

INDIANOLA.
Cal Rollins was at home last Sunday.
Mrs. W. D. Maclechnie is numbered with the ill.
H. J. Samms is under professional care, this week.
Mrs. Conrad Beck was called to Crete Tuesday night by death of her mother.
Prospects for Indianola going dry are pretty good.
C. I. Hall was in town, last Friday, on telephone business.
Grant Lakin came down from county-seat and visited here Sunday.
Robert Stewart left Tuesday night for eastern part of state to farm.
Patty Anderson's baby is improving from its recent sickness.
Harry LeBaron of Cambridge spent Sunday with Indianola friends.
Miss Leona White arrived home Saturday morning from Colorado where she has been visiting for a couple months.
Mrs. Bailey of Arapahoe is in town this week visiting Mrs. Fred Chessmore.
Dan Clouse and bride returned from Danbury, Saturday.
"Babe" Burt has been improving his property in town by building an addition of two rooms which is now in the hands of the paperhangers.
Alice Townley and Mildred Abbott visited in McCook the latter part of last week returning home Sunday night accompanied by Mrs. Ira Pennington.
Miss Crandall went out to her claim in Western Nebraska, Friday night.
The Leaguers en masse went out to the Dan Schoenthal home Monday evening and held a social. Everyone had a good time and the home-coming was at a late hour.
Mrs. John Balding is hereabouts on legal business.

GRANT.
Two good rains, last week.
Harry Olmsted is here from Haigler visiting at A. M. Benjamin's.
B. W. Benjamin is recovering slowly from an illness of some length.
August Wesch has planted some potatoes.
Miss Mary Schreiber has returned to Oberlin, Kansas, after a visit relatives and friends in this neighborhood.
If you have headache and urinary troubles you should take Foley's Kidney Remedy to strengthen and build up the kidneys so they will act properly, as a serious kidney trouble may develop.—A. McMillen, Druggist.

GERVER.
Lineman Miller "doctored" phones, part of last week.
Don Thompson recently received some blooded poultry from the east.
We got some hail with our rain, lightning, snow, thunder, last week Tuesday.
George Sigwing was happily surprised by a few friends, last week, on the occasion of his 49th birthday.
What will Uncle Sam be up to next? For years he has been in the seed business and now he has embarked in the printing trade. And this in competition with his own people. For surely the seedman and printer are just as much "of the people" as any of us. It certainly should be the object and duty of a government to foster and enhance the business and welfare of its subjects. And we admit ours has to a great extent. But, nevertheless, in the above instances it has undoubtedly failed. We appreciate Uncle Sam's help and advice, but an old man like him should refrain from participation in any business that would interfere with the livelihood of any of the citizens of his land.

MARION.
The Paw public sale on the 24th inst. was well attended and things brought good prices.
F. G. Stilgebauer and wife of Bartley were in town a few days last mid week.
Hiram Parker and Judd Remington from north east of Danbury were in town Saturday.
The concert Saturday evening was not well attended on account of the bad weather.
Mrs. W. A. DeMay and Mrs. Fox of Danbury were in town between trains Saturday.
T. F. Gockley from Fairview helped with the floor in the McFadden store a few days last.
S. B. Gockley and family arrived here last midweek for a visit with his parents. He took the train from here later for West Plains, Mo., to look up a location.
Frank Bryson visited the home folks in Gerver precinct Sunday.
Will DeMay was on the sick list last week, Ed Ruby having charge of the lumber yard meanwhile.
Several parties from Danbury attended the concert here Saturday night.
L. D. Gockley and wife visited their son at Fairview Sunday.
Stella Weyeneth came in from Bea-

trice Sunday for a week's visit with home folks at Fairview.
Cliff Plumb is doing the cooking act in the short order house for Albert Kemp.
Mr. Rodgers of Orleans was in town Monday and Tuesday in the interests of the Modern Brotherhood of America lodge organized here two weeks ago.
Sidney Dodge returned to McCook Monday after a ten days' visit with friends and relatives.
Several of the children in town are exposed to the measles, Neta Stilgebauer having them and the Darnell children are just over them.
S. W. Stilgebauer of Danbury was in town between trains Monday.

RED WILLOW.
Mr. Sexson is still suffering with his lame limb.
Lucy Miller will keep house for her brother Charles, who has rented the place lately occupied by Mr. Finch.
Dora Sawyer has stopped going to school and little Blossom Longnecker will drive alone.
Mrs. Thrift and young son and daughter of Decatur, Illinois, who spent the winter in California, stopped off for nearly a week's visit with Mrs. Owens Longnecker. Mrs. Thrift was not much in love with California. She and the children were quite sick with gripe after getting here.
Mr. Smith left on Tuesday morning for Colorado, where he has gone to help his son Paul get started with his spring work. He took seeds of different kinds, some provisions and a quantity of loving remembrances from home folks.
Mr. Stauffer called on friends last week. He is quite enthusiastic over the future of that country where so many Red Willow folks have gone.
Mr. Elmer is building a concrete block milk house for Mrs. Hatcher.
When Mrs. Ruggles was stricken with paralysis, they telegraphed for Laura in Iowa, and Pearl in California, both of whom reached home in a few days, and are still helping around their mother's bedside.

