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A Fictitious Newspaper Reaps a Rich Harvest of Suckers.

## AN ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

A Loaded Shot Gun Plays Havoc With the Son of an M. P. Section Boss Out at Elmwood—Various Interesting Jottings.

### A Smooth Swindle.

The Ladies' Monthly Gem was the name of a publication at Cleveland, O., the publishers of which perpetrated a swindle, and reaped a harvest of suckers who paid them the neat sum of \$50,000 before the authorities put a stop to it. The Gem was extensively advertised at 50 cents a year. Prizes were offered for the successful working of a puzzle. A Miss Koffman of this city saw the ad. and wrote the publishers. She was then asked to send 30 cents as costs for registering her application. This done, the puzzle was worked, the answer sent and then she was asked to send three subscribers to the Gem at \$1.00 each. Then she was asked to send \$4.35 for some other purpose and then was to get a fifty dollar gold watch. This she did, and today received notice that the affair was a swindle and the P. O. D. had refused to deliver her money order to the Gem publishers so that the last payment she made will be returned to her. Miss Koffman is a devout Catholic and was drawn into the scheme by having seen the Gem ads in a German Catholic weekly, and presumed that the publishers would advertise nothing that they would not guarantee. Miss Koffman could ill-afford the loss of the money she advanced to the swindlers.

### Accidental Shooting at Elmwood.

William Howell, the thirteen-year-old son of A. J. Howell, section foreman of the Missouri Pacific at Elmwood, this county, accidentally shot himself about four o'clock yesterday afternoon with a shot gun. He had laid the gun, which was already cocked, down and when he went to pick it up it exploded and the charge entered his left breast and passed out over his arm. He was unconscious when found, a few moments after the accident. A doctor was summoned who dressed the wound, and there is a chance that he may recover.

### Denson Boy—Unfortunate.

The members of the Denson family just at present are somewhat unfortunate in the line of injury. Fred Denson is a switchman in the employ of the B. & M. in the local yards. On Tuesday he journeyed up to Fort Crook with a switch engine that was conveying some bad-order cars to the storage side-track below the fort. Fred was standing on top of the cars when a coupling was made and the jar threw him off his feet and he fell to the ground below. His leg struck a rail on an adjoining track and the muscles were bruised in a severe manner. Fred is confined to his bed at his home in this city and will not be able to report for duty much before two weeks.

Jesse Denson, an older brother, has been employed for the past ten days at Deerfield, where he has been assisting Mc Maken & Son, the Plattsmouth ice dealers, in cutting and packing ice. Yesterday morning a cake of ice weighing about thirty-five pounds fell off of a chute, a distance of some thirty feet above the ground. The cake struck Jesse on the head and shoulders and inflicted a painful scalp wound, the cut being some three inches in length. Fortunately for Jesse his shoulder received the main force of the blow, but had it been his head, the affair would surely have had a fatal result. The injured man is taking an enforced lay-off and is resting up at his home in this city.

### No sympathy for Harry Hill.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—I am glad that the people of Plattsmouth did not mob Hill and his pal, yet, the two deserved to be taken onto Main street and have their heads taken off. What sympathy does a man deserve who will walk into the house of a worthy citizen, shoot him down, then empty his revolver, trying to shoot the other members of the family, while his pal is using a club to help him? Juries are too easily swayed by bull-calf eloquence trying to get all the sympathy for the criminal, while none is left for the victim.

D.  
Headquarters for cheese at Weckbach's grocery.

### A Tramp's Heroism.

John Garrity, a tramp bumming from town to town, prevented a horrible railroad wreck on the Burlington Sunday afternoon. Garrity was counting ties between Denton and Crete when he came across a burned-out trestle. He rushed back to Denton and had just enough strength left to tell the operator of the condition of the trestle, when he dropped to the ground completely exhausted. The operator telegraphed on to Crete just in time to hold the east-bound flyer—No. 2—which was behind time and would have pulled out for Denton and certain destruction in about two minutes. All Garrity wanted was employment and the Burlington officials were only too glad to reward the fellow by giving him his much-coveted job.

