

# The Columbus Journal.

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## NEBRASKA NEWS.

**Cedar Rapids** is to have a public library and reading room.

**Kearney** has 235 bicycles and of this number 19 are of high class.

A dust storm at Exeter obscured everything on the streets for an hour.

West Lincoln women of objectionable stripe have been given orders to move out.

The supreme court of Nebraska will take up the Carleton murder case in October.

At the Hoopengartner meetings in Plainview, just closed, 109 conversions are reported.

The state association of Congregational churches will meet in Neligh October 16th.

Lightning struck the residence of G. W. Englewood at Oakland, but did no serious damage.

Rev. C. P. Mackey and wife of Ashland were married fifty-eight years ago September 16, 1836.

John Nighel killed a rattlesnake at Whitmore's ranch in Douglas county, that measured seventeen feet in length.

The little son of George Lehman of Columbus has been taken to the asylum at Norfolk. The doctors think he will recover.

Barrett Scott, the defaulting treasurer of Holt county, will not be sentenced until October 15, and then only in case he fails to get a new trial.

Field Secretary Rev. George E. Taylor of Doane college has departed for New England, where his work will engage him for four or five months to come.

The commercial bank at Weeping Water closed its doors last week. The reason is steadily decreasing deposits and inability to collect fast enough to pay depositors.

The body of David Snavely of Burdett, 75 years old, was found in a cellar way home from the wilds of the West. He had been hunting in the hills and inspecting forts.

The preliminary hearing of Jesse Wheeler at Fremont on a charge of stealing a cow from A. J. Bann, resulted in Wheeler being bound over for trial in the district court in \$500 bonds.

Schnyer has a very prosperous society, having for its object the care of the poor of the city. He is president of the society, and good work is being done in preparation for the coming winter.

W. F. Fox of Ft. Calhoun, Neb., wants a wife. He is fat, healthy, wise and temperate, but has neither beauty nor money. Anyone thinking him a desirable match can probably have him by asking.

Narpy county teachers have an interesting program in view for their next meeting, which is fixed for October 12 and 13. The money was raised by John Speedie will expose the new income tax system.

The injunction suit against the \$100,000 bonds, successfully prosecuted by William A. Walters, was finally disposed of last week, the supreme court overruling a motion for rehearing made by the attorney of the school district.

Al Woodward promised one day last week to build an opera house for Windsor, the people of the city would raise \$200. The money was raised the next morning, and work on the opera house will be begun at once. It is to cost \$287,000.

A young man by the name of Accident, residing near Atkinson, accidentally shot himself while out hunting pigeons. The charge took effect under the right arm and penetrated to the shoulder. It is possible that amputation of the limb will prove necessary.

The large warehouse, coal sheds, machinery were rooms and a carload of corn which was damaged by a fire on the side track at Platt Center were totally destroyed with all their contents. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin, but nothing definite can be stated.

The Citizens National bank and the Norfolk State bank have consolidated. The name of the Citizens National bank is retained. The new organization will have G. A. Lukit, formerly at Tilden, Neb., as its president, while E. A. Stewart, formerly at Platt Center, will be the new cashier.

Eleven stock trains from Wyoming and western Nebraska passed through Fremont one day last week over the Elkhorn road, the first since the Omaha. The shipment of stock will last about ten days longer, when the bulk of it will be marketed and the remainder will be practically out of a job for a while.

Sam Wymore went into the barn of Louis Fink, near Wymore, and hitched a team to a wagon load of wheat, struck out for Kansas City, and was strayed the next morning by wheat straw along the road, it having leaked out of the wagon. He drove to Oketo and sold the grain for less than \$25, and started on the return trip, but was captured.

Money will never be very plenty in Nebraska so long as people send all their money outside of the state for goods. Patronize home institutions: Farrell & Co's brand of syrups, jellies, preserves and mince meats; the rubber boots and shoes for men, women and children; American Biscuit & Manufacturing Co., Omaha, crackers.

John Schultz, who was seriously wounded in a shooting at Gray near Schuyler some six weeks ago, has been improving so slowly that it was considered advisable to remove him to a medical institution in Kansas City, which was accordingly done. His chances of recovery are not flattering.

Thieves visited the farm of Fred Meredith about three miles west of Nebraska City, and butchered one of his choice porkers. The man was traced to that city and officers arrested the Garie and two other men named Baker and Bennett. The dressed porker was found in a cistern at Bennett's residence.

Herman Meyers, a well to do farmer living about twelve miles from Lincoln, now watches his stockyard with a shotgun and goes to him who trespasses thereon. A few nights since some thieves entered his enclosure and drove off eight of his fine porkers. He thinks they went to Lincoln.

Train No. 3 pulled in at Friend the other day Arthur Evans, in attempting to board one of the cars, lost his hold and fell against the trucks. One side of his face is badly bruised and lacerated. Had the engineer not have promptly applied the air brakes that would have been killed by the rear truck passing over him.

