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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS CLIPPED FROM OUR EXCHANGES

#### MONROE

From the Republican.  
Mrs. A. M. Work was the guest of Columbus relatives this week.  
Mrs. A. E. Priest was the guest of Columbus friends over Sunday.  
Miss Helen Shannon of Columbus was the guest of Monroe friends and relatives this week.  
Mrs. Everett McWilliams is visiting at the home of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manning.  
Miss Grace Lubker, who has been employed in the store by J. M. Carlisle, was called to Columbus the first of the week by the serious illness of her mother.

#### LINDSAY

From the Post.  
Joseph Basmakers left Tuesday morning for a week's visit with relatives at Marion Junction, S. D.  
Lizzie Kurtenbach returned home from Peru, Ill., Tuesday where she has been visiting for some time. She reports a very pleasant visit.  
Mrs. J. E. Nichol and son Orr returned to their home at Omaha last Saturday after a short visit at the Frank Morrow home south of town.

H. J. Finch had the misfortune to crush his right hand in closing a car door while loading stock Saturday evening. The injured hand is improving.  
At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee, three miles south of Lindsay, on Feb. 6, 1908, at 3 o'clock, Miss Ella M. Lee and Peter R. Johnson took the vows of matrimony, Rev. Amos A. Dye ministering. Members of the families and a few friends were present and united in congratulations and well wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will reside five miles south and three quarters of a mile west of Lindsay.

#### HUMPHREY

From the Democrat.  
James McDermott came up from Columbus Tuesday to visit his son Barney and family. He will also visit his daughter, Mrs. Steinger, at Enola before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Fangman left for Rome City, Indiana, Tuesday, where Mrs. Fangman will take treatment for her health at the Kneipp sanitarium. If the treatments are successful they expect to remain some time at Rome City, and Mrs. Fangman's many friends

here will hope to see her return before long entirely cured.  
On Tuesday morning Feb. 11, Frank Labens and Miss Thille Pfeffel were united in marriage at St. Francis church, Rev. Father Kurzer officiating. The brides maids were Misses Sophia Schmidt, Julia Haschke of Cedar Rapids, and Agnes Mirr of Albion, and the groomsmen were Joseph Hollatz, John Labens and Florian Pfeffel. After the marriage the bridal party with numerous relatives and friends went to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pfeffel, where the afternoon and evening was spent in dancing and other amusements. The young couple will make their home on the Porter farm in Tracey Valley, and they have many friends who wish them a life of prosperity and happiness.

#### GENOA

From the Times.  
The proposition to vote bonds to the amount of \$8,000, for the purpose of erecting an electric light plant, which was submitted to the voters of Genoa Tuesday, was carried by a large majority. Forty-nine votes were cast against the bonds, and 166 for the proposition.  
After her experience Thursday of last week, Mrs. J. O. Green will be careful how she handles a celoid comb near fire. She struck a match to light a lamp and the comb she was holding in her hand at the time caught fire. She dropped it on a rug—then the rug ignited and the rope portiers caught the spirit of the occasion and blazed up. Miss Green finally succeeded in landing what was left of the rug and portiers outside the house before much damage was done.  
The old country custom still prevails among some of the Polish people. Last Friday evening, a Polish girl, employed as a domestic in a Genoa home, received a telephone call from her father, who requested her to meet him at some place down town. The girl was away less than an hour when she returned and informed the lady of the house that she was going to quit right now; that she was engaged to be married and the event would take place in two weeks and three days. When asked the name of the lucky man, the girl said she couldn't remember it, as she had never met him until she went down town and was introduced to him by her father, who informed her that he had found her a life partner.

#### SILVER CREEK

From the Standard.  
Miss Carrie Reeder came up from Columbus today for a visit.

Charles Boppe and W. J. Walter, two prominent manufacturers of Columbus, were in town Monday.

Miss Ester Rose Main and Mr. Frank Truster of Polk county were married Feb. 12 at the home of the bride's father Mr. J. D. Main.

Last Christmas Mrs. Hiram Sheak lost her watch. Saturday last Ed. Mustard found it in the road near his residence. A wagon wheel had passed over it and smashed the case badly.

Beginning Monday, February 17, the Silver Creek Telephone company will call their patrons at 10 o'clock each morning and give them the grain and live stock markets and the correct time of day.

