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**CRIMINALS AMONG WOLVES.**

**Great Cunning Manifested by These Animals in California.**  
E. Seton Thompson, naturalist to the Government of Manitoba, has, under the title, "Wild Animals I Have Known," given a series of observations on the cunning of beasts. That quality is in general the device of the weak, but the helplessness which it indicates may be of different grades. There is the cunning of wolves, which use their wits to rob man of his flocks and cattle, that of the domesticated creatures, which sometimes delight in criminal acts, and the cunning belonging to self-preservation among those animals on which others prey.

Mr. Thompson claims for certain animals, says the Scientific American, a share of the deference paid to depraved greatness. For example, there was the wolf which, in the fourteenth century, terrorized all Paris for ten years; a lame grizzly bear which, in two years, ruined all the hog-raisers and drove half the farmers out of business, in the Sacramento Valley, and a certain wolf in New Mexico, which was reported to have killed a cow every day for five years.

This wolf grew to be so well known that an increasing price was set upon his scalp, until the sum reached a thousand dollars. Ordinary means of hunting or trapping failed completely. The wolf and his mate brought up their cubs among some rocky precipices, within a thousand yards of the farm, and killed cattle daily. At this period Mr. Thompson made the acquaintance of the vandal, and tried to kill him by scientific methods. He melted cheese mixed with fat of a heifer in a china dish, cut it into lumps with a bone knife, to avoid the taint of metal, and concealed in the lumps strychnine and cyanide, in odor-proof capsules. In doing this he wore gloves steeped in cow's blood, and even avoided breathing on the bait.

One of these lumps, placed in a tempting position, disappeared. Mr. Thompson followed the track to the next lump, and the next, and noticed that those also were gone. At the fourth he found that the wolf had laid all four together and scattered dirt over them. The wolves now took to stampeding and killing sheep. Half a dozen goats are usually kept with each flock, as leaders, and they are not easily stampeded at night; so when wolves are about the sheep crowd about these leaders and remain there while the shepherds drive the wolves away. The object of the wolves is to stampede the sheep, and then pick them up, day by day, afterward.

One night they ran over the backs of the huddled flock, and killed all the goats in a few minutes. The sheep were then available for prey. Traps to the number of a hundred and thirty were set in different parts of the big ranch. The trail of the pack was followed, and it became apparent that the leader, warned by the scent, stopped all the rest, and advanced alone to the trap. He scratched until he laid bare a dozen buried chains and pickets. Then he entered an H-shaped series of traps, realized his danger, and slowly backed out, putting down each paw backward until he was off the dangerous ground.

Afterward he sprang as many traps as possible, by scratching clouds and stones at them with his hind feet. In Switzerland a death is attended by a custom which calls upon all charitable and Christian people to show their sympathies. A notice edged with a wide black line appears in the daily papers, setting forth the day and hour when sympathizers must assemble before the house of the deceased. At the time named a little cloth-covered table supporting a good-sized jar is stood before the house—table, cloth, and jar all being the same somber, ebony hue—and into the latter small mourning cards bearing the name and address of their owners are deposited. The day the funeral takes place is the day selected for the exhibition of the jar. No women are allowed to follow at a Swiss funeral.

**STATE OF NEBRASKA**

**NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.**

**Elder W. C. Poynter of Albion, a Pioneer Citizen and Father of Gov. Poynter, Passes Away at His Home After a Lingering Illness.**

Elder W. C. Poynter, father of Governor Poynter, died at his residence in Albion Dec. 25 after a lingering illness, during which he suffered greatly. His early years were spent in Kentucky and later he made Illinois his home. During the last fifteen years he has lived in Albion, latterly making his home with his second son, D. J. Poynter. For many years he was a Christian minister until incapacitated by age. He was a man of great force of character and intelligence. He leaves his bereaved wife and two sons, Governor W. A. and D. J. Poynter.

Elder Poynter was a man of strong personality, of clear logical mind and settled ideas and always had the courage of his convictions. Becoming a Christian in early life he devoted his best years to proclaiming from the pulpit the teachings of Christianity. His private life was always in full accord with his public teachings. He devoted much time and energy to the cause of education, assisting both by work and liberal donation, to the building up of Earlston College, a pioneer settler in Woodford County, Illinois, he occupied with honor different positions of public trust. He was an associate in a public way with such men as Lincoln, David Davis, Adlai Stevenson and others in the public affairs of Illinois.

