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ITEMS OF INTEREST

ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS CLIPPED FROM OUR EXCHANGES

LEIGH.

Miss Jeanette Best and David E. Bridges took the passenger for Fremont Wednesday morning and were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage in that city by Rev. Spyer. They returned to Leigh on the evening train.

A large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wurdeman swooped down upon them at their pleasant home last Saturday evening to surprise them. The occasion was the tenth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wurdeman's marriage. Delicious refreshments were served and all present enjoyed a jolly good time.

Miss Clara D. Hamling and John Koch were united in marriage at the St. Mary's church in Platte county last Tuesday morning. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hamling. These young people are well and favorably known and start out in life together with prospects for a bright future. They will make their home on a farm southwest of town which the groom recently purchased from J. H. Wurdeman. A host of friends extends congratulations.

HOWELLS.

Louis Routinek of Clarkson visited with old friends here last Saturday afternoon. It was his first visit to Howells since his return from Oklahoma and he devoted a part of his time to telling how he was "stuck" on that country and how he thinks more of Nebraska than ever.

Anton Kenhart and wife were at Columbus Friday and Saturday visiting the lady's father, John Ciba, who is receiving treatment at St. Mary's hospital in that city. It seems that he slipped on a sidewalk at Schuyler one day the fore part of last week and had the bone in his right hip broken. As he is past seventy years of age it is feared that he will never regain the use of his limb.

A farmer living north of town was awakened a few nights ago by the barking of his dogs, and getting up to investigate saw a man lying in his hog pen. Upon his approach the fellow got up and attempted to get away, but was soon overtaken, as he had too heavy a load to run well. When the farmer discovered the identity of the badly jagged individual he put him to bed, and the

next forenoon, when he had slept off his jag, brought him to town. No names this time, but we would suggest that when the fellow got into that hog pen he knew where he belonged.

BELLWOOD.

As this is leap year, it is claimed that several young ladies in this vicinity are embracing the opportunity.

J. M. Sauer and Jake Demuth, jr., drove to Columbus Sunday afternoon. From Columbus they went on to Cass, Iowa, where J. M. will attend a wedding of one of his relatives.

The supreme court has handed down an opinion to the effect that the levying of an occupation tax upon a business does not bar a municipality from later exacting a license fee from the proprietor of that business.

People who are in the habit of looking through other peoples windows after dark had better break themselves of such a bad habit, whether they mean harm or not, as we learn that a certain lady in the southern part of town came near taking a shot at a young man a few nights ago for indulging in such work.

Bishop Richard Scannell of the Catholic diocese of northern Nebraska, has made a ruling for his diocese that all marriage engagements must be made in writing, witnessed by two persons before priests will be permitted to perform the marriage ceremony. He declares that engagements have come to be looked upon so lightly that the rule has become necessary. It took effect Sunday.

Louis Mool and Miss Louise Pomp, both of Alexis township, were united in marriage Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kreisinger. Judge Roper, in a neat manner, officiated. The young couple will go to house keeping on the Moell farm and as they embark on their matrimonial journey through life, it is the wish of their numerous friends in Alexis township and also Bellwood that their journey may always be a pleasant one. Both are numbered among our best citizens.

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PLATTE CENTRE.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Lechinger spent Sunday in Columbus.

Miss Florence Duna, Kittle Parkinson, Susie McCurdy, Mae Donoghue, Madeline Burke and Beattie Macken were guests of Columbus relatives from Friday till Sunday.

Miss Mary Cady, daughter of Joe Cady, departed on Tuesday for Lake Forest, Illinois, where she will enter a convent. Mr. Cady accompanied his daughter as far as Omaha.

Mrs. P. Kane and Mamie Bolder and baby, from St. Cloud, Minn., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Higgins. Mrs. Kane was bridesmaid at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Higgins, and the ladies had never met since.

It has been noticed that Adam Oulza was making quite a number of trips lately, but he made one last Wednesday that put an end to them for a time, as he was married on that date at Krakow, Nance county, to Miss Mary Gdowski.

Several of the young men of our town went to Columbus to attend a theatre Wednesday evening. They drove to Osceola and caught the freight, stayed all night in Columbus, and came home on the tri-weekly next morning. That comes pretty near to seeking pleasure under difficulties.