The tax payers of Columbus seem to be short sighted when they allow the officers to make monkeys of them as they have done in the recent case. A man who has been a constant source of trouble and expense to the city for years on account of his lawlessness, was recently given a three month sentence to break stones. It has always been against his nature to do honest work, so he clipped his ball and chain and "scotched." It was safe to say that with that sentence hanging over him he would never have returned to Columbus to disturb the peace further. Everybody there was glad he was gone—excepting the officers. They located him in Chicago, had him arrested and after retuning out requisition papers the sheriff went after him. All at a big expense. His board for the next 3 months will be another big expense. Then, with his punishment over, Abe Trachy will be turned loose on Columbus to practice his old tricks again—which he will surely do. Wouldn't it have been better to keep him away with that club that was hanging over him?

The last issue of the Schuyler Free Lance which reached our table contains a vicious attack on Judge James G. Reeder from the pen of its editor, John C. Sprecher. He says that Judge Reeder is a narrow minded and lacking in ability and fair mindedness. An intimate personal acquaintance of over twenty years with Judge Reeder enables us to say truthfully that Sprecher is wrong. Reeder is a good lawyer, an honest man, and he made a fair, impartial and able district judge. Sprecher is vituperative because it is in his nature to be. His attack on Judge Reeder was inspired by personal difference, and Sprecher is utterly unable to look at things that concern himself in any sort of a reasonable light. He is an egotist and he always carries a chip on his shoulder. He is a man who is quick of temper, but he has his good parts. He is generous, and when he sees himself clearly in the wrong, will make amends, as the writer well knows. He is esteemed by us as a personal friend since boyhood, but he is utterly lacking in humor which disqualifies him as a critic. He is subject to "brain storms" and in his characterization of Judge Reeder, which we repeat, was entirely wrong, he reminds us of the proverb: "You tell me that your brow is fair, And I am surprised by none: To me the cause is very clear—You know best everyone."

#### PLATTE CENTER

From the Signal.  
Miss Agnes Bruckner was a Columbus visitor from Friday until Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris and son, from New York City, are on a visit at the Lynch home.

Mrs. George Scheidel, sr., is spending a portion of this week with her many friends in Columbus.

Meadow larks are seen and heard around here these days. They are liable to get their noses frost-bitten.

Misses Anna and Rose O'Callaghan arrived home Sunday evening from a few days' visit with Columbus friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bogus of Columbus, spent a few days with their uncle, William Bogus, returning to their home Tuesday.

Henry Gleason went to Columbus Monday and bought the Eickmeyer farm which was sold that day at guardian's sale, paying \$62 per acre for it.  
Hubert Braun, jr., died last Friday at his home northwest of Platte Center, after but two days' illness with gall stones. His age was about 35 years. He had lived the past season on the Pat Mahoney farm, close to town, but had rented and moved onto the farm recently vacated by Andrew Kamm. Deceased was universally respected by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and one child. He was buried Monday from St. Mary's church.

Mrs. J. Siebler died at her home about four miles south of Platte Center Saturday, February 8th, after an illness of two months. Deceased was born in Germany 68 years ago. With her husband and family she came to the United States in 1882, and they settled on a farm in this county. She leaves, besides her husband, nine children to mourn her loss: Edward, Adolph, August, Leopold, William, Henry and George Siebler, Mrs. Ed. Ballou, Mrs. William Arndt and Mrs. Jos. Horvick, all of whom were present at the funeral, which was held Monday from the Lutheran church on Grand Prairie.

James Foley and Miss Elizabeth Gleason were married at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning by Rev. Father Libyette, in St. Joseph's church. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Maggie Gleason, and the groom by his brother, Tom Foley. These young people need no introduction to our readers. The bride is the youngest daughter of S. W. Gleason, and was born and reared in our midst. She was a graduate of the 1908

class of our high school. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Foley, and is a wide awake, thrifty young man. They start out with the brightest of prospects and will make their home on the groom's farm, about two miles south of town.

#### HOWLAND

From the Journal.  
Invitations are out for the marriage, next Tuesday, of Miss Agnes Poledna and Edward Novotny.

James Johnson of Omaha was the guest of his mother and other relatives from Saturday evening until Monday morning.

