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## A LAMP EXPLOSION.

Farmer J. F. Stull Badly Burned Late Thursday Night.

### MRS. SHRYOCK WINS HER SUIT.

A Federal Court Jury Accords Her a Verdict For \$3,765—Insurance Company Likely to Take An Appeal—Jottings.

By the explosion of a hanging lamp, J. F. Stull, the well-known farmer who resides four miles northwest of town, was shockingly and almost fatally burned at about 11:30 p. m. Thursday. Mr. Stull was entertaining some visitors that night and the party chatted in the sitting room until a rather late hour. The visitors and his son, Lawrence, retired up stairs to go to bed, but they had been absent for only a few minutes when they heard the explosion, followed by Mr. Stull's screams. They rushed down stairs and found Mr. Stull's clothing ablaze and the carpet of the room on fire. A blanket was immediately thrown about the screaming man and the flames extinguished. The carpet fire was put out and Lawrence, the son, at once hurried to town to summon a physician. Dr. Humphrey responded, arriving on the scene in less than an hour after the explosion. He found the victim suffering intense pain. The blazing fluid had fairly cooked the flesh on his face, ears and chest, while his hands were burned to a crisp. His eyes were swollen shut, but fortunately they were found to have been uninjured. The victim was in such awful pain that he was utterly unable to tell the particulars of the explosion. An opiate was administered, his wounds dressed and today he was resting fairly easy with a prospect that his injuries will have no serious result.

The cause of the explosion is unknown. The oil may have been poor in quality or the ventilation of the lamp, being poor, gas had collected until it exploded. Mr. Stull, being alone in the room, nothing definite is known. In any event, Mr. Stull had a fortunate escape from death and the family from losing their home by fire.

### Mrs. Shryock Wins.

The suit of Mrs. W. B. Shryock of Louisville against the National Masonic Accident Insurance company, was decided in the U. S. federal court in Omaha Thursday in favor of the plaintiff. The jury reached an agreement late last night and returned with a sealed verdict. The same was opened in court today and Mrs. Shryock was found to have been accorded a judgment for \$3,765. Suit was brought for \$5,000 on the face of the policy, but a clause which limited the amount due to a \$2 assessment on the 1,600 members of the association, cut the claim down below the full amount of the policy. Mrs. Shryock's victory is a source of much gratification to her many friends in this city and county. A. N. Sullivan of this city and Cowin & McHugh of Omaha were her attorneys. It is understood that the insurance company will prosecute an appeal.

### Was It a Case of Poor Oil?

J. F. Stull, the victim of Thursday night's lamp explosion, mentions of which was exclusively made in Friday's JOURNAL, is now resting easy, and there is every reason for believing that his injuries will have no serious results. His escape, however, from being literally burned alive was a fortunate one, and but for immediate assistance, the affair would have had different results.

Mr. Stull was able to tell Friday night of the particulars of the affair. He states that he simply pulled the hanging lamp down even with his head and attempted to blow out the flame from below. The lamp immediately exploded, throwing the blazing oil over his face, neck and hands. His statement has led interested parties to believe that it might have been a case of inferior kerosene, and for that reason THE JOURNAL has taken the pains to secure some oil out of the same can from which the exploded lamp was filled. The oil will be given the same inspection as is required by the state inspecting corps and the result made known in these columns.

That oily and rough skin cured and the face and hands beautified by Johnson's Oriental Soap; medicated and highly perfumed. Sold by Fricke & Co.

### Thought He Was Cute.

The World-Herald says: "U. S. Marshal White smiled when he heard this extract from a letter read in federal court in arraignment of Ulysses G. Garner, an innocent looking young fellow bailing from Blair: "No living man can find me without the necessary instructions."

The letter purported to have been written by Garner to a stranger who hungered for green goods. Garner has been brought in on a charge of engaging in the green goods business to the extent of offering to supply them. In another letter he is quoted as saying: "Take my advice. I have been in the business for years. I started in on \$10 and am now wealthy. Secrecy is the key to success." The letter went on to say that he had counterfeit bills that bankers could not detect, and that he sold them for 10 per cent of their face value.

