ITEMS OF INTEREST

ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS CLIPPED FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

LEIGH.

From The World.

Last week John Grotelueschen lost seven head of cattle which were struck by lightning.

Last week Peter Meyer, one half mile east of town, sold his 80 acre farm to Ben Otto for $90 per acre.

Gerd Asche, sr., left for Hot Springs, S. D., last Monday to spend the hot weather in that famous resort.

Mrs. Geo. H. Grubb and two children and Miss Alva Nelson, of Columbus, returned home last week, after a week's visit at the Jake Kibler home.

SILVER CREEK.

From the Sand.

Mrs. Fred Hardle returned Wednesday from a sojourn at the Columbus hospital, feeling some what better from the treatment she had been taking there.

Mrs. J. S. Matthews left for Columbus Monday where she will undergo an operation at the hospital.

It will be hard to make the editor of the Sand believe that raising shipments will benefit the farmers. Only a few local creamery proprietors and express and railroad companies think, or pretend to, think so.

Your Uncle Sand had been waiting patiently for several days to hear of a sucide in Omaha. A few Sundays ago an Omaha preacher stated in a sermon that if Standard Oil was fined the limit in the Chicago case, he would kill himself. Judge Landis assessed the fine at over twenty nine millions, the limit, but at last reports the precher was still alive. However, we still have hopes that he'll keep his word. A preacher who will tell his congregation that he will commit suicide, under any circumstances, had better be dead than preaching.

LINDSAY.

From The Post.

Ed Hoppen of Columbus arrived last Friday evening to accept a position as bar tender for H. C. Lachnit.

Miss Margurete Elston of Columbus arrived in the city Tuesday evening for a week's visit at the home of Miss Clara Gogan.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Terpager and Peter Peterson returned from their visit to Denmark. They report having a nice visit but glad to get back to good old Nebraska.

Frank McDonald was unfortunate enough to get two ribs cracked while playing ball at Tilden Thursday. He and Tift of Pilger were playing on the Emerick team and were both after the same ball when they ran into each other with great force. Tift had his skull fractured and both men were badly bruised otherwise.

We still have one or two men in this community who stand around the street corners and from morning until night complain about the town, their neighbors, their taxes and the weather. Such men are mighty common clay and it is fortunate that we have so few of them. Such men are no use to the town, their families or their God. They seem to live but no one can tell how. Like mosquitoes and flies, they are not fatal but disagreeable to have about. It is not necessary to publish the names of the two or three who infest this community for you all know them.

GENOA.

From the Leader.

Mrs. Ella E. J. Daton has withdrawn her name as candidate for county superintendent of schools on the democratic ticket.

S. T. Battles' little girl, who died at their home at Central City the last of the week, was brought to Genoa on Monday for burial, and the funeral was held at the home of W. J. Irwin. Mr. and Mrs. Battles were both sick and unable to accompany the remains.

Corn is fairly humping itself and no one would know, that we had a backward spring, says an exchange. There may be times when crop conditions in Nebraska do not look promising, but it generally turns out all right in the end. That is why Nebraska land values are advancing so rapidly and Nebraska farmers are so prosperous.

The editor of this highly moral publication came near committing murder Tuesday. You all know Chase, Paxton & Gallager's traveling salesman. Well, he was in town that day, and as we were peacefully meandering our way along Broadway he called us across the street. His manner indicated that he had something of great importance to communicate and he did. He wanted to know if we knew anything about Missouri watermellons and how sweet and juicy they were. We admitted that we knew them by reputation. He then asked if we knew how they succeeded in raising such nice melons and why there was so much water in them. We confessed our ignorance in the matter. "Why," he jeered with an idiotic grin, "they plant them in the spring, haw, haw!" We ought to have killed him, but we didn't and the brute is still at large.

MONROE.

From the Republican.

Born, on Wednesday, August 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mylet, a daughter.

Miss Vivian Jenkinson of Columbus is visiting at the home of W. J. Jenkinson this week.

N. P. Peterson is building an addition to his house. Force and Anderson are doing the work.

Mrs. Edward VanAllen of Manzana, Cal., arrived Tuesday for a visit with C. VanAllen and family.

E. E. Watts has rented the Arthur Little farm and E. L. VanAllen will move to his place in Monroe.

Mrs. R. M. Cave and children of Humphrey were over Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Cave's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cummins.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Larson of Stromsburg, who have been visiting friends in this vicinity the past week returned home Monday.

