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BICYCLES DID IT.

A Young Lady of This City Becomes Sadly Demented.

ATTENDED THE BICYCLE RACES

And Has Since Talked of Scarcely Any thing But Bicycles—Democratic County Conventions Called—Must Be a Mistake.

Issue Over Bicycle Racing.

Miss Lena Ploeger, a young lady about nineteen years of age, has become insane, and, from the facts learned, it appears that bicycles are the cause of her insanity.

Miss Ploeger is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Ploeger, who reside on Wintergreen hill. The family has lived in Plattsouth about twelve years, and have the reputation of being respectable German people. Miss Lena was employed all last winter and this spring at Jake Heinrich's restaurant. About a month ago she went to work for Sam'l Thomas, a farmer residing on Four Mile creek, west of this city.

Last Thursday the Thomas family were in town and attended the bicycle races at the fair grounds, Miss Ploeger accompanied them. Mr. Thomas' son Louie, was one of the participants in the races. It was noticed then that the girl appeared very much excited and nervous, but as she had never before attended a bicycle race, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas attributed her strange actions to this fact.

After the races the Thomas family returned home, and the following day the family became suspicious of the girl, as she acted very strangely. Mrs. Thomas told Lena to peel some onions for dinner that day, and the girl prepared about a peck of that vegetable for the noon-day meal. Mrs. Thomas censured her for this and the girl began crying and said she would go home if scolded again. Shortly afterward, Lena packed up her things and said she was coming to town. Louie Thomas met her as she was starting, and said that he would bring her to town in the buggy if she wanted to go home.

Miss Ploeger was brought to this city and remained home until Sunday afternoon, when she left her parents and said she was going out to Thomas' again. She was seen in town by several people, who noticed her strange actions. She invited a reporter for THE JOURNAL to accompany her out to Thomas', saying they were going to have a thousand dollars' worth of ice cream. She also wanted the reporter to "take in" the bicycle races at the fair grounds. THE JOURNAL man thought the girl acted a little queer, and informed Chief Dunn, who started out to the Thomas farm after her. He found her several miles out and brought her to this city, where she was placed in jail in charge of a lady attendant.

On Monday the insane commission pronounced the girl insane, and ordered her sent to the asylum at Lincoln. It is a very sad affair, as the girl has always borne a good reputation, and her friends hope that she may soon recover her reason.

Democratic Conventions Called.

The democratic committee for Cass county met in Judge Archer's office in this city on Saturday last at two o'clock and was called to order by Chairman Archer. A fair representation was present.

It was determined to hold the delegate convention at Union on Tuesday, August 20, at 1 o'clock p. m., and the nominating convention in Plattsouth on Saturday, October 12, the representation to each convention to be one delegate for each twenty votes cast for H. D. Travis for county attorney last year. The August convention is called to select twenty-one delegates to attend the state convention to be held at Omaha on 24th of August.

Must Be a Mistake.

A farmer who was in from Cedar Creek Monday reports that last week one day, two men called at a farm house near the Becker school house, enroute home from Plattsouth and one of them begged some bread and butter for the two, saying that they were hungry. While they were eating their lunch the woman inquired if they knew anything about the shooting affair near Louisville, when the man who had been doing the talking said: "Yes, I am the man that did the shooting, and they tried to put me

in jail for it." The circumstance is the talk of the neighborhood. It is thought the man must be out of his head or extremely stingy. Farmers who are as well fixed as Henry Gable do not generally go about begging bread.

Increase in Acreage.

The faith of farmers in Nebraska as an agricultural state is shown in the acreage for the year 1894. Reports of county clerks to Auditor Moore are very incomplete, thirty-four counties making no report whatever on corn, wheat and oats, and a greater number have failed to report on other crops. Improved land is reported at an increase of 533,429 acres over last year, and the assessed valuation of improved land shows a corresponding increase of over \$400,000.

The exact acreage cannot be obtained. Only fifty-six counties reported this year, three less than last year, yet an increase is noted in the acreage of almost every product except wheat, which is less than last year. Corn, oats, barley, rye and millet show a large increase.