Meeting with an accident in early life, resulting in the loss of his arm, he was placed at great disadvantage, but by energy and good judgment he accumulated a competency. He departs, having expressed himself ready to go, saying with Paul: "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith." He was born in Barren County, Kentucky, in 1821, and came to Illinois in 1835. He was married to Hulda J. Watkins in 1840. Three sons were born of his marriage. The eldest died at the age of 12 in 1855, the second is the present governor of Nebraska, the third is the editor of the Albion Argus, with whom the elder has made his home for the last six years. His wife survives him, besides the two sons.

**Cornell Is Undecided.**  
State Auditor Cornell is still undecided as to what course he will pursue regarding the appropriations for the offices created by the Weaver act. The restoration of the insurance supervision to the auditor will necessitate employing two or three more clerks in his office and there is strong doubt as to whether there are any funds available for their salaries.

**Government Will Defend.**  
Acting under the instructions of the governor, Attorney General Smyth has commenced proceedings in Sary County charging Corporal Fear and Private Jenkins with the murder of Private Morgan. The two men, under orders of proper officers, shot and killed Morgan while the latter was trying to escape from Fort Crook. The Sary County authorities declined to prosecute for the matter to the military, who held a court martial and acquitted the men. The governor then ordered the case taken into the state courts. United States District Attorney Summers has received orders from Washington to defend the men.

**Load Passes Over Him.**  
A young man named Philip Tushardt, living about four miles south of Albion, was severely injured by a team running away with a load of corn. The heavy loaded wagon passed over his right arm and diagonally across his chest, breaking his arm, several ribs and collar bone and bruising him badly. His attending physician reports his injuries serious but recovery probable.

**Two Fremont Stores Damaged.**  
Fire broke out the other night in the rear of Gannon Bros' grocery in Fremont and did considerable damage. Their loss, which is largely by smoke and water, is about \$700, with \$3,000 insurance. T. H. Quinn's dry goods store in the adjoining building was damaged to the amount of \$2,000 and was fully insured. The damage to the building is light.

**Ex-Gov. Furnas Married.**  
Former Gov. Robert W. Furnas, now in his 70th year, and Mrs. S. E. Jamison were married Dec. 25 at the home of the bride in Brownville. For fifteen years Mr. Furnas has been secretary of the state board of agriculture, and is well known in central and western states as a successful farm manager. Mr. Furnas lost his first wife three years ago.

**Attempts Suicide in His Cell.**  
Carl Andre, the farmer who lies in jail at West Point awaiting trial, tried to commit suicide Dec. 24. He had tied a handkerchief around his neck, fastened it to the bars of the cell and was trying his best to suffocate himself when the noise he made attracted the attention of the wife of Sheriff Phillips, who called assistance and cut him down.

**Omaha Smallpox.**  
A well developed case of smallpox exists in the family of M. F. Blains, an expressman living at 2225 Deatur Street, Omaha. The family and those exposed to the infection, so far as known, have been strictly quarantined and it is hoped that the disease may be confined to its original location. There is no doubt as to its character.

**Beets Go to Ames.**  
Farmers living in the vicinity of Columbus are shipping large quantities of sugar beets to the factory at Ames. This furnishes a more accessible market than the Norfolk factory, which formerly took the entire product of this portion of the country.

**Bank Wrecker Guilty.**  
The jury in the case of C. A. Reimers, president of the late First National Bank of Neligh, returned a verdict in the federal court at Omaha, charging Reimers with having wrecked that institution.

**KIDNAPS HER DAUGHTER.**

**Omaha Mother Takes Child to Lincoln Against Her Wishes.**  
Thirteen-year-old Nantie Hansen was kidnaped by her mother in Omaha last week and taken to Lincoln. The girl remonstrated to such a degree that some one notified the police and the couple were stopped at the Lincoln depot and held by the authorities there until the girl's friends in Omaha could be notified. Since her first birthday Nantie has been abandoned by her mother and has lived with Miss Gragerson at 1436 Westfield Avenue, Omaha. The child has been occasionally visited by her mother, but it has never been suggested that she be taken from Miss Gragerson's care. The mother called on the girl and asked that she be allowed to take her down town and buy her a Christmas present. Miss Gragerson gave her consent and that was the last seen of the couple. Miss Gragerson has become very much attached to the child during her twelve years of adoption and says that she will make every demand for her return to her.

**WILL LIVE OVER OLD TIMES.**

**Historical Society to Convene at Lincoln This Month.**  
The annual meeting of the Nebraska State Historical Society for 1900 will be held in Lincoln Jan. 9 and 10. Invitations have been especially extended to all interested in old overland freighting.

