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ROCKVILLE WOMAN
SERIOUSLY HURT

Mrs. Bert Finder thrown from vehicle, breaks left arm, head, neck and face frightfully injured.

NOT EXPECTED TO BE FATAL.

On Monday afternoon of this week, as Mr. and Mrs. Bert Finder living some four miles southeast of Rockville were starting in their team from the home to another part of their farm, and just as they got seated in the buggy their team became suddenly frightened and before they could be stopped threw Mrs. Finder from the ve-

hicle, breaking her left arm and frightfully injuring her about the head, neck and face, it being at first thought she was killed. Dr. Dickinson of Rockville was hurriedly summoned and attended the injured woman; finding as above, and while the nature of her injuries are very serious it is not thought they will prove fatal.

G.G. Martin Hits Nepotism
Body Blow

Nepotism in state institutions has received a body blow, if the interpretation of the law by Attorney General Martin is made the basis on which the heads of state institutions shall govern

themselves when it comes to making appointments.

PERSECUTION OR
PROSECUTION?

Justice Court Case from West Side Falls Flat.

Quite an interesting case came before County Judge Smith last Friday from Litchfield. J. T. Campbell, the head of the Law and Order League of that portion of the county, swore out a warrant against George Betts of Litchfield on complaint of intoxication. Several auto loads of witnesses and interested persons were over from Litchfield and the west side to be present at the trial. A jury was sworn in, composed of Wm. Schumann, O. F. Peterson, J. W. Dougal, John Warrick, John Maiefski and Fritz Bichel, who after all the testimony was in, decided in short order for defendant. According to the story of many of those interested in the case and having knowledge of the facts and circumstances, it seems that some one reported to some one, and he told it to others, who informed still others that they heard some one else say that George Betts was intoxicated, but when it came down to some responsibility for the story, it developed that Mr. Betts had been suffering with some internal disagreement in his diaphragm, which some one ascribed to a quantity of bug-juice, which is supposed to cause an unnatural exhilaration to the partaker. Anyway, the evidence did not uphold the contention of the prosecution in the eyes of the jury and court attendants, some of whom queried as to whether the fine paid some time since by the chief complainant for running his auto without lights at night said complaint being made at the instance of the defendant, had any time on the case?

DANGER OF FIRES

The dry weather has proved a source of uneasiness to the railroads, as well as to others, because of the greater fire risk it has brought. General Superintendent L. B. Allen of the Burlington said yesterday that while the Burlington has had a very few serious fires the number of fires has largely increased. Safety orders have minimized the risk so far as possible but it has not been eliminated by any means. Orders to clear grades of inflammable stuff and to keep grass and rubbish away from bridges have been followed, but the wind moves Russian thistles and tumble weeds against the right of way fences and piles them high around bridges, sometimes accomplishing this result in a very few hours. A spark from an engine is then sufficient to start a good sized fire and one that might easily be disastrous, were it not for the watchful care of the employes.

West Side News Items of
General Interest

A number of our people took in the fair at Broken Bow. There was no session of school held here Friday. The teachers and pupils giving the school house and grounds a thorough cleaning up. The big Grand Island "booster" train made a stop here Thursday last week, enroute to Broken Bow. Waterbury & Achenback are digging a basement under their store building for the purpose of putting in a furnace for heating the building. Gus Lorentz, an assistant were over in this part of the county billing the big Sher-

LOSES
THUMB

Ear of Corn Catching in Gear of Binder Causes Accident.

ED. ANGER VICTIM

Last Friday, as Ed Angier, living a few miles west of Loup City, was riding on his binder cutting corn, an ear got caught in the chain over the cog wheel. In reaching over to detach the ear, and the seat being somewhat loose, it tilted and his left thumb was caught between the cog wheel and chain, badly mangleing the member. He came to town, where Dr. Main, assisted by Dr. Kearns, amputated the thumb between the first and second joints. At present he is getting along as well as the nature of the accident will allow.

FINGERS
CRUSHED

Nels Jensen Gets Three Fingers Badly Crushed.

AMPUTATION AVOIDED.

While operating his binder, cutting his timothy, last Saturday morning, and in passing over a piece of rough ground, Mr. Nels Jensen, living just northeast of this city, lost his equilibrium on the binder seat and in endeavoring to save himself from falling made a grab for the whip socket, getting his right hand caught between the cog wheel and chain, cutting off the index finger at the first joint, seriously injuring the middle finger and crushing the bones in the third finger. He came in to Dr. J. E. Bowman, who dressed the injured members and may be able to save amputation of the index finger by sewing it back on Nels is surely playing in hard luck.

WILL
IRRIGATE

Corporation Formed by Farmers of Sherman County.

BIG ENTERPRISE.

