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" 3:50 p. m. " 4:55 p. m.

FROM OMAHA FOR PLATTSMOUTH.
Leaves 9:10 a. m. Arrives 10:40 a. m.
" 6:00 p. m. " 7:25 p. m.

FOR THE WEST.
Leaves Plattsmouth 9:45 a. m. Arrives Lincoln, 12:45 p. m.; Arrives Kearney, 5:30 p. m. Freight leaves 9:00 a. m. Ar. Lincoln 2:50 p. m.

FROM THE WEST.
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Taking Effect Sunday, March 23, 1879.

SOUTH.	STATIONS.	NORTH.
3:55pm	HASTINGS.	8:35am
6:27	AVR.	8:02
6:48	BLUE HILL.	7:40
7:15	COWLES.	7:09
7:—	RED CLOUD.	6:55
8:29	INAVALE.	6:10
9:43	HOLMAN.	5:03
9:10	FRANKLIN.	5:25
3:25pm	BLOOMINGTON.	5:10am

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WESTWARD.

	Express	Mail.
Leave Chicago	1:30pm	10:30pm
" Mendota	4:20pm	1:45am
" Galesburg	7:30pm	5:05am
" Burlington	10:25pm	8:10am
" Ottumwa	10:50pm	11:25am
" Chariton	1:45am	2:15pm
" Creston	4:25am	5:10pm
" Red Oak	7:10am	8:00pm
Arr. Plattsmouth	9:25am	10:45pm

EASTWARD.

	Express	Mail.
Leave Plattsmouth	5:50pm	8:20am
" Red Oak	8:50pm	9:55am
" Creston	10:25pm	11:30am
" Chariton	12:58am	2:15pm
" Ottumwa	3:30am	5:05pm
" Burlington	6:30am	8:40pm
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"When I was young," the old man sighs,
"Bravely the lark and linnet sung
Their carol under sunny skies,
When I was young!"
The boy's bright dream is all before,
The man's romance lies far behind,
Had we the present and no more,
Fate were unkind.
But, brother, toiling in the night,
Still count yourself not all noblest,
If in the east there gleams a light,
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"Six o'clock!" said Marion Hilyard, looking up suddenly as the tall, old-fashioned clock in the corner rang out its shrill announcement; "six o'clock, and oh! mother, here is Jemmy Lane, punctual to the very moment. Now we shall have good news from Jack, I hope."

She ran out to the gate, flushed and eager to receive the letter from the country carrier; and, returning, seated herself on a low stool at her mother's feet, and broke the envelop.

On the first glance at its contents a shade of disappointment dimmed her bright face.

Instead of reading the note aloud, she glanced hurriedly over the brief lines, and then silently with a quivering lip, placed it in her mother's hand and turned aside to a window.

This is what Mrs. Hilyard read:

"DEAR MADAM: I saw your son a few days since, when, to my surprise, he expressed himself reluctant to apply his money to the redeeming of the mortgage, saying that he required it for speculation which promises to be more profitable to him than the holding of the farm. I have, therefore, been compelled to dispose of the mortgage to a gentleman of my acquaintance, who proposes to take immediate possession, and consider that it is my duty to inform you thereof, in order that you may lose no time in making arrangements for a removal.

"Very respectfully,
"ABNER HARRIS."

Mrs. Hilyard returned the letter to its envelope with a trembling hand and a dazed bewildered look, as though unable to realize the blow which had so suddenly fallen upon them.

Her eyes met Marion's and the girl threw herself upon her knees by her mother's side and burst into a passion of tears.

"Oh, mother, mother! what shall we do? What will become of us?"

"The Lord will provide," said Mrs. Hilyard, raising her overflowing eyes to the motto on the wall, embroidered by Marion's own hand. "Where is your faith, my child, that it should fail you in the very hour of need?"

"Mother, it is not so much the loss of our home, nor the poverty and trial in store which grieves me, but that Jack—your own son, my own brother—should have so changed. Oh, mother, I know that our Father in Heaven will not desert us, but to whom on earth can we turn when Jack becomes worldly and heartless?"

