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Tales of the Town.

An unusual case has been filed in the office of the clerk of the district court. Some time ago a woman begun action to secure a divorce from her husband whose first name is John. Through an error in the petition the man's name appeared as Samuel and the divorce was so granted. The woman now seeks to have the records corrected and the true name of her former husband inserted.

County Recorder Rieger had a great time while he was in Chicago. He succeeded in maintaining neutral ground so far as the striking elements were concerned, and escaped with a whole skin and a clear conscience. He rode on the street cars that Mayor Dunne proposes to bring under municipal control and saw all the big buildings and the sights generally. When he got back he found that Deputy Seybold had plenty of work on hand and he has been digging into it ever since.

The question of railroad valuation and assessment is one that has been in the public eye for lo, these many moons. Any figures that tend to make the matter plain are of interest to the people of this county. County Clerk Tanner has received from the state board of equalization and assessment the schedules of railroad valuation in this county. The total valuation is placed at $766,430. The valuation of Pullman property is $2,038, making a total of $768,621 which is an increas over last year's valuation of of $2,038.55. This increase is shown by the Missouri Pacific and the Rock Island. The schedule is returned by the state board and will be entered on the tax lists of the county along with the other assessments.

Henry Ruegge, the janitor of the court house, is a very busy man. He divides his time into three equal parts and devotes one part to the wielding of the scythe, another to the wielding of the broom and the third to the pushing of the lawn mower. But once in a while he finds time to relate to the casual visitor a tale of the early days and a hair-raising account of how he crossed the Missouri river on rotten ice in order that he might come unto the land of Nebraska. When we see the neat condition in which the court house and the surrounding grounds are kept, we feel more than ever thankful that the ice did not collapse and that the worthy janitor of the Richardson county court house was spared for many years of useful and active endeavor that have been his.

The "little store on the corner" is not a pretentious mercantile institution. It has no force of clerks and no complicated cash carrier system, but it has a proprietor who is keenly alive to his business opportunities and whose presence should be an inspiration to the many who pass his place of business. The fates have been very unkind to the man who runs the "little store on the corner." But the man is a philospher and looks the world in the face with a more determined gaze than many who have stores with plate glass fronts and a cashier and a bookkeeper. There are men far less unfortunate who have become public charges, and without making half the effort that this man has made, have gone over the hills to the poor house and become the recipients of public bounty. If you are a strong physical man, and heir to all the opportunities that are bequeathed by nature to such, go down to the little store on the corner the next time you have the blues, and absorb a little of the philosphy of the man who runs it. It appears to us that it was an act of Providence that sent him to this town that he might teach all of us able bodied and more or less lazy and dissatisfied men, a valuable object lesson. For this, if for no other reason, we trust he may prosper.

The man who has been raised in Falls City and who has mingled with every circus crowd that has gathered here for the last twenty years, can readily see how, as a whole, the crowd on last Friday resembled the typical circus crowd and yet, when considered from the standpoint of the individuals who composed it, the same was an entirely different crowd. Last Friday the streets presented the usual appearance. The young men and the young women from the town and the surrounding country were here and each was but a component part of the crowd that looked in its ensemble very much as did the circus crowd of twenty years ago.

The writer stood on the corner or Fifth and Stone streets and watched the passing throng. Down the street came a man and a woman, the man pushing a go-cart in which sat a happy faced youngster whose hand grasped a toy balloon and whose eyes protruded in wonder at the new and novel scene that had been introduced into his everyday life. It seems but yesterday that this young man was a boy, following the elephant and laughing with boyish delight at the pranks of the clown, And in this same day the woman was a little girl with her hair hanging in braids down her back and giving little screams of terror when the elephant pointed his trunk in her direction and looking with a young girl's longing at the wares of the hot candy man and the sparkle of the red lemonade that giveth its color in the glass. Alas, the boy and girl of yesterday are the father and mother of today, and come down town in the morning to see the parade and go to the show in the afternoon because the children want to go. To the observant man the circus crowd is very suggestive of the flight of time.

A Private Celebration.

One of the most enjoyable of the private celebrations of the Fourth was held at the home of Chas. Heineman on North Chase street. The parents and children residing for several blocks around gathered at the Heineman home in the evening for the purpose of witnessing a very elaborate disploy of fireworks. Rev. Cronenberger of the Christian church was present and prior to the display, addressed the company, referring in a pleasing nature of the occasion and addressing his remarks especially to the children present. Then, Mr. Heineman, J. F. Whetstine and Charlie Hargrave took charge of the program and delighted all with a profusion of sky-rockets, Roman candles, pin wheels and other pyrotechnic devices, to the great delight of everybody.

Carl Miller has our thanks for a call to this office this week.

Something New.

The W. I. Swain Jessie James show, portraying wild western life in reality, is offering a really new entertainment. It is so often said that the circuses are all alike, street fairs are all alike, dog and pony shows are all alike, theatres are similar, but at last we are to have a new show.

