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## ABOUT THE TOWN.

### Things That Have Happened in the Past Few Days.

### ISH TO ANSWER FOR MURDER.

His Wife Charged With Manslaughter—The County's Taxes Cut Down by the Board of Equalization—Various Other Notes.

#### Murder in the First Degree.

James C. Ish will have to answer to the charge of murder in the first degree for the killing of Wm. Chapple, while Mrs. Ish will be tried on a charge of manslaughter. The informations were filed in the district court of Douglas county Thursday. It is hardly probable that the case will be tried at this term of court, as the judge of the criminal court is complaining loudly of overwork and says he is already doing three times as much as any other member of the bench.

County Attorney Baldridge of Douglas county stated Thursday that he was about ready to take up the Ish cases, says Friday morning's Bee, and that he had the testimony of his witnesses in hand. He could not say what the judge would do, though he intended to bring the case to the attention of the court. In the meantime Ish is out on \$25,000 and his wife on \$5,000 bonds.

It has been brought out that the same conduct which Ish charges against Chapple was laid at Ish's door several years ago. The injured party was James Stribling, who was compelled to sue for a divorce January 23, 1893, because James Ish had on April 23, 1892, and again in September of the same year, so the account runs in the petition on file in district court, been intimate with Mrs. Stribling and destroyed the peace of his home. The suit was tried at the September term, 1893, before Judge Ferguson, who, on November 27th of that year, rendered a decree of divorce against Mrs. Sarah E. Stribling, finding that "the said defendant committed adultery as alleged in said petition."

#### A Lucky Man.

Jas. K. Pollock, of the county treasurer's office, can consider himself a very fortunate man. Thursday afternoon he was indulging in a bath at the Hotel Riley bath rooms, and before getting into the water he removed his valuable diamond ring from his finger and placed it on the edge of the tub near the foot. In some manner the ring was knocked into the tub, and when he let the water out, the ring went with it. Friday evening Jim Hickson and Lyman Kildow attached a hose to the bath tub and turned on all the faucets in the hotel building, thus making a very strong pressure. A screen was placed over the hole where the water runs into the catch basin near the hotel corner, and in a short time the ring was washed through the pipes and into the basin, where it was recovered. It was a very lucky recovery, and Mr. Pollock is congratulating himself today.

#### Taxes Cut Down.

The county board has wound up its work of equalizing assessments, and last Friday completed the tax levy for county purposes. The levy for the general fund was left at 7 mills, the bridge fund levy was cut down from 24 to one mill, the road fund levy was cut from 4 to 2 mills, the court house bond fund tax was left at 17-10, and the soldier's relief fund was raised from 2-10 to 3-10 mills. This arrangement makes a net decrease of 3.4 mills from last year's levy. The large reduction in the bridge fund tax was made possible by the light rains of last year, very few bridges having been injured by floods, and a liberal amount was left in the treasury to the credit of that fund. The reduction in taxes is one of the benefits resulting from having a man of experience, like J. M. Patterson, on the board.

#### An Exciting Race.

The horse belonging to John Ratter, which is used to haul his sloop wagon, created considerable excitement and afforded considerable amusement to bystanders Monday night at eleven o'clock. The animal became frightened at something and dashed down Main street at a 2-15 gait. "Happy" Holloway happened to be on the street with his bicycle, and started after the runaway. It was an exciting race, and the wagon threatened to go to pieces nearly every minute. The frightened animal turned the corner

at Second street and made for Wintersteen hill. By this time "Happy" had gained a few laps, and making a wonderful "spurt" overtook the runaway near the B. & M. tracks on Granite street. The animal was brought back to town by "Happy" and tied up and was nearly "done up" by the mad run, but the bicyclist was good for several miles more. Not much damage was done.

**Republican Bimetallic League.** Prominent republicans, some fifty in number, have organized a bimetallic league at Omaha, declaring themselves unequivocally in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for other nations. D. D. Gregory was made president, and K. F. Williams secretary. Such men as John Rush, John B. Faray, D. H. Wheeler, O. H. Ballou and J. W. Eller are members of the league. The league advises the organization of similar leagues throughout the state. At a meeting last night a report says:

"It was suggested that a message be sent to Cleveland, but it was decided it would be a little late. A small crowd over in one corner decided, however, that it would be the correct thing to send a message to Senator Thurston telling him that Nebraska was 50,000 majority for free silver and a respectable portion of the majority was republican."

