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BOX ELDER.

George Shultz is talking of going west in the spring.

J. E. Moore will have a public sale about November first.

Mrs. Ben Shultz is confined to bed with a paralyzed limb and side.

George Harrison and Lee Brown are cutting corn for Ben King on the Willow.

Ira Harrison has been working the roads, which were in bad condition and needed repairs.

Will Sexson and wife are entertaining a 9½ pound girl, who arrived on the farm on the 17th.

Maud Harrison took the train at McCook, Tuesday morning, for Friend, Nebraska, on a long visit to a sister.

A. T. Wilson made his first trip with the mail Monday morning, from Boxelder to Quick by way of Centerpoint.

Ed Shepherd has rented the J. E. Moore farm for next year. Mr. Moore will move to Blue Hill, where he has some town property.

The equinoctial storm came in due time and is welcomed by the farmers as it will put the soil in condition for the planting of a large acreage of fall wheat and rye.

Boxelder is to be congratulated upon securing Eliza Johnson to teach her school. Miss Eliza has the respect and confidence of the pupils, which is a good basis for a successful term.

The Morris brothers threshed 1,577 bushels of rye and spring wheat, and this is only half their crop of small grain. They have a fair corn crop, and with 200 head of hogs to feed the crop to, and a herd of 75 head of cattle besides, it doesn't look very much like hard times with them.

It is reported that Mrs. George Henderson and Mrs. J. E. Moore have lost about 125 chickens, which have been marketed in McCook. The parties who have been engaged in this contemptible business are under suspicion and being watched. The shotgun policy might be adopted with salutary results.

Dress does not make the person. Nor does a clean exterior indicate a clean interior. To be well all organs of the body must work in harmony. Rocky Mountain Tea does this work. McConnell & Berry.

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GERVER.

Vig Olmsted threshed, last week.
Camp meeting at Cedar Bluffs, next week.

Cedar Bluffs had a show, last Saturday.
Joe Dodge expects to make his winter headquarters in a tent.

Vig Olmsted will farm the Cooper place, for the next three years.

Will Tuttle's thresher is back in this neighborhood, after a long absence in Kansas.

Since the new card on the St. Francis branch changed the time at Cedar Bluffs from 11 to 10 o'clock, it makes some of the separator fellows "get a move on 'em."

Charles Olmsted moved onto the Clint Ely place, last Friday. A. M. Benjamin having on the previous day vacated the premises and moved to Banksville, where he will remain for the present.

A Sad Disappointment.

Ineffective liver medicine is a disappointment but you don't want to purge, strain and break the glands of the stomach and bowels. DeWitt's Little Early Risers never disappoint. They cleanse the system of all poison and putrid matter and do it so gently that one enjoys the pleasant effects. They are a tonic to the liver. Cure biliousness, torpid liver and prevent fever. McConnell & Berry.

BANKSVILLE.

T. C. Kelley has commenced sowing rye.

Peter Wesch was a Cedar Bluffs, Kansas, visitor, last Friday.

A. M. Benjamin moved, Thursday of last week, from the Clint Ely place to Banksville, and on Friday Charles Olmsted occupied the Ely farm.

Saturday night, Sunday and Monday the rainfall amounted to 3.25 inches, soaking the ground thoroughly. Tons of hay have been spoiled by the moisture, but the soil has been placed in excellent condition for the fall seeding.

Devoured by Worms.

Children often cry, not from pain, but from hunger, although fed abundantly. The entire trouble arises from inanition, their food is not assimilated, but devoured by worms. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge will cause them to cease crying and begin to thrive at once, very much to the surprise and joy of the mother. 25c at A. McMillen's.

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A BARGAIN IN HATS.

The Reason One Woman Rejoices While Another One Mourns.

A Philadelphia woman moving in good society has been cured of a mania for attending rummage sales, but it took a heroic treatment to effect the cure. The other day she went to a sale of the description named to aid of a worthy charity in which she's interested and came away minus a twenty-five dollar hat. It happened this way:

A feature of the sale was a counter filled with untrimmed hats, advertised "Your choice for 50 cents." Now, the North Thirty-third street woman didn't want an untrimmed hat at 50 cents, but there was one that caught her fancy by reason of its odd shape, and she simply couldn't resist the temptation to try it on. So she took off the handsome hat she was wearing, placed it on the counter and picked up the untrimmed one. Then she looked around for a mirror. There was only one, and that was away at the other end of the long room.

