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## CUT HIS THROAT.

**A Switchman Over at the Junction Attempts Suicide.**

**LOST HIS "ROLL" IN THIS CITY.**

**Becomes Despondent and Concludes to Leave This World of Troubles—Extent of His Injuries Not Known—Other Notes.**

### An Attempted Suicide.

At about 2 o'clock Friday afternoon word was telephoned to this city from Pacific Junction that a switchman named Chas. Rhue had cut his throat over there, and asking for medical assistance. Dr. T. P. Livingston, the B. & M.'s surgeon, was at once notified and went over on a switch engine. Thursday was pay day among the railroad men at the Junction, and Rhue, in company with four or five fellow-workmen, came over to this city Thursday morning to have a "time." The party returned home at night on No. 12, and it is reported that Rhue lost some \$40 gambling here, and this fact preyed upon his mind to such an extent that he concluded to take his own life. He is about thirty years old and is a married man, and has two small children.

### Rhue Will Recover.

Chas. Rhue, the switchman who attempted to shake off the mortal coils of this life at Pacific Junction Friday afternoon, by cutting his throat, will probably recover. The wound came near proving fatal, however, as the gash, which was cut on the left side of his throat, exposed the jugular vein, which, had it been cut, would have sent the young man to the Great Beyond in a short time. It is not thought that he will make another attempt upon his life.

### Nipped a Pair of Pants.

At about 11 o'clock Friday morning Officer Fitzpatrick noticed a one-legged "bum" on lower Main street, who actions caused suspicion, so he accosted the fellow, and started a little investigation of his person, when he discovered a new pair of pantaloons under the man's coat, which was buttoned up closely. Johnny took the clothing from his bumship at once on suspicion that they were stolen from some merchant, and after escorting him over to jail, he went to the several clothing stores to find out whether they had lost any pants. C. E. Wescott instantly recognized the stolen property, and, upon being given a description of the thief, remembered that the fellow had been in his store this morning. Mr. Wescott was waiting upon a customer when the cripple came in, and Gus Branden, the clerk, asked the fellow what was wanted. The tramp said he wanted an old pair of pants if they had any. Some times old clothes are left at the store, and, as Mr. Wescott gives these away, Gus went back to the rear end of the store to see if they had any old clothes in the closet. It was while Mr. Wescott was busy, and the clerk in the back end of the store that the fellow "swiped" the pants and slipped them under his clothes.

The fellow used good judgment in selecting the pants, as they were valued at \$7.

Mr. Wescott says that, as he recovered the stolen property, and would gain nothing by prosecuting the fellow, he would not enter a complain against him.

The "bum" was around town Friday morning begging, and undoubtedly committed the theft in order to get into jail, as he would thus be assured of a place to sleep and something to eat.

### Looking for Stolen Harness.

The Council Bluffs department of the Omaha World-Herald Friday morning says:

"Sheriff J. C. Eikenbary of Plattsmouth, Neb., was here yesterday looking for stolen harness, saddles and other similar property which has been recently taken from farmers in Cass county, Nebraska. It is believed that an organized band of harness thieves have been operating there, and many farmers have been sufferers from their depredations."

Mrs. Coon Vallery, residing out in the precinct, Thursday afternoon presented her husband with a fine girl baby. Mother and child are doing nicely.

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

## WISE SAYINGS.

Atchison Globe.

Caution is often mistaken for innocence.

What has become of the old-fashioned rail fence?

When a girl thinks she is looking pensive, her mother thinks she is looking billious.

When a man-hunting woman finally falls in love, it hurts her worse than any other kind.

A floor walker in a dry goods store must be a mighty mean man. Think of a man who can speak cross to the pretty clerks!

If you want to do a real act of kindness, invite a woman to a New Year's dinner who has always had to cook her own dinner.

The look on any married woman's face should convince the girls that the men are not worth the exertion necessary to catch one.

Though it is proper to refer to a woman as an angel of forgiveness and mercy, almost every man finds out to his cost some day that women never forgive.

A girl who was said two years ago to have the face of a Madonna, now looks the picture of hunger that amateur artists paint. She was a belle for six weeks, and can't get reconciled to the shelf.

At the theatre last night there was a very dignified woman. She seemed to have been melted and poured into her corset, her dress it her so well, and she was strikingly indifferent to everything around her. Finally she yawned, however, and gave it away that she was human.

A few weeks ago a girl came to Atchison who attracted attention everywhere because of her mournful air; she seemed to have a lover where she came from, and was lonesome without him; but of late she is looking more cheerful; she is forgetting her sweetheart, and thinking of the other boys. It is the way of the world.