#### Nothing Like Nebraska.

Jas. A. Walker of Murray made a recent trip to Pennsylvania because of the death of his brother, Vance Walker. While there and enroute he noticed that the growing crops did not compare with those of Nebraska. After he left the Missouri slope in Iowa until after he returned that far west he saw only the evidences of late frost on the fields. In Ohio and western Pennsylvania, especially, the corn fields were absolutely barren, while wheat and oats were frozen down to the ground. It was a sad picture compared with Nebraska. He is now bewailing the fact that his corn ground is so wet and the corn is growing so rapidly that he could not get through a part of it the third time, without danger; while his rye was ripe for the harvest and his oats and spring wheat were headed out and reaching for the tops of the fences. He thinks eastern Nebraska will beat the whole country for a crop this year.

#### Celebration at Cedar Creek.

The good people of Cedar Creek station and vicinity are not to be outdone in evidencing their patriotism, and will duly celebrate the coming national anniversary in their usual enterprising manner. Besides the usual speeches and the reading of the declaration of independence in Metzger's grove, concluding with a basket picnic, those who desire can have free fishing in Mr. Metzger's best fishing ponds, and a fry of fresh fish. A bicycle tournament has been arranged on their splendid three-lap-to-the-mile track, in which \$50 in prizes will be distributed. Foot races, wheelbarrow race, potato race, a game of ball and a trap shooting match, with live pigeons, is promised. Refreshments will be served on the grounds. The affair will wind up in the evening with a generous display of fireworks and a dance at Schneider's hall. Everybody is invited.

#### Increasing the Time.

The good times are coming again—at least in the B. & M. shops. Notices were posted in the machine shop Monday informing the employes that they would immediately begin nine working hours per day instead of eight as heretofore. Steimker's men have begun working ten hours a day and six days a week. It is expected that in a very short time the other departments will be working more hours than at present. There is plenty of work in the shops to keep the men working full time, and the only reason the company has been holding back is the uncertainty of the crops. Now that the crops are almost assured the rolling stock will have to be repaired. At Havelock the shops are working ten hours a day and six days a week in every department, and they are talking of running a night force.

John Eledge, the Iowa fisherman, brought over to this city Friday the largest specimen of a "gar" fish ever caught in the river here. It was thirty-six inches in length and weighed seventeen pounds. That is a pretty good-sized fish of that species, but Geo. Edgerton says he has seen them "ten times that large back in the Ohio river." The fish was brought over for W. J. Hesser, the florist, who will have the skin stuffed and mounted.

## A SUDDEN DEATH.

### The Aged Wife of Timothy Clark Passes to Her Reward.

### THE NEBRASKA TURNBEZIRK.

The Turners Will Be With Us—Charles Ellis and Eloyer Yoelke Seen in Omaha—The Ish Murder Case at Omaha.

#### Death of Mrs. Timothy Clark.

Mrs. Anna W. Clark, wife of Timothy Clark and mother of Byron Clark, Esq., died very quietly at the family home at Sixth and Gold streets, at 10 o'clock Tuesday evening of pericarditis, including hemorrhage, aged 78 years and one month.

Mrs. Clark's maiden name was Anna W. Benninger, and she was born at the foot of the Laurel hills in Westmorland county, Penn. Her father was the first to establish an iron furnace in the Johnstown valley, and in that venture he failed, after which he moved to Bairdstown, Ill., where deceased and Timothy Clark were married 50 years ago the 29th of last January. On the 3d of March, 1870, the family came to Nebraska, and except the first nine months thereafter have resided in Cass county—most of the time on a farm near Weeping Water. Deceased has been quite well, with the exception of slight hemorrhages, for some time until near 10 o'clock last night, after she had retired, she began spitting blood, and finally said she believed some water would bring relief. Mr. Clark procured a cup of water from which she took a sup, laid back on her pillow and breathed her last.

