

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Members of the German American Fire Insurance Company, (Mutual), of Hastings, Nebraska.

Notice was recently sent you as a member of this company of an assessment for the amount due from you under the order issued by the Hon. Ed. L. Adams, Judge of the Tenth Judicial District, dated February 5th, 1906. This notice was sent to all members of the German American Fire Insurance Company, (Mutual), since its organization, including policies that had been canceled or had expired and assessing all proportionately. It includes all paid up policies and no member is released from this assessment, and to those whose premium notes are unpaid, it includes balances due on premium notes as well as this assessment.

The court has instructed me to close up the affairs of this company as soon as possible and this letter again calls your attention to the matter. I do not wish to add unnecessary expense to this and hope you will look after the matter at once, otherwise I will be compelled to take judgment against you in the District court here as a member of the corporation and transcript the same to your county seat.

D. K. TAYLOR, Receiver.

Y. M. C. A. Rally.

J. P. Bailey, state secretary, and E. J. Simmonds, his assistant, conducted a successful Y. M. C. A. rally in the city last Sunday, having good audiences at both afternoon and evening meetings in the Methodist church.

In the evening after a fine service and address by Mr. Bailey, a committee composed of the pastors of the city was chosen to ascertain the feeling of McCook toward a Y. M. C. A. building, and this committee will report as soon as practicable.

It seems to the TRIBUNE that this is a matter largely for the Burlington railroad management and its employees. If they take the proper initiative as they should, being the parties in largest interest, the businessmen and people of the city generally will doubtless do their full share willingly to assist in securing and maintaining a Y. M. C. A. building.

The Proof of the Pudding.

Well you know it is not in chewing the string. This holds good in meats as well as in puddings. The B. & M. meat market guarantees you the best the market affords in the meat line—in any and all kinds of meats. They throw in liberal and courteous treatment and prompt delivery. You will find the market at the old stand, first door south of the Walsh block. We bespeak a liberal portion of your patronage during the new year.

DAVID MAGNER, Prop.

Notice.

On account of sickness I am unavoidably called away from McCook and will therefore have to discontinue my Veterinary Practice for at least a short time. For the benefit of those wishing to correspond with me while absent, my address will be Mountain Grove Mo., Hoping to be able to soon return, I am

Very respectfully,

WM. B. HOAG.

Brotherhood of St. Paul.

The Brotherhood have fixed up their room in the Methodist church for a rest, reading and games room and will keep it open three nights in the week, Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, from 7 to 10 p. m., beginning Monday night, May 21st. All men and boys welcome. Come on fellows and make yourself at home. Free. A man from Omaha speaks at the mens meeting, Sunday afternoon next. Come.

Notice.

I will hold an examination at my home in Indianola on Thursday and Friday, May 17 and 18, giving the examinations in Saturday's subjects—the "Five Essentials"—on Thursday. I will then hold the regular examination in McCook on Saturday, May 19th.

FLORA B. QUICK, Co. Sup't.

Low Rates to California.

San Francisco or Los Angeles and return \$50.00.

Via Portland \$62.50. Liberal stopover privileges allowed.

For particulars call at ticket office.

G. S. SCOTT, Agent.

A First-Class Plumber.

John Hunt, of the new plumbing establishment, has secured the services of a first class plumber, this week. Best of work guaranteed.

Notice to Members of A. O. U. W. Kangaroo court next Monday night. Full attendance is desired.

E. M. BIGELOW, M. W.

"Cash," "Received on Account," "Charge," "Paid Out" and other cash register printed supplies at THE TRIBUNE office.

H. P. Waite & Co.'s is headquarters for hay tools.

BURNS DIED PENILESS.

His First Obituary Notice Called For Help For His Family.

When Robert Burns died the following obituary appeared in the Edinburgh Advertiser of July 26, 1796: "On the 21st inst. died at Dumfries, after a lingering illness, the celebrated Robert Burns. His poetical compositions, distinguished equally by the force of native humor, by the warmth and the tenderness of passion and by the glowing touches of a descriptive pencil, will remain a lasting monument of the vigor and versatility of a mind guided only by the lights of nature and by the inspiration of genius.

"The public, to whose amusement he has so largely contributed, will learn with regret that his extraordinary endowments were accompanied with frailties which rendered them useless to himself and his family. The last months of his short life were spent in sickness and indigence, and his widow, with five infant children and in the hourly expectation of a sixth, is now left without any resource but what she may hope from the regard due to the memory of her husband.

