

INCREASE IN SECOND-CLASS POST-AGE TALKED OF

It will be in the interest of the Metropolitan Papers to the Detriment of Country Papers.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Announcement that Postmaster General Burleson will ask for an increase in second-class postal rates indicates that the policy of discouraging small publications, inaugurated with the incoming of the present administration, has not been abandoned. In establishing the rates complained of by Mr. Burleson, the government had a definite purpose in view. It wanted to encourage the circulation of newspapers, not to help newspaper publishers, but to cultivate among the people the habit of reading and keeping themselves well informed. The fathers realized that a republic could succeed only among intelligent people. To the encouragement given it by the government, the press of the country has responded well. In no country in the world are to be found as good newspapers as are published in the United States. Nor is there any country where good newspapers are so cheap.

What the government has given in the way of transportation service to the newspapers has been repaid a million fold. It is impossible to calculate the benefit. It is contended that large numbers of newspapers no longer need this encouragement; that their business is so great that they can get along without it; that they can make a slight raise in subscription rates without losing any considerable amount of business. Which is very doubtful.

Members of congress and citizens should understand that the proposal to increase second-class rates is aimed at the country press, not at the metropolitan newspapers. The big city newspapers use the mails but slightly. The bulk of their great editions is transmitted by express and never goes into the mails. One of the greatest newspapers in the country, published in New York City, sends fewer copies of the various editions through the mails than does the Journal. The existence of the smaller papers may not mean much to officials at Washington who never see them, but it means a lot to the communities in which they are published. They are just as necessary, in their limited field, as is the great newspaper in the general field. In their limited way, their influence for the good of society is quite as valuable.

Usually the country paper is a healthier, cleaner, more patriotic publication than the big city newspaper. It will be a sorry day for the country when it is forced out of the field it now serves so well.

JAMES GREGORY, SON OF J. R. C. GREGORY, OF NEAR NEHAWKA, BREAKS AN ARM

From Tuesday's Daily.
Information has been received in this city of quite a serious accident that befell James Gregory, son of J. R. C. Gregory, one of the prominent farmers of near Nehawka. The young man was returning home from Murray yesterday when in driving along the road the shafts of the buggy suddenly dropped down and the horse, becoming frightened, started to run and caused the young man to be thrown from the buggy, with the result that his right arm was fractured in a very severe manner that will cause James to be out of commission for a few weeks. The buggy was quite badly damaged in the runaway. Medical assistance was summoned from Murray to look after the injuries of Mr. Gregory, and he was made as comfortable as possible.

Henry Inholder Here.

Mr. C. A. Gauer, from near Cedar Creek, and Henry Inholder, formerly of Cedar Creek, but now residing at Moorefield, Nebraska, were visiting with Plattsouth friends Tuesday of this week. Mr. Inholder has been making a brief visit with his old friends in and near Cedar Creek, and has been a guest at the home of Mr. Gauer.

NOTICE

Parties wishing weather calendars will do well to call at Fricke's Drug Store. They are distributing the weather charts now and it would be wise for you to get yours before they are all gone.

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Divorce Decree Is Granted.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Yesterday Judge Begley granted a decree in the divorce case of Edythe Kroll vs. Milo L. Kroll, as prayed for in the petition of the plaintiff, the charge preferred being desertion. There was no defense offered in the case and judgment was entered by default against the defendant and the plaintiff granted her freedom from the matrimonial ties binding her to the defendant.

ANOTHER CASS COUNTY PIONEER HAS PASSED AWAY

Deceased Was Laid to Rest Last Sunday With All the Children Present to Witness Last Sad Rites.

From Wednesday's Daily.
The Journal regrets greatly the necessity of chronicling the death of another Cass County pioneer citizen in the person of Archibald Rager, who passed away last Friday, December 4th, at his home four miles northeast of Murdock, after a long illness of ulcers of the stomach from which he had suffered greatly in the past few years. Mr. Rager had been in the hospital taking treatment for his affliction, and returned home some three weeks ago feeling greatly improved in health, but his change for the better did not last and he soon succumbed to the ravages of the malady from which he had been a patient sufferer.