At this moment a little blue-eyed girl burst into the room with:

"Mamma- Marion! here is Miss 'Melia Anderson at the gate in her buggy. She says will you step out a minute, for she wants to tell you about old Mr. Millard being sunstruck; and she daren't leave her horse without somebody to hold him."

Marion was in no condition to listen to Miss 'Melia—the greatest gossip in the neighborhood; so Mrs. Hilyard, drying her eyes, was in civility compelled to see the informal visitor. Marion, her head resting upon the window-sill behind a screen of clinging roses, could have heard every word spoken; but absorbed in her grief she paid no attention until the name of Wat Hinton struck upon her ear.

"It's true for certain; for Maria had it from his own sister, Aggie Hinton. Says Maria, in her wild way, 'If he comes back with all that money'—you know his Uncle Samuel left him most of his property last year—says Maria, 'if he comes back rich, I mean to set my cap for him.' On which Aggie answers, 'Oh, you need not; for he is to be married before long, and to a real nice pretty girl.' Of course Maria wanted to know all about it; but Aggie only laughed in her mysterious way, until Maria says, 'I believe to you are joking!' when Aggie replies, 'If Walter isn't married before winter, I'll make you a present of these new ear-rings which he has sent me.' So you see it's certain sure, and no doubt he will bring his bride to visit his family, and then, tell Marion, we may look out for a grand party. When the Hintons' under-ake to do things, they always do things handsomely."

Marion stayed to hear no more. Gliding out of a side door, she crossed the garden, passing little Myra, who was fondling a snow white calf, her great pet and treasure, and who called out to her to see how fast Snowball was growing."

Poor little sister! It would be as hard upon her as upon her mother and herself to leave the dear old home, and all the scenes and objects endeared to them by the associations of their lives. For in that simple, pleasant, old-fashioned farmhouse, Mrs. Hilyard had been born and married, and here her children had first seen the light.

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Only two weeks ago he had written cheerfully, saying that the matter would be speedily settled to their satisfaction; and now, just as they were expecting to hear that their home was their own again, came this cruel letter.

As Marion had said to her mother, not even the loss of their homes went to her heart with so sharp a pang as did this evidence of the change in her only brother.

That Jack should have grown so worldly and heartless; as to consider his pecuniary advantage before the gratification of his mother's comfort; that he should allow them to be actually turned of the dear old house, and go to reside in the strange city, where they could never feel at home—oh, this was the bitterest pang of all!

So Marion had thought upon first reading that letter; and it was not until hearing Miss 'Melias words to her mother that she awoke to the consciousness that fate could have even a greater sorrow than this in store for her.

One year ago she had parted from her accepted lover, Wat Hinton, in mutual anger on both sides. Wat had become jealous, and had spoken sharply to her, and in a manner which she considered herself justified in resenting.

Wat was too proud to apologize, and Marion too proud as well as too delicate to make advances looking to a reconciliation; and so they drifted apart, both miserable, until Wat had broken the last link by going to the West.

She heard of him from time to time through his family, but no word or message to herself ever came. In all this while she looked forward with a faint, yearning hope to the possibility of his some time returning, and of all being made up between them.

But now this last hope was rudely stricken to the ground. Wat was going to be married. He had forgotten her, and was lost to her forever.

"Oh it is hard, so hard to bear!" thought Marion, as with hands unconsciously tightly clasped she passed slowly under the ample boughs of the old orchard.—"Life is bitter. It has taken all from me. It can have no more to give. Only my dear mother and Myra! For their dear sakes I must be strong, and try to bear it all."

On the verge of the orchard where the high bank sloped abruptly to the meadow, she came to a mass of tangled honeysuckles fashioned into a rustic arbor. Wat had made it for her, and here in fact it was that they had last parted.

Down in the meadow ran a little pathway, leading by a short cut to Wat's home a couple of miles away! How often she had sat here of an evening and watched for him!

She could scarcely look back upon any object now before her eyes which was not connected with some association of Wat.

There was the walnut tree which he and Jack used to climb, and there the clear, laughing brook in which he had taught her to steer the little boat which he had made for her, laden with grain, down to Jack's famous water mill, at the roots of that old willow.

Further up was the real "grist and saw mill" which Jack had always been so desirous of owning, and which everybody said would be a good investment for one who could manage it properly.