She pushed her way through the crowd, and in the meantime a fat colored woman's eyes were glued to the hat she had left behind on the pile marked, "Your choice for 50 cents." It was a golden opportunity not to be missed. Counting out 50 cents in dimes, nickels and pennies, she shoved them at the innocent young attendant and made good her escape with the fashionable woman's hat.—Exchange.

The Queen Bee.

She possesses the power of choosing which of her offspring shall be drones and which workers. Some have thought that this was automatic and that the narrower worker cell brought forth a fertilized egg. But the queen will lay worker eggs in drone cells if she thinks fit, so that settles that.

If the drone is male and the queen female, what is the worker? The new woman of Beedom. She has given up her motherhood for a business career. Sometimes, though, she lays eggs, but they always hatch out drones, of which it is strictly true to say they have a mother, but no father. If the queen's wings are crippled so that she cannot make her marriage flight, her children are all drones. An Italian queen in a hive of black bees will beget workers of mixed blood, but her sons are pure Italians. Drones are useful as fathers of workers, but they cannot collect the honey they eat. Their tongues are too short.—Ainslee's.

Claddagh Rings.

The old "poesy rings" are a much sweeter souvenir than more modern ones. A friend has one which had belonged to her great-grandmother, such a narrow gold circlet. The motto, engraved inside in old lettering, was as follows: "God above increase our love." The "Claddagh" rings of Ireland are now very difficult to procure—that is, the genuine specimens, of course. There are many imitations. These rings were heirlooms with the people of the Claddagh, a distinct gypsy-like race of fishermen, and were handed down from mother to daughter as a wedding ring, a marriage being scarcely considered legal if an ordinary ring were substituted. They were made of massive gold, decorated with a heart, bearing a crown supported by two clasped hands, signifying loyalty, love, friendship.

The Unattained.

The quickest way to make any man weary of his life is to give him all his heart's desire. The struggle for the unattained is the secret of joy. Here is a man who has been giving his years to a reckless round of pleasure. Now you see him waking up to find that the deepest needs of his soul are still untouched. Or there is another man who has given twenty-five years to the accumulation of knowledge, and at last we see him, like Dr. Casaubon in "Middlemarch," dying with the stores of knowledge all around him, which he does not know how to use.

Didn't Care to Try.

A woman in a railroad station the other day had a great deal of trouble with one of her children, a boy of seven or eight, and a man who sat near her stood it as long as possible and then observed:

"Madam, that boy of yours needs the strong hand of a father."

"Yes, I know it," she replied, "but he can't help it. His father died when he was six years of age, and I've done my best to get another and failed. He can't have what I can't get. Would you care to try yourself?"

The listener had fled.

A Family Combine.

Deacon Jones—I know of three brothers in a neighboring town that would afford excellent material for a sermon on the theme of brotherly love.

Deacon Brown—I'll make a note of it. Tell me more about them, deacon.

Deacon Jones—Well, John, the eldest is a physician; Thomas, the second brother, is an undertaker, and William, the youngest, is a marble cutter.—Chicago News.

Better Than Wealth.

Employ your time by improving yourself by other men's documents; so shall you come easily by what others have labored hard for. Prefer knowledge to wealth, for the one is transitory, the other perpetual.

Let Them Romp.

It is a good thing to remember when the children are noisy that some day they will all be married and living far away, and the house will be as quiet as a tomb.—Atchison Globe.

Perfect Bliss.

Gladys—How do you enjoy Mrs. Uperton's reception?
Ethel—Oh, great! It was the most complete failure I ever saw!—Puck.

MOVING IN SCOTLAND

ON MAY 28 OCCURS THE ANNUAL CARNIVAL OF "FLITTING."

One Day in Each Year When Furniture Vans and Chaos Reign Supreme—An Odd System, Built Up on the Caution of the Landlord.

In Scotland May 28 is annually given over to a perfect carnival of "flitting."

In England houses of the higher rents are taken by the year at any quarter day and the lower rented ones by the month or even by the week. The flitting is thus spread over the year, and no confusion arises. The Scottish system is to let houses by the year from May 28. Even the smallest, consisting of only one room, are so let. On the great day in any large town the sights afforded range from the laughable to the pathetic.

