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NEBRASKA NEWS.

Panama is enjoying a fair-sized building boom.

Hebron is holding a successful summer school.

Adams county finances are shown to be in excellent shape.

The Metcalf land office will go into democratic hands July 1.

The wife of ex-Postmaster Brennon, of Sidney, died last week.

Michael Gentleman, of Platte county, aged 84 years, died last week.

The wife of Rev. J. H. Thayer, pastor of the Methodist church, died last week.

The assessed valuation of Reed Willow county is \$85,000,000 for this year.

Russian thistles have been found growing on the banks of the creek west of Indiana.

The Grand Army of the Republic will hold its 10th annual reunion August 12 to 15 inclusive.

All records were broken in the enrollment at the teachers institute of Lancaster county.

The wife of Rev. Harned, of Madison county, died last week.

The former keeper of the Oxford hotel at Norfolk is enjoying the fruits of his robbery in New York.

Billy Miles is wanted in Papillon on the charge of having stolen \$45 from the vest of a former employe.

A vigorous effort is being made by Lincoln democrats to secure the state convention for their town.

The assessed valuation of this county for all kinds of property is \$705,832.75, being \$118,482 less than last year.

Mr. J. A. Layman, died at Table Rock, having been struck with paralysis of the brain. She was 63 years old.

A stranger tried to travel a land of Cozad county, but was found by one who cared to travel in search of trouble.

Thirty-two thousand dollars of the \$50,000 required for commencing work on the Columbus canal has been subscribed.

The assessed valuation of Wayne county as equalized by the commission amounts in round numbers to about \$2,000,000.

John A. Hans, clerk at the Eno house, Fremont, for the past two years, has taken charge of the Northwestern hotel in Mead.

Lincoln will have a grand blow-out on the Fourth of July, when the new viaduct will be opened with appropriate ceremonies.

Irregularity in the Republican valley is no longer a myth. Practical workings may be seen near Metcalf, where 3,000 acres are irrigated.

Harry Lefler of Cozad is the latest beneficiary of a victim of the straggler, having made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors.

Attorney W. F. Gurley of Omaha has selected to deliver the principal oration at the opening of the state university on September 21.

John Barrell of Columbus, charged with criminally assaulting a little Polish girl, was committed to the district court in the sum of \$500.

The Nebraska City fire department will give a dance on the evening of July 4, the proceeds to be turned over to the celebratory committee.

The body of Joe Mayfield, a colored laborer, was found on the track of the Missouri Pacific the other day. It is thought he died from heart disease.

The village board of Columbus has passed an ordinance limiting the number of hogs which a person can own in that corporation to two head.

The Northwestern Stage company has put on their line of motor coaches to run on the route between Stuart, Tuttle, Fairfax and Bonestell.

Rev. T. W. Leard, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Schuyler, has received a call to charge the church at a salary much larger than he is receiving.

During a storm Dennis O'Brien was drowned at Courtland Beach, Omaha.

Chris Brusk, the man who, while working on a section line the other day in Hall county, was knocked off the track by a locomotive, died from his injuries. He was single and a native of Denmark.

Corner university at Lincoln, has a new chancellor in the person of President Dungan, Mr. Jennings, the former chancellor, having retired to travel among the churches in the interest of the institution.

The Buffalo county teachers' institute will be held at Kearney July 9 to 21. A very capable corps of instructors has been secured and promises to be one of the most profitable institutes ever held in that county.

Crop reports at Clay Center show that the wheat crop will not be quite as short as it was feared. The late rains have given the wheat new life, and although the straw is short, the heads are filled clear out.

In North Platte the Farmers and Merchants canal company has been incorporated, and engineers are already in the field perfecting surveys for a canal to connect the river with the existing west and south of that place.

A son of Samuel Blackstone, living southwest of Superior, met with a queer accident last week. He was sleeping in a room and during the night, in turning over, he pushed his foot through the glass, severely cutting his leg.

At a mass meeting held at Atkinson it was decided to hold a county convention at Atkinson July 17 at 7 p. m. to nominate candidates pledged first, last and all the time to repeal the fifths law now upon the statute books.

The government authorities have refused to forward to the State university the appropriation known as the Morrill fund, which goes to agricultural colleges and universities having agricultural departments. The maximum amount of the fund is \$23,000.

The Epworth League, in session in Grand Island, elected officers as follows: President, G. W. Berge of Lincoln; corresponding secretary, Rev. E. W. Brass, Columbus; recording secretary, Miss Anna Hamann, Atkinson; treasurer, R. M. Laverty, Ord.

A Sarpy county family by the name of Snide about two years ago, and presented with lovely twin daughters, and in order that the girls might have proper protectors through life, Mrs. Snide last week presented her husband with a pair of bright, robust boys.

