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The County in General

The "Doings" of our Country Friends and Neighbors.

STELLA.

I. W. Harris returned from Lincoln the past week.

J. W. Vaught was a visitor in Omaha a few days this week.

W. J. McCray went to Falls City on business Tuesday.

C. A. Lord of Shubert was a visitor here the last of the week.

Miss Lydia Barstler visited relatives in Nebraska City the past week.

Mrs. Bessie Haskett and little son of Auburn were here the past week.

W. H. Hogrefe is having trouble with his heating plant these cold days.

Mrs. Clark spent a few days in Lincoln the past week with her husband.

J. R. Cain, Jr., was down from Lincoln and spent Sunday with his family.

Walter Shirek of Waterville, Neb., visited his brother here the past week.

H. Harms of near Humboldt was in town Monday with a load of hogs for the market.

E. Wheeler, our undertaker, went to Howe Monday and took charge of Mrs. Allen's funeral.

J. Babb went to his home in Dawson Sunday. He is moving on the Clark farm west of town.

Mrs. M. W. James of this place went to Auburn the last of the week to visit her mother, who is ill.

J. J. Bourke and Miss Effie Ham were guests at the home of Mac Farmers Sunday for dinner.

A number of our farmers are holding their wheat for \$1 a bushel and think they can get in February.

Rev. and Mrs. Shirek and his brother Walter, took dinner with A. R. McMullen and family Saturday.

L. R. Chaney came home from Lincoln where he had been attending the opening session of the legislature.

I. L. Plasters and wife of west of town went to Auburn to care for their daughter Alma, who is ill at that place.

Joe Umland went to Omaha the past week and returned Saturday. He reports a good fall of snow in that place.

M. H. Vandever paid John Chism \$105.05 for four hogs Tuesday. He said that was the highest price he ever paid.

C. B. Moore and G. D. Jenkins of Peru went to Falls City the past week to visit Jesse Harris who was hurt at that place.

W. L. Griffith shipped a runt calf to Kansas City with a car of stock the past week and it brought \$6 per hundred. It weighed 160 pounds.

C. A. Lord had the experience of his life the first of the week by having his auto freeze up on him. He had to take it to Goodloe's shop and have it thawed out.

W. J. McCray sold his home farm to Robert Drake of north of Humboldt Saturday for \$7,500. Mr. McCray still owns an eighty acre farm north of the Martin farm.

George Davis, Jr., who is visiting here from Oklahoma, made us a visit the past week. Mr. Davis when he left here was a boy now he returns a grown up young man.

J. E. Helmick of north of town will farm in the west the coming season, he having bought a farm near his brother-in-law Lou Ritchie, and will leave in a few weeks for his new location.

Dr. Loveland of the First Methodist church lectured here Monday night to a good crowd on the subject Follies of Fog. Such a lecture has not been heard in this part for many days.

The ice men are getting busy with their harvest in this part this week. The ice is 11 inches thick and if the weather continues cold the ice houses will be filled with the best ice that has been harvested for some time.

A peculiar incident is reported to have taken place Saturday night while H. V. Davis and Warren Beckham were having a conversation near the Davis home. A large rock thrown by some unknown person struck a telephone pole right close to Beckham. It was a lucky thing that it missed him as no doubt it was thrown with evil intent.

Another case of alfalfa killing stock took place on the farm of John Jenkins west of town Sunday. When the storm came up he turned them into the shed and threw down a good supply of alfalfa hay. During the night one of the calves eat to much and was found dead in the morning. This is two cases where alfalfa has killed stock by over feeding.

SHUBERT

M. T. Hill was in Falls City Monday.

Clyde Hill is visiting at Bethany, Mo.

Omer Saylor of Barada was here this week.

Chas. Bacon of Beatrice was here last week.

G. W. Speece was a Stella visitor last week.

Mr. Chester who has been very sick is some better.

Henry Montevale of St. Deroin was in town Friday.

Wesley Clark of Nemaha was a visitor here Monday.

Mr. Speeth and family now occupy the Bacon property.

Dr. Gandy of Humboldt was here this week on business.

Chas. Raper spent one day last week with relatives at Stella.

Fred Kinton attended the Hall sale near Verdon Wednesday.

Wm. Kuker and Lewis Shulenberg of Barada were here Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Snelling is quite sick, but it is hoped she will soon be well.

M. Goodloe and wife of Stella were the guests of friends here Sunday.

Several Odd Fellows went to Verdon Monday night and visited the lodge there.

Mrs. Reasoner and children have returned from a visit with relatives at Ashland.

Guy Hutchings and wife are rejoicing over a son which came to gladden their home Tuesday.

Miss Collins returned to her home at Peru Monday after enjoying the holidays here with relatives.