Mrs. Elmer, a sister of F. Kraus, arrived Monday evening from Platte Center to attend the funeral of her sister-in-law on Tuesday.

Mrs. S. H. Hill took her departure Monday for her new home at Kalamazoo Michigan, but expects to spend the week visiting at Arlington, Omaha and South Omaha with friends before completing her journey.

Adolph Kadlec, wife and daughter, who have been here for some time visiting at the home of the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sematin, left yesterday for Schuyler, and after visiting for a short time with relatives there will proceed to their home at Antler, North Dakota.

The saddest event it becomes our duty to record this week in the passing of Mrs. Ferdinand Kraus, which occurred at the family home, five miles northwest of town, last Sunday morning. Little twin boys were born to her and her husband on Thursday of last week only to be left motherless in a few days. Six other children, three boys and three girls, the oldest a girl of seventeen years and their father are left to mourn the death of a faithful, loving mother and a true and devoted wife. The deceased is survived also by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pasold, of this community and several brothers and sisters, and to all these sorrowing families their many friends extend condolences.

Some chicken thieves have been getting in their work out in the Tabor neighborhood. Among the victims who have had their roosts robbed are F. K. Sindelar and Mike Kasper. Frank tells us that he lost about one hundred and fifty fowls, while Mike's loss was still larger and in his case the chickens had been shut up in the evening so that they might be taken to market in the morning. Not a few of their neighbors have suffered loss in a similar way and they have now organized and will make a determined effort to bring the guilty parties to justice. When the next raid is made bloodhounds will be brought into use and if once caught the guilty parties, regardless of who they are, will be shown no mercy.

#### ST. EDWARD

From the Advance.  
Mrs. Sherman Penney died Thursday evening at 6 o'clock after a brief illness, cause of death being septemia. Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hedlund returned home Wednesday to Lisbon, N. D. About two months ago they were called to St. Edward by the illness of Mr. Hedlund's mother. Oliver Hedlund accompanied them to Lisbon and will make an extended visit with his children.

M. H. Compton returned home yesterday from Albuquerque, N. M., where he has been for the last six weeks on a visit to Mrs. Compton who is spending the winter there. He reports Mrs. Compton as enjoying good health and that she expects to return home about May 1. His mother met him at Genoa and accompanied him to St. Edward for a few weeks visit.

Surena, 2:08½, the champion guinea trotter of the world, was sold for a fancy price Tuesday to John Torrey of Redwood, Pa. Surena was bought by Max Wolfe and E. C. Kennedy at a Chicago sale stable. Shortly before he fell into their hands, he had been following a race circuit through Europe and had not, because of improper handling, shown phenomenal racehorse symptoms. However, the latter gentlemen were not long in discovering that he possessed an unusual amount of intelligence and also an unusual amount of speed. During his first season as a guinea trotter he attracted much attention and was marked at 2:13½. During last season his circuit was over a much larger territory and his mark was lowered to 2:08½. Mr. Torrey has captured a good attraction in Surena and one which will be heard from next season.

#### BELLEVILLE

From the Gazette.  
Several spring birds have already put in their appearance and the only indication of a delay in an early spring is that Jud Carpenter has not had his hair cut yet.

It will soon be time to talk up "saloon or no saloon" in Belleville during 1908. We believe the best way to do is to submit it to a vote of the people. If the majority of the voters say no saloon, then let the people abide by the decision. If they say that they want a saloon, then let the board grant one, no matter what the complexion may be. This we believe would be a fair fight. The Gazette is not a "onehorse" ruler, but willing to abide by a majority vote.

Croft Allen, for many years a citizen of Alston township, was stricken with paralysis at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Napier at David City on Sunday last, and died Monday morning. Funeral was held Tuesday forenoon at David City, after which his remains were conveyed to Belleville and interred in the soldiers plot in the cemetery. Deceased was an old soldier and was followed to the grave by many of his comrades in this vicinity. Croft, as he was called, always tried to treat his fellow men with respect, was honest in his dealings with everybody, and had many warm friends, all of whom will regret to learn of his demise. He was 61 years of age.