### A Serious Charge.

The Lincoln Call of last Tuesday contains the following item relating to a famous Plattsmouth boy: "Mattie Prather informed the officers at the station yesterday that she was about to become a mother, and that Bert Holmes an employee of the Havelock shops was responsible for her condition. She wanted to file a complaint against him. The officers directed her to Justice McCandless' court, where a complaint charging him with bastardy was filed."

The above charge against the young man was withdrawn yesterday on motion of the complainant, according to the Havelock department of the Lincoln Journal. The sentiment of that town is that young Holmes was the victim of circumstances, and none believe him guilty of the charge.

### A Happy Wedding.

Yesterday, at noon, at the Christian church, occurred the wedding of Mr. Nelson J. Murray, of Mynard, and Miss Clara L. Wilson, of this city. Rev. Youtzy performed the ceremony, in the presence of a number of invited friends. The bride is a very popular young lady, and has resided for a number of years with the family of Dr. Schildknecht. The groom is an energetic young farmer, and is very well known in this city. They will reside on Mr. Murray's farm, near Mynard, and start out on life's journey under most flattering circumstances. The JOURNAL extends its best wishes to the young couple.

Erastus Mulls has arrived in Riverside, Cal., from Quincy, Ill., having driven the same team of horses the entire distance. He was 165 days on the journey and travelled 2,500 miles. He came alone, and adopted this method so as to see the country. He had a compact camping outfit in his wagon. While crossing the desert he travelled five days without seeing a living thing except grey wolves. In Kansas he bought corn for 8 cents a bushel, and in Leadville paid 5 cents a pound for the same article. Once in the desert he was overtaken by a sandstorm and nearly buried. He shot three deer and considerable small game en route.

The special feature of the Christmas eve entertainment at the Christian church was the violin solo by little Maggie Warren, aged about eleven years. This little girl displays remarkable musical talent, for one so young.

The only complete line of fine albums and plush and celluloid goods at Gering & Co's.

## A VERY BOLD THIEF

**Deliberately Walks Off With Another Man's Clothing.**

**W. C. TIPPENS' ROOM IS ROBBED**

**A Number of Valuable Articles Stolen By a Tailor in Broad Daylight—Thief Makes Good His Escape—Other Affairs.**

### A Bold Theft.

On December 13 a tall, dark-complexioned man registered at the Perkins hotel as M. Morgan, Omaha. The fellow is a tailor and secured employment at J. C. Ptak's shop. The latter gentleman was a little suspicious of him, however, and last Thursday he paid him up and discharged him.

On Friday morning Morgan came down stairs from his room at the hotel, and walked out on the street, and shortly afterwards disappeared. The clerk noticed that he wore a long, new overcoat, although he did not possess such an article when he first registered. W. C. Tippens, an employee of the B. & M. planing mill, also boards at the hotel, and when he came there for dinner he discovered that his new overcoat, new coat and vest, a revolver and a gold watch chain, which he prized very highly on account of its being a present to him, had been stolen during the morning. Morgan evidently had put Mr. Tippens' coat and vest and overcoat on over his own clothes, and then jumped the town, as a diligent search failed to reveal his whereabouts.

### Official's Deputies.

Treasurer Eikenbary will retain Mr. Pollock as his deputy; Clerk of the Court Houseworth has selected Will Hyers for his assistant; Sheriff Holloway will have no deputy, but will name his father-in-law, while his sister will look after the matters in the office during the absence of the sheriff; Geo. Hay, register of deeds, says his office fees will not justify him in keeping a regular assistant, and his daughter will assist him when in need of help; County Clerk Robertson has named Will Coolidge for his deputy; Judge Spurlock has not named his assistant yet, but Mrs. Hasse's friends here are urging her appointment to that position which she occupies with great favor to all patrons of that office.—Weeping Water Republican.

### Closing of the Schools.

The public schools of this city closed last Friday for the Christmas holidays and will resume on the sixth of January. The close of the term was celebrated in an appropriate manner in the various rooms, some of them combining and giving an elaborate program. Miss Jamison and Miss Wilson held "union services" with violin music and other extras not usually down on the high school bill of fare.

### Jury Can't Agree.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 20, 3:30 p. m., [Special to THE JOURNAL.]—The arguments in the Ish murder trial were completed yesterday afternoon and the case given to the jury. The jury was out all night, and at this hour had not yet arrived at a verdict. A dispute is reported among the jurymen, and it is quite probable that they will be discharged without rendering verdict.

### In District Court.

The damage suit of O. H. Goodwin vs. C. H. Parmele and J. M. Craig, was, upon motion of plaintiff, dismissed without prejudice.

Railsback Bros. & Spelts vs. the First National Bank of Greenwood, a suit on account, was decided in plaintiff's favor in district court Tuesday.