There was no report last year on alfalfa, sugar beets or potatoes, but this year a dozen or two counties report an aggregate of 2,269 acres of beets, 4,794 acres of alfalfa and 10,070 acres of potatoes. But the most peculiar part of this year's report from the fifty-six counties is a decrease in fruit and forest trees, which is not believed to be true and is accounted for from the fact that some counties which reported last year did not send in returns this year. The increase of grape vines is 111,550. Otoe county reports 11,774 forest trees.

A Refractory Prisoner.

The Council Bluffs Globe says: "Sheriff Hazen this morning released Anna Wright, placing her in charge of her mother, who resides in the country. Anna was recently returned from Mitchellville, where the authorities reported they were unable to conquer her. She had been confined in a cell since the third of July. She had been at the institution since January 27, 1892, and is now 17 years of age. On the date in question she was corrected for not properly doing the work assigned her in the laundry department. Anna seized the attendant and hurled her half way down the stairs, resulting in one sprained ankle. A second assistant was seized by the thumb and that member was dislocated. The superintendent then came to the rescue. Anna tackled him, seizing him by the whiskers, blacking one eye and causing his proboscis to lose a large amount of claret. A half-dozen parties then seized and placed her in a cell."

A "Gushing" Young Couple.

Mr. Horace Howard and Mrs. Ella Delaney came up from Otoe county last Saturday, and made a call at the office of County Judge Ransey. When the couple came out of the court house both were in smiles, as the gentleman carried a marriage license in his inside pocket. They proceeded to the office of Justice Archer, and made known to that official their desire to get "hitched." Looking over his glasses, the judge beheld a rural-looking gentleman and an elderly-looking lady. That didn't cut much of a figure with his honor, however, and in no time the couple were "jined."

Mr. Howard is sixty years of age,

while his bride is thirty-seven, but they were just as happy as though they were "young folks."

A Deserved Tribute.

The Rapid City (S. D.) Daily Journal of the 19th inst. says that the funeral of the late Rudolph Schmasse, mention of whose death was made in these columns, was attended by the largest number of people in the history of that town on a like occasion. The members of the fire department attended in a body and friends came many miles to show their sympathy and respect. The floral offerings were very beautiful and Rev. Haner of the Presbyterian church of that city paid a well-deserved tribute to the memory of the young man.

Taken to the Asylum.

Miss Lena Ploeger, the young lady who was Monday adjudged insane, was taken up to Lincoln on Tuesday by Sheriff Eikenberry. She was accompanied by her father and mother. A large crowd of curious people were at the depot when the train pulled in and Miss Ploeger seemed to recognize her acquaintances and shook hands with them before getting on the train. The unfortunate girl was the object of much sympathy from the crowd.

The "Plan Sifter" flour is the popular brand. Ask for it from your grocer.

STRICTLY "IN IT."

Plattsouth Wins a Good Share of the Prizes Thursday.

BICYCLE MEET A BIG SUCCESS.

About Five Hundred People Were in Attendance—Ashland's First Public Speech—Doings in the District Court—Notes.

The Bicycle Meet.

No withstanding the threatening weather Thursday, fully five hundred people attended the first bicycle meet on the local club's new race track. It is said that the number of carriages there exceeded those at either the Omaha or Council Bluffs meets. The high wind that prevailed prevented any records being broken, but the time made in several of the races was very good.

Plattsouth people are very well satisfied with the result of the races, as two first prizes were captured by local riders, while three second and two third and two fourth prizes were also won by members of the Plattsouth wheel club.

Several collisions occurred, in which one or two wheels were badly smashed and the riders considerably shaken up, but no one was seriously injured.

J. L. Livesey, the official handicapper of the state, who placed the men in the five mile handicap race, made a big mistake when he gave Carriber 300 yards. Had his handicap been cut down to about 75 yards, the scratch men would have stood some show of winning. Bert Crawford of this city, another 300 yard man, would undoubtedly have finished first in the five-mile handicap race had he not collided with another rider and lost considerable time. At the time of the accident he was setting a killing pace for Carriber, and he has demonstrated on several occasions that he could have kept it up until the finish.

The following is a summary of the events:

One mile, open—Ten starters. Edwood, Omaha, first; Tom Patterson, Plattsouth, second; Holloway, Plattsouth, third; Gadke, Omaha, fourth. Time, 2:53 4-5.

