

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

A vicious horse bit off about half of one of Liveryman Hunt's ears at Tecumseh.

The board of education at Fairmont their principal and all their teachers except two.

Joseph Miller and Charles Falwell of Odell were arrested on a charge of stealing twenty bushels of oats.

Charley Sprague, a schoolboy of Kimball, was accidentally shot in the hip while hunting, receiving a very hurt.

Virginia Browning, one of the Gretna Figgins, has secured a divorce from her husband, along with \$1,700 alimony.

The members of the new city council at Beatrice are talking strongly of raising the license fee for saloons from \$1.50 to \$1.500.

W. R. Farris attempted to commit suicide at Grand Island by cutting his throat. A physician was called and sewed up the wound.

There were about 900 Indians in Rushville last week from the Pine Ridge reservation, most of whom came to hire out to Buffalo Bill's show.

The coroner held an inquest over the remains of Nick De Temple, who was killed by Train No. 14 at Franklin, and returned a verdict of accidental killing.

Carl Schumacker, a traveling salesman for a Kansas City liquor house, was fined \$100 and costs at Tecumseh for selling liquor contrary to the city ordinances.

The Franklin Telephone company has received two carloads of poles and will put in an exchange of about 100 instruments.

As a result of a runaway at Schuyler Jonathan McPherson, the driver, had his jawbone broken and was badly bruised. A hoof was torn off from one of the horses.

Kilpatrick Bros. of Beatrice have a large force of men and teams at work on their irrigation ditch at Champion, Chase county, which is now full of running water.

M. L. Thompson's store at Battle Creek was broken into and the safe blown. There was no money in the safe, but the burglars secured \$1 from a counter drawer.

Charles Castle and Guy Given of Long Pine quarreled while returning from school and Castle stabbed given in the spinal column. Given is in a precarious condition.

Major James McLaughlin, Indian inspector, is in Pender to investigate the advisability of paying the Omaha Indians the money in question in the house of legislature.

A district convention of the Knights and Ladies of Security will be held in Beatrice April 30. Delegates from fifteen counties in the southern part of the state will attend the meeting.

An attempt was made to rob the bank at Millard, Fillmore county. The robbers drilled a hole in the safe, but were frightened away before entrance to the vault was effected.

Mrs. Deborah Lawrence, aged 89, fell into a cistern sixteen feet deep at Elk Creek. There was about four feet of water in the cistern, which broke the force of the fall and she was not badly injured.

The Christian church of Harvard has just completed a fine building at a cost of about \$7,000 donated to it in the will of former member, Phelix Grant, who died at Harvard some ten or twelve years ago.

The Geneva Methodist church, built about thirty-two years ago, is old as the town itself, is being torn down, preparatory to building a large and commodious brick church, for which \$10,000 has been subscribed.

A 5-year-old daughter of C. F. Moutrose of Battle Creek was severely burned while playing around a bonfire. She was rescued by George Miller, who was himself badly burned in saving the child.

The effort to secure the commutation of William Ithen's sentence of imprisonment for life has stirred up the people of Snyder and vicinity. The entire German element of that part of the county are bitterly opposed to the governor taking any action.

Thomas Bay, aged 15 years, was picked up at Beatrice by the police in company with a tramp, whom he says has made him beg from town to town for the last month. The boy's right hand was bandaged and had been made very sore by the use of concentrated lye placed on it by the man.

The biggest pump in the world is used in an American zinc mine at Hildensville. It pumps 20,000 gallons a minute, or 30,000,000 a day, and uses over a ton of coal an hour.

To "knock the spots off anything" is an allusion to the traditional skill of western cowboys and famous rifle shots, who would shoot the spots out of a card held between the fingers of a friend.

The rifle was introduced into the British service about the beginning of the last century. They were of such primitive make that mallets were served out with each rifle to ram the bullets home.

General and Mrs. Stewart L. Woodford and Miss Susan Curtis Woodford will spend the greater part of the year in Japan. They will be absent until September.

It is probable that the temperature of the moon's surface at its midday is 70 degrees Fahrenheit. The drop at night is probably 1,000 degrees, to 25 below.

In some of the farming districts of Chile pigs are harnesses to small wagons and made to draw them.

Mr. Corthel, an American engineer, will represent Argentina at a congress on matters affecting navigation which will be held in Düsseldorf, Germany, shortly, and will then come to this country and lecture in the leading cities on Argentina.

The congressional directory is to be illustrated with full-page groups of the members and members of the house by a Washington photographer.

The largest coral reef in the world is the Great Barrier Reef, which is 1,400 miles long.

FORTUNE FOR CLERK.

ST. PAUL MAN IN LINE FOR WEALTH.

Charles Kronk, Attache of Railroad Office, Lucky Person Who May Be Raised to Affluence.

A St. Paul, Minn., dispatch says: W. Kronk, a clerk in the freight department of the Chicago Great Western road, is heir to a fortune of \$800,000 through the death of an uncle who conducted a big distillery in Holland.

The information came to him through an aged aunt who lives in Chipewa Falls. Mr. Kronk expects to go to Holland within a few weeks to look after his interests.

Mr. Kronk's uncle whose death has just been announced was Timothy Kronk. He has conducted a liquor distilling establishment for many years and amassed a fortune that was constantly added to through his business interests.

It is said that the St. Paul man's title to the estate can be established without difficulty, as the records of the family have been preserved with much care.

They Expect to Clip Their Largest Wool Crop Out in Wyoming.

(Rawlins, Wyo., dispatch.) The coming spring promises big returns for Carbon county, the banner sheep and wool section of the state. Many thousand sheep will be shorn and the wool crop promises to be much larger than ever before.

