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14	"	"	9:42 P. M.
16	"	"	4:00 A. M.

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3	"	"	11:42 P. M.
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RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

T. J. Cain visited the folks at Roggen, Sunday.

Washington's birthday was observed in the shops.

The eight-hour schedule order carries with it a half-holiday as well, Saturday.

A snow plow was sent over to the Orleans-St. Francis branch, Monday night.

Engine 1065 with snowplow 23 is back in the roundhouse now, after some service on the westend.

Mrs. F. A. Munden, wife of the yard master, went down to Lincoln, Wednesday morning, to visit relatives.

Engine 1050 was sent to the St. Francis line, last night, two engines, one of them with a snowplow, being off track.

Engine 2012 is receiving droppit repairs over No.1. Engine 604 is over No. 2 and is receiving repairs and new flues.

Clifford Woolard succeeds Walter Stilwell in the general foreman's office, Stilwell having the coal distributing job in Pate's office.

J. M. Butler, chief clerk, Lincoln, took C. H. Stennett's examination, Friday evening, and will return to Lincoln, tomorrow morning.

Lacey Cotton failed to make good on his 10 cents a ton contract and the loading of coal is proceeding as begun with the aid of the wrecker.

The storm and snow was of such severity, Tuesday morning, that a snowplow had to be sent up west to assist in keeping open the road.

A number of freight cars were off the track in the eastern end of the yard, yesterday afternoon, but were replaced without delay of business.

Engineer M. R. Gates was up from Republican City, last Saturday, between trains. He was accompanied by his brother from northeastern Ohio.

G. S. Scott, who has been doing the second trick at Minden for a while, moved on to Heartwell, Wednesday, to relieve the agent at that point. Mrs. Scott has been with him at Minden.

The Red Cloud Commercial-Advertiser says that there is some talk of putting the crews of 63 and 64 back in Red Cloud. Also, that some McCook crews have been running out of that burg for the past six weeks on account of the rush of business at that point.

Brakeman Ben Chambers received word, the first of the week, that his wife, who was visiting with her parents at Cambridge, was seriously ill. Mrs. Chambers passed away about three hours after his arrival.—Curtis cor. in Stockville Republican-Faber.

Following the regular meeting of McCook lodge No. 407, Boilermakers, last Friday evening, the boys were surprised by their wives and treated a fine spread at their hall, which associated with a social evening made the occasion especially happy and notable.

BRAKEMAN EIDT SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Skull Fractured and Left Arm Crushed and Amputation Necessary.

Brakeman John Eidt received very serious injuries at Oberlin, Kansas, Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, a fractured skull and crushed fore arm being the chief items of injury. It was necessary to amputate the arm above the elbow.

After the accident, the waycar was detached from the train and taken at once to Republican City, where the car was attached to train No. 15 and brought here, the injured man being immediately taken to the Southwest Nebraska hospital here and the crushed arm in due time amputated.

The nature of the skull injury is most serious and time will be necessary to determine the result.

The injured man came from Freeport, Illinois.

Fell Off Benkelman Coal Chute.

E. F. Pixler fell off the Benkelman coal chute, Monday afternoon, a distance of 35 feet, sustaining serious injuries. A number of ribs were broke and severe internal complications resulted as well. It is expected to brin him to the Southwestern Nebraska hospital in this city, for treatment and services.

The Nobby Stylish Kind.

Rozell & Barger have just received a new shipment of shirts and neckties, all nobby and stylish, at the right prices. A nice assortment to select from.

For Sale.

Winchester 12-guage "pump" gun. Almost new. C. L. LIVINGSTON.

E S. Foe was a Lincoln visitor, last Friday.

A. Bruce Campbell was in Lincoln, last Friday.

Hugh Kelly, late from the Philippines, is in town, this week.

Mrs. Frank Purvis, wife of the agent at Holbrook, is seriously ill.

Mrs. C. J. Straucer visited her folks at Republican City, last week.

Miss Florella Cook of the telegraph office was an Oxford visitor, Sunday.

The engine from the Republican City-Oberlin line was brought in, Saturday evening, for slight repairs.

Engineer Briggs had Engineer Gates' run on the Republican City Oberlin, part of last week, while Gates was laying off, entertaining a brother from Ohio.

Frank Newkirk has retired from the night calling job in the engine service and Vern Funk is doing that stunt now. Willie Wiehe is calling engine crews days.

Mrs. W. T. Wootton, who has bee in the Southwest Nebraska hospital f some time for treatment for serio burns, is now steadily improving wit the skin-grafting resorted to.

When the engine on train 3, Mond night, struck the snowdrift at Wiggin Colorado, station, she knocked a lot snow into the window of the statio building, breaking a number of window panes.

The matter of "overs and shorts" wa a subject a consideration, Monday, at meeting of railroad men at headquarte Among the agents present at the conference were: A. W. Vetter of Oxford, C. Engstrom of Holdrege and R. E. Roe of Red Cloud.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY NO. 1.

