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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS NOTES.

BELLWOOD

From the Gazette:

Revival meetings are now being held in the M. E. church, conducted by Rev. Zinnecker. As yet the attendance is small.

Last week Louis Koach purchased 400 acres of land near Pleasanton, in Buffalo county, paying for the same \$17,000.

Mrs. Harvey Lillie came up from Lincoln last Friday evening accompanied by her father, and is visiting with relatives and friends around Bellwood this week.

Mrs. J. W. Grisinger slipped and fell one day last week, breaking a bone in one of her arms. Dr. Hansen is now taking care of the wounded member and she is getting along as well as can be expected.

Sherman E. Butler of Octavia, came up Monday and bought the Charles Mescham farm from H. Earl, commonly known as the Supancheck farm. Charles Mescham came up from Garrison Tuesday and signed up the necessary papers and took in the cash. The price was \$10,400 for the 160 acres. Homer was hardly able to sit up, but succeeded in closing the deal.

Grandma Warren slipped and fell upon the ice last Sunday while feeding her chickens. In the fall she broke one of her lower limbs near the hip, and as she is about 80 years of age it is feared it will take her a long time to recover from the effects of the fall. Dr. Hansen is attending her.

The Highlanders tendered Mr. and Mrs. Charley Grisinger a farewell reception in Highlander hall Wednesday evening. Supper was served and dancing was indulged in until a late hour. All present spent the evening very pleasantly. Mr. and Mrs. Grisinger are making preparations to leave for California, and will take with them the best wishes of their many friends in this community.

A dispatch from David City to the Omaha News says that a greater part of the \$8,000 insurance money due on the life of Mrs. Lillie's husband is the subject of suits now pending in the courts. Only a part of the fraternal insurance money has ever been paid. The tribe of Ben-Hur paid the sum of \$750 to her little girl Edna, but contested the remainder of the policy. There was due from the Modern Woodmen the sum of \$3,000, but that society contested payment and the case is still in the district court. The A. O. U. W. paid \$2,000 to the account of the little girl, Mrs. Lillie waiving all claim to the money.

Genoa

(From the Leader.)

Charlie Taylor of the Indian school

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Elon Swanson was over from Genoa Sunday. He is well pleased with his position and will move his family to that place in the near future.

O. W. Olson of Newman Grove, who formerly resided southwest of town two miles, died last Friday and was buried Sunday at the Swedish cemetery, 9 miles southwest of town.

Mrs. Chas. Koptetz and daughter Agnes returned from Omaha Saturday night. The former was there having a fractured limb which was not healing, attended to. She is somewhat better, but as yet has to use crutches.

HUMPHREY

From the Democrat.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Dohman of the St. Bernard neighborhood, on Thursday, Dec. 27, 1906, a daughter.

Miss Emma Batliner and Michael Zuerline will be united in marriage on Wednesday, Jan. 16. Cards are out for a wedding dance in Gildorf's hall in the evening.

Mrs. Fred Lachuit had the misfortune to slip and sprain her ankle last Sunday while going to church. The injury is very painful and it will be some time before she can get around as usual.

At the regular meeting of the Humphrey volunteer fire department Tuesday evening the old officers were re-elected. They are L. D. Diers, president; Robert Lewis, chief; John Weber, treasurer, and Robert Moackler, secretary. With other department business which was transacted, it was decided to purchase another hose cart. The department has several feet of hose more than will go on the hose cart now in use.

Arthur Graham fell thirty feet at the new elevator north of town Monday afternoon and the wonder is he received only slight bruises from which he has experienced no bad effects. Arthur was working in the top of the elevator when a board which he was standing on broke letting him down thirty feet. He was immediately brought to town for medical aid and it was found that no bones were broken and that he was not otherwise seriously injured. It seems almost miraculous that he was not instantly killed saying nothing about broken bones. The feat could not be accomplished once in a thousand times with the same result, and we wager that Arthur does not care to try it again.

Mathias German and Miss Anna Braun were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at St. Mary's church at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning of this week. Misses Ida Fehring and Katie Braun were the bridesmaids and Leo German and Louie Braun acted as best men. During the afternoon and evening a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents at which a large number of friends and neighbors were present to help celebrate the happy event. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Braun. She has lived in Platte county all her life and she counts her friends by her acquaintances and they are many. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank German, and he is classed among the best of the young generation of this community.