Shearing will commence about April 12 and will continue about five or six weeks. Owing to the open winter and the fact that more sand has been blowing on the range than last year, it is believed the fleeces will be a little heavier this year than last.

From certain interests in Denver comes the complaint that the leading citizens of the city are too exacting with respect to the social qualifications of those whom they are willing to admit to friendship and hospitality.

The burden of this exclusiveness is felt most heavily, of course, by

real-estate men and merchants, but others who are interested in the prosperity and development of the town think they also have some cause for remonstrance.

More than a reasonable proportion of such successful men, however, have withdrawn from residence in Denver and have transferred their investments, or at least a good part of them, to other fields of development.

Filial Affection. Peck Casey—Fifty dollars Callahan has spirit trying to get his mother-in-law out of purgatory. Daily—Fifty dollars? Casey—Th' same! He sez he wants to get her out before he goes in, if it kin be done!

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GOOD LION STORIES. Marvel from an Observant Hottentot Guide.

Allen Sangree in Alassee's: "Another man fell in a dead faint at the sight of a lion, and lay flat on the earth. The beast peered at him astonished, bristled and growled, but either from a kind heart or suspecting a trap, trotted away with some show of dignity.

"One morning," relates the Hottentot guide, "I saw a troop of zebras going along a straight path that led to the margin of a precipice. They had all passed with the exception of a fine stallion that formed the rear guard, when suddenly from ten feet above a lion sprang down. He missed by a few inches, and as the path wound around the rock he calculated to scale the height with a single bound and get the zebra on the other side. But he did not spring hard enough and the zebra escaped out on the veldt, beating the air with his tail. Just then two of the lion's friends came along, and they chatted together for some time. The old lion took them to the rock then and explained how it was a good place to catch zebras if you jump well. They all practiced for awhile and finally went away talking, but in such a low tone that I could not hear what they said.

"I hand this along for what it is worth, but in the light of the animal's usual display of sagacity, can scarcely credit it. All Mr. Hutchinson's lions were either stupid or cowardly. "When out with Paulin, for example," he told me, "we came across three big fellows feeding on an antelope about a quarter of a mile ahead. Now, had they made a simultaneous rush the chances are Paulin and I would have both been wiped out, because you have to hit a lion in the brain to kill him instantly. A bullet or so in the shoulder may disable him, but he comes at you just the same with incredible speed and leaping so as to make the shot more difficult. But when we got within 50 yards two of these fellows cleared, and he other sat down just like a cat, watching us. I shot and knocked him down. When he got to his feet I knocked him over again, and that finished him, though he did not die for 15 through his lungs and lodged in his backbone."

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A BOYLESS TOWN.

A cross old woman of long ago Declared that she had heard you: The town would be so desolate you know If only there were no boys.

She scolded and fretted about it, Her eyes grew heavy as lead, And then at a sudden the town grew still For all the boys had fled.

And all through the long and dusty street There wasn't a boy in view; The baseball bat where they used to meet Was a sight to make one blue.

The grass was growing on every base, And the path that the runners made; For there wasn't a soul in all the place Who knew how the game was played.

The cherries rotted and went to waste— There was no one to climb the trees; And nobody had a single taste. There weren't a messenger boy—no one— To speed a single passenger's care. If people wanted their errands done They sent for a messenger man.

There was little, I seen, of frank and noble; There was less of cheer and mirth; The sad old town, since it lacked its boys, Was the dreariest place on earth. The poor old women began to weep, Then awoke with a sudden scream: "Dear me!" she cried, "I have been asleep And O, what a horrid dream!" —St. Nicholas Magazine.

SERVANT GIRLS IN SWEDEN

Down in these country towns, and in fact, everywhere in Sweden, except in Stockholm and one of two other of the larger cities, domestic servants are engaged under contracts for at least six months and generally for a year. On the 24th of April and the 24th of October contracts are always made and service always terminates on one of those days.

Girls who come in from the country to seek employment as servants gather in the market place on the morning of these days, where an official from the police department is present to look after them. They usually bring recommendations from the village pastor as to their character and previous conduct and from their former employers if they have been in service before. Some may be fortunate enough to have a testimonial from the burgomaster or a merchant or some other dignitary who is known by reputation.

Their names, ages, places of birth and former residences are all taken down by the police officials, who also make briefs of the recommendations they carry. During the morning housekeepers who are in want of servants come to the market place. The official in charge tells them the name and the record of each girl, and there are usually personal interviews. When a housekeeper finds a satisfactory candidate she crosses her hand with silver—that is, gives her from 2 to 5 kroner as earnest money and tells her to report at her residence on the date she names. In the meantime the police official has taken down the terms of the agreement, the names of the employers and the employed, the amount of wages and the length of service agreed upon.

Girls who are already in service and desire to make a change file a notice with this official, who already has their recommendations and what you may call their domestic history on his books. He thus acquires the same age, character and reputation of the servant in town, so that when any lady inquires for a cook or a housemaid he can give her reliable information concerning every applicant.

A girl must give her employer a week's notice of change, and vice versa, so that both the employer and the employed may have plenty of time to prepare for the contract day—the 15th of April or the 24th of October. In the cities employment agencies are conducted by the municipality, and when a housekeeper wants a servant she goes to one of them and finds applications from every girl who wants a place and the recommendations she carries. When she picks her house for a personal interview and bears a card which must be returned to headquarters within 24 hours after it is issued. If the interview is not satisfactory the girl brings back the card and waits for another chance. If it is satisfactory the lady of the house fills out the blanks with the date and term of employment, the wages agreed upon and other facts affecting the contract.

If the girl is not satisfied at the end of a certain time she must go to police headquarters or to the municipal official in charge of a not less than state her grievances. He makes an investigation and acts as a sort of judge in the case. If the family is not pleased