One mile, novice—Seven starters. Crawford, Plattsouth, first; Clark, Omaha, second; Edwards, Omaha, third. Time, 2:46 2-5.

One-third mile, open—Seven starters. Fredrickson, Omaha, first; Patterson, Plattsouth, second; Edwood, Omaha, third. Time, 0:46 1-5.

Three mile lap race—Four starters. Holloway, Plattsouth, first; Carriber, Union, second; Fredrickson, Omaha, third; Patterson, Plattsouth, fourth. Time, 8:40.

Boys' two-thirds mile race—Four starters. Brown, Omaha, first; Thomas, Plattsouth, second; Kelly, Omaha, third. Time, 1:39.

Five mile, handicap—Fifteen starters. Carriber, Union, 300 yards, first; Fredrickson, Omaha, scratch, second; Holloway, Plattsouth, scratch, third; Burdick, Omaha, 225 yards, fourth; Crawford, Plattsouth, 300 yards, fifth; Brown, Omaha, 350 yards, sixth. Time, 12:57.

NOTES OF THE MEET.

Messrs. C. W. Banning, Lester Stone and W. H. McBride were up from Nebraska to see the races Thursday. They remained over night.

Bert Crawford, the butcher-boy, will make one of the speediest riders in the state. He has only been riding a few months, yet he demonstrated last week that he can "trot with the best of 'em."

The wheel club should make haste to arrange for another bicycle meet. It's a good thing. It brings to Plattsouth from other parts of the county a splendid class of people, and while here they trade more or less.

The merchants of Plattsouth doubtless realize now that a bicycle meet means an increase of business for that day, and they will need no urging to support such meetings hereafter by offering liberal prizes.

It is reported that Edgill, the Omaha kid who won the big six-day race in the Coliseum last month, "killed" himself, as far as racing is concerned, in his wonderful effort. There are a number of Western Union boys in Omaha who can now beat him.

In the five-mile handicap it was understood that Fredrickson and Gadke were each to set the pace for one mile, while Holloway would set the pace for three miles. Fredrickson, as usual,

went back on his part of the agreement, and, of course, Holloway got the worst of it.

In District Court.

Judge Chapman Friday morning decided two important cases. Some time ago the property of Elias Sage, a fruit farm comprising some twenty-nine acres, was included in the assessments for this city. Mr. Sage protested against this, claiming that his land was outside the city limits, and, therefore, could not be assessed as city property. A verdict was rendered in favor of Mr. Sage.

The foreclosure suit of the Plattsouth Building and Loan association vs. John L. Minor, involving the Minor property in South Park, was decided in favor of plaintiff.

The case of Addison C. Beach vs. Eugene L. Reed, et al, an action for correcting title to some property near Weeping Water, was last Saturday decided in favor of plaintiff.

The attachment and garnishee case of Arthur Murphy vs. Kilpatrick Bros. & Collins, was decided in plaintiff's favor.

Reed, Murdock & Co. vs. August Panska, et al., an action appealed from county court, was decided in favor of plaintiff.

Former Plattsouth Girl Married.

The Detroit Free Press of the 21st inst contains the following account of the marriage of a former well-known young lady of this city: "A very quiet wedding occurred at Wyandotte yesterday, the contracting parties being Miss Cora Wayman, of Wyandotte, and Reuben Daniels, of Ford City, Pa. The wedding occurred shortly before 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, on Biddle avenue. Rev. G. W. Bloodgood, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church, officiated. The room in which the wedding occurred was tastefully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. The bride was given away by her father, John Wayman. She was dressed in a neat fitting gown of lavender silk with French lace trimmings. Mr. Daniels is an engineer in the employ of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Works. The young couple left for their home in Pittsburg last night."

Ashland's First Public Speech.

During the summer of 1895 Gov. Saunders visited Ashland; and as it was a rare thing for the frontiersmen of those days to see a governor, the people for miles around turned out to make his acquaintance. As an assemblage of Americans cannot be happy unless they hear a speech, the governor was invited to orate. But here a dilemma presented itself. There was no hotel, house, or other building of sufficient capacity to hold the audience. A happy thought occurred to some one. The mill yard was suggested as the place. The governor and his auditors walked down and a rostrum was soon constructed of saw logs, which the speaker mounted, while the audience seated themselves on other logs, and then there listened to the first public speech delivered in the town—Summer Breeze.

