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MRS. OHLER'S STORY.

Habeas Corpus Case Promises Interesting Developments.

Mrs. Flora Ohler, Monday, through her attorney, filed reply in district court to the answer to her application for a writ of habeas corpus to get her daughter Naomi Gielday out of the possession of Charles Shaffer, of Red Willow county. Mrs. Ohler has a long story to tell. She relates that a few years ago, her former husband, Joseph S. Gielday, removed to Red Willow county and settled on a timber claim. He was feeble and asked that she send one of the children out to him to comfort him in his old age. Mrs. Ohler relates that she did so and sent two girls who lived with her for some time. It was soon necessary for one of the girls to return to her mother and Naomi, the girl in controversy, was allowed to remain with her father, where she was supported by her mother. Naomi was to return but while the arrangements were being made, Mr. Gielday died. Mrs. Ohler alleges that with the help of one George Shaffer a single man of thirty years, the girl was taken away unaccompanied by friends as an heir of the deceased man, and induced to make application to have Shaffer appointed administrator of Gielday's estate. Mrs. Ohler says that she objected and made numerous attempts to have the court not continue the administration of the estate by Shaffer but notwithstanding her efforts, the county judge, George S. Bishop, would not listen to her and was the means of appointing Shaffer as the girl's guardian.

Mrs. Ohler says that on several occasions she went to get Naomi, but was prevented by force from getting her, though the girl was willing to go with her. At one time, the girl was snatched out of her hands and acting under the influence of the Shaffers, Mrs. Ohler says she consented to sign a complaint charging her mother with assault and battery. Mrs. Ohler says great stress on the fact that her daughter has been in the power of single men without female companions and asks the court to take heed of these facts while considering the case. The respondent in the case is Charles Shaffer and his brother is George Shaffer against both of whom Mrs. Ohler seems to have an especial grievance. They claim that she is not a fit person to care for the child and that she is after the tree claim which her former husband owned. She claims that she is after her daughter and that the property which they mention is of so little value that it will scarcely pay the taxes assessed against it.—Lincoln Journal, May 17.

LATER — A telegram from Lincoln states that the case has been decided in favor of the defendants and the girl has been ordered restored to her present guardian, Charles Shaffer. This decision will give quite general satisfaction to those acquainted with the case and the circumstances, and is especially gratifying to County Judge Bishop, whose decision in the matter is thus affirmed by the district court of Lancaster county.

A Stiff Breeze.

A very stiff breeze prevailed in this section for an hour or so, Tuesday afternoon, and about everything not nailed down took a spin toward the northeast. About the only persons discommoded were the electric light people. A few poles were blown down and a few wires prostrated. The large smoke-stacks were in danger of blowing over, but stood the tempest of wind all right. When the current was turned on in the evening it took some time to locate all the breaks, but the usual service soon prevailed over the city, thanks to the energetic efforts of the force.

"Oh, I Don't Know."

Hastings republicans should see to it that the next Fifth district congressional convention is held in Hastings. If any city in the district is entitled to it Hastings is. McCook, Holdrege and Minden have been honored, and this is the time the Queen City should be selected as the place for holding the congressional convention. It's ours if we go after it.—Hastings Republican.

A Large Attendance.

The strawberry social held in the Congregational church, last evening, under Dorcas society and Endeavor auspices, was largely attended, and liberally patronized. There was a short musical-literary program. The refreshments were excellent and the evening an enjoyable one.

20 Acres Bottom Land

Under the ditch. Will lease in small tracts to be planted to potatoes. Inquire at U. S. Land Office.

Guaranteed Mixed Paint at McMillen's Drug Store.

Cobs! Cobs! Cobs! W. C. Bullard & Co.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Mrs. J. M. HUET of South McCook is very ill.

REV. CRAIG of Indianola was a city visitor, Monday.

B. C. HAVENS, wife and family were over from the Beaver, Monday.

MISS MAUD WOOD was in Lincoln, first of the week, on a short visit.

REV. R. H. CHRYSLER of Wilsonville was a visitor in the city, Monday.

COUNTY ATTORNEY KEYES was up from Indianola on legal business, Monday.

Mrs. W. D. BURNETT has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Bohanan, in Lincoln.

J. H. BLACKLEDGE was down from Culbertson on business, first of the week.

W. M. LEWIS was down from Benkelman, early in the week, visiting the family.

GEORGE E. LOCKER of the Indianola Reporter drank red lemonade with us, show-day.