Last Saturday evening Oscar L. Nay arrived here from Cheyenne. He was accompanied by a mighty fine looking young lady and the report was started that he was married. This report was untrue, as the young lady was his cousin from Central City, and she came here to visit relatives. But the rumor caused much "palpitation" among Platte Center's young ladies. Oscar smashed one of his thumbs in a press, incapacitating him for work, so he took a run down here. We are glad that it was no worse.

Will Burns and Will Gleason returned from their trip to Texas Tuesday evening, having been gone just a week. They went with a land seeking excursion crowd from Kansas City, and the point they visited was in the northwest part of the state. They are very enthusiastic about that country and say it is being settled up very rapidly. They contracted for a section of land four miles from a county seat at eighteen dollars per acre. M. J. Rameker, of Lindsay, was also with this crowd, and he also purchased a large tract. In fact the boys say that there were fifty men on this trip and that every one of them purchased land.

HUMPHREY.

Harry Jerome went to Columbus Wednesday to call on friends and attend to business.

Mrs. E. R. Cordery and daughter Kittie, went to Fullerton Monday, to spend a few days with friends.

Louis Lechait, of Columbus, was in town Wednesday visiting relatives and friends and attending to business.

Miss Mamie Weber returned home from Columbus Sunday evening, where she had been working for the past few months.

Peter J. Terans has accepted the position of book-keeper in the First National Bank to take the place of Chas. Munro who resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Olsson went to Columbus yesterday to visit Mrs. Olsson's father, John Bohac, who is in the hospital at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Van Dyke returned home Tuesday evening from their honeymoon trip to Illinois. Mr. Van Dyke says Illinois is alright to visit, but that Nebraska is the only state to live in.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe. Olmer shipped their household goods and left the fore part of the week for Spalding where they will make their home. Since Mr. Olmer's serious accident early last fall, his health has not been such as to admit hard farm work, so he makes the move to Spalding where he will be able to devote his time to stock raising. His place north of town will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Olmer, who had intended living at Spalding.

A farmer writes to an exchange: "When I am ready to sell my stuff I insert a little advertisement in the paper telling them what I have to sell and if live stock, how many head of each, and when they will be ready to ship. The result has been that the buyers are right after me, either personally or by mail, and naturally I always get the highest price. If I want to buy a cow, a steer, a horse or a dozen of each, I insert a little ad that costs me maybe twenty-five or thirty cents, and instead of traveling over the country inquiring of my neighbors who has this or that for sale, the newspaper does it for me at less expense, and those who have what I want manage to let me know in some way. I have saved time and expense of traveling aimlessly about, and got a better selection to choose from."

FULLERTON.

A fellow from Genoa was telling a yarn on Fred Young yesterday. He said Fred was about to step into his new \$1,500 automobile when three of the bed slats dropped him on the floor and he was awakened.

Mr. and Mrs. Dinsdale were in town last Saturday making out the final papers that transferred their home ranch to other parties. They still own as many acres up the line as they did before selling the home place. They will shortly move to Palmer and we hope will continue to keep in touch with their Fullerton friends.

Three weeks ago Dr. Foote of Omaha, assisted by Dr. Kinyon, performed an operation on Grace Graft for some kind of a cancerous growth on her leg, just below her knee. The operation did not prove beneficial, and in order to save the girl's life it was found necessary to amputate the leg above the knee. Last

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Sunday Drs. Barber and Kinyon took the limb off and the child rallied after the operation in good shape, and has been doing very well since. It is hoped that Miss Grace will continue to improve.

From the Post.

There is at least one woman in town who thinks that now she has reached the age of fifty, it is quite unnecessary for her to telephone all her relatives, notify the neighbors and put a sign on her door whenever she accepts an invitation out to dinner.

Mr. Fish writes from Lincoln that her little boy, Arthur, died there last week. Mrs. Fish will be remembered as the widow of Orlando Fish, who was shot by young Nichols out in the west end of the county a couple of years ago. She is now working in Lincoln.

Howard Hehnke has been confined to his bed the last few weeks with pneumonia. This sickness was rather embarrassing to Howard as the invitations were out announcing his marriage to Miss Mildred Balla on Feb. 19th. Undaunted the bride and a few relatives proceeded to the bedside of the groom and in a quiet and impressive way Rev. C. F. W. Wimberly, of Genoa, united the couple in holy bonds of wedlock.

MONROE.