The deceased at the time of his death was some 65 years of age and for the past twenty-four years had resided on the farm near Murdock, where he passed away. He was born in Pennsylvania and when a young man came to Nebraska in 1869, and searching for a home decided to cast his lot in Cass county, and accordingly located near Murdock, where he has been a worthy citizen since, and for the last quarter of a century made his home on the same farm among the friends and neighbors who had learned to love and esteem him as one of the finest men that has lived in the confines of Cass county.

As the death messenger approached the well beloved father and husband he had the consolation of gazing for the last time into the tear-dimmed eyes of his loving and faithful wife and children, who were all present at the home at the time of Mr. Rager's death and bade him a last farewell until a better day. The wife, Mrs. Archibald Rager, and the following children are left to mourn his passing: D. W. Rager, Fort Scott, Kansas; C. H. Rager, Ellsworth, Nebraska; Elizabeth Rager-Buskirk, South Bend, Nebraska; O. H. Rager, Gordon, Nebraska; Mrs. Lottie Leis, Hemingford, Nebraska; Arthur Rager, Gordon, Nebraska; Mrs. Amy Kyles, Greenwood, Nebraska, and Theodore Rager, Murdock, Nebraska. The funeral was held Sunday from the late home and the burial held at the Wabash cemetery, and the last sad rites were attended by a vast number of the old friends and neighbors. Rev. Harris of the Methodist church of Murdock officiated and conducted the simple but impressive ceremonies that marked the passing of this grand good man.

Card of Thanks.

We take this method of returning our sincere thanks to those kind friends who so willingly assisted us in the recent illness and after the death of our beloved husband and father. Your many kindnesses will never be forgotten.

Mrs. A. Rager,
D. W. Rager.
C. H. Rager.
Mrs. J. Buskirk.
O. H. Rager.
Mrs. C. J. Leis.
A. J. Rager.
Mrs. R. Kyles.
R. C. Rager.
T. S. Rager.
Captain Drill Team—Mrs. M. E. Manspeaker.

Why They Recommend Foley's Honey and Tar.

P. A. Eiford, Conejo, Calif.—because "it produces the best results, always cures severe colds, sore chest, adn lungs, and does not contain opiates or harmful drugs." Dr. John W. Taylor, Lutherville, Ga.—because "I believe it to be an honest medicine and it satisfies my patrons." W. L. Cook, Neihart, Mont.—because "it gives the best results for coughs and colds of anything I sell." Every user is a friend. For sale by all druggists.

Paints and Oils, Gering & Co.
Phone 36.

PLEASANT EVENT AT METHODIST CHURCH YESTERDAY EVENING

The Lady Standard Bearers' Tender Banquet to the Fathers of the Young Ladies.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Last evening at the parlors of the Methodist church, a society of young ladies, an auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society, entertained at a most delightful banquet in honor of the fathers of the members, and the occasion will long be very pleasantly remembered by the gentlemen fortunate enough to be present as one of the happiest times of their lives as the guests of the daughters.

The parlors were decorated with red and white, interspersed with which were touches of blue, which made a pleasing setting for the happy event. The banquet was delicious throughout and was prepared and served by the young ladies, who after placing the repast sat with their "dads" to enjoy the pleasures of the feast and the companionship of their parents.

The feast was presided over by Miss Ola Kaffenberger as the toastmistress, in her capacity as president of the society, and she, in a few well chosen words, welcomed the gathering the fathers and expressed the delight of the ladies at being able to enjoy such a pleasant event with them. The response in behalf of the fathers was made by Rev. F. M. Droliner, who, in a short and eloquent address, expressed in a most touching manner the feeling that the occasion inspired and the joy and happiness that such a gathering gave to all gathered as the guests of the Standard Bearers. A short but very interesting program had been arranged for the occasion, which added much to the pleasures of the evening. Don C. York favored the company with an exceptionally beautiful bass solo, "The Clang of the Forge," which was given in the usual pleasing manner of that talented young man and was heartily enjoyed by the banqueters. A. O. Eigenberger gave a reading that was also very much enjoyed and appreciated by the gathering. The program was closed by a very pleasing piano solo by Mr. E. H. Wescott.