Mrs. Clark was a devout Christian having nearly all her life affiliated with the Congregational church, until she came to Plattsmouth, seven or eight years ago, when she joined the Presbyterian church.

Deceased leaves behind her husband, aged seventy-five years, and three children—Byron Clark, T. K. Clark and Mrs. Editha C. Woods.

The funeral took place from the Congregational church at Weeping Water at 11 o'clock yesterday. She has "fought the good fight," she has "finished her course," she has "kept the faith."

#### The Nebraska Turnbezik.

Yesterday morning's Omaha Bee, in speaking of the coming tournament in this city, says:

"All societies belonging to the Nebraska Turnbezik will take part in the tournament at Plattsmouth. These societies are: Omaha, Fremont, Millard, Columbus, Grand Island and Plattsmouth. The Omaha turners have practiced much and are consequently in fine shape. The exercises most interesting are running, jumping (high and broad), pole vaulting, throwing of weights and apparatus exercises. The competition in the various contests will be very hot and therefore an excellent display is expected."

"The Omaha ladies will show an admirable training and will give a wonderful exhibition in the art of gymnastic exercises in their contest with the lady turners from the other cities in the fight for the laurels."

"The official delegation of the Omaha Turnverein will consist of a ladies' class, comprising sixteen young ladies; two 'viegen' of active turners, each 'viege' consisting of nine members, and the baer class, twenty men strong."

"The official delegation will start for Plattsmouth Friday afternoon in order to be there in time to take part in the contest Saturday. All the railroads have made the fare for those who participate in the turnfest one and one-third."

"An excursion train from Omaha to Plattsmouth Sunday morning, 9 o'clock, returning to this city from Plattsmouth at 7:30 the same evening."

#### The Ish Murder Case.

At Omaha Tuesday the court instructed that Mrs. James Ish should be charged with murder in the first degree for the killing of Wm. Chapple a short time ago, and ordered the county attorney to file the information. With reference to James Ish, he was refused bail and must remain in jail the rest of the summer. He will be allowed to have a trial as early as July 15, or before, if he so signifies his wish to the court, otherwise the case will go over until the September term. Ish received a decided rub at the hands of the court, as the judge, in refusing bail, stated that from the evidence that was before him, which was that taken at the coroner's inquest, he did not see how there could be but one verdict—murder in the first degree, and Mrs. Ish, he said, was as guilty as her husband, according to the record. The case took a sudden side shoot yesterday afternoon and has involved in its course a contempt case and disbarment proceedings against one of the attorneys of the Douglas county bar. Ish has made affidavit assailing Ben S. Baker, stating that he was solicited by Baker for the privilege of defending him, and that Baker, while asking this, traduced the character of Ish's present attorneys. Ish's attorneys turned about and asked Judge Scott to take cognizance of the matter. This was done and the trial set down for Saturday morning.

seeing two Plattsmouth boys. Jake Denson was in Omaha Sunday and reports having met Chas. Yoelke in that city. Yoelke is the fellow who created considerable excitement in this city a couple of weeks ago by figuring as a participant in the double elopement down the river in a stolen skiff. He deserted the girl a short time afterward and she walked back to this city. Yoelke says he intends returning to Plattsmouth. Unless the father of the girl has experienced a change of heart, the young man may receive a much warmer welcome than he expects.

Jake also says he met Chas. Ellis in Omaha. Ellis will be remembered by the people of this city as a pretty tough customer, having already served several jail and penitentiary sentences. It was reported several months ago that Ellis was hanged at Fort Madison, Iowa, for murder, but it was another man of that name. Charley said he was going out to the western part of the state, where he had secured employment as a railway brakeman. He was looking well and it is hoped he has mended his ways. Charley is a good-natured, easy-going sort of fellow and has many friends here who would like to see him brace up.

#### In District Court.

The equity side of district court was convened last Monday, with Judge Chapman on the bench. The following business was transacted:

Divorce case of Emelia Helm vs. Olef A. Helm, decided in plaintiff's favor. Default of defendant entered and judgment rendered accordingly.

A. B. Smith vs. Chas. Vandeventer, et al, a suit growing out of the sale of some real estate by sheriff. Defendant given until Wednesday morning to show cause why sale should not be confirmed.

