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## HAS BEEN THERE BEFORE IF ALL REPORTS BE TRUE

**George Clifton, the "Black Hand" Criminal, Has Record in Sarpy Co. for Same Kind of Work.**

From Saturday's Daily. The developments that are being brought to light in the case of George Clifton, seem to make the young man appear in a rather unfavorable light, if they prove true, and from the statements of the young man there seems to be little doubt but what they are facts in the case.

Chief of Police John Briggs of South Omaha was here yesterday to investigate the case, as he has several similar ones now under his charge, and Clifton fitted in to the role of the sender of all of the "Black Hand" letters that have been giving the farmers of the vicinity of Fort Crook and Gilmore Junction much uneasiness. Three farmers named Hamilton, Gladhill and Davis, all in the neighborhood of Gilmore Junction, have in the last month received threatening letters from an unknown source, demanding money or they would be killed, and in one case, that of W. J. Davis, the "Black Hand" was successful, as he complied with their demand and delivered \$50 at a spot designated in the letters. The men sending the letters evidently made a careful investigation of the standing of the men before sending out the letters, as the amounts demanded corresponded to the ability of the men to comply with the demand.

When subjected to an examination, the young man acknowledged his share in the sending of the letters, and the police of South Omaha and county authorities of Sarpy county will try their utmost to land the parties in South Omaha or Omaha, who were mixed up in the sending out of the letters. Clifton, who is quite small in size, and who is a very neat-appearing lad, and makes a good impression, seems to have had a rather stormy career in his home county, as after the death of his mother, some three years ago, he has been involved in considerable trouble there at different times, and was for a time in the detention home, where he was sent after having been brought up on a charge of a crime against his oldest sister, but in this case it was never clearly proven that he was the guilty party, and being only about 17 he was held in the home for a time and then paroled. The young man has for the past two years lived mostly at Lincoln, where he seems to have been able to make many friends, who are loath to believe his shortcomings, but of late he seems to have gotten in with someone who is assisting him in attempting to scare wealthy farmers into coming across with money by the means of the threatening letters.

The sending of the letter to Henry Knabe at Nehawka proved his undoing, however, as he was captured at Weeping Water a few hours after sending the letter. The boy was thought a great deal of by Mr. Knabe and family when living with them and they are rather loath to see him prosecuted for the offense, but the complaint filed against him will stand and the young man will be forced to take his medicine in the district court.

### For Sale.

Good 160-acre farm, 3 1/2 miles southeast of Greenwood, Neb.; 125 acres in winter wheat, 30 acres meadow. Also good 160-acre farm 1 1/2 miles west of Greenwood, Neb.; 70 acres in winter wheat, 42 acres alfalfa. Call on or write, A. D. Welton, or Farmers State Bank, Greenwood, Neb.

Buy your stationery at the Journal office.

### District Court in Session.

From Friday's Daily. District Judge James T. Begley arrived this morning from Papillion and convened district court in session to take up matters of business which were left unfinished at the last setting of the court. This morning the court was occupied with the hearing for a motion for a new trial in the case of W. H. Newell vs. C. Lawrence Stull, but after hearing his arguments in the case, the court overruled the motion of the defense for the new trial.

## GREAT SHOW AT THE PARMELE LAST EVENING

**"The Chocolate Soldier" Drew a Large Crowd and the Audience in General Well Pleased.**

From Friday's Daily. The presentation last evening at the Parmele theater by the Whitney Opera company of "The Chocolate Soldier" was one of the most enjoyable offerings ever seen in this city, and the company of talented vocalists gave a most beautiful rendition of the difficult and tuneful music with which Oscar Strauss has clothed the opera. The play was given a fine setting and the eight-piece Hungarian orchestra, under the direction of Signor Charles Previn, furnished one of the most pleasing renditions of music for the opera that could possibly be asked for.

The leading role in the opera is taken by Miss Alma Stetler as "Nadina," and her beautiful voice was heard throughout the course of the opera in the tuneful melodies, and she was particularly effective in the number, "My Hero," which she was compelled to sing again and again, and the bewitching strains of this melody were woven throughout the opera by the composer, and with the other pleasing hits has made the show one of the most popular on the stage today, and wherever it has been shown it has received a royal reception.

As the "Chocolate Soldier," Walter Halbach was most pleasing and his easy manner of carrying on the part showed his ability as an actor, as well as his possession of a fine voice, which was heard most effectively in several of the leading hits of the opera. Miss Lottie Collins as "Mascha" furnished a great deal of fun, and her very presence on the stage seemed to radiate joy and happiness, and her sweet, clear voice added greatly to the beauty of the music of the play. The main comedy role of the play was taken by Francis J. Boyd, who appeared as "Captain Masskroff" of the Bulgarian army, and his very appearance on the stage was the occasion for a hearty laugh.

