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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

## ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS CLIPPED FROM OUR EXCHANGES

### PLATTE CENTER

From the Signal.  
Mrs. J. J. Glodowski returned Sunday evening from the Columbus hospital, where she had been a patient for several weeks. Mrs. Glodowski reports her health very much improved.

While seated at the dinner table last Sunday Patrick Carey was stricken with paralysis, his entire right side being affected. Grave fears were entertained for his recovery, especially owing to his advanced age, he being somewhere in the eighties, but his condition is now reported as improving.

The pupils of Dist. 28, in which Miss Florence Dunn is teacher, are preparing a program to be given Friday evening, Dec. 23, in the school house. A cordial invitation is extended to patrons and friends. The ladies are requested to bring boxes containing lunch for two. After the entertainment these will be auctioned, the purpose being to raise money for a school organ.

### HOWELLS

Anton Stange had the misfortune to lose a part of the thumb and forefinger on his left hand last Friday evening by the accidental discharge of a gun he was handling.

The Jacob Sorrick home five miles northwest of town, has been released from quarantine. Mrs. Sorrick, who was suffering with diphtheria, has recovered and no other members of the family have contracted the disease.

A short time ago Jos. Meel completed the building of an elevator with a capacity of 6,000 bushels, on his farm in the Tabor neighborhood, in which he will store the grain raised on his 320-acre farm. The first of the week he installed in the same, for the purpose of furnishing power for running the machinery, a 6-horse power gasoline engine. Mr. Meel has things so arranged that he can drive into the elevator, dump his load of grain and have it elevated to the desired bin. He also has a power sheller, feed grinder and fanning mill in the building.

### FELLSBURG

At the last meeting of the county commissioners of Merrick county, in November, the sum of \$500 was appropriated for the erection of a monument on the spot where stood that famous sentinel of the plains, Lone Tree. This was one of the historical spots in the early pioneer days. This giant tree stood on the north bank of the Platte river, close to the old Oregon trail, and could be seen for many miles, both up and down the river. Under its friendly shade, the emigrant trains halted for rest. After the Union Pacific Railroad built through this part of the country, the town now Central City, was called Lone Tree. Finally the old tree died and decayed away, and the spot where it stood and braved the storms of many seasons was almost forgotten. The matter has been taken up by the people of Merrick county, and a very fitting and appropriate stone is henceforth to mark the place where this historical tree stood. On the shaft will be simply the words: "Here stood the old Lone Tree on the Oregon trail."

### MONROE.

From the Republican.  
Misses Maude and Hester Hill spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Columbus, guests of Miss Grace Lubber.

Mrs. A. M. Work, who has been at the hospital in Omaha for the last three weeks, returned home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hughes and son spent last week in Lincoln with Dewey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes.

E. L. VanAllen left for Neligh Tuesday to look after his land and get things in shape for moving. He will farm one of his brother Ed's farms.

Prof. John Englehart went to Grand Island Friday for a short visit with home folks. He was accompanied home Saturday by Rev. Phillips, who has been conducting revival services at that place.

Preparations for the Christmas exercises to be held in the town hall under the auspices of the Presbyterian Sunday school, are progressing nicely and the drilling of the Brownies and other minor details are almost complete. As stated last week, the regulation tree will be dispensed with and in its stead will be a nail, with the Brownies. The exercises will be held Saturday evening, December 24, which is Christmas eve.

Rev. F. R. Wedge will be in Monroe this week, arriving Saturday and preaching in the Presbyterian church Sunday. Rev. Wedge passed through Columbus on his way to Omaha, and it is understood that he is to be married soon, but as to the date he has not advised his Monroe friends. However, they hope to greet his bride when he arrives here Saturday, and it is expected that the wedding will take place in Omaha this week.

J. C. Reed and Miss Mae Miller, both of Monroe, were married in Columbus Wednesday evening at the Methodist parsonage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. O. W. Ray, pastor of the Columbus Methodist church. They were accompanied to Columbus by J. E. Hart and Miss Alice Schram. After the ceremony the bride and groom and those present were served with a wedding dinner at the Oxford restaurant. Mr. Reed is well known in Monroe, having been identified here in a business way for a number of years, and the bride, whose home is in Pierce, has been teacher in the primary room of the Monroe schools for the last two years. Mr. and Mrs. Reed will reside in Monroe for the present, and it is understood that Mrs. Reed will finish her year's work in the schools.