C. Lawrence Stull vs. Plattsmouth Land and Improvement company. Nature of suit same as above, and defendant given until Wednesday morning to show cause why sale should not be confirmed.

The following cases were filed in district court last week:

Guardianship case of Wm. Albin, ward of W. Chalfant; application to convey title under will.

Application of Jos. L. Shrader, administrator estate David Albin, deceased, to sell real estate to pay debts.

C. C. Parmele, receiver Citizens' bank of Plattsmouth, vs. L. A. Moore, Pioneer Savings and Loan Co., E. G. Dovey & Son, Timothy Clark and Elliot & Son. Foreclosure proceedings.

C. C. Parmele, receiver Citizens' Bank of Plattsmouth, vs. Elizabeth Woodson, Jas. M. Woodson, J. M. Patterson, administrator of the estate of Ambrose Patterson, deceased, and Bank of Cass County. Foreclosure proceedings.

#### A Close Call.

It is reported that Dr. T. P. Livingston narrowly escaped a serious accident last Monday night. He was out making a professional call near Orepolis, and was driving toward the railroad crossing with his head down, (a habit that is common with the doctor) when he heard a man shout. Looking up he saw a passenger train coming like lightning, and had just barely time to jerk the horses back and jump out of the buggy when the train dashed by, missing him about a foot. It was a very close call.

Captain C. Thomas Dabb of the "Sundown" received a fine two horse power upright gasoline engine Monday morning from Omaha. The engine will be placed on Mr. Dabb's boat which will be used as a pleasure craft. "Tommy" is as happy as a little boy with a whistle over his purchase.

#### For Frisco On Their Wheels.

Three young men arrived at Union at 9 p. m. Tuesday, pushing their bicycles through the mud, and stopped there over night. Two of the parties looked and were dressed so nearly alike as to be easily mistaken for each other. Inquiries developed the fact that they were twin brothers and that the names and identity of the party are: C. C. Cleaver, M. D., of California, A. D. Cleaver, dentist, and D. M. Johnson of College Springs, Iowa, whence they now came, and that they are enroute on their wheels for the coast. The physician and the dentist have with them on their wheels an outfit for the prosecution of their professions while enroute. Mr. Johnson is a student who recently graduated at the school at College Springs, and expects to begin life in California in whatever line presents itself.

The trip is undertaken chiefly for recreation, sightseeing and health. They anticipate having a very entertaining trip of it, and will go leisurely along until they become inured to the wheel. They have a small blacksmith shop in their outfit and expect to be able to make any repairs their wheels may need. They have sent most of their baggage ahead by express, so that they can have a change of underclothing when they catch up with it. The party expects to average seventy-five miles a day.

#### A Valuable Horse Injured.

Last Thursday John Fitzgerald was out driving a fine bay buggy horse belonging to the Fitzgerald stables and, while out on Washington avenue he met Agent Stoutenborough of the Missouri Pacific depot, who was also driving a buggy horse. The gentlemen stopped to talk about a business matter and when Mr. Stoutenborough started his horse it became frightened at something and swerved around so that one of the buggy shafts penetrated Mr. Fitzgerald's horse to the depth of several inches. The shaft entered the horse's body near the short ribs and made a very serious wound. It was thought last week that the animal would not live, but its condition is somewhat improved today and Dr. Matthews, who is attending, reports that it may recover.

#### Grasshoppers Detain Trains.

Grasshoppers have made their appearance in eastern Colorado on the main line of the Burlington, between Echo and Akron. The hoppers are separated into bunches, sometimes ten miles apart, and as they drift over the track, the trains are stalled and hindered. Last week the insects spread over a large area of country and several trains met with considerable difficulty. The delay, however, has not interfered with the arrival on time of trains in this city or Denver. Reports received at Burlington headquarters say that the hoppers have not done much damage to crops, except in spots.

#### Burial of Henry Hennings.

The funeral of the late Henry Hennings occurred last Thursday at one o'clock from the family residence and was conducted under the auspices of the A. O. U. W. and M. W. A. societies of Cedar Creek, of which organizations the deceased was a member. A number of brethren of these lodges from this city were in attendance. The interment took place at the Waldrat cemetery and the remains were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of sympathizing friends.

