# COUNCIL BLUFFS DEPARTMENT

### MINOR MENTION.

Mrs. E. Rogers is visiting in Imogene.

W. H. Rodman of Tabor is at the Neumayer.

Elmer Shearer and wife of Creston are Bluffs visitors.

Rev. J. G. Lemen and wife are visiting at Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Minnie Williamson has returned from a visit to Des Moines.

Miss Olla Cook, who has been ill for several days, is reported to be convalescing.

C. G. Saunders will address the McKinley and Hobart club at Glenwood Tuesday night.

Misses Carrie and Annie Lee of Keokuk, Ia., are the guests of Miss Mabel Lacey of Harrison street.

Mrs. Ransdal and daughter, who have been visiting here, have returned to their home in Indiana.

C. T. Heydecker of Waukeegon, Ill., will deliver an address at the Woodmen's picnic at Manawa on August 12.

The Grand hotel, Council Bluffs. High class in every respect. Rates, $2.50 per day and upward. E. E. Clarke, proprietor.

Alderman Brown is reported to be slowly regaining his health and expects to be able to attend the council meeting on August 10.

In the district court yesterday Mary Benedict brought suit against George W. Todd and others to foreclose a mortgage on some real estate to secure a claim for $1,400.

Jacob Jaskalek attached the stock and fixtures of the saloon owned by Noll & Haines to secure a bill of $39 for tobacco and cigars. The suit was commenced yesterday in Justice Cook's court.

Thursday evening Nellie Smith entertained a party of friends, the occasion being her sixteenth birthday anniversary. Those present were: Sadie Zoller, Blanch Rudio, Lizzie Platner, Florence Rudio and Annie Zoller.

Alderman Greenshields and City Attorney Hazelton have gone on an extensive tour in the north and east. Before they return they expect to visit Montreal and several other Canadian cities. They will be absent at least a month.

Prof. L. A. Torrens of Omaha has consented to drill the Christian Endeavor chorus and will hold the first meeting for that purpose at the First Presbyterian church on Monday evening. All Endeavorers interested in music are requested to attend. Two rehearsals will be held each week until the convention meets.

C. L. Andrews, while working with the street supervisor's force removing paving from Bryant street, yesterday morning, was struck on the head with a pick in the hands of another workman. Fortunately, the blow was glancing and inflicted only a slight wound in the scalp, which at first bled profusely, but did no further damage.

Mrs. H. O. Cook, who suffered a compound fracture of her ankle just a year ago last night, is in Chicago undergoing treatment. She has not been able to walk a step without the aid of crutches since the accident. The Chicago surgeons have decided that there are several pieces of loose bone that will have to be removed before recovery can be hoped for and it is probable that an operation will be performed at an early date.

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#### Free Concert Sunday.

The Odd Fellows' band will give free concerts Sunday, August 9, afternoon and evening.

AFTERNOON—PART I.

March—Fairmont ..... Rowbotham
Waltz—Tip Top ..... McCash
Overture—Romano ..... Tellig
Serenade—Sweetly Dreaming ..... Snowberger
March—The Grand ..... Minker

PART II.

March—Mozart ..... Boyer
Andante and waltz—Beauties of Athens ..... Alford
Two step—O'er Mountains ..... Walston
Schottisch—The Pansy ..... Rollinson
Waltz—La Belle ..... Rowbotham

EVENING—PART I.

March—University of Pennsylvania ..... Adler
Polka—Stella (Baritone solo) ..... Herndon
Schottische—Lake Side ..... Warner
Overture—Rose Bud ..... Teagans
Serenade—Shades of Evening ..... Chambers

PART II.

March—Farmington ..... Clark
Waltz—The Fawn ..... Pettee
March—Fabio's ..... Reisch
Overture—Garden City ..... Raymond
March—Silver Band ..... Clarke

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Wholesale and retail. J. C. Bixby, 202 Main street.