PLATTE CENTER

From The Signal.

Tom Hoare went to Silver Creek Sunday to assume his duties as manager of the Omaha Elevator Company's business at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shea of Columbus spent Tuesday with the former's sister, Mrs. C. M. Gruenther, returning home the same day.

Our blacksmiths are working overtime these days trying to shoe all the horses which these rough roads make necessary when they are used.

Mrs. George Scheidel, jr., who recently underwent an operation at St. Mary's hospital returned home Sunday evening, much improved in health.

Simon Jossi was awarded first prize for white corn at the farmers' institute in Columbus last Wednesday. The prize corn was raised on the S. H. Hoelsy farm by Mr. Jossi, this farm being located one mile and a half southeast of Platte Center.

H. N. Zingg commenced to fill his ice house yesterday morning, cutting the ice from Shell creek above the mill dam. The ice is from ten to eleven inches thick and of a very good quality. They put in about one hundred loads yesterday, but the weather has moderated so much that it looks as though they would have sloppy work today.

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FIRE INSURANCE.

Full Amount May Not Be Paid Even When Loss Is Complete.

In a fire insurance policy the sum insured merely marks the maximum liability accepted by the insurance company and determines the premium to be paid. It is not in any way admitted by the insurance office as a measure of the value of the property insured.

If I have a life policy for \$5,000, says a writer in the Nineteenth Century, my heirs can, on proof of my death and their title, receive at least \$5,000, possibly more if there are bonuses. If I have a ship and I insure her with marine insurance companies for \$5,000, I can recover the full \$5,000 at once should my ship be totally lost. But if I insure my house against fire for \$5,000 I cannot recover \$5,000 unless I can prove the house to be worth fully that sum. All that I am entitled to demand is the actual value of my house immediately before it was burned, and I must give every assistance to the insurance company in order that the actual value may be justly determined.

By statute the insurance company has the power to reinstate that house, as far as the sum insured will go, instead of paying me anything. In practice, compensation is usually agreed and paid in cash without recourse on either side to the right of reinstatement, but in no case am I entitled to more than the actual value of my house as it existed just before the fire.

PATENTS ON INVENTIONS.

Must Be in the Names of the Actual Inventors.

The law provides for the granting of patents only to the actual inventor of the patented invention, and a patent granted in the name of any one else is invalid. For this reason it is essential that the application for patent be made in the name of the one whom the law regards as the inventor. In some factories it is the custom to patent every invention in the name of the president of the company. This frequently happens because the company has been built up on inventions made by the president or other officer, and as a matter of pride the president wishes to see all patents issued in his name.

This is a dangerous thing to do in the case of inventions which were conceived by the employee independently of the officer, such as inventions wholly worked out by employee without suggestion or assistance from the officer, for if in a suit brought under such patent it were shown that while the patent was granted in the name of the officer the invention was actually made by an employee the patent would be declared invalid, and usually a suit would not be too late to go back and patent the invention in the name of the real inventor.—Edwin J. Prindle in Engineering Magazine.

The Huguenots.

Here are two essays on the Huguenots by Chicago public school pupils: "The Huguenots are people in France that are followers of Victor Hugo. Their leader is a man named Jean Valjean that was a thief, but got converted and turned out well. The Huguenots are very good people. A lady named Evangeline wrote a long poem about them, but it don't rhyme." "The Huguenots is the name of a big thing like a steam roller that the mogul used in India to run over people. It gushed them to death and was very terrible. It had eyes painted on it like a dragon and snorted steam when it was running. They are no huguenots any more."

John Bright and Lord Mansfield.

In one of his speeches in the house of commons John Bright quoted in a spirit of banter and ridicule the well known lines written by Lord John Mansfield in his callow youth: Let wealth and commerce, laws and learning die. But leave us still our old nobility. Lord John, who was present, immediately got up and pulverized the great tribune by retorting, "I would rather be the foolish young man who wrote those lines than the malignant old man who quoted them."

Mozart.

