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ITEMS OF INTEREST

ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS CLIPPED FROM OUR EXCHANGES

CRESTON.

From the Statesman.
The heavy wind Sunday afternoon blew over the long corn crib of the Trans-Mississippi Grain Co., and broke off branches of trees in different parts of town.

During the electrical storm early Monday morning, two of Herman Hake's valuable horses were killed by lightning and one other hurt. The lightning struck the barn, but it was not burned.

SILVER CREEK.

From the Sand.
Cards are out announcing the wedding of Andrew Jackson Cunningham and Alma Lorea Sprague. The date set is July 7. The wedding will be at the home of bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sprague in the evening, in the presence of a very few intimate friends and relatives of the young couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wooster arrived home on Wednesday from a trip to Omaha. Mrs. Wooster's petition for divorce will be dismissed July 7 and it is to be hoped that this will end all their marital troubles. Their son Charles arrived from Portland, Oregon, the first of the week and will probably remain with his parents, assisting in conducting the farm.

SHELBY.

From the Signal.
Mrs. F. Lohr and Mrs. William Lohr mother and aunt of Mrs. W. A. Cornish, returned to their homes at Columbus last Friday after a week's visit here.

Father Charles came up from St. Mary, Monday evening and went to the valley Tuesday where he performed the ceremony which joined Mr. Thomas Cyze, of near Duncan, and Miss Hannah Kozel, of the Valley, in the bonds of holy wedlock. The ceremony was at the Polish church in the Valley.

Mrs. J. P. Calkins arrived here Monday evening and will visit a short time with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Calkins were among the early settlers in this precinct, having located on a homestead a few miles northwest of Shelby in 1873. Their home is now at Omaha, Nebraska. Mrs. Calkins is back to Nebraska visiting her boys, two of whom live at Lincoln, one at Virginia and one at Orin.

CENTRAL CITY.

From the Nonpareil.
Those who are anxious to know what drainage will do for land should go out to the Teesmacker ranch west of town. A section of land heretofore a meadow, has been drained and this year is growing a crop of wheat that promises to yield twenty-five to thirty bushels to the acre. The ditch follows a natural water course across the field and the water is then carried along the section line until it can be carried through a pasture to the slough. Land that has been yielding from 50 cents to \$1.00 per acre in hay and pasture is now converted into rich, productive soil. The wheat grows right up to the edges of the ditch and less land is damaged by the ditch than was damaged by the old water course. Where the income from the land was formerly counted in the hundreds it now promises to run into the thousands and drainage is responsible for all of it.

PLATTE CENTER.

From the Signal.
Joe E. Zaucha has returned home after being confined six weeks in the Columbus hospital with a broken leg, received in a runaway.

Pat Cronin reports the first new potatoes of the season. They were planted on good Friday and last Friday he dug

potatoes large as hen eggs. Who can beat that.

A dispatch from Queenstown says that the Cunard liner Mauretania, the boat on which our fellow townsman, Ernest Hoare, sailed from New York last week Wednesday, made the eastward trip fifty minutes quicker than any previous record. Her time was four days, seven hours and twenty-one minutes.

An article was picked up on one of our streets last Saturday morning and left at the Signal office for a claimant. Expert information assures us that it is a rat—not a rodent—but one of those deceptions which the ladies wear to deceive the unknowing into believing two hairs are growing on their heads where there is really only one. Will the owner please take it away.

BELLWOOD.

From the Gazette.
The telephone men are now making war on the squirrels, because of the fact that they are injuring cables.

Miss Nora Fazel went to Columbus the latter part of last week and visited a couple of days with her sister, Mrs. Baker.

Liberal rains throughout the vicinity the present week have placed the wheat crop beyond danger of damage and practically assures a fair yield to all other small grain, even without further rain. The potato crop is also assured.

Conductor Cal. S. Raney in trouble—Edward W. Stith filed a suit Tuesday for \$10,000 damages from Cal. S. Raney for alleged improper relations with his wife and alienation of her affections. He says that he was married in Seward county in 1890 and that married life was pleasant until Raney came into his home and broke it up—Lincoln Star.

Postmaster Smith returned to Bellwood Monday evening from the sanitarium at Lincoln. He has leakage of the heart. His stay at Lincoln was a rest for him; but he doesn't feel any better, as heart trouble can't be cured. He was cautioned to be careful; not to make a run to a train, or such like, or some day Bellwood would be minus a postmaster.

MONROE.

From the Republican.
Fred and Robert Strother of Columbus are visiting at the A. E. Matson home this week.

Jonas Welch and son Robert came up from Columbus Wednesday to visit a few days at the home of his son Will.

