

**Some Real Estate Deals.**

Whitaker Bros. report the following real estate transfers this week: The fine home of Murty Sullivan in Morgans addition to the Rev. E. L. Yoder of Morrill, Kas. consideration \$2850. The fine residence of Wirth and Winterbottom on Evergreen Heights to Ernst Werner, consideration \$2,650. The elegant new home of A. E. Hofer, just finished on Evergreen Heights, to Mrs. L. V. McNall, consideration \$2600. She and husband are furnishing it preparatory to moving in this their new home at once. A nice building site of 2 acres on Evergreen Heights addition belonging to Thomas Nelson to Murty Sullivan, consideration \$1126. Mr. Sullivan is going to erect a nice residence on this beautiful location as soon as the weather will permit. If you have property you want to sell list it with Whitaker Bros. as they advertise and hustle until they find a buyer.

**Farmhouse Burned.**

Fire consumed the farm house of Elmer Daugherty nine miles southeast of Humboldt, Tuesday morning as the result of a disjointed stove pipe near the ceiling. The blaze occurred at five o'clock in the morning just after a rousing fire had been kindled and was not discovered in time to save the structure. Seven members of the family including the father were sick in bed with the measles, and were rescued with the greatest difficulty. The house was located on the Miles ranch and is the third or fourth which has been destroyed by fire on that place within the last few years.

**Mentally Unbalanced.**

Henry Fisher, a well known resident of Verdon became mentally unbalanced on Wednesday. Sheriff Hossack was summoned and on his arrival found the unfortunate man to be very violent and great difficulty was experienced in bringing him to this city. That evening he was taken to Lincoln for treatment. Mr. Fisher is suffering from religious mania and it is thought that the proper course of treatment will restore his reason.

**Concert and Ball.**

The burning of the German hall caused a postponement of the concert and ball which was to have been given by Harnacks Military band and the Arions. The concert and ball will be given on Wednesday, February 10, at the Jenne opera house. The postponement has given both the band and the Arions an opportunity to get in better shape than ever and the concert and ball is sure to be a big success.

**Accidentally Shot.**

Eddie Kuker, the eighteen year old son of Charles Kuker living near Barada met with a very serious accident the first of the week. He and a cousin were out hunting, when his companion's gun was accidentally discharged, part of the charge striking Kuker in the face and hand, some of the shot inflicting such an injury as will cause the loss of the sight of one eye. Dr. Van Osdel was called and dressed the wounds. The patient is now doing as well as could be expected.

**John Collier Dead.**

John Collier died at his home in this city Wednesday after a lingering illness. He was born in Missouri about fifty years ago and had lived in this city for twenty-five years. He was industrious and honest and possessed many good traits. He leaves a wife and family to mourn the loss of husband and father. The funeral was held this afternoon.

**Diphtheria.**

The eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bippes who reside between this city and Preston, died of diphtheria on Tuesday. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Work was resumed on the new mill Monday.

Special prices on cured meats and lard at Coupe & Thorntons'.

J. M. Hoover of Shubert transacted business in this city last Friday.

Mrs. John Majeures who has been seriously ill is slowly improving.

The choir boys of St. Thomas church are arranging for an oyster supper to be given at Ryans hall on the evening of February 15th.

Dave Abbott went to Omaha Sunday and will go into business in that city. Dave will be greatly missed in musical and social circles.

Israel Rickards who has been sojourning at Memphis, Tenn., is in the city for a visit with his father, C. H. Rickards.

Jake Norris, Geo. Holt, Pete Huffman and Ed Fisher went to St. Joseph Monday to see the eminent actress, Mrs. Leslie Carter.

Jim Powell returned from Kansas City Monday. He reports an improvement in the condition of Frank McDermid who has been so severely injured by a fall and hopes of his recovery are now entertained.

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**King's Pharmacy****FAST OCEAN STEAMERS.**

The Point of Obtaining Profit Has Been Passed.

Adolph N. Sheldon, who entered the profession of naval architecture 26 years ago but who retired in 1896 to his present home, Castle Randegg, in Baden, near Lake Constance, in Germany, is a guest at the Grand hotel, says the New York Tribune. "I recall the Elbe," said Mr. Sheldon, "which was sunk in a collision several years ago, as the first of the fast steamers of the North German line. She had scarcely 7,000 horse power and carried about 300 first-cabin passengers. Since she was built there had been a steady development in size, power and speed, until the Deutschland, on which I just came over, is reached. The speed has been nearly doubled, but the Deutschland has 36,000 horsepower. She is entitled to carry 880 first cabin passengers. Greater safety is also assured by the increased number of water-tight compartments, and, under present regulations, whenever there is a fog the compartments are closed.

"The increase in speed attainment involves a great increase of power. The Umbria and Etruria, which were for a period the greyhounds of the ocean, made the trip in six days and six hours; but the reduction to five days and eleven hours—the Deutschland record—was only accomplished when the power had been trebled. The further reduction of the time would require increase of power in the same ratio, which is impracticable, both in construction and in cost of maintenance and operation.

"The old style has given way to the present thoroughly sanitary construction and the cost of passage is little more than on the slower trips on the dismal old-style steamers. The point of obtaining profit with the fast vessels, such as the Deutschland, has already been passed. They are used as an advertisement and to

gratify the pride of the country whose flag they carry; they could not be a source of profit if they ran to their full capacity all the year round."

**PEACH TREES.**

Seem to Thrive Under a Great Variety of Conditions.

It is surprising over what a wide range of territory the peach will thrive, says Country Life in America. There are good peach orchards in the Annapolis valley of Nova Scotia, and they are scattered in almost every state in the union. Because there are certain well marked peach regions in which the cultivation of the fruit assumes commercial importance we are not to assume that it may not be grown with entire success in very many other places. These special regions, particularly east of the Rocky mountains and north of Mason and Dixon's line, are usually near some large body of water, and the secret of success is generally the freedom from disastrous late spring frosts and from very low winter temperature. But if the tree matures itself well in the fall and the winter is steady the peach tree will withstand 20 degrees below zero with impunity. Of course, if this temperature is long continued and if the winter atmosphere is very dry—as in the middle west—serious injury may result.

Unless the region is unusually free from late spring frosts the peach is a precarious and risky crop to grow. However, the profits are usually good whenever a crop is secured, provided the product is well handled. Not only does the peach thrive over a wide geographical region, but also in a great variety of soils. It is generally considered that it does best in a loose, sandy soil; but this is by no means well established. It usually happens that lands in close proximity to lakes and shores are of a sandy formation, but there are many lands of such location that are heavy loams or clays, and on these peaches may be made to