

WISER THAN NATURALISTS.

Micky O'Brien Tells What Bothers a Zoo Buffalo.

Romeo, one of the big black buffaloes at the New York zoological park, has been suspected of insanity. He has been the most nervous creature about the park. No sooner would he lie down in a sunny corner of his field to snooze than up he would leap, snorting, and with shaking head charge some invisible creature across the pasture.

A naturalist who visited the park watched the great brute through his spectacles for a time and then gave it as his opinion that the process of shedding the hair brought about a sort of mild insanity and that all animals were likely to suffer from it in the spring.

Micky O'Brien was an interested witness of the wild buffalo's pranks the other afternoon. Micky is not a naturalist—but he is natural. He is only 13 years old and vowed that it was as good as the wild west show to see the occasional spurts of Romeo, says the New York World. The great prairie lawn-mower had been quietly composing himself for sleep in a shady corner for some time. Suddenly he leaped up and tore down the line toward the home base as if there were three men on bases and it was two strikes.

Micky watched the buffalo carefully. As soon as the creature got composed again—whisk! he was off down the field.

"I have it!" yelled Micky, enthusiastically. "I know what ails him. There's a summer yellow bird up in them bushes building a nest and he's trying to steal hair off the buffalo's back. Watch him now!"

And sure enough, as soon as the weary buffalo got nicely settled down for another snooze the little summer yellow bird, about as big as a canary, came fluttering down and tried to pull off a piece of the loose fur about the great bovine's shoulders. The sharp claws or the tickle of the little feet on the almost bare skin aroused the buffalo and away he went. The yellow bird flew up to his nest with a little soft hair for nest lining.

Romeo is not crazy. He simply objects to being held up and robbed of his clothes in broad daylight.

The World Still Needs the Workers

The world still needs the workers, though it may sometimes forget that it owes the weary laborers an ever-lasting debt.

Without the busy toilers gold would cease at once to buy.

The things that please the palate or are grateful to the eye;

The world still needs the people who must labor day by day.

But the world keeps on forgetting, in its easy-going way.

The lady in her satins, who is beautiful to see,

Forgets that those who labor lend her all her witchery;

Without the busy toilers all the millions she commands

Would not procure a piece of scented soap to wash her hands;

Without the busy people who must labor all their days

All her money wouldn't even buy new laces for her stays.

The magnate who looks proudly on his million-dollar yacht

Forgets to give the carpenter a single kindly thought;

He ceases to remember as he sips his splendid wine

That without the ones who labor there would be no fruitful vine;

He forgets that all his money wouldn't clean the crumbs away

If there were no luckless people who must labor day by day.

The ones whose names are famous, who are high and great and proud,

Forget that pride would die without the busy, weary crowd;

Without the ones who labor none could hope for greatness here,

Without the busy toilers all we prize would disappear.

Oh, the world still needs the people who must toil through all their days.

But the world is so forgetful in its easy-going ways.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

Simple of Accomplishment.

Prophecy is one of the simplest trades in the world. It is said that there are only thirty-six original situations, or independent and distinct sequences of occurrence, known to fact or fiction. Whether or not this is true it is true that life is vastly more simple than most people suppose. The professional prophets, who thrive in greater numbers nowadays than they ever thrived before, have only to keep the simple, elementary combinations of circumstance in mind, and assign them with a good regard to probability, to gain a great reputation for seership. It is very easy to be a prophet if one is never going to be called to account for all the things that never come true.

Weather Prophets.

Herrings can scent a storm and the direction in which it is coming. They are not able to see the wind like a pig, but like a pig they can smell nasty weather. Hence the herrings always during a storm choose the safest spot in which to swim. They either go out to sea or come in very close to land. On one occasion the residents round a certain bay saw a shoal of herrings so close to the shore that they waded in and caught the fish with their hands. Shortly afterward a most violent storm raged over the sea and coast, but the inner portion of the bay suffered the least.

"Let Us All Pray!"
Give us, Lord,
This blessing greater;
Hard boss sense
For human nature!
—Atlanta Constitution.

An epitaph on a man's tombstone never indicates that he was a bore.

EMILE ZOLA DEAD

FRENCH NOVELIST ASPHYXIATED AT PARIS HOME.

FUMES FROM STOVE KILL

WIFE OVERCOME AND IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

UNABLE TO GIVE ALARM

Theory That Husband Committed Suicide Not Borne Out by Her Testimony—Was a Friend of Dreyfus.