#### Real Estate Transfers

Bocher, Hochstetler & Chapman real estate agents, report the following real estate transfers filed for record in the office of the county clerk during the two weeks ending Feb. 16, 1908:

F. H. Thompson to F. H. McKillop, lots 1 and 2, blk. 22, Lincoln, wd. \$100.00	100.00
Milton Oberst to Honnaha State Building & Loan Assn, lot 8, blk. "L", East add to Monroe, wd. \$100.00	100.00
J. W. Lynch to Theo Lynch et al, part 22 and 23-24-25, part 2-3-4-5, and 12-13-14, and lots 3 and 4, blk. 1, Platte Center, wd. \$100.00	100.00
Don D. Lynch to Theo Lynch et al, same as above. \$100.00	100.00
Mich. J. Morris to Theo Lynch et al, same as above. \$100.00	100.00
Joe Joshi to F. H. McKillop, wd. 22-23-24, wd. \$100.00	100.00
F. E. McKillop to John Gossett, same as Pioneer Town Site Co to Allen Ludwick, lot 4, blk. 12, Creston, wd. \$100.00	100.00
Allen Ludwick to E. B. Webb, same, wd. \$100.00	100.00
J. E. Ludwick to E. B. Webb, lot 4, blk. 12, Creston, wd. \$100.00	100.00
Alfred Winkler to Ed Gossett, lots 3 and 4, blk. 14, Lindsay, wd. \$100.00	100.00
Geo. Sturzo to John Hahn, all of blocks 228 and 224, Columbus, qd. \$75.00	75.00
A. Paprocki to John Hahn, same, wd. \$75.00	75.00
W. I. Spies to D. E. Hahn, north ¼ acre of 22-23-24, wd. \$100.00	100.00
F. E. McKillop to Geo. Edgington, lot 3 and 4, blk. 4, Fiddlers' add to Humphrey, wd. \$100.00	100.00
E. C. Wilber to F. J. Goering, lots 3 and 4, blk. 14, Platte Center, wd. \$200.00	200.00
F. E. McKillop to Ed Abber, all block 1, Hlop's add to Humphrey, wd. \$250.00	250.00
Henry Gerlach to F. E. McKillop, lot 14, blk. 11, Lindsay, wd. \$200.00	200.00
C. J. Carigg, sheriff, to B. A. Olson, sd of 12-13-14, wd. \$700.00	700.00
J. T. Steffen to W. H. Bohak, lot 20, blk. 2, Hlop's add to Humphrey, wd. \$400.00	400.00
I. E. Ballou to Joe Baker, lot 4, blk. 20, Columbus, wd. \$100.00	100.00
L. B. Evans to I. E. Ballou, lots 3 and 4, blk. 4, Columbus, wd. \$200.00	200.00
J. B. Paprocki to Joe Paprocki, sd of 12-13-14, wd. \$200.00	200.00
F. E. McKillop to Mary Maloney, lot 14, blk. 11, Lindsay, wd. \$25.00	25.00
Twenty transfers, total \$20,000.00	20,000.00

## A FREAK COLLECTOR

He Had an Eye Gone and He Bought Remarkable Substitutes

"I've known a lot of freak collectors in my time," remarked Archer Wolf of San Francisco, "but the queerest whom I ever knew of was that which caught Ike Smalley, Ike and his brother Amzi were earlier at Cripple Creek, although they didn't line up under the family name there. Ike was the elder and fought his brother's battles, likewise those of his brother-in-law, Barzilla Tinton of New Jersey. One night he took up a scrap that fell to Barzilla and lost his left eye.

"When I met him in San Francisco he was pretty lean in frame and pocket, but he managed to get to Alaska, and sent for Amzi and his brother-in-law after making a stake. He came back three years ago with something less than a ton of dust, leaving Amzi and Barzilla up there to share a half interest in a paying proposition, while he held them accountable for the other half.

"While up in the wilderness of that cold clime Ike was satisfied to go one eye on things. When he got down to San Francisco he began to think about appearances. He got to talking to me about his glass eye, and I took him to an optician's shop and showed him a tray of eyes in the window. We went in and the eye sharp matched his eye pretty well and charged him \$30.

"It was a difficult job to find anything to go with Ike's good eye, for it was a yellowish greenish lamp with a fishy look to it; but the optician did his worst and it wasn't his fault that the clay bird had more expression in it than the real pigeon. Ike spent an hour looking in the glass and practicing with it before he left the shop, and on the street he admitted to me that the phony lamp had more character than the real looker.