A. T. MCCOY of the Trenton Leader came down, Monday, to help swell the show-day crowd.

H. H. BERRY has been out of the city, part of the week, doing organizing work for the Star of Jupiter.

COMMISSIONER JIM ROBINSON came up from the Beaver slope, Monday, to feed the elephant a few peanuts.

Mrs. T. J. SMITH, who has been visiting her daughters here, left for her home in Lincoln, Wednesday morning.

MISS ANNA FEENEY of Hastings, who has been visiting Mrs. P. F. McKenna, returned home, Tuesday morning.

Mrs. D. J. NICHOLS arrived in the city, close of last week, and is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Marie Rooney.

S. W. BADCON came in from Ogden, Utah, last Friday morning, being summoned here by the illness of his mother.

Mrs. C. DAUCHY was down from Stockville, early in the week, returning home on Tuesday morning via Bartley.

E. L. DENNIS came over from Danbury, Saturday, and remained a couple of days, the guest of his brother Carl.

REV. B. S. HAYWOOD of Holdrege, one of the rising young divines of Southwestern Nebraska, was in the city, Tuesday.

IRA COLB of the Culbertson Era was among the number who shucked peanuts and ate popcorn in the big tent, show-day.

W. F. LAWSON of the First National went down to Lincoln, Wednesday morning, on a business trip of a few days.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN M. HENDERSON and Bessie returned, Wednesday morning, from their long visit in Bladell, N. Y.

MISS ETHEL OYSTER departed, Wednesday afternoon, for Uhrichville, Ohio, where she will make an aunt a visit of indefinite length.

Mrs. E. F. HIGHLAND came down from Denver, last Friday afternoon, and was the guest of Mrs. W. S. Perry, early part of this week.

MR. AND MRS. C. C. INGALS, parents of Mrs. A. S. Campbell, left yesterday for Pueblo, Colorado, where they will visit a son for some time.

Mrs. T. L. KETMAN arrived from Omaha, last night. They will occupy the John Morris dwelling over on Monmouth street. THE TRIBUNE welcomes her to our city.

W. W. BONER of Superior and Geo. I. Kelley of Red Cloud were visitors in the city, Saturday. We understand the gentlemen are applicants for the superintendentcy of our schools.

REV. C. A. HALE of Holdrege, presiding elder of this district, was in the city, Wednesday. He has been attending the ministerial meeting of the Methodist church in Culbertson, this week.

F. W. ESKEY of Prophetstown, Ill., was here, Saturday, making proof on his timber claim. The doctor is well known in Red Willow County, having practiced medicine in Indianola some years since.

DR. AND MRS. E. H. WATERS and the children left, Wednesday afternoon, for the east, on a visit of considerable length. They will visit in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The doctor's father lives in Bethany, W. Va.

STATE TREASURER MESERVE came up from Lincoln, Monday night, to receive a shipment of cattle which he will pasture on his ranch, this season. He returned home, Wednesday morning. Mrs. Meserve accompanied him here.

J. Albert Wells.

Bereavement often causes grief and sadness. But it is not often that so much is produced in this way as the illness and decease of Mr. J. Albert Wells has caused.

Sprung from one of the oldest and most prominent families of the town and having indeed among his ancestors a large part of the chief men who lived in Southold two hundred and fifty years ago, his kindred here number hundreds or perhaps thousands.

William Homan Wells, his father, was for many years the chief merchant and man of business in the village. His establishment, half a century since, was an approach to the modern department store. He was the postmaster, the hotel keeper, the dealer in dry goods, groceries, hats and caps, boots and shoes, grain and provisions, hardware and lumber, horses and carriages; and though he assumed not the name of banker, he was in fact the banker of the village. He was intelligent, diligent, affable, courteous, trustworthy and studious to accommodate his friends and customers.

He trained his son to understand his business and to aid in conducting it; and when J. Albert Wells succeeded his father in a great part of this many-sided and various business, he possessed all the virtues of his father, and manifested them, and also added others which were peculiarly and specially his own.

Regarding, however, for his health, which was never robust, (his mother died in his early boyhood) constrained him to change his occupation for one less exacting; and for several years he represented, on Long Island, different firms in New York City.