Geo. G. Becher of Columbus was transacting business in Monroe Tuesday.

F. B. Duff and family left Monday for California, where they will make their future home.

Miss Mamie Cady, residing on rural route No. 2, left Tuesday for Chicago, where she will attend a convent.

O. M. Edgerton was called to his old home at Riverton, Ia., Tuesday on account of the serious illness of his father.

Lillian McWilliams and Laura Lowrey of Dunbar, arrived Tuesday for a visit with the family of W. A. McWilliams.

Mrs. S. M. Cunningham and children of south of Columbus are visiting L. Cunningham and family. They are en route to Spalding, where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Blackmore, formerly of Monroe, but now of Columbus, will move to their old home in Friend, Neb., this week, to make their home for the present.

D. W. Rieselund of Ewing, Neb., was here last week enroute home with 150 head of cattle which he was taking from Columbus to pasture this summer. Dave likes his new location "first rate and is getting along nicely."

Mr. and Mrs. Priest are getting their household goods in readiness to move to Columbus Friday of this week. The change is made so that Mr. Priest can avail himself of the better train service of the Union Pacific main line.

GENOA.

Fred Bader went to Columbus the first of the week on business for his father, who expects to move from this place to Columbus this week.

James H. Edmisten, former populist leader, is reported to have left the state and is now in Mexico, after disposing of all his property to the amount of \$30,000. He was recently indicted for fraud and was under a bond of \$10,000 to appear for trial. His bondsmen will be obliged to make good.

Seriet fever has caused the Indian school to quarantine against the town, and pupils are not allowed to leave the government school grounds. In order to make the quarantine more effective, the town has also been quarantined against the Indian school, and pupils found on the streets will be hustled back to the government domain by Marshal Bealer.

Amos Wilson and Miss Clara Price of Woodville, attempted to alight their friends and go to Columbus for the purpose of getting tied up for better or for

worse, but some of their friends followed them to Genoa, and when they started to board the 11:30 train Tuesday they were observed with ruse and congratulations just the same as if the ceremony had already been performed.

FITZ SHOWS KNOCK-OUT PUNCH.

Ruby Robert Gives Demonstration Much to His Borrow.

Ruby Robert Fitzsimmons is always ready and willing to illustrate before sporting men just how he knocked Jim Corbett out at Carson City with his memorable solar plexus punch. Not so many years ago his former manager, Percy Williams, now a well-known theatrical magnate, asked Fitz to show a number of friends just how Corbett was annihilated. Robert was in fine form then, as he was training for a fight at the time.

He promptly complied with the request by calling upon Reggy Williams, a brother of his manager, to stand up and be a victim. Reggy, however, had been there before and knew the power of the Cornishman's blows, so he was not overawed to take part in the exhibition. So he said to Robert: "Wait a minute, Bob, until I go and get a stiff knacker, for I need courage." "All right," replied Fitzsimmons, with a grin, "but hurry." Reggy stepped over to the bar, took a nip, and then picking up a thick board he slipped it under his vest. Then he came back with the remark: "Go ahead, Bob, but not too hard."

Fitz jumped about, feinting and sparring off like a real fighter. Then Robert shot out his terrible left and hit the mark with a crash. It sounded like a blow on a board fence with a sledge hammer, and though Williams was knocked down, he jumped up quickly and laughed until his sides shook. Fitz was dancing around on one foot, with his left hand under his arm and a look of intense pain on his face.

"What's the matter, Bob?" asked Percy Williams, who was next to the trick.

"What's the matter?" roared the angry Cornishman. "Why, me blooming 'and is smashed! That funny brother of yours 'as a sheet of iron under his vest!"

Fitz was a mark then for a lot of gaying, but the joke was a serious one, for his left hand was in poultices for six weeks.

Animals Without Moral Senses.

Prof. Schuster asserts that animals lack moral feeling entirely, none of their acts being immoral or moral, in the broad sense, and that they have no trace of a sense of shame or of honor. Their courage, he declares, is "a mere impulse of nature," and of moral courage they know nothing. He continues: "And animals have no pride, in the sense of man's conception of that quality. They are not proud of their kind, of their kindred, of their individuality nor are individual. Animals are not proud because they have no consciousness of the scope of the value of their kind, of their enterprise or of any other form of their capabilities; they are neither supercilious, proud, nor the contrary, that is, grievous, wounded or depressed in regard to a possible pride."