The Indian War Begins.

A special from Pocatello, Idaho, in Wednesday morning's papers says: "The Indian war has broken out in earnest. Bannock Indians have killed a settler, his wife and child, in the Salt river valley and the white men pursuing the murderers, killed six of the redskins."

Union Pacific Engineer Robert Fitzpatrick, who pulled the north-bound freight into Pocatello at six o'clock last evening, brings the story of the conflict in the Salt river valley. "The excitement among the settlers in Northwestern Wyoming over the threatened uprising of the Bannock and Shoshone Indians is growing more intense every day."

Reduction in State Levy.

County Clerk Frank Dickson was up to Lincoln Thursday, and while there secured a reduction of the state levy for Cass county, which is appreciated by the tax-payers. Last year the levy was seven mills, and the clerk has secured a reduction of a half mill. This means a reduction of \$3,000 for the county this year.

The race between Lee Allison's running team and a bicyclist named Thornton was booked to occur at Shenandoah last evening. The distance to be run is ten miles, and the race was undoubtedly a very interesting one. Several people from this city went over yesterday morning, among them being Harvey Holloway, Sam Patterson and Will Hyers.

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Democratic County Convention.

There will be a delegate convention of the democrat party of Cass county, held at Union on Tuesday, August 20, 1895, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of choosing twenty-one delegates to the democratic state convention to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, on August 22, 1895, and to choose delegates to the judicial convention to be called.

The primaries will be held in the different wards and precincts at the usual places, on Saturday, August 17, 1895, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of choosing delegates to the convention at Union and also to choose delegates to a county nominating convention to be called later. The basis of representation is one delegate for each twenty votes, or major fraction thereof cast for Harvey D. Travis for county attorney in 1894, this basis to govern each convention. It is recommended that the delegates present cast the full vote of the ward or precinct and no proxies be allowed.

The different wards and precincts are entitled to delegates as follows:

Plattsouth City, 1st ward	Elmwood	5
Second ward	South Bend	3
Third ward	Weeping Water	4
Fourth ward	Center	5
Fifth ward	Louisville	5
Weeping Water City	Eight Mile Grove	5
First ward	Avoca	5
Second ward	Shawnee	3
Third ward	St. Pleasant	4
Fourth ward	Liberty	6
Tipton	Plattsouth	10
Greenwood	Rock Bluffs, 1st dist.	4
Salt Creek	Rock Bluffs, 2d dist.	3
Stove Creek		5

M. ARCHER, Chairman.
CHAS. GRIMES, Secretary.

AROUND THE COURT ROOMS.

A. B. Dickson was appointed administrator of the John Hetrick estate in county court Monday.

A. N. Sullivan last Tuesday filed a suit in Justice Archer's court against Julius H. Langhorst for \$15 for legal services.

Miss Tillie Bauer vs. Geo. L. Metz, a suit to recover the sum of \$107.00 alleged to be due for rent was decided in Justice Archer's court Tuesday. Judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$31.40.

Judge Ramsey issued marriage licenses Tuesday to the following: Mr. John Knox and Miss Sarah Simpson; Mr. Charles Lovell and Miss Minnie Rauth. The latter couple resides south of this city.

The Denson vs. Denson case has been grinding away all day in county court. The attorneys have been arguing the matter all day, and are still "at it" as THE JOURNAL goes to press. The arguments will probably be finished late this afternoon.

Mike Duperella, the insane Polander who was sent up to the asylum from this city a few weeks ago, escaped from that institution the other night and was found wandering around near Weeping Water Monday. He was placed in jail there and was taken back to Lincoln yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Eikenberry.

Sheriff Eikenberry reports that the twelve-year-old boy, Otto Finda, who was taken up to the reform school the other day, is the most delighted inmate of that institution. Military drills are participated in by the boys twice a week, and Otto was just in time to get into the ranks. It is safe to say the reform school management need have no fears of the boy escaping. He comes nearer enjoying "home" life now than he ever did here.

