

TALES TOLD ON TUESDAY.

A Review of the Local Happenings of a Day.

AN OLD OMAHA PLAYWRIGHT

Amusements—United States Court—A Man's Marital Relations—Railroad Notes—Revival News—The City in General.

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Charles Baswitz Writes "Jakie Einstein" for M. H. Curtis.

There was no mistaking the solid Hebrew cast of features of M. S. Curtis, yesterday as he fingered water crosses in the Millard buffet apartment. They were intelligent and genial as usual and the eyes sparkled merrily when the scrivener's salutation was made. He has "fished up" somewhat since last appeared at the Boyd this season will enable him to present his new play of "Spot Cash," which seems to have been remarkably successful in the east.

Mr. Curtis, in the matter of new plays, is like Mr. Barrett. The latter, although possessing strong plays, yet never hesitates to make use of a new one when it strikes his fancy. Mr. Curtis' big success has been Sam'l Posen. He is now producing his second one, and still has in preparation a third one, which he will produce in San Francisco, sometime next month. This is by a former resident of Omaha, Charles Baswitz, brother of Sam and Henry Baswitz, of this city. The name of the play is "Jakie Einstein, or Life on the Road," and of course is supposed to depict the joys and sorrows, the trials and tribulations of the Knight of the grip. It is an old subject, but it is understood to have been handled in a refreshing manner. Mr. Curtis pleased with it, and will produce it in San Francisco on June 7th.

The author, Charles Baswitz, was formerly in the employ of S. P. Morse, Williams and other merchants of this city. He is now in charge of the tobacco department of a wholesale house in Springfield Ill., to the salary of which position he will soon be able to add a royalty of about \$150 per week.

AMUSEMENTS.

Prof Kennedy found some trouble in securing subjects for his experiments. Finally the ice was broken by a coal-black negro, who stumbled up the aisle to the stage, amid the laughter of the audience. Several other men and boys followed, until the subjects for the mesmeric experiments numbered four or five. The results attained by the professor were wonderful. One of the best mesmerized subjects was the negro. The professor handled him like a child, making him go through with all sorts of contortions, and he made the darkey turn his coat inside out, thinking it already reversed. He made him sit down in a chair, and the negro was powerless to arise until assisted by the mesmerist. He gave the subject a long broom telling him that it was a banjo, and made him sing a song, to an accompaniment which the negro imagined that he was playing. Then several doctors were invited on the stage and the darkey was again placed under mesmeric influence. The mesmeric then given needle and thread and were allowed to sew through the ears and cheeks of the subject who did not wince once during the operation, but went on fingering his imaginary banjo.

The last experiment was most ludicrous of all. The professor asked the darkey if he would like to eat some ice cream and cake. "No, sah," replied the subject promptly; "I use done got to go now. My gal, she wants to see me, and I don't stay no longer."

"Sit down," sternly commanded the professor. The darkey meekly dropped into his seat and was again put under the influence. The professor then placed before him a plate of cornmeal, and told him that it was ice cream. The negro fell to devouring it rapidly, uttering exclamations of delight all the while. Raw potatoes and onions were placed before him for cake, and he devoured them cheerfully, apparently with the greatest zest. Suddenly the professor brought him out of the trance. The darkey fell to blaspheming and deploring an exclamation of the kind, "I'm predicament in which he found himself—his mouth full of cornmeal, raw onions and potatoes. When told that he had been mesmerized, he shook his fist at the professor, and left him amid the cheers of the delighted audience.

NEWMAN AND OLD 'UN.

Mrs. Schiapp wants to know if he's a Married Man. Some time ago there came to this city a party named James Newman. He had been among railroad men for a long time, and had recently acted as fireman on the Chicago & Alton road, and resided at Bloomington. Burbank, the Sixteenth street saloonkeeper, was one of the men with whom he worked and to whom he first applied in coming to this city. Some time ago he left the city, going to Illinois, where he has since been. What he has been doing there is not known, but some of his acquaintances assume that his conduct probably was suspicious from the fact that information is sought of him in the following telegram: BLOOMINGTON, Ill., May 8, '86.—To Wm. O'Connor, care of M. Hayes, U. S. Shops, Omaha: Is James Newman married? If so, have his wife answer this immediately.

MRS. SCHIAPP. Newman's marital obligations in this vicinity are not well known, but the foregoing will probably bring the matter to the surface. Officer O'Boyle is looking up the case and will probably learn all the essentials.

Rail Notes.

Assistant Superintendent Dickinson, of the Union Pacific, telegraphed to General Superintendent Smith yesterday that the "terrible war" is over and the strikers are the sickest lot of men in the United States." Everything is running smoothly to-day, and no further trouble is anticipated.

General Manager Callaway has gone to Chicago.

