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BOLESHIVISTS AT HOME.

A German pessimist once protested against the ascription of inhumanity even to the most sinister men and women. The crimes of human beings differ from the violence of beasts. They are not unreflecting reactions to impulsive instincts, but deliberate choice translated into action.

APPROVES BIG LOANS TO WESTERN RAILWAYS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—A loan of \$26,775,000 to eight western railroads to help finance improvements amounting to \$56,625,000 was approved today by the interstate commerce commission.

The railroads which are to receive the loan are the Michigan Central, the Big Four, the New York Central, the Cincinnati Northern, the Toledo & Ohio Central, the Zanesville & Western, the Kanawha & Michigan Railway, and the Lake Erie & Western.

KILLS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN

Farmer's Worry Over Debt is Believed to Be Cause of Tragedy at Bradshaw, Neb.

York, Neb., Dec. 23.—Carl E. Nickelson, a farmer living nine miles west of York, killed his three children with a razor, his wife with a hammer and himself with a rifle at 7 o'clock this morning.

The tragedy took place in the basement of the home of Mrs. Nickelson's parents at Bradshaw, six miles west of York.

The parents were aroused when Nickelson shot himself. Rushing downstairs they discovered the bodies of the entire family.

Worry over his inability to meet indebtedness on a tract of land he had bought near Aurora is believed to have caused the tragedy.

As the family slept, Nickelson first entered the bedroom of his children, slashed the throats of his 12-year-old daughter, Irene, his 4-year-old daughter, Madeline, and a 3 weeks old son, Neal Edward, with a razor.

From the position in which the baby was found and the finger prints on its legs and feet, it was evident that the man had held the child up by his feet as he slashed its throat.

He then carefully pulled the covers over the bodies of the three children as they lay in bed and went into the bedroom of his wife, Nancy Plank Nickelson. He struck her on the head with a hammer, causing death as she slept.

Then proceeding to the cellar, he fixed the fire for the day, picked up a 20-30 rifle and fired two shots into his own body, one through the stomach and the other through the mouth.

The family, who had been living in the Plank farm, near Bradshaw, came into town to be with the wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Plank, over the holidays. They intended to move into town in the spring, and had bought land at Aurora.

Mrs. Nickelson's parents heard the first shot fired by Nickelson in the basement of the home and were rushing down the stairs as the second one was fired. The whole family had sat up until a late hour last night, playing games.

FOR SALE.

Some household furniture, very reasonable. Call No. 674-W. 3rd.

From Friday's Daily Mrs. F. D. Lehnhoff and daughter, Miss Tillie, were among the guests at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce on the judging pavilion, University Farm as your reduced fare for the return journey will not apply unless you are properly identified as provided for by the certificate.

Miss Anna Selver, who is head operator of the Lincoln Telegraph & Telephone company at David City, arrived home last evening for an over Sunday visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Selvers and her many friends.

Will Hassler and wife and nephew, Arthur Thorne, of Lincoln, arrived in this city today to enjoy a visit over Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hassler, Sr. and with the many friends in the old home.

Robert Wright, who has been employed at the Burlington shops in this city for some time, was a passenger this morning for Omaha, where he expects to take up work for the present at least, until conditions improve in railroad work.

Henry Heelner of Cedar Creek, was here today for a few hours en route to Murray to spend Christmas with his family.

F. B. Shopp was a passenger this afternoon for Omaha, accompanying his daughter, Mrs. L. E. Hanford, of McCook, this far on her journey back to her home.

Mrs. William Goehner, who is here visiting at the home of her parents over the holiday season was among those going to Omaha this afternoon.

Fine stationery, Journal office schemes may be had at the Journal office.

LOCAL NEWS FORMER PLATTSMOUTH BOY WEDS

Miss Hilda Brinkman was among those going to Omaha this afternoon to visit for a few hours in that city with friends.

Mrs. Augusta Martens went to Omaha this afternoon, where she will spend a short time visiting with relatives and friends.

Father W. S. Leete was among those going to Omaha this morning to spend the day looking after some matters of business.

Mrs. S. S. Gooding and Mrs. Anton Svoboda were among those going to Omaha to visit this afternoon for a few hours with friends.

A. S. Will was a business visitor in Omaha today for a few hours, going to that city on the early morning Burlington train.

J. W. Holmes, who has been attending the convention of the union insurance companies at Lincoln, returned home this morning.

Miss Audrey Willet of Stanton, a sister of Mrs. A. G. Hollowell, is in the city for a Yuletide visit at the Hollowell home for a few days.

Captain Hamilton Thorne was among those going to Omaha this morning to visit for a few hours and look after some matters of business.

