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## SURPRISED ON WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rev. C. G. F. Johnson and Wife Surprised On New Year's Day By About Sixty of Their Swedish Friends

### FESTIVITIES END WITH BIG FEED

On New Year's Day the Swedish friends of the Rev. C. G. F. Johnson and wife to the number of some sixty descended upon them in a body, and supposing it was the 25th, or silver, anniversary of the worthy couple, took along more than enough bright dollars to nicely decorate each year of their married life. And notwithstanding they made a mistake of

a year in their calculations, the worthy people only being able to celebrate their 24th anniversary, the assembled friends remained and celebrated just the same, and leaving the silver tokens just as if they had not been mistaken. Of course the guests brought along baskets loaded with good things to eat and all present had a feast not only of eats but of every form of good cheer, and departing wished the reverend many yearly revolutions of their wedding day.

## MAIN BURSTS IN ELECTRIC PLANT

Bad Accident in Ravenna Electric Light Plant Wednesday Morning

### A NARROW ESCAPE.

The interior of the Ravenna Electric Light Co's engine room was badly wrecked Wednesday morning, about half past seven o'clock, by the explosion or the parting of a coupling in a big six-inch steam main which connect the boilers with the big engine, and the city is apt to be in darkness for a week or more until the necessary repairs can be made.

Engineer Westlake had noticed a leak at the point of breakage, and had mounted a ladder and with a wrench was attempting to tighten the joint when the break occurred. Suddenly the big pipe parted and volumes of steam under a boiler pressure of 120 pounds to the square inch roared through the open pipe just above his head, throwing him from the ladder to the floor below. Fortunately he retained consciousness and presence of mind, and groped his way through the blinding smoke to the outside. He was quite painfully burned about the face and hands, but not seriously so, strange as it may seem.

The force of the explosion was such that it tore nearly a third of the steel ceiling of the room, and cover the machinery with scalding steam and hot water, and set away the system of steam pipes leading to the engines, making a scene of wreckage and disorder that appears worse than it really is. No damage was done to the machinery other than dislocating the system of steam pipes, which will probably have to be rebuilt.

This may require a week's time, and possibly more, depending upon the amount of new material required to repair the damage, and the length of time required to get it clear from the east.

After the dismantling of the old pumping plant, of the city water works, the 10-horse power gasoline engine was moved to the new pumping station, and placed in position for use in just such emergencies, and it is ready for use, so that the public water service will be maintained without interruption.

The street lights will be out of commission until the repairs are made and business houses and residences having electric connection will have to temporarily resort to the use of kerosene lamps. The Pastime theatre will be out of business until Dr. Gehrke can have his private electric plant, which he formerly used, returned from Cario, where it has been in use for several months past. He hopes to have it installed and ready for business by Thursday night of this week.

Some of the old and discarded

## STATE SENATOR BODINSON DEAD

Succumbs After Operation in Omaha Hospital.

### OLD SETTLER IN KEARNEY.

C. F. Bodinson, an old-time resident and business man in Kearney, at one time treasurer of Buffalo county, which position he held two terms, and later for two terms state senator from this district in the Nebraska legislature, is dead, and was buried in Kearney, Sunday. He died in an Omaha hospital after an operation for ulcers of the stomach. Mr. Bodinson came to Buffalo county in 1878, nearly thirty-six years ago, and has since been almost continuously identified with the business interest of Kearney. He was a native of Sweden, and was sixty-eight years of age at the time of his death.

## THE COX-WARRICK FAMILY REUNION

The Northwestern regrets that its society reporter was not on his or her job last week and reported the great Warrick-Cox social reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Warrick in this city on Christmas day. It is said that some 38 of the Warrick and Cox families from this and Hamilton counties and other states sat down to one banquet table in the big J. T. Hale mansion occupied by Myrtle and that there never was a more enjoyable reunion held in the city. Cornering Myrtle Tuesday, in the lobby of the First National, he begged off for not putting our society reporter wise to the big time, and after crossing his heart that he would hereafter not be so negligent was allowed to go and sin likewise no more.

## Telegram Announces Death of W. B. Owen

Last Sunday evening a telegram was received here announcing the death of W. B. Owen at North Yakima, Wash., of uremic poisoning. Deceased was husband of our former Loup City girl, Miss Beth Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Zimmerman, and who is left with an infant daughter to mourn the death of loving husband and devoted father. A letter had been received just

prior to the receipt of the telegram, telling of the serious illness of Mr. Owen, that everything was being done possible, but giving little hopes of his ultimate recovery. His death occurred at 9 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 31st, and the funeral was to be held on Monday of this week. No particulars have been received of the illness and death of Mr. Owen, save that given above.

## MARRIED MAN SUES ACTRESS BECAUSE SHE KISSED HIM

Denver, Jan. 1.—Listen, married men! At what price do you value your kisses? If a pretty young woman climbs down from behind the footlights and singles you out in the audience as the man on whom she bestows her kisses, even if by ill fortune your wife should be present, would you bring suit for damages? Of course, if your wife were asking the question, your answer is perfectly obvious. But 'way down in your hearts, now would you?