And then Marion, seated on the bench in the rustic arbor, turned and looked long and yearningly at the old farm house peeping from the great beeches across the orchard. No other place on earth could be home to her. And her mother! Oh, it would be harder still for her, whose whole life of fifty years had been spent under that roof.

A sudden round mouthed Marion—a sharp whistle as of someone calling to a dog, and she saw through her tear-dimmed eyes the figure of a man hurrying along the pathway in the meadow. She drew back behind the screen of the honeysuckle.

The path led past the arbor, but at the foot of the steep bank she would not be discovered in her retreat. So she thought; but a moment or two after there was a sound of footsteps ascending the bank, a rustle of the honeysuckle branches, and Marion saw standing in the entrance of the arbor the figure of a tall young man who looked almost as much startled as herself.

For a moment they gazed at each other—Marion pale, and the stranger with a flush rising in his handsome face. Then he said, as he held out his hand, "Marion, don't you know me?"

She gave him her hand in silence. It was Wat. And suddenly with the sight of him came the full bitterness of her sorrow, in the consciousness that he was lost to her forever. She was nothing to him now, and that he must be nothing to her.

"I am glad to have so unexpectedly found you here in this dear old spot," he said. "I arrived at home only an hour ago, and could not rest until I had seen you."

She met his eyes, bent upon her with a strange earnestness, and her pale cheek faintly flushed but she could not have spoken a word.

"Marion," he said suddenly, "have you no welcome for me? Is it possible that you cannot forgive me?"

"Forgive you!"

"Yes; for all my absurd jealousy, and pride and folly. I have never had a happy moment since I parted from you, Marion, and I have come back at last to beg your forgiveness, and to beg, too, for the love which I forfeited, but which I cannot live without."

"I do not understand you, Wat. I do not know why you should speak thus to me, when—when you are going to be married."

"Who told you that of me Marion?"

"It came from Agnes, your own sister." He smiled.

"Aggie knows my wishes. It was she who encouraged me to come back. She thought you would forgive me. Will you, Marion, darling?"

She had averted her face to hide her tearful eyes, but he now took both her hands, and as he drew her toward him a great tide of unspeakable joy rushed over her, and she could only murmur faintly: "Oh, Wat!"

When they were both calmer she told him of the heavy grief that had just fallen upon them. They must leave their dear old home, which had just passed into the hands of strangers.

"Of strangers, Marion? Do you call me a stranger?"

"You, Wat?"

He looked surprised in his turn.

"Did you not know that it is I who have purchased the dear old farm?"

"Oh, Walter, it can not, can not be true!"

He took from a pocket-book a paper, which he opened and spread before her. It was the mortgage which her father had given Mr. Abner Harris.

"And the place is really yours now?" she said, looking up radiantly through sudden tears.

"Not mine, but ours, darling?"

She was too happy to speak a word in answer.

"You see, dear," Wat said, "Jack and I talked it over the other day, and we agreed, as he was so anxious to purchase the mill, and had not the means sufficient for both that I should take the farm, and leave him at liberty to invest in the mill property. It is the very best thing for Jack and his mother, as I explained to her, if she had only received his letter. Jack is not fitted for a farmer, and never could have made much of the farm, as he certainly will do with the mill. He came up with me in order to attend to the matter. Forgive me that I neglected to inform you, but I left him behind in the maple-field, talking with Aggie."

Marion started up with a glad cry. Coming down the opposite declivity of the meadow was somebody joyously waving his hand, and in two minutes she was sobbing in her brother's arms—sobbing from a fullness of joy such as she had never in her life before known.

They hastened to the house, all three eager to gladden the heart of the mother.

Jack sprang up the steps and took her in his arms while Wat lifted Myra, who had run to meet them in frantic delight.

As Marion crossed the threshold, the old clock rang out a welcoming chime.—"Seven o'clock!" said the girl softly.

Her heart was full, and she turned away and went quickly up to her own room. As she passed the clock, she looked up at it with an expression almost of awe.

"What a lifetime of misery and happiness in one hour!" she murmured.

INTERVIEWING THE PONCAS

AND GETTING A FEW GLIMPSES OF THE OMAHAS AND WINNEBAGOS.