**TO FIRE FIRST GUN.**  
**Jacksonian Club of Omaha to Launch Campaign of 1900.**  
The Jacksonian Club of Omaha has made public the plan of the club for its annual celebration of Jan. 8. It is said by many Democrats in Omaha that the club will be given the distinction by William J. Bryan of firing the first gun of the presidential campaign of 1900. The list of guests of national repute is large.

**Find More Nebraska Coal.**  
A man representing one of the big lines operating in this section of the northwest was at Jackson last week trying to buy up the newly discovered coal fields in the interest of his company. A third strike was made on the Goodfellow farm last week. A vein of coal six feet thick was found at a depth of 162 feet. Samples were burned. On the Riley & McBride farm three strikes of wonderful coal have been made, over a mile distant from the Goodfellow farm. In addition some very fine pottery clay has been found. There is excitement over these two discoveries.

**Omaha's Tragedy.**  
Martin Flaherty who was shot by Charles Derr at South Omaha Sunday, Dec. 24, is dead. Charles Derr, who did the shooting, declines to talk for publication. The death of Flaherty puts a more serious aspect upon the tragic affair, and some people seem to think that the outlook is bleak for Derr, while others think that Derr was provoked into the shooting, and think he may be able to make a plea of self defense or extreme provocation.

**Beet Sugar or Hemp Factory.**  
C. F. Spencer, mayor of Lexington, says: "The best paying business enterprise that could be placed in Lexington at this time would undoubtedly be a factory for beet sugar or hemp, which could be supplied by home-grown materials. We have irrigation and soil that can't be beaten on earth. We can produce excellent beets and can raise any amount of hemp for making cord rope or binding twine."

**Daugherty to Speak at Fort Worth.**  
Matt Daugherty of Sidney, "the cowboy orator," has been appointed to respond to the address of welcome by the governor of Texas and mayor of Fort Worth at the annual meeting of the National Live Stock Association at Fort Worth Jan. 16.

**Nebraska Short Notes.**  
Rushville citizens are planning a big wolf hunt.

The Merriek County contest case has been dropped.

Gibbon citizens are agitating the question of establishing a public library.

The movement to erect an opera house at McCook is taking shape and there are good prospects of success.

Lee Burlington of Clay Center lost two fingers through getting them caught in some woodworking machinery.

There will be a competitive examination for a West Point cadetship for the Fifth congressional district held at Hastings on the second Saturday in January, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m. Candidates must be residents of the district between the ages of 17 and 22 years, unmarried and at least five feet three inches in height.

The Baptists at Bancroft are raising money to build a parsonage.

Engineers are at work platting the ground for the new town across the river from Gering on the line of the Burlington and Missouri extension.

**ONE OF HIS FAMILY.**

**Thackeray Thought He Had Found a Relative in Philadelphia.**  
Mrs. Ritchie's recollections of her father, William M. Thackeray, make prominent the kindly and genial side of the great satirist's character. All who knew him, indeed, were aware that his nature was sweet and tender. His friends felt a strong affection for him. No one can read his novels without recognizing the deep humanity which lies behind his satire.

In Philadelphia, where the novelist had many friends of long standing, anecdotes which never have appeared in print are still told to illustrate the kindly bonhomie of the man.

A friend, walking with him down Chestnut street one morning, stopped to buy a paper, while Mr. Thackeray sauntered on. By the time the paper was bought he had disappeared, and was found seated in a large clothing shop talking earnestly across the counter to the proprietor, whose name was the same as his own.

"I saw it on the sign!" Thackeray said, turning to his friend. "It is my name with the difference of a letter. That has been dropped by some generation, no doubt, I came in to see if I could not find a relation. Thackerays are not abundant in the world, I assure you!"

The American, who never had heard of "Pendennis," finding that his visitor did not want to buy a coat, was not anxious to establish kinship, and let the chance of his life for distinction pass.

"It is not every Englishman who would try to establish relationship with a tradesman," his friend said, as they left the shop.

"But he has my name!" insisted Thackeray. "An honest fellow! I am quite sure he is one of us, though he has lost a letter."

There was nothing of the snob in the man who named and defined snobbery.

**A Fitting Toast.**  
Lord Clyde, one day after dinner, asked a chaplain of one of the regiments in India for a toast, who, after considering for some time, at length exclaimed with great simplicity: "Alas! and alack-a-day! What can I give?" "Nothing better," replied his lordship. "Come gentlemen, we'll give a bumper to the parson's toast. A lass and a lac a day." A lac means 100,000 rupees, or \$25,000, which is certainly an income to make one happy.

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9 Sugar Shell, triple plate, best quality, 60	31 Sewing Machine, first class, with all attachments, 1500
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