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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CHRISTIAN—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m., by G. C. J. Johnson of Bloomington. Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m.

EPISCOPAL—Services on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Evening prayer at 7:30 o'clock, Wednesday. All are welcome to these services.

E. R. EARLE, Rector.

CATHOLIC—Order of services: Mass, 8 a. m. Mass and sermon, 10:00 a. m. Evening service at 8 o'clock. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Every Sunday.

J. J. LOUGHRAN, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. All the regular services next Sunday at the usual hours. Preaching at Zion Hill at 3 p. m. We welcome you to our services.

A. A. HOLMES, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. There will be no preaching services on July 15th and 22nd owing to vacation of pastor. GEO. B. HAWKES, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m., "Our Inheritance, perils and possibilities." Sermon at 8 p. m., "Tide." Junior League at 5 p. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 p. m. Sunday-school and preaching in South McCook next Sunday afternoon.

M. B. CARMAN, Pastor.

A BLOOD RED LAKE.

Peculiarity Manifested by a Sheet of Water in Switzerland.

Lake Morat, in Switzerland, has a queer habit of turning red about two or three times every ten years. It is a pretty lake, like most of the sheets of water in that picturesque country, and its peculiar freak is attributed to a disposition to celebrate the slaughter of the Burgundians under Charles the Bold on June 21, 1476, but the French say that it blushes for the conduct of the Swiss, who in that battle gave the Burgundians no quarter.

This phenomenon, of course, has its legend. The old fishermen of the lake, who catch enormous fish called silures that weigh between twenty-five and forty kilograms, say when they see the waters of the lake reddening that it is the blood of the Burgundians. As a matter of fact, some of the bodies of the Burgundians killed in the battle were thrown into the lake, while others were tossed into a grave filled with quicklime. This historical recollection angered the Burgundian soldiers of the victorious armies of the republic in 1798 so much that they destroyed the monument raised in honor of their compatriots who fell heroically in that battle, and Henri Martin very justly reproached them for that piece of vandalism.

It would hardly do to attribute the reddening of the waters of the lake to the blood of the soldiers of Charles the Bold. The coloring is due simply to the presence in large quantities of little aquatic plants called by naturalists *Oscillatoria rubescens*. The curious thing about it is that Lake Morat is the only lake in which this curious growth is developed.

Hiccough at Dinner.

Many persons are debarred from dining out owing to their liability to contract hiccough during a meal. As a rule when caused by food it comes on at once, and equally as a rule the food causing it is hot. Soups are more likely to provoke hiccough than solids are. It is a good plan to forego soup, which can be done without causing remark, says Home Notes. Or one may eat a little bread before taking it. A third plan is to drink a little cold water and to take the soup in very small sips.

The Best of the Poem.

"I don't see anything in that poet's new poem."
"Of course you don't," replied the editor in chief, "because I opened it first and took a five dollar bill out of it. Give it a good place—top column, next reading matter!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Vindictive.

Naggus—What are you going to do with the hero and heroine of that magazine story you're running now? Marry them? Bonus—Certainly. They will be married in the last chapter. Naggus—I'm glad of it. It will serve them right.—Tit-Bits.

A Hard Case.

"You say you had to give the patient chloroform twice?"
"Yes," replied the dentist. "I had to extract the money."—Detroit Free Press.

Advantages of Travel.

All travel has its advantage. If the passenger visits better countries, he may learn to improve his own, and if fortune carries him to worse he may learn to enjoy his own.—Johnson.

HOT AND COLD WATER.

How to Use These Remedies to the Best Advantage.

Hot or cold water is excellent as an application for inflammation, congestions or abrasions, but how many people know which to apply in particular cases while awaiting the arrival of medical relief? Not many, and the mistakes made in some instances are ludicrous.

Take the barber, for example, who has cut his patron's face. He generally washes the face with a towel soaked in warm water, often pressing it right into the injury, and then wonders why the blood flows from the cut so freely. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred if he had used cold water, and the colder the better, the blood would have ceased to flow from the injury altogether, as the cold would have a tendency to contract the openings in the torn blood vessels. In all cases of such cuts or abrasions very cold water will at least reduce the amount of bleeding. If it doesn't stop it altogether, and yet, singularly enough, boiling water will have the same effect.