Garner shows no signs of supposed wealth gained under the hat except, possibly, that he was able to employ a lawyer. He pleaded not guilty and Attorney Sheehan defended him.

When the case has been got before the grand jury it was agreed to plead guilty to one count. Garner admitted that he had sought to get suckers to bite on a green goods bait, but denied that he had ever supplied any counterfeit money. There was no evidence that he had. He had obtained some money from verdant and dishonest customers.

### Can Use Their Discretion.

The following from the Nebraska City News can as well apply to Cass as Otoe: "County Attorney Paul Jensen has been looking up some matter for the county commissioners and he finds that according to a late supreme court ruling the county commissioners are not compelled to draw warrants for the attorneys whom the judges allow \$25 and \$15 for defending criminals who have no money with which to employ an attorney. It is discretionary with the commissioners to allow what they see proper in such cases and that the court awards in such cases are not binding on them. If the commissioners are inclined to be any ways close with such matters they will make it rather difficult for a criminal without money to secure a lawyer to look after his interests, for none of the lawyers like to work without some hope of securing a little remuneration for their services."

### Junior Order Installation.

The newly-elected officers of the local lodge of the J. O. U. A. M. were installed and entered upon the fulfillment of their duties, in the presence of an audience of some two hundred people, at the Odd Fellows' hall Friday night. Deputy National Counsellor Howder of Omaha conducted the installation, assisted by State Counsellor Knapp of Omaha and State Recording Secretary Fenton of Omaha. After the installation those in attendance were seated to a sumptuous banquet, the affair concluding with a season at social chat and other amusements. The occasion was a pleasant one in every particular.

### A Shocking Accident.

Mrs. Warney Thomas was burned to death at her home in Bloomfield, Knox county, Tuesday. When discovered by neighboring women she had nearly extinguished the flames and got out of doors, but was burned to a crisp from head to foot. Medical skill could only alleviate her suffering for about four hours, when death relieved her. It is thought that she had spilled gasoline upon her clothing, which had ignited from the stove. This family was in the Pomeroy cyclone two years ago, losing one child and every member receiving severe injuries.

### "Bad Order" Cars Piling Up.

A string of fifty "bad order" freight cars were taken up to the Fort Crook side track Friday for storage. There are now 110 "bad order" cars at Fort Crook and fully three times that number in the local yards. The present force of laborers at the local shops cannot possibly make the repairs on this large number of cars, and as there is no shop on the system able to handle the work, it means an increased force in Plattsmouth in the very near future.

Cooley of Cass was threatening last night, in his wild and breezy way, to call the house to arms and effect a reorganization under which every man in the house can have the chairmanship he wants. Burch and Chapman were somewhat disappointed also over the committee appointments, but took their revenge on the speaker's nephew through the nepotism resolution. The disaffection doesn't seem to be very widespread.—Lincoln Journal.

### ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

#### MOTHER'S LOVE.

Across the gulf that separates  
This world from that above  
Is stretched the shining, golden cord  
Of dear old mother's love.  
Her spirit voice in low, soft tones,  
Comes to my list'ning ear—  
"My boy, keep in the narrow path;  
Be true and never fear."

She's seated near the great white throne,  
Her harp has golden strings,  
And o'er the chasm we call death  
Comes the sweet song she sings.  
It is a song of mother's love  
That falls upon my ear—  
"My boy, e'er keep your record clean;  
Be true and never fear."

And as I wander down the path  
That leads me to the tomb,  
The shining lamp of mother's love  
Will drive away the gloom.  
Then shall I hear across the wave,  
In accents soft and clear—  
"Come in, my boy, and rest by me;  
Your home is with me here."  
—W. M. MATTHEW in Fremont Herald.

Saturday last was the anniversary of the big blizzard which swept over the prairies of Nebraska on the 12th of January, 1888, and a neat question of blizzards the Lincoln Journal writes as follows in the interest of the eternal verities from his home in Tampa, Fla: "I note that the Journal prints Hamlin Garland's article about the 'great blizzard of '88.' He locates it in February, with ground covered with snow, sleighing in full-blaze and all the pretty accessories—quite the conventional blizzard. The blizzard of '88 began on Easter Sunday, April 13. There hadn't been two inches of snow all winter, the birds had come, the buds were out, grass had started to grow, grain was all seeded, lots of corn ground broke. The day was bright and though it was Sunday, a chap you know had gone fishing in his shirt sleeves. The reaction began with a violent squall from the southwest and a shower of rain, and it was 9 p. m. before it changed to snow, with the wind from the north. Otherwise Col. Garland's story is faithfully and excellently told. He neglected to say that the eastern limit of the blizzard about conjoined with the Missouri river. The lowest temperature noted was 16 degrees above zero."

