

STRICTLY PERSONAL

Luther Miller left for his home in Iowa Tuesday.

Mrs. David Thompson spent Saturday and Sunday visiting in the city.

C. H. Holcomb returned last Thursday evening from a weeks vacation trip.

A celebration will be held in Crookham's grove near Georgetown on July 3d.

Miss Alice Huffaker was in the city Sunday on her way home from teaching school in Hooker county near Mullen.

Rev Savidge, of Omaha, is to preach at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning on "Past Religious Experiences."

Misses Edith and Tena Taylor returned last Saturday from Lincoln, where they have been attending the State University.

Will H. Penn and his father, Chas. Penn, exchanged residences this week and moved their household furniture Tuesday.

Dr. D. A. Hill, of Shelby, Iowa, who was visiting his nephew, Dr. F. A. Buckley, last week, took the train for home Saturday morning.

A vesper service will be held in the city park next Sunday evening by Rev. Savidge. All the churches have dismissed their services for this occasion.

Henry Cramer, one of the employees at the Burlington hotel, was very sick last Saturday. His fever ran up to 105 Saturday morning. He got better rapidly and was able to be out the first of the week.

Lloyd Bowman and J. B. Stone made a trip by auto to Callaway and Oconto Tuesday advertising the 4th of July celebration. They intended to go from Oconto to Mason City and return by way of Ansley, but were caught by the rain near Georgetown and could not get to Mason.

Ed House and family, Charles Martin and family and Gus Humphrey and family went down to Humphrey's ranch Saturday morning for a two weeks fishing trip to the lakes near Seneca, Nebr. Judging from the fish they brought home they must have been lucky fishermen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Herman returned Saturday from an auto trip to Clyde, Kansas. Mr. Herman says the crops seem to be all very good in the vicinity of Clyde. Wheat will make thirty to forty bushels to the acre and the farmers are contracting it at \$1.10.

A postal card from Dr. and Mrs. Christensen states that they arrived in Denmark on April 15th. They sailed from Montreal down the St. Lawrence via New Foundland to Liverpool. After crossing England they took the channel boat to Denmark. While off the coast of New Foundland the boat ran into an iceberg in a dense fog and they were laid up for a short time to repair a hole in the boat.

One of the lessons to be taken from the fire in the basement of the Dierks block Monday is found in the evidence of the need of a better organization of the fire department. The men who handled the hose fought bravely and well, but throughout the work there was a confusion and lack of organization which might be fatal in case of a bad fire.

A. V. Johnson, state fire warden, has sent out a notice to the people to be very careful with their fire works in the celebration of the Fourth of July. The statistics compiled by the fire warden shows that numerous fires occurred last year as a direct result of the celebration of the Fourth, and he advises people to be careful.

Charles Wells came over from Arnold last Saturday.

H. G. Clarke, of Anselmo, was a city visitor Saturday.

James Mullen went to Ravenna on land business Monday.

F. C. Ainch, of New Helena, was in the city last Thursday.

Mrs. Sims, of New Helena, was a city visitor Wednesday.

John Turner was in Ansley on business the first of the week.

Rev. John D. Brady, of Merna, was a city visitor last Thursday.

S. M. Torgerson, of Georgetown, was in the city Saturday.

J. F. Bryson was transacting business in the county seat Saturday.

S. H. Reed and wife, of Arnold, were city visitors last Friday.

Trains number 39 and 40 will run daily including Sunday hereafter.

Sheriff Kennedy went to Rushville Friday and returned Saturday.

George Marsh, of Georgetown, was in the city on business Saturday.

Albert Scholz and Emil Rickle took the train east Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Drake and son, Charles, left for Dubuque, Iowa, the first of the week.

Ed Rourke, of the West Table, left for Missouri Valley Wednesday morning for a short visit.

Deputy Sheriff Craig made a trip to Oconto Friday on business of the sheriff's office.

Editor Charles K. Bassett, of Hyannis, was visiting his old friends in the city the first of the week.

Section Foreman C. B. Cox returned Tuesday morning from Deadwood, where he has been visiting.

Mrs. P. A. Walton came home Sunday from Alliance, where she has been visiting her daughter.

The Burlington railroad company is replacing the old wooden shingles on the depot with tin shingles this week.

Mr. Walter W. Allen, of Gordon, and Miss Lola Ellis, of this city, were married by Judge Shinn in this city Monday.

Carl R. Herncall has taken Charles Triplett's place as operator in the city railroad office. Triplett was transferred to Hyannis.

Dr. F. W. Buckley made a professional trip to New Hope to visit W. H. Cline Tuesday. Mr. Cline has been very sick for about three months.

Frank Erschen, of Lee Park, was killed by lightning on Tuesday, June 22d. He was mowing alfalfa and was killed while at work. His horse was also killed.

"Stub" Lockhart cut the little finger of his right hand while stropping a razor the first of the week. Dr. Buckley took two stitches in dressing the wound and it is healing nicely.

Mrs. G. M. Russell, of Theoford, was in the city Monday with her nine-year-old daughter, Esther. The little girl had three teeth extracted and a bad abscess on her jaw lanced.

Carl Newman, the fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newman, of Mason City, was drowned in a water tank last week. The boy was playing with the other children a few minutes before he was found dead in the tank by his mother.

The Nebraska Experiment station has just issued Bulletin No. 110, which is a report of the Nebraska seed laboratory. The bulletin may be had free of cost by residents of Nebraska on application to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Lincoln, Nebr. This bulletin contains a large amount of information concerning agricultural seeds, together with descriptions and illustrations of the more common weed seeds.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paulson were passengers for Lincoln Monday morning.

The three-year-old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Will Owen, who live one mile south of the city fell from a horse back Friday afternoon and broke his right arm at the elbow. The fracture and dislocation at the elbow is a very dangerous one on account of the possibility of the joint being stiff.

A state conference and mass meeting is called by the Nebraska Temperance Union to meet in York, July 8 and 9, in the First Methodist church for day services, and the Chautauqua auditorium in the evening. Prof. J. L. McBrien of the State University, and Editor Metcalf of the Commoner, will be the evening speakers. Every temperance and church organization is requested to send at least one delegate. Our foes, our forces, and our policy will be the topics under discussion in the afternoon, which will be lead by representatives of various branches of the temperance army.

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S. J. LONERGAN

A Fourth of July Obstacle Race AND HOW INDEPENDENCE WAS DECLARED

"I N MY young days," said Grandaunt Mary, "girls didn't want to go in with the boys to play games."
Grandaunt Mary shook her head and rocked peacefully, looking over her spectacles at Grandniece Mary, who was doubled up in a discontented heap in a corner of the rose-scented veranda.
"It isn't the games," wailed Mary, disconsolately, "it's a race—a Fourth of July race that I want to go in."
"Dear, dear child, you'll get yourself all heated up if you flounce about like that, and so you would in a race. We'll go and see the boys, and you can wear your pretty new white dress," commented Grandniece Mary, calmly, with no idea of further rebellion which she was arousing in her greatniece's breast.
"I don't want to be dressed up," Mary was beginning in a still greater outburst of revolt, when she was interrupted by a new arrival—a thin girl with bright blue eyes and bright red hair, who dashed around the corner of the veranda as if it weren't a very hot third of July indeed, and the hottest part of the afternoon.
"Oh, Mary!" cried the red-haired girl.
"Oh, Bunny!" cried Mary, "have you heard about it? These hateful boys aren't going to let us be in the races. They say they don't want girls on the program at all. And with our records, too!"
"Who told you?" demanded Bunny.
"Tom," said Mary. That settled it. The news was evidently authentic, for Tom was Mary's brother, and both girls knew his word was not to be doubted. Besides, he was chairman of the committee on Fourth of July sports, which the boys of Douglaston were going to hold at the village school grounds. An admission of 25 cents for grown-ups and ten cents for children was to be charged, and with the proceeds new suits were to be bought for the junior ball team. Of course, in some places the girls wouldn't have thought of having a part in so important an event, but the girls of Douglaston and their summer visitors were very fond of all sorts of sports, and Bunny and Mary were members of a small group of girls who had come from big schools where athletics and gymnastic work were a most important part of the course. Consequently they felt deeply aggrieved at being debarred from participating in the Fourth sports.
"And it would be much more interesting if they had at least one girls' race," wailed Mary, bursting forth again with her complaint. "Everybody is always more interested in girls' events than in boys. I'm sure more people would go."
Bunny suddenly sprang into the air and began clapping her hands in the wildest fashion. "Mary, you're a dear, a dear," she cried. "I've thought of something and we'll do it, too. Bring your gym bloomers and come over to my house right after tea and tell Susie and Evelyn. I'll tell the rest of the girls."

"There, now," said Aunt Mary, "what is that child going to do?"
"I don't know, but Bunny does Bunny's found a way," carolled Mary joyously, and she ran gaily off to look up her gymnasium suit.

On Fourth of July morning the boys of Douglaston had a surprise. Tom Mason, Mary's brother, saw it first. It was a banner—a large white banner, which was swung across the main street from the post office to the principal grocer's opposite. Tom approached it curiously. On it he read this legend:
GIRLS' FOURTH OF JULY SPORTS.
This afternoon, between the hours of two and five o'clock the girls of Douglaston will compete in racing, jumping and basketball on Judge Evans' meadow. Admission 25 cents for adults, 10 cents for children. LEMONADE FREE.

Tom stood spellbound a second. Then he turned and ran straight for the house of his chum, Johnny Driscoll. He stopped only a moment, and that was to gaze over into the Evans meadow. Preparations for the afternoon's event were already in progress. A group of girls were pacing off distances for the obstacle race, and his own sister was twining a hurdle with red, white and blue garlands.
"And they're going to do it up fancy like girls do," groaned Tom to Johnny a few moments later, in reference to the paper garlands, "while we've got nothing but two flags to decorate with."
"They'll get all the crowd," said Johnny dolefully.
"Sure thing," acquiesced Tom. "Judge Evans' man had a dozen banners to put up, and everybody'll see them."
"There's only one thing in our favor," he declared, "and that is the openness of the meadow. Anybody can see the races there without paying admission, and, of course, some people will be mean enough to do it. So if they want to make money they'll have a hard time, while, of course, there's a fence around our place. Not that that will do us any good if the folks can

find something else to see that's just as lively and that they don't have to pay for if they don't want to."
"The only thing for us to do," said Johnny, firmly, "is to get all the fellows together."

It was rather a sheepish lot of boys who later marched two by two up to the Evans place. The Evans meadow was by this time assuming a decidedly gala appearance, with its abundance of flags and garlands flying from fence posts and trees.

Tom as leader of the opposition called a parley. His overtures were responded to with suitable reluctance by Bunny as queen of the Amazons. "You know," said Tom, "you only asked for one obstacle race, and we're willing to let you girls have half the events if you'll only combine with us. You can't make much money here, anyway. You can only keep us from making any at all, and we'll give you half the proceeds."

Now there was one very good thing about Bunny, which was that she knew when to make concessions. So she hesitated only long enough to tell the other girls that they ought really to forgive the boys, and then she straightway sent the judge's man to take the following addendum to the white banners:
"The girls' sports will be held in combination with the boys' at the school field."

And the girls didn't take advantage of Tom's offer, either, for they didn't really want half the events. All that they wanted was a fair representation on the straightaway races and an opportunity of enjoying that fascinating sport, the obstacle race. They didn't make quite as good time as the boys, for, after all, boys are pretty good at some things, but when Grandniece Mary came in in the lead of all the girls after having undergone the perilous adventures of the high fence, the fence to be crawled under, the low fence, the hurdle and the barrel with



"And the Lemonade Free," Added Johnny.

both ends out, even Grandniece Mary dropped her knitting bag in her excitement and said she wished they had done such things when she was a girl.

FOURTH OF JULY IN MANILA.
Birthday of the American Nation is Celebrated with the Greatest Enthusiasm.

The little brown men in the Philippines, who fought against the Stars and Stripes a few years ago, now celebrate its birthday with as much enthusiasm as the most patriotic American could wish. Long before sunrise in Manila the bustle of preparation is heard in answer to the rattle of drums and the shrill notes of pipes from army headquarters. Despite the great number of Chinese in the city, Manila does not encourage the fire-cracker, owing to the highly-inflammable nature of many of the buildings.
In the afternoon there is sure to be a speech from an open-air platform draped with flags, and later a concert of patriotic airs from the ornate bamboo band stand on the Luneta. The well-to-do citizen of Manila puts on an immaculate duck suit, pins a tiny American flag to his breast in honor of the day and goes out to see the fun and take part in the grand parade of vehicles and pedestrians on the Luneta, which takes place as soon as the climbing of the greased pole and the potato and sack races are over. A brilliant display of fireworks winds up the day. The harmless torpedo and less harmless toy pistol are in high favor with grown-ups as well as children, and it is very amusing to see a fat elderly mestizo gentleman gravely loading and firing a toy pistol, or gleefully popping torpedoes on the pavement.

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