Praises English Jurisprudence.

Elbridge L. Adams of Rochester, N. Y., a lawyer, who has made a study of British jurisprudence, expressed his collection at the annual meeting of the New York State Bar association when he made a comparison between the American and English methods of legal procedure. He asserted that 23 judges of the supreme court of England, with a population of 32,000,000, disposed of as much business each year as 98 judges of the supreme court in New York state, with a population of 8,000,000. "In addition to this," said Mr. Adams, "these English judges do just as much work as the federal judges in New York state. The object of the English rule is to provide the best, the quickest and the simplest methods."

Pet Dog Buried with Honor.

Lassie, a high-bred collie dog that was descended from an animal prized by Queen Victoria, was interred with nearly all the honors usually accorded a human being in Baltimore, the other day. Lassie was a fine, large, intelligent animal, and the pride and pet of the neighborhood. Owing to the affection in which Lassie was held, unusual care was taken in the dog's burial. A zinc-lined box was made by an undertaker, which had been upholstered and had satin trimmings. The box was hermetically sealed. Lassie was a direct descendant of Balfour, the pet collie of Queen Victoria. Balfour was the subject of a poem written by Tennyson.

An Almanac Church.

In the tower of St. Botolph's church, Boston, England, are 365 steps, corresponding to the days in the year; the church has 12 pillars, 53 windows and seven doors, representing the months weeks and days in the week. In the west porch, says the Church Eclectic, are 24 steps (according to the library above), representing the hours of the day. Again, on each side of the choir are 60 steps, leading to the roof denoting on the one side the minutes and on the other the seconds of the hour.

Cremation in Scotland.

The movement in favor of cremation is making slow but steady progress in Scotland. According to the latest report of the Scottish Burial Reform and Cremation society the past two years show a remarkable advance as compared with the immediately preceding year. In 1906 there were 26 cremations in Scotland, in 1906 the total rose to 42, and in the year ending September last it was again 42.

Wise Women.

Miss Guech—Yes, we're engaged.
Mrs. O'Gus—Indeed? I didn't know you were so fond of him.
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Mrs. O'Gus—Oh; isn't our own that—Philadelphia Press.

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IN CHILDISH TRAGEDY.

Two Pickaninies Who Went on a Cruise.

Affect on the bounding wave—in a waltz—two pickaninies went cruising Thursday, says the Houston Chronicle. They sailed until they were rescued, and with that event came a rainwater bath. White men pulled them to the shore to leave them gurgling in the arms of two black mamies.

There were no signals of distress flying as the two babies in a tub floated swiftly down White Oak bayou. The current was running like a mill race, but the tub was properly balanced for the ride.

As it emerged from the jungle into the ship channel the apparition inspired immediate action. Straightway into the brimming tide plunged man after man. They swam strongly for the tub and—tipped it over. Into the turbid stream fell a pair to draw to.

With difficulty they were fished from the water, screaming lustily for their "ship," containing like a derelict on down the stream. Meanwhile two burrow colored women, mothers of the black babies, had appeared. Gathering the drenched and crying pickaninies in their arms they marched away to their cabins. The cruise started in play about the water edge and ended in a woodshed, when, with wet clothes stretched tight, every spot stung severely and walls sounded over the laundried bayou cats.

REBUKED THE GREAT WRITER.

American Was Not Awed by Grouchy Poet Laureate.

A writer in Harper's Weekly brings to light an interesting anecdote of Tennyson which well illustrates the singular habits of the great laureate in his intercourse with his friends. The poet was not only brusque and rough, but he was domineering and exacting, and most other men were afraid of him. But an American schoolmaster who for many years maintained a great intimacy with him had no fear in his heart, and sat and smoked on an equality with the sovereign singer by Farringford freestone. "One evening," says the writer, "when the two were thus together, Tennyson said that he would depart from his custom and narrate a personal experience; but he had suffered a good deal from repetitions of his tales by those to whom he had told them, and he would be obliged to ask his friend never to repeat what he was about to hear. The American smoked on for a few seconds while Tennyson waited for the promise, and then he said: 'My lord, in my country a gentleman would never make that request of another gentleman.' 'H-h-h-m' said the poet, and looked out of eyes that wondered if the quiet smoker opposite knew how much he'd said. Then he told the story."

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