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MANY INVOLVED.

Case Filed in District Court With Sixty-Six Defendants.

SCHLATTER HAS DISAPPEARED.

The Denver "Messiah" Quietly Steals Away During the Night, and Disappears—Thousands of Afflicted People—Other Notes.

Sixty-Six Defendants.

A very unusual case was filed in the district clerk's office late Thursday afternoon. Amelia B. Weston, widow of the late Addison P. Weston, is the plaintiff and the defendants number sixty-six people, residing in various parts of the state.

The late Mr. Weston was, several years prior to his death, the most extensive land owner in Cass county, but sold various pieces of property, some in this county and others in York county. Upon his death he willed his remaining property to a number of relatives and friends, leaving Mrs. Weston scarcely any property whatever. She now sues to recover all of the property transferred to other parties by her husband, claiming that the contracts, which are in the possession of the defendant, L. C. Pollard, or the defendants named in the petition, were never signed by her.

The litigation promises to occupy the attention of the courts for several years, as the property involved is valued at something like \$100,000.

Schlatter Has Disappeared.

Denver's "Messiah," Francis Schlatter has left for parts unknown, and thousands of poor afflicted people, who had gone there for relief, are returning home, without having seen the faith curist.

All that is positively known is that he departed from the Fox home on Wednesday night, taking all his gifts of warm clothing and leaving behind this brief note:

Mr Fox: My mission is finished. Father takes me away. Good-bye. FRANCIS SCHLATTER.

The crowd was at first inclined to make trouble, but they withdrew after demolishing the fence for souvenirs. Many touched the boards on which Schlatter had stood, and thus carried away his mystic influence.

Schlatter was subpoenaed early in October to appear before United States Commissioner Capron yesterday to testify in the case of the three manufacturers of fraudulent blessed handkerchiefs. When Schlatter failed to appear and it was definitely ascertained that he had skipped town, the case was postponed until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

The railway officials at Denver have notified all agents to inform invalids intending to buy tickets for Denver, that the "messiah" has left the city. It was reported late last night that Schlatter was seen afoot heading for Gray's peak, where amid the snows at an altitude of 14,000 feet, he will confer with the prophets and return refreshed in three days.

Whether or not Schlatter has proved a blessing to the afflicted people who visited him, he has certainly been a bonanza for the railroads and hotels at Denver.

A Bicycle Stolen.

Stuart Livingston, who is boarding with his brother-in-law, Roy Britt, in Omaha, while attending a medical college, was unfortunate enough to have his bicycle stolen last Thursday evening. The wheel was stored in the Britt residence and last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Britt were in this city, called hither by the accident to the former's father, and during their absence some sneak thief entered the house and carried away several articles of value, and Stuart's bicycle was not overlooked. No clue to the perpetrator has yet been discovered.

"Happy Harry" Quits Ashland.

The following dispatch in this morning's Bee from Ashland relates to our former townsman, W. H. Johnson: "Harry Johnson, an eccentric old Englishman who has been pumpman for the Burlington one mile east of Ashland for years, has given up his place and gone to join his family, who live in Wahoo. He has a nice, comfortable home in that place, having recently traded his home property in Plattsmouth for the Wahoo place. He also has a fine farm near Wahoo. He is known as 'Happy Harry,' and it was his custom to bring his fiddle to town and entertain his friends with a few 'choice selections.'"

Simmons Pleaded Guilty.

Last Saturday's Omaha Bee says: "The United States circuit court was in session but a few minutes yesterday afternoon, long enough, however, for two prisoners to be arraigned and plead guilty. The first was James N. Simmons, of Bell, Ia., charged with presenting for payment unlawfully issued money orders. He was the postmaster at Bell, and conceived the idea that it would be easy enough to cash money orders drawn by himself upon writing upon the advices sent from his office, 'identification waived.' He cashed a half dozen, getting some \$600, but when he presented his order at the Nebraska City office payment was stopped. The postmaster at Nebraska City demanded that he be identified. The delay was fatal. Word was received that Simmons was not straight and he was arrested. It was found he had twenty-two orders for amounts averaging \$100 each, to be cashed at various points between Omaha and the Gulf of Mexico.

Postmaster Fox of this city is the gentleman who first suspected Simmons of being a fraud, and telephoned the postmaster at Nebraska City to that effect, the result being Simmons' arrest.

The Burlington's New Time Card.