Water below the boiling point increases the flow, but above that degree decreases it. In surface inflammations or congestions cold water ought to be used, while if the condition is situated below the surface hot water is necessary as an application because it draws the blood toward the surface and thus stimulates the circulation through the part where it is most needed.

In cases of abscesses or pimples with pus forming in them, but which have not yet come to a head, the secretion of pus can be rapidly increased and the duration of the annoyance thereby decreased by applying hot water to them at frequent intervals.

Where the eye is inflamed or smarted, after a period of eye strain, such as night work often induces, hot applications are the things for relief, but the water used should be gradually allowed to cool off toward the end. Tired eyes will invariably be rejuvenated by adopting this method of treatment, and many headaches resulting from such a condition may thereby be prevented or cured.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

BLEAK SHETLAND.

Its Swarms of Sea Gulls and Its Lone Tree.

Up a little lane off Lerwick's one street there is a garden. At least, it is an inclosed space. In the middle of this space there is a tree. It is not a very tall tree; you could, in fact, toss a biscuit over its branches, but still it is a tree—the only tree in Shetland. And Shetland is proud of it. Children who are brought for the first time to see the wonders of one streeted Lerwick are shown this tree. This is not fiction. It is the only tree in Shetland.

As there are no trees in Shetland, there are no birds, except, of course, the sea gulls, which you can number by the thousand. The sea gulls are the sparrows of Lerwick, and, as such, they have a greater share in the town's life than have the sparrows of London. In the morning time you will note that a sea gull sits on every chimney pot. Sea gulls swoop and hover over every roof in the town.

The air is full of their strange, high, plaintive, haunting cries. Their sad, shrill, long drawn cries are to Lerwick as the chattering of sparrows or the cawing of rooks are to us in England. Every house has its own familiar sea gulls and every street its own band of sea gulls. They never mix. The children in each house have a pet name for their own particular sea gulls, and, having called them to them by those names, they feed them every day. And each sea gull knows what is meant for him. No sea gull attached to one house ever seeks to eat the food scattered from the house next door. He does not dare; the other gulls would kill him. So all day long the sea gulls hover and call over the roofs of Lerwick. The people of the town, if they come across a little pile of rice laid upon the roadway, step over it with care. They know that it is placed there for some sea gull. And at night the sea gulls leave their own appointed chimney pots and fly gracefully away to their resting places on the rocks of the Isle of Noss.—London Express.

A Railway Bull.

The recent intimation of an Irish railway that there would be "no last train to Cork" has apparently induced the Great Eastern Railway company to issue a placard stating that trains to Walthamstow will run "all through the night on week days."—St. James' Gazette.

Before and After.

"I think that every young woman should learn to play the piano before she is married."
"That's right. And forget it afterward."—Cleveland Leader.

BEGGS' BLOOD PURIFIER
CURES catarrh of the stomach.

DANBURY.

W. R. Starr was over from McCook on business, last week.

Roy Boyer and William Mustgrave engaged in a fistfight the other night for the amusement of some of the boys.

Howard Ruby's boy is very low with inflammation of the bowels.

Misses Alma Noe and Bertha and Myrtle Doud visited at Daniel Reeves, one day last week.

Agent and Mrs. Simons left for Kansas, Saturday, where they will make their future abode. He will be the agent there, while the agent at Oberlin will come here.

Mr. Hall's sister and a friend are visiting here.

Lula Burbridge and Alma Noe entertained their Sunday-school class, Wednesday evening, by sending up a balloon; and ice cream was served afterwards.

We understand that Mrs. Anna Stilgebauer raised about 500 quarts of strawberries this season.

J. L. Sargent and J. L. Sims went to Lincoln, Wednesday, to see a contractor about building a school house.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY NO. 1.

A cow was killed by lightning at Perry, last Friday evening, owned by W. E. Bower, who spent Saturday and Sunday up there.