The opera was of a very high class and free from any of the coarse songs and jokes so common in the ordinary musical comedy, and the entire company presenting the opera was one of unusual merit and a better one could not be found anywhere in the country. The securing of an attraction of as high a character as this by Manager Shlaes is a matter of great pleasure to the amusement-loving public of the city, and it is generally hoped that more attractions of this character may be secured in the future.

### Have Butchering Day.

From Saturday's Daily. Yesterday was butchering day at the county farm, west of this city, and Superintendent Tams reports having laid aside the winter supply of meat, secured from seven fine large porkers, one of which weighed 780 pounds, and there were hardly any under 400 pounds, and this amount of meat should supply all the needs for the coming months.

## A VERY SAD STORY COMES FROM CHICAGO

**A Former Plattsmouth Girl Commits Suicide After a Married Life of One Month.**

From Saturday's Daily. A strange story filled with tragedy is told in the dispatches from Chicago, in which a young woman, who formerly resided here, is the chief figure, and the friends of the family learned of the details of the suicide of the young woman with much regret. The girl wife who killed herself was Mrs. Carl T. Johnson, formerly Miss Mable Crawford, and she had only been married two weeks, going from her home at Ellis, Nebraska, with her husband to Chicago, where they were to make their future home.

The Crawford family, when residents of this county, resided on a small farm a few miles northwest of Oak Hill cemetery, and about fifteen years ago moved to Alliance, Nebraska, near where they have made their home since that time, and the young lady had been engaged in teaching school up to the time of her marriage to Mr. Johnson some two weeks ago.

It is thought by the friends of the young lady here that she must have suddenly become insane, as her father was for a number of years affected with a mental trouble that necessitated his confinement in a sanitarium for treatment, and he is now residing in Iowa with relatives. The details of the tragedy as told in the dispatches are as follows:

The strange girl wife from Ellis, Neb., lived and died a victim of a dual personality to which she could not reconcile her married life. Living at 857 East Sixty-fourth street, with no friends to divert her gloomily inclined mind, she brooded until escape was found only in a bullet. In a note to her husband, Clyde Johnson, a draftsman, she wrote in part:

"Forgive me, my dear, loving husband. For a month you have been the dearest and most loving husband, and oh, for how many years a true and pure lover.

"Dearest, my mind left me the sleepless night I spent before we were married. My mind is growing more blank every day, and I have no joy whatever when you clasp me in your arms."

## HUGH H. SEYMOUR BROUGHT HERE FROM NEBRASKA CITY

From Saturday's Daily. An echo of the case in which a man named Morton, from Union, was fined here a few days ago in Justice Archer's court for selling insurance without a license is taken from the Nebraska City Press of yesterday: Sheriff Quinton of Plattsmouth came to this city and placed Hugh H. Seymour under arrest, as he was charged with doing an insurance business without a license. The transaction was supposed to have been done at Union. A man named Morton, who formerly ran the hotel at that place, claimed to be acting as Seymour's agent and is now under arrest. Seymour was taken to Plattsmouth and returned last night, having proved that he was the agent for the company. Somehow Hugh can get into more trouble and get out of it easier than any person we know.

### Box Social.

There will be a box social given by teacher and pupils at Lewis-ton School District No. 7 Friday evening, February 6th, for benefit of school. Everybody invited. Beulah Sans, Teacher. 1-26-41-wkly

### Band Organ for Skating Rink.

From Friday's Daily. The new band organ which was purchased by Frank Dworak for the use of his roller skating rink in this city, arrived yesterday and was installed at once in the rink. The organ is a fine large instrument and gives the effect of a full band and will prove a most pleasant feature of the new rink and one that will add greatly to the enjoyment of the patrons. The new rink is strictly up-to-date and the proprietor is making every effort to please his patrons.

## THE STORY OF "LIFE'S SHOP WINDOW"

**Which Will Be Enacted by a Fine Company of Players at the Parmele Friday Night.**

The story of "Life's Shop Window" concerns Bernard Chelwin, who has just finished six months' service with John Anderson, an English farmer, thinking he has learned enough about farming so he can successfully operate a ranch in America.

The farmer's daughter, Bella, has fallen in love with Bernard, but he has secretly married Lydia Wilton, a gentle born and bred English orphan, who is working as a servant in the Anderson household. Bernard goes to America, leaving Lydia in England, intending to send for her in a year or so. She pleads to go with him, fearing the drudgery of the farm work and also the fact that she will later on have to explain their marriage and the birth of a little son. She also fears she may lose his love or their love may grow cold. She is left in England and a few weeks later Eustice Pelham, an English aristocrat, passing the farm, stops for a drink and speaks to Lydia of her youth and beauty, telling her that her charms are stronger than fate and her life is before her to make of it what she chooses.