A. O. McDonald was in Columbus Tuesday, where he took the examination required by the new state law for testers and samplers of cream.

Mrs. Sax Percy and son Charlie went to Columbus Wednesday where Charlie will undergo an operation at the hospital. They expect to remain there three weeks or more.

I. N. Jones received news this week that the gas plant at Denver, that his son Will was fireman in, had blown up, and a number were killed, but Will escaped without a scratch.

The storm of Sunday played havoc with trees and buildings on the route. Ray Griffin's barn was blown partly over, and trees large as a man's body were torn out by the roots at Thomazin's, Lamb's and Albers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Clark of Portland, Oregon, who have been visiting in Neb. for the past three months, were visiting at the J. F. Magill home and relatives at Genoa a few days last week. They returned to Columbus Tuesday.

The Misses Stella and Effie Tennyson, who have been here visiting relatives for the past year returned to their home in Tennyson, Ind., Thursday. The Misses Emma Smyer and Mazie Magill accompanied them as far as Columbus.

CHAUTAUQUA

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HUMPHREY.

From the Democrat.
Madison will probably experience an ice famine the coming summer. A large ice house was destroyed by lightning Wednesday with most of its contents.

M. J. Moyer, a prominent lawyer and formerly county judge of Madison county, died at his home in Madison last Thursday. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon, a few people from Humphrey attending the funeral. Mr. Moyer located in Madison for the practice of law in 1887.

The third bank will soon be doing business at Newman Grove and will be under the direct management of John O'Shea, a prominent citizen of that place who has been engaged in the real estate business for several years. The new bank will be known as the Shell Creek Valley State Bank and will have a capital stock of \$15,000.

Dr. W. S. Evans, Platte county's health officer was in town Monday after investigating reported cases of small pox in the vicinity of Cornlea neighborhood. Dr. Evans has been appointed assistant to the state board of health officer to enable him to cope with the situation in the southern part of Madison county which has been giving him a great deal of trouble. He now thinks with the assistance of the local physicians that he will be able to keep the disease under control. The family of Wm. Siebler at Cornlea was quarantined Monday, the oldest daughter of the family being ill with small pox but at present no other cases are reported there. Several suspicious cases were reported in the vicinity of Humphrey but upon investigation they were all found to be chicken pox.

LEIGH.

From the World.
Jack Price and family, of Columbus, have been visiting relatives here the past week.

William Cate a former resident of Colfax county was accidentally shot and killed at his home near Dunlap, Mo., June 10th, 1909.

Wm. Alberts shipped a carload of hogs to South Omaha the first of the week that topped the market at \$7.85, which was the highest price paid for hogs during the past seven years. The car of 68 hogs netted Mr. Alberts \$1385.50.

Verily, the life of the farmer is becoming more of a dream each year. Nearly every implement employed in farm labor has been brought to such a state of perfection that it can carry its operator and a certain farmer living south of town was recently seen at work in the field on his riding plow and—will wonders never cease?—his wife was sitting on his lap busily knitting a pair of socks. Again I say unto you, the independent farmer is to be envied.

Hans Severine was the victim of a peculiar accident at his home west of town last Saturday evening. Patrick Egan, his brother-in-law, had dropped in for a visit and the two men had gone to the chicken house to search for a skunk. Mr. Egan being armed with a rifle. They soon located a young skunk and while Egan took aim, Severine thought it would be just as easy to step on the animal and blot out its life in that manner. But just as he did so, Mr. Egan fired and the bullet lodged in Mr. Severine's right foot, making a painful wound.

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Who Rode the Donkey?

Percy (exhibiting a bromide enlargement of kodak snapshot of himself riding a donkey)—"See, Dick, I had this taken when I was south during the holidays. Do you think it does me justice?" Dick—"Why, yes, rather; but who's the awkward rider on your back?"

More Lives Than a Cat.

A police agent at Tiflis, Russia, escaped the fifteenth attempt upon his life a week or two ago, when he was merely knocked down by a bomb explosion that killed his two companions. Although he is entitled to a pension, he prefers not to quit the service.

Flavored with Tomato Catsup.

The waters of Narragansett bay were well seasoned with tomato catsup the other day when 650 cases containing 15,000 bottles were dumped into the sea because the manufacturers had not labeled the bottles in accordance with the pure food law.

Didn't Mean Hair Loom.

"Speaking of hairlooms," broke in the loquacious landlady, "I have one which has come down through five generations and—" "Pardon me," came the voice of the frivolous boarder, "but do you refer to the butter?"

Editor's Notice.

If the healer who handed in a slip of paper marked, "How much did Salome?" will bring himself and a stout hemp rope to the office to-night we will supply the necessary chandelier.—Yale Record.

Fact.