Susan and Charles Grosclaude vs. Myrtle Barnes, et al., a suit over the division of some real estate, was disposed of in district court Saturday, the court appointing Messrs. J. W. Johnson, Sam'l Waugh and John Ferguson as referees.

John L. Dawson and Wm. Doty, two well-known farmers of Mt. Pleasant precinct, were in town doing some trading Friday. They have plenty of corn, but are not in love with goldbug prices—or goldbugism, either.

Visitors to Plattsmouth should stop for dinner at Sahi's Bakery, where they can get a good lunch for 15c. 50

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

A sterling silver thimble FREE with every purchase amounting to \$2.00, of Arch L. Coleman, jeweler.

## Christmas Day.

Christmas day was very quiet in this city—no shooting matches, no rows, no arrests, and very little business of any kind. The traditional Christmas turkey was partaken of quite generously, judging by the reports of sales made by the several meat markets.

The railway shops were shut down, as usual, but there were no more people on the streets than usual. Large numbers of young people went to the Patterson lake in the afternoon and enjoyed themselves skating.

The Murray-Wilson wedding at the Christian church was the only social event that took place in town during the day.

The saloon men considerably closed their places at or before eight o'clock in the evening, and those who were disposed to "make a night of it," had to go elsewhere for their toot.

### Marriage Market Booming.

Judge Ramsey is doing a land office business issuing marriage licenses these days. Judging from the manner in which this week starts out, it will be a record-breaker in that line. The following licenses were issued Monday:

Name and residence.	Age.
Sheldon C. Gorham, Plattsmouth.	47
Marla F. Funk, Plattsmouth.	43
David B. Robinson, Plattsmouth precinct.	24
Edith Shrader, Plattsmouth precinct.	24
Charles F. Krecklow, Manley.	26
Minnie Schoeman, Louisville.	26
Frank B. Hubbard, Weeping Water.	27
Orla M. Brien, Cass county.	21
Mogens S. Peterson, Harlan county, Neb.	20
Anna Mogensen, Weeping Water.	20

The following marriage licenses were issued Tuesday in county court:

Name and residence.	Age.
Wm. H. McDaniels, Murray.	25
Mary C. Root, Murray.	20
Robert A. Schell, Saline county, Neb.	24
Charles Barker, Holt county, Mo.	23
Ella Steinhauer, Richardson county.	18
Nelson J. Murray, Mynard.	29
Clara L. Wilson, Plattsmouth.	21
George Stottler, Union.	21
Nettie Dye, Union.	15

### He Stole the Suspenders.

A fellow bailing from the vicinity of Bethlehem, immediately across the river from here, happened in at Golding's store last Tuesday. Seeing a very attractive pair of suspenders, and remembering that he had cut his last ones, and was in need of a new pair, he quietly appropriated them and walked out. The theft was observed, however, and Chief Dunn being informed, hunted the fellow up, took him back to the store, and made him pay for them, after which he was allowed to depart.

### A Small Blaze.

The fire department was called out shortly after ten o'clock this morning, the occasion being the burning of an out-house and fence owned by Jake Cleopard, over on South Sixth street. The fire was nearly out when the department arrived, but water was thrown over the smoldering coals. The damage was slight.

On Christmas eve Mrs. C. F. Stoutenborough was made the recipient of a most elegant cut glass water set, consisting of a heavy bottle and two goblets, at the hands of her little friends, the Boys' History class, of which she is the teacher. The presentation speech was made by Lloyd Wilson, and it was very neatly done. It came as an entire surprise to the lady in question, and is a present that is very highly prized by her.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Sherman came in from Lincoln Tuesday evening for a holiday visit, Mr. S. returning to his labors at Lincoln this morning. Mrs. Sherman's health has not been good for a forth-night past, and she has been much worse today, and is confined to her bed. She is at the home of C. W. Sherman.

A marriage license was issued late Tuesday afternoon to Samuel J. Earll, aged 30, of Mills county, Iowa, and Anna Royer, aged 27, of Cass county. This made the twelfth marriage license issued by Judge Ramsey for Monday and Tuesday of this week, and is a record unequalled in the history of the county.

Albert Reinhackel, an employe in the B. & M. car repair shops, had one of his fingers severely mashed last Tuesday. He was endeavoring to shut the heavy door of a refrigerator car, and succeeded in doing so, but his finger was caught when the door shut, making a very painful wound.

Look at the magnificent offer to delinquent subscribers, made in another column today. This offer holds good up to Jan. 1st, 1896.

Have you heard of the wonderful reduction Joe Frank is offering on overcoats and all other winter clothing?