#### Democratic County Committees.

The democratic county committeemen for the present year have been selected in all precincts except Layton, Washington and Wright townships. They are as follows:

Belknap, S. D. Tobey; Boomer, Lars Jensen; Carson, G. S. Dye; Center, Frank Howe; Crescent, Warren Hough; Garner, J. R. Macrae; Grove, John Harding; Hardin, Conrad Tornetten; Hazel Dell, Thomas Leonard; James, T. H. Greever; Keg Creek, H. F. Saar; Knox, C. T. Healey; Lewis, Joseph Nansel; Lincoln, George Eichhorn; Macedonia, Sylvester Dye; Minden, Henry Groeper; Neola, J. E. Hemsworth; Norwalk, A. O. Wyland; Pleasant, A. M. Scott; Rockford, J. D. Lake; Silver Creek, M. McKenzie; Valley, Theodore Myers; Waveland, John Flint; York, Uriah McLean; City, Richard S. Rawlings; M. C. Goodwin, R. N. Whittlesey, W. H. Knepher, A. C. Graham, W. G. Connor, J. A. Murphy, A. W. Slack, C. J. Dobbins, P. H. Egan, C. C. Graves, J. M. Lewis.

Get a germ-proof filter and save doctors' bills. Only $3. Stephan Bros.

Have your house touched up and your carriage repainted. C. Miller, Main street.

#### Bicycle Meet Program.

The wheel meet at the Driving park on the 15th promises to be quite an event. A program has been arranged as follows:

Quarter mile open, amateur—First prize, value $15; second, $5; third, $2.

Half mile open, professional—First prize, $10 in gold; second, $5 in silver.

Club team race, one mile, amateur—Each team to consist of three men. Value $25.

Roadster race, one mile, amateur—First prize, value, $10; second, $4; third, $1.50.

Two mile open, amateur, paced—First prize, value, $25; second, $10; third, $5; fourth, $1.50.

Three mile tandem, amateur—First prize, value, $25; second, $10. Three tandems to start.

One mile open, professional—First prize, $20 in gold; second, $10 in gold; third, $5 in gold.

Five mile open, amateur, paced—First prize, value, $25; second, $10; third, $5; fourth, $4; fifth, $2.

Special grounds for private picnic parties at Grand Plaza.

Let all of your troubles upward go in the smoke of "General Joe." Peregoy & Moore, sole agents, Council Bluffs, Ia.

#### Modest Test of Gravel.

Street Supervisor Morris is making a modest test of the efficacy of gravel as a repairing material for the wornout cedar block pavements. Work was commenced yesterday morning upon a strip half of the width of the street on Bryant street in front of the city property. The blocks and all of the old rotten lumber are being removed and the space filled with gravel and sand from Wickham's bank, north of town. The gravel being used is mostly coarse sand with an occasional boulder, but it is deemed good enough for experimental purposes. Several kinds of experiments will be made on the short section of the street, and the plan that appears to give the best results will be used on Broadway.

Go to Manawa and camp during the heated term and keep cool.

Good Flather lathe for sale cheap. J. T. Findley, 337 Broadway.

## HIS CUP WAS TOO TEMPTING

### Henry Grantz of Neola Falls After a Hard Struggle.

### CHARGED WITH LARCENY AS BAILEE

#### Uses Funds Intrusted to His Care for Business Purposes in Getting Gloriously Drunk—Grand Jury Takes a Hand.

Mayor Roland of Neola, in the absence of any other available law officer, brought Henry Grantz to the county jail yesterday and turned him over to the keeping of Sheriff Morgan. Grantz has been indicted by the grand jury in the east end of the county upon the charge of larceny as bailee. His trouble was the result of one false step taken several months ago. He is a carpenter, and until two years ago was a worthless tramp and vagabond, who traveled around the country picking up his living wherever he could find it with the least effort. His normal condition was a stage of complete intoxication. Two years ago he fell into the hands of some good samaritans, who succeeded in getting him started right, and since that time he has been an exemplary member of society, with plenty of work to do and a happy family of wife and two children. His reformation was supposed to be complete and he became a pillar in the Methodist church of Neola. Some time ago he contracted with a Mrs. Downs to build a house for her. He was anxious to do the work as cheaply as possible and represented to her that if she would give him money and let him come down to Council Bluffs and buy the lumber he could save her considerable money. The proposition was accepted and Mrs. Downs gave him $35 to apply on the lumber bill. Immediately after reaching the city he wandered into temptation and fell very hard. He indulged in a continuous spree for several days and when he recovered he found that he had spent all of the money but $1.25. The matter was brought to the attention of the grand jury and he was indicted. None of his friends were willing to go his bonds and he was locked up.