### Plattsmouth Declines.

The Lincoln Journal, in its report of Tuesday's doings of the state senate, says: "When senate file No. 1, by Watson, came up for third reading, Watson amended by making it apply only to cities having less than 25,000 inhabitants and more than 10,000. He had intended to fix the maximum at 8,000, so as to let in South Omaha and Plattsmouth, but it is understood that the latter city is not desirous of complying with such a law. The bill as it now stands permits cities of less than 25,000 and more than 8,000 to incorporate as first class. A second bill has been introduced to legalize acts of cities of this class which incorporated under the act that was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court."

### Burlington Earnings Decrease.

The total net earnings of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy for the month of December, 1894, were \$268,942, a decrease from the same month of 1893 of \$90,122. Freight earnings for the month decreased \$467,151. Passenger earnings increased \$4,000 and operating expenses fell off \$322,071. For the year from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, the total gross earnings of the road were \$2,514,877, a decrease from 1893 of \$6,831,605. Freight earnings were \$20,256,756, a decrease of \$3,943,011; passenger earnings were \$7,241,358, a decrease of \$2,944,023; miscellaneous, \$4,006,763; operating expenses were \$19,114,307, a decrease of \$5,387,882; net earnings were \$2,809,571, a decrease of \$1,179,152. Everything considered, however, and as compared with other roads, the showing is an excellent one.

### A Smooth steal.

Gwathmey & Donelan, the Greenwood druggists, were the victims of a very smooth game on Monday. A stranger walked into their store, saying he was employed on the new depot at Pacific Junction—that they had run out of paint and he came to purchase a sufficient amount to complete the job. He purchased the paint and made out an invoice on regular "Q" paper, signing the same to be approved by the assistant superintendent at Creston. The paint was hauled to the depot, placed in a Pacific Junction car and went to the Junction. On Tuesday morning a telegram was received from Sup't Duggan saying that the man was an imposter, while it was also discovered that the car had been entered during the night and a portion of the paint stolen. Why the man chose this method and what he was going to do with the paint after he got it still remains a mystery.—Glenwood Opinion.

### Distress is Magnified.

The Lincoln Journal says: "Oscar Callahan of Benkelman, Dundy county, was in the city Thursday and had occasion to report to members of the state relief commission the condition of affairs in his district. Mr. Callahan said he was satisfied the commission was doing all in its power to relieve suffering and was doing it well. Dundy county, he said, was as bad off, probably, as any county in the drought-stricken region, but it was folly to say that people were starving. There were many people in need of help and they were getting it. He said the commission was imposed upon to his certain knowledge, but it was hard to prevent it. In one town in a northwestern county he knew of a man who was acting as a sort of a distributing agent, who had 200 bushels of potatoes in his cellar, and yet had complained to the commission that nothing had been sent to the town. There were similar cases all over the district; not many, but enough to show that some of the reports sent to Lincoln were not to be relied upon. Mr. Callahan thought the work of the commission was as thorough as it well could be."

The best Iowa sorghum at 50 cents a gallon at McCourt's.

### ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

A Mrs. Johnson, who resides in the Engel property, corner Fourth and Elm streets, reports that her husband has decamped with her little girl and some \$200, the latter sum representing all her ready money. She is after the recreant husband with a real vengeance, and offers a reward of \$50 to the party who furnishes the information which will result in his apprehension.

Representative Davies of Cass was a member of a house committee appointed to look into the matter of employees, and the committee reported in favor of cutting down the force. The report was filed yesterday and the party of reform (?) decided that it would not do to let out any of the place-hunters by voting to indefinitely postpone any action on the report. Mr. Davies made a strong plea for the report's adoption, but it was without avail. If Mr. Davies is a real reformer he will forsake the party which preaches that doctrine but never practices it.

A man steals a horse, sells it to an innocent party, who buys it in good faith. The owner comes, takes away his horse, and the man who has bought it is loser to the extent of the purchase price. A knave procures a farmer's signature to a paper purporting to be an agency contract for the sale of some machine. By tearing off a part of it, the remainder with the signature becomes a promissory note, Rascal No. 1 sells it to Rascal No. 2 and the latter sues to recover. The courts decide that the farmer must pay the "innocent" holder of the fraudulent paper. Is there anything out of joint in these cases?