## THE THIEF CAUGHT

**Morris Morgan, The Tailor, Arrested And Placed In Jail.**

**CHARGE IS GRAND LARCENY.**

**Entered a Plea of Guilty And Is Bound Over to the District Court—The Stolen Property Recovered—Other Local Affairs.**

### Recovered the Stolen Property.

Morris Morgan, the tailor who eloped with considerable of the wearing apparel of W. C. Tippens, last Friday, has been captured and is now in jail here. Chief Dunn and Mr. Tippens went up to Omaha last Saturday morning to look for Morgan, and, with the aid of an Omaha officer, soon located Morgan in a saloon, playing pool. The fellow was arrested and several pawn tickets were found in his possession, also the gold watch chain. When arrested he was wearing another overcoat, which he had stolen in Omaha, having already disposed of Tippens' clothing. All the goods were recovered, however, except a pair of gloves and a silk handkerchief, and Morgan was brought to this city and placed in jail.

On Monday he was arraigned before Justice Archer on a charge of grand larceny, the stolen property amounting in value to \$38.25, and pleaded guilty to the charge. He was accordingly held to the district court under bond of \$500, in default of which he was sent back to jail.

### Sent Up For One Year.

Morris Morgan, the Omaha tailor, who entered W. C. Tippens' room at the Perkins hotel last Friday morning and stole property to the value of \$38, was last Tuesday sentenced by Judge Chapman to one year in the penitentiary. He was taken to Lincoln Tuesday afternoon by Sheriff Eikenbary.

Morgan experienced some very speedy justice, very wisely concluding to plead guilty to grand larceny, and receive the court's leniency. Had he stood trial, no doubt he would have been given two or three years, as the state could easily have proven a burglary charge against him. If he behaves himself he will be liberated in ten months.

### Demise of an Aged Lady.

Grandma Brown, mother of Mrs. Rusterholtz, died at the home of her daughter, near Murray, last Saturday evening. Mrs. Brown was aged about eighty years and was well-known to a large number of Cass county people. The funeral occurred Monday morning and the interment took place at the Eight Mile Grove cemetery.

James Wynn, who is employed in the shops at Smithville, Texas, sent his friend, W. B. Wise, of THE JOURNAL, a large box of the finest pecans ever grown, for a Christmas present. Jim has a good job down there, and is saving money, and his heart is in the right place.

## Officers Elected.

At the annual meeting of the Cass County Agricultural society, held last Saturday, an excellent list of officers was elected for the coming year. All members were enthusiastic in their desire to make the fair for 1896 the best ever held in Cass county. The following are the officers elected: President—R. B. Windham. Vice president—Henry Eikenbary. Secretary—W. G. Keefer. Treasurer—J. H. Becker. Gen'l Supt.—W. D. Jones. Directors—Wm. Wettenkamp, Levi Churchill, A. B. Todd, A. M. Holmes, W. H. Newell, J. R. Vallery and F. J. Morgan.

The president was instructed to appoint a committee of three gentlemen and three ladies to act with the president and secretary in revising the premium list. The president was given time to select this committee and the names will be reported later.

### Those Bill-Jumpers.

The Havelock department of the Lincoln Journal says:

"Fred Rasmussen and John Wright, the two shop employees who left town so suddenly on Friday morning, leaving behind a number of unpaid bills, have apparently scored an effective escape, as well as blocking any such thing as pursuit by irate creditors. Constable Milt Broadwater, went to Omaha in the afternoon to make a search for the bill jumpers, but at last accounts his trip was in vain. Wright partially atoned for his share in the escapade by leaving a small sum of money with a friend to apply on his debts, but it lacked considerable of squaring all his bills. It is understood that the young men are headed for Cheyenne."

### Lightning Rod Sharks at Work.

A dispatch from Elmwood to the Lincoln Journal says: "The lightning rod sharks are at work in this vicinity and a good many farmers are being taken in by them. One day this week they called on Alex. Stinson, a well-to-do farmer living north of town, and talked him into buying four rods for his house, he signing a contract which he supposed to be \$7.50 for the whole lot. The men went to work and put up the rods, and when they were through the contract called for payment at the rate of \$7.50 per foot, and the whole bill amounted to \$150. Another farmer, C. Cowell, living southeast of town, who has just completed a fine new house, is said to have been taken in to the tune of \$400."

### Death of An Old Resident.

Griffith S. Cooley, aged seventy-five years, a resident of Cass county since 1867, died at the home of his son, Asher, in Lincoln, on Thursday, Dec. 19th. The funeral occurred Sunday from the residence of Geo. E. Sayles, at Cedar Creek, and the remains were laid at rest beside those of Mrs. Cooley, in the old Glendale cemetery, near Cedar Creek. Rev. Campbell of Elmwood officiating.

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