Paris, Sep. 30.—Emile Zola, the novelist, who gained additional prominence in recent years because of his defence of the Jews and of Former Captain Dreyfus, was found dead in his Paris house Monday morning. Asphyxiation resulting from the fumes from a stove in his bedroom is given as the cause of death.

M. Zola and his wife retired at 10 o'clock Sunday night. Mme. Zola was seriously ill when the room was broken into. At about noon she was removed to a private hospital, where she recovered consciousness for a short time and was able briefly to explain to a magistrate what had happened.

M. and Mme. Zola returned to Paris from their country house at Medan yesterday. Owing to a sudden spell of cold weather the heating stove in their bedroom was ordered to be lighted. The stove burned badly and the pipes are said to have been out of order.

To the magistrate Mme. Zola explained that she woke early this morning with a splitting headache. She awakened her husband and asked him to open a window. She saw him rise and attempt to move towards a window, but he staggered and fell to the floor unconscious. Mme. Zola fainted at the same moment and was, therefore, unable to give the alarm.

Mme. Zola does not yet know of her husband's death, and it is feared she may suffer a relapse when informed of it.

The death of M. Zola, which only became generally known late this afternoon, has caused a great sensation in Paris, and this evening there was a constant stream of callers at the residence.

Stage Manager Kills Wife.

New York, Sept. 30.—Harry Rose, stage manager of the Garrick theatre, shot and instantly killed his wife Monday at their apartments in West Thirty-third street. Immediately afterwards he surrendered himself at the nearest police station, where he handed the revolver to the sergeant, saying "I have just shot my wife." Jealousy was the cause of the tragedy, Rose, according to his statement to the police having detected his wife in an intrigue and being maddened by her admission of guilt.

Mrs. Rose was formerly an actress and was known on the stage as Belle Berger.

The man charged by Rose with having alienated the affections of his wife is Samuel Adams, a wealthy real estate dealer and a constant attendant at first night performances, with whom Rose was on terms of friendly intimacy and whom he says he introduced to his wife.

Adams was greatly overcome on learning of Mrs. Rose's tragic death, but denied that there had been any impropriety in his relations with her. Rose was held without bail by the coroner and committed to the tomb. The couple had been married fourteen years.

Mail Carrier a Suicide.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept. 30.—Jerome S. Davidson, mail carrier connected with the Sioux Falls postoffice, committed suicide by shooting himself twice in the head with a revolver. He was the son of county Judge Davidson, Luverne, Minn. The deed was committed in the bath room of the government building. He and wife returned only last evening from a visit with her relatives at Cleveland, Minn. Davidson, owing to ill health, had been granted leave of absence until July 15. He leaves a wife, but no children. Nervous prostration doubtless caused the deed.

Wife-Beater Shot Dead.

Peshigo, Wis., Sept. 30.—Gus Sheffield, a Peshigo farmer, was fatally shot today by his son, Sheffield. It is said, was beating his wife and the boy shot the father to protect his mother.

He then carried his mother to bed and drove to town, giving himself up to the officers. Several farmers have volunteered to go on the boy's bail. The sympathy of the community, it is said, is with him.

Crackmen Blow Safe at Holbrook.

Holbrook, Neb., Sept. 30.—Burglars entered the large store of Miller & Cooper during Sunday night by forcing open the front door. They blew open the safe but only obtained a small amount of money, probably \$30. The principal damage was to the safe and building. An attempt was made about six months ago to rob the store, but the thieves were frightened away after having the safe door all ready to light the fuse.

CLAIMS TO FIND SHORTAGE.

State Senator Zeigler May be Asked to Explain.

Hartington, Neb., Sept. 30.—Last April an investigation of the Cedar county treasurer's records was begun by Accountants Cannon and Valentine. In July a report was submitted to the county board covering the four year term of ex-Treasurer H. B. Sing from 1895 to 1902, finding a shortage of \$6,079, which Mr. Sing promptly settled. Notwithstanding the official report has not been made public yet, it is currently charged and quite well understood that the report when made public this week covering the two terms of ex-treasurer T. F. Zeigler, from 1894 to 1898 will declare a shortage of considerably over \$20,000. Of this amount the report will say no small amount belongs to the state and a very large sum to the county school funds.

Mr. Zeigler's first term was secured by a personal bond and his second by a bond given by the Fidelity and Deposit company of Maryland. It is asserted that practically all of the alleged shortage occurred during his second term. Accountant Gilchrist of Omaha and was here last week in the interest of the securities company and will return this week and make a thorough investigation of the second term of Mr. Zeigler's records in behalf of the bond company. T. Cannon being west on his summer vacation the investigation of Mr. Zeigler's record was made entirely by Valentine, who is given credit for unearthing the matter, inasmuch as Zeigler's accounts were inspected and approved by the state examiner. The bond examiner settlement was made by him without the board of commissioners.