Yet that is exactly what a Denver man did when Myrtle Howard a vaudeville actress tripped down from the stage and kissed. To be sure it required several months for J. S. Blakeley to make up his mind to bring suit. But after due consideration he has filed suit against the actress asking \$5,000 damages because she kissed him last May.

Blakeley declares that he was seated in the Tabor Grand theatre and conducting himself in a perfectly "orderly fashion" when he was the object of Miss Howard's "osculatory attack." The management of the theatre states that

in Miss Howard's sketch, "New Year's Eve in San Francisco," she comes down from the stage and mingles with the audience, kissing some man who has consented to the salutation. In this case, however, it is said that the actress mistook Blakeley for the chosen man, who was seated near by, and tenderly saluted him.

## TELEPHONE COMPANY CHANGES MANAGERS

With the beginning of the new year, or nearly so, a change is made in the office of general manager of the Sherman County Telephone Company, Glenn A. Steven tendering his resignation, and the company selecting Mr. J. A. Chandler from Ravenna to fill the vacancy, and who will take active charge of the office the 15th of the present month. As to the future intentions of Mr. Steven we are not apprised, but the large circle of friends of himself and Mrs. Steven will follow them with best wishes. Mr. Chandler is a pleasant appearing, prepossessing gentleman and comes highly recommended to the company. For the past four years he has been with the telephone system at Ravenna. Our people will extend a cordial welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, as most desirable additions to our business and social circles.

## WHO FARMS THE FARMERS

A Few of The Time Honored Processes of Extracting the Coin From The Farmer Who Farms The Farm.

### CORTLAND SUN TELLS HOW

It is not only hard to teach an old dog new tricks, but it is just as hard to teach him that his old tricks have long since been found out to be no tricks at all.

The personally conducted "farmers' congress" of the Omaha Bee and Regent Coupland of the university, that has just concluded its labors in Omaha, adopted the usual number of resolutions upon topics of interest to its conductors. Among them was one petitioning educators of other states to "butt into" the university removal question, and another demanded a reorganization of the state board of agriculture.

In the congress an assault was made by a representative of the Omaha Bee's agriculture supplement upon Secretary W. R. Mellor of the state fair board, and upon C. H. Rudge of this city and Peter Youngers of Geneva, members of that board. It was charged that these three constitute a political machine in the management of the board's affairs for perpetuation of their own official tenure, that they give free state fair tickets to a large number of their political supporters and that they run the affairs of the board without regard to the wishes of its other members.

This is no new outcry from the section whence it comes. It has been heard perennially for twenty-five years. Once it effected a removal of the fair, with disastrous results to that institution and to the state board of agriculture. And nothing that could be said could be more unjust and untruthful.

So far as Mr. Rudge is concerned, he has several times sought to retire from the state fair board, but has yielded to the importunities of the other members to continue. He is at the head of one of Lincoln's largest business enterprises and has interests enough of his own to keep him busy. He has had nothing to gain personally from his efforts to aid the state fair. The thought of his participating in the maintenance of a machine to perpetuate his official position is ridiculously unfair.

As to Secretary Mellor, the success of the fairs that have been held under his guidance is the best evidence of his capacity. No matter how unfavorable conditions have been, and in spite of persistent and continuous knocking, he has always been able to pull off a state fair of surprising merit and profit.

Mr. Youngers lives in Geneva. It may be that he has a specially effective machine in operation down there of which the knockers have obtained an inkling, but no one up this way knows anything of its plans and specifications.

However, this personally conducted farmers' congress saw fit to demand an investigation. Undoubtedly the three gentlemen assailed will welcome it. The chief objection that can be raised must relate to the unfair spirit in which it was demanded, and the fact that it is an old complaint that never did have any foundation in fact.

There might be another objection. It is this marshaling in mask as farmers of some of the men who took the most prominent part in this "farmers' congress" men whose business it has long been to farm the farmers who farm the farms.—Lincoln Star.

Colonel Cutright of the Star is absolutely correct in this. However, he might pursue the subject into its devious bypaths and analyze the item of cost.

The humorous part of the whole thing could then be placed before the farmers who farm the farms and they would doubtless squeal

## OFFERS HUSBAND FOR \$1000.00

Wants Money to Open Boarding House Don't Need Husband.

### RATHER HAVE HER CAT.

Boston, Dec. 30.—"I am willing to sell my husband for \$1,000 cash," wrote Mrs. Agnes Bedell, of Quincy, to Miss Mary E. Chandler, in a letter which Miss Chandler made public tonight. William Bedell, the husband, is alleged to have expressed his willingness to be "sold."

The letter, after explaining that Mrs. Bedell had seen Miss Chandler's name in the newspapers, continued:

"I see where you need a husband to take care of your property and be a father to your baby. My husband is a working man, tired of supporting a family on small pay. I want money to open a boarding house. He will be content to sit with you and tend the baby. As for me, I'd rather have my cat."