Then he removed to the wide prairie regions of Nebraska, and there conducted an extensive business on his own account for several years, and as long as he had sufficient strength to endure the toil and care.

A few years since, he returned to his native place, and was most cordially welcomed by all his townsmen, who had known and highly appreciated his public spirit and many virtues. But they soon observed, with pain and sadness, the abatement of his physical and mental vigor. They saw the same genial spirit, the same calm and serene temper, the same kindly disposition; but the vigor, force and energy of other years were absent. There was now and then a slight improvement, to be unhappily succeeded by greater depression; but no permanent recovery. Months ago, the inevitable end was in view; and on the 6th instant he passed away.

He was naturally gentle, peaceful, affable and winning. His boyhood was kindly and beautiful. He gave attention early to the cultivation of good breeding, and thus made himself attractive in person, deportment and manners. These were the fit and proper expression of his benevolent and affectionate heart. He performed the duties of life with honor in the various relations of citizen, neighbor, son, husband, father. The place of his birth, boyhood, and many years of his active, vigorous, and useful manhood, sympathizes with his nearest kindred, and feels the bereavement caused by his passing away.—The Southold (N. Y.) Traveler.

Wouldn't be Disappointed.

At the home of J. H. Stephens, north of Box Elder, a cat and a hen are dividing the work of raising a promising family of kittens. For some reason, perhaps the extreme cold of the cold wave of March, the hen lost her setting of eggs, and being disappointed, promptly mothered the family of young kittens. Apparently to this mother hen they are as interesting, and she scratches and clucks for them as diligently, as if they were a brood of young chickens. The kittens were soon delighted with her care and nestle under the wings of the hen. The cat comes around at regular intervals to nurse them, but leaves the major portion of the daily care to this old black hen.

A Satisfactory Show.

Despite the rainy, cold weather, the John Robinson show drew a good crowd, Monday, and they gave a very satisfactory performance. Though not so large as Ringling Brothers' show that made a date here, last year, they have a circus that entertains without giving anything shady, and the menagerie has the usual animal specimens. Altogether the Robinsons are O. K.

Be Good to the Park.

Lists have been printed and circulated over the city in the various business houses to afford those who desire to assist the park improvement enterprise an opportunity to subscribe to the fund now being raised for that purpose. A small amount from each one will create the means with which to do the work, and it is hoped that many will respond to the call. A list may be found at this office.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CHRISTIAN—Bible school each Lord's day at 10 a. m. Social and communion services at 11 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m.

CATHOLIC—Mass at 8 o'clock a. m. High mass and sermon at 10:30 a. m., with choir. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially welcome.

REV. J. W. HICKEY, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Sunday-school at 11:00 a. m. Evening service at 8:00 p. m. Evidencing and instruction on Thursdays at 8:00 p. m.

REV. HOWARD STOV, Priest in Charge.

METHODIST—The funeral service of Mrs. J. A. Badcon will be held at 10:30. Funeral sermon preached by Elder Chas. A. Maston assisted by Dr. P. C. Johnson and Elder C. A. Hale. League at 7. Preaching at 8 by Dr. P. C. Johnson.

CONGREGATIONAL—Morning subject, "God Our Defender." Evening subject, Sermon to the Graduating Class of High School. Sunday-school at 10. Junior Endeavor at 3. Endeavor at 7. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

W. J. TURNER, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Subject, "Sealed unto the Judgment." Baptist Young People's Union meeting at 7 p. m. Preaching service at 8 p. m.; subject, "The Separation at the Judgment." All are made welcome at these services.

T. L. KETMAN, Pastor.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS.

And next week closes the spring term of school.

The lantern class will give Shakespearian pictures tonight.

The Twelfth grade had a picnic, yesterday, for the purpose of gathering botanical specimens.

Glen Hupp of the Ninth grade had the misfortune to break his wrist, yesterday, while doing some daring trapeze acts.

Miss Nora Stroud brought her school children up from South McCook in the furniture van to see the parade, show-day.

Rev. W. J. Turner will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the class of '98 in the Congregational church, next Sunday evening, at eight o'clock.

The school exhibit was forwarded to Omaha, midweek. The exhibit is pronounced very meritorious by those who took advantage of the offered opportunity of seeing the same before it was forwarded to Omaha.