Dr. Cook and wife returned home Sunday from Chicago, whither they journeyed two weeks ago to consign the treatment of their little daughter, Janet, to a specialist for diabetes. The little girl returned with the parents, and the specialist has strong hopes of her recovery. Diabetes in children is very rare, and recovery is rarer still, but the specialist ascribes as a reason for the hopeful condition of the little girl, that the nature of her complaint was discovered before it had progressed to any great extent. The patient will be treated while at her home in this city, and her recovery may be a matter of many months.

George Dodson, the eighteen-year-old boy who was arrested on Saturday for robbing postoffice boxes at Lincoln, has been bound over to answer before the United States court in the sum of \$1,000. Dodson, in making his confession, told that there was a man engaged with him, but he did not know his full name, the only name this confederate had been known by being "Dan." He gave a description of his confederate and says he can identify him if he ever sees him. The officials think the boy's story of having a confederate is true, and that they know the man. Dodson went to jail in default of bail.

Black Hills miners will have another opportunity to vote on the prohibition question, the South Dakota legislature having voted a few days ago to resubmit the question. At the statehood election in 1889, which adopted the constitution and prohibition, the joke of the day was to take a long farewell pull out of a bottle and then vote for prohibition. But it was not such a joke when the votes were counted and it was found that the amendment had a majority of about 5,000. In some of the small towns in the eastern part of the state, which were always temperance towns, prohibition has worked very well, but in Pierre, the state capital, Sioux Falls, Yankton, Huron, Watertown and other large towns it resulted in the establishment of "blind pigs" and original package houses. In the mining districts the law has been openly and flagrantly violated. The taking off of the \$1,000 county and city license resulted in doubling the number of saloons in the towns and big camps, and the opening of saloons in all the small camps and at the mouths of nearly every gulch. The only capital required being \$25 for Uncle Sam and credit for a five-gallon keg of liquor, a lot of the old boys opened up saloons. The general opinion is that prohibition will be knocked out by a majority five times as great as the one by which it was carried six years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Radke of the Fourth ward are rejoicing over the arrival of a healthy boy baby—their first born—at their household.

### A Frightful Injury.

Henry Hayward, a young man who has been employed on a farm down in Johnson county, near Tecumseh, was the victim of a terrible accident Friday which will, in all probability, cost him his life. Together with some other men he was engaged in sawing wood with a power saw. In some way a stick of cord-wood was caught in the machinery and thrown around with terrific force, striking the unfortunate young man squarely in the face. His upper jaw was broken on both sides, his nose broken and smashed into his head, the bones of his face broken in several places, his lower jaw torn from its bearings and the teeth thereon were driven into the roof of his mouth. A hemorrhage followed which was so great that, together with the injury, the attending physicians think that death will ensue. Young Hayward has no relatives in the state.

### Lawyer Hartigan's Hypothesis.

M. A. Hartigan, the former Plattsmouth lawyer, has a theory of his own in regard to the Barrett Scott tragedy, and the following in Saturday's Omaha Bee will better explain it:

"M. A. Hartigan of Hastings, who is visiting Omaha, adds a new page to the history of the Barrett Scott affair. Mr. Hartigan was formerly a resident of western Pennsylvania, where the famous Mollie Maguire tramped upon the dignity of the law for years. Mr. Hartigan says that after the Mollie Maguire were broken up and driven out of the country through the vigilance of James McParland of the Pinkerton detective agency the members of that murderous secret organization who were not put in jail scattered. Many of them, it is said, came west and located in Holt county. Mr. Hartigan believes that the seeds of crime which were nursed in western Pennsylvania during the reign of Mollie Maguire have blossomed after these many years in Holt county, and that among the vigilantes who killed Barrett Scott were several former members of the gang that terrorized the mining regions of Pennsylvania years ago.

"The platform of the Mollie Maguire contained two planks. One was death to the people objectionable to the organization. The other was secrecy as to who did the cold-blooded act. The number of sudden deaths in Pennsylvania was frequent, and the fame of the Mollie Maguire soon spread and created a reign of terror. Mr. Hartigan is positive in his belief that the Holt county vigilantes are simply a band of murderers which is an offspring from the parent organization mentioned."