"The public are respectfully informed that contributions for the wife and family of the late Robert Burns, who are left in circumstances of extreme distress, will be received at the houses of Sir William Forbes & Co., of Messrs. Mansfield, Ramsay & Co. and at the shops of the Edinburgh booksellers. It is proposed to publish some time hence a posthumous volume of the poetical remains of Robert Burns for the benefit of the author's family. His friends and acquaintances are requested to transmit such poems and letters as may happen to be in their possession to Alexander Cunningham, writer, George street, Edinburgh, or to John Syme, Esq., Ryedale, Dumfries. It is hoped that in the meantime none of his original productions will be communicated to the public through the channel of newspapers or magazines so as to injure the sale of the intended publication."

CARE OF THE EAR.

Never put anything in the ear for the relief of toothache.

Never wear cotton in the ears if they are discharging.

Never apply a poultice to the inside of the canal of the ear.

Never drop anything into the ear unless it has been previously warmed.

Never use anything but a syringe and warm water for cleansing the ears.

Never strike or box a child's ears. This has been known to rupture the drumhead and cause incurable deafness.

Never wet the hair if you have any tendency to deafness. Wear an oiled silk cap when bathing and refrain from diving.

Never scratch the ears with anything but the finger if they itch. Do not use the head of a pin, hairpins, pencil tips or anything of that nature.

Never meddle with the ear if a foreign body enters it. Leave it absolutely alone and have a physician attend to it.

All He Needed.

A number of Wall street men at luncheon one day were discussing the remarkable ability of a certain operator in the street to weather any financial storm.

"Why," said one of the financiers, "that chap's a wonder. I don't know how many times they've had him against the wall, yet he always contrives to get away."

"I have heard it said," observed another, "that Blank is resourceful enough to make a living on a desert island."

"Yes, he could do that, too," affirmed the first speaker, "if there were another man on the island."—Harper's Weekly.

The Perfect Spanish Beggar.

There is a calm dignity about the Spaniard of every class which will strike a stranger. Even the beggars, of whom, goodness knows, there are plenty, seem to stand on a higher platform than their confreres in other lands. In our country the statutory address is, "Could you spare me a copper?" but a Spanish beggar thus addressed us at a railway station, and we give his address as typical of his class, "O senorito, da me un almonista, y rogare por su feliz viaje!" which may be translated into English thus: "Oh, little gentleman, give me an alms, and I will pray for you a happy journey."—Chambers' Journal.

A Singular Epitaph.

At Annapolis, N. S., and in the military cemetery attached to old Fort Anne is a tombstone with the following odd inscription:

Here Lyeth the Body of Margaret Wintlett. Born the 6th day of April, 1723, and Dyed the 23th of February, 1722.

The singular part of the epitaph is that the child, according to the engraving on the headstone, died nearly a year before its birth.

Interpreted.

"Father," asked the youth, "what is your understanding of the saying, 'The race is not always to the swift?'"

"Practically, my son," replied the wise father, "it means that in the race of life the fast men don't usually come out ahead."—Catholic Standard and Times.

The Decline of Chivalry.

Wife (drearily)—Ah, me! The days of chivalry are past. Husband—What's the matter now? Wife—Sir Walter Raleigh laid his cloak on the ground for Queen Elizabeth to walk over, but you get mad simply because poor, dear mother sat down on your hat.

GORKY AND HIS MISSION.

The Russian Poet and Novelist of Protest and His Career.

When Maxim Gorky, the Russian author and revolutionist, landed in this country he was at once overwhelmed with invitations to dine, in accordance with the American habit of discussing all questions, grave and gay, political or religious, literary, scientific or commercial, over the banquet table. At one such meal, when the Russian reformer ate with such well known Americans as Mark Twain, Robert Collier, David Graham Phillips, Robert Hunter and Arthur Brisbane, he appeared in his characteristic costume of a blue blouse buttoned high up in the neck, though most of the guests were attired in conventional evening dress. In this Gorky but followed out his ideas as a Socialist, for he believes in the leveling of all distinctions as to rank or class. His visit to America is in the interest of the movement in this country to help the Russian revolutionists by raising funds for the purchase of arms. Gorky and his sympathizers believe that the Russian people can only obtain a full measure of liberty through the use of force and that their



MAXIM GORKY.

friends in America should aid in supplying the sinews of war. "The blood," says Gorky, "we will give ourselves. We need money, money, money. I come to you as a beggar that Russia may be free."