The new time card on the B. & M. which goes into effect tomorrow, will make several important changes in the running time of some of the trains. No. 2, the flyer, will arrive in this city at 5:31 p. m., instead of 5:16, as heretofore. No. 91, which formerly arrived here at 7:15 a. m. has been discontinued, and No. 5 will arrive here nearly two hours earlier—at 7:27 a. m. No. 9, the Schuyler train, will hereafter leave this city at 4:00 p. m., instead of 2:20. The remainder of the trains will run on the old time.

While the change in the time card will necessitate Plattsmouth visitors to Omaha getting up a little earlier, it will be vastly more convenient otherwise. A number of ladies from this city attend the matinee performances at the Omaha theaters every week and heretofore they were compelled to remain until the late train (No. 12) before they could return home, or miss part of the performance. They will now be enabled to catch the flyer, with a few minutes to spare.

Acted Like Nebraska City People.

Sunday morning a fresh couple, one a man about thirty-five and the other a girl of about sixteen years, drove into town with a fine-looking team of horses. The animals were covered with foam and were so weak that they could scarcely stand, evidently having been driven very hard. The team was tied on the street and the couple went into a hotel for a few minutes. Some sympathetic bystanders threw a heavy lap-robe and overcoat over the horses, and in a short time the couple again entered the buggy and after driving up and down Main street several times, disappeared. It is believed the strangers were from Nebraska City.

Wedded Fifteen Years.

Last Saturday evening a large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kepple unceremoniously called at their residence and reminded them that they had been wedded fifteen years. Sufficient etables were taken to appease the appetites of all, and after the surprise, occasioned by the visit, was over, the guests settled down to an evening of enjoyment. Mr. and Mrs. Kepple were the recipients of several very handsome and appropriate presents.

Inducement No. 13.

One case of 15-cent Pongu remnants, 5 to 10 yard lengths, at 7 cents; makes nice comforts, and don't cost any more than calico.

WM. HEROLD & SON.

Donation Party.

A donation party will be given Saturday evening, Nov. 23, at the residence of Rev. A. H. Post, of the Baptist church. All friends of the cause in South Park, and elsewhere, are kindly requested to send or bring anything that will feed or clothe the body.

Inducement No. 4.

Carpet department—All our ALL wool carpets, your choice for 50 cents a yard, worth from 70 to 90 cents. All wool, filled cotton chain for 40 cents, sold at 65 cents. Union carpets, from 15 cents up. WM. HEROLD & SON.

For farm loans, see J. M. Leyda. Reliable abstracts also furnished.

Leave your orders for job work with THE JOURNAL, an artistic job guar anteed.

THE SECOND DAY.

The Cummings Murder Case Wearing Along at Omaha.

TAKES LONGER THAN EXPECTED

The McFadden-Gutsche Wedding Last Evening at the Residence of the Bride's Parents—Other Local Happenings.

Progressing Slowly.

The Omaha Bee yesterday morning gives the following account of the second day's trial in the Cummings case:

"The Cummings murder trial is proceeding very slowly in the criminal court. So far only three witnesses have been called to the stand. At this rate the case will occupy a considerable length of time, as the state has in the neighborhood of twenty-five witnesses. This slowness is due to the fact that the attorney for the defense has been examining each witness at great length.

"The first witness was called to the stand Monday afternoon, and did not get through giving his testimony until yesterday morning. His name is Jacob Boetel. He is a young man who was with Vance during the entire fatal evening and remained with him until his death, a couple of days later. His testimony was substantially as has already been published.

"He said that in the dispute which occurred between Cummings and the crowd of Plattsmouth boys over the first game of pool that was played, Vance was sitting on a table behind Cummings. One of the boys was offering to settle for the game, despite the fact that the one who should have settled for it had left. When the dispute was nearing what appeared to be a free-for-all fight, Vance arose and walked around Cummings and the pool table until he was almost opposite Cummings and facing him. It was at this moment that Cummings picked up the billiard cue and, without saying a word, struck Vance on the head.

"On cross-examination Boetel said that the boys had been drinking during the evening, but that Vance was not very drunk. He was certain that Vance had not said anything before being struck by Cummings. After he had fallen to the floor the men ran out of the saloon, and when they returned a few minutes later, Cummings had a wet towel in his hand and was wiping Vance's forehead. Boetel had returned to Plattsmouth with Vance and remained with him until he died. Vance, in a moment of consciousness, had described how he had been struck.

"The physician who first attended Vance after he returned to Plattsmouth was next called to the stand. He was given a chart of Vance's head, which had been sketched at the post-mortem, and explained it to the jury. He said that Vance had been struck on the forehead at a point about an inch from a previous fracture of the skull. He testified that death had resulted from the effects of the blow.

