend to some week-end shopping for a few hours.

County Commissioner C. R. Jordan returned this afternoon to his home, after spending the week in this city.

C. C. Hennings of near Cedar Creek was in town this morning doing some shopping with the merchants.

Philip H. Meisinger of near Cedar Creek was in the city today attending to some shopping with the merchants.

Charles Chriswiser of Nehawka was in town today visiting his parents, Bennett Chriswiser and wife for the day.

C. L. Wiles was among the Omaha passengers on No. 23 this afternoon, being called there to look after some business matters.

Misses Edna and Mayola Propst came down from Omaha this afternoon to visit over Sunday with their parents, R. L. Propst and wife, near Mynard.

Mrs. Georgia Creamer drove up from her home near Murray this morning to attend to business matters. She was accompanied to the city by Miss Anna Rys, who is teaching in that district.

John R. Vallery and wife of Denver arrived this morning on No. 6 for a short visit with Mr. Vallery's mother, Mrs. Jacob Vallery, and other relatives. Mr. Vallery is general agent of the Burlington route at Denver and is one of the big railroad men of the west.

Valuation of Shop Tools Reduced.

At the recent session of the county commissioners in this city R. D. Pollard appeared before the board on behalf of the Burlington railway and objected to the valuation of shop tools and buildings in this city on account of a misunderstanding between the assessor and Mr. Pollard at the time the schedule was made out, and upon recommendation of Mr. Soennichsen, the valuation of shop tools was cut from \$71,885 to \$57,000.

Dance December 14.

The German Turn-Verein will give a grand ball at the German hall on Saturday, December 14. The music for the occasion will be furnished by the M. W. A. orchestra, and the members are preparing to give those attending one of the times of their lives.

Settles Case in Court.

Yesterday afternoon in Justice Archer's court the wife and child abandonment case against Zach Alden was settled by agreement of the defendant to pay the costs in the case and to support his wife and child in the future. This is the best way to settle such matters and it is hoped the family can get along peaceably in the future.

Taken to Asylum.

Sheriff Quinton departed this morning over the Missouri Pacific for Lincoln, conveying John R. Denson to the asylum at that place, where he will receive treatment for the mental trouble from which he has been suffering for some time.

GIANT CATARACTS TRACING A CRIME.

Victoria Falls the Greatest of the Mighty Torrents

NIAGARA RANKS ONLY THIRD.

The Falls of the Iguassu River Hold Second Place, and These Three Are in a Class by Themselves—Their Electric Power Possibilities.

At one time waterfalls in large rivers were interesting only because of their scenic beauty, and their very existence was deplored because they obstructed navigation. But man has found a way to harness these mighty power producers and today they are of the greatest value to the commercial world because the millions of water horse power can be changed into electricity and transmitted for hundreds of miles to be used as a reliable substitute for our vanishing coal supply.

When it is remembered that two cubic feet of water, weighing 125 pounds, by falling a distance of only six feet will produce one horse power of energy, it is easy to comprehend that millions and millions of horse power are wasted every minute by the torrents of water tumbling over Niagara, the Victoria falls and the Iguassu river and many lesser falls throughout the world. This falling water is guided by steel and concrete penstocks to powerful water turbines which whirl great electric generators. The current produced in this way is easily transmitted for hundreds of miles over small copper wires to the cities and towns where it is used to haul the railroad trains to drive the great manufacturing plants and to give us light and heat.

Loyal as we all are to our country, we must admit that even the mighty torrent of Niagara ranks only third in size when compared to the waterfalls of the world. The largest of the earth's waterfalls, the Victoria falls of the Zambesi river in Rhodesia, are 380 feet high and more than a mile wide, and were discovered by Livingstone in 1855. The water power of these falls is estimated to be fully 35,000,000 horse power, two and one-half times that of Iguassu and five times that of Niagara.

South America possesses a waterfall which exceeds Niagara both in width and in height and is actually the second largest waterfall in the world. This little known waterfall is that of the Iguassu river, tributary of the Parana, and, like Niagara, is situated at the boundary of two states, each of which owns half of it. The total water power of the Iguassu fall, which is 213 feet high and nearly two miles wide, is estimated as about 14,000,000 horse power. This is approximately equal to the aggregate water power of all Scandinavia, which is rich in waterfalls, or about ten times the total water power of Germany.

There is no other waterfall in the world which is at all comparable in greatness with the Zambesi, Iguassu or the Niagara. Asia, notwithstanding its colossal mountain ranges, is comparatively poor in large waterfalls, which are found most abundantly in Africa and North America. The largest African streams especially are interrupted by many falls of considerable height. The Kongo has several high falls which owing to the great volume of the river, about sixteen times that of the Nile, may be counted among the most important sources of water power on earth. The Stanley falls, in the middle reach of the river, consist of seven successive falls, of a total height of 164 feet and a width of nearly 4,000 feet and offer an exceedingly rich source of power which probably will soon be exploited.

Still more important is the total water power which the Kongo develops in the non-navigable section extending from its mouth to Stanley pool. Here the river, confined in a channel only a few hundred yards wide and with a depth of water of nearly 300 feet, flows with a velocity of forty-eight feet a second, so that at every point of the stream 25,000 to 30,000 cubic meters or about 1,000,000 cubic feet of water are hurled along with irresistible force, while thirty-two rapids and waterfalls lower the level of the stream by 820 feet in a stretch of 170 miles.