The Standard Bearers deserve much praise for the happy occasion they afforded the fathers, as last year their banquet was for the mothers, and the society, under the able leadership of their superintendent, Mrs. E. C. Hill, aids greatly in the church work.

WOODMAN CIRCLE ELECT OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR LAST EVENING

From Wednesday's Daily.

Last evening the members of the local grove of the Woodman Circle met at their lodge room to enjoy a very interesting session and to take up several matters of importance to the lodge and its interests. The rapid growth of this order has brought it to the front as one of the leading fraternal orders of the city, and it is constantly adding to its membership, and the members take a keen interest in the welfare of the order.

The following officers were selected for the ensuing year, most of whom have filled the offices in a faithful manner during the past year:

Past Guardian—Mrs. Val Burkle.
Guardian—Mrs. J. E. McDaniel.
Advisor—Mrs. W. H. Bunch.
Chaplain—Mrs. W. J. Schlundt.
Clerk—Miss Marie Kaufmann.
Barker—Miss Marie Hiber.
Guide—Mrs. Anton Tritley.
Pianist—Mrs. Jesse Brady.
Captain Drill Team—Mrs. M. E. Manspeaker.

Petition for Probate of Will.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday in county court a petition was filed asking for the probate of the last will and testament of Archibald Rager, deceased, of near Murdock, who died at his home December 4th. The heirs asked that C. J. Leis, of Hemingford, Nebraska, a son-in-law of the deceased, be named as the administrator. John M. Leyda appears as attorney for the petitioners.

Heavy, impure blood makes a muddy, pimply complexion, headaches, nausea, indigestion. Thin blood makes you weak, pale and sickly. For pure blood, sound digestion, use Burdock Blood Bitters. \$1.00 at all stores.

Albert Miller Still Improving.

From Wednesday's Daily.
This morning messages received from the Emmanuel hospital in Omaha state that Albert Miller, who is there recovering from the effects of his accidental shooting, is getting along in fine shape and has now passed one of the most critical stages of his case, and the prospects are that he will recover from the injury. His temperature is down to normal and the condition of the wounds very satisfactory, while the general indications continue most favorable for his continued improvement. This will be very pleasing news to the friends of the Miller family, who have been anxiously awaiting news from the bedside of the young man.

VERY ATTRACTIVE AND HAND-SOME SHOW WINDOW AT C. E. WESCOTT'S SONS STORE

From Wednesday's Daily.

One of the leading business firms of the city to prepare a very attractive window for the holiday season is that of C. E. Wescott's Sons, who have in the large, handsome west window of their store prepared a showing of a number of gifts for "him" at the Christmas time. The window is arranged in a most pleasing manner and shows the artistic hand of Leonard Meisinger, one of the clerks of the store, who has arranged the display in a manner that attracts and pleases the eye of the passerby. A brick wall covered with snow forms the background of the window and on the floor of the window plush coverings add to the scene a pleasing touch. Ties of all designs, Christmas boxes of garters and socks are also here, as well as the favorite sets of ties, handkerchiefs and socks, and the whole has been arranged in such a way with attractive display cards as to draw more than a passing glance from the busy Christmas shopper.

Heavy Loser From Hog Cholera.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Frank L. Rhoden, one of the leading farmers residing between Murray and Union, was in the city today looking after some trading and other matters of business that demanded his attention. Mr. Rhoden has been a very heavy loser from that pest of the farmers, hog cholera, that made great inroads into his herd of swine, and out of a herd of 175 as fine animals as there were in Cass county only thirty remain to show for the work and acre given by Mr. Rhoden, and the loss will amount to several thousand dollars.

The treatment by vaccination proved of little avail in these cases, as the ravages of the disease was complete and destroyed the swine right and left. There has been a great deal of the disease through the county this fall in all localities and there are few owners of swine that have not suffered to a greater or less extent from the disease.

Diet.

