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### Will Quit Carrying Mail

Washington, August 7. Complaints from many railroad companies against alleged inadequate compensation for increased weight of mail matter under the parcel post system has culminated in a notice to the postoffice department from the Toledo, St. Louis & Western company that it would refuse to carry mail after 60 days. The department has informed the company discontinuance will not be permitted on account of contract.

### Billy Sunday Sure Coming to Omaha

Rev. W. A. (Billy) Sunday, the evangelist, is coming to Omaha after all. His promise has been definitely secured by the inter-church committee appointed to secure him. The date of his coming is not precisely fixed, nor can it be until later, owing to the heavy demands upon Mr. Sunday's time, but it will be some time between September 1, 1914 and June 1, 1915. That much is said to be decided on.

### New Nebraska Laws

#### Dope or Liquor at Penitentiary, Asylum or Jails

The following new law has been in effect since the first of April. Section 7. If any person shall give or sell to or place in the possession of any convict, prisoner or inmate of any penitentiary, reformatory, jail or asylum in this state or shall give or sell to, or place in the possession, or attempt to give or sell, or place in the possession of any officer, employe or other person in or about such penitentiary, jail, reformatory or asylum, for the purpose of being given or sold to, or placed in the possession of such convict, prisoner or inmate, by such officer, employe or other person whomsoever, any cocaine, morphine, opium or any compound or derivative thereof, or intoxicating liquors, except upon the direct prescription of a regularly licensed and reputable physician, and with the consent of the authorities of such penitentiary, jail, reformatory or asylum, or any firearms, explosives or weapons of any kind, or if any person shall aid or assist in procuring the same to be done as aforesaid, every such person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not less than one year nor more than five years.

#### Attorney General Drafts Title

The title under which the employer's liability act, senate file No. 1, will go on the ballot next year under the referendum law has been formulated by Attorney General Martin and sent to Secretary of State Wait, who in due time will certify it to the county clerks who will have the ballots printed. The attorney general, in preparing the title, has come within the law which limits the title to go on the ballot to 100 words. The attorney general's title contains exactly 100 words. It is as follows:

"The purpose of this act is to prescribe the liability of employers, to establish an elective schedule of compensation for injuries received by employes in the course of their employment, to modify common law and statutory defenses and remedies in such cases, to regulate the procedure for determining such liability and to provide the methods for paying compensation thereunder. When employer and employe elect to embrace its provisions, this act applies to every employer employing five or more persons, including the state and its government agencies, except employers of household servants, farm laborers and railroad companies subject to congressional regulation."

### One Country Editor Sues Another

#### Tamora Lyre and Utica Sun Involved in a Law Suit

Dana Mutz, editor of the Utica, Nebraska, Sun, has sued F. P. Shields and A. K. Shields, editors of the Tamora Lyre, published at Tamora, for \$10,000 for publishing alleged libelous articles in their paper about the former editor. The plaintiff in his complaint cites two separate charges and demands \$5,000 on each charge.

The Tamora Lyre is a novelty among Nebraska country newspapers and is well known by country editors. It is printed each week on scarlet paper and the editors are not averse to the use of black type when the occasion demands. There has been some evidence of bad blood between the Lyre and the Utica Sun for several weeks, and neither paper has been sparing of denunciatory adjectives.

The last issue of the Lyre carried a quotation from the Sun, playing it up in black type at the top of the front page. The quotation said several uncomplimentary things regarding the town of Tamora and closed with reference to "Yellow Jacket-Chicago American style of journalists." The last statement called forth a statement from the Lyre, and it is understood this statement is the basis of action.

### Why Corn Prices Are Going Up

#### Reports of Need of Rain Cause Raise—Eastern Nebraska All Right So Far

While the Nebraska corn crop this year may not be so great as in the past, it is going to bring a bunch of money to the pockets of the farmers who have some of the cereal for sale. On account of the reports of continued dry and hot weather throughout the entire corn belt, corn on the Omaha market has advanced eight cents per bushel during the last ten days and is continuing to soar, grain dealers predicting all kinds of prices for the December and May options. Some of the dealers are even talking \$1.00 per bushel in the event the dry weather should continue.

