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GAVE UP IN DISGUST.

Marquis, the Hypnotist, Couldn't Get Subjects to Work On.

Prof. Clinton E. Marquis, the hypnotist who has been giving exhibitions at the opera house this week, did not give his entertainment as advertised last night. However, he did enough to satisfy all but the most skeptical that he was a master of the hypnotic art. He was badly handicapped, however, by being unable to secure subjects for his demonstrations. Very few people responded to his requests for volunteers, and, as not all people can be hypnotized, he was confined to a few tests.

Probably the most difficult feat which he performed was the automobile drive Wednesday afternoon. A committee of citizens drove around the city in Taber's automobile and at the end of the drive a member of the party hid a pocket knife in a box in Frank Smith's shoe store. Prof. Marquis then got in the auto and started out to find the hidden knife. Frank Cowden was the member of the committee selected to be guide for the blindfolded hypnotist, but he evidently got to thinking about something else than the business in hand, for the professor ran the auto in a zig-zag course until he struck the curb in front of this office.

He next ran into a buggy near the Independent telephone office. After this accident Editor Tait changed places with Mr. Cowden, and from that time on the hypnotist rapidly followed the previous course of the committee and soon located the hidden knife.

Mr. Marquis made an attempt yesterday to hypnotize subjects for the performance to have been given last night, but failed, and consequently canceled the engagement. He left on 14 this morning for Lincoln, and from there will go to McCook, where he will be all next week.

The Court House Question.

The people of Blue Hill have caused the drafting of a petition to the county commissioners asking that a proposition be submitted to the voters at the November election, asking that a 5 mill levy be made to establish a sinking fund for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a new court house for Webster county. The petition is held up for the present, until a ruling upon the matter can be had from the attorney general at Lincoln. The questions which the attorney general is asked to decide are: Can the proposition to make a special levy be voted upon at the general election? If so, will a separate ballot and ballot box be required? The questions were submitted by Captain E. Houchin of this city and as soon as a reply is received the petitions will be put in circulation. The initiative in this matter is taken by the citizens of Blue Hill to demonstrate to the people of Red Cloud that it was not because of animosity to Red Cloud that they opposed the bond issue. They did not like the idea of issuing bonds at all, and it is doubtful if a proposition to vote bonds could ever be carried, even for a much smaller amount than was asked for.

But a sinking fund is looked upon as a different proposition. The people of the northern part of the county stand ready to vote for a 5 mill levy to run three years, which, at the present valuation of property, would create a fund of about \$50,000. This amount, they believe, would be sufficient to build a court house that would answer the requirements of Webster county for many years to come, and the court house would be paid for when finished. We are of the opinion that it is our only alternative, and that we should all turn in and work for the proposition.

Another question asked of the attorney general by Captain Houchin was in regard to the matter of compensation of judges and clerks of election. The captain believes that the judges and clerks are getting more pay than the letter of the law allows,

and if the attorney general sustains his contention you may hear a "roar." In the early days, the Captain says, judges and clerks of election were allowed \$2 for their services when their work was completed before midnight of the day on which the election was held, and \$4 if they got in two days. "Cap" says that nowadays the election officers draw \$4 for one day's services, and he thinks they are getting more than they are entitled to.

(Since writing the above the attorney general has written to Captain Houchin informing him that that office is barred by statute from submitting opinions for parties other than state officers and county attorneys. The matter has been submitted to County Attorney Blackledge, and he will request an opinion from the attorney general. A reply is expected early next week.)

A Winter Chautauqua Course.

Mr. D. S. Fitchie, advance agent for the Nebraska Winter Chautauqua Bureau, and Rev. J. W. Embree, pastor of the M. E. church at Superior, who is president of the organization, were in Red Cloud the first of the week making arrangements to put the course on in this city. A meeting of citizens was held in the rooms of the Business College Monday evening and a local committee organized to look after the work. The members of the local committee are: E. J. Overing, Jr., president; H. B. Clemmons, secretary; A. B. Seliars, treasurer; Rev. A. A. Cressman, Rev. Ward L. Austin, William H. Crabill, C. L. Cotting, E. W. Ross, E. H. Holmes, Dr. E. A. Thomas, Dr. R. F. Raines, Prof. Paul S. Dietrick, E. G. Turnure and John Coon.

It was decided that all receipts over and above expenses were to go to the Citizens' Band, and if this organization becomes interested in the movement it is bound to be a success.

The plan requires the sale of 320 season tickets at \$2.50 each to guarantee the course of twenty regular numbers, or 12½ cents per lecture. Mr. Embree stated, however, that there would undoubtedly be forty numbers in the course, which would bring the cost down to 6¼ cents each. The lecturers will all be men of recognized ability, and any five of the numbers will be worth the price of the entire course. The place of holding the lectures has not yet been decided upon, but Manager Morhart of the opera house has made a very liberal offer, which will probably be accepted. The lectures will follow each other rapidly and are all to be given during the first six weeks in 1908.

Why the Street Sprinkler Doesn't Perform Its Functions.