Judge James T. Begley was among those going to Omaha this morning to enjoy a few hours visit in that city with friends and to look after some legal matters.

Mrs. Florence Newton came down last evening from Omaha to spend a few hours with relatives and friends, returning this morning to her home in the metropolis.

Miss Georgia Matous departed this morning for Havelock, where she will join her father, A. Matous, in a visit with relatives and friends over the Christmas holidays.

Julius Kalasek and wife departed this morning for Clarkston, Nebraska, where they will spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. Kalasek's relatives in that city and vicinity.

Miss Delia Tarisch, who has been visiting here with relatives and friends, departed this morning for Omaha, where she is engaged in teaching in the city schools.

Mrs. Mary Heinrich and Mrs. John Lutz were among those going to Omaha this morning to visit for a few hours with friends and look after some matters of business.

Dr. H. C. Leopold departed this afternoon for Minden, Neb., where he will join Mrs. Leopold in an over-Christmas visit with relatives and friends and will return home on Monday.

Mrs. Charles Carlson and sister, Miss Jessie Whelan, who are attending the state normal school at Peru, arrived home last evening and will remain here during the holiday season.

J. A. Johnson and wife, of Courtland, Nebraska, arrived this afternoon for a visit here with relatives and friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Sydebotham, parents of Mrs. Johnson.

Mont Robb was in the city today attending to some business matters enroute to Union where he will spend the holidays with his wife and family and enjoy a rest from his work on the road.

Miss Jessie Robertson, who is teaching in the Louisville schools, arrived home last evening to enjoy the holiday season here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Robertson.

L. G. Larsen and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sydebotham departed this afternoon for Union, where they will visit over Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Foster, southeast of that village.

Mrs. Mary Murphy and daughter, Miss Mae, departed this afternoon for Omaha, where they will visit over Christmas at the home of their son and brother, T. L. Murphy and family over the holidays.

Earl Short and wife departed today for Omaha where they will enjoy the Christmas day festivities at the home of the parents of Mrs. Short and the opportunity to visit with their friends in that city.

O. H. Binson and wife of Oakland and Mrs. J. Binson of Lincoln, are in the city for a holiday visit at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. V. Hunter. Mrs. J. Binson is the mother of Mrs. Hunter and Mr. Binson a brother.

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Harry White and Miss Louise Weik are Married in Colorado on Thanksgiving Day.

Word has been received in this city by relatives and friends of the marriage at Durango, Colorado, on Thanksgiving day, November 25th, of two of the popular young people of that community, Miss Louise Weik and Mr. Harry White, the wedding occurring at the Protestant parsonage, the marriage rites being read by the Rev. L. K. Wells, pastor of the church.

The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Weik, prominent residents of Durango, and is a graduate of the schools of that city and of the Denver university, having won honors at the latter institution.

She was prominent as a society leader in college and has a wide circle of friends in Durango and in Denver.

The groom is one of the popular young men of Durango and is employed by the D. & R. G. as engineer out of that city. He was born and reared in this city where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will A. White, resided for many years. Since the death of his parents, Harry has made his home in the west and engaged in railroad work.

During the world war his country's call caused him to lay aside his work and he entered the army and was assigned to the 109th Engineers of the 24th division and served with them during the war. He is a nephew of Dave Babbington of this city.

The young people will make their home in the future in Durango, where the home is awaiting their return from the honeymoon.

John W. Chapman and Family have Farm in Midst of New Field That is Being Drilled.

The many friends in this city of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Chapman, who are now residing on their farm twenty-three miles from Baker, Montana, in Fallon county, will be pleased to learn that there is very promising prospects for finding oil in that country and at the present time there is a drilling outfit at work on a prospect just five miles from the Chapman home. The reports on the conditions there have been most favorable and the geologists who have been testing the soil and sands of that country are confident that there will be uncovered another oil field that will be equal to that of the fields of Wyoming and the residents of Fallon county feel that they have a good thing coming their way in the discovery of the oil fields.

This portion of Montana is not a great ways from the northern portion of Wyoming and in the same information as that of the oil fields of that state.

CASS CO. FARM BUREAU NOTES

Half Fare to Attend Organized Agriculture the First Week in January

Farmers and dependent members of their families will be granted one and one-half fare for the round trip on the certificate plan. The reduced rates apply beginning January 1. Full fare will be charged for the trip to Lincoln. Obtaining certificate with the ticket to Lincoln and its proper endorsement at Lincoln will entitle the holder to half fare returning home.