Mozart lived thirty-seven years. His first mass was composed when he was less than ten years of age, and the enormous quantity of his compositions was the work of the succeeding twenty-seven years. Mozart wrote forty-one symphonies, fifteen masses, over thirty operas and dramatic compositions, forty-one sonatas, together with an immense number of vocal and concerted pieces in almost every line of the art.

Dobber.

Stippler—Did Miss Kutts admire your paintings? Dobber—I don't know. Stippler—What did she say about them? Dobber—That she could feel that I put a great deal of myself into my work. Stippler—Well, that's praise, Dobber—is it? The picture I showed her was "Calves in a Meadow."

Why He Wanted an Autograph.

A young man once wrote to William Dean Howells for his autograph. The novelist replied in a typewritten line: "Have you bought my last book?" The young man answered: "I have not. I want to sell your autograph in order to get money enough to buy it."

LOVE CHARMS.

Some of the Querer Superstitions That Live in Sicily.

The love charms of Sicily are many and curious. One, very popular and considered very powerful, is to put into an eggshell a few drops of the blood of the longing lover. The shell is exposed to the sun for three days and to the dew for three nights. It is then placed on hot ashes until calcined, when the whole is reduced to a fine powder and administered secretly in a cup of coffee or a glass of wine to the object of affection.

Another charm is for the witch to undress at midnight and tie her clothes up in a bundle which she places on her head. Then, kneeling in the center of her room, she pronounces an incantation, at the end of which she shakes her head. If the bundle falls in front of her, it is a good sign; should it fall behind her, the charm will not avail.

Yet another is worked in the following manner: Pieces of green, red and white ribbon are purchased in three different shops, the name of the persons to be charmed being repeated mentally each time. The shopkeeper must be paid with the left hand, the ribbon being received in the right. When all the pieces are bought they are taken to a witch, who sets out to find the person to be charmed. On finding him or her the witch utters to herself, "With these ribbons I bind you to such a one." Then she returns the ribbons to the purchaser, who ties them beneath his or her left knee and wears them at church.—Macmillan's.

DIED A BEGGAR.

The Pathetic Career of John Stow, the English Antiquary.

John Stow, the celebrated English antiquary, was a remarkable man. He was born of poor parents about 1525 and brought up to the tailor's trade. For forty years his life was passed among needles and thread, but in the few leisure hours which his trade allowed him he had always been a fond reader of legends, chronicles, histories and all that told of the times that were past. By such reading he grew to be so attached to old memoirs that when about forty years of age he threw down his needle, devoted himself to collecting them and followed his new profession with the faith and enthusiasm of an apostle. Short of means, he made long journeys afoot to hunt over and ransack colleges and monasteries, and no matter how worn and torn might be the rags of old papers which he found, he kept all, reviewing, connecting, copying, comparing, annotating, with truly wonderful ability and good sense. Arrived at fourscore years and no longer capable of earning a livelihood, he applied to the king, and James I., consenting to his petition, granted to the man who had saved treasures of memoirs for English history the favor of wearing a beggar's garb and asking alms at church doors. In this abject state, forgotten and despised, he died two years later.

From the Beautiful East.

A small proportion of the flora is indigenous. The majority came from the east, like all the great ideas on which our culture is founded, and were developed and improved on this classic soil. Italy received the lemon and the orange from the Semites, who in their turn had obtained them from India. The olive, the fig, the vine and the palm were grown by the Semites long before their cultivation penetrated to the west. The laurel and myrtle, indeed, are indigenous in Italy, but their use for ceremonial purposes came across the Mediterranean from the east. The home of the cypress is not in Italy, but in the Greek archipelago, northern Persia, Cilicia and Lebanon.—From Strasburger's "Riviera."

The Saddle.

Early Greeks and Romans rode horses bareback. They regarded it as effeminate to ride in a saddle. The modern saddle, with pommel, crupper and stirrups, was unknown to the ancients. Nero gave out fancy coverings to his cavalry, and the bareback riders of the German forests used to laugh at them. Saddles with trees came into use in the fourth century, stirrups three centuries later.

Standing and Sitting.

David Slowpail—I shall bring you back those dark trousers to be resented, Mr. Snip. You know I sit a good deal. Mr. Snip (tailor)—All right, and if you'll bring the bill I sent you six months ago I will be pleased to receipt that also. You know I've stood a good deal.—London Tit-Bits.