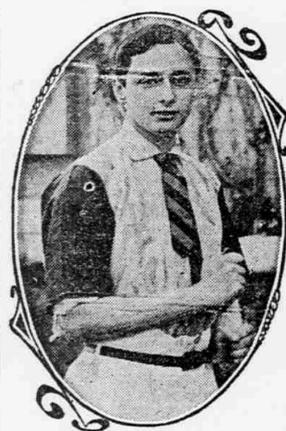
Gorky himself has already given a fortune in aid of the revolutionary cause. This fortune he made through the sale of his books, which have enjoyed a great popularity not only in Russia, but in other parts of Europe and even in America. He now aims to make more money, through writing and lecturing, to devote to the same cause. On his visit to the United States he is accompanied by a handsome Russian actress known on the stage as Mme. Andreieva, and by his secretary, Herman Theodorevitch Bonrenine.

Maxim Gorky is the author's pen name and means "the bitter one." His real name is Alexei Maximovitch Pleshkoff. His pen name is expressive of his character, for his writings tell of the suffering and misery of the Russian masses, and the author knows whereof he speaks, for he was a walf and an outcast himself. He has been called "the tramp novelist." He was born in 1868 in Niji Novgorod, and his father, who was very poor, died when the boy was five years old. Bootblack, scullion, baker's apprentice and kicked around by everybody, Gorky was raised in a pessimistic school, and when he took up writing it was as a poet and novelist of protest. He has often been under arrest for speaking too plainly and has passed much time in prison.

JAY GOULD, ATHLETE.

Grandson of Famous Financier, Who Has Won Honors in Tennis.

In planning his famous winter home at Lakewood, N. J., known as Georgian Court, the late Jay Gould's eldest son, George Gould, made ample provision for members of his family to indulge in athletic exercises. A devotee of polo himself, he gave special attention to providing every facility for playing



JAY GOULD.

this game and also tennis. He encouraged his sons Kingdon and Jay to become athletes, and they have well fulfilled their father's ambitions for them in this respect. Jay, who is now seventeen, has for some years shown a special fondness for tennis, and his practice on the courts at Lakewood has finally resulted in his capturing the national championship in court tennis. This he did recently by defeating Charles E. Sands, the former champion, at the Racquet and Tennis club, New York, and he has gone to England to participate in the British championship tournament to be held at the Queen's club, London. Experts in the game regard his playing as remarkable. He is not of large frame, but is very active, and his muscles have the suppleness requisite to success in tennis.

WONDERFUL MIRAGES.

Those Seen in the Winter Twilights in Northern Alaska.

The most wonderful mirages ever beheld by mortal eyes are those that are seen in the twilight winter days in northern Alaska. These remarkable ghastly pictures of things, both imaginary and real, are mirrored on the surface of the waste plains instead of upon the clouds or in the atmosphere. Mimic lakes and water courses fringed with vegetation are to be seen pictured as real as life on the surface of the snow, while grassy mounds, stumps, trees, logs, etc., which have an actual existence some place on the earth's surface, are outlined against mountains of snow in all kinds of fantastic shapes. Some of these objects are distorted and magnified into the shapes of huge, ungainly animals and reptiles of enormous proportions. The fogs and mists are driven across these wastes by the winds, and as the objects referred to loom up in the flying vapors they appear like living creatures and seem to be actually moving rapidly across the plain.

At other times they appear high in the air, but this is a characteristic of the northern mirages that are seen near the seashore. When the vapors and mists are driven out to sea the images mirrored in them appear to be lunging through the waters at a terrific rate of speed, dashing the spray high in the air, while huge breakers roll over them and onward toward the mountainous islands beyond and against which they all appear to be dashing. Monstrous serpents, apparently several hundred feet long, sometimes with riders on their backs, men on horseback thirty to fifty feet in height, animals and birds of all kinds of horrible shapes and colors seem to be scurrying past, racing and chasing each other until they are lost in the twilight fogs or dashed to pieces upon the rocky islands mentioned above and which are twenty miles out to sea.

THE RED SQUIRREL.

He Stores Very Little Food For Use in Winter.

In Maine—in fact, all over New England—red squirrels do not put by great hoards of any kind for winter use. When a Maine red squirrel has filled itself with acorns and beechnuts it will hide a few here and there—under leaves, in hollow logs, in cracks of rifted trees and among stone heaps.

An average red squirrel, having the run of an oak grove in the fall of the year, may in the course of two weeks hide away from two to four quarts of acorns, though they will be in perhaps twenty different places, and in no instance which we have noted has any nut been shelled.

