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ALBION.

From the Argus.
Editor E. J. Poynter of the Albion Argus attended the Columbus Commercial club banquet Tuesday evening and makes the following comment on it:—Columbus is a pretty little city down on the Platte, about 45 miles southeast of Albion, at the junction of the Albion branch with the main line of the Union Pacific railroad, "where all the trains stop to take water." It is noted (in our estimation) for having three sewer systems. In the estimation of some others for having a little court house out in the suburbs. To others two breweries and fourteen saloons. In addition to these notable things they have some other things to be thankful for and proud of: A lot of beautiful sidewalks and gutter paving, a beautiful park, lots of shade trees, many nice buildings, a hospital of more than local fame, good school and many other things. They also have a commercial club that does things—some things at least. This club knows how to get up a banquet and make visiting clubbers feel at home. They are a very social bunch. This we know because we, in company with Mayor Graham, F. S. Thompson and Mamie Becker, partook of their sociality and hospitality Tuesday evening. It was the occasion of the annual banquet of the club. The food was good, and while the appetite was being satisfied with the good things, the musical nature was being delighted with beautiful music from the orchestra. After this there were numerous toasts by members of the club and the visitors. All the harm we wish these good people is that they may live to hold banquets by the score and that we may be present.

LINDSEY.

From the Opticon.
Peter Peterson and wife departed the first of the week for Minnesota, where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson are rejoicing over the arrival of a son at their home southwest of town Tuesday morning.

M. N. Nelson resigned his position as engineer of the electric light system and Ed Weidner entered upon the new duties.

Jens Jensen, Jacob Peterson and Peter Nelson arrived from Denmark Monday, and will make their home with Peter Damgard, southwest of Lindsay.

Chris Steiner and Miss Augusta Swanson, were married at the home of the bride's parents in Newman Grove on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. They will make their home in Washington.

Joseph Beller, John Sand and Will Arthur returned from their South Dakota trip Monday night. The latter named gentleman invested in real estate west of Pierre and will make their residence there in the fall.

P. J. Peterson, who has been residing on a farm near Gregory, South Dakota, for the past two years, returned to Lindsay Monday, having rented out his farm there this year. Mr. Peterson is a practical painter and paper hanger and will go into business here this spring.

PLATTE CENTER

From the Signal.
The band boys ordered their uniforms from Chicago several days ago and they expect to receive them this week.

Last Saturday evening the passenger train arrived absolutely on time, the first occurrence of the kind in three months.

The bans of marriage were announced at St. Joseph's church last Sunday between Miss Frances Hughes of this place and Mr. Edward Hanlon of Fremont.

Miss Mary Lynch, who was called here several weeks ago on account of the illness of her mother, returned to her school duties at Payette, Idaho, last Friday.

The Bell telephone company had men here the first of the week removing the old instruments and replacing them with the automatic ones. They also put in some time in repairing the lines.

Mr. Richard C. Regan returned from Excelsior Springs, Mo., Sunday evening. Dick looks well after his course of treatment at the Springs, but he was glad to get home preparatory for spring work. He tells us that there is no better country to be seen between here and Excelsior Springs than Platte county.

We learned too late for our issue of last week that Mrs. George Eglehorn returned home last Thursday evening, after a week's visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. C. Anderson in Monroe township. The occasion of her visit was the arrival of a daughter at the Anderson home. The new baby was doubly welcome for the reason that the other two children are boys.

James E. Maher, Hilger Groisen, Mrs. I. Niemoeller and William Pillea were in attendance as witnesses in Columbus last Monday in the tax suit of P. E. McKillip vs. D. A. Beecher, county treasurer. In this case McKillip was assessed with the stock of goods taken in a trade from Groisen, but McKillip claims that he did not own the stock of goods after March 31st, and therefore seeks to enjoin the treasurer from collecting the taxes by distress. The case was submitted to the court and taken under advisement.

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The Signal, is now a student at Harvard college. He is a resident of Lincoln and is conceded to be the champion chess player of the state. A dispatch in the daily papers gives an account of an inter-collegiate chess match played in New York last Saturday between picked teams from Harvard, Columbia and Yale against Oxford and Cambridge, of England, the playing being done by cable. Each side won two games and two games were drawn. Clark represented Harvard.

Wm. Gentlemen met with quite a severe accident while driving home from Platte Center Tuesday evening between nine and ten o'clock. When near the Mark school house his horse ran away with him and in turning the corner at the school house he was thrown from the buggy and rendered unconscious. After a time he recovered sufficiently to get to Joe Mark's house and send for Dr. Pugh. A cut on the forehead requiring seven stitches was the most serious hurt, and after his hurts were dressed he was taken home and will be around again in a few days.

GENOA.

From the Leader.
Charlie Landers, who has been working at the depot, went to Norfolk Saturday where he has secured a position in a railroad office.

The new livery men are having difficulty in finding a suitable location on which to build a barn. There is an ordinance against locating it on main street, and they seem rather up against it.