R. P. Olson has rented the John Dack farm for next year, now occupied by J. R. Gibb, who intends to move on his farm near Cedar Rapids.

Chas. McWilliams left, Tuesday for Central City, where he has a position in a store. R. H. Tolles is now employed as a clerk by Potter & Kelley.

George F. Alexander, rural carrier No. 1 from this post office, is taking his annual fifteen days' vacation; and Mrs. Laura E. Conard is carrying the mail in his place.

Mae and Lewis Hoppock returned Wednesday from David City, where they were attending the chautauqua and visiting their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sacrider.

W. L. McCune had two ribs broken last week, as a result of a fall from his haymow. Coming at this time of the year when he is quite busy, it is very unfortunate for him.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Pugsley took their little daughter Elizabeth to Columbus Wednesday to have an operation performed for throat trouble. Miss Grace Lubker is employed in the store during Mr. Pugsley's absence.

PLATTE CENTER

From the Signal.

Mesdames John and Peter Schilz were Columbus visitors Wednesday.

Miss Nellie Lynch is slowly recovering from an attack of catarrhal malarial.

Mesdames D. H. Carrig and W. T. Ripp were county seat visitors Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greisen, Jr., of St. Anthony, a daughter, last Saturday.

Mrs. S. A. Marty and son Freddie of Columbus, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Zingg.

Mr. and Mrs. C J. Carrig came up from Columbus Wednesday to attend the funeral of the late Thos. Maher.

Mrs. Henry Greisen, accompanied by her daughters Theresa and Anna, spent Thursday afternoon at Columbus.

Walter Toussaint, who has been for several months past a clerk in the Smith Mercantile Co's. store, went to Columbus to accept a position in Friedhof's store.

Mrs. J. C. Parker went down to Columbus Wednesday to meet her daughter, Mrs. Platz, who had arrived there from her home in Torrington, Wyo. She will spend some time with Columbus relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cramer and two children, from near Tacoma, Washington, are here visiting with their many relatives in this locality. Mrs. Cramer was formerly Miss Catherine Ripp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Ripp. Accompanied by her mother, from Stuart, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Cramer proceeded to Buffalo county Wednesday, where they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Ripp until next Saturday.

Thos. McGraw, who lives out at Charley Schuler's, had a very narrow escape from death Saturday morning. He stooped down behind one of the horses to pick up something when a dog ran between him and the horse which made a vicious kick at the dog, hitting Mr. McGraw on one side of his head, cutting a gash in the scalp which required nine stitches in dressing. Had it not been a glancing blow his skull would doubtless have been crushed.

"Uncle Tom is dead." These were the sad words that passed from mouth to mouth in our village last Monday evening, and in this manner was the death of Thomas Maher announced, because he was known to every person in this community as "Uncle Tom." Mr. Maher's death came as the result of a short illness, caused by a general break-down, but more particularly by an accute attack of Bright's disease. He had been confined to his bed only about one week, when on last Monday afternoon the final summons came and he passed into eternity, well prepared for death with the holy sacraments and blessing of the Catholic church. The well attended funeral service, with solemn Requiem High Mass was held from St. Joseph's church on Wednesday morning, and all that remained earthly of Thomas Maher was laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery beside the remains of his father, mother and brother Michael. Mr. Maher had an eventful career. Born in Parish Moyne, County Tiperrary, Ireland, in 1824, he went to Australia and New Zealand at the age of 16 years, where he engaged in gold mining with considerable success. After several years he returned to his native home in Ireland, from where, with his brother Michael, he imigrated to Rockford, Illinois, in 1851, where they engaged in farming. In 1868, during the gold excitement in the west, the two brothers set out to cross the plains and seek their fortunes in mining. Upon arriving at Columbus, they were dissuaded by Indian hostilities and other difficulties to abandon their project, and they drifted up Shell creek valley and filed on homestead claims where now stands the Maher home and where they have resided ever since. Mr. Maher was a well educated gentleman, and during the early pioneer days, even before school districts were organized, he taught school in this locality. He was of a cheerful disposition, ever kind and considerate to those with whom he came into contact. He was in his 83d year at the time of his death, and had never been under a doctor's care until his recent illness. May he rest in peace.

BELLWOOD.

From the Gazette:

George Loomis left Bellwood Tuesday morning for Montana, where he has a good position.

Mrs. Muskgrove, formerly Mae Lillie of Bellwood, and husband came to Bellwood Monday from St. Edwars for a short visit.

It would be well if street commissioner Bouton would cut down the weeds on many of our streets and give the people a chance to see each other occasionally.

