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**THE** man or boy with a few dollars to put into a *real watch* wants to learn about the **EXCELSIOR**—how it is a fine watch at a popular price. **EXCELSIOR** 12-size *extra-thin* is the only practical thin model at anything like the price. \$4.50 to \$11.00.



**Correct Facts Concerning Omar Glen Meekers Death.**

On account of the erroneous publications which have appeared in various papers it has been thought best to publish the facts of this sad affair as it really was.

On Monday morning July 25, 1910, several of the boys who had been at work with the thrashing outfit were amusing themselves at riding and various other sports, when some one of the number suggested going swimming; the rest of the boys assented and the group were soon on their way to the swimming pool.

Omar Glen Meeker was a young man 19 years of age and weighed about 170 lbs. He had perfect physique and was an athlete of rare ability but could not swim at all.

On arrival at the swimming place on the Ross Taylor farm two miles north west of Berwyn, the boys immediately prepared to go in swimming. Glen put on a life preserver and went out into deep water. He found it very easy to swim with the preserver to aid him and after practising for a while took off the preserver to let some of the other boys take it. He thinking that the practice, which he had with the life preserver had shown him how to swim tried to do so and went out where the water was too deep and went down. He came up strangled and went down again, as he came up again only the top of his head came above the water and the boys using all their efforts could not save him. There were only two of the boys who could swim and only one of them could dive and he could not dive deep enough to reach Glen. He went down a few minutes before one o'clock and it was after two before he was brought out. He was in the water about one hour and twenty minutes.

Soon after he went down Dr. Willis Talbot was summoned Broken Bow and was at the water

some time before the body was recovered he worked faithfully for something over an hour before he gave out that there was no hope.

The body was removed to the Meeker home two and one half miles north east of Berwyn, where it was prepared for burial by Undertaker L. E. Cole of this city.

The funeral services conducted by Rev. R. Bellis of Berwyn was held at the Meeker home and was largely attended by neighbors and friends from miles around. Berwyn Camp No. 6314 Modern Woodman of America, of which he was a member, attended the services in a body. Interment was made at Lee Park Cemetery.

The community will feel for sometime to come the loss of this valuable young man and we join in extending our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Meeker and their bereavement and the sad loss of their son and brother.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish in this way to express our heartfelt thanks to our neighbors and friends and to Berwyn Camp 314, M. W. of A. for their sympathy and many kindnesses shown us in the death and burial of our beloved son and brother Glen.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Meeker, and family.

**Barn Blown Down.**

The new barn of C. S. Martin which he was building on his farm three miles south of the city was blown down during the rain and wind storm Tuesday evening.

**Jaw Bone Broken.**

George Scott sustained a severe injury of the right side of his face last Thursday afternoon by being kicked by a horse. His jaw bone was broken, the fracture extending nearly the entire length of his jaw. The fracture being irregular made it difficult to set. At this writing the injury is doing as well as possible under the circumstances and indications are favorable for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Rudie Hosek of Ravenna was the city Sunday visiting a friend.

Dr. Barnes, the eyesight specialist of Omaha will again visit Broken Bow and will be at the Grand Central Hotel on Friday August 19th. All patients will be examined free. Regular visits have been made for the last ten or twelve years. Call as early as convenient and don't forget the date.

**Communication from the Mayor.**

TO THE CITIZENS OF BROKEN BOW.

I want to call the attention of every citizen of Broken Bow to the election next Tuesday. There seems to be some misunderstanding in regard to the City Hall Bonds. Some people think we contemplate building a fifteen thousand dollar City Hall, while the facts are that if the Bonds carry we contemplate building a City Jail and a fire department and equip them which will cost two thirds of the fifteen thousand. As you know we have no jail now either City or County and we will have to build one independent if the Bonds fail to carry, and we have an up to date fire department or equipment. If we should have a fire of any consequence, as you will notice in the past, it is hard for the boys to cope with it, as they have no up to date equipment to fight with, and it seems to me that a question that should interest every citizen is a good fire equipment. Right here, I hear some one say it will increase my taxes. Let any man who has a 1910 schedule, sit down and figure two mills on the dollar and you won't miss it far. We will suppose your assessed valuation is one thousand dollars, there are more that will go below that than there are above, and two mills on the dollar would make your taxes two dollars more and I would like to see the man in Broken Bow, who would not be willing to pay \$2 a year to see a good building in place of the old City Hall on the corner.

I also want to call your attention to the eight thousand dollar bonds for the extension of the water mains in all parts of the City where they have good fire protection and to the outskirts of the city limits so we can invite the people to come in who are on the outside and getting the benefit of the city without helping to pay the city taxes and who are willing to come in as soon as we show them we can take care of them, and give them water and fire protection.

Now let every man who the interest of a better Broken Bow at heart make a special effort next Tuesday, and get out and vote for City Hall, Fire Department and equipment, City Jail and Water Main extension and with the thirty five thousand dollar school building now under construction we will have a City to be proud of.

D. R. Rockwell, Mayor.

**Old Settlers Meet.**

The meeting of the old settlers Wednesday in this city was largely attend and good times enjoyed.

It was a pleasure to the pioneers of 20 to 30 years ago to meet on a common level and recount the days of yore.

The friendly hand shaking and pleasant smiles with which they greeted told of the occasion.

The program as printed was practically carried out.

The only omission we observed was the recitation by Miss Larson who failed to respond to the call of her name. The place was admirably filled with a poem by Mrs. C. L. Gutterson.

