

PERSONAL, POLITICAL AND PERTINENT.

The county commissioners opened the bids and let the county advertising and printing February 5th—the contract, under their rule, going to the lowest bidder outside of Plattsmouth—the Louisville Courier, at twenty-five cents per square for road notices, \$1.00 for county treasurer's statement and fifteen cents per case for court docket. The joke is on Commissioner Hayes in connection with the matter. When he left Edmundo Monday, Bert Clements, of the Leader, handed him his bid, sealed in an envelope, requesting him to put it in at the right time. Mr. Hayes, however, forgot the matter until the day after the award was made, when he opened the envelope and found that the bid was lower than the one to whom the award was made. Since then he has been kicking himself for his forgetfulness.

A small fire occurred the other night at the residence of City Editor Curtin, of the Nebraska City Press, and the News of that city remarks that "it is unkind on the part of some to suspect that the fire last night at the home of Editor Curtin, of the Press, was caused by the spontaneous combustion of some of the red hot but unpublished endorsements of ex-Judge Chapman that were stored there to kindle fire."

It is reported that a certain man (?) residing in the Third ward, almost daily amuses himself by beating and shamefully abusing his wife. If this aforesaid man (?) continues his brutal treatment of the woman he is pledged to love and cherish, THE JOURNAL will give him some free advertising in a very short time.

Speaker Reed is the victim of a crank who is in the habit of writing long communications to him on postal cards. The crank begins on one card and continues his writing on others until a single letter sometimes covers a dozen cards, which he mails separately.

Annie May Abbott, the Georgia electric magnet, whose feats of length created a sensation in this country some years ago, is amusing herself now with the strong men of China and Japan. The Japanese wrestlers, whose physical strength is unrivaled the world over, were un-derstandably raised up to be used to raise Miss Abbott from the mat, while with the tips of her fingers neutralized their most strenuous efforts to lift even light objects, such as a cane, from a table.

An exchange informs us that County Commissioner Samuel States, of Jefferson, Pa., has a son named United, and wants to know whether you would say, "United States is a good boy," or "United States are a good boy?"—Lincoln Call.

Having had a few months' experience with a venerable husband, Nellie Bly drops this chunk of matrimonial wisdom, ancient the Vanderbilt-Belmont marriage: "In married life it is a blessed thing to have one common subject that both husband and wife steer clear of. It is a comfort, though unconfessed, to know there is one thing upon which both are equally sensitive and equally guilty. It saves so much breath and so many senseless arguments, such as are peculiar to married people." It seems Nellie sounded every note in the matrimonial keyboard and then whacked the strings with an ax.

The "silver" senators have laid down the law to their party associates in which they set out the fact that the finance question is of more importance to the country than the tariff, and therefore they give it out that they will agree to no tariff measure except upon the condition that the house shall pass the free coinage amendment to the tariff bill which passed the house last December. This proposition puts the republicans of the house to a direct test of the question of their adherence to their platform, or whether they have been masquerading under false colors all this time.

It is with no undue forebodings that Presslets makes inquiries as to the state of health of one Col. M. D. Polk, a newspaper man at Plattsmouth. A few days since the colonel was in the city and gave the editor of this paper his solemn promise that if his life was spared he would forthwith send an express package to this editor. Three long, weary days have passed, and many things have come to pass, but that which was promised hath come not. Each day, with sinking heart the editor has carefully scanned the dispatches, fearing lest the editor at Plattsmouth had departed hence the scenes of this stormy old world. Each day he was glad to find that to all intents and purposes of the news bureau Col. Polk still lived, but each day he was confronted anew with the remembrance of the colonel's solemn promise that if he lived he would do so-and-so, and be damned if he wouldn't. All this leads Presslets to respectfully and sincerely yet firmly inquire, "Is Col Polk still in the land of the living?"—Nebraska City Press.

HERE AND THERE.

Readers will remember that some time ago there appeared in this column an account of the elopement of Mrs. Frances Lee Higginson and James W. Smith of Boston, Mass. The husband, it will be recalled, sent the fleeing couple a check for \$100,000 which kind act attracted considerable attention. It now appears that the end is not yet. Jimmy and his girl have returned from over the deep blue sea and Frances alleges that she returned for the one sole purpose of contesting the pending divorce suit of Mr. Higginson. She does not outline her defense, but states she will win her case. It looks rather difficult, at this distance, to see how Frances will clear her skirts, especially on the elopement charge, but then—who knows?