#### Both Clubs in One Building.

The democrats have had some little difficulty in securing a building suitable for their headquarters. Arrangements had been made prior to the vacation of the east half of the Eiseman building to lease it. The republican campaign committee had previously leased the west half and the marching clubs were using the upper floors. The delay of the democrats in taking possession of their portion of the building and fitting it up encouraged the idea that they were not intending to do so. The republicans then stretched a McKinley and Hobart streamer clear across the front of the building. This almost broke the hearts of the democratic campaign committee. The situation was discussed in the club meeting on Thursday night and the committee was authorized to cancel its lease if the republican managers would not consent to take down the streamer and agree to occupy only one-half of the front of the building. The two committees had a pleasant conference yesterday and the wishes of the democrats very willingly gratified. Each club will only decorate its own half of the building and there will be no occasion for any feeling. The central figure in the republican decorations will be a mammoth oil painting of McKinley executed by Artist Jenson. Those who have seen it pronounce it to be a piece of portraiture of wonderful merit.

#### Cases in Cook's Court.

In Justice Cook's court yesterday a very much tangled civil case occupied the time of a lot of attorneys and the court. Some time ago John West, a veterinary surgeon, turned over a team of horses to John G. Sullivan to liquidate a $90 grocery bill. The property was conveyed through a regular bill of sale, but the instrument was not recorded promptly. Some time after another creditor of West sued him and obtained judgment for $50. An execution was issued and the horses were attached, but before the attachment papers were served the bill of sale was placed on record. Sullivan brought a suit in replevin against Sheriff Morgan, who held the horses under the attachment. The case was tried yesterday. The matter was taken under advisement until Monday afternoon.

George Snyder, a former employe of the McLaughlin Manufacturing company, swore out a writ of attachment in Justice Cook's court yesterday to secure $25 of unpaid wages. An officer of the court went down to Manawa and seized a lot of machinery, belting and tools. Later in the day the Council Bluffs Coal and Ice company took the same steps to secure a claim of $32.50 and all the machinery in the Manawa shops that was not covered by the first attachment was seized. McLaughlin, the head of the firm, is in Kansas City.

#### Mrs. Cline in Deep Trouble.

Mrs. Fred Cline, who lives on Sixteenth avenue, has been called upon to answer to four criminal charges. Two of them are for cruelty to animals and two are for assault. A neighbor named Sorrenson and his family are the complaining witnesses.

Sorrenson says he had his family cow and horse picketed on the commons in the neighborhood, and that for some reason Mrs. Cline objected to it. She ordered him to take them away and when he refused she seized a club and beat the horse and cow most cruelly. Sorrenson went to rescue his animals, and he says the enraged woman picked up a blacksnake whip and larruped him with it. He got out of her way to avoid trouble, and his son, who was near by, became the object of the woman's wrath. She picked up the club she had been using to beat the helpless animals and started after him, vowing that she would kill him if she caught him. These alleged occurrences are the foundations for the four warrants that have issued from Justice Vien's court for the woman's arrest. The cases were to have been heard yesterday, but were continued until August 11.

#### Chain Gang Broken Up.

The good effect of the return to the plan of working city prisoners on the streets is apparent in the great decrease in the number of arrests for vagrancy. Before the old order was re-established there were ten to thirty prisoners in the city jail all of the time enjoying life with a degree of comfort that seemed to satisfy them, toiling not and getting three square meals a day. When the order went into effect requiring all city prisoners to labor on the streets it was not long before the word was passed to the professional tramps that an arrest in Council Bluffs meant a sentence at hard labor on the streets. Within ten days less than half the usual number of inmates were on hand and there have been frequent intervals since when the jail was tenantless, so far as able-bodied men were concerned. This was the condition yesterday and the officer who has had charge of the chain gang found his occupation gone.