"He wore it a week or two night and day and sorter became absorbed in it. Then he branched out. He'd got the habit and just went in for glass eyes.  
"He bought light blues, dark blues, browns, hazels, and all kinds of combinations, all of which diverted attention from his live eye. He used the artificial eyes like an English duke would his collection of scarf pins, and soon had a different glass eye for every day in the week and two or three for Sunday.

"The field on the coast got too narrow for him, and he came east and looked up a Frenchman who makes eyes in Chatham square and got him to make some specialties for him. He had original ideas, and the lamp expert was willing to humor him at \$50 a throw.

"Ike startled me one night with a topaz eye, only an imitation gem, but mighty fetching. Then he had an amethyst eye and a turquoise eye, but really this was only a starter.

"He was looking over the shop window in Maiden Lane one day, when he came across a crystal brooch scarfpin with a picture of a trout painted in it. He wanted something just like that for a glass eye, and made inquiries about how the work was done. He managed to find out that an old Frenchman in Newark painted such things and chased him to his dugout.

"There he made a combination between the glass eye maker and the miniature man and set up a new line of work. He gave the artist a line of subjects to bring out on the blanks made by the Chatham square man and had the colors baked into the glass.  
"As artistic specimens they were great, but as facial ornaments they were rather startling. The first time I saw Ike with one was in the cafe of an uptown hotel. It jumped me when I saw a pretty butterfly staring out of his left optic.

"I met him again that night to go to a theater, and he called my attention to the fact that he had changed the ornament for the occasion. The picture this time was a woman's head and bust.  
"We went to Boston on the boat, and on the way to Fall River he wore an eye with a picture of a steamboat in it. He said it cost him \$200. Next morning he showed up with a locomotive head-on in his eye-socket.  
"That afternoon he showed me what

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he had in his collection. He had a velvet-lined leather case with 24 eyes in it. There were fish, game, flies, elk heads, steamships, yachts in full sail, buildings, houses, actresses, an automobile, a monogram, and a lot of plain eyes of different colors.

"Ike wasn't satisfied. He said that the work wasn't fun enough for him and that he was going abroad to see what he could do in Paris and Geneva. Somebody had told him about a famous Swiss miniature painter, and somebody else had put him wise to a firm in Paris that made splendid little photographs on glass. He let on to me that he was going to travel some and have eyes made reproducing all of the famous buildings and art works.

"He's got the collecting habit in him bigger than a woodchuck and Lord knows he's got unlimited money to indulge himself in the fad. He carries a pocket magnifying mirror around with him, so that he can see the results, and he makes three or four changes of eyes a day. Ike is never so well pleased as when folks notice his artistic eyes and talk to him about them.

An Orator Spoiled.  
"You have a mortgage on your farm, have you not?" asked the politician.  
"Yes," answered Farmer Corntassel, "but—"  
"And it has been there for years?"  
"Ever since I kin remember; but—"  
"Behold how you are downtrodden. See how the earnings of your honest toil are siphoned from you by the usurer's hand. A lifetime of honest, many struggle, and your reward is the shackles of debt—"

"Hold on, stranger. I hate to interrupt you, but you've got it figured out all wrong. I've had the money to pay off the mortgage three or four times over, but the way things was 'sollin', it was a better investment to put it into more land."

Attraction of Chess Problems.  
The mere player who has never experienced the magnetic attraction of problems cannot fully realize the feeling of joy and satisfaction from solving some masterpiece, the work of a famous composer. There can be no doubt that solving problems, especially from diagrams, is an intellectual amusement, and that the study of problems tends to accuracy of analysis, quickness of perception, and strengthens the chess faculties generally, and may occasionally impart some of those sparkling ideas which are so sadly needed in ordinary play. —The Strand Magazine.

Daniel Up to Date.  
Jimmy, aged five, was told the story of Daniel in the lions' den, by his grandmother. When she had finished the story she asked Jimmy what he thought Daniel did the very first thing when he found he was saved from the lions?  
"Oh, I guess he telephoned home to his wife to tell her he was all right," answered Jimmy.

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No. 13 ..... 5:00 p.m.	No. 14 ..... 11:30 a.m.
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