### Southern Ignorance and Nebraska Wit.

The Atlanta Constitution is purported to be responsible for the following over-drawn account of the destitution which exists in western Nebraska: "In that bleak and blighted land of drought and desolation, thousands of farmers are literally starving to death. The crops have failed for two seasons, the farmers have no money and no credit and can not get employment. Families die in their lonely cabins for want of food. Even water is hard to get, the ground being frozen solid to a depth of 150 feet. The level prairies look like hard and smooth asphalt pavements, and the cultivation of the soil yields no return."

And then that well-known wit, Walt Mason, comes back with the following: "The editor of the Constitution means well, but he doesn't do justice to the situation. The winter has been so severe so far, the thermometer ranging from forty to seventy above zero, that the ground is frozen clear through to the other side, and three inches of ice may be seen on boiling water. In this bleak and blighted land of desolation thousands of farmers are starving to death, having nothing better than porterhouse steak, fried eggs and potatoes to keep soul and body together. The prairies are so level and hard and smooth that the people can travel anywhere on roller skates, and it would be foolish to try to raise crops on them. Why destroy the greatest natural skating rink in the world, that puny kins may be raised? The farmers would rather starve three times a day than to go without their skating. If some of the easterners and southerners would come here on an excursion train they would then be able to see to what desperate straits we are reduced, and they wouldn't have to depend for information upon gentle-hearted correspondents who hate to tell the whole truth."

Geo. Ballance, the well known B. & M. engineer, was down from Lincoln yesterday to visit with his family in this city.

### AROUND THE COURT ROOMS.

#### COUNTY COURT.

Wm. E. Exline and Miss Ruth A. Troom of the vicinity of Union were granted a license to wed by Judge Ramsey.

#### JUSTICE COURT.

John Carnes, for indulging in an altercation in a lower Main street saloon last night, was fined to the tune of \$9.05. Carnes was short on finance and went to jail to board it out.

The suit of Harvey Carper vs. Henry Clapp, on trial before a jury in Justice Archer's court Tuesday afternoon, was contested with considerable warmth by the opposing attorneys. Carper sued to recover \$50, the penalty fixed by the statutes for Clapp's failure to release a chattel mortgage within ten days after Carper had satisfied the same. J. H. Haldeman appeared for Carper and Allen Beeson and son for the defense. The jury found for Clapp.

#### COURT ROOM NOTES.

The Missouri Pacific railway, through its local treasurer, D. S. Smith at St. Louis, paid into the county treasury Wednesday its check for \$11,519.33 in payment of its taxes.

Sheriff Eikenbary made a levy yesterday on eighty-three lots in Mercerville addition, the same being taken as the property of Wm. L. Browne to satisfy a mortgage for \$5,000 held by Harriet A. Townsend.

Anthony Yost, by William Yost, his next friend, has filed his petition in the district court of York county against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, asking \$50,000 for damages received by being struck and run over by a switch engine at Alger, Ill., while employed as a section hand.

#### Has Joined the Japs.

Louisville people will remember Dr. J. A. Schuelka, who was at one time a physician in this place and then moved to a town in the western part of the state where he got tangled up in a murder scrape, mention of which was made in these columns at the time. Some time ago he sailed for Europe to further advance his education, meantime leaving his wife and family at Lander, Wyoming. Mrs. Schuelka has been visiting in this city with friends for the past month but returned to her home in Wyoming last Saturday. Before leaving she received a cablegram from her husband stating that he had joined the Japanese army, and we suppose the man of medicine is now busily engaged amputating pig tails somewhere in China.—Louisville Courier Journal.

At the election of officers by the Nebraska Editorial association at York yesterday, Charley Hubner of Nebraska City was chosen president, the same being a good selection in every particular. The correspondent of the Lincoln Journal at York, however, reports that Mr. H. is editor of the Nebraska City Press when he should have said the News. Such is fame!

#### Another Cashier Is Short.

W. J. Zirbut, cashier of the state bank of Milligan, a small town twelve miles southeast of Fairmont, Fillmore county, has seemingly skipped. Mr. Zirbut makes his residence at Fairmont, and as far as can be learned is short to a considerable amount. The exact figures of the alleged shortage cannot be learned. Those concerned are reticent, but circumstances point to some interesting developments concerning the missing cashier. Speculation on the Chicago board of trade is reported as being responsible for the trouble.