The work the men have done in the way of cleaning the mud from paved streets has amounted to a good deal more than the cost of keeping them and the taxpayers have received some remuneration for the big board bills that have been paid.

#### Firemen on the Way.

The eastern firemen en route to Salt Lake City passed through here yesterday in a train composed of seven Pullmans. Chief Templeton and a number of local firemen were at the depot when the train arrived and renewed many old acquaintances. Charles Sanderson and Captain Bates of the Council Bluffs department joined the party and will make the full scheduled trip, including the North Pacific coast ports. Misses Groneweg and Kerrer and Master George Childs also joined the party and will go through with them to Salt Lake.

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### EVENTS AT THE ROADSTER RACE.

#### Fifteen Hundred People Witness Some Good Work.

Fifteen hundred people spent the hottest afternoon of the season yesterday enjoying the splendid race program provided by the Gentlemen's Roadster club for its regular matinee at the Union Driving park. It was too oppressively hot to permit any effort toward making speed records, but, considering the weather and the condition of the track, the promoters had no reason to feel ashamed of the time made in the various events. The club's invitation to the women was very generally accepted, and more than two-thirds of the spectators were women. Dalbey's band furnished the music. There were four events carded, and the last race was not finished until after 7 o'clock.

The first event was a half mile trot between Oscar Younkerman's sorrel colt Goldie and J. M. Palmer's brown gelding Dick. It required three heats to settle it, and Dick won the last two and the race. Time: 1:33, 1:26 and 1:28 1-5.

The second race was a half mile trot. There were six entries, but four of the horses were scratched on account of the intense heat. The race was between J. M. Pusey's brown mare Linwood and C. A. Jeffries' brown mare Nellie Gay. Linwood won the first two heats and the race in 1:26½ and 1:28½.

The third event was the Council Bluffs doctors' race. It required four heats to settle it. Dr. Don Macrae's chestnut sorrel Edinburg won the second and fourth heats and the race in 1:35. Dr. Seybert's brown gelding Pat MacMahon took the third heat in 1:33. Dr. J. C. Robertson's brown gelding Jack Gentry was third and Dr. Waterman's Brown Dick was fourth. The fourth event was a mile mixed race. Only two of the horses originally entered competed for the prizes. They were L. Holt's Maxey and A. W. Wyman's George. A new horse, Probability, won the first two heats in 2:42½ and 2:38. Maxey was second and George third.

The last event in the cool of the evening, when the thermometer only indicated 98, was a half mile running dash, which was won by Ida Black in 54 seconds.

The matinee was the most pleasant and interesting that has yet been given by the club and establishes the reputation of the owners for giving good clean racing events. Stewart Edgar, Fred Johnson and J. H. Mayne were the judges and time keepers and Fred Davis was starter.

#### Hootons Save Their Dog.

G. T. Hooton and wife will be given an opportunity today to explain why they interfered with one of Dogcatcher Dobson's deputies while he was in the discharge of his duty. Yesterday the dog cart was in the vicinity of the Hooton place on Avenue A, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets. The Hootons own a dog that has earned a bad reputation among the neighbors. The whole dogcatching force had been laying for the dog, and each was working under special orders to get him at the first opportunity. The opportunity came yesterday, and one of the men had the wire noose around the animal's neck when Hooton and his wife came to the rescue. Mrs. Hooton seized and held the dogcatcher while her husband slipped the wire from the dog's neck. In the war that followed the dogcatcher came out second best. Last evening he filed an information in the city clerk's office and the man and woman will be arrested this morning.

#### Diphtheria Epidemic at Neola.

The town of Neola is suffering an epidemic of diphtheria. Some time ago a child in the Jungfirman family was taken sick with some disease that the physicians were unable to correctly diagnose. In the course of time the child died. A public funeral was held at the residence and was largely attended. Many of the little playmates of the dead child were permitted to kiss the corpse. A few days after twelve cases of malignant diphtheria broke out in five of the families whose children had been permitted to attend the funeral. One of the children has died and several others are dangerously ill. Physicians now pronounce the first case to have been diptheria of the most malignant type. All of the cases have been quarantined and every effort is being made to stamp out the disease.