Mr. and Mrs. Brannock arrived from California, last Friday, and expect to make this their home. She is a sister of Mrs. J. I. Lee.

Henry Kisker met with a slight mishap, July 4th. His wagon tongue was broken and some of the boys in the wagon were thrown out, but no one was hurt.

Miss Howard of Colorado is visiting her aunt Mrs. M. J. Stroud.

John Schlagel was taken worse, Monday, and the family were summoned to McCook, where he is receiving treatment.

Adolph Bower of Perry is working for Frank Dudek harvesting.

Floyd Robertson has quit working for Gerald Wilcox and expects to return to the railroad service.

G. E. Evertson has traded his Ash Creek farm for St. Joseph property valued at \$10,000.

J. H. Warfield's brother visited him early part of last week.

Miss Eltha Downs is sewing at Joseph Dudek's.

The happiest man on the route is A. E. Price, and it is all on account of that fine new daughter, born Wednesday.

A gentleman was over from Oberlin, Kansas, this week, searching for two young lads who run away from home on horseback. He finally corralled the lads down toward Indianola and started home with them in his buggy, leading the two horses. One lad was his own—the other a neighbor's.

Mrs. Bernhisel arrived from Denver, a few days ago.

Mrs. J. G. Lee and Mrs. James Barnes are ailing, this week.

SCHOOL CREEK.

Harvesting is in full blast.

Valentine Gray left, Friday evening, for Sheridan, Wyoming, to work on the railroad.

John Horkey returned, last week, from Aurora, Neb., where he was called to the bedside of his brother Fred, who was hurt in a runaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffman are visiting, this week, with their daughter, Mrs. Couder of Indianola.

Mrs. Sedden spent Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. E. S. Dutcher.

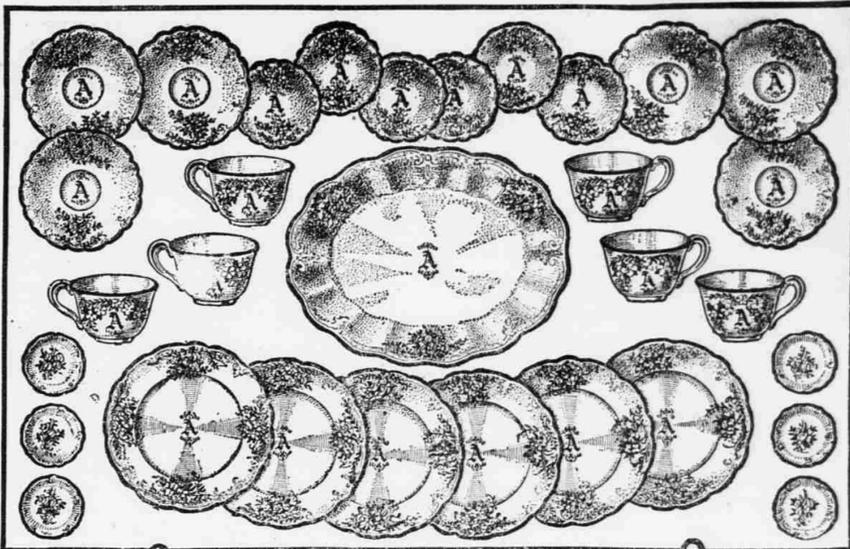
C. P. Cooper and family returned, Monday afternoon, from their visit at Holbrook.

John and Gene Dutcher attended the funeral of Tony Dietsch at Bartley, Thursday.

WANTED—Laborers at the Brush Sugar Factory, Brush, Colorado. Good wages paid.

A little love, a little wealth.
A little home for you and me;
It's all I ask except good health,
Which comes with Rocky Mountain Tea.
L. W. McConnell.

Cupid Ambushed.
Mr. Slowgait (about to propose; time 11 p. m.)—"I am about to say something, Miss Chillington, that I should have said some time ago. Look into my eyes and tell me if you cannot guess what it is." Miss Chillington (suppressing a yawn)—"You look as sleepy as I feel, so I guess you must be going to say 'good night.'"—Chicago News.



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BARTLEY.