The squirrel which plans a hoard of nuts and makes deliberate preparations for winter is the little chipmunk, or striped squirrel, which seeks winter quarters soon after heavy frosts and which remains in hiding all winter. The chipmunks often hide as many as two quarts of shelled beechnuts in one place. Their storehouses are, as a rule, under the ground, in sloping and sandy soil, the burrows having been dug with true engineering skill, so that no freshet can drown them out.

It is believed that most observing woodsmen will say that the red squirrels of this vicinity seldom make large caches of provisions for winter consumption and never shell the stored nuts. In fact, the red species have no need to pay much heed to such matters, as they are abroad and active in the coldest days of winter as much as they are in midsummer, so precautions for food are not demanded. As the red squirrels subsist for a good part of the year upon the cones of pines and spruces, which hang to the limbs, they do not care how deep or hard the snow may be, feeling secure in finding all the food they want among the treetops.—Bangor News.

Courage.

The greater part of the courage that is needed in the world is not of a heroic kind. Courage may be displayed in everyday life as well as in historic fields of action. There needs, for example, the common courage to be honest, the courage to resist temptation, the courage to speak the truth, the courage to be what we really are and not to pretend to be what we are not, the courage to live honestly within our own means and not dishonestly upon the means of others.—Smiles.

Indian Ocean Serpents.

Among the most venomous serpents in the world are the marine snakes of the Indian ocean. They are the dread of fishermen, and it sometimes happens that vessels are obliged to thread their cables through barrels to prevent the reptiles from swarming on board. Great numbers of them may often be seen floating on the surface of the water as if asleep. They are exceedingly fierce and will commonly attack human beings without provocation.

When the Raven Was Milk White.

According to Mohammedan belief, the ravens which Noah took with him on the ark were both pure white. When the ark had been riding the billows of the food for thirty-three days one of the giraffes died, and the carcass was thrown overboard. No sooner had it struck the water than the ravens pounced upon it. For this Noah cursed them, and since that day they have been coal black.

The Disappointment.

May—it was too bad that Miss Trills disappointed the audience at the amateur performance. Else—But she didn't. She was able to appear after all. May—Yes, but it was generally supposed that she would not be able to appear.

LADIES! Have you seen the beautiful line of MUSLIN UNDERWEAR in Grannis' store? There are beautiful four-piece sets, made of finest muslin and trimmed in finest of fine Valenciennes lace, which would certainly please you, and the price is very reasonable, for the labor expended on such elaborate garments would be worth as much as the price for which we offer them. Then those separate garments, each having a neat and special style of its own, with either embroidery or lace as trimmings. You will certainly find something in our large assortment that will please as well as fit. This underwear has not the scant appearance of most ready-made underwear, but is of generous proportions and the latest styles in the market.

John Grannis A Matter of Great Moment. THE TRIBUNE is informed that at the next regular meeting of the city council, Monday evening, May 28, the question of securing certain concessions from the city will be broached by the Burlington company in its proposed enterprise of building a viaduct over its yard tracks at this place. If correctly advised the company seeks to have the east road leading from the city to South McCook vacated and proposes to erect or construct a wagon viaduct over the tracks at a point south of the west ice house at the foot of McDowell street. A mere glance will show one the inconvenience to which people living in South McCook will be placed if thus isolated from the main town, not to mention the increased pull that those driving or hauling into the city from the south will be compelled to endure. It is understood that the county proposes to open a road on the half section line just east of East McCook, or about a half mile east of the present road now leading to South McCook. This will but partially make good the loss of the present road. This matter was projected into the discussions of the meeting of the council, Monday evening of this week, and narrowly escaped action at that session, without the people of that section having an opportunity of making a showing or defense. This appears to THE TRIBUNE as being a matter of no small moment to residents and property owners of South McCook and they should take steps between now and the next meeting of the council to see that they are represented at that meeting and that their rights are properly and adequately protected. We understand, of course, that the company proposes to build a foot viaduct to the round house from the foot of Main avenue, for the use of its employees in getting to and from work, and for those who have business with the company in the yard or shops. To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c. McCook Market Quotations. (Corrected Friday afternoon.) Corn.....\$.35 Wheat.....\$.60 Oats.....\$.25 Rye.....\$.40 Barley.....\$.25 Hogs.....\$ 5.80 Eggs.....\$.15 Good Butter.....\$.15 At the home of Andrew Finnell in Frontier County, last Wednesday afternoon, occurred the marriage of Harry Jones and Miss Nellie Russell, Rev. M. B. Carman officiating. The young couple will make their home in Shenandoah, Iowa. BEGG'S BLOOD PURIFIER CURES catarrh of the stomach. Cream in sealed 10c and 20c bottles for sale at Marsh's meat market.