I noticed a keen bit of satire the other day, in an Associated Press dispatch. It was in regard to one of Dan Stuart's bruisers at the Mexicanistic carnival having conscientious scruples against fighting on Sunday. A man who follows the prize ring for a living has no business with a conscience, and this boy will find it out.

Over at Fairbury, Ill., a farmer's convention listened to the reading of a paper on "When to Sell Corn." There are a few people in this neighborhood who can furnish pointers to the author of that skit.

In Knoxville, Ia., the people are up in arms because the Masons placed some emblems in the box that was placed in the corner stone of the court house. These people worry over little things. Why don't they move to Davenport where the beer war rages and then they will have something to worry over.

The Cincinnati police are engaged in unraveling the mystery of the death of Pearl Bryan. For her murder the police have arrested two dental students, one twenty-five years of age and the other twenty. The murdered girl was twenty-three years old and was engaged to her murderer. Her body was found in a road in Kentucky, decapitated. Such crimes as his lead men to meditate upon the return of ancient methods of punishment. For this kind of business the old style of punishment is best. When a man knows that he is to be skinned alive, or broken on the wheel, or born to pieces by wild beasts he is apt to desist from his vile actions. These kind of crimes recall the Durrant murders in San Francisco. Durrant's crime was worse than the present case because his victim, Blanche Lamont, was a girl only fifteen years old. Durrant had ruined this girl and then killed her. For this kind of a man there is no punishment adequate. Hell was a special contrivance for this kind of a criminal and it sure fits his case.

From the looks of the windows in some of the Burlington cars the curtailing of passes is having a bad effect. Some evil-minded person has been casting rocks against the windows with violence and great strength and has substituted large gobs of air for solid glass in several cases. This is wrong for the railroad is only carrying out this pass business so as to make a little money this year, and it don't really mean any particular harm.

The information is given out that there is now in bond 75,000,000 gallons of whisky. This ought to convince the most skeptical that he can't drink the whole product and he ought to quit trying. The annual consumption is 15,000,000 gallons so we have five years supply on hand. It would look like a hard job to drink all this in one-fifth the normal time and I doubt whether it can be done.

Governor Ahumada of Chihuahua, Mexico, is one of the kind of men to have handy. The governor has made no lurid talks in the papers but he has ordered 1,000 troops to proceed to Juarez and stop Dan Stuart's pugilistic carnival at all hazards. The gentlemen plainly knows why he holds his job. If American politicians had the knack of doing work like Ahumada there would be a big improvement in the country.

One of the funniest things out is the way the Spanish troops in Cuba complain because the rebels won't stand still and be whipped. What do these coffee colored invaders expect anyway? Do they hug the fond delusion that the Cubans are in the revolting business for fun? If they do they had better quit their rainbow chasing and saw more wood, or they will wake up minus a fine island some day.

Lulu Hollingsworth, an intimate friend and schoolmate of unfortunate Pearl Bryan, whose headless body was found in Kentucky, has confessed to the Indianapolis police that she purchased the drugs that caused the death of the girl, and she states that Miss Bryan went to Cincinnati to take

the drugs, stating that she wanted to be near Jackson so he would hang for her death. She further stated that Miss Bryan was very bitter toward Jackson whom she claimed was responsible for her condition. There is a manifest discrepancy between Miss Hollingsworth's story and the stories told by the two men under arrest for the crime which leads one to think that all has not yet come out in the case.

A train on the Colorado Central was blown from the track the other day, about one mile from Georgetown. There was no one killed, which is little short of miraculous, as the road runs over some decidedly bad territory in this neighborhood as anyone familiar with the country can testify.

The ice is now about the proper thickness to begin furnishing three-line notices reading like the following: Johnny Jones, aged 18, while skating on Skuggin's slough, broke through the ice and was drowned. The parents are utterly prostrated.

This is the spring style of writing these touching epitaphs and is warranted to fit any case. Plattsmouth has been fortunate during the winter, but it is not yet too late to lose a future president.