### TWENTY THOUSAND TO MOVE.

#### Inhabitants of a Brazilian City Taking Up New Quarters En Masse.

The greatest exodus that the world has ever seen since the children of Israel departed out of the land of Egypt—nearly 3,500 years ago—will soon take place in Brazil.

All the inhabitants of a city of over 20,000 population, the capital of one of the largest and richest states of that country, will in a few days abandon their homes en masse. What makes this wholesale exodus more remarkable, relates the New York Journal, is the fact that these 20,000 people will move in a body into a new city, which for two years has been in process of erection for their occupancy, and which is as yet untenanted, save by the artisans and laborers who are putting the finishing touches to the miles of streets and the spacious public buildings and private palaces.

The city which is on the point of being thus abandoned to the wild beasts which swarm in the forests about it is Ouro-Preto, the capital of the mining state of Minas-Geraes, in the southeastern part of Brazil. It was founded nearly two centuries ago by the gold seekers.

Ouro-Preto has been unique among cities for several reasons, one being that it has but a single street, and that several miles in length. The town is built along a narrow gorge in the mountains known as the Sierra de Minas-Geraes, a part of the mighty chain which rises far back from the coast of eastern Brazil. Though it lies some 5,000 feet above the sea level, the air is always so damp that everything not kept in air-tight cases becomes mildewed within a short time. There is no such thing as a carriage of any description in this mountain city, and even riding muleback is dangerous, for the single street, which twists and winds for miles, is probably the roughest in the world, there being but few level stretches of more than a dozen yards in all its length. A portion of it lies along the edge of a deep chasm, at the bottom of which roars one of the mountain torrents which help to make the great Rio de Francisco.

Another remarkable thing about this town is fully half of the inhabitants have lived of late years in the exhausted galleries which the miners have hewn out of the rock along the mountain side in their search for gold. The other dwellings are perched at varying heights up and down the sides of the steep spurs which jut into and sometimes almost cross the narrow pass.

The new city which the people of Ouro-Preto are having guilt for them will be the direct antithesis of the old. Though the town has been the capital of the province and state for many years, and its inhabitants are wealthy, they recognized the fact a few years ago that the time was near at hand when they would have no occupation or revenue. They, therefore, met in council, and it was decided to find some place where they could employ their accumulated wealth to advantage. It was thereupon decided that a committee of citizens should search for a spot favorable for the location of a new city; that this new townsite should be in a fertile region in the lowlands of the province, which would offer every advantage for commerce and communication with the interior and the coast by water and by rail, and that upon such a spot being found a town should be built there, which, when completed, would be at once occupied and the old city utterly abandoned.

The new city which has risen is built on the plan in vogue in all South American towns, and has a great central square or plaza in the center. It has an extensive park and artificial lake and other ornamental waters. At one end of the town, which will continue to be the capital of the state, an imposing palace for the president has been constructed, and not far distant are the botanic and zoological gardens. There are two theaters already built. The principal buildings, such as the extensive offices which will be occupied by the government, the law courts, the cathedral, the railway station, and several of the large hotels, have already been completed, and many of the more imposing private residences are ready for occupancy.

One of the first enterprises it was decided to engage in was that of slaughtering cattle, and therefore extensive abattoirs have been constructed in the outskirts of the city. The railroad built as soon as the site was chosen, bringing the new city into direct communication with the central Brazilian line. The city will be lit by electricity, and the most improved methods of draining employed. A telegraph line extends to Rio Janeiro, and a fully equipped telephone service will be one of the future city of Minas' conveniences.

## South Omaha News.

Many persons in South Omaha question the advisability of the Board of Education building a two room frame school house on the property on Twenty-sixth street, near M street. The High school has been overcrowded for a number of years and it has been necessary to rent outside rooms to accommodate all of the pupils. Every year the attendance is increasing, and Superintendent Munroe has urged the board to make some changes at the High school building in order to provide room for pupils. At present the board is renting the second floor of the Abrams block, at Twenty-fifth and N streets, for which $20 a month is paid for nine months, and $10 a month for the three summer months. This makes a total of $210 a year rental, which includes heat. An ex-member of the Board of Education was talking about the proposed building yesterday, and he said, "A two room frame building will cost at least $1,000 to build, exclusive of a heating plant and coal. That would amount to at the start, five years rent of the rooms in the Abrams block, which accommodate from eighty to ninety pupils. It will be a short time only until an eight or twelve room building in the district between N and Q streets will be an absolute necessity, and I think the building of a two-room annex would be squandering the people's money. Another school house ought to be build now, but with the present arrangements the board can get along very nicely until the time comes when it will have money enough to put up a large, substantial building.