Properly Situated.

"They may say what they like against him," said the convicted one's defender, "but his heart is in the right place."

"Yes," assented the other, "and so is the rest of him for a few years."

Practical.

"What did she say when he heard he was dead in love with her?" "She was insured to know if he carried any life insurance."—New York Times.

Science and Morality.

The true student of the professional or technical school becomes heir to a comprehensive and clear understanding of his duties and responsibilities in his relations to his fellow men and to the community. Those duties and responsibilities present themselves to his trained mind in their real proportion. He is neither nondeveloped nor maldeveloped in his judgment of affairs. His university training, especially in the technical school, has taught him accuracy and penetration in the analysis of any proposition confronting him and that truth and knowledge must be sought with the directness of a plumb line. Science yields nothing but common sense to the shift, devious and dishonest inquirer. The fundamentals of morality are the very stepping stones to technical success or professional attainment.—Scientific American.

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A Fuzzled Author.
When Alphonse Daudet brought out "Sappho" an American publisher, whose taste for religious books, not knowing its character, offered M. Daudet a large sum for advance sheets of the work. He accepted the offer, and the advance sheets were sent. When the publishers received them they decided that they could not issue the book, and they cabled to the author, "Sappho will not do." This dispatch puzzled Daudet. He consulted with numbers of friends, and this was the conclusion at which they eventually arrived: "Sappho" in French is spelled with one "p"—"Sappho," after the Greek fashion. In English it is spelled with two. An unusually acute friend pointed this out to Daudet, which much relieved the novelist, and he cabled back to the publishers, "Spell it with two p's." It is needless to state that the publishers were more astonished at Daudet's reply than he had been at their cable dispatch.

Her Head Was Hot.
Lady Dorothy Nevill in her reminiscences tells this story of the two Misses Walpole, her cousins: "On one occasion, when both of the two were well over ninety, Miss Fanny, the younger, who had that day been rather ill, only joined her sister in the sitting room just before dinner. On her arrival downstairs the latter (Miss Charlotte by name) remarked: 'Fanny, I am going to be ill too. I feel so hot about the head. It must be apoplexy.' 'Nothing of the sort!' exclaimed Miss Fanny, making a dash at her sister's head. 'Your cap's on fire, and I'm going to put it out.' And so the brave old thing did."

The First Dancers.
People have danced for thousands of years and will probably continue to do so for ages to come. This custom is of ancient origin. The first people to dance were the Curetes, who adopted dancing as a mark of rejoicing in 1543 B. C. In early times the Greeks combined dancing with the drama, and in 22 B. C. pantomimic dances were introduced on the Roman stage. At the discovery of America the American Indians were holding their religious, martial and social dances.

SACRED THREADS.

The Cords Worn by the Three Castes of the Hindus.

The sacred thread of the Brahmans is well known. It is a caste distinction assumed at an early age and never parted with. It must be made by a Brahman and should consist of three strands, each of a different color, forty-eight yards in length, doubled and twisted together twice, the ends tied in knots. It must be worn next the skin, over the left shoulder, hanging down to the thigh on the right side. The three castes of the Hindus are distinguished by the material of these threads—cotton for the Brahmans, hemp for the warriors and wool for the artisans. The Parses also wear the sacred thread, and boys of seven or nine are invested with it, the threads used being made always of fibers of the suru tree. Monier Williams describes the sacred gift of the Parses as made of seventy-two woolen threads, forming a fat band, which is twined three times around the body and tied in two peculiar knots, the secret of which is known only to the Parses.

The use of "medicine cords" is common among North American Indians. Mr. Bourke describes those worn by the Apaches. These consist of one, two, three and four strands, to which are attached shells, feathers, beads, rock crystal, sacred green stones and other articles, doubtless employed symbolically.—Chambers' Journal.

Daily Duties.
The best part of one's life is the performance of one's daily duties. All higher motives, ideas, conceptions and sentiments in a man's life are of little value if they do not strengthen him for the better discharge of the duties which devolve upon him in the ordinary affairs of life.

Woman's Marked Down Age.
Howell—You have a sister older than yourself, I believe? Powell—She was born first, but she isn't older.—New York Press.

A liar is sooner caught than a cripple.—Spanish proverb.

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