C. A. Lord accompanied his sister who has been visiting them to Stella where she took the train Tuesday.

Jesse Ritter while moving a load of his household goods to the Fred Cog-lazier farm out from Salem froze his face and feet quite bad Tuesday.

L. K. Barnes who died at his home at Salem was laid to rest Sunday at the Prairie Union cemetery. The family and relatives have the sympathy of the entire community.

Amos Timmerman living a few miles from here, had his horse and buggy stole Saturday night from the Stella hitch rack. The parties are unknown, but is hoped will soon be found and brought to justice.

OHIO.

Albert Miller went to Nishna, Mo., last Saturday.

Born to Pheneas Fisher and wife a boy on January 7.

Grace McManus spent Sunday with friends at Verdon.

Guy Burk spent Sunday in Falls City with his sister.

Ethel Crook of Verdon spent last week in this vicinity.

Chester Stump returned home from Hastings last Friday.

Guy Prine and family spent one day recently near Verdon with friends.

Mrs. Dowty is enjoying a visit from her father Mr. Smith of Oklahoma.

Charlie and Willis Coons went to Dawson Saturday to visit their brother.

Lena Boom came down from Manley Friday to stay a while with Mrs. E. D. Shaffer.

Frances Smith and wife moved from Straussville to a farm near Verdon this week.

Edna Shaffer returned home from Nebraska City Thursday after a few days visit with friends.

W. K. Peck went to Lincoln last week to take up his school work again after a vacation at home.

Chester Stamp and wife and F. S. Lichty and family spent Friday in Falls City with relatives.

Marv Prine spent a portion of last week with her son Guy before leaving for her new home in Iowa.

Mike Lichty and wife have sold their little home and are going to California in the near future to reside.

Mrs. H. Guillauss and children returned home from Corning, Mo., last week and they are suffering from a severe cold at present.

Mr. Eberhardt and family went to Hampton to spend the holidays with his parents, and last week Mr. E. returned home but the rest remained for a longer visit.

BARADA

Otis Spickler was in Shubert Saturday.

Mrs. Lamenda Raines is in Falls City.

Wm. Prine of Armour is visiting relatives here.

Charles Kelley of Bancroft is visiting relatives here.

Miss Fattie Lilly was a Shubert visitor on Saturday.

Frank Burgess was over from Mound City one day last week.

Orange Mount and family returned from Dakota this week.

T. C. Roe and family were up from Falls City one day last week.

Jack Sallors of Palsade has been visiting at the home of his uncle.

Olie Lowe returned last week after a visit of several weeks at Fremont.

Arthur Cheesman of Mound City is pruning the Reavis orchard east of town.

Frank Reavis was up from Falls City looking after his orchard one day last week.

Byron Dunn left last week for Lincoln where he will enter Cotner university.

George Feller and wife and Miss Minnie Burgess are here from Illinois visiting relatives.

Ed Laukemper moved from Verdon onto the Slemmering farm recently vacated by J. A. Sallors.

Y. P. S. C. E. at Big Bethel next Sunday evening. Special program. Reading by Miss Alice Yoder.

Mrs. Gust Jora and mother Mrs. Lowe returned last week from a visit with relatives at Fairmont.

Henry Shafer has been employed by R. J. Dunn for the coming season on his farm and moved his family thereto last week.

Otis Spickler made an auto trip to Sabetha, Kan., on Thursday. His cousins the Misses Davidson who have been visiting here accompanied him to their home at that place.

HUMBOLDT

Mrs. Fred Hummel is quite sick at her home.

Mrs. Chris Hummel is visiting relatives in Illinois.

Edna Akers is a guest of Council Bluffs friends.

A baby girl was born to Frank Bennett and wife Tuesday.

Mrs. Buell has returned from a visit with friends at Nebraska City.

Mrs. Will Burness of Los Angeles, Cal., is here visiting her sister.

George Power is reported to be recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Cass Wells came down from South Dakota to attend the funeral of his father.

Cora Drake arrived home Friday from a visit with her sister at Axtell, Kansas.

Mrs. Guy Hummel arrived Saturday from Canada to attend the funeral of her father.

Elmer Rousek left Thursday for St. Mary, Kansas, to continue his studies at the college.

A home talent play entitled From Rags to Riches will be staged here in the near future.

Vern Curl and family who had been visiting here returned to their home in Cleburn, Texas.

Jay Locke and family, who left here a year ago for Colorado, are expected back this week and will reside on their farm north west of town.

Gus McDougall arrived from Canada the past week and will remain a couple of months with relatives, returning in the spring to his Canadian claim.

A game of basket ball between the Humboldt and Verdon teams at the latter place Friday evening resulted in a score of 31 to 11 in favor of the local players.

Mesdames Cooper and Segrist entertained at a Kensington one day the past week, complimentary to Mesdames Hayes Beyers of Sioux Falls, S. D., and Vern Curl of Cleburn, Texas.