In the treatment of diseases diet, in many cases, plays an important role. Diet means food and drink, as prescribed by a physician for a patient. Every physician gives his first attention to the cleaning out of the intestines, so nothing would stand in the way of accepting food. Try Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine for this. It is a safe relief of constipation, working without pain or any other discomfort and at the same time strengthening the organs. Use it at every indisposition, the sooner the better. Constipation has many unpleasant consequences and should never be allowed to become chronic.

At drug stores, Jos. Triner, Manufacturer, 1333-1339 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. Price \$1.00.

Whenever you need a liniment for rubbing some painful parts of the body, try Triner's Liniment. It will give satisfaction. Price 50c, by mail 60c.

Departs for Arkansas.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. W. K. Fox departed last evening on No. 2 for Monticello, Arkansas, where she will join her father, Governor Knapp, and son, William K. Fox, Jr., and expects to assist them in getting settled there, where Mr. Knapp owns a large plantation, and expects to make her home there for the present at least. There are quite a number of people from this section interested in land there and it will be quite like home to Mrs. Fox in that locality. The friends of this lady will greatly regret to see her leave them, but will join in wishing her much pleasure in her new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Meisinger, from near Cedar Creek, were in the city a few hours yesterday trading and also visiting with county seat friends.



Let's get down to business

This is the big buying week for best selections. Come now and avoid the crush.

Buy him a good housecoat. He will appreciate it, especially if it bears our name—the sign of quality. Here's a large assortment of latest ideas in these coats at \$4.75, \$5, \$5.50, \$6 and Up.

SOX

Men always need Sox. We have the Darnless kind--

6 FOR 60¢

Guaranteed till July 1st. Put up in neat boxes. Just the very thing you've been looking for.

HOLEPROOF HOSE

The gift "De Luxe" for men. We have them in cotton or silk--

\$1.50 to \$8 in Christmas box.

NECKWEAR

This is neckwear headquarters—"new ties every week," and a big bunch of new ones specially for Xmas--
25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1, in holiday packing.



Receives Some Fine Tobacco.

From Wednesday's Daily.
County Treasurer W. K. Fox this morning received a much appreciated Christmas present in the form of a shipment of fine Kentucky Burley tobacco, which was sent him by his cousin, J. R. Kelly, of Springfield, Kentucky. The tobacco is a fine specimen of one of the chief products of the blue grass state, and Mr. Fox is anticipating many a fragrant puffful of tobacco from the gift.

August Bach Improving.

From Wednesday's Daily.
The reports from the home of August Bach, in the south part of the city, are very pleasing to the many friends of this most estimable gentleman, as they indicate that Mr. Bach is improving wonderfully over his previous condition and now all indications point to his rapid recovery from the affliction from which he has been suffering.



Useful Gifts for Men and Boys!

Bath Robes—\$4, \$5, \$6, \$7 and \$8.

House Coats—\$5 and \$6.

Shirts—\$1.00 to \$3.50.

Interwoven Sox, 25c—4 pair in holiday box, \$1.00.

Interwoven Silk Sox, 50c—2 pair in holiday box, \$1.00.

Linen Handkerchiefs—25c, 35c and 50c, initialed or plain.

Neckwear Bows and Four-in-Hands, 25c to \$2.00.

Silk Mufflers—50c to \$2.50.

Knitted Mufflers—50c to \$1.50.

Dress Gloves, lined or unlined—50c to \$3.00.

Jewelry, Cuff Links, Stick Pins and Sets—50c to \$1.50.

Collar Bags—\$1.00 to \$2.00.

Sweater Coats, Mackinaws, Balmacan Overcoats, new double-breasted Overcoats, and many other things that must be seen to be appreciated.

*Note—A National Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving has been organized to teach the public how to spend its Christmas money wisely. The society has set itself against the purchase of holiday gew-gaws, but is strong for the purchase of serviceable gifts, like clothing, furnishing goods, etc. The members of the society call themselves Spugs. This year, with the Red Cross pleading for gifts and soldiers' children facing an empty Christmas stocking, the necessity of useful giving looms up stronger than ever before. Think it over, this store is Spug headquarters.

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Hats

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