This comyany presents a big spectacular western production under a big tent, which is a novelty in itself. There will be riding, roping, shooting, sensational climaxes, western life will be a feature, etc.

The County Sued.

Three cases have been filed in the district court this week against Richardson county for damages alleged to have been sustained because of the accident which happened at the Schulenberg bridge June 5th. The claim is made by the plaintiffs that the bridge was old and rotten and was hardly strong enough to sustain its own weight. That the injured parties were driving in a spring wagon across the bridge at the time of the accident and that they did not contribute to the accident.

Mrs. Haller asks judgment for $5,200; Amelia Constantine prays for $10, 500 and John Constantine asks for $1,590. The cases will probably not be tried before the November term of court.

Chance To Hear Pollard.

On next Saturday evening Hon. I. M. Pollard, the republican candidate for congress, and Hon. Allen W. Field of Lincoln, will deliver addresses in this city. The meeting will be under the auspices of the Roosevelt Republican club and indications point to a big attendance and a meeting of considerable political significance.

Every republican should appoint himself a committee of one to tell his neighbor all about it as these two speakers will discuss the issues of the day in a manner that will make the meeting profitable to all who are there. This meeting will afford an opportunity of seeing and hearing the man who is to represent this district in congress. Both Mr. Pollard and Mr. Field are logical and forcible talkers and no one should miss the opportunity of hearing them.

Child Stealing Case.

Mrs. Kohn, the young lady whose three-year-old daughter was stolen by her husband from whom she was separated, has been in the city this week for the purpose of instituting an action for the recovery of her baby.

Judge A. R. Scott will represent her in the matter which will probably be heard before one of the district judges in the near future. Mrs. Kohn has the sympathy of the people of Shubert where she was living at the time the child was taken.

Change of Managers.

Mr. F. W. Michel who has been acting as local manager for the Chicago Lumber and Coal Co., has resigned his position and will be succeeded by Chas. Rickards. F. W. Michel expects to remove from the city, a fact that will be regretted by our people generally. The company is to be congratulated on securing the services of Mr. Rickards, whose knowledge of the business and wide acquaintance will unable him to render valuable service.

Mrs. George A. Abbott returned Wednesday from a two weeks visit with her sons, June, George and David Abbott.

Society News.

Mrs. J. C. Martin entertained the married ladies kensington club in a charming manner on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Dorothy White entertained the H. H. S. club at her home on South Stone street Saturday evening. The evening was spent in music and a general good time. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The celebration was somewhat divided up here on the Fourth, and a number of different picnics held. Bert Baker and Will Schock planned a picnic at Schocks grove and invited a number of friends. They report a most pleasant time.

County Judge Wilhite on last Tuesday performed the ceremony that united in marriage George Cohee and Mayme Feicht, both of Nims City. The friends of this worthy young couple are very numerous and will all unite in wishing them much happiness and prosperity.

Two well known Richardson county young people were united in marriage by the county judge on last Saturday. They were Edward O. Monad and Geneva Raper, both of Stella. These young people will be heartily congratulated by a wide circle of friends.

The Falls City young ladies who are members of the university chapter of Pi Phi fraternity were entertained at a lawn party on Wednesday afternoon in honor of Miss Marie Talbot of Lincoln. The event took place on the spacious lawns that surround the residence of P. S. Heacock, and the young ladies spent a delightful afternoon.

Miss Edna Crook entertained about twenty of her young friends at her home on Tuesday evening. The lawn was beautifully decorated and well lighted with Japanese lanterns and a most delightful evening spent. Music was one of the pleasant features of the evening. A nice display of fireworks was enjoyed. Light refreshments were served.

The Sunday schools of the Evangelical churches of this city and Preston and the Zion church east of here planned and carried out a most pleasant picnic on the Fourth. They had hayracks decorated with buntings and flags and all drove to a grove about six miles east of here. A program was arranged and all enjoyed a pleasant outing.

Uncle Phil Ryan.

Uncle Phil Ryan died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Kanaly in Rulo last Sunday afternoon. He had been making his home with his daughter during the past year. Uucle Phil was an old resident of this county and had a great many friends who will be pained to learn of his death. He had been very feeble for some time but owing to his advanced age in was not possible that his strength be restored to him, and death brought to an end a long, active and useful life. The funeral was held from the Catholic church in Rulo on Mondan afternoon and a large congregation was present to attest to their respect for the dead and the sympathy for the bereaved family.

Will Veach Goes To England

At a national shoot held in Indianapolis, Ind., the latter part of last week Will Veach of this city won second place. This is a great honor for him and as the five high men attend an international shoot held in England some time this fall he will be among them.

The Glorious Fourth.

The Fourth of July was celebrated in Falls City. Sometimes it is hard to speak the truth and describe things as they really were, and still, if the truth be adhered to, it must be said that the celebration was not all that it should have been. The trouble seemed to lie in a lack of organization and of the preliminary work necessary to make it one continual round of pleasure. Instead of something doing every moment of the day, as there should have been, there was something doing only once in awhile and the crowd spent most of the day wandering up and down the street, amusing themselves as best they could.