Owing to Mr. Zeigler's prominence in political circles, he having represented the Eighth senatorial district in the last legislature, these disclosures have startled the entire community and surprised his friends. Mr. Zeigler's home at the present time is Iola, Kas. In response to the earnest intreaties of his friends he came to Hartington last Friday evening, returning to Omaha Saturday with Accountant Gilchrist. Persons who are in a position to know best about Mr. Zeigler's financial condition claim that he has sufficient property interest in Kansas and elsewhere to make the alleged shortage good, and he will undoubtedly make an effort to do so.

It is definitely stated that ex-Treasurer Peter Jenal, who held the office for the two year term immediately preceding Mr. Zeigler has requested the county commissioners to investigate the records of his administration.

Young Woman Courts Death.

Tecumseh, Neb., Sept. 30.—Mrs. Young, wife of Ellis Young, a prosperous farmer who resides five miles northeast of Tecumseh, made a futile attempt to commit suicide last Monday night. When her husband returned from his chores in the early evening he found her in bed in an unconscious condition with a partly empty strychnine bottle and a spoon near by. He hastily summoned Dr. T. E. Futral from this city and with proper antidotes the woman's life was saved. She had taken a generous dose of the poison.

Mr. Young is a man fully seventy years old while she not over twenty five. They have been married two years, and he has grandchildren nearly as old as his present wife. Mrs. Young would not give her motive for the attempt at self destruction. It is said that her husband is kind to her and they apparently get along well.

She is quoted as saying that she is not entirely satisfied with her marital relations probably being disappointed with her husband only by the remarkable difference in age. Of late she has been remorseful and sullen and at another time about a month ago she threatened to kill herself. In the dead of night it is said she took her husband's razor and stole out to the barn and when found she was crying and intimated she desired to die.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Young are well known in this vicinity and enjoy good reputations and this rash act on the part of the woman is much regretted by friends.

Guilty of Manslaughter.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 30.—Roy Kaighn, the eighteen-year-old boy who last November shot and fatally wounded William S. Haynes, a Chicago traveling man, while the latter was setting in the rotunda of the Knutsford hotel was today found guilty of voluntary manslaughter. Sentence will be passed October 3. The defense alleged that Haynes had attempted to assault a woman relative of Kaighn's and justification was pleaded.

Tries to Kill a Sheriff.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 1.—Sheriff C. C. Scott came near being the victim of an assassin late last night, and is now in a serious condition, as the result of a powerful blow on the head, dealt with a club in the hands of an unknown enemy, who lay in wait in a dark alley near his home in Osceola.

He was found unconscious an hour later. It is not believed the injury will prove fatal.

TRACE RAT POISON

IMPORTANT CLUE IN OMAHA POISONING CASE.

SUGAR CANNOT BE FOUND

IMPORTANT EVIDENCE LOST AND SUSPICION FALLS ON NO ONE.

EPIDEMIC OF SUICIDES

Navy Loses Another of its Leading Officers—Calls it Act of Charity.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 1.—An unsolved printed slip of directions for using "Ros" rat poison" has been discovered by detectives in one of the rooms of the Cuthbertson residence, 1806 Chicago street, where Edward Cuthbertson, a telegrapher, and the members of his family of four were poisoned at breakfast Sunday morning.

The sugar which is supposed to have contained the bulk of the poison has disappeared.

As a novelist would say, "the plot thickens."

Mr. Cuthbertson, interviewed at his home this morning said:

"Yes, we are all recovering from the attempt at our lives, and while the thing was unfortunate, yet we consider ourselves as very fortunate in escaping. We are all stiff and sore and scarcely able to move, but all are out of bed.

"We gave the suspected coffee and milk to the police for chemical analysis, but when I went to get the sugar for the same purpose it had disappeared. We threw the stuff out at first, but later scraped up what we could for use of the police. I want this thing sifted down to the bottom.

"There is a young man rooming here who is something of a chemist. Yesterday he remarked that he would take this sugar and closely examine it, but nothing more was said about it. The sugar was here after he left the room. And last night it had disappeared. This young man may have taken it to analyze it, and I have not seen it this morning.