"He said that at first he had not found that the skull had been fractured, but that this was discovered on the following morning, when two other physicians had been called in for consultation. The fracture was then found, and three pieces of bone were removed and three other depressed pieces raised. He had not noticed that the skull had been fractured because the symptoms were similar to the symptoms produced by intoxication. He had smelled Vance's breath and had been told that he had been drinking and therefore came to the conclusion that he was intoxicated.

"Dr. Livingston corroborated the testimony given by the preceding witness, that Vance's death was produced by the blow he received. He explained the chart to the jury and told of the operation that the three physicians had performed on Vance's head."

McFadden-Gutsche.

Last evening at seven o'clock, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gutsche, Wintersteen hill, occurred the wedding of their eldest daughter, Miss Amelia, and Mr. W. J. McFadden. Rev. H. B. Burgess of the Episcopal church will officiate and only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties will be present.

The bride is a young lady well and favorably known in this city, where she has resided the major portion of

her life, and has a large circle of devoted friends.

The groom is a barber of good habits and has only been a resident of Plattsmouth for about two years, but by attending strictly to business, has built up a lucrative trade and is now the owner of the "O. K." shaving parlors.

The young couple will at once commence housekeeping in the Sharp property, corner of Fourth and Granite streets, and will be "at home" to their friends in a few days.

Two New Meat Markets.

Plattsmouth will soon be well supplied with meat markets.

Wm. Neville is fitting up the south room in his business block, on North Sixth street, and will have a first-class meat market in operation in a few days. Mr. Neville's son, Will, and Richard Bilstein will be in charge and customers can rest assured of receiving fair treatment. Mr. Bilstein is one of the best butchers in the state, and the new firm will undoubtedly receive a liberal share of patronage.

The many friends of E. A. Oliver will be pleased to learn that he will again open up a meat market in this city. The shop will be located in the Rasorshek block, corner of Main and Fifth streets, and the room is now being fitted up in first-class style. Mr. Oliver will do his own killing and is erecting a slaughter house at his farm, near Mynard. He expects to commence business in about two weeks.

THE JOURNAL wishes the new firms success.

His Leg Severely Pinched.

Sunday afternoon a number of boys were playing on the Missouri Pacific turntable (which has so worried the Nebraska City newspapers), when Frank Rennie, a thirteen-year-old lad, got his leg caught in some manner between the rail and the platform, and severely pinched. The machine was stopped as soon as possible, and the little fellow was taken home and a physician summoned. It was found that a deep gash was cut in the calf of the leg and it required some ten stitches to sew up the wound. Frank is resting easy today and, with proper care, will be around again in a few days.

INDUCEMENT NO. 14.

Twenty-five dozen ladies' kid gloves, fine quality in black, brown, grey and white, worth \$1 and \$1.25, choice for 79 cents.

WM. HEROLD & SON.

Will Re-Dedicate the Church.

We will re-dedicate our house of worship on Sunday, Nov. 24th. Bishop C. M. McCurdy will deliver the dedicatory sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. At three o'clock p. m. Elder W. H. Zenor of Murray will preach and at 7:30 p. m. Bishop McCurdy will again preach. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services, and especially do we invite the pastors of the different churches in the city to be with us at the three o'clock service.

A YOUTZY.

Pastor First Church of Christ.

Lamps! Lamps!

Bennett & Tutt have just received a new supply of banquet, stand and hanging lamps of the very latest patterns and designs. They are beautiful. Call and look at them.

They have also been adding to their already large stock of china and queensware many new patterns.

Day Burglars at Nehawka.

Burglars entered the residence of O. Bair at Nehawka yesterday afternoon while the family was away and stole \$63 in cash and a revolver. The house was securely locked when the family left, but was unlocked by the burglar. It is supposed to be a home talent job.

Some People

May think we've been asleep. We will prove that we have not if you'll step in and see our display of Holiday Goods. Don't say it's too early for holiday goods. Now is the time to buy and get first choice.

LEINHOF'S, the Big Store.

Notice.

All parties knowing themselves to be indebted to Claus Brekenfeld will save cost of collection by calling at the store and settling their accounts immediately.

FRED EBINGER, Agent for mortgages.

Inducement No. 7.

Underwear department—Two cases children's heavy camel's hair colored shirts, pants and drawers, at 7 cents a garment for size 16; rise 2 1/2 cents a size. Any garment worth double.