Gene Loomis, who is seeking the nomination in Platte county for County Superintendent was in Bellwood last Friday and Saturday visiting his parents.

The corn crop in this vicinity is still making rapid growth. The weather has been all that could be desired. Indications are that the crop will be better than last year.

The season for typhoid feaver is now drawing nigh and people cannot be too careful in regard to the water they drink and cleanliness. Impure water is said to be a breeder of the disease.

Jake Enyeart, who keeps bachelor's hall and works Hamp Hall's old place, had 178 chickens stole from him one night last week. The thief "played hog," as he took with him every little chicken from a week old up, with their mothers, and twenty-five bushels of oats out of Jake's granery to feed them. Well, Jake, we regret your loss, and the only remedy we can give you is to get a "rig," as we learn you were not at home when the theif occured.

We received a letter from James McGuire this week, which stated that he was now visiting with Mm. Dr. I. W. Hewitt, formerly of Bellwood. Mrs. Hewit, he says, has a beautiful home and the girls are all well and gave him a royal welcome. Helen, who was married several months ago to a book-keeper in one of the largest banks in Spokane, is still living with her mother. Misses Clara and Frances are now young ladies. Clara graduated this summer and is now going to attend college. Miss Anna Hofrichter, who has been living with Mrs. Hewit, is about to leave for Fairmont, to be with her sister, Mrs. Charley Watson, who is in poor health.

HUMPHREY.

From the Democrat

Chas. Munro visited his parents at Columbus Sunday.

Miss Blanche Coakingham went down to Columbus to visit a few days with friends.

Mrs. E. G. Brown accompanied Mr. Brown to Columbus Sunday to look at a house they have in view to rent.

Mrs. G. W. Webb of Kearkey, Nebraska, arrived in town yesterday and went over to Creston to visit her son, Bruce, and family.

Mesdames Chambers of Columbus, and Stoney of Lincoln, were guests last Saturday and Sunday of the B. R. Cowdery and E. P. Ewing families.

Joe Olmer, who was so badly injured by the kick of a horse on Thursday of last week, seems to be holding his own and it is now thought that he will pull through his terrible experience and be all right in a short time. The Democrat stated last week that it was while unhitching his team from the binder that the horse kicked Joe; but it happened while Joe was oiling the binder, and the horse that did the kicking was one of Joe's best and tamest horses. Friends and neighbors have lent helping hands and finished Joe's harvesting which was so abruptly brought to a standstill, so his crops, at least will not suffer by reason of his unfortunate injury.

Word was received in Humphrey yesterday morning of the sudden death of Mrs. J. C. Roth at her home at Clearwater, this state, which occurred early in the morning. The cause of her death is supposed to have been heart disease. The remains were brought to Humphrey and buried in St. Francis cemetery. There seems to be an extremely sad fate attending this family. While they lived in Humphrey they lost a child as the result of being burned; a short time after moving to Clearwater, the eldest daughter, Viola, died, and a short time ago a son, Clarence, was drowned. This is about the limit of grief endurance, and the many friends here deeply sympathize with them.

Proceedings of the County Board of Equalization.

COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, August 13, 1907.

The Board of Equalization of Platte county, Nebraska, pursuant to adjournment, met at 9 o'clock a. m, Hon. H. E. Clother, chairman, and John Graf, clerk.

Roll called and following members present: Supervisors Goetz, Newman, Schacher, Schere, Schwarz, chairman Clother, county assessor Galley and county clerk Graf. Absent, supervisor Priest.

The following was presented:

County clerk, Platte county, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:—In equalizing values of property in the state for taxation, the State Board of Equalization and Assessment, at its regular session in 1907, increased as indicated below, by a per centum, the assessed value of the following classes of property in Platte county as provided by law. Cattle—10 per cent. You are accordingly instructed to add to the assessment of each piece or parcel of property in your county affected by the action of said board an amount equal to the per cent of increase as indicated above.

GEO. D. BENNETT, Secretary,
State Board of Equalization and Assessment.

On motion same was ordered placed on file.

Moved by Supervisor Schwarz that the chair appoint a committee of three to submit to this board the levies necessary to defray the expenses of the county and the cities, villages, townships and school districts in the county for the current year. Motion carried and the chair appointed as such committee, Supr's. Schwarz, Goetz and county assessor Galley.

Remaining in session until 12 o'clock noon the board of equalization then adjourned, reconvening at 2 o'clock p. m.