## LEAVE FOR THEIR NEW HOME IN THE EAST

R. A. Henderson and family leave this week Friday for their home at Oxford, in the southwestern part of Pennsylvania, his son following with his car of goods. Mr. Henderson says he does not propose purchasing there at present, but will probably rent for a season or two, while he looks the country over to see where he likes and can do best. He promises to write the Northwestern his impression of country and matters pertaining to his new home after he gets there. May success attend him and his family.

## J. L. Owen Dies Very Suddenly

On Wednesday, Dec. 31st, 1913, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon at Arcadia, occurred the sudden death of Mr. J. L. Owen, from neuralgia of the heart. The circumstances, as we learn were as follows: It appears that Mr. Owen had been in ill-health for some time, but not thought to be serious. Just previous to his death, he had looked at his watch and noted that it had stopped, and as

## POST OFFICE THIEF CONFESSES GUILT

Walter F. Sammons is Locked Up in County Jail as Result of Confession of Postoffice Clerk Delbert Smith.

### SAYS HE GAVE HIM THE KEYS.

Lincoln, Jan 5.—A. W. Lane, deputy federal district attorney, today filed formal complaints against Walter F. Sammons, former sheriff of Buffalo county, and Delbert Smith, postoffice clerk at Kearney, charging them with breaking into the postoffice on Christmas eve and stealing registered mail to the amount of \$5,000 or more.

Prosecutor Lane left tonight for Grand Island to prosecute the case before a United States commissioner. The accused men were taken to Grand Island this afternoon and turned over to Deputy United States Marshal Logan Sammons, brother of one of the alleged robbers.

Mr. Sammons is a colonel in the Nebraska National guard and claim agent for the Union Pacific railroad, with headquarters at this place. It is the opinion of the detectives that the theft was committed by Sammons with outside help, having first received the key and combination from a clerk.

It is stated that Smith made a confession during the night to the inspectors and that a clean breast of the affair was made by him.

Smith and Sammons have been close friends for over a year. After the supposed confession Sammons was placed under arrest at his home. He disclaims any connection with the affair and, says

the robbery was committed by Smith, and he is trying to blame it on him. The money has not as yet been recovered. Smith says he did not receive any of it, and that the keys were returned early next morning.

## PAGELER-ADAMSON WEDDING CHIMES

On Tuesday morning of this week Mr. J. G. Pageler and Miss Grace Adamson, two of Loup City's most popular young people, left on the early train for Blair, this state, where that afternoon they were united in marriage by the Rev. Lambreck of that city, brother-in-law of the groom. After the ceremony, the happy couple went to Cedar Bluffs, for a short visit with relatives and friends, thence were to go to Omaha and other points for a few days and then return to this city, where they will make their future home. Mr. Pageler is our people's pride as a young and rapidly advancing auctioneer and one of our brightest and most energetic young men while his bride is one of our prettiest and most popular young ladies, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Adamson, and has grown from childhood to womanhood in our midst. The Northwestern, with the host of other friends of the new home-makers, will wish them bon voyage through life.

## M. E. SERVICES ENDS IN WEDDING

Sunday morning service at the M. E. church was unusually interesting because of the many surprises it contained. W. R. Mellor furnished the special music of the morning, by singing "The strength of the Hills." At the close of the pastor's excellent discourse eight young boys, Masters Charles William, John Long, John Leininger, George Henyon, Mark Johansen, Earl Daddow, Russell Grow and Livingston Sharp were baptized and taken into full membership of the church. At the close of this beautiful service the pastor stepped to the east door of the church, and to the soft strains of the Lohengrin Wedding March, a bridal party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dinsdale, followed by Robert Fross and Minnie Otjenbruns entered the church. During the short service "I Love You Truly" was played, and at the close the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March filled the church while the people offered their congratulations to the worthy young couple. The Christmas decorations of the church were still in place, and they together with the white bridal flowers made a pretty setting for the wedding. The bride was beautifully attired in white satin, her wedding veil being held in place by orange blossoms, the groom wore the conventional black.

## EUGENIC LAW MAKES RUSH FOR LICENSES

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 1.—A rush to evade the new eugenics marriage law, effective today, made yesterday the busiest day on record for the Milwaukee county marriage license clerks. At the regular closing time eighty-four licenses had been issued and the office was so crowded with applicants it was decided to issue licenses until midnight.

The new law requires a thorough medical examination of both applicants for a license to wed. It also stipulates that only \$3 shall be charged by physicians for making the examination. Many doctors have declared they will not make the necessary tests for this fee.

Fear that county officials will refuse to issue licenses unless the medical certificate states that comprehensive blood tests have been made caused the record demand for wedding permits in the closing of the year. Reports from other counties in the state agree that an unprecedented number of permits have been granted.

These are the specific men who are engaged in the time honored process of extracting the coin from the farmer who farms the farm.—Cortland Sun.