Several other ex-members spoke of the matter in about the same strain.

#### Equestrian Club to Join the Parades.

The Stock Yards Equestrian club has accepted an invitation from the managers of the Ak-Sar-Ben to take part in two parades during the state fair. The first will be the military and civic parade on Tuesday evening, September 1, and the other is the county float parade on Wednesday evening, September 2. There will be at least seventy-five members, all handsomely mounted and wearing bright, new uniforms. The club uniform is white duck trousers, black leather leggings, black cutaway coats and white Fedora hats. Each horse will be fitted out in a blue saddle blanket, with red trimmings and a cowboy saddle. Since the organization of the club two drills a week have been held, and now the men and horses are proficient in the ordinary military movements. It is expected that the club will be one of the features of the parades.

#### Cleaning Up the City.

Garbagemaster Lenagh is working hard these days to get the city cleaned up, and is meeting with very good success. At first there was some opposition to the orders of the garbagemaster, but after one or two arrests had been made the people commenced to clean up the alleys themselves and made life easier for the officials. The principal opposition to the garbagemaster was on account of the prices he charged for the work done. At first his charges were nearly double what teamsters were willing to do the hauling for, but Mr. Lenagh made a cut in his price list, and now the work is progressing rapidly.

#### Magic City Gossip.

William Wood is building a $1,000 cottage at Nineteenth and I streets.

H. L. Robinson, a Dallas, Colo., cattle man, is in the city on business.

H. L. Goold of Sidney brought four cars of cattle to this market yesterday.

W. F. Ernest, a business man located at McCook, spent yesterday in the city.

Mrs. J. L. Martin left yesterday for Wisconsin, where she will spend a few weeks.

E. C. Lane has taken out a permit to erect a $2,500 residence at Twenty-third and H streets.

Mrs. W. B. Wyman, Twenty-first and H streets, has gone to Michigan to visit during the hot weather.

Last night Oak Leaf grove, No. 8, Woodmen Circle, gave a public installation of officers at A. O. U. W. hall.

City Clerk Carpenter celebrated his twenty-ninth birthday yesterday by setting out cigars to callers at his office.

South Omaha people cannot get to Riverview park for one fare. The street car company now issues transfers at Dodge street.

City Treasurer Broadwell is making up a list of delinquent personal taxes since 1889 and will start a collector out in a day or two.

The Presbyterian King's Daughters' entertainment at Mrs. Haid's last evening was a very pleasant affair and was well attended.

J. L. Bentley, commercial agent of the B. & M. at Deadwood, S. D., was in the city yesterday, the guest of the Union Stock Yards company.

Mike Hoffman's little daughter was bitten by a dog yesterday, while playing near the west end of the Q street viaduct. A policeman shot the dog.

The First Methodist Episcopal church Sunday school picnicked at Syndicate park yesterday afternoon and a very pleasant time was reported by those who attended.

Yesterday's receipts wiped out the decrease in hog receipts as compared with the same period of 1895. The footings now are 734,487 head, or 311 head more than up to August 7, 1895.

Mrs. J. Sekyra, the woman who was killed by lightning Wednesday, was buried yesterday. Funeral services were held at the Bohemian Catholic church and the remains were interred at St. Mary's cemetery.

### ECHO OF A FORGOTTEN SCANDAL.

#### Mrs. M. F. Tunnell Breaks Into Print with a New Story.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The bonus subscribed by the business men of this city to aid in locating a smelter here has been paid to the committee having the matter in charge, and it is expected the manufacturers of the plant will ship the plant here at once. The smelter is being built by a Chicago firm and will treat ores by a process which will enable the Silver Crown ores to be smelted at a good profit to the mine owners of the district.