Ambitious young men who contemplate a change from bookkeeping should bear in mind the fact that there is likewise an upkeep connected with a poultry farm.—Indianapolis News.

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THE LIVING BEFORE THE DEAD

Common Sense Opinion Clothed in Poetic Language Delivered from the Bench.

One might say that John Driscoll's ears burned while Judge Marean read his decision in court the other day, except that such a statement might be open to misconception. For John has been dead for two years. Just the same, whatever may be the feelings of the deceased about the matter, Judge Marean's common sense ought to come in for a bit of reward. Driscoll left his estate of a few thousand dollars to the church he attended at Far Rockaway on condition, literally, that his grave be kept green. In his will he commented with a certain austerity upon the common practice of neglecting the green tents beneath which the greater part of mankind's army is bivouacked, and devised his thousands with an eye to making John Driscoll's grave a thing of beauty to the end of time.

But John Driscoll had some collateral relatives, poor and ill-clad and on the verge of starvation. Maybe they never did anything for John Driscoll during his life. Maybe John Driscoll even hated them. But nevertheless they are ill and in need, and that money John Driscoll gave to the grave might keep them in comfort for their few remaining years. No hint through the documents as to their previous relation to John Driscoll.

But Judge Marean held "that it is better that the hungry be fed and the ill-clad be clothed and the fatherless be comforted than that a mound of earth be flowered and gardened. The revolving seasons may well care for John Driscoll's grave. The winter may cover it with a glittering mantle and the spring adorn it with budding flowers, and the summer weave above it a thick green coverlid, which in its turn the fall may grant a russet hue. Let the law be as merciful to the living as God is to the dead."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

GOOD ADVICE FOR THE YOUNG

And for the Matter of That, It Is Worth Heeding by "Children of Larger Growth."

"Strike the knot," said a man one day to his son, who, tired and weary, was leaning on his ax over a log which he had been trying to cleave. Then, looking at the log, the gentleman saw how the boy had hacked and chipped all around the knot without hitting it. Taking the ax, he struck a few sharp blows on the knot and split the log without difficulty. Smiling, he returned the ax to his son, saying:

"Always strike the knot."

That was good advice. It is as good for you as it was to the boy to whom it was first given. It is a capital maxim to follow when you are in trouble. Have you a hard sum to do at school? Are you leaving home to live for the first time among strangers? Strike the knot. Look your trouble in the eye, as the bold hunter looks in the face of the lion. Never shrink from a painful duty, but step right up to it and do it. Yes, strike the knot. Strike the knot, boys and girls, and you will always conquer your difficulties.—Montreal Herald.

Rooks' Hatred of Crows.

A curious incident in the recent history of the Gray's Inn settlement of rooks is mentioned by a London correspondent.

It appears that a couple of carrion crows settled in the gardens and one day it was discovered that the rookery was deserted. The benchers, who are particularly proud of their rooks, gave orders for the carrion crows to be destroyed and the gardener prepared pigeons' eggs with good doses of arsenic. The crows swallowed them and seemed to grow fatter and healthier. At last strychnine was used and the pair was seen picking at the egg. One of them fell as it flew up to the nest, the other reached the branch, reeled and dropped.

Then a curious thing happened. Not a rook had been seen for weeks at Gray's Inn, but the next day they were all back as though advised by telegram.—Manchester Guardian.

Faithful Unto Death.

A pathetic story of heroic devotion to duty comes from Montreuil-sur-Mer, France. M. Lepere, who was in charge of the lighthouse at Alpreck, near Bologne, was recently taken ill with influenza and had to go to bed. One evening his substitute came to M. Lepere and explained that he was unable to light the lamp, and in view of the grave consequences that the absence of the light might entail, the sick man rose from his bed, and in spite of the snow and wind, made his way to the lighthouse, where after considerable effort he was able to light the lamp. He returned home but died two days later of cerebral congestion, the result of exposure to the inclement weather. The humble hero would have been entitled to his pension in five years.

Field Mice Work Havoc.

Certain parts of Lanarkshire, Scotland, are at present suffering from a plague of voles or field mice, which have effected much havoc amongst vegetation. Many young trees in plantations have been destroyed, and various kinds of flower plants have suffered considerably. It is thought that mild winters may partly account for these plagues of voles. The last serious visitation was about seventeen years ago, when great damage was done on the farms in the south of Scotland, and a royal commission was appointed to investigate the matter. It is believed that the main reason of the trouble lies in the fact that the balance of nature has been upset by the destruction of owls, hawks, weasels and stoats, which are the natural enemies of the voles.

A Knock.

He—I have been told that I was handsome.
She—When was that?
He—Today.
She—No; I mean when were you handsome?—Comic Cuts.

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