"But we will do everything possible to discover the miscreants, and will punish them, if possible." The milk and coffee is in the hands of Dr. Stokes of the Omaha medical college, to whom it was sent for a chemical analysis. The examination is expected to be handed to the police department.

The finding of the wrapper and directions of the rat poison is looked upon as an important item in the search for the poisoner. The motives of the poisoner are as much a mystery as ever.

An Epidemic of Suicides.

New York, Oct. 1.—Lieutenant Commander William V. Bonaugh, of the United States navy, committed suicide today on the battleship Keage at the navy yard by blowing out his brains with a revolver. Friends of Commander Bonaugh believe that he was very much worried over the manifold duties of his position as executive officer, which are considered to be more arduous than those of any other position of rank in the navy. Captain Harrington of the Brooklyn navy yard said:

"There is an epidemic of suicide in the navy, as surely as there was ever an epidemic of fever. Such a thing may occur and can be explained. The man has probably been thinking of the other suicides, which are very sad affairs, and then in an unguarded moment the desire to try it seized him and it was all over in a minute.

Commander Bonaugh was born in Kentucky and entered the naval academy in 1873.

Calls it Act of Charity.

New York, Oct. 1.—Henry Phipps of the Carnegie Steel company, who gave \$100,000 to the relief fund for destitute Boers, arrived on the Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse today. Mr. Phipps was reluctant to talk about his gift, but said:

"I sent Arthur White, the author, to see Mr. Chamberlain before I decided what to do, and the answer came back that the gift would be all right. If the situation had been changed and England had been the suffering country I would have given them the money."

Woman at Edgar Badly Burned.

Edgar, Neb., Oct. 2.—Mrs. W. L. Cutter was seriously burned Tuesday while blacking a stove with some kind of liquid blacking. The fire in the stove had gone nearly out, but the stove was hot enough to ignite the blacking which caught immediately to her clothing and before the flames could be extinguished she was badly burned on the right side of the face, right shoulder and arm and the right side, especially about the waist, where she is deeply burned.

NEIGENFIND WITHOUT HOPE

Cares Little What the Future Has in Store.

Lincoln, Nebr., Oct. 4.—"No, I am not afraid to go back to Pierce county. They can't do more than hang me. I am a cripple for life anyway. I don't care much what they do." These were the words of Gottlieb Neigenfind as he lay on a cot in a cell in the police station Tuesday night. He was suffering from wounds received when he was captured, but he has recovered sufficiently to be taken back to the county where he killed his wife and her father to stand trial. Sheriff Jones of Pierce county called for him Wednesday. He was at the penitentiary and as the sheriff desired to leave on the early morning Eikhorn train he brought the prisoner to the police station to be held over night.

In any event he intends to protect him from any attempt at mob violence. Neigenfind will be arraigned for his preliminary on Monday next and a special term of court will be held on October 29, at which he may be tried.

"I received good care at the penitentiary," he said. "There they washed my wounds every little while and gave me plenty to eat. It is a good place to stay." "The doctor at the penitentiary told me that I never would be able to do heavy work again. I have a bullet in my hip and the wound in my arm is running all the time. I fear blood poisoning will set in. It might save me much pain if they would hang me."

He was questioned about the murders and showed no disposition to avoid that subject. He said that he had been working in Kansas wheat fields and later in Dodge county, his state, before going to Pierce county. He has two brothers in that county. He had a desire to see his boy, a little fellow born eight months after he and his wife parted. She had sued him for a divorce. He went to his father-in-law's farm and asked to see the baby. His wife and sister refused him. Then he told them he would come back when the "old man" was at home. He went there a little later and found Breyer there. He asked to see the boy and the old man took after him with a pitchfork. He forced Neigenfind into a corner and struck at him. Then Neigenfind pulled the gun on Breyer and warned him not to advance. Breyer said "you won't shoot and struck at him again, running one of the points of the fork into Neigenfind's finger. Then Neigenfind fired. The shot made Breyer pause but he made a lunge at Neigenfind and the gun was emptied, with Breyer less than a rod away from his slayer. He walked away slowly but did not fall just then.

"I run around the end of the barn," said Neigenfind, "and was loading my gun when my wife came around with the pitchfork in her hand. She started for me and I told her to keep away. She never halted. I fired at her. She partly dropped but got up and ran after me again. I suppose I could have got away from her but I was excited and I shot at her again. That time the bullet struck her over the left eye and she fell.

"I am sorry I killed my wife. I didn't mean to kill anybody when I went to the farm. I had a little gun that I bought when I was in Dodge county. The old man crowded me with the fork and had to shoot him to save my life. I would have taken a forty-five calibre gun if I had intended to kill anybody.