The HERALD Assistant at the Old Home Camping Ground and Among the Indians.

During a recent short trip to Decatur, Burt Co., we made a call upon Standing Bear and his band of thirty or forty Ponca Indians who after the result of their *habeas corpus* case in Omaha returned north and are encamped on the edge of the town, as near to the Omaha Reservation as possible, in order to obtain the help which has been generously proffered them by the Omaha Indians until they are able to return to their old reservation.

We found them occupying about eight or ten tents, which places of abode were quite an advance upon the old skin tent of many years ago, having many modern improvements which showed that at least in some minor particulars the Indians were advancing a step in civilization, and subsequent investigations led us to believe that these steps were not as few as many believe.

Seeing our carriage stop, a pleasant faced rather dignified looking Indian came forward, and was accosted by one of our party as Standing Bear to which he gravely assented and shook hands with each member of the party. We were somewhat surprised to find that he did not speak English nor even understand us, as many do, who do not attempt the intricacies of our tongue themselves, but our perplexity was relieved by the proffered aid as interpreter of one Silas Wood, an Omaha Indian, who seemed quite as familiar with English, as with his native Indian dialect. Through him Standing Bear informed us that there were about thirty-five with him and another band of about forty was up at the Santee Sioux Agency; also a few at the Yankton Agency, all these having returned since the original tribe of 700 were sent down to their new Agency. Before he left 150 of them had died, and, he had heard, at least a dozen more since he came away. He seemed to think their chances of returning to their old agency were pretty certain, but they now hoped for an appropriation to pay them for the wagons and farming implements which were sacrificed when they left. As we talked, Standing Bear's two squaws, together with three or four others and some papooses drew near and interposed frequently some remark as Standing Bear talked with the interpreter, which showed their interest in the subject. They were rather good looking, one of them having a benevolent countenance, and all looked cleanly. The sides of their tent were raised, it being a warm day, and disclosed cooking utensils, clothes, bedding, &c., which might answer well for a party of tourists out on a camping expedition.

Standing Bear was dressed in white men's clothes and the gentleman with us informed us that when he came into town he generally wore a very nice suit and could pass muster in dignity of manner and intelligence with many a one who with the whiter skin of the "pale face" might claim precedence of him. He owns several horses and a wagon or two, which he manages to keep at work much of the time. He also finds work for most of the working members of his band in an adjacent brick yard and about a new saw mill which is being built; very one bearing testimony to their good behavior and industry.

Having told Standing Bear that we wished to get some facts about them for the paper, he informed us through his interpreter at parting, that he wished we would please put in the paper that they were waiting for the government, and the man in Boston, (Tibbles), to help them get back what they had lost, and he hoped all who could, would say a word for them that they might go back to their old homes and be able to till their ground and make their own living again, and not die as they were doing down there.

[Concluded on the Inside.]

A gentleman was once relating to some friends how he had driven over a pig, but by dexterously guiding his horse the pig had escaped uninjured, when a Son o' Erin standing near, quietly remarked "By that means, sir, you saved his bacon."

There is peace in store for bald-headed men. The patent fly-dispenser consists of a wire frame made to fit the head of any person. Inside the frame is a set of wheels and springs similar to those in a clock; when there are five fans which, when set at work, revolve rapidly, not only causing a cool breeze, but driving away the flies.

Three Groves Items.

Haymaking seems to be the main object just now among the farmers, every mowing machine that can be had, is running and is kept busy. The weather has been so nice and dry, there has been a large quantity put up, so far.

The dry weather for the last month has cut the corn crop very short in this locality, from the present indications, won't be but little more than a half crop; however there will be lots of fodder, and a few nubbins to husk this fall.

A large amount of fall plowing has been done before the drouth set in, and some fall grain sown, but some say that the grain won't come up unless it rains soon. Late potatoes are going to be very scarce, although there is pretty plenty of early ones, the potato crop will not be an entire failure.

Quite a number are threshing their barley and hauling it to Neb. City; considerable more is paid for it there, than at Plattsmouth. If the roads and weather continue good, there will be a good portion of the barley in this vicinity put in to market at that place.

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