### CENTRAL CITY.

From the Nonparcell.  
Now it's smallpox. Central City has had diphtheria, pneumonia, typhoid fever and a few other things and now it has a case of smallpox. A son of Rev. Anderson, the Free Methodist minister, came down with the disease the first of the week and the home has been quarantined. The young man is not in a serious condition, but the disease is by no means a pleasant experience. He contracted it at Polk where he was working.

The action of the Union Pacific in setting the fences on its right-of-way out one hundred feet on each side of the track is the cause of considerable dissatisfaction among the land owners affected. A gang of fence builders has been at work in the west end of the county for several weeks, gradually working this way. They reached the Minter farm just west of town the latter part of last week. As a protest against the action of the company the wires of the new fences were all cut for a distance of several hundred yards on the Bledins farm about seven miles west of town. It is not known who did the cutting. In the opinion of attorneys who have looked into the matter it will be impossible to stop the company from getting their fence out, as a recent decision of the supreme court gives them the right to do so. The company was originally given a 200 foot right-of-way through this country and the courts have sustained their title to it. They have never claimed all the ground and in nearly all cases it has been farmed by the owner of the land contiguous. In many cases nothing was said in the deeds about the claim of the company and the majority of those now affected bought their land without knowing that the railroad owned one hundred feet on each side of the track. On the railroad sections the company frequently gave a deed to the land up to within fifty feet of the track and it is thought that those holding such deeds can establish their claim to the ground involved.

### ALBION.

From the News.  
One of Albion's young married women was seen this week coming down town with a turkey foot carefully wrapped in a piece of paper. Upon inquiry, she told a friend what she had, and upon being asked what she was going to do with it, she said: "Oh, we had such a splendid turkey for Thanksgiving, I am going to try and match it for Christmas."

Elmer Oederlind, the ten year old son of Alfred Oederlind, who lives in the eastern part of this county near Newman Grove, was killed last Thursday night by having his neck broken. He was riding a pony after the cattle and either fell off or was thrown off, striking in such a way as to break his neck. The funeral was held Sunday from the Mission church.

John Hoffman, who lives on Frank Day's farm west of Boone, sustained a bad cut in his arm that is liable to lay him out for several days. He was getting ready to butcher and had his butcher knife sharpened and had placed it in his pocket with the blade sticking up. In some way while working around he brought the arm down running the knife into his arm. A physician was called and it required seven stitches to close the wound.



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### SCUYLER.

From the Sun.  
John Binder drove a bunch of 60 head of last spring pigs to Richland last Tuesday to be shipped to market. They weighed over 200 pounds each. Pretty good weight for spring pigs.

A letter was received here by Mr. Dunham telling of the death of Dr. J. C. Ballou at the Grand Island Soldiers Home on last Friday. He was buried in the Soldiers cemetery there on Saturday. Dr. Ballou was one of the pioneers of Colfax county and one of Scuyler's first druggists.

Six of the rural district teachers are receiving \$60 per month. That is getting the wages up to where at least a decent living can be made. If more of the rural districts would only add a few cents to their salary more efficient work would be done in their school. Save a penny and murder the mind of your child—poor reasoning.

Last Monday morning the children attending school at Rogers waited long for the arrival of their principal, but it was like the lady waiting at the church for her fiancé, she could not come for her husband wouldn't let her. Without divulging their secret to any one Miss Ethel C. Dams, principal of the Rogers school, and Frank Randall took the early morning train at Rogers and went to Omaha where they were married. After the wedding it is reported they went to Taloga, Oklahoma, where the groom will operate his father's farm. It left the school board in a rather perplexed situation, but after some hustling around a teacher was found in the person of Mrs. Schlimer, a former principal of the school, and things are again going along smoothly.

### GENOA.

From the Times.  
John Williamson received notice from Washington last Saturday that he had been appointed gardener at the Indian school. The position was recently created, and pays \$750 per year.

"I have always thought of Christmas time when it has come around," wrote Charles Dickens, "as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely and think of people below them as if they were fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of people bound on other journeys."

The most popular man with the postal department living on R. R. No. 1 out of Monroe is Gus Tensendorf. When the roads are blocked with snow, Gus gets out his V shaped plow and clears the road. In summer Gus is equally active in keeping the public highway in repair along his land without making a cent to the road supervisor every time an hour's work is required to do a little "patching." His Tensendorfs are very scarce in Nebraska.