The lower Nile, in Egypt, possesses a series of rapids, the celebrated cataracts of the Nile, but no waterfall in the strict sense of the word. True, waterfalls occur on the upper Nile, the most beautiful of them at the point where the stream issues from Lake Victoria Nyanza. This Ripon fall is only a few yards in height, but the volume of water is so great that it presents a magnificent spectacle.

Comparatively few persons know which is the highest waterfall in Europe. The most voluminous of European waterfalls, strictly so called, are the Rhine falls, at Schaffhausen, but the highest are the Rjukan falls of the Mann-Elf river, in the Norwegian province of Telemarken. The principal fall is 800 feet high, and the total height of the two chief falls with the intervening rapids amounts to 1,837 feet, while the average flow of water is fifty cubic meters, or 1,700 cubic feet a second. The Rjukan falls, with their total energy of 250,000 horse power, have been converted to industrial uses.—Electric News.

One may dominate moral sufferings only by labor. Study saves from discouragement.—Abrantes.

All the way to heaven is heaven.—Farrar.

Clever Detective Work by a University Professor.

THE KEEN EYES OF SCIENCE.

They Detected Blood Where There Were No Apparent Traces of It and Found Telltale Finger Marks That Pointed Direct to the Criminal.

Mme. Gulan was the wealthy widow of Jean Howard Gulan, former president of the Bank of France. Mme. Gulan was seventy years old. One night she took a train at Fontainebleau for Paris. She had to herself a first class compartment. When the train arrived in Paris the porters found her compartment unoccupied. The door had been half torn from its hinges, there was a great pool of blood on the floor, and the police picked up from floor a handful of woman's hair, a torn piece of skirt and a first class railroad ticket from Fontainebleau to Paris.

A search along the railroad tracks resulted in the finding of Mme. Gulan's body beside the rails just outside Fontainebleau. It was greatly mangled. A little farther on was found the satchel she had carried. There were no rings on her fingers and no money in her pockets.

Mme. Gulan's relatives took the ground that she had been seized with a hemorrhage, to which she was subject, had tried to open the door of her compartment to summon aid or to get air; that she had in her paroxysm wrenched the door open and had fallen off the train, killing herself. The police were not satisfied with this explanation, particularly after Professor Reiss, the famous Lausanne university criminologist, had pointed out that the cut on the woman's satchel had been made by a knife and not by a sharp stone, as had been thought. This, however, was very little evidence, and Professor Reiss turned his attention to the compartment which Mme. Gulan had occupied. After he had finished his investigation he went to M. Lepine, prefect of Paris, and said to him:

"I am sure that Mme. Gulan was murdered, and I am equally sure that her murderer was a soldier. In the train compartment there were a towel and a stationary washstand. There were no stains upon the towel visible to the naked eye. Nevertheless we subjected every square inch to one of the most delicate tests for blood. We at last discovered an area which gave us the positive reaction for human blood.

"Upon this towel the murderer of Mme. Gulan wiped his bloody hands. He knew that this would be evidence that the old woman did not meet her death by accident as he wished it believed, and so he washed the towel thoroughly, as he thought, and hung it up to dry.

"The detection then of this microscopic quantity of blood, which can be removed from a fabric only by acids, revealed to us that Mme. Gulan met death by the hands of a murderer.

"But I found another piece of evidence. There was, if you remember, a railroad ticket picked up on the floor. On its back was the imprint of a thumb. I compared it with that of Mme. Gulan; it was not hers. I threw its image up enormously on a lantern screen. I was then struck by the peculiar indentation of the little ridges on the inner side of the mark. Careful analysis of these marked ridges showed me that this was the thumb of a man who was actually serving as a soldier. The frequent drills with guns result in the pressure upon the ridges of the inner side of the thumb. This causes a peculiar flattening, which is visible under a microscope when enlarged and is true of no other occupation except that of a soldier.

"As I reconstruct this crime this soldier managed to get into Mme. Gulan's compartment after the train had left Fontainebleau. He knew that she usually carried a number of jewels and a large sum of money. He tried to rob the old woman, and, meeting with unexpected resistance, fought with her in the compartment, killing her by beating her head against the register and then stripped the body of its jewels. He thoughtlessly wiped his hand upon the towel. He knew that this would be evidence of the presence of some one else in the compartment, so he washes the towel with soap and water, but does not know that we can discover blood even when it is only to the amount of one one-thousandth millimeter.

"He then wrenches the compartment door open and throws out the body. He is pressed for time, rips open the satchel with his knife. Then, taking advantage of the slowing down of the train between Fontainebleau and Paris, he jumps from it and makes his escape."

As a result of Professor Reiss' analysis it was found that two soldiers, Grady and Mebel, had followed Mme. Gulan to the train on the night of her murder. They had hidden in her compartment, and when the train had started they murdered her, as Professor Reiss had indicated. The rest of the reconstruction was proved at the trial of these two men. They both confessed, were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Certainly. "What was that savage animal that attacked me?" "That was a razorback." "Well, he gave me a close shave."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

When the fight begins with himself a man's worth something.—Browning.