On Saturday afternoon, a corporation was organized consisting of William Fletcher, Nicholas Daddow, Edd Isaacson, R. Fletcher, Herman Hartweil, John Hile, Robert Gilmore, and Frank Hinrichson, for the purpose of building an irrigation canal of some four or five miles in length to irrigate the land of these parties and all other land owners under the ditch. The corporation is to be incorporated for \$10,000.00, \$5,000 of which is already subscribed. Articles of Incorporation are being prepared and will be completed during the week. It is expected that the work will be commenced on this ditch in a very short time, and that the same will be completed and in operation this fall. Surveys have already been made and the cost estimated, and the corporation will have ample and sufficient means to complete the enterprise without incurring one dollar of debt. The corporation is to be known as "The Austin Irrigation Ditch Company of Sherman County, Nebraska", and the names of the parties interested are sufficient to guarantee its absolute success.

It needs little comment upon the benefits to be derived from irrigation, for they are too well known. This will mean much to Sherman county, and this enterprise should be aided and encouraged by every resident in Sherman county. It will mean a large increase in the value of all lands accessible to said ditch for irrigation purposes.

We understand that the natural lay of the land and the Loup River make an ideal condition for this irrigation ditch, and this mine of resource and benefit which has so long been neglected and wasted, is now to be utilized. We congratulate the organizers of this corporation upon their enterprise, and their success is fully assured.

LIMB BROKEN
IN RUNAWAY

Tongue Falls When Tug Unfastens, Frightening Team Which Runs Away With Serious Results.

ACCIDENT HAPPENS NEAR COMSTOCK.

Last Thursday afternoon, about 4:30 in the afternoon, as Will Simpson of this city, with Lou Winkleman as driver, was driving with a team some seven miles out from Comstock, a tug became unhitched allowing the tongue of the vehicle to come down. This frightened the team, which immediately ran away. Mr. Simpson, jumped as the team started, breaking his right leg about three inches below the knee. Winkleman remained with the rig and

succeeded in stopping the horses a short distance further without harm to either himself or the team. A physician was summoned from Comstock who attended the injured man and setting the leg. A phone message that evening to Loup City apprised his people of the accident and he came the next (Friday) morning, being met at the train by an auto and taken to his home, where he was attended by Dr. Longacre, and is getting along nicely.

John Surley Discharged
Prosecution Falls.

(Ord Journal)

John Surey was dismissed by the county court Tuesday morning when his case came up for preliminary hearing. He had been held in county jail in default of bail for a week on complaint of his step-daughter, Mary Mihalik, charged with being the father of her two-months-old babe. When the case was called for trial Tuesday morning and many of the witnesses and interested neighbors had come in from a great distance it was embarrassing for the officers of the court to learn that the complaining witness had disappeared and was not to be found. Her testimony was essential to the prosecution of the accused and without it trial was useless. An investigation led the officers to believe that the girl had been spirited away to Chicago and when it was learned that the mother of the child-mother was in sympathy with her husband rather than the daughter and that she had come to town a few days ago and taken the girl away, it was deemed use-

less to push the complaint further and it was dismissed by Judge Gudmundsen on consent of Attorney Staple. The sheriff was ordered to release the prisoner and the latter lost no time in getting away from the crowd of irate neighbors who had come in to attend the trial, hoping the accused would get all that was coming to him. Some of them tell long and bad stories about the treatment he has been giving the little girl and other members of his family for years past. They are forced to admit that the wrong he has done to the little daughter can not be righted by his own punishment, and they think that he may possibly alter his course toward his family through the fright that he has lately had.

INJURED IN FACE

Lever on Scraper Lays Van Wescott's Face up for Repairs.

While Van Wescott was handling a scraper down on Route 2 last week Wednesday, he was struck in the face by the lever, breaking the bones in the face under the left eye and laying his face up for repairs. Dr. Bowman attended the injuries and he is coming along all right.

Mrs. Stull, who has been here some time attending her sister Mrs. Abbie Gilbert, during the latter's illness and subsequent death, returned to her home at Waterloo, Iowa, yesterday morning. Her brother, Judge Moon, went with her as far as Grand Island.

Miss Snyder, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Clemma Conger for some time, returned to her home in Philadelphia, Pa., yesterday morning.

Nebraska in Good Condition,
Far From Failure

According to the estimates of the government and the grain men the Nebraska corn crop is a long ways from being a flat failure.

While the government's report places the condition of the crop on September 1st as being 7 per cent perfect, the estimate of the total corn yield for the state is 104,000,000 bushels, as against 182,000,000 bushels last year. The loss of 78,000,000 bushels in the total is quite serious enough to be noteworthy, but the fact that 104,000,000 bushels remain to be marketed is proof that the crop was far from being a total loss. In point of fact, what is left of the corn crop is much better showing than was experienced in 1902, when a bumper crop of corn was caught by frost and proved "soft" and unmarketable.