WM. HEROLD & SON.

Farm loans made at lowest rates. T. H. Pollock, over First Nat'l Bank.

NEARING THE END

The State's Testimony Concluded in the Cummings Case.

DEFENSE TAKES UP ITS SIDE.

It is Expected That the Case Will Go To the Jury Either This Evening or Tomorrow Morning—Other Local Happenings.

State's Testimony Concluded.

The World-Herald gives the following details of the Cummings trial at Omaha yesterday:

"Dave West of Plattsmouth, who acted as a nurse for Judd Vance, testified that Vance made him an ante-mortem statement. His testimony was that Vance heard a dispute between some of the boys and Cummings, and stepped forward to settle it and take the boys home. Vance said, 'I stepped up towards them, but before I could say a word to anyone, the bartender (Cummings) struck me on the head, and that was all I knew until I found myself on the train.'

When the witness said to Vance that he need not worry, as he would be out again in a few days, Vance answered, 'No, I'll never get well. They've done me up this time.'

"Attorney Mahoney objected to the introduction of West's testimony on the ground that the statements made by Vance were not such statements as are considered the dying statements of a person injured, and that therefore they were only hearsay.

"The court ruled, however, that as Vance's language showed that he knew that he could not live they should be accepted as a dying statement, especially when taken in connection with the fact that the period between the statement and Vance's death was very short. 'It has been the rule,' the court remarked, 'that a man's statement just before death, and when he has apparently a knowledge of his impending dissolution, to consider his words at the same weight as they would be considered if he was on the witness stand and under oath.'

"The state concluded its testimony in the Cummings murder trial yesterday afternoon in time to permit the testimony of five witnesses for the defense to be introduced. They were John Mack, Will Johnson, Thomas Connelly, Sam Goldsmith and Budd Cox. All told about the same story, to the effect that they were present at the time of the quarrel between Cummings and Vance.

"Their testimony was that McNurlin, the first one of the Plattsmouth boys with whom the quarrel arose, struck at Cummings and received a blow in return which knocked him into a chair standing behind him. Vance then stepped forward with a cue in his hand and according to the evidence of Will Johnson, both Cummings and Vance struck at each other at the same time, the two cues passing each other. Whether Cummings

was hit was not disclosed, but the witnesses saw Vance stagger and fall. So far as could be heard, no words passed between Cummings and Vance, but the latter's appearance on approaching Cummings gave witnesses reason to believe that Vance was about to strike Cummings with the cue.

"At the adjournment of court the defense still had several witnesses to introduce, but the attorneys hope to complete the case today."

Just Like Men.

A pleasing little episode happened in the high school concerning the recent judicial election. Judges Chapman and Ramsey each have a little boy, each about eleven years of age. They are classmates, seatmates and very fast friends. Judge Chapman's little son is named Max and Judge Ramsey's is named Willie. During the canvass they both became very much interested in the candidacy of their respective fathers. Like many modern politicians, they backed their confidence in ultimate success by betting, each putting up a wager on his papa.

The day of election a vote was taken in their school and Willie secured a majority of six for his papa. Undaunted by his apparent disappointment, Max still maintained the cause of his papa. After election, Max, like a little manly man and hero, promptly and without equivocation, paid the bet. Both boys are very bright and, while bosom friends, are strong and friendly rivals for promotion in their classes, both having outstripped others much older.

A Social and Financial Success.

The chrysanthemum show given at White's opera house last evening by the ladies of the the Episcopal church was a most flattering success, both socially and financially. The display of chrysanthemums was simply grand and bewildering. The musical program was rendered in a very creditable manner, and every number was heartily received by the large audience. The ladies of the church are highly pleased with their success last evening, and realized a neat sum of money.

Inducement No. 3.

Blankets and comfortables—One case cotton flannel blankets at 50 cents a pair, two cases of Sanitary flannel blankets, worth 75 cents, at 59 cents. Comforts at 49 cents and 75 cents. Satine comforts at \$1. Silkline comforts at \$2. WM. HEROLD & SON.

The Atlanta Exposition.

For the above occasion the B. & M. will sell round trip tickets for a rate of \$41.05 from Oct. 10 to Dec. 15, inclusive. Final limit for return Jan. 7, 1896.

W. L. PICKETT, Agent.

INDUCEMENT NO. 10.

Underwear department—One case of men's extra heavy, all wool underwear, soft, fine quality, worth \$1 a garment, but bought by us at sacrifice sale, so we can sell them at 50 cents.

WM. HEROLD & SON.

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