The advance in the prices on the Omaha market was brought about by reports from Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska of excessive heat and no prospect of rain.

Burlington railroad officials, in order to get an accurate line upon the Nebraska corn crop conditions wired to their agents all over the state to send in reports estimating the damage in the respective counties along the lines. Reports received from thirty-six counties in the state, covering a large part of the South Platte country, the central and the northern sections.

In Holt, Antelope, Pierce, Cedar, Dixon, Dakota, Douglas, Dodge, Thurston, Burt, Hall, Saunders, Colfax, Platte, Sarpy and Cass counties, in the east half report that up to this time the corn crop shows no signs of damage.

The counties reporting damage are: Otoe, 25 per cent. Nemaha, 28 per cent, with much greater damage if rain does not come soon. Johnson, 25 per cent and rapidly growing worse. Lancaster, 25 per cent. Saline and Filmore each report 50 per cent loss. Clay, 65 per cent. Adams 40 per cent. Buffalo, 50 to 60 per cent. Seward, 20 per cent. Butler, 10 per cent. York, 40 per cent. Polk, 10 per cent. Hamilton, 10 per cent. The counties of Howard, Merrick, Greely, Sherman, Valley, Garfield and Custer sent in most flattering reports to the effect that at this time the corn is in splendid condition, being above the average.

### "Tired Mothers."

A little elbow leans upon your knee,  
Your tired knee that has so much to bear,  
A child's dear eyes are looking lovingly  
From underneath a thatch of tangled hair.  
Perhaps you do not heed the velvet touch  
Of warm, moist fingers, holding yours so tight;  
You do not prize this blessing overmuch,  
You are almost too tired to pray, tonight.  
But it is blessedness! A year ago  
I did not see it as I do today—  
We are so dull and thankless, and so slow  
To catch the sunshine till it slips away;  
And now it seems surpassing strange to me  
That while I wore the badge of motherhood  
I did not kiss more oft and tenderly  
The little child that brought me only good.  
And if some night, when you sit down to rest,  
You miss this elbow from your tired knee,  
This restless, tired head from off your breast,  
This lisping tongue, that chatters constantly;  
If from your own the dimpled hand had slipped?  
And ne'er would nestle in your palm again;  
If the white feet into the grave had tripped,  
I could not blame you for your heartache then.  
I wonder so that mothers ever fret  
At little children clinging to their gown,  
Or that the footprints, when the days are wet,  
Are ever black enough to make them frown.  
If I could find a little muddy boot,  
Or cap or jacket on my chamber floor—  
If I could kiss a rosy, restless foot,  
And hear it patter in my home once more,  
If I could mend a broken cart today,  
Tomorrow make a kite to reach the sky—  
There is no woman in God's world could say  
She was more blissfully content than I.  
But, ah, the dainty pillow next my own  
Is never rumpled by a shining head;  
My singing birdling from its nest has flown—  
The little boy I used to kiss is dead.  
—May Riley Smith.

### The Sheriff Nabs Horse Thief

About ten days since a young man by the name of Pat Stewart, claiming to be the son of a ranchman in Montana put in an appearance at the Tom Christensen farm on the north side of Cliff Table and asked for a job. He got the job and after working only five days made up his mind to move on and to take with him a bunch of family jewelry.

The young man managed to get off with a lady's watch, a bracelet, a lady's ring, a pendant chain two gold fobs and a man's seal ring. Soon after his disappearance the jewelry was missed and word was at once sent to Sheriff Wilson in this city. Joe got busy on the phone and notified the marshals of the nearby towns and then started out on the trail of the jewelry thief. The same evening the young man returned to the Christensen farm and took one of the horses. The following day he was arrested in Arnold and a few minutes after he was taken in by the marshal the sheriff appeared on the scene and brought the young man to this city and lodged him in jail.