Last Sunday, friends and neighbors of Mrs. Joseph Crocker and Mrs. Mary Schlagel gave a dinner in honor of the birthday of these two ladies, but Mrs Schlagel was absent on account of the death of her brother's wife at Wauneta.

Frank Dudek attended the funeral of his brother's wife at Wauneta, this week.

Mrs. T. M. Phillippi stayed with Grandma Dudek, while Mrs. Schlagel was absent at Wauneta at the funeral.

Mrs. A. O. Rogers and her mother Mrs. M. D. Scott departed, Thursday, for Atwood, Kansas, where Mrs. Rogers will visit the mother a week or ten days.

Michael Esch was confined to the house, first of the week, wrestling with carbuncles.

Little Frank Thompson, while at play, fell from a bed and broke a bone in his arm.

Nelson Downs moved onto his farm bought from Gerald Wilcox, Wednesday.

The home of Fred Troester was the scene of a double wedding, Thursday of last week, the contracting parties being Mathilda Troester and Gottlieb Leibbrandt and Elizabeth Leibbrandt and Christian Troester. The event was celebrated in the usual joyous manner, with the aid of a large company of neighbors and friends.

THE KEY OF TEBALDO

Curious Messenger of Death Invented by an Italian.

TRAGIC LEGEND OF VENICE.

Unique Weapon With Which the Man of Mystery and Murder Sought to Slay His Way to the Hand of the Woman He Loved.

The chronicles of Venice tell that in the earlier part of the seventeenth century a certain stranger, a man of dark and sinister aspect, arrived in the city. His name was Tebaldo. He appears to have been a man of unruly passions, of great intellectual power, but one whose talents found their chief outlet in crime.

One day he observed a beautiful girl leaving church, attended in a manner which showed she belonged to a family of high degree. She was, in fact, the daughter of an ancient and noble house. He fell violently in love with her. Though far removed from him in station, his blind passion took no count of this fact, and he determined to sue for her hand.

There proved to be, however, a more insuperable obstacle to his suit. The girl was already betrothed to another, a young nobleman of almost equal rank and fortune. The knowledge did not deter Tebaldo, who boldly presented himself before the girl's parents in the capacity of a suitor for her hand. As might have been expected, he met with a curt and unceremonious rebuff.

The repulse rankled in his mind. Enraged beyond measure, he shut himself up in his own house and there secretly studied a means of revenge. Profoundly skilled in the mechanical arts, he allowed himself no rest until he had invented a most formidable and death dealing weapon. This was a large key, the handle of which was so constructed that it could be turned at will. When it was thus turned a secret spring was disclosed, which, on being pressed, launched from the key head a fine needle or lancet. The latter was of such delicate construction that it penetrated the body of the victim and buried itself deep in the flesh without leaving any external trace.

The marriage of the betrothed couple was fixed to take place in the principal church in Venice on a certain day. Before the ceremony Tebaldo, cunningly disguised, stationed himself at the church door armed with his diabolical weapon. As the bridegroom was about to enter the building the concealed watcher pressed the spring and sent the deadly steel lancet into the breast of his victim. The young nobleman had no suspicion of injury at the moment. In the midst of the ceremony, however, he was seized with a sharp spasm of pain and sank fainting on the steps of the altar. He was hurriedly conveyed to his home, where the leading Venice physicians were summoned to attend him. In spite of their unremitting efforts he sank and died, nor were they able to discover the nature of the mysterious and fatal seizure.

With the removal of his rival, Tebaldo once more presented himself before the girl's parents and renewed his request for her hand. Their refusal to listen to him sealed their doom. In what manner he accomplished it is not known, but within a few days both had been done to death in the same sudden and mysterious fashion.

The exalted rank of the victims created a profound sensation, and when, on examination of the bodies, a fine steel instrument was found in the flesh terror became universal. The citizens feared for their lives. The utmost vigilance was exercised on the part of the authorities, but as yet no suspicion fell upon Tebaldo.

The bereaved girl retired to a convent, where she passed the first months of mourning in sorrowful seclusion. Tebaldo, however, sought her out in her retreat and begged to speak to her through the grating.

His dark, evil face had always been displeasing to her, but since the death of her betrothed and parents it had become repulsive. When, therefore, in the course of the interview he pressed her to fly with him he met with an instant and indignant refusal. Her scorn stung him to the quick. Beside himself with rage, he brought his deadly weapon once more into play and succeeded in wounding the girl through the grating, the obscurity of the place preventing his action from being observed.

On her return to her room the girl felt a sharp pain in her breast. Examination of the spot showed that it was dotted with a single drop of blood. Physicians were hastily summoned. Taught by past experience, they wasted no time in vain conjecture, but cut into the flesh and extracted the slender steel, thus saving the girl's life.