A Washington letter says that Representative Berger has succeeded in reporting from the committee on public buildings and grounds his bill in order that the government should acquire the Omaha public building. This will raise the limit in that case to \$2,000,000.

Mrs. Ruth Adams, the old colored lady spoken of in the Columbus News, has contributed to the relief of the display at Morris Mayer's store a dagger presented to her by her son, John Brown, and a copy of a letter that she wrote a few days before his execution.

The 20-year-old son, August, of John Paulson of Hebron, is charged with the murder of his father, who was worth \$25 each and discounting one at the bank in Carlton and the other at the First National bank of Hebron. He is charged with the murder of his father in default of \$1,000 bail was sent to jail.

A York breeder reports a hen that hatched out sixteen chickens from a single egg, and each one had two yolks. They had noticed a number of the sort and kept enough for a setting, just to try an experiment. About a dozen were put under a hen, but only eight hatched out. Those eight, however, proved to be twins.

Jerry Colahan, an employe of the Union Pacific here at Cheyenne, met with an accident which resulted in his death. He was on a platform endeavoring to throw a belt off a pulley in the blacksmith shop when he fell to the floor and struck his head against a piece of the spine, from which he died four hours later.

The assessors of Otoe county have filed their returns with the county clerk and they are very much in the nature of a surprise. The returns show the total valuation of Otoe county property for 1894 to be \$1,062,042.25. Last year the valuation was \$1,044,547.76. This makes this year's valuation \$17,494.49 less than last year's.

An Omaha man named Sheppard has constructed a steam yacht and launched it upon the Missouri river, and has started on a journey by water from that city to his old home in Scotland. Sheppard sails from Omaha to St. Louis, thence up the Mississippi river to the Illinois river, through the Hennepin canal to Chicago, and across the lake to the Atlantic ocean. Recreation and a desire to establish a theory of navigation upon a safe, economic and speedy plan has prompted him to undertake what is regarded by his friends as a perilous trip.

The Grand Island Mercantile company has ordered a new car from the Island, and it was shipped in from San Francisco. It seems that the car was ordered by the mercantile company and was to go to Lincoln and from there to Grand Island, but it was switched out at Aurora and the local rate to Lincoln was charged for its transportation. The mercantile company tendered the local agent of the Burlington the rate made in the original routing, but it was refused. The Grand Island company then repudiated the car through the sheriff and has retained Judge Platt to fight the case before the interstate commerce commission and if necessary in the federal court.

Twelve convicts were received at the penitentiary last week, seven being from Richardson county. The delegation from that county comprises David Taylor, James Smith, Fred Douglas and George Washington, Jeff Johnson, John Stephens and Charles Green. All are one-year convicts except Green, who was for eighteen months and all are in for larceny except Stephens, who was for a forger.

An 8-year-old son of I. N. Ramer, living at Miller, was bitten on the arm by a rattlesnake last Thursday. For a time the following day the boy's life was despaired of, but he finally rallied, and now is in a fair way to recover.

The degree of D. D. has been conferred upon Rev. J. N. Lenker of Grand Island by his alma mater, Wittenberg college of Springfield, O. The degree was conferred on the historic and literary merits of "Lutherans in all Lands," recently published by Rev. Lenker, a German edition of which is now in print. Rev. Lenker is the Western secretary of the board of church extension of the general synod of Lutheran.

A child of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander of the steam laundry in Grand Island swallowed three buttons, and the family physician had a two hours' job before he could afford relief to the child from the violent pain which resulted.



HOLLOW HORN'S 4TH

Bill Briggs Tells How It Was Celebrated Many Years Ago.

IN RESPONSE TO AN invitation from my uncle to come and spend the Fourth of July with him, I saddled the pony and rode down on the second, and found the town all agog for a celebration.

After supper, while strolling along one of the many thoroughfares of Hollow Horn Bend, I was surprised to note the wonderful growth of the place since I first saw it. I counted four or five new buildings, four in all, and two of the saloons had been enlarged. Standing in front of one of them was my old partner, Jerky. He was dressed in a blue uniform, red collar and cuffs, brass buttons, and a silver badge as large as a tea saucer, on which was engraved, "CITY MARSHAL." At sight of me his mouth began darting across his face as naturally as ever.

"Bill, how are you?" he burst forth, grasping my hand in a way that caused tears to fill my eyes. Jerky was demonstrative in the way of hand-grip. I was pleased to meet him, and happy when he released my hand.