Rev. E. P. Chittenden, Ph. D., will give an illustrated lecture on Spain, ancient and modern, in the Assembly room, East ward building, Tuesday evening, May 24th. Special music has been prepared. Admission, 25c. Everybody invited.

Ida McCarl of the Ninth grade was badly scared, Wednesday night, fainting twice and having to call in medical assistance. She entered the residence of A. Barnett in company with Ethel Barnett and Blanche McCarl, during the evening, and as they went into the kitchen they pushed the door against a cupboard full of dishes, which rattled, and the breeze playing with the curtains made the girls imagine that a man had just escaped through the open window. This combination so wrought upon Ida that she went into a faint and has been under the doctor's care from the effects of the fright received.

Memorial Day Exercises.

The exercises for Memorial Day, this year, promise to be more than ordinarily interesting. Full program will be given, next week. The city authorities have given the G. A. R. post a lot in the city cemetery, and a slab will be raised to the memory of the unknown dead and to the memory of the murdered crew of the battleship "Maine." This temporary slab will in due time be replaced by a permanent monument. This service, in addition to the usual program of the day, will make the occasion one to be remembered. "Remember the Maine."

Death Ends Her Suffering.

Mrs. James A. Badcon passed away, Wednesday night at a late hour, after a long and painful illness, in the presence of most of the members of the family. The funeral will take place from the Methodist church, Sunday morning, at 10:30 o'clock. Revs. C. A. Mastin, P. C. Johnson and C. A. Hale conducting the services. THE TRIBUNE bears to the stricken family the deepest and sincerest sympathy of this entire community. In our next issue will appear an appropriate obituary notice of the departed.

Harry Barbazett has caught the fever, and is building an addition to his house.

Unprecedented Apportionment.

State Treasurer Meserve announced, Monday, that he had \$430,695.98 set aside for the semi-annual school apportionment for May. The account was closed on that day and the treasurer will notify State Superintendent Jackson that he has that amount on hand. Superintendent Jackson will apportion the money among the various counties in the state according to school population. The counties in turn must apportion the funds among the school districts. Treasurer Meserve had not completed his report last night and he was not able to show how much of the fund was derived from each of the several sources. He thought that the greatest increase was in the amount derived from the state lands leased. The amount derived from state tax is also said to be large. The apportionment for May of this year is the largest ever made by the state. In May, 1893, the amount was \$352,184.07. There is also an increase in the number of children of school age.

State Superintendent Jackson completed the state school apportionment yesterday among the various counties. The apportionment is based on a statement made by State Treasurer Meserve, who reported that there was \$430,695.98 available.

This amount was derived from sources as follows: State tax, \$83,579.09; interest on United States bonds, \$300; interest on state bonds, \$9,250.69; interest on county bonds, \$81,516.83; interest on school district bonds, \$402.04; interest on school lands sold, \$44,983.28; interest on school lands leased, \$200,903.39; interest on saline lands sold and leased, \$9,834.61; state peddlers' license, \$30; less error Harlan and Knox counties, \$103.95; total, \$430,695.98. The total number of school children, according to the census of last June, is 354,629, and the rate per scholar is \$1.21.

This is the largest semi-annual apportionment in the history of the state. There is a substantial increase in revenue from state tax, interest on county bonds and interest on school lands leased. While the revenue from interest on school lands leased is \$129,000 greater than for the last semi-annual apportionment, the revenue derived from interest on school lands sold is \$102,000 less than it was when the last apportionment was made. This increase of interest on lands leased and decrease of interest on lands sold is said to be the result of a law withdrawing school lands from sale.

In May, 1896, the revenue from state tax was \$61,796 while it is now \$83,579. Interest on county bonds amounted to \$74,106 in May, 1896, and it is now \$81,516. In May, 1897, the interest on school lands sold was \$151,806. It is now \$44,983. In May, 1897, the interest on school lands leased was \$43,390. It now amounts to \$200,903.

Red Willow county's portion was \$3,926.79.—Lincoln Journal.

For Improvement Nevertheless.

THE TRIBUNE, with many others, would like to see the park pass into the hands of the city—the waterworks company reserving everything necessary for its use in connection with the standpipe—but nevertheless we are for the improvement of the park. It is worth to the citizens in beauty and appearance and convenience all that the improvement will cost. The waterworks company has already signified its purpose to do its part in the movement. A fence, some paths, grass plots, and perhaps a few flowers will do wonders for that now neglected spot of possible beauty.