## CASH VALUE OF KIND ACTS

### Generosity of Strangers Brings Substantial Rewards.

### SAMPLE INSTANCES IN CALIFORNIA

#### Dying Men Who Have Left Large Estates to Those Who Had Befriended Them—Philip's Extraordinary Luck.

There are several instances of men and women in California who have become heirs to fortunes of upward of a half million of dollars by the merest chance, writes a correspondent of the New York Sun. One or two cases are known in the state where men and women have received bequests of very valuable property by persons whom they barely knew. Take the case of John Briswalter, who died in Los Angeles in the summer of 1881, leaving an estate of over $250,000 to two persons who happened to be attentive to him in his last and only illness. Briswalter came from some little town in Ontario, Canada. He came to California in the 60s, made money in the San Gabriel mines, and went extensively into sheep herding.

Briswalter was an ignorant man and wonderfully industrious. He worked day and night with his band of sheep, saved every cent, and bought more sheep and land. When he was 45 he was worth $80,000, and when he was 60 he had 17,000 sheep, real estate in Los Angeles, and a large ranch near the city. He grew more miserly in his old age, and for weeks at a time lived on the meanest fare of a common sheep herder, while his annual income ranged from $15,000 to $17,000.

One day Briswalter came into Los Angeles to deposit money in the bank. While in town he was taken ill suddenly. He was so filthy that none of the large hotels or boarding houses wanted him brought there, and he declared he would not pay a big price for board and room anywhere. A resident of Los Angeles, Louis Mesmer, was told that Briswalter was seriously sick down in the rear of a saloon. He knew Briswalter, and went down to see the man. He took pity on him and ordered that the miser be taken to his (Mesmer's) house. Briswalter never recovered. A week later the physician told the sick man that he had a day at most to live.

"But how can I die," groaned the old sheep herder, "I can't leave all my land and sheep."

For several hours Briswalter tried to think as best he could how to dispose of his property. He had almost forgetten the very names of his brothers and sisters, and had not the least idea whether they were alive. He sent for Stephen M. White, then a young lawyer in Los Angeles and now United States senator from California, and ordered his will immediately drawn up. He gave $10,000 to the Roman Catholic church of Los Angeles, and left the residue of his estate to Louis Mesmer and his little daughter, who were kind to him at the last. The father and daughter thus inherited land and other securities that, since the phenomenal rise in the value of real estate in Los Angeles, have brought upward of $340,000. Briswalter's brother, who lost no time in coming to southern California when he heard of the wealth his long unknown brother had died possessed of, tried for several years to break the will, but failed.

The beautiful Santa Margarita ranch in the Ojai valley, valued at about $80,000, went to its late owner by the will of a dying friend. Hiram Westcott came to California, poor and hopeful, some years before the civil war, from Norwalk, Conn. He had the money-making instinct. He was purchasing agent for several years for the Huntington, Stanford & Crocker company while it was building the Central Pacific railroad, and he grew wheat when the road was finished. He was married, but had so many quarrels with his wife that he was glad to let her get a divorce and go away with $15,000 of his money. He never wrote letters, and it was his boast when he was a ranchman that he never went to the postoffice. He had to pay the men on his ranch large wages, because he swore at them so much and was always abusive. Twice he was jailed for assaulting men in a fit of anger.

Westcott died suddenly when he was about 57 years old, and in the iron safe in his room was found a will, carefully written, giving all his property to a young merchant, J. D. Patterson, and his wife, who lived in an adjoining county. For some time Patterson could not think why he and his wife had been the subject of such extraordinary bounty at the hands of Westcott, whom he had barely known and his wife had never seen. But a workman on the Santa Margarita ranch explained it. A year or two previous to his death Westcott was arrested for knocking down a man with whom he had a war of words. Patterson was one of the jurymen in the case, and while the jury was in deliberation the rich ranchman happened to hear through the open window of the jury room Patterson say that he believed Westcott was persecuted because he was an infidel, and that, therefore, he (Patterson) would sit there a week before he would give a verdict against him. Westcott went to his ranch home that very night and made a will by which he bequeathed all he had to Patterson.

The manner of bequeathing