Jacob McDougall, a well known resident of this place, who has been in feeble health for several years, died Monday. His son Will was called from Atchison the previous day on account of his father's condition.

A business deal was consummated this week when the O. W. Cass pharmacy was sold to H. W. Howe, possession being given Friday. Mr. Cass who has been in business here the past year expects to locate on his farm near River-ton, Neb.

RULO

Virgil Coupe is able to be back in school.

Mrs. Plumb of Lee Summit, Mo., is visiting here.

Mrs. Winterbottom was on the sick list last week.

J. M. Pope's father of Troy visited him last week.

Frank Robinson went to Rockport, Mo., last week.

Mrs. Cunningham was a Falls City visitor Monday.

Ernest Koeler of Fargo was a visitor here last week.

George Ward and son were St. Joe visitors Sunday.

John Pope and son were St. Joe visitors last Friday.

Mrs. Henderson visited with Salem friends last week.

John Ryan came down from Preston Monday on a visit.

Father Sproll was a St. Joe visitor one day last week.

Wm. Carico and wife spent Sunday with relatives here.

Homer Kirk was a Rockport visitor one day last week.

John Griser of Missouri visited here the last of the week.

George Jarrott of Omaha visited friends here this week.

Levi Vanvaalburg of Inman visited friends here last week.

Verne Vastine returned to her school work in Ashland last week.

John Hinkle and son of Fortescue were visitors here Saturday.

Mrs. James Kermode visited her daughter in St. Joe last week.

Mrs. Henry Brinegar entertained the little girls club last Saturday.

Leonard Simon and family of Preston visited his parents here Sunday.

Mrs. Morehouse returned Sunday night from a visit in Minnesota.

Quite a number from here attended the dance at Preston Friday night.

J. A. Hinkle was on the sick list last week but is able to be back to work.

Worth Anderson and wife of Hiawatha visited his mother here last week.

Mrs. McVey and son came home from Kansas Saturday, returning Sunday.

The ice men have been putting up 12 inch ice on the Missouri river for several days.

Melvin Rinehart and wife returned this week to their home at Smith Center, Kans.

Will Craig returned from Hiawatha this week where he spent several days on business.

Mrs. Osburn has been threatened with pneumonia but is now on the road to recovery.

Mrs. Harry Bradford returned to Wymore Sunday after a visit with friends here.

Mrs. Lytle and children returned last week from a visit with relatives at Maitland, Mo.

Ray Winterbottom arrived Sunday from Los Angeles, Cal., for a visit with friends here.

The Odd Fellows installed their officers Wednesday night after which they enjoyed a feast.

A. D. Larabee and wife returned to Craig, Mo., Monday after visiting with friends here for several days.

The ladies of the Degree of Honor installed into office all members elect who were present at their meeting last Friday night.

Rev. Maze came down from Dawson Sunday but no services were held as the church had not been cleaned up after the workmen.

The third room teacher was compelled to dismiss her pupils Tuesday on account of the cold; the high south wind making it impossible to warm the room.

Monday morning the Burlington pump man found the water pipes all frozen and had to send to Wymore for help. It took all day to get the pipes going and had a nights pumping to supply the trains with water.

A Religious Author's Statement

For several years I was afflicted with kidney trouble and last winter I was suddenly stricken with a severe pain in my kidneys and was confined to bed eight days unable to get up without assistance. My urine contained a thick white sediment and I passed same frequently day and night. I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Remedy, and the pain gradually abated and finally ceased and my urine became normal. I cheerfully recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy. Kerr's Pharmacy.

Annual Meeting

During the past week the South-eastern Nebraska Telephone Co., held their annual meeting and W. S. Korner was elected president, A. E. Gantt, vice president, E. H. Towle, secretary and J. H. Miles, treasurer. In addition to the above named men Gust Duerfeldt, P. B. Weaver and Joseph Frederick were elected as directors. A semi-annual dividend of three per cent was declared on and also paid at this time.

Falls City Lecture Course

The fifth number of the Falls City Lecture Course will be given on Monday evening, Jan. 18. A. E. Wiggam who will lecture on "Dollars and Sense" has gained a most enviable record as a humorous yet sensible lecturer. Don't fail to hear this real treat. Admission 25 cents.

FARGO

Leo Wintz is building a barn.

Mr. Grumps is on the sick list.

Chas. Santo was in town last week.

Jake Wright was in town Saturday.

Mrs. R. D. Wagoner is on the sick list.

Dr. McGallanshang made a call in this city.

Frank Frederick was a county seat visitor last week.

Otto Hershberger delivered corn at Preston Saturday.

Henry Millage attended the Herbster Kamerer wedding.

Louie Herbster was transacting business here Saturday.