Memorial Day Orator.

The local committee has just received word that Judge William R. Burton, of Hastings, an old comrade, will deliver the oration in the Christian tabernacle on Memorial Day. The judge is an able and eloquent speaker.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

Mrs. C. W. BARNES and the children returned from their visit to Sterling, Colorado, close of last week.

MR. AND MRS. A. A. BATES and the children went over to Oberlin, yesterday, to spend a few days with friends and relatives.

SHERIFF NEEL went down to Lincoln, last evening on 3, and returned on No. 1, this morning, bringing with him Miss Naomi Gielday.

Mrs. W. H. DAVIS and the children will leave on tomorrow morning, for Granite, Colorado, to join Mr. Davis, who is now located in that place. Contentment and prosperity attend them.

S. R. SMITH was up from Indianola, yesterday, soliciting advertising matter for the premium list of the agricultural society, which the society hopes to have ready for circulation early in the season.

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Cobs! Cobs! Cobs! W. C. Bullard & Co.

See McMillen's new stock of WALL PAPER.

WANTED—Shorthand pupils by L. W. Stayner.

Salted peanuts, 20c. a pound, at the postoffice lobby.

Flies and clap-boards suffered in the blow of Tuesday.

Farmers about Danbury are harvesting—their whiskers.

The new "Omaha Exposition" stamps are about ready for sale.

James Lawless has sold out his billiard business to the former proprietor, W. M. Lewis.

Latest war news at the P. O. Lobby. Omaha, Lincoln, Chicago, New York and Denver papers.

Gentlemen will be careful about smoking in the postoffice lobby, especially in the presence of ladies.

Some of our exchanges allege that the John Robinson show is part of the Ringling Brothers' aggregation.

F. C. Kellogg & Co. are figuring on buying the Cedar Bluffs elevator and perhaps others on that line.

Montgomery Ward & Co.'s catalogue is one of the most popular literary productions in this community.

A. G. Dole writes hail insurance. Total loss, full pay. No charge for cutting, threshing or marketing.

Fifteen cents will buy a box of paper at THE TRIBUNE office that will surprise and please you for quality.

There is some talk of a company being organized in McCook, under the order to raise another regiment in Nebraska.

The rains of Saturday, Sunday and Monday have placed Southwestern Nebraska on the top shelf for the present.

The first loss in the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co., in this vicinity, was adjusted within ten days. A. G. Dole, local agent.

We notice the Barnett Lumber Co. has unloaded five cars of lumber on the grounds, for Jas. McDams, for the new court house.

The following letters were advertised at McCook, Nebr., May 15th, 1898: H. C. Durfee, Mrs. Wilhelmina Fabel, L. D. Griffith, Herman Sohmany and Louisa Smith.

The Methodist brethren have the foundation for their new parsonage completed and are starting on the building, which will be hurried through to completion.

A new stock of screen doors, both plain and fancy, at the Barnett Lumber Co. They also unloaded a full car of "Baker Perfect" wire, and poultry netting last week.

The lunch counters maintained by the ladies of the Park Improvement association and the Guild were only fairly well patronized, show-day. The weather was not propitious.

A private telegram from a Boston party to an Omaha party announces the death of Rev. Joseph T. Dursey, late of Omaha, and a divine of great power, whose sermons here will be recalled by many.

This week, I. M. Beardslee removed from his quarters in the Wilcox building to the Cole store room, which has been thoroughly over hauled and repaired for his occupancy, and which will give him very comfortable business quarters.

During the wind-storm, Tuesday afternoon, the partition in the South McCook school building blew in—the door first blowing open—and some of the children narrowly escaped being hurt. Some of the desks within reach of the falling partition were damaged. The children heard the noise and ran from the point of danger.

State Treasurer Meserve announces that the semi-annual school apportionment for May would be more than \$400,000. He thinks it will be about \$420,000. Collections for the fund will close Monday. The fund is derived from a state tax, interest on school land leased and sold and interest on bonds and from other sources.

The remains of Mrs. Doty of Wanneta were brought down the branch, Wednesday afternoon, and were shipped on to Ottumwa, Ia., for burial. The deceased was a most estimable lady, mother-in-law of Will Fisher, and her death is a great loss to the community. She was long a sufferer with the terrible malady that culminated in her death, Tuesday night.