Representative Davies of Cass county has embodied in a bill for a constitutional amendment, the investment of the permanent school fund, several important, and excellent provisions. Among them is one following the suggestions of Governor Crouse's message and providing for the sale of securities held by the board for the permanent school fund and the investment of the proceeds in securities bearing a higher rate of interest. Thus if there are several hundred thousand dollars on hand and no securities offered, the bonds may be sold and the other securities purchased. Under the present law the board cannot sell securities once purchased. Another provision of the amendment permits the investment of the fund in school district bonds. Under our very thorough registration system district bonds are considered perfectly safe securities and the amount of such bonds offered is large enough to afford an investment for a considerable part of the permanent school fund.—Lincoln Journal.

### AN EXTRA ADVANTAGE.

The bloomer girls who ride the bike  
Can now indulge in smoking, too.  
Since they at last a match can strike  
The same way that their brothers do.  
—Puck.

Andrew Hawkins, is quoted by the Globe-Democrat as a Nebraska farmer says: "Things are getting to be very moral with us in Frontier and other adjoining counties. The drought knocked us all out. There isn't enough wheat or corn in the country to feed a tenth of the people. We have no coal and nothing to buy coal with. The winter is on us and we must suffer. I am now going back to starve it through with my people. I have been to Indiana, my old home, but there is nothing for me there. We have petitioned the governor to help. We hope he will issue an appeal. The suffering will be widespread and the people will starve unless help comes in from the outside. We will need grub, clothes and fuel to get us through the winter alive, and some seed corn and wheat in the spring, if we live so do any plowing and can carry stock enough through to do it. Without help hundreds of families will perish. It is a very serious, a very mortal business—the worst the country has ever known."

State Senator Tefft of Cass, has been given the chairmanship of the committee on public lands and buildings.

## LINCOLN LAID OUT.

Nebraska State Fair Goes to Omaha For the Next Five Years.

### THAT TAX INJUNCTION SUIT.

The R. &amp; M. Company and the City and County Will Have a Round-up in District Court Next Month—Various Other Notes.

### Lincoln Loses the State Fair.

The city of Omaha has secured the Nebraska state fair for the next five years, that city having received a majority of the votes cast at yesterday's meeting of the state board of agriculture held at Lincoln. The contest was a spirited one, and the three contestants, Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island, have been pulling and howling at a great rate for the past several months in order to land the prize. The selection was made on the first ballot, Omaha receiving 50 votes, Lincoln 41 and Grand Island 8. The only office of any importance, that of secretary, again went to R. W. Furnas of Brownville. The dates for this year's fair are Sep. 13 to 21. Omaha's bid was superior in every particular to that of either Grand Island or Lincoln and was made and signed jointly by the Omaha Driving and Park association, by Charles A. Coe, president, and Geo. N. Hicks, secretary, and the Omaha Fair association, by Dan Farrell, jr., president, and J. E. Utt, secretary.

The offer was for 160 acres of land, together with required improvements and buildings thereon. These included an 8 foot tight board fence, one-half or one mile regulation track, to be decided by the board. Also all necessary buildings, including amphitheater for 12,000 people; railroad and street car facilities to carry 100,000 people daily; rate of fare from Omaha or South Omaha 5 cents; switching charges to be paid by Omaha; telephone and telegraph lines; all to be kept in repair; paved roads from Omaha to within eighty rods of the grounds. As evidence of good faith a subscription of \$50,000 and a bond of \$50,000 accompanied the bids.