"I thought you were in Pennsylvania," I said. "I was a trifle rack for those chaps. You see, I was not used to having three or four men jump on me and beat me with clubs when I went to arrest one of their gang. They tried to cut me, and I shot a couple of them, and marched my man to the lock-up. The people were going to lynch me. I pulled a couple of guns, and was about to open on them, when the mayor heard of it and came down on a run. He made a little speech, telling them they had asked him to get a marshal that could run the town, and he had got one; and, furthermore, he was going to back him. They knew the mayor was determined, and let up on the hanging business, but they would not consent to my being marshal, so I pulled out and got a job out here, where people are civilized. What are you driving at, Bill?" he asked.

"I am on my uncle's sheep ranch up on Ghost creek for five years." "Bill, you are a dead man. You will never live the time out. Men that follow a band of sheep for five years get like pigs, and stand for hours without moving. You will have a sorry expression on your face, like an imported ape. You will lose your self-respect, and dodge behind rocks to avoid meeting strangers. If you do not go crazy, you will get sheepy and shy in spite of yourself. I saw a sheep-herder like that once, but he said he was none too bright to begin with. Better throw it up, Bill; you will become as stupid and stolid as he," argued Jerky.

"Thanks for your compliments and interest in my welfare, but I guess I will stay with the sheep." "You ought to know the best course to pursue, but I don't like to see you throw yourself away. Going to stay till after the Fourth?"

"Yes, I came down to celebrate. Going to have a good time?" I inquired. "Bill, you will hear a couple of good speeches. The mayor told me he was getting up a dandy oration, and he is going to spring a surprise on the people. Well, I must make my rounds. They are trying to kick up a row over not going crazy, but I will make it warm for them if they do," he said, walking away.

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On the morning of the glorious Fourth the booming of the blacksmith's anvil and the prolonged yells of young America aroused me from a profound slumber and filled my soul with patriotism. I hurriedly donned my pants and socks and passed through my bedroom window on to the roof of the steeple, the better to see the throng around the anvil.

He must be an officer of some kind, to judge by his uniform. "Wonder if that's the latest style of doing hair?" "Maybe he is going to deliver an oration."

These remarks were followed by a giggle. I wondered where the speakers were, and to whom they had reference. Turning my head, I saw four young ladies, dressed for the day's sport, standing on the roof of the steeple of the adjoining house, not twenty feet from me. I fell backward through the window, my patriotism all gone.

"Who lives next door, aunt?" I asked at breakfast. "Daniel Craig. His daughter Susie was over to see this morning, but you came down when a firecracker burst with unusual violence in his immediate vicinity. The mayor was attired in that on Sunday suit, and wore a long, fierce moustache. His signet of office, jangled at his hip, a full grown Colt's revolver."

"The orator of the day was mounted on a clay-colored broncho, who could hardly keep two feet on the ground at a time, so nervous had she become over so much noise. It required all the rider's attention to keep her in the saddle, so anxious were his efforts that the sweat was dripping from his nose."

When Jerky at last gave the word to march, a fend in the crowd threw a bunch of lighted crackers between the mule and the mare. They began exploding like a volley of musketry, and the dust began to roll up. The mare, with a terrified snort, flew across the town and into the timber, up and, turning his head, surveyed the distant fire, and started in the opposite direction.

"Whoa, Jerky!" yelled the mayor, but Jerky did not "whoa," and was soon out of sight.

The crowd howled and swung their hats. Jerky spurred his horse to the front, and held up his hand. "Fellow-citizens," he proclaimed, "we will not follow the leaders, but keep right up the street to the grounds. Music by the glee club. March," he yelled.

There were ladies and gentlemen on horseback, in wagons, and on foot. "There he is, Sue, and presents quite an improvement over his appearance this morning."

"Hush, Clara, he will hear some more of your foolishness." These remarks I heard from some persons close behind me. I did not have to turn my head to know who was talking, but hurried straight ahead.

The mayor rode in soon after we reached the grounds, but it was an hour before the orator of the day came in, with his coat on his arm, and on foot.

When everything was quiet, the mayor arose, and spoke as follows: "Ladies and gentlemen: You all know me, and know I am off on speech-making; but when it comes to a shoot, I'm in it. You all know what we are here for. I do not suppose there is a person present that is old enough to take a drink, and know this is the Fourth of July. We are here to celebrate the glorious anniversary of American independence. The reason why we celebrate this day is because it's a big day in this country. The reason we celebrate the day is because this is the spryest town on this line of road. (Applause.) The name of this town has always been a dead give-away. It was named by unlettered men, who never gave its future a single thought. They named it after a defective cow that perished with a disease called hollow horn near a bend in the creek on the site of this beautiful city. For the past year I have been working the railroad company to change the name. They have consented, and from the date of this great day it will be known on the maps of the world by the name of Smith. (Groans and hisses.) What all this is about is a good name? It's named after your mayor, and Smith goes in this camp. (Groans.) Now the next man that grunts will get something," he said, pulling his gun. "Now, I want every man to give three cheers for Smith and his mayor. Every mother's son of you shout or I will put a forty-five where it will make you shout. All ready! Hip, hip, hurrah!" and the mayor swung his gun and the crowd yelled like fiends.