Dr. William L. Cameron's barn in Palms burned last week with a loss of \$500. His Hambleton horse, Reddeemer and other valuable horses and colts, with sulkies and harnesses, were saved. The fire started in the hayloft. It is supposed to be due to mice, matches and clothing.

## A MADMAN'S WHIM.

"I AM extremely sorry, Jack, but circumstances which I have no control will render it necessary that you should leave me."

"Then you don't love me?"

"Now, Jack, that's unkind."

"But it's true?"

"No, it isn't true, not one bit of it, and you know it. Haven't I engaged myself to you in spite of papa's coldness and mamma's positive hatred?"

"Hum?"

"I don't stand by you in spite of everything people said about you?"

"All lies!" cried Jack, hotly.

"I know it," said Adele, laying a loving hand on his coat collar. "I have always said that you did love me and were not careless and idle and impulsive as the world says."

"And yet, when I ask you to marry me, you say 'No.' Do you call that love?"

"I call it common sense, Jack. Why, you know you haven't anything but your salary of five hundred dollars a year."

"Love in a cottage with a crust," began Jack.

"You know," she cried, "you detest suburban life, and like champagne better than crusts. Oh, Jack, do be reasonable! Papa is not unreasonable. He loves me dearly. Mamma will come round in time, and then we can have a decent wedding."

"That's enough," said Jack, calmly, taking his hat. "We will not discuss this matter any further, Adele. Jack Ashton passed out very faintly."

"There isn't much for a fellow like me to do," he said to himself. "I suppose I'll have to enlist as a soldier. Still that wouldn't do. Precious little soldiering, and plenty of wood-chopping and road-making. If there was only a war!"

It was the afternoon of the third day. He had been in the park in the morning, and had walked back. There was a strange dizziness in his head, and his knees knocked together more than once, and twice his eyesight seemed to be leaving him. He was hungry; he had not eaten for nearly three days, but he thought he was dying.

It gave him a certain sort of grim satisfaction. He would not have his own life, but if death would come without his direct aid—And then he looked at his reflection in a plate glass window and shuddered.

It would never do to die in such plight. His clothes were dirty, his boots grimy and seuff-d, and he had not been shaved for three days.

A by street ran off the thoroughfare, and half way down a slender red and white striped pole protruded from a door. Jack sauntered down to the shop.

"Shave? Yes sir," said the barber, in a voice quite in keeping with his looks.

"A pleasant day," said Jack, dreamily, as the barber lathered him deftly.

"Excellent, pleasant," said the barber. "The weather is one of the few things we can enjoy without price."

The idea struck Jack as original, and he smiled for the first time in three days.

"In this world," pursued the barber, "where a man has but one life, and that of humble origin, he has to be content with it."

"Therefore," continued the barber, beginning on Jack's chin, "it is fortunate that this life is but one of a cycle that the Karma of today is but a preparation for another life, or perhaps, Nirvana, who knows?"

"By heavens! a Buddhist!" exclaimed Jack to himself.

The barber turned his limpid eyes full upon him.

"Exactly," he said gravely. "I am a Theosophist."

Jack gave a little start and then a cry of pain.

"I have cut you, or rather," said the barber, apologetically, "you have cut yourself. It is nothing, a mere scratch. No, sir, Theosophy, I conceive to be a civilized Buddhism with none of its faults and all of its virtues. At the reincarnation a man may be either a god or the vilest infamable object. That canary in the cage may have once been a sybarite, a trier."

Jack opened his blue eyes in amused contemplation.

"Do you really believe such rubbish?" he asked, with a smile on his face.

"Certainly," replied the barber, gravely. "I have already traveled part of the way to Nirvana. I have twice achieved it, during which I saw my past stages of existence. I was a Carthaginian general once, and ages ago I was a tiger. I have banished desire, love, hate, all the human passions. I am a negation, with no attachment for existence."

"Yet you exist?" ventured Jack, feeling that he must say something.

"I have disposed of my business," said the barber, quietly. "I have sold everything except the bird; I shall give him his liberty before I go. You are the last man I shall shave."

"Ah, indeed?" said Jack, making an effort to rise.

## DAVE ECKMAN'S COON.

BEFORE IT BECAME A PET IT WAS RAMPAGEOUS.

John Gilbert, the Traveling Grocerman, Tells an Interesting Story Concerning a Schuykill County Hunter and One of His Friends.

"Dave Eckman of Schuykill county has a pet coon that he thinks the world of," said John Gilbert, the traveling grocerman, "and yet he tried his level best to kill it, and between itself and a tight-fitting hollow log the coon came tolerably close to carrying its intention to a successful end. Dave Eckman, as I have already said, is a hunter in that part of Pennsylvania. He lives in Rush township, and his neighbor, John Hornberger, keeps a good many chickens."

"The opposition of a fox to Hornberger's poultry raising continues," said John Gilbert.

"I'll go now," said Dave, and you can go long and see me if you want to."

"Hornberger said he wanted to, and so Dave called his two dogs and sent them to the dog house. This was in March, and there were here and there patches of snow on the ground. After the party had gone a couple of miles or so one of the dogs and Hornberger got separated from the other two."

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