In a year's time Bernard sends for Lydia and the baby to join him in America, but the seed of discontent, planted by Pelham nearly a year before, has taken root and she soon realizes that her husband is always busy with his ranch duties and can devote little of his time to her. Their love is gradually growing cold, when this same Pelham arrives in America on a hunting trip, and by chance stops at the Chelwin ranch. Lydia, in her loneliness turns to him for comfort and he persuades her to desert her husband and baby for him.

How Lydia is saved from her folly and how she is made to realize that the toy she chose from "Life's Shop Window" is made of pure gold, by Sam Hodge, a faithful friend, is the story told in four interesting acts, which will be a revelation of one side of life that prevails where every man and woman dwell. Its pathos is overwhelming and direct in its appeal.

"Life's Shop Window" will be presented at the Parmele theater on Friday night, January 30. Seats will be on sale at Weyrich & Hadraha's Red Cross drug store.

### Mrs. Guy Gould Ill.

From Friday's Daily. The many friends of Mrs. Guy Gould in this city will greatly regret to learn that this lady is quite sick at her home at Havenlock and that her condition has not been of the best for the past few days and that her friends have been greatly worried over her state of health. It is to be hoped that she will soon be able to regain her former state of good health.

Get your harness oiled for \$1 at John Gorder's. 1-12-41-wkly

## WHAT ABOUT AN ARTIFICIAL ICE PLANT?

**A Matter That Needs the Direct Attention of the Progressive Citizens of Plattsmouth.**

In the discussion and propositions offered for industries to benefit the city and its business interests, there is one that should receive the consideration of every person interested in the welfare of the city, and that is the erection of an artificial ice plant here to supply the needs of the city in this line. So far this year there has been little or no ice harvested from the river and it is far from the usual quality secured when the cold weather has permitted the main river to freeze and allow the cutting of ice on the Missouri, and the ice dealers, if the weather continues as fine as at present, will be compelled to ship in artificial ice to supply the demand, and if a plant was in operation in this city the money would be kept here and aid in the financial building of the city.

Another argument advanced for the need of the erection of a suitable ice plant is the fact that cities along the river use the stream as a source in which to empty their sewerage, and by the increasing number of these sewerage systems the river does not furnish the amount of good pure ice, as despite the theory that the river water purifies itself, there are many medical authorities who are convinced that the continual dumping of sewerage system of the different cities tends to contaminate the water, and of course as the water becomes contaminated it is natural to expect that the ice formed from this water will take with it the same germs that has made the water unhealthy.

The cost of an artificial ice plant would not be great and the benefits derived from it would more than repay the outlay in a short time in that the city would be assured of their ice supply, no matter what the condition of the weather was, and the ice would be perfectly pure and as cheap as the ice secured from the river.

One of the prominent business men, who has had a great deal of dealing in the ice business, is of the opinion that a fifteen-ton plant would be ample to supply the needs of the city, and this could be erected at a cost not to exceed \$15,000, and after the plant had been in operation a short time the amount expended in the erection of the plant could be realized by the stockholders in the sale of the ice to the consumers.

This proposition has received much consideration from a number of the prominent men of the city and is one that looks mighty good to them, as well as the general public, and if it is possible the matter should be pushed to a conclusion and the city have the artificial ice plant added to its line of industries.

### State Engineer in Town.

From Saturday's Daily. Yesterday D. D. Price of Lincoln, state engineer, was in the city to meet with the county commissioners and to look over some of the bridges that have recently been erected in this county. The engineer made a trip out in the country to about four miles west of Mynard and looked over a bridge there, finding it in first-class shape and complying in every way with the requirements. He had intended to make a tour of the different bridges in the county, but the roads were so bad that it was put off until a later date.

### 160 Acres of Land.

Will trade 160 acres of land in Perkins county for Plattsmouth property. W. R. Bryan. 1-16-d&w

### Announcement to Dancers.

Miss Mary Cull of Omaha will open a dancing academy and class in this city on Wednesday evening, January 28, at Cones' hall, at 7:45 p. m. The hours for the lessons will be as follows: Waltz, two-step, 7:45 to 8:30; tango and latest dances, 8:30 to 9:15. Terms, twelve lessons for \$8, or single lesson, \$1, for gentlemen. Assembly at hall from 9:15 to 11:40. Admission, 35c. All those desiring to enter the class are requested to be present at the hall on the opening night.

## WORKING INCESSANTLY FOR BETTER SERVICE

**President Schneider of Commercial Club Still at Work on the Much Needed Service.**

The Commercial club of this city, through its president, H. A. Schneider, has been busy since the recent change in time was made on the Louisville branch of the Missouri Pacific in endeavoring to have the schedule changed so as to provide a more convenient arrangement for the residents of the county who desire to visit this city and return home the same day and who are forced to travel over this road in order to make their proper connections, and Mr. Schneider has been assured of a measure of temporary relief from the state railway commission, as he has been informed by Commissioner Hall that the state commission had taken up the matter of the connections of the Missouri Pacific south-bound train at Louisville with the Burlington's Schuyler train for the west, which carries the passengers from this city to that place, and that the Missouri Pacific had agreed to hold their train ten minutes in Louisville, provided the Burlington officials would notify them when there were passengers on their train to make the connection.