As soon as it is daylight the vans previously "trysted" begin their work; the goods are loaded up with more haste than care and to the accompaniment of the good housewife's lamentations as some cherished household god is roughly flung into the van.

Arrived at the destination, further troubles are in store. Perhaps the new house is not yet vacated, and, as the van is required for other removals, the goods are dumped down in the street, and there the poor family is left stranded for the time. Occasionally some streets—in Glasgow, for instance—present an appearance of wholesale evictions.

So numerous are the demands that vans cannot always be obtained, and every kind of vehicle, including horseless carriages, popularly known as "hurleys," are pressed into the service, supplemented by father, mother and the children, each carrying pictures, mirrors or other cherished articles too precious to trust to the tender mercies of some ramshackle conveyance.

These processions are moving along all day. The representative of law and order, upon this day at least, is very lenient, his gruff "Move on!" is less in evidence, and his ready notebook gets a rest. There are no "cases" of obstruction reported, although often loaded vans have to remain in a street all night.

It may be that the "policeman" grasps the humor of the situation, or perhaps a fellow feeling influences him. No doubt his own flitting is in progress, and he retires off duty to some strange abode, there to assist in carrying in his goods, to sup off a crust of bread and cheese and sleep on the floor, as others have to do.

A stranger naturally inquires the cause of this one day given over to chaos. It is to be found in the caution of the Scottish landlord. It is difficult to obtain a house at any other time than the lawful removal day, and the canny house owner has prudently secured his rent a fortnight previously, May 15.

"Moonlight" flittings are thus practically unknown, and there is little loss of rent from that cause. The rents being payable half yearly only, the cost of collection is reduced, as is the risk of loss, to a minimum. The system entails great hardship to workingmen compelled to change the scene of their labors. They frequently cannot obtain a house until term day and have consequently to take lodgings and support their family in another town.

If fortunate enough to obtain a house, the landlord steps in and requires his full year's rent to be paid or deposited in bank before he allows the goods to be removed. The unfortunate head of a household is also responsible for the full year's rates of his "new" house, although he may have paid in full at his vacated house.

The only advantage to the tenant is security of tenure for twelve months and the certainty of being accommodated at the expiry in the general scramble. Of course it happens sometimes, through new houses being erected, that some one is able to start the ball rolling a day or two before term, to the comfort of all involved in the particular circuit; but, generally speaking, May term day in Scotland is not an institution to be admired and copied. Strange to say, Sandy not only takes this day philosophically, but is much more addicted to "flitting" than people south of the Tweed, some families moving regularly every year without any apparent necessity. One would scarcely expect the worry and discomfort of the day and succeeding temporary chaos to be voluntarily undertaken, but the fact is so.

The continuance of the system itself is a standing monument to the British long suffering and law abiding nature.—Pearson's Weekly.

A Great Bargain.

Mrs. Winks—A peddler was here today, and I got the greatest bargain—a whole pound of insect powder for only 10 cents. It looks just like dirt, but it's awfully effective. I tried it.
Mr. Winks—Worked, eh?
Mrs. Winks—Yes, indeed. The peddler said I should put a little in water and apply it boiling hot, and I did, and it killed every insect it touched.—New York Weekly.

Leading Up to It.

Bobbie—You know them preserves out in th' pantry wot you told me not to eat?
Mother—Yes.
Bobbie—You know you said they'd make me sick if I et 'em, didn't you?
Mother—Yes.
Bobbie—Well, they didn't.—Ohio State Journal.

The Blessing of Poverty.

"What a blessing 'is poverty'" exclaimed the old man.
"A blessing?"
"Why, yes. When you're real down poor, you have such a good time hopin' fer the best!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Fraternal Insurance Order Cards.

R. C. I. P. A.—Lodge No. 612 meets first and third Thursdays of each month. McConnell's hall, 8:30 p. m. E. B. HUNTER, President. W. S. GUYER, Secretary.

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Egyptological Enthusiasm.

It may be noted as an agreeable evidence of the spread of Egyptological enthusiasm in America that nearly half the aggregate income of the fund for the last year came from the United States.—London Spectator.