C. W. Pugsley, secretary of organized agriculture, has issued the following statement for the benefit of farmers who attend the meetings: "Be sure when purchasing tickets to Lincoln to ask the ticket agent for a certificate. Do not make the mistake of asking for a receipt. If, however, it is impossible to get a certificate from the local agent, a receipt will be satisfactory and should be secured when the ticket is purchased. See that the ticket reads to the point where the convention is to be held and no other. See that your certificate is stamped with the same date as your ticket. Sign your name to the certificate in ink. Show this to your ticket agent. Immediately upon your arrival at Lincoln present your certificate to the endorsing officer at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce or at the judging pavilion, University Farm as your reduced fare for the return journey will not apply unless you are properly identified as provided for by the certificate."

Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation. The campaign for memberships in the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation started on October 25 and continues until December 18. In that short period approximately 15,000 members have been obtained in the seventeen counties canvassed, or an average of about 852 to the county. As you know, many counties are constantly turning in additional members from among the farmers whom the canvassers were unable to see during the initial campaign, and it is safe to predict that eventually the average membership should be 1,000 per county, or about 70,000 for the entire state, as of course some twenty Nebraska counties are not highly agricultural territory. Farmers who have a total of \$67 which will probably be increased to 1,000 in clean-up week.

L. R. SNIPES, County Agricultural Agent

PETER DROZDA HAS A BAD ACCIDENT

Former Resident of This City Has Right Foot Severed from Leg in Omaha R. R. Yards

Peter Drozda, who was for a number of years a resident of Plattsmouth, was the victim of a very serious accident on last Tuesday at the Union Pacific yards in Omaha when his right foot was severed from his leg as the result of falling beneath the wheels of a moving freight car in the yards where he was working.

Mr. Drozda was engaged in his work as switchman at the time and while crossing a track slipping and fell in front of a fast moving freight car that was coming on the track over which he fell.

The right leg was caught over the rails by the car and the foot and ankle completely severed from the leg as a result. The injured man was able to drag himself away from the track and his cries for assistance brought a number of the yard men to his aid and he was hurried to the hospital where the injured leg was dressed and the patient made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances, although he is still suffering very much from the shock.

Mr. Drozda, at the time of the accident displayed great coolness and was fully conscious following the accident and realized the misfortune that had come to him.

Yesterday afternoon Joseph Hadraba of this city, an old friend of the injured man was at Omaha and visited him at the hospital, finding him in excellent spirits and apparently well on the way to recovery from the effects of the injury that has deprived him of his limb.

Several many old friends here will regret very much to hear of the misfortune that has befallen Mr. Drozda, as he with his genial and pleasant manners, made many friends over the city during his residence here.

MEETING WOODMAN CIRCLE

There will be a special meeting of the Woodman Circle held on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Lena Broege at 7:30. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

ARRIVES AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Word has been received here by relatives announcing the arrival at San Francisco on Friday of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Atkinson, who left this city several weeks ago in their Dodge roadster to drive to the coast. The trip was not as pleasant as had been anticipated to bad roads, but the members of the party arrived in time for the Christmas festivities which were held at the home of a sister of Mr. Atkinson in the western city.

CONFINED TO HOME.

Charles T. Peacock has for the past several days been confined to his home by illness having suffered a very severe attack of liver trouble and as the result has been kept to his bed for some time. He is still far from well and while his case is not serious it is such as to make it very annoying to him.

WABASH HAPPENINGS

The Ladies Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Theodore Miller last Friday afternoon. A large number attended that afternoon.

Miss J. D. Gerbeling spent the week end at the home of Miss Edna Woods, near Elmwood.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gerbeling and daughter Ella autoed to Lincoln Saturday. On their return they stopped at the home of Charles Wood, the young folks there being ready to go to Lincoln on the train. Miss Ella got out of the auto and got in the buggy and went along to Lincoln.

The field secretary and treasurer of the Christian Endeavor spoke at the Baptist church last Saturday evening. It is to be had there were not more out. He gave a very good talk.

Word was received here on Friday of last week that John Carter had been killed. The funeral was held at Weeping Water Monday afternoon and a number from here attended.

Miss Edna Wood, Mary Smith and J. D. Gerbeling were Elmwood passengers Monday evening.

A number from here are suffering from bad colds and the rheumatism.

There will be revival meetings in the M. E. church starting Monday, December 27th. Everyone is asked to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Emme were Elmwood passengers Tuesday evening.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. Warren Richard Thursday afternoon.

A Christmas program and tree was held at the Baptist church on Friday evening, December 24th.

DR. H. C. LEOPOLD

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ALVO DEPARTMENT

Alvo News

Mrs. E. M. Stone was in Lincoln Monday.