General Freight Agent Milligan, of the St. Joe & Grand Island road is in Omaha yesterday.

L. H. Korty is suffering from a severe attack of neuritis of the eye which he contracted while on duty with the Union Pacific on the Kansas division, in this city.

Yesterday a corps of Union Pacific engineers were at work on the track on Leavenworth street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, straitening one of the side tracks, taking out one of the switches, by way of preparation for running a switch up to McCord, Brady & Co.'s, at the corner of Tenth and Leavenworth streets.

Jon Hoey, formerly a well-known personage of Chinese extraction, about the depot, yesterday dropped in upon the old hands. He used to be the agent of some of the Chinese companies, but in the change of circumstances he has drifted north and south east and west. He is now on his way to the Pacific coast, but expects eventually to return again, and make his home stake in Omaha.

GATHERING INTEREST.

The Revival Services at the Christian Church—Mr. Barrow's Sermon. The discourse of Rev R. C. Barrow last evening was of unusual interest. The text was Acts 8:4; "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." What is said of one is said of all; all were preachers; all did not formally occupy pulpits, but each in their own way preached the word. "Philip went down to Samaria and preached Christ unto them" and in Acts 8:12 we have a model report of the result of a series of meetings: "When they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized both men and women."

All successful meetings held upon the New Testament plan can be reported in precisely the same language, substituting the name of the preacher and the place where the meetings are held for Philip and Samaria. In the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch, God employed as agents an angel, the Holy Spirit and a preacher, and the eunuch was sent to the preacher to direct him to the man to be converted.

"Preaching Jesus" to the eunuch led him to ask, "What hinders me to be baptized?" Those who hold the right of preaching Jesus, and if Jesus is now preached in the same way, the same results will follow. Those who fully and faithfully preach Jesus, announce his last name only. Those who do not, announce the world, "Preach the gospel to every creature, and he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." This will account for the inquiry of the eunuch.

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"MARCHING TO ZION."

The Aim of the Revivalist and People of St. Mary's Avenue Congregational Church.

Gospel services were continued yesterday in the St. Mary's avenue church, conducted by Rev. W. M. Wellman, evangelist. There were present also the pastor, Rev. Willard Scott, Rev. J. L. Maile, Rev. Geo. E. Albrecht, Rev. G. A. Taylor and Messrs. J. E. Johnston, and E. C. Barker, evangelists, who were passing through the city. The meeting opened with "Marching to Zion," and prayer was offered by Mr. Albrecht. Mr. Williams' sermon was from Matt. vi: 33: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," emphasis being laid upon the latter clause. Many are seeking the kingdom of God, but do not desire His righteousness. A religion which has any hope of the future is now possessed of some of the righteousness of the future. Only the pure in heart and life shall see God in peace. After the sermon a testimony meeting was held, at which twenty gave expression to their experience and confidence. The spirit of the service was very tender and several announced themselves for the first time as Christians. The meetings will be continued each evening of this week until Saturday.

"Progress" Progressive.

For several weeks back there has been a paper published in this city called "Progress." It aimed to be friendly to the Knights of Labor, though it hardly stated that it was authorized to speak for them. It yet persisted in paying a great deal of attention to labor matters of which not a little was devoted to the organization in question. It is claimed that one of the heralds of the editorial column in which only friendship to the order was intended to be expressed, was considered as capable of misleading unwary people, and its reports were also considered as capable of being applied in a wrong way. Through a letter sent the publishers a few days ago. The latter promised to comply with the demand, but, if reports be true, they do not only strike out the line in question, but also the name of the editor, Rev. W. E. Copeland was the editor of the paper. The latter line was struck out and Mr. Copeland knew nothing of the fact until last week's paper appeared without his name appearing there. The name of his name was followed by the dispensing with his services at fifteen dollars a week. It was also followed by the retirement of the solicitor for advertisements, John Hanzel, and the name of the editor and solicitor is probably that they are members of the Knights of Labor.

Hospe's Omaha Exhibit.

One of the finest and most cleverly arranged exhibits now in the exposition building is the first one on the left side as one enters the structure from the west door. It is that of A. Hospe, the well-known music and art dealer of Omaha. Mr. H. has aimed to lay before the pharmaceutical convention a full line of druggists art sundries, vases and mouldings in which he does a jobbing business. In making a complete, handsome and tastefully arranged exhibit, he has certainly succeeded most admirably.

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Personal Paragraphs.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Curtis are registered at the Millard. James Young of Fremont registered at the Paxton yesterday. Jno. T. Mallalieu and O. P. Ayer, of Kearney, are at the Paxton.

H. B. Holman, of this place is attending court in Guthrie, Co., Ia. James Young, one of the proprietors of the Eno hotel, Fremont, is at the Paxton. Attorney Wheelon of Lincoln was in town yesterday in attendance upon the United States circuit court.