With 45,000,000 bushels of wheat harvested, with oats on September 1 ranked as 70, and Nebraska fifth in the United States in point of total production; with the forage crops generally in good condition, the outlook for the farmer in Nebraska is far from being the desperate situation some have imagined.

BADLY CUT WITH
BAND KNIFE

Homer Ogle Slashes Hand While Threshing.

While Homer Ogle was engaged in threshing at Stobbe's a few miles east of this city last Friday, he in some manner got his hand in touch with the band knife, slicing the flesh along the hand below one thumb, causing Dr. Bowman to take four or more stitches in same.

Methodists Try New Plan
Unite Conferences

Starting yesterday (Sept. 17) in the Grace church in Lincoln will be held one of the largest conferences in Methodism. It is the new Nebraska conference formed by the consolidation of the old Nebraska conference, the west Nebraska conference and the north Nebraska conference. On Tuesday, the day preceding the big conference, the three old conferences, which have merged into the new one, will hold their last meetings to clear the slate of all details and old business. The conference will extend to September 22 and it is on that day that the appointments of pastors will be made.

The new conference looms up as a mountain to Methodists as compared to the smaller conferences which have been held previous to this year. Originally four conferences covered the state of Nebraska, while now there are only two. The northwest conference did not consolidate. The new conference extends over 400 miles across Nebraska and is 200 miles wide. It contains approximately 50,000 square miles.

In this new aggregation of forces there will be approximately 430 appointments. There will be in its membership over 325 active pastors, besides "supplies," retired members, supernumeraries and men in detached service. Before the consolidation, the three conferences had eleven district superintendents, but it is now the plan to reduce this number to eight in the new conference. Three big Methodist institutions are located within the new conference, the Nebraska Wesleyan University at University Place, the Methodist hospital at Omaha and Home for the aged Methodists at Blair. In addition, the Woman's Home Missionary Society maintains a home for children at York.

Eighteen delegates will be sent to the general conference from this conference. Only one other conference is entitled to send more delegates and that is the North-east Ohio, which gets twenty. Illinois is entitled to send as many.

Pioneer Settler Here on a
Visit to This City

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Ballie arrived Monday noon from their home at Clackamas, Oregon, a suburb of Portland, and expect to remain till the middle of next month. We received a pleasant call from Alex. soon after arriving, and while waiting for his son Allie to come in from the farm after them. He is highly pleased with his new home, which is within a 25 minute car ride of Portland, proclaims it the finest country on earth and will very likely remain there indefinitely. He says no one here at home can realize just what the regular visits of the Northwestern mean to those at a distance, who have it as their principal means of keeping in touch with Loup City and Sherman County affairs, and compliments us highly on getting so excellent and newsy a paper.

W. C. Stillinger, wife and baby of
Litchfield visited here over Sunday
night at the home of Mrs. Stillinger's
brother, Ernie Bell, leaving Monday
morning for a visit at St. Edwards.
Ernie went over to Litchfield Sunday
after them with his auto.

Four autos containing twenty base ball fans went from here over to Scotia Sunday and witnessed Giltner defeat Scotia to the tune of 10 to 3, followed by a game between Scotia and Ansley, in which the former retrieved their reputation somewhat by defeating the latter by a score 3 to 1. Both were hotly contested games.

Miss Myrtle Keeler of Los Angeles, Calif., arrived here last week to visit her mother and sister and has accepted a position with Mrs. Mathew's Miss Keeler has been in business in Seattle and Los Angeles for the past fifteen years and is thoroughly competent in the art of altering coats, dresses and suits. She is also an up-to-date milliner.

The Special Dairy Train to be run on the Burlington, will be in Litchfield on Thursday, September 25th, between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 11:30 a. m. Every farmer who can should visit this train and hear the lectures.

Check - Raisers Work on
Burlington Road

(Ravenna News)

Burlington station agents have been notified by company officials that it is suspected there is an organized gang engaged in raising the company's pay checks that have been issued for small amounts.

The method seems to be for some one to be in towns along the line when checks are delivered to employes and to cash checks calling for small amounts and then to take the checks to a larger town on some other division, raise the check and then cash them.

Agent have been instructed to notify banks, merchants and chiefs of police to that effect, asking merchants and banks to examine very carefully all checks before

honoring same, and to refuse payment in case any emasures or alterations be discovered.

In case an agent observes strangers cashing checks for small amounts on pay days, he should wire headquarters the facts, and, in addition, in case a special agent is known to be in town, give him the information quickly. Agents should be on the lookout at all times, but on pay days special attention should be given.

Misses Winnie and Orpha Outhouse left yesterday morning for the State University. This will be Miss Winnie's last year, and the first year at the University for Miss Orpha.