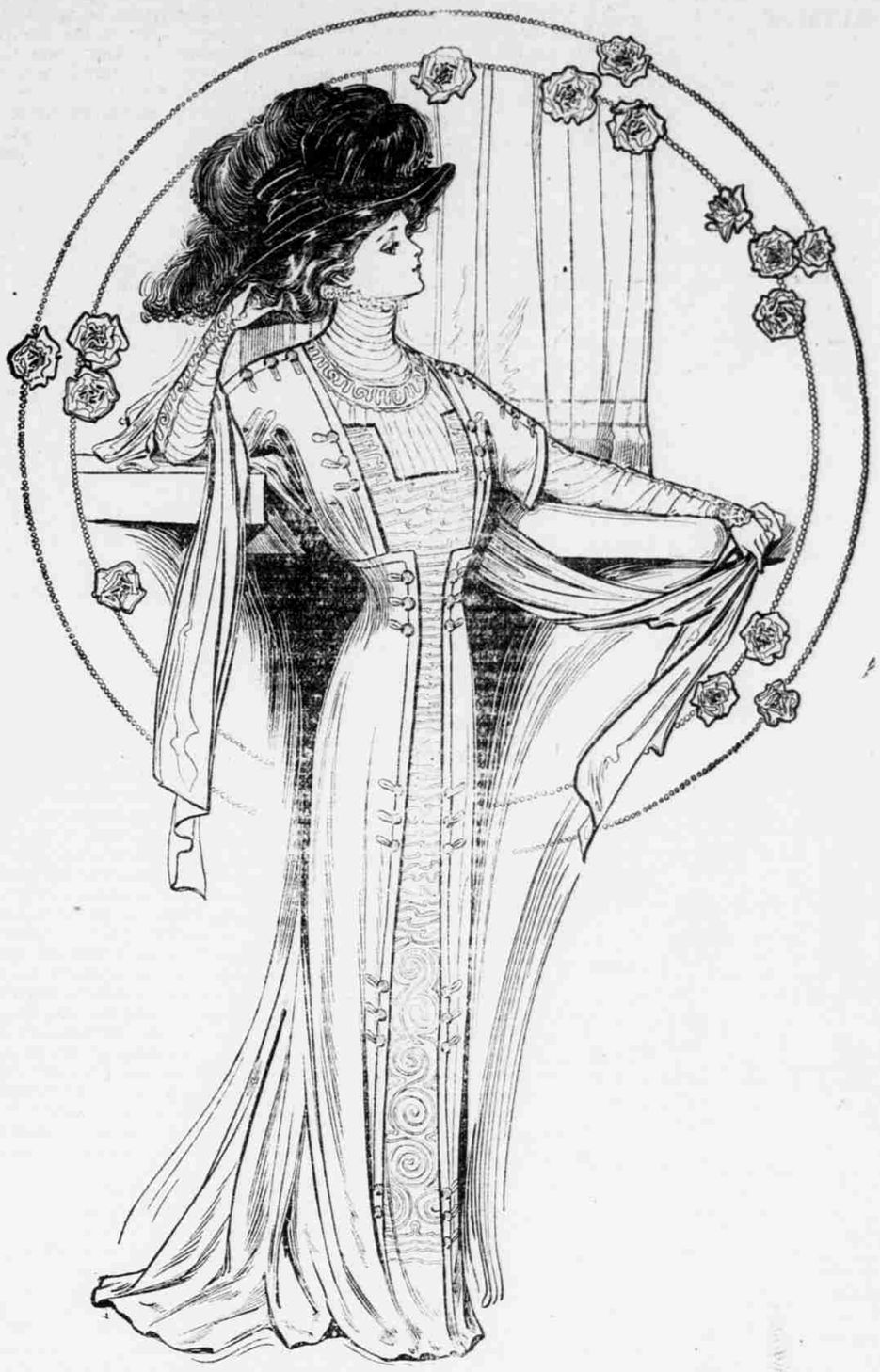
The dastardly attempt occasioned a public outcry. The visit of Tebaldo to the convent became known and caused suspicion to turn upon him. The emissaries of the law descended suddenly upon him, his house was searched, and there the abominable invention was discovered. Swift justice followed, and he ended his days upon the scaffold.

The key is still preserved in the arsenal at Venice.—Chambers' Journal.

Lovers' Quarrels.

Nell—A lovers' quarrel always reminds me of a crazy quilt. Belle—How's that? Nell—Always patched up.—Philadelphia Record.

Fortune is ever seen accompanying industry.—Goldsmith.



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BOX ELDER.

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A. W. Campbell attended the Riley sale at Osborn Tuesday.

Mrs. S. D. Bolles, Jr., visited Mrs. J. A. Modrell, Sunday.

Rev. Rubottom is holding meetings at Spring Creek this week.

Mr. Durham of McCook papered the church last week.

W. F. Satchell is moving to his homestead near Imperial this week.

W. B. Sexsons have a new son at their house.

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A Hard Shot.

Husband (angrily)—What! More money? When I'm dead you'll probably have to beg for all the money you get! Wife (calmly)—Well, I'll be better off than some poor woman who never had any practice.

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