Miss Lena Flint visited, over Sunday, with the homefolks returning to Normal at McCook, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Shoemaker returned, Saturday, from Denver where they had been visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. John Long of Colfax, Wash., is here on a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wolfe, and other relatives and friends.

Earl Eddy will begin his service for Uncle Sam, Monday, as rural mail carrier.

Miss Vina Miller of Los Angeles, Calif., is here on a visit with her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. John Wolfe and other relatives.

Mrs. Dr. Arbogast visited with her parents at Cambridge, Wednesday.

F. B. Duckworth, James McCallum and several others from Indianola attended the Bartley-Danbury ball game here, Monday.

Dr. Arbogast and H. L. Brown made a business trip to the west end of the county, Wednesday, calling at the county capitol on their way.

Mrs. W. R. Hanson and children of Benkelman, visited here with Mrs. J. R. Sipe later part of last week.

Miss Bertha Owens of Cambridge, visited friends here, last week.

Two and one-quarter inches of rain here, last Friday, was a great benefit to the growing crops.

Elder Roberts of Hendly, called in Bartley, last Saturday, on his way to Indianola, where he preached morning and evening at the Christian church.

Mrs. R. Y. Axtell and her son Lee, returned Saturday, from Dundy county, where they have been visiting relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown were callers in Indianola, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hiller and children of Indianola, visited with Harry L. Brown and family, Sunday.

Mrs. E. R. Moon and children went to Maywood, Monday, to visit Mrs. Moon's parents.

Bartley and Danbury played a good game of ball, Monday. Danbury won the game by a score of 4 to 1. The only objectionable feature of this game and many others, was the unnecessary nuisance called "roasting" by those in the grand stand.

Mr. Antone Dietsch died suddenly, Tuesday forenoon. His health has been poor for several months. Monday night he rested well and mentioned that he felt better Tuesday morning. During the morning Mr. Dunn of Freedom, called in to be shaved, which Mr. Dietsch did for him and just as he raised Mr. Dunn in the chair to comb his hair, Mr. Dietsch fell over in the barber shop and never spoke a word. He was carried into another room and died in a few minutes. Mr. Dietsch was one of the early settlers near Bartley and for 20 years has been a resident of East Valley precinct. He leaves a wife and seven children—three boys and four girls—to mourn his decease. His daughter Mrs. Mary Fletcher was at McCook attending normal, Miss Kate was at Boulder, Colo., having gone there recently, Charley was in Kansas near Blue Rapids. The daughters arrived home in time for the funeral, but a telegram sent Charley failed to reach him. Mr. Dietsch was a member of the A. O. U. W. and the family will receive \$2,000 which will be a great benefit in this time of need. Funeral services were held in the M. E. church, Thursday, by the A. O. U. W. Rev. Kirby preaching the funeral sermon.

RED WILLOW.

Mrs. Smith has been quite ill, but is some better.

Miss Ella Banker was visiting Mrs. Taylor, this week.

Mr. Saxon looks very lonely these days, as his wife is making an extended visit to her children in Iowa and Ill.

Miss Esther Glassburn was called home on account of the serious illness of her brother who was accidentally shot the 4th. She will be much missed and the young folks will be delighted if she can return.

Mrs. Milligate was visiting Mrs. McNeil on Tuesday.

Mrs. Leonard Smith was the guest of Mrs. Hoagland, Tuesday.

Those who are not harvesting are ploughing corn and it does one good to see the clean corn fields. The small grain is short on straw but the heads are well filled.

John Longnecker has a nice cement walks as you would see in any town.

The young married folks write of pleasant homes and delightful new friends, but Oh the void in the homes they left.

BOX ELDER.

Mrs. D. B. Doyle, Jr., is very sick. The grain in this section is filled better than was first expected.

G. C. Doyle has gone to take charge of the ranche his father recently purchased in Wyoming.

W. B. Saxon and W. B. Wolfe have their telephone posts all hauled.

N. B. Truth, St. Paul, June 31, '05.—I've lived so long, I remember well when the Mississippi was a brook. My good health and long life came by taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents. L. W. McConnell.