An item going the rounds of the state press states that "Bartley citizens gave Ora Clark a surprise party last week." Now we have been asking for a long time to learn why Bartley didn't treat Ora right before this. We have no personal acquaintance with Ora, but I low she's all right, or this item would never have appeared. I really believe that Ora is the best girl of some correspondent, who took this method of puffing her.

At the council meeting Monday evening attention was called to the cemetery and views were asked for upon the matter of planting shade trees and sowing blue grass. This move is certainly in the right direction and should be carried out. Nothing speaks better for a city than a handsome cemetery. It is a ground in which all are interested, if not directly, indirectly, and it would seem that no person could raise a good objection to the investment of city funds in trees, grasses and flowers to make beautiful and attractive the last resting place of all. In this connection it occurs to me that there are many people in this city who would be only too glad to donate to the authorities flowers and shrubs for improvement purposes. I think a simple request made by the mayor and council would produce results that would make our cemetery an object of pride to our people.

This is the chronicle of ye candidate: Philander would that he might hold office and among men be considered right pert. So he goeth forth arrayed, not like Solomon, but rather like unto Lazarus, and when he meeteth the lame, the halt and the blind he consoleteth them with exceeding vigor, and he drageth them into the tavern where intoxicants are sold, and he beateth upon the bar with much earnestness and force and belloweth forth, "Come up boys, what'll it be?" And they come, yea, even from the street, and they drink of slop right cheerily, and howl forth, "Great is Philander." And at the end of many moons, Philander captureth the nomination for pound-master, and he is full of irritants and joy. And he goeth out from his house ere the rising of the sun, and he visiteth among his neighbors and among those he knoweth not from Adam's off ox, and he kisseth babes of sordid colors, and adroeth the mothers of babes, and when the day of election draws to a close, Philander repairth unto the polling place and watcheth the count. And it comes to pass that Philander is of the elect—not and his grief and anger thereat is most terrible. He goeth home and breaketh ye great Knabe piano into small bits and for the space of many years he is grieved and sore.

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Bonaicum Has Withdrawn.

A dispatch in this morning's World-Herald, from Auburn, says: "Considerable excitement was aroused today, especially in Catholic circles, over the receipt of news from Bishop Bonaicum at Lincoln. The Bishop notified the attorneys of Fathers Murphy and Fitzgerald, by letter, that he would withdraw the charges made against the two clergymen whom he had excommunicated, on the charge of insubordination. The case has been one of several months' standing and has created a sort of split in the church. It is presumed from Bishop Bonaicum's retraction that his decree has been reversed by the higher ecclesiastics, the affair having probably reached Cardinal Satoli himself."

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In District Court, Cass County, Nebraska: Frank E. Johnson and John S. Stull, executors of the last will and testament of Elizabeth C. Handley, deceased, PLAINTIFFS, vs. Anna R. Reed, et al., defendants, DEFENDANTS.

Frank E. Johnson, first name unknown, A. T. Show, first name unknown, George Hindley, Thomas K. Clark, Amos Street, Fred P. Fen, Andrew Onderdonk, Henry Dubois, Mary G. Gibson, Benjamin A. Gibson, Halverstad, first name unknown, C. M. Burns, first name unknown, Scoble, alias Stool, first name unknown, and resident defendants, will take notice that on the 25th day of January, 1898, Frank E. Johnson and John S. Stull, executors of the last will and testament of Elizabeth C. Handley, deceased, plaintiffs herein, filed their petition in the district court of Cass county, Nebraska, (and on the 25th day of January, 1898, filed an amended petition) against said defendants, the object and prayer of which is to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by Leonard L. Reed and Anna R. Reed to Elizabeth C. Handley, due and payable five years from date hereof, upon all the west half of range eleven (11) east 6th p. m. in said Cass county, to secure the payment of one certain promissory note dated October 20th, 1887, for the sum of \$5,000; that there is now due upon said note and mortgage the sum of \$4,500 with interest at seven percent per annum from the 21st day of June, 1890, for which sum with interest from that date, plaintiffs pray for a decree that defendants may be required to pay the same, or that said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount found due on plaintiff's note and mortgage.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 9th day of March, A. D. 1898. Dated this 20th day of January, 1898. FRANK E. JOHNSON AND JOHN S. STULL, Executors of the last will and testament of Elizabeth C. Handley, deceased, by their attorney, H. D. Travis, John S. Stull, pro se. 64

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