A great many people are asking why the street sprinkler is not run. Mr. Hines says that he is ready and willing to run the sprinkler just as soon as he can get water at a rate which will allow him to do the work without losing money. He wants to put a man on the job, and keep him there, so the streets will be kept in good condition at all times. If he can get the water at the rate for which it is furnished to the railroad, he will keep the streets going all the time and the streets will be free from dust. It is our opinion that the city could afford to furnish the water free of cost, rather than continue in the present way. Mr. Hines estimates that if he were to pay the regular rate for ordinary consumers of water he would be six to eight dollars loser at the end of each month. Can not the council do something in this matter?

A \$14 Drunk.

Quite a little excitement was stirred up on the street Saturday afternoon when Marshal Kinsel arrested "Bill" Sanderson. "Bill" had on a good jag, but he knew enough to know he was up against the "real thing" and strenuously resisted arrest. At the corner of Webster street and Fifth avenue "Bill" became so violent that the marshal was compelled to give him a crack with his club. "Bill" was arraigned in police court Monday morning and given a fine of \$10 and costs.

Business College Notes

Today and tomorrow some of the normal class will take the county examinations at the court house.

On account of double work last week we neglected the items for the paper. We will try not to do so again.

Close Emigh was graduated from the college commercial course this week. Close will "make good" at whatever he undertakes.

Prof. Dietrick attended the Clay and Nuckolls county Sunday school conventions last week in the place of Prof. Steidley, who is very sick. Miss Lillian Portenier and Everton Foe taught in his place.

The Union Class will meet at the college rooms tonight. We have plenty of room here, and we want all to feel that you have an invitation. The classes are very interesting and instructive, and it will pay you to attend.

Miss Bertha Barlow and Miss Lois Beckwith have secured positions in Omaha as stenographers. They have been taking our shorthand course and write Gregg shorthand and use the Oliver typewriter. Miss Barlow and Miss Beckwith are our first graduates in the shorthand course.

Raymond Palmer, who has been with the college ever since it started, secured a position in the Red Cloud depot last week and is working his way up in the railroad business. He is a young man you can depend upon wherever you put him, and we predict for him great success.

The students have been quite interested in the work of Prof. Marquis the past week. Is his work good, or is hypnotism a fake? is asked by many. There was a day when Prof. Morse sent the first message over a wire, and everyone said that it was a mystery. Was it? Hundreds of schools teach it today. When Prof. Bell first talked over a wire we could not understand his work. Do we understand it today? Do you understand how it is that when Superintendent Burroughs turns a few small levers at the electric plant, every light in the city is giving forth light? Not ten persons in the city can tell why, yet all know that it is a reality. Do we understand how Marconi can send messages thousands of miles through the air? Yet it is done. Can you understand how a good salesman can sell you goods that you do not want? It is done. The miracles of Jesus are as hard to understand today as they were in the time of their performance. Some day we will understand it all. The professor's running into the sidewalk and buggy was not his fault. He was looking through other eyes, and other eyes did not direct him right. We believe that hypnotism is as easily learned as shorthand or German. God gave all the hypnotic power. The salesman uses it, the teacher uses it, the mother uses it, the minister uses it, the orator uses it, and, in fact, we all use it more or less. You can do all the professor has done in Red Cloud if you are willing to study it and learn it as he has done. Don't call the professor a fake. Learn all you can. It will do you good.

A Fastidious Schoolman.

There is a teacher in the Red Cloud schools whose sense of the proprieties is so delicate that she will not permit the boys to appear in the school room without their coats on, and only the other day she compelled one of the boys who had entered the room with his shirt collar unbuttoned and turned in, to go out in the hallway and rearrange it so it would not shock the modesty of the young ladies. This same teacher would doubtless look with admiration upon the girl who comes to school with her arms and the upper half of her body so thinly clad that it would require a considerable stretch of the imagination to believe that they were covered at all. On warm days the poor boys are compelled to either tog themselves out in hideous shirtwaists or sit sweltering in their coats.

CHARGED WITH ADULTERY.

"Doc" Wilson of Riverton Arrested on a Serious Charge.

C. J. Wilson of Riverton was arrested in this city last Sunday on a charge of adultery. The complaint was filed by Frank Barker, who resides in the south part of town. It seems that Wilson came here in April with a woman whom he claimed to be his wife, and rented a room at the home of Mr. Barker. Wilson did not spend all of his time here, but when in town he roomed with the woman at the Barker home. Last Sunday Barker had some sort of a dispute with the alleged wife of Wilson, and accused her of not being his wife, which it is claimed she acknowledged to be the case. Barker then swore to a complaint for the arrest of Wilson and he was taken before Judge Reed. A continuance was taken until Wednesday afternoon, but when the case was called the state's witnesses failed to appear. Barker, the complaining witness, was reported to have been seen leaving town on horseback. The woman in the case, one Mary J. Baker, supposed to be from Norton, Kan., had also disappeared, and it was said she had gone

to Kansas. The state asked for another continuance until some of its witnesses could be found. Judge Reed thereupon continued the case until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, by which time it is hoped to locate the more important witnesses for the prosecution. It is said that Wilson has a family in Smith Center, Kan. He gave bond for his appearance.

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