### That Tax Injunction Suit.

Jas. E. Kelsey, one of the R. & M.'s attorneys in Omaha, was in town today looking up matters pertaining to the injunction suit which the company asks restraining the city and county from collecting that corporation's taxes. Something like a year ago the company asked a temporary restraining order, but Judge Chapman refused to grant the same, and they will now go into court and pursue the usual practice pertaining to injunctions. The Omaha attorney endeavored to get County Attorney Polk to stipulate that no steps would be taken to collect the taxes for '94, which are now unpaid, but the county attorney refused to stipulate. The company will now be forced to wait gracefully up and pay its taxes by February 1st or have trouble in its hands.

### Transfer Switch Case Decided.

District Judge Chapman has handed down an opinion in the Holt county switch case wherein it was sought by the state board of transportation to compel the two railroads which run into the town of O'Neill, to construct a connection switch in accordance with the legislature two years ago. The decision holds the law to be unconstitutional on the ground that the new law was not legally passed, as it failed to repeal the old law which pertained to the same subject. The opinion covers some nine pages of type written copy and is too bulky to admit of republication in these columns. The judge heard the case at the request of Judge Kinkaid of the fifteenth judicial district.

### Will Reduce Still Further.

Asst. Supt. O. E. Stewart, of the Burlington, says the Creston Gazette, is authority for the opinion that the time of the fast mail into Council Bluffs will be reduced yet another hour before the racing between the Burlington and the Northern is at an end. If there is any great reduction in the present schedule it will be made on the west division, as the possibilities for a high rate of speed are much greater there than on the east division. It has been a usual thing for the fast train to pull into Ottumwa twenty or twenty-five minutes behind the schedule, and make the Bluffs on time.

### AROUND THE COURT ROOMS.

#### COUNTY COURT.

Judge Ramsey has overruled the motion in the suit of Kleitsch vs. Weber to set aside the judgment by default accorded the plaintiff last week. It is understood that the defense will take an appeal from the ruling.

License to wed was issued in county court Tuesday afternoon to Mr. W. G. Shultz and Miss Henrietta Halmes. The latter is a daughter of Nicholas Halmes, the well-known farmer who lives west of town. License was also issued to Mr. W. H. Taylor and Miss Dora Hendrickson, both of Rock Bluffs precinct.

License to wed was issued in county court Wednesday to Mr. Edward J. Seibert and Miss Blanch Traver. The wedding ceremony occurred at noon and the happy couple departed in the afternoon for Omaha to make the latter place their home. The bride is a daughter of Engineer Mart Traver, and is a most estimable young lady. The groom is an employe in the Union Pacific machine shops at Omaha and certainly possesses every qualification required of a good husband. THE JOURNAL extends its best wishes:

#### JUSTICE COURT.

The preliminary examination of Chas. Noyes, on the charge of horse-stealing, held Monday afternoon before Justice Archer, resulted in the prisoner's discharge. The testimony disclosed the fact that Noyes had made an endeavor to return the team to the owner, and on this account it was held that the intent to commit a crime was lacking.

#### COURT ROOM NOTES.

C. H. Sheeley, of Lincoln, the county bridge contractor, was at the court house Friday consulting with the commissioners in regard to bridging matters.

Lawyer Ed. Wooley of Lincoln, was in town Friday in consultation with County Attorney Polk in regard to the Lindsay-Griswold cases, in which he will assist the latter official in the prosecution.

The board of county commissioners and County Clerk Dickson journeyed to Glenwood, Wednesday to inquire into the methods in force in the operation of the county poor farm at that place, with the possible object in view of making a change in the Cass county institution.

#### Another Mosher Judgment.

Judgments were rendered Saturday at York against Charles W. Mosher to the amount of \$121,022.58 and against Richard Outcalt for \$58,091. Just before the failure of the Capital National bank of Lincoln, Ed Mosher, a resident of York, deeded to his brother and the Capital National bank a number of York county farms. Charles Mosher at once deeded them to relatives and to D. E. Thompson of Lincoln. Ed Mosher was loaning money on personal, collateral, chattel and real estate security prior to the failure, and it is the opinion of many that loans made by him, presumably with Capital National money, were never turned in as assets. If the holders of the judgments can set aside the transfers of the York county farm lands, they will be enabled to realize a fair amount on their claims.