Rev. J. W. Brient was called to Monroe the first of the week to attend the funeral of Mrs. John Reed who died Sunday last. Mr. Reed has many friends in this city who join the Leader in extending sympathy in his bereavement.

Little Florence, the youngest child of James Donnelly, age 4 years, died last Thursday after a short illness, of diphtheria. The remains were taken to Hastings, Iowa, for burial. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their affliction.

Alfred Bratt was down at Columbus doing business Monday last. He registered a kick on his return over the new passenger rates. He declared he was going to have the U. P. up before Judge Greer, as they charged him 42 cents going down and only 41 cents on his return trip.

Just as we go to press we hear a rumor to the effect that there will soon be a new superintendent at the Indian school. But whether Dr. Winlow has resigned or been transferred, or whether there is any truth in the rumor we are unable to find out. We simply give it as a rumor for what it is worth.

Work on the new Masonic temple has been suspended for so these many weeks on account of not being able to secure a couple dozen 30 foot floor joist. We understand they were ordered by one of our local lumber dealers over a year ago, at which time it is claimed they were shipped and no trace of them can be found. One of the Masonic brethren, however, informed the Leader this week that the trouble was caused by a drought out west somewhere. The tree which they planted upon receipt of the order failed to make the expected growth last year. They began to irrigate it this spring and hope it will be large enough to cut up by a year from next fall. But the question is whether the Masons will wait for it or whether they will send a team down to Monroe some day and haul up the required joist from there.

BELLWOOD

From the Gazette:
About 130 car loads of grain were delivered to the three elevators at Bellwood on Friday of last week.

Miss Mae Lillie, now of Norfolk and her "best fellow", visited at Bellwood this week with Mae's relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Cady, now of Columbus, have purchased the Hewitt residence and expect to move into it as soon as possible.

These are the best of times for the farmer who depends almost altogether on hired help. As one of our folks said last winter, there are any number of farmers

worth \$50,000, who have had to do all their chores in all kinds of weather, men who are past 60 years of age, and all be cause they cannot get competent help to do the work for them. Sometimes it is all the fault of the owner of the \$50,000 but in the majority of cases the right kind of help simply cannot be hired, even by the man who treats his help better than he treats himself.

Mahala Biagham, who died last Friday morning, was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, July 29th, 1828. When she was but a child, her parents moved to Michigan where she grew to womanhood. She was married June 9th, 1864, to Miles M. Warren. Six children were born to them, all of whom are now living. At an early age she became a christian and united with the Baptist church, of which she remained a member until coming to Nebraska in the year of 1870. Here she united with the Methodist church, of which she was a member until the Bellwood Baptist church was built in the year 1898, when she united with it and remained a faithful member until her death, which took place at two o'clock Friday morning March 22nd 1907, being 81 years, 7 months and 24 days old. Deceased, it will be remembered, has been ill for over eleven weeks, and throughout most of the time was a terrible sufferer. It was often her desire that those attending her should pray for her death. Grandma had a host of friends in this vicinity, all of whom held her in high esteem. Funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church, Rev. H. Zinnecker, officiating, after which her remains were taken to the Bellwood cemetery for burial, followed by a large circle of friends.

Miss Sanborn's Ducks.
Miss Kate Sanborn, who has written much on the abandoned farms of New Hampshire, tells of an experience she had in raising ducks. The ducks proved to be enormous feeders and were consuming the profits of the farm without making the expected returns in eggs. One day the ducks were at the kitchen door clamoring for more food when an old farmer called. To him Miss Sanborn told the story of her failure to coax the ducks to lay. The farmer laughed uproariously and finally said: "Them ducks of yours, Miss Sanborn, is all drakes."

This Contradictory World.
This is a contradictory world. A writer tells us Austrian blankets are made in Yorkshire, England. Turkey rhubarb is neither obtained nor imported from Turkey, but comes from Siberia and is a Russian monopoly. German silver hasn't a particle of silver, but is a mixture of other metals. Prussian blue has nothing whatever to do with the kaiser's kingdom, and honey soap never saw a beehive. Irish stew, appetizing as it is, is unknown in Ireland, and the Vienna roll was first made beyond the capital of Austria. Things are not always what they seem nor what they are named.

Hypothesis of world development.
The hypothesis of world development from spiral nebulae, which was so widely discussed about 20 years ago, but which of late years has been seriously questioned, has been strengthened somewhat recently by the explanation that worlds are formed not by the condensation of rings gradually solidified from tenuous nebulae, but rather by great masses thrown off or detached from the parent mass of a nebula by the centrifugal force of the rotation. Photographs of nebulae disclose such masses in process of detachment, and most astronomers are now inclined to the belief that this is the way in which all planetary bodies have been formed. The heavens show thousands of spiral nebulae which are evidently in a state of rotation in central nuclei, and which indicate that they will probably be consolidated into suns and solar systems similar to our own.

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