Captain T. W. T. Richards returned to this city yesterday after a sojourn of three weeks on the Pacific slope.

Ex-Congressman E. K. Valentine of West Point, came into town yesterday and registered at the Millard.

Gen. John M. Thayer and wife arrived from the east yesterday and left immediately for home on the west-bound overland.

P. P. Pomeroy, late of the St. Paul Globe, a bright and genial journalist, has lately been added to the staff of the Herald of this city.

L. B. Wood of this city has gone to Canada in the interest of his new anti-freezing lamp, which he hopes to introduce into a number of railroads in this country before long.

John H. Kimball, of Westfield, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., writes May 20, 1885, that he was suffering with rheumatic fever, and had contended so bad that many times he went twelve days without an evacuation. Given up by physicians, he, as a last resort, took Brandreth's Pills, two every night for seven weeks. Now he is an entirely well man and never uses any other medicine for himself or family. He will answer any inquiries.

A hen owned by John Bartlett, of Old Colony, Mass., has adopted an assured method of paying her board. Nearly every day she comes to the house door making a peculiar noise, and, on being admitted, goes to the lounge and deposits an egg. Laying the egg in the family in the actual position of the "spot cash," she again finds the door, and, by a peculiar note, asks to be let out, going about her business apparently feeling that she has made adequate return for her keeping.

An Excellent Caterer Rewarded.

Mr. Leutz, a restaurant keeper at No 8 Williams Court for nineteen years past, and caterer for the well-known Sherman House in Court Square, was in no particular need of the money which he received for one dollar spent in one-fifth of ticket No. 23,234 in the April drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery, but he will not use it. He is an old member of the Society of Elks, and a past commander of Post 21, G. A. R. (Boston, Mass.) Commercial and Shipping List, April 23.

On the eastern bank of the Rio Grande

river, and about six miles from Las Cruces, N. M., is a colony of people whose customs, history and religion are the most peculiar to be found in the country. They call themselves "Faithees" and have a book written by one of themselves; have a new calendar in which the days, Sabbaths and holidays, are changed, and the months are called signs; eat only two meals a day, while fish and wine are forever forbidden as an article of food.

Purely vegetable, prompt, safe, Red Star Congru Cake.

Twenty-five cents.

Mrs. Patsy Brander, a respected colored woman of New Orleans, dropped dead in church Sunday night, while dressing some candidate for baptism.

By the agency of the "Free and Open Church Association" forty-six churches of the English establishment were during the year of 1885 made free.

The task of a mastodon of immense size was unearthed last week near Dallas, W. T. It is said that the country in that section is rich in geological treasures.

A British expert has a list of sixty-three vessels in the British navy, about half of them in service, which he thinks should be "sold, broken up or blown up, but in no case repaired."

The Baltimore American has, in its career of thirteen years, been defended in fifty-five libel suits, and in only one has it ever suffered a verdict for damages, and in that one case the damages were trifling.

A woman of Southington, Conn., killed a hen, and in opening it was amazed to see a six-inch snake run out of its stomach.

Vail has beautified its city park by planting 250 shade trees.

Judge Berka's Opinion.

Judge Berka proposes to pay the greatest attention to the case of Taylor vs. Croft, the money lender, which he has taken under his review. He will deliver his opinion on Friday at 2 o'clock.

The boat club will soon have two new single sculls.

The Ladies' Musical society meets on Wednesday afternoon, May 13, at Meyer's hall.

Constable Edgerton and S. S. Falker are making arrangements to establish a new collecting agency in this city.

A new stone gable sidewalk is about to be laid on Fifteenth street in front of Frenzer's block.

There will be a meeting this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, of the assessors of the city in the office of the county commissioners.

There is not the slightest evidence here that there has been a strike in the country, to judge from the hundred of brick and frame buildings which are being erected throughout the city.

A manure pile near the corner of Eighth and Jones streets is complained of by the residents in that locality, and the police have orders to arrest any person caught dumping refuse matter there.

Nellie Potter and Lulu Blanchard, residents of that unsavory corner of Seventeenth and Harney known as "Murray Hill" have been arrested by the police, who are determined to clean out that locality.

The Nickle Plate circus returned to Omaha yesterday and will open a show at the corner of Clark and Eighteenth streets. The circus went as far west as Grand Island, and struck a snag in the railroad strike which injured its business, so that it left hastily.

The law partnership which has heretofore existed between Milton S. Lindsay and Robt. W. Patrick has been dissolved. Mr. Lindsay retiring on account of the failure of his health. Mr. Patrick will continue the business at the old office in Paxton building.

A line of sewer was being laid across Sixteenth street near Izard yesterday when an excavator got it into