"Gentleman, the man I am about to introduce to you as orator of the day is a lawyer from Red Rock, and he can talk the handle off a Dutch oven. He will tell you all about the wars, from the battle of Brandywine down to the last skirmish with the Apaches. Fellow-citizens, I will now introduce to you the Hon. Casper M. Jenks."

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Bill and Nat and the other boys were on their way to the village to buy fireworks for the Fourth when they saw a queer-looking wagon moving toward them. It looked like a hen-coop on wheels, but when it came nearer they found it was a huge cage with an eagle in the center.

The boys surrounded the wagon at once, and fired a perfect volley of questions at the driver. "I took that eagle from the nest when it was little," he explained; "and I have been carrying it to town to sell to the show; but the show is gone, so I must cart him back."

"Why, you ought to let him fly!" cried Billy. "Don't you know, to-morrow is the Fourth, and I guess George Washington would not have liked very well to see the American eagle cooped up like a chicken."

The man laughed. "Well, now, if you boys feel so, why don't you buy him and let him loose to-morrow? He would go up like sky rockets."

"Great silybaration! the bird of his Country will scream for all!" The next day Billy and Nat and their eagle formed the center of the celebration at Merryville. They never regretted having paid the money for it, which they intended for fire-crackers. It was afterwards purchased by the town for \$100, and is still a feature of the annual celebration.

A Double Header. A minister was summoned to the bedside of a dying man. The man who lay, gradually obeying the grave summons, gazed at the good minister, and moved to the bedside and held the hand of the victim. The wife, wild with grief, sank to the floor.

"My friend," said the minister, "you are a man whose profession is education in this life has allowed you much time for devotional exercises. Your dear little children, your wife informs me, are visiting relatives. They will not see their father die. How many children have you?"

"Thirteen," replied the dying man. "I had no idea that you had so many. For years you have paid me 25 cents as though the will of the Judge from your number of children I should think that you had many married more than once. How many wives has the good Lord granted you?"

"Fifteen," answered the man. "Surely not so many," said the minister. "Think of this matter seriously. How many times have you been married?"

"Fourteen," and the victim fell back exhausted. "Are you willing to die?" asked the minister, after a pause. "More than three up, six down and eight to the left!"

"Are you prepared to share the glorious territory of Alabamian's bosom?" "More or less," replied the man. "Have you made your peace with your Savior?"

"Simplest thing in the world—move mine down!" "To be your mind from the confused arithmetic of the world and place it on heaven's holy algebra. Are you willing to stand before the great throne?"

"Three." "Can you go fearlessly?" "Eleven." "After life's desperate struggle, what have you accomplished?" "Thinking, fifteen, fourteen," and the man was dead. Little Rock Gazette.

Austin K. Jones has rung the college bell at Harvard for nearly forty years. Mathematicians students tried to make him break the record by removing the tongue, but he got a hammer and at the usual hour, 7:29 a. m., made more noise than ever with the bell.

A KENTUCKY MIRACLE.

JUDGE JOHN M. RICE TELLS HOW HE WAS CURED OF RHEUMATISM.

Crippled for six years with sciatica in its worst form—He expected to die. But was saved by a marvelous manner.

From the Covington, Ky., Post. The Hon. John M. Rice, of Louisa, Lawrence county, Kentucky, has for the past two years retired from public life as Criminal Commissioner of the Sixteenth Judicial District of Kentucky.

He has for many years served his native county and state in the legislature at Frankfort and at Washington, and, until his retirement, was a noted figure in political and judicial circles. In his life he has known throughout the state and possesses the best qualities which go to make a Kentucky gentleman honored wherever he is known.

About six years ago the bodily troubles which finally caused his retirement at a time when his mental faculties were in the zenith of their strength, began to encroach upon him. He was naturally strong constitutionally. A few days ago a Kentucky Post reporter called upon Judge Rice, who in the following words related the history of the causes that led to his retirement. "It is just about six years since I had an attack of rheumatism, slight at first, but soon developed into sciatica upon my right hip, which began first with acute shooting pains in the hip, gradually extending downward to my feet."

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Columbus - State - Bank

(Organized in 1854)

Pays Interest on Time Deposits

Makes Loans on Real Estate

OFFERS MONEY DEPOSITS ON

Omaha, Chicago, New York and all Foreign Countries.

SELLS: STEAMSHIP: TICKETS.

BUYS GOOD NOTES

And Holds its Customers when they Need Help

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

AMANDER GERRARD, Pres't.

R. H. HENRY, Vice Pres't.

JOHN STAUFFER, Cashier.