#### Shooting Unjustified.

County Attorney Harlan of York called on Governor Holcomb last week and made a report relative to the shooting of the paroled convict, Geo. Kingen, by Frank Hazelett. According to his theory the shooting was unjustified. Since the examination of the accused public sentiment is said to have changed in favor of the wounded man. Kingen was shot from behind. Twenty buckshot went through him and ten are still in his body, yet at last accounts he was alive.

#### The Allowance Still Short.

The increase of \$100 in the Plattsmouth postmaster's salary made by the P. M. G. does not still compensate our postmaster for the amount of allowance for clerk hire which was cut off last year. Up to last October an allowance of \$300 per year for clerk hire was made. This was then cut off, but since then \$100 was allowed. This leaves the office short \$200 from previous years.

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## J. B. HOLMES DEAD.

### An Old Resident of the County Dies Very Suddenly.

### WAS DOWN IN TOWN MONDAY.

Taken Down With an Attack of Neuragic Cramp While on the Streets of This City—Cooper-Schultz Wedding Last Sunday.

#### Death of John B. Holmes.

One of Cass county's old and esteemed citizens passed to his final account at 11:30 o'clock Monday of neuragic cramps, at his home in the southern suburbs of the city. He had been ailing for two weeks, but not seriously. Last Monday, however, he was taken sick while down town, but grew better and was taken home, where he grew rapidly worse and expired in a short time.

Mr. Holmes has been a resident of Cass county—the most of the time living on a farm west of Rock Bluffs—for considerably more than thirty years. He was born in Delaware county, N. Y., and was 65 years of age. He had served his country during the war of the rebellion and had of late become a member of McConchie Post, Grand Army of the Republic, in this city. He leaves behind him a wife, three sons—Wm. A., John H. and August A.—and an adopted daughter, Mamie, to mourn his departure. He had a large farm near Beaver City, in Furnas county, where his three sons are living.

The manner of his death was so strange that it was deemed best to hold a postmortem.

#### The Post Mortem Reveals Nothing.

The post mortem examination held Monday afternoon by Drs. Hall and Cook on the remains of the late John B. Holmes, did not develop anything new. The cause of his death was neuragic cramps, as mentioned elsewhere. The funeral occurred Wednesday at ten o'clock from the family residence and the interment took place at the Young cemetery near Rock Bluffs. The members of the Grand Army of the Republic had charge of the ceremony.

#### Cooper-Schultz.

The Episcopal church in this city was the scene of a quiet wedding Sunday afternoon at one o'clock. Rev. Burgess united in marriage Mr. Lemuel Cooper and Miss Donna Schultz, in the presence of the immediate relatives and a few invited guests. Mr. Cooper is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooper, and formerly resided here, but is now employed as a machinist in the shops at Palestine, Texas. The bride is a well-known young lady who has resided in this city for the past few years. The happy couple departed on Monday on the Missouri Pacific railway for their future home in Palestine, Texas. THE JOURNAL extends congratulations.

#### Otoe County Corn.

The Nebraska City News says: "E. A. Wilson, one of Otoe county's most flourishing farmers, brought to the city this morning some corn that measured over six feet in height and is the finest sample of corn that we have seen this year. The corn was planted on Arbor day and has been in the ground just two months and two days. This is a most wonderful growth. Mr. Wilson has about thirty acres in the field from which this sample was taken and a large acreage that was planted shortly afterwards that looks fine."

#### He Was Absent Minded.

Chas. H. Beach, the well-known mail agent who runs into this city, is evidently a very absent minded man at times. Yesterday a conductor who lives over at Pacific Junction requested Charley to purchase him some celluloid collars and cuffs in this city. He went to Dovey's store and bought three cans of condensed milk and did not discover his mistake until he got over to the junction, where he happened to remember that it was collars and cuffs that he wanted. The boys over there are making life miserable for Charley now.

Col. John C. Palmer, an attorney and bank president, of Wellsburg, West Virginia, is in the city visiting with Mr. Sam Waugh—who is a relative. Mr. Palmer, although a banker is a pronounced free silver man—an exception to the rule.