DANBURY.
This section was visited by a good soaking rain, Tuesday night. The ground now is in fair condition and prospect for this season could not be better.
Charles Six of Atwood, Kas., shipped a car of fine horses from here, Tuesday

last.
Mrs. Bates, who has been ailing for the past two or three years died Thursday. Funeral services were held at the church, Sunday.
The embalmer from Beaver City was in town last Friday on professional business.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henderson of Rexford, Kas., arrived Friday, being called here by the death of Mrs. Bates.
Pierre MacFie of Oberlin was in town on business, last Thursday.
Lovell Moore and Lloyd Waugh of Lebanon were business visitors, Saturday.
Clarence Young visited with his sister Mrs. R. R. Orman from Saturday until Sunday.
Word was received here Saturday morning stating the death of Joe Johnson of Denver, formerly of this place.
John Eston and wife of McCook were called here Saturday on account of the death of Mrs. Bates.
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Messner were visiting in Marion from Saturday until Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dow of Indianola were visiting here Saturday at the J. E. Noe home.
Guy French of Herndon visited his sister Mrs. Roy Thomas from Saturday until Monday.
Mr. W. R. Burbridge of Franklin, Neb., is visiting at the W. J. Stilgebauer home.
Alva Andrus departed, Tuesday morning, for his home at Marsland, this state.
Mr. Harry Butler had a sale last Tuesday and expects to move to Essex, Iowa, in a few days.
A. T. Gatewood made his usual trip, last Wednesday and Thursday.
Will and Ben Moss departed, Tuesday evening, for a sightseeing in Portland, Oregon.
Geo. Godown was an Indianola business visitor, last Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wicks of Marion were social visitors, Friday last.
The magic lantern show given at the M. E. church by L. Cann was fairly well attended and enjoyed by all.
Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Clouse of Indianola visited with friends and relatives from Thursday until Sunday.
Milford Paw had a sale Wednesday. He intends to move to Idaho in a few days.

TRIED TO BE JOCOSE.
Snickler Was In a Jovial Mood and Hungry as Well.
BUT HE SPOILED HIS MEAL.

By the Time He Managed to Order His Breakfast the Glow of Genial Good Humor He Tried to Shed Around Him Had Turned to Gloom.

Mr. Snicker is well known in his home town as the most facetious man in seventeen counties. His method of expressing what ideas he has is entirely along lines of pure jocosity, but now and then his wit falls upon unappreciative ears. On a recent visit to New York Mr. Snicker arrived rather early in the morning, and the pangs of hunger would brook so little delay that he went immediately upon his arrival to a prominent hotel in the vicinity of the station for his breakfast.

"Good morning, Henri," he chortled in his usual salubrious manner to the waiter as the latter hung his hat on a hook over his table. "Has the butcher come yet?"

"Ze what, sir?" asked the waiter, with a puzzled look on his face, for he was not used to Snickers.

"The butcher," said Snicker, with a merry wink in his left eye. "You know—the chap who brings the food. I thought perhaps—"

"Wait one moment, sir," said the waiter, his perplexity growing deeper. "I will bring ze head waiter, sir."

"Oh, never mind," Snicker began, but the waiter had departed to return in about three minutes with the head waiter.

"What is it, sir?" asked the latter, with a great show of civil interest.

"Oh, nothing," returned Snicker rather sheepishly. "I just asked Henri here if the butcher had arrived yet, fearing that possibly—"

"The butcher, sir?" repeated the head waiter, like his subordinate, very much mystified.

"Yes," said Snicker, with a faint smile, which he hoped the head waiter would find contagious. "I was only joking."

"Wait till I find ze superintendent," said the head waiter courteously. "I have no doubt we can accommodate monsieur if we can only find out what it is that he wants. I will send for him."

Snickler again started in to explain the mere facetious bearing of his inquiry, but the head waiter, too, had sped away in search of a superior officer who might be expected to be equal to this new and unexpected emergency.

Several omnibus boys and Snicker's waiter as well were dispatched to the kitchen and elsewhere to find him, but apparently without success. Five, ten, fifteen minutes elapsed, and Snicker began to feel that it did not really pay to be as funny as he could under all circumstances.

Finally, however, the head waiter returned and courteously explained that the superintendent had not yet arrived at his post of duty, but that he had telephoned up to the office for the manager of the hotel, who, he assured him, would be down in a very few moments.

"He is rather busy at this time of the morning, sir," he vouchsafed, "but he said he would be down right away."

"Well, I'm sorry," said Snicker ruefully. "You'd better head him off if you can. You see, when I asked if the butcher had come yet, it was only meant as a joke."

"Ah, here is the manager," interrupted the head waiter as a tall, impressive gentleman with a majestic front loomed up in the dining room door and made his way across to Snicker's table. "This is the gentleman, Mr. Pingleton," the head waiter added when the manager had reached Snicker's side.

"Good morning, sir," said the manager breezily. "I hope there is no trouble, sir. I am sorry to have kept you waiting, but this is the busy end of the day with me getting things started along, and our dining room superintendent, I regret to say, is off duty this morning. What can we do for you, sir?"

"I—I want a hard boiled egg and some Lyonnaise potatoes," said Snicker.—John Kendrick Bangs in Lippincott's Magazine.

Cats Disguised as Snakes.
"Do you know why a cat hisses when in rage or danger?" said a nature student. "Well, sir, she hisses as a flying criminal puts on blue goggles and a false beard. With that hiss she tries instinctively to disguise herself as a snake."
"Did you ever notice the markings on a cat's tail? They are transverse, like a snake's markings. The primitive cat in the wild state lived in rather tall grass. When danger approached he hissed and at the same time put up his tail and waved it slowly. The oncomer heard that serpentine hiss. He saw the tail, and only the tail, which waved in an ominous, serpentine manner. He said 'snake in the grass' and withdrew."
"The cat of today, hissing horribly and waving to and fro his erected tail, follows ancestral precedent. It helps him not at all; nevertheless he always does it, thinking it the right thing. Is not man sometimes like the cat in this respect?"

A laugh costs too much if it is bought at the expense of propriety.—Quintillan.

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