This measure, however, is merely temporary, as the Missouri Pacific has promised as soon as the schedules are changed they will endeavor to give the Cass county people the long-desired service that they have been demanding. The agreement of this road will give about sixteen minutes in Louisville for the passengers to go from the Burlington to the Missouri Pacific station, which is not a great deal of time, but will prove sufficient if the Burlington train is on time, but quite often it is delayed on account of the "stub" train from this city, which runs from Pacific Junction to Oronopolis, on which occasion the chapter had the honor of having with them Mrs. Warren E. Perry of Fairbury, state regent of the D. A. R., and the regent gave a short address, outlining the work of the order and the progress being made by the different chapters throughout the state, and the remarks were filled with many good things in the way of helping the organization to accomplish things. In addition to the splendid address a short musical program was given, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the forty ladies present at the meeting. Two very pleasing vocal numbers were given by Mrs. Mae Morgan and Miss Ellen Windham, and Miss Emma Cummings favored the gathering with one of her always pleasing piano selections, all of which served greatly in rounding out the delightful evening. For the occasion the rooms of the Brady home were decorated in a very artistic manner with flags, denoting the patriotic spirit dominating the organization. At an appropriate hour very delicious and tempting refreshments were served, which aided in making the meeting one of the most enjoyable that the society has held so far since their organization.

## CHANGE OF TIME IN RUNNING TRAIN NO. 29 ON THE BURLINGTON

This morning the Burlington local freight No. 29, running out of this city, was put on a new schedule and will leave here for the west at 8:20 a. m. instead of 7:20, as heretofore. The working hour of the switchmen in the yards has also been changed, as the day force will go on duty now at 8 o'clock in the morning and stay on the job until 8 at night. They have been starting at 7 o'clock and working until 6 at night, and the new schedule will allow them more time in the morning, but will cause them to work considerably later at night.

John Martin was a passenger this morning for Glenwood, where he will resume his work for Peters & Richards in that city.

## ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING OF ANDREW BRISSEY

**Charge of 22-Caliber Rifle Entering Midway Between the Knee and Thigh of Left Leg.**

While out hunting yesterday on the Elbert Wiles farm, southwest of this city, Andrew Brissey was so unfortunate as to be shot accidentally by his younger brother, James Brissey, who had accompanied him on the hunting trip. The two were walking along through the field, when the boy saw a bird and announced that he was going to shoot at it, but Andrew advised him not to, but James shot and killed the bird and then started to put another bullet into the rifle, which was a 22-caliber, and in doing this he neglected to put the trigger down and the weapon was discharged, the bullet entering the left leg of Andy, midway between the knee and the thigh, and it passed clear through the leg in a slanting position and came to the surface of the skin just above the knee-cap, making a very annoying wound, but one that it was easy to extricate the bullet from.

The two brothers, after the accident, proceeded to the residence of Mr. Wiles, where assistance was procured and the injured man brought to this city, where medical attention was secured and the injury dressed and made as comfortable for the injured man as possible.

This morning the unfortunate man was reported as resting easily and it is thought that there will be no serious consequences from the shooting and that in a short time Andy will be up and around in as good shape as ever, although he will be compelled to take an enforced layoff of several days from his duties.

This accident shows that when handling a gun a person cannot be too careful, and had the firearm used yesterday been of a larger size the injured man would likely have lost his limb.

## D. A. R. MEMBERS ENTERTAINED AT BRADY HOME FRIDAY EVENING

Fontanelle Chaper of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of this city, held a most interesting and pleasant meeting Friday evening at the home of Miss Leon Brady, on which occasion the chapter had the honor of having with them Mrs. Warren E. Perry of Fairbury, state regent of the D. A. R., and the regent gave a short address, outlining the work of the order and the progress being made by the different chapters throughout the state, and the remarks were filled with many good things in the way of helping the organization to accomplish things. In addition to the splendid address a short musical program was given, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the forty ladies present at the meeting. Two very pleasing vocal numbers were given by Mrs. Mae Morgan and Miss Ellen Windham, and Miss Emma Cummings favored the gathering with one of her always pleasing piano selections, all of which served greatly in rounding out the delightful evening. For the occasion the rooms of the Brady home were decorated in a very artistic manner with flags, denoting the patriotic spirit dominating the organization. At an appropriate hour very delicious and tempting refreshments were served, which aided in making the meeting one of the most enjoyable that the society has held so far since their organization.

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