On his arrival here the sheriff searched Stewart and found all of the missing jewelry except the watch. When questioned Stewart claimed that he the lost latter near the Christensen house. The place was carefully searched and no watch found. After Stewart had been given his preliminary and had been bound over to the district court, in default of bail, Mr. Wilson made up his mind he would "go through" the gentleman once more for luck and see if the watch could not be found and sure enough Mr. Horse Thief had the watch carefully tucked into the lining of his shoe so that it came just under the hollow of his foot.  
Stewart was taken to Grand Island Sunday and lodged in the Hall county jail to await trial at the next term of county court which will convene in this city on September 2nd.—Custer County Republican.

### Splendid Game Nearly Tied Score

The ball game Sunday between Ansley and Scotia at Jenner's Park drew a fair crowd and considerable money is reported to have changed hands, but a disputed decision during the first of the game started the ball to rolling and shouts of "take him out" were heard at frequent intervals. The bad feeling continued during the game until the 10th when one more decision resulted in a refusal of Scotia to play further, and the game was called and given to Ansley, who had scored in the first half, breaking a tie. This almost started a riot, but the row was settled with no serious damage done. The game was well played, two home runs being made by P. H. Caruthers of Ansley, two by Ammerman of Scotia, and one given to Sautter of Scotia on a lost ball. Other good plays were a backward left hand catch by Earhood of Ansley, a forward running catch by Dobish of Ansley and a neat catch by first baseman. Several clean hits were made by both sides and pitcher Cook of Scotia was relieved by Sautter at the end of the third inning.

Following is the score as it was when game was called:

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>ANSLEY</b>										
Bryan ss	0	1	0	0	0					
Earhood cf	0	0	0	0	0					
Munn p	0	1	0	0	0					
P. Caruthers 2b	0	1								1
Heffenberger c	0	0	0	0						0
Hayslip lf	0	0	0	0						0
ECaruthers 1b	0	0	0	0						0
Dobish rf	0	0	0	0						0
Bernham 3b	1	0	0							0
Total	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Innings</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>SCOTIA</b>										
Murphy cf	0	0	0	0						0
Silk ss	0	1	0	0						0
Ammerman c	1	0	0	1						0
Miller 2b	0	0	0	0						0
Grobowsky 1b	0	0	0	0						0
Davis rf	0	0	0	0						0
Sautter p & lf	0	1	0							0
Budd 3b	0	0	0	0						0
Cook p & lf	0	0	0	0						0
Total	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Game called with 2 men out. Swanson, Hinman and "Woodrow" Wilson were much in evidence and lent their melodious voices in aid of the cause.

Ashley Conger was "Johnny-on-the-Spot and sold several cases of "thirst-dispenser."

The "angel" section of the grand stand were enthusiastic at times and helped "cheer 'em up."

Bad blood was spilled after the game was over.

### Thumb and Finger Suffers Amputation

Friday morning of last week, while Mrs. John Sheehan of Harrison township was driving in a buggy and leading a horse, with the halter wrapped around the thumb and middle finger of her left hand in some manner, the animal jumped or pulled back suddenly, tearing the thumb and finger in such a frightful way that the thumb had to be taken off at the base and the finger amputated at the first joint. Drs. Longacre and J. E. Bowman were called and performed the surgical work and at last accounts the injured woman was getting along nicely.

And So Have Many Others. Jake—Norway has a magnificent suit. Hakes—That's nothing. So have I.—Baltimore American.

### Mail Order Competition

Although realizing that the big mail order houses of the country take hundreds of thousands of dollars of trade each year, many country merchants sit back complacently and let the business go to their out of town competitors without doing anything to offset it. Some of these merchants do not realize that they can compete successfully with mail order concerns, while others simply take it as a matter of course.

How a small town merchant successfully combated the mail order houses was told by the New York manager of one mail order concern.

Hearing a great deal of comment among his customers about the offering of a prominent catalogue house, this merchant got a catalogue of the concern and advertised that he would place orders with that house for his trade without charge. One of his first customers for the rival house was a woman who ordered a shirtwaist priced at \$1.29. On delivery of the waist at his store the merchant called in the customer and then took from his stock a similar waist, better made, that he sold regularly for \$1.25.

While the cost difference was small, the woman recognized the difference in value and afterwards bought at home. This helped that merchant and other dealers in the town.

Mail order houses advertise judiciously and country merchants should do the same and they will not suffer much from outside competition.—Publishers' Auxiliary.



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