The following was presented:

To the County Board of Equalization,

Gentlemen:—Your committee appointed for the purpose of submitting the levies necessary to defray the expenses of the county for the ensuing year, would report that we find the total assessed valuation of the county for the year 1907, to be $8,440,220, and we recommend the following levies be made:

County General fund	4 3-10 mills
County Road fund	1 3-10 "
County Bridge fund	1 3-10 "
County Refunding Bond fund	2 "
County Poor fund	5-10 "
Soldiers Relief fund	1-10 "
Total county levy	10 1-2 mills

We also recommend that a levy of 2 1-2 mills upon the dollar be made upon all the taxable property in Columbus township, for the payment of the interest and 10 per cent of the principal of the $10,000.00 Columbus Township Bridge Bonds. Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS SCHWARZ, JOHN GOETZ, JOHN J. GALLEY, } Committee.

On motion of Supervisor Schare same was adopted.

The following was presented:

To the County Board of Equalization:

Gentlemen:—Your committee appointed for the purpose of submitting the levies necessary to defray the expenses of the cities, villages and townships of the county, recommend that following levies be approved and made:

CITY OF COLUMBUS.

For General fund	6 8-10 mills
For City Park purposes	8-10 "
For maintaining Public Library	1 3-10 "
For interest on Water Works Refunding Bonds	3 5-10 "
For improving the Water Works	1 "
For interest on Loup River Bridge bonds	2 6-10 "
For interest on Platte River Bridge bonds	5-10 "
For Sinking Fund	2 "
Total levy	18 1-2 mills

VILLAGE OF HUMPHREY.

For General fund	10 mills
For Water Works fund	6 "
For Street Light fund	5 "
Total levy	21 mills

VILLAGE OF PLATTE CENTER.

For General fund	10 mills
For Interest on Water Bonds	2 1-2 "
Total levy	12 1-2 mills

VILLAGE OF CRESTON.

For General fund	10 mills

VILLAGE OF LINDSAY.

For General fund	10 mills
For maintenance Electric Light fund	4 "
For interest on Village Bonds	6 "
Total levy	20 mills

VILLAGE OF COLUMBUS.

For General fund	4 mills

VILLAGE OF TARNOV.

For General fund	2 mills

VILLAGE OF MONROE.

For General fund	10 mills

COLUMBUS TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	1 mills
For Bridge fund	1 "
Total levy	2 mills

BISMARK TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	2 mills
For Bridge fund	2 "
Total levy	4 mills

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	3 mills

CREETON TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	2 1-2 mills

SHELL CREEK TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	2 mills
For Road fund	2 "
For Bridge fund	1 "
Total levy	5 mills

GRAND PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	2 mills

HUMPHREY TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	1 mills

BUTLER TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	1-2 mills
For Road fund	1 1-2 "
For Bridge fund	1 1-2 "
Total levy	3 1-2 mills

LOUP TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	2 mills
For Road fund	2 "
Total levy	4 mills

LOST CREEK TOWNSHIP.

For Road fund	2 mills
For Bridge fund	2 "
Total levy	4 mills

BURROWS TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	3 mills

GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	1 mills

MONROE TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	3 mills
For Road fund	2 "
For Bridge fund	2 "
Total levy	7 mills

JOLIET TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	2 mills
For Road fund	1 "
For Bridge fund	1 "
Total levy	4 mills

ST. BERNARD TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	2 mills
For Road fund	1 "
For Bridge fund	1 "
Total levy	4 mills

WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	1 mills
For Road fund	1 "
For Bridge fund	1 "
Total levy	3 mills

WALKER TOWNSHIP.

For General fund	1 mills
For Road fund	1 1-2 "
For Bridge fund	1 1-2 "
Total levy	4 mills

Respectfully submitted.

LOUIS SCHWARZ, JOHN GOETZ, JOHN J. GALLEY, } Committee.

On motion of Supervisor Schacher same was adopted.