John Michel hauled cord wood to Falls City last week.

Ruby Wagoner visited her sister Mrs. Durfee last week.

Mr. Wissman and son Jake were on business here Thursday.

Simon and Morris Mandeville were shopping here Saturday.

Mr. Davis has been down from Falls City repairing telephone lines.

Chadon Harmon caught a fish that weighed 32 pounds last week.

The people here have been busy putting up ice since the cold snap.

Deputy Sheriff McFarland was in this vicinity looking after business last week.

John Vondersmidt who has been assisting Len Walters in his store at Corning, Mo., is with us again.

Miss Katherine Kamerer and Will Herbster were married Jan. 7. They are highly respected and we wish them much joy and happiness.

VERDON.

G. D. Knapp was an Auburn visitor Friday.

Mrs. Lee returned to Kansas City Sunday.

Dr. Phillips was a county seat visitor Wednesday.

George Reimers has been putting up ice this week.

John Parkhurst was an Omaha visitor this week.

Ernest Overton was down from Auburn Monday.

Mr. Smith returned from his visit in Indiana Friday.

Julia Fraunfeldter is home from Falls City this week.

Ed Auxler took a car of cattle to Kansas City Saturday.

Mrs. Belle Webster of Emporia, Kas., is here visiting her sister.

Mrs. Wolfe and daughter Edna moved to Table Rock last week.

Chloe Wilkinson has been suffering with tonsillitis the past week.

Pete Winienger of Belleville, Kan., visited his sister here the past week.

FRANKLIN

Frank Furrow is seriously ill at this writing.

James Ogle spent Sunday with Henry Gossman.

Hallie Brobst spent Sunday with Raymond Furrow.

Frank Church and J. W. Dodds sawed wood last Friday and Saturday.

George and Mary Snoke visited with their brother Howard Snoke, Friday evening.

Mrs. George Kors and two daughters returned Friday from a visit with relatives in Illinois.

The Pine Ridge Literary commenced again with renewed interest after a two weeks holiday vacation.

Jessie McDermott, who was called to her home in Salem, by the sickness of her mother, has resumed her school work again.

INTO THE PRIMITIVE

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least does things—I'll show him that I can do things, too!"

She hastened out around the corner of the cliff to the spot where they had spent the night. Here she gathered together the coconut husks, and seating herself in the shade of the overhanging ledges began to pick at the coarse fiber. It was cruel work for her soft fingers, not yet fully healed from the thorn wounds. At times the pain and an overpowering sense of injury brought tears to her eyes; still more often she dropped the work in despair of her awkwardness. Yet always she returned to the task with renewed energy.

After no little perseverance, she found how to twist the fiber and plait it into cord. At best it was slow work, and she did not see how she should ever make enough cord for a fish-line. Yet, as she caught the knack of the work and her fingers became more nimble she began to enjoy the novel pleasure of producing something. She had quite forgotten to feel injured, and was learning to endure with patience the rasping of the fiber between her fingers, when Winthrop came clambering around the corner of the cliff.

"What is it?" she exclaimed, springing up and hurrying to meet him. He was white and quivering, and the look in his eyes filled her with dread.

Her voice shrilled to a scream: "He's dead!"

Winthrop shook his head.

"Then he's hurt!—he's hurt by that savage creature, and you've run off and left him!"

"No, no, Miss Genevieve, I must insist! The fellow is not even scratched."

"Then why—?"

"It was the horror of it all. It actually made me ill."

"You frightened me almost to death. Did the beast chase you?"

"That would have been better, in a way. Really, it was horrible! I'm still sick over it, Miss Genevieve."

"But tell me about it. Did you set fire to the bushes in the cleft, as Mr. Blake—"

"Yes; after we had fetched what we could carry of that long grass—two big trusses. It grows 10 or 12 feet tall, and is now quite dry. Part of it Blake made into torches, and we fired the bush all across the foot of the cleft. Really, one would not have thought there was that much dry wood in so green a dell. On either side of the rift the grass and brush flared like tinder, and the flames swept up the cleft far quicker than we had expected. We could hear them crackling and roaring louder than ever after the smoke shut out our view."

"Surely, there is nothing so very horrible in that."

"No, oh, no; it was not that. But the beast—the leopard! At first we heard one roar; then it was that dreadful snarling and yelling—most awful snarling! The wretched thing came leaping and tumbling down the path, all singed and blinded. Blake fired the big truss of grass, and the brute rolled right into the flames. It was shocking—dreadfully shocking! The wretched creature writhed and leaped about till it plunged into the pool. When it sought to crawl out, all black and hideous, Blake went up and killed it with his club—crushed in its skull—Ugh!"

Miss Leslie gazed at the unnerved Englishman with calm scrutiny.

"But why should you feel so about it?" she asked. "