Geo. E. Sayles, the Cedar Creek merchant, had a little dispute last Saturday with J. F. Barnes, the B. & M. station agent at that place, in which the latter received the worst of it. Barnes came to this city and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Sayles, and Sheriff Eikenberry went out to Cedar Creek on Monday and brought him to this city where he was arraigned before Justice Archer. He decided to plead guilty of assault and battery, and received a fine of \$1 and costs which was paid, and the prisoner released.

Occasioned No Trouble.

Sheriff Eikenberry reports that Miss Lena Ploeger, the young lady whom he took to the asylum Tuesday, occasioned him no trouble whatever. She seemed to think she was going to a bicycle race, and would nod and speak pleasantly to every one who passed her in the train. She also gave numerous invitations to those near her to partake of some ice cream, saying that she had 10,000 gallons. It is thought that, with proper treatment she will recover her reason.

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GUN WAS LOADED.

A Boy Nearly Kills a Horse at the Jones Livery Stables.

DONELAN APPOINTED RECEIVER

The Weeping Water Bank Squabble Decided in District Court—A Burglar Robs an Elmwood Editor—Miscellaneous Affairs.

The Gun Was Loaded.

Will Carmack, a young lad employed at Jones' livery stable, came near slaughtering a mare Wednesday. He was watering the animal at a trough in the barn and held a 44 calibre Smith & Wesson revolver in his hand. Will was endeavoring to make a trade with the owner of the gun, and was snapping several shells in the cylinder. The owner of the gun said they were empties, so Will pulled the trigger again. A terrific report followed, and when the smoke had cleared away and the boy had come down from the vicinity of the ceiling the horse that he was watering was lying on the floor. The bullet had entered the neck on one side and passing clear through, had crashed through several board partitions. The animal was believed to be dead, or dying, by the bystanders, and Will was told to put the poor beast out of its suffering. He had just cocked the hammer to finish the work, when the horse started to kick and soon jumped upon its feet again. The horse now bids fair to recover and Will is congratulating himself that he will not have to work several weeks without pay. Dr. Barnes now has the gun locked up, and young Carmack has lost all desire to trade for a pistol.

The Petition Granted.

In district court chambers Judge Chapman last Thursday granted the petition filed by J. H. Haldeman and other depositors of the Commercial bank of Weeping Water, removing the receiver, H. H. Noles, of Beatrice, and appointing John A. Donelan in his stead. The court said that Noles, it appeared, was actually serving without bond, as he and his bondsmen were practically execution-proof. The court gave Noles fifteen days in which to turn over the property and effects of the bank to his successor, with no power to act in the meantime. The case came here from the supreme court under the old law, which gives the district and supreme court concurrent jurisdiction, on the application of complainants. This decision will be very satisfactory to nearly all the parties at interest residing in this county, and will compel the delinquents to come to time.

A Burglar at Elmwood.

A special to the Lincoln Journal from Elmwood says: "Elmwood was visited Tuesday night by a sneak thief who entered the house of Editor A. U. Mayfield of the Echo, securing \$10 in money, which belonged to the A. O. U. W. He had two shot-guns within easy reach, but the thief deftly removed them to the yard, where they were found next morning. Jim Durbin's house was also entered and his knife, watch and eight cents in money were taken. He also attempted to enter the houses of John Clements, Rev. Campbell, E. M. Jacobs and several others, but was frightened away before securing anything. The man was seen by several persons, and is described as a short, heavy-set man, wearing a straw hat and a black suit of clothes. He is supposed to have been crazy, or he would have known better than to have tried to rob an editor and a preacher."

Ran Into a Tree.

The passenger train on the Lincoln branch of the Missouri Pacific ran into a tree west of Weeping Water Thursday night, which had been blown across the track during the storm, and escaped any injury save knocking out seven or eight windows in the rear coach. The passengers therein were badly frightened. The way the pilot of the engine struck the tree was all that saved it from going into the ditch.—Nebraska City News.

Killed Seven Horses.

A special from Elmwood says: "Tay Richards, a farmer living two miles east and four miles north of Elmwood, had seven head of horses killed at one stroke of lightning Thursday night during a severe thunder shower. The horses were turned loose in a pasture."

FARM LOANS made at lowest rates. T. H. POLLOCK, over First Nat'l Bank.