The committee appointed to submit levies to defray school expenses of the county, reported as follows:

Dist. No.	Dist. Tax.	Bond Tax.
1	20	1 1-2
2	8	
3	3 1-2	
4	2 1-2	
5	3	
6	12 1-2	
7	2 1-2	
8	5 1-2	
9	3 1-2	
10	3	
11	5 1-2	
12	5	
13	10	
14	8	
15	6 1-2	
16	8 1-2	
17	5	
18	5	
19	8	
20	5	
21	6 1-2	
22	7 1-2	
23	4 1-2	
24	9	10
25	3 1-2	
26	9	
27	10	
28	3	
29	none	
30	2 1-2	
31	11	
32	5 1-2	
33	8	3
34	14	
35	3 1-2	
36	6	
37	13	
38	none	
39	7 1-2	
40	4	
41	none	
42	5	
43	6 1-2	
44	6	
45	9	
46	6 1-2	
47	11	
48	10	
49	7	
50	none	
51	9	
52	8 1-2	
53	4	
54	none	
55	11 1-2	
56	none	
57	13	
58	15	
59	8 1-2	
60	3	1
61	10	
62	5	
63	5 1-2	
64	none	
65	4	
66	1 1-2	
67	none	
68	8	
69	5	
70	none	
71	5 1-2	
72	7	
73	10	
74	5	
75	9 1-2	
76	20 1-2	3
77	none	
78	11	
79	none	

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS SCHWARZ, JOHN GOETZ, JOHN J. GALLEY, } Committee.

On motion of Supervisor Schacher same was adopted.

The proceedings of the sessions of the County Board of Equalization were now read and approved,

Moved by Supervisor Newman that the County Board of Equalization now adjourn sine die. Motion carried.

The Columbus Gas Co. have secured the service of Mr. H. B. Huffaker of St. Louis, a practicial gas stove man to solicit for services, and to furnish any information that may be desired by prospective consumers realitive to cost of installing cost of operation etc., and we respectfully ask that you give attention to what he has to offer in our name, and if you anticipate burning gas for any purpose, you give him your signed application, a copy of which he will leave with you. It is very important that we get this application at once, as pipe will only be laid where gas is used and we respectfully ask that every citizen interested in the advancement of Columbus, will put their shoulder to the wheel and assist a worthy home enterprise by giving us your application at once.

COLUMBUS GAS CO.

IN FAR OFF MARS.

People of Planet Hoarding Every Drop of Water.

While the people on the planet of Mars are supposed to be vastly superior in every way to the inhabitants of this earth, according to Prof. Lester F. Ward, of Brown university, they have only about 1,000,000 more years to live, while the people of this world are only beginning their allotted space of 24,000,000 years.

Thirst will kill the Martians, the professor says, and even now it is dry time perpetually up there. Most of the waters that once covered everything have vanished in the same way that this planet is all the while losing hydrogen, one of the two components of water. This process has proceeded so far on Mars that most of the liquid refreshment of its inhabitants, assuming it has such, is confined to narrow circles about the two poles. It is made available for the uses of the Martians only by means of an intricate network of canals.

"On Mars we can, as it were, see with our own eyes a race of vast antiquity and supreme wisdom, clinging desperately to the orb that bore it half gasping for breath, and hoarding every drop of its precious water, but doomed in the relatively near future to face the lingering death of a dying world."

This gloomy picture, Prof. Ward says, is in store for the people of this earth, but there is no need of worry at the present time, as it is 24,000,000 years distant.

Odd Things on Animals.

Unlike most animals, horses have no eyebrows and hares are minus eyelids. Consequently the eyes of the latter can not be shut and a thin membraneous substance covers them when asleep. The eye of the owl is also peculiar, seeing that it is immovably fixed in its socket and can not stir in any direction. To compensate for this seeming disadvantage it can turn its head almost completely around without moving its body.

If you were to keep a frog's mouth open many minutes it would soon die, as, owing to its peculiar construction, it can breathe only with the mouth closed. On the other hand, fishes are compelled to keep opening and closing their mouths in order to give their respiration organs full play.

A curious fact about the eel is that it has less life in its head than in its tail, consequently, when killing an eel the fisherman smashes its tail; it also has two hearts. Snakes usually have their teeth in the head, but one variety in Africa, whose principal food is eggs, is provided with a substitute for them in its stomach.

Wrong.

This story is told of a college professor who was noted for his concentration of mind.

The professor was returning home one night from a scientific meeting, still pondering over the subject. He had reached his room in safety, when he heard a noise which semed to come from under the bed.

"Is some one there?" he asked.

"No, professor," answered the intruder, who knew the professor's peculiarities.

"That's strange. I was positive some one was under my bed," commented the learned man.—Judge.

The Woman's Way.

"Many a married man who might make a fortune is handicapped because his wife demands too much of his attention."

"That's right. Just as soon as fortune begins to flirt with him his wife gets jealous.

Forced to Extremity.

"Is she able to get money from her husband without asking for it?"

"Yes, but she had to divorce him in order to accomplish it."—Life.