#### Good For the Lt. Governor.

In the name of decency and better politics, the News congratulates Lieutenant Governor Moore for his absolute refusal to appoint Walt Seeley to a position in the senate. Mr. Moore took his stand in the face of the fact that many influential politicians were asking the appointment. Now let Mr. Seeley go to work for himself, and not continue to ask the state to furnish him employment all the time. It should be added, too, that Mr. Moore has emphatically stated that he will not approve any voucher drawn in Seeley's favor, which means that none of the wire-pullers and under officials can give him a job either.—Lincoln News.

The A. O. U. W. lodge at Cedar Creek (No. 72) will celebrate memorial day by public parade, entertainment at the lodge room, a supper and a dancing party in the evening.

## IMPROVED SERVICE.

The Burlington's New Time-Card a Move in the Right Direction.

### THE GRISWOLD-LINDSAY CASES.

County Attorney Polk Could Well Afford To Call Mr. Travis, the Ex-Prosecutor, to His Assistance—Other Happenings.

The new time-card which will be inaugurated on the Burlington system next Sunday means a better east-bound train service than ever. The opening up of the new line to Billings, Montana, is the reason of the change, it being the idea of the Burlington people that the east-bound traffic from Montana deserves fast service. Train No. 41 will leave Billings at 7:30 p. m., immediately after the arrival of the Northern Pacific from the west. It will reach Omaha at 11:55 the next night, where it takes on the name of No. 6. It will pass through Plattsmouth shortly after midnight and will pull into Chicago at 2:30 o'clock the next afternoon. The change is a decided stroke of enterprise on the part of the Burlington, as passengers who transfer at Billings will reach Chicago several hours in advance of the present method of travelling via St. Paul.

Under the new card No. 6 takes the place of No. 12, which has heretofore reached Plattsmouth at 8:25 p. m. The new train, in addition to taking passengers into Chicago on exceptionally rapid time, will be of particular value to Plattsmouth people who might wish to journey to the Omaha theaters, as it makes it possible for one to witness an entire performance and return home the same night. The improved service which the card affords will be appreciated by Plattsmouth people beyond all question.

### The Griswold-Lindsay Prosecution.

County Attorney Polk has made arrangements whereby Lawyer Ed Wooley of Lincoln is to assist him in the Griswold-Lindsay trials, which come up in district court next month. It seems to THE JOURNAL, however, that the circumstances would warrant Mr. Polk in procuring the assistance of Mr. Travis, the ex-county attorney. Mr. Travis appeared for the prosecution in the preliminary examination of the two men, is thoroughly conversant with every phase of the cases, and he would certainly prove a big assistance to the present prosecutor in the district court proceedings. The people of Cass county desire the conviction of both of the accused, and Mr. Polk would be doing only his duty in calling Mr. Travis to his assistance.

### Train Robbery on the "O."

Train robbers have invaded the state of Iowa and on Saturday evening last at about 6:30 o'clock near the city of Ottumwa, robbers forced their way into the express car on No. 4, and after binding and gagging the train hands, opened the safe and marched off with the contents. The amount stolen is fixed by the express company at \$1,500. A sheriff's posse started in pursuit of the thieves in less than two hours after the robbery, but at last accounts the guilty parties had not been apprehended.

### A. O. U. W. Memorial Day.

The 18th of January has been officially designated by the supreme lodge, A. O. U. W., as Memorial Day for the order. Plattsmouth lodge No. 8 will celebrate the occasion by a public meeting, with appropriate ceremonies, at their hall on Friday evening next. The public generally is invited to be present. All members of the order and members of the Degree of Honor are especially invited. Addresses will be made by leading members of the order in the city, and a general good time is promised.

### His Last Speech.

Harry Mason, who has been on a prolonged spree down at Table Rock since Christmas, died suddenly Sunday at the American house in that town. His death was caused, it is supposed, by alcoholism. He has wealthy relatives in New York city who have been apprised of his death by telegraph.

The people of the vicinity of Henton Station, six miles north of Pacific Junction, have sent a carload of food, provisions and clothing to the poor of western Nebraska. It's a noble act.

Japanese Pile Cure costs you nothing if it does not cure you; samples free. Sold by Fricke & Co.