W. S. Jordan went to Lincoln Thursday.

S. Brakhage and son were in Lincoln Monday.

P. J. Litch and James Pickington autoed to Lincoln Monday afternoon.

School closed Thursday for the holidays, beginning again January 3, 1921.

Glenn Sliger was down from Lincoln Wednesday renewing acquaintance.

Mrs. H. Moore and daughter, Miss Blanche, were Omaha visitors Saturday afternoon.

George P. Foreman, R. F. Johnson and C. M. Jordan were Lincoln visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sliger moved to Lincoln on the 19th. Mr. Sliger is in business there.

E. L. Uptegrove and family of Sidney, came in Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rosenow spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Ray Clark and family near Prairie Home.

Geo. Hardnock and Mrs. Ellis Cook and children left Thursday for a visit with relatives at Osceola and Des Moines, Iowa.

The thermometer registered 4 below zero Thursday morning which is the coldest it has been here thus far this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Harlan and Mrs. D. M. Crenson and son of Lincoln, spent a few days recently with the former's son, Elmer Harlan and family.

Sam Hardnock spent a few days last week with his brother Jake Hardnock and family at Wood River. Mrs. Jake Hardnock has been quite ill but is now improving.

Miss Marie Prouty came in Wednesday from the northwest part of the state where she is teaching school, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Prouty.

E. L. Uptegrove and family of Sidney, who have been visiting relatives here the past several days, left Thursday for Lincoln, where they will eat their Christmas dinner with Mrs. Uptegrove's mother, Mrs. Kime.

The high school students and teachers gave a Christmas party at the school home Saturday night. A Christmas tree and games were the special features of the evening. The grades teachers were guests. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foreman entertained the Jolly Neighbors club at a four-course dinner at their home Friday evening, December 17th. Between courses the ladies presented their husbands with joke Christmas gifts with original verse. Christmas decorations were used throughout. The club presented a berry set to Mr. and Mrs. August Johnson in honor of their wedding anniversary. Miss Ellen Nolting and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Foreman were guests of the evening.

ALEXANDER G. BELL HAS NEW INVENTION

St. John, N. B., Dec. 23.—Announcement of a new invention by Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, was made upon his arrival here today from Scotland. He declined to state the nature of his latest discovery.

PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned will offer for sale at public auction on the Fred Hill farm, five miles west and one mile south of Mynard, six miles north and five and one-half miles east of Weeping Water, on Tuesday, January 4th, the following property:

Live Stock: One bay horse, eight years old, weight 1600; one brown mare, coming three years, weight 1250; one brown horse, coming 3 years, weight 1350; one black mare, 12 years, weight 1450, bred to jack; two mules, coming 2 years old; two mules, coming 1 year old; four milk cows; three high grade Hereford cows; three Hereford heifers; one registered Hereford bull; one Hereford bull calf; six stock cows; ten stock calves; ten Duroc bred sows; one thoroughbred boar.

Farm machinery: One hay sweep nearly new, one New Departure cultivator, one Deer walking lister, one 16-inch walking plow, one top buggy, one heating stove, one cream separator, one set of 1 1/2 inch harness, twenty-two tons of prairie hay, twenty tons of alfalfa hay, five tons of timothy hay, and numerous other articles.

Sale begins at 10:30 o'clock. Lunch served at noon.

Terms of Sale:—A credit of six to nine months will be given on sums over \$10, purchaser giving note with approved security bearing nine per cent interest from date of sale. All sums under \$10 cash in hand. All property must be settled for before being removed from the premises.

EMIL J. MEISINGER, Owner. W. R. YOUNG, Auctioneer. R. F. PATTERSON, Clerk.

The New Year is Ready:-

—The old year is nearly gone. We have had our run with it. In the closing days of 1921, as we take stock of our assets, we find that along with health and prosperity, we have had the happiness that comes through friendship, and we trust that these ties may ever endure. To all our friends we express a hope that the coming year may be one of plentifulness, of health and of happiness.

Frost, Curyea & Murtey

WALTER H. FROST, Manager

Good-Bye Old Year:-

—You are on your last legs, and tottering at that. We are greeting our friends this new year with best wishes for an abundance of prosperity, health and last-piness. May the sunlight of friendship ever continue to shine in all our lives.

Murtey & Curyea

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The Old Year is Gone:-

—It has done about all it can for us. We have endeavored to make the best of every day of it. The new year is at hand and with it will come new work, added responsibilities, but hand-in-hand with the friends of the past we shall not hesitate to tread the path that leads into the future. Let us all work together in 1921 to the end that all may prosper. We are wishing you, our many friends, a most Happy and Joyous New Year.

Coatman Hardware,

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