The appropriations now available for new buildings at the Genoa Indian School amount to \$11,000. The bill which passed the house last Friday contains an amendment offered by Representative Latta appropriating \$35,000 for the erection of two boys' dormitories and to this amount will be added \$5,000 for the erection of a superintendent's cottage when the bill reaches the senate. If the appropriations now pending are passed it will mean the expenditure of \$51,000 in new buildings at the Genoa School within the next eighteen months.

### Getting Rich Quick.

A souse wandered into a downtown barber shop and after being shaved sat down in the bootblack's chair.

"How do you get paid? Wages?" he asked.

"No, sub," answered the bootblack; "I work on a percentage. Sixty per cent's mine."

"Shickshty p'cent yours?" said the souse deliberately. "Shickshty p'cent."

"Yes, sub."

"'Fyou take in hundred dollars you keep shickshty?"

"Yes, sub."

"'An' hundred thousand' you keep shickshty thousand'?"

"Yes, sub."

"'My, my,' said the souse in puzzled manner, 'what're you goin' to do with so much money?'"—New York Journal.

### Warning the Colonel.

A raw recruit from a remote corner of the Green Isle was engaged for the first time in a field maneuver in England on outpost duty. The sergeant instructed him to look out carefully for the colonel coming to inspect the post.

After an hour he returned and asked the soldier, "Has the colonel been here?"

Receiving an answer in the negative, he went away, returning later on with the same inquiry.

### Quick Both Ways.

A Scotch laird once said to his servant, John, who had complained of his temper, "I am sure, John, it is nae sunner on than it's off."

"Aye," said John; "but laird, it's nae sunner off than it's on."

### Not at All Necessary.

"What was the cause of the quarrel with your husband?"

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The star stone is found principally in Ceylon, invariably in soil peculiar to rubies and sapphires. Indeed, it is composed of the same constituent "corundum," its chrysoyol, or star rays, being caused by the pressure of what the natives call "silik." It is found in many different colors, from pale blue, pink and white to deep dark blue, ruby and purple. The blue are termed sapphire stars, the red ruby stars. It is always cut en cabochon, the star dividing into six rays at the apex. It is next in hardness to the diamond.

Not Idle Curiosity.

Mrs. Wunterknecht—I should like to know, Mr. W., why you are so cross when I ask questions. Surely you don't think I have idle curiosity?

"Great Scott, no! Yours is the most pertinaciously active, wide awake, sleepless, energetic curiosity it was ever my fate to encounter."

Another Version.

The latest rendering of the Burns lines, "Oh, wad some power," etc., is given in a London evening paper thus: "Oh, wad some power the giffle gie us to see some folk before they see us."

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No. 13	1:26 p.m.	No. 12	10:57 p.m.
No. 11	10:25 a.m.	No. 11	5:34 a.m.
No. 9	11:25 a.m.	No. 6	2:46 p.m.
No. 17	3:45 p.m.	No. 16	2:16 p.m.
No. 19	7:22 p.m.	No. 10	8:45 p.m.
No. 3	6:50 p.m.	No. 18	5:57 p.m.
No. 5	6:35 p.m.	No. 2	9:50 p.m.
No. 21	11:00 p.m.	No. 22	1:20 p.m.
No. 19	11:20 a.m.	No. 20	3:00 p.m.
No. 25	8:30 p.m.	No. 24	7:32 p.m.
No. 1	2:35 p.m.	No. 8	6:10 p.m.

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No. 77 mxd. 4:20 a.m.	No. 79 mxd. 4:50 a.m.
No. 29 pas. 7:00 p.m.	No. 31 pas. 1:20 p.m.
No. 30 pas. 1:10 p.m.	No. 32 pas. 12:30 p.m.
No. 78 mxd. 6:10 p.m.	No. 80 mxd. 4:50 p.m.

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Nos. 4, 5, 13 and 14 are local passengers.  
Nos. 36 and 39 are local freight.  
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No. 4 due in Omaha 5:50 p. m.

Burlington Route

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No. 22 Pas. (daily ex. Sunday) leave... 7:25 a.m.  
No. 21 Pas. (daily ex. Saturday) arrive... 9:20 p.m.  
No. 31 Frt. & Ae. (d'yer. Sunday) ar... 6:15 a.m.