The band played a concert in the morning but the music was drowned by the roar of cannon crackers and toy pistols. The matter of speaking and a program appropriate to the day was entirely omitted. The redeeming feature was the ball game and this was one of the best exhibitions of scientific ball playing ever seen in the town. Lovers of the sport were splendidly entertained. But those who do not care for base ball found nothing to amuse them while the game was in progress. Everybody looked forward to a display of fireworks in the evening but the crowd was forced to be satisfied with watching the numerous private displays in the different parts of the town.

It is a matter of regret that the celebration was not more carefully planned and that there were not more numerous entertaining features. But what the celebration lacked, Falls City will make up during the coming street fair and carnival.

The Animal Show.

The Hagenbeck Animal Show appeared in this city last Friday and drew a large crowd from all over the county. The people were awake early and when the special train arrived bearing the show, there was quite a crowd at the depot to watch the process of unloading the cars and transporting the big wagons up town.

The people began to arrive from the country early in the morning and before noon the streets were crowded with people anxiously watching for the parade. This feature, however, was a disappointment. About 1 o'clock a guady band wagon, bearing a very inferior musical organization and followed by a herd of elephants, passed through the streets and then the crowd went to the show grounds.

The show was all that was expected. The tent was crowded and the big audience was splendidly entertained. The manner in which wild beasts of every description had been educated and made subject to the trainer's will, was very wonderful and all who saw the exhibition came away with a better opinion of the intelligence that exists in the lower order of the animal world.

There was no performance in the evening, a fact that was very disappointing to many who reached town too late for the afternoon performance. On a whole, the show was very satisfactory and should a return trip be made to Falls City, it will be necessary for the management to provide a larger tent to accommodate the crowd.

John Morehead, Joe Miles and A. J. Weaver left Wednesday for Colorado and the west.

Bridge Men Injured.

On Friday morning while the Burlington bridge gang was at work tearing down the bridge across the Muddy south of Verdon, three of the men were seriously injured by the partial collapse of the structure. They were at work taking down the banister on one side of the bridge and after taking out the bolts, lost control of one of the large timbers which fell, carrying the three men with it all of whom fell to the track twenty-four feet below. The injured men were taken to Verdon where Dr. Taylor and Dr. Keeny dressed their injuries. It was found that two of them had several ribs broken and one had sustained a fracture of the collar bone, and all were more or less severely bruised otherwise. The third man was only slightly hurt and was able to walk the next day. The nature of the fall was such that it is a wonder that all were not killed.

Base Ball Game

One of the most exciting and well played games of ball ever witnessed in Falls City, was the fourth of July game between the local team and Sterling. Think of it, thirteen innings, a score of four to three and the home team won. If that is not a "consummation devoutly to be hoped," we dont want a cent.

It would be impossibe to enumerate all of the brilliant plays, as they came in such succession as to be bewildering. Among the most prominent however were the two catches of Cornell in center, Sears line hit to left field in the twelfth inning which just missed being a home run, Fosters intelligent and brilliant third base play and the work of Heacock and Glines. If Roy can keep up the pace he set the 4th he will be the top notcher in a short time. Tommy Glines, who is the most versatile player on the team, caught a splendid game, and by good coaching did a great deal towards steadying Heacock when he showed indications of wildness. The last part of the game Glines caught on his nerve as he had his finger badly torn, but pluckily kept to his work.

Heacock's spendid physical powers showed to advantage in the last two innings, for not withstanding the strain, he grew stronger as the game progressed and was pitching faster at the end of the game than he was at the beginning. The excitement when Falls City opened up on Zimbs, who was tiring fast, in the last inning was intense and several hundred fans have lost the use of their voices for a few days at least. The entire team played brilliantly as is shown by the official score.

FALLS CITY	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Sears, lf	6	0	2	3	4	1
Foehlinger, ss	6	0	0	3	8	0
Foster, 3b	6	1	1	3	6	1
Glines, c	6	1	2	11	5	1
Sailor, 2b	6	1	1	2	4	2
Cornell, cf	6	0	0	2	3	0
Hayes, 1b	5	0	2	13	1	0
Messler, rf	5	1	0	0	0	1
Heacock, p	5	0	1	1	10	2
Total	51	4	8	38	41	8

STERLING	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Catchpole, lf	7	1	2	4	0	0
Ogden, ss	7	0	1	0	2	0
Antram, 3b	7	1	1	1	2	2
Conn, c	7	0	0	20	2	1
Rose, 1b	6	0	2	6	0	0
Lorey, rf	6	0	1	0	0	0
Coon, cf	6	0	0	3	0	0
Zimbs, p	6	1	0	0	20	2
Duten, 2b	6	0	1	3	0	1
Total	58	3	8	37	26	6

Score by innings—

Fa'ls City	0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2	4
Sterling	0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 1	3

Struck out by Heacock 15 by Zimbs 19. Passes on balls off Heacock 5 off Zimbs 3. Umpire—Glines.