"No I never shot at my mother-in-law. The sheriff tells me that she was struck by a bullet but I never shot at her. She must have got in range while I was shooting at the others.

"That story about me assaulting Lena, my wife's sister, was wrong. I never met her at all. She was on the other side of the fence as I went down the road and I heard her crying, but I didn't touch her. I read about that in the papers. It's all a lie."

He showed much interest in the questions put to him and answered them unreservedly. There was nothing he would not tell. He seemed to enjoy talking about it. When the conversation was ended he turned over on the cot with his face toward the wall and sighed. It was the action of a man in pain but careless as to what the future held for him. He was sorry the murders had been committed but he said he was justified in protecting himself.

"Yes, it was a bad day for me," he said. "No, I was not crazy. I was excited of course while the shooting was going on, but I was not insane." Speaking of his capture he said they didn't give him much chance else he would have got away. "Before I knew what they wanted with me they began shooting."

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NEBRASKA

Dykens A King of Seward, grade 11, while playing with a shotgun Saturday, shot off both hands.

Ben Griebel a German farmer living near West Union, committed suicide by jumping into a cistern. He leaves a wife and seven children.

John Muir, brother of the coroner shot himself at Milford. It is not known whether it was an accidental death or a case of suicide.

John Hedges of Shelton, stole his ten-year old son, Roland from his divorced wife and drove toward the Kansas line with the child. Officers are following him.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Buck of Fremont were poisoned as the result of eating one liver sausage for dinner. They had a narrow escape but will live.

The preliminary hearing of Ben Spraggins, charged with shooting Thomas Butterfield at Daykin recently, was held to the district court under bonds of \$1,500. Butterfield will recover.

C. F. Cain, of Falls City, has accepted a position as salesman for an Omaha house, and has resigned his position as city treasurer. The council has appointed I. Bode to fill out the unexpired term.

Because of the big crop and general prosperity of the county a new town has sprung up. The new town, Darr is located eight miles west of Lexington and is no boom town, as two big elevators, a depot, lumber houses and substantial dwellings are being erected.

James Armstrong a Union Pacific yard switchman at Columbus fell before a train from which he was cutting off cars and was knocked over, having two ribs broken and his right leg badly skinned, the pantaloons being torn from the leg. No internal injuries have been discovered by the attending physicians.

Olaf Pierson attempted to cross the track at Sidney between the engine and blind baggage of a Union Pacific train No. 4. The train started and caught him under the heels. His left foot was crushed and his right one so badly mangled that it may have to be amputated. It is believed that Pierson was intoxicated.

J. H. Hiel a German farmer who has resided near Calhoun for a number of years, and who was arrested about six weeks ago on a charge of sending letters containing obscene letters and pictures through the mails to Miss Overman, the eighteen year old daughter of John Overman of Blair was given preliminary hearing at Omaha and bound over in the sum of \$500.

The change of pastors of the Methodist church at Schuyler, was a great surprise to the membership, there having been scarcely a thought of anything but that Rev. J. P. Yost, who had been there two years, would be returned. He is strongly in favor in the congregation and among the citizens, and the work in his charge was in prime condition, the membership having increased and the church prospered financially under his incumbency.

It has just been made public that Edward Evans, a young man who was born and raised in Nebraska City, has been elected to the presidency of the newly constructed Cape Breton railway in Canada. Mr. Evans graduated from the High school about ten years ago and went immediately to Troy, N. Y., where he entered the Polytechnic Institute and on graduating settled in New York city, where he has risen rapidly until now he is nearing the rounds of his profession.

Dramatic circumstances surrounding the wedding Friday at Hyann of William D. Clark and Miss Myrtle Shawbreg. The bride groom seriously wounded lay on a cot at the home of Justice Crawford and swooned once during the progress of the ceremony. Scarcely had the Judge concluded the final and pronounced them of wedlock when ex-Judge Shawbreg the brides father, with a crowd of friends stormed at the door for entrance. The angry parent and his companions were denied admission and gave up their efforts to wrest the bride from her husband.

William Stover, son of George Stover, an old settler of Pine Ridge agency, died from the effects of a blow dealt him by Proprietor Green of the Green hotel. Stover was drunk and abusive, and while ejecting him, Green struck him with a single tree. Stover did not seem to be seriously injured at the time, and went home and to bed. Next morning he was found in a serious condition, and medical aid was summoned, but he died before noon.