Manager Babcock of the stock yards company has been figuring on the difference in price of hogs in the South Omaha and Chicago markets shipped from Iowa points. During the first fifteen days of the present month the Chicago price averaged \$4.15, while the South Omaha market stood \$4.11 for light and mixed hogs. Thus there was a difference of four cents per 100 pounds in favor of the Chicago market. The freight rate from Iowa points to Chicago is \$37.25 per car. To South Omaha from Iowa points the rate is from \$10 to \$20 per car. This shows a net difference in favor of South Omaha of from \$12 to \$20 per car. A shipper thus gets more for his hogs here than if he sent them to the Windy City.—Omaha Bee.

Miss Lulu Knight, instructor in physical culture, will be in the city Saturday and give her class its first lesson in physical culture at Waterman's hall after 1.15. Lady visitors are welcome.

## A BROKEN BRAKE ROD

It Causes an Engineer's Death at Pacific Junction.

## NUMEROUS OTHER JOTTINGS.

Ware House Swindlers Will be on Trial—The Misses Sullivan Afford a Pleasant Entertainment for Their Friends—Notes.

Engineer Burns, an old employe on the Burlington, and who has pulled the throttle on a switch engine in the yards at Pacific Junction for the past six or seven years, lost his life while on duty Saturday afternoon. The fast mail train from the east was late Saturday and when it departed for Council Bluffs, Burns' engine had been hooked on behind to give it a fast start out of the yards. Burns shoved the mail train for some distance and applied the air to stop his engine, but when he endeavored to reverse the engine and move back in the other direction, the air-brake rod was found to be broken and the engine would not move. Burns climbed down out of the cab and proceeded to examine the broken brake rod. In so doing he was compelled to get under the engine, when, without a moment's warning, the ponderous machine started to move in the direction which Burns had before attempted to make it, and the unfortunate man was mangled and cut to pieces before the very eyes of his fellow employes.

Burns was a married man and the father of three or four children. He was a popular railroad man and his sad death is deplored by a host of acquaintances and friends.

#### That Warehouse Swindle.

The case of the state vs. N. P. Kendall, charged with selling to the Nebraska City National bank false warehouse receipts, which was to have been heard Saturday in Judge Eaton's court, has been postponed until next Saturday on the motion of the state. It is claimed by the defendant's attorney that he will be cleared of the charge, as his books and other things show that the grain was in the elevators when he gave a mortgage on the same. The state, however, is confident of being able to convict.—Nebraska City News.

#### Entertained Their Friends.

The Misses Harriett and Annie Sullivan entertained a party of friends at their home Saturday evening in a manner which was thoroughly enjoyed by the guests. Card playing and dancing were indulged in, and the serving of an excellent luncheon brought the affair to a pleasant conclusion. Those present were the Misses Gering, Wright, Leonard, Clark, Hyers, Richey, Leist, Heisel, Cook and Annie Mamie and Harriett Sullivan, and the Messrs. Gering, Hyers, Richey, Coleman, Spurlock, Livingston, Eaton, Hawksworth, Hyers, Parmele and Sullivan.

A South Dakota newspaper delivers itself of the following at the expense of the supreme court of that state: "With a crank hunting for one of the members of the supreme court of this state with a gun, another member under indictment in his own county at the time of his election for alleged crookedness in connection with a bank failure, and the third member so far in his dotage as to be almost childish, South Dakota's supreme bench is indeed in a pitiable condition. Judge Fuller should go back to Faulk county and resume his former occupation, that of looking after a horse during certain seasons of the year. Judge Kellam should go back to Brule county and stand his trial, while Judge Corson should be retired on a pension."

The anti-toxin treatment for diphtheria has been tried in the town of Tekamah the past week with good results. The five-year-old daughter of C. A. Jack was very low with diphtheria, and since the injection of the anti-toxin there has been a steady improvement, until at the present time she is considered out of danger. Plattsmouth physicians have some of the medicine and will give it a trial when an occasion first presents itself. It is hoped, however, that the town will escape a visitation of this dread disease.

BORN—Wednesday, to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Helps, a daughter. Mother and child doing well. Congratulations are extended.

Limberger cheese ten cents a cake at Weckbach's.