The address of Judge Grimes of North Platte, who was a practitioner at the bar in the early days of Custer county was both able and interesting. It not only commanded the attention of the audience but was frequently applauded.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are:

President C. H. Jeffords, 1st. vice president W. H. Comstock, 2nd. vice president H. B. Schneringer, Secretary E. R. Purcell, Treasurer I. A. Reneau, Historian Mrs. C. L. Gutterson.

The foot races, by the boys and girls, the "tug of war" and penny shower furnished amusement for the little folks that a host of them enjoyed.

The winners of the prizes were:

For girls under 12 Helen Bishop first and Mary McCandless and Bernice Rush tied for second.

For boys under 12 Paul Marks first Clifford McCormack second.

For settlers of the 80's J. Mattox first, Joseph Haeefele second.

For settlers of 90's W. Guthrie first, W. W. Potts second.

Boys under 6 Warren Clay first, Harry Preston second.

Girls under 6 Thelma Kimball first, Ruth Kennedy second.

In the tug of war between settlers of 80's and 90's the latter won.

Upon the whole the occasion was a success. The unfavorable feature was the lack of a comfortable place of meeting. It was held in the old court house yard which did not furnish space enough to accommodate the crowd. It is to be hoped that before another similar meeting is had the city park will be in condition to occupy.

Miss Edna Wright entertained visitors from Ravenna Sunday.

**SOUTHMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET.**

**Special Report.**

South Omaha, Nebr., Aug. 3. Cattle 19,900 for three days with a good brisk market. No corn fed Monday but quite a few yesterday and today, top \$7.45 with good grades higher @ \$6.00 to \$6.75 but common warmed up cattle slow at \$4.75 to \$5.75. Grass cow in good demand at \$3.25 to \$4.00. Choice will bring more. Wet cows thin, that have suckled calves numerous at \$2.60 to \$3.00. General run of calves \$4.50 to \$6.50 with a real good veal 50c higher. With present run of cattle, prices should remain strong.

Demand for feeders continues; \$5.65, \$5.60 and \$5.50 having been paid for fleshy cattle of 1200 to 1250 lbs. 1000 to 1100 lbs. steers are bringing \$4.75 to \$5.00 and yearlings and two year olds of 550 to 850 lbs., \$3.60 to \$4.25. Packers are active bidders on all fleshy feeder cattle so that this class can be expected to continue quite prominent.

Hogs 24,200 and in three days. After breaking 80c they strengthened a little yesterday and are 15c higher today, bulk \$7.55 to \$8.00, top \$8.20. Looks like the accumulated surplus has been cleaned up and a little further improvement should be in order, still general opinion is that it will only be temporary and the market eventually work lower.

Sheep 44,000 in three days. Market active with some sales in Feeders looking a little lower. Fat lambs broke 50c last week but since held steady at the decline. Other prices about the same as given in last week's letter. Look for a continued liberal run and little change for a while at least.

Yours very truly,  
National Live Stock Com., Co.

Mrs. W. O. Chapman who has been visiting Judge Reese her father, and her two sisters Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. McComas left for her home in Chicago Friday.

Miss Pearl Holcomb returned to her home near Milburn Friday evening. She was accompanied by Miss Nella Holcomb who will visit at their place for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wagoner accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Molby went to Merna Saturday evening and Sunday evening they went to the ranch of W. L. Gaston near Anselmo.

**THATCHER SONG RECITAL.**

**A Young Man With a Big Reputation.**

Burton Thatcher is a young man, a very young man. He was born something over twenty years ago in Tennessee and before he or his parents realized it he was studying music. At the age of seventeen he went to Chicago and devoted himself to special voice training under the masters of two continents.

He has sung leading baritone parts in grand opera companies, has helped the Katherine Ridgway company to achieve its deserved reputation, and during eight months of last year he filled solo engagements and gave recitals in thirty-three states. The greatest critics pronounce him a prodigy. His fame is growing and this season he is traveling independent for the first time.



Mr. Thatcher gives a Chautauqua audience a delightful hour's entertainment. It is a lecture-recital, but this should not be interpreted to mean a dull dissertation on the theory of vocal music. The classics are discussed and snatches are sung from the celebrated operas. Folk songs are explained as to birth and history, and no one can sing them better than Thatcher. Unlike many master musicians, he enjoys the catchy, rollicking popular airs of the day, and he has a repertoire that is almost beyond conception. The management likes Thatcher; everybody who knows him likes Thatcher, and you will like Thatcher. Just because he is a musical genius it does not argue that he is not a clever fellow to meet and a whole souled companion.

Miss Mary Wilson Cook is the accomplished accompanist with the Thatcher company and you will like her too.

We are to have the real picture plays produced by Mr. Albert Armstrong. These are new to the Chautauqua world. Armstrong got his pictures for "Lorna Doon" in the Doone valley where the original drama was enacted. His programs are marvels of beauty.

Mrs. E. Skinner and children who have been in Lincoln with Mrs. Skinner's sister for the past week returned home this morning. Mrs. Skinner reports that her sister is much better and is improving rapidly since her recent operation for appendicitis.

While Miss Helen Holcomb was assisting with the preparation for dinner last Tuesday she accidentally dropped the tea kettle splashing the boiling water on her left side and also on her arm and face. The burns while very painful at the time are not deep. She is alright again only a few blisters remaining.

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Ripe Olives each.....30c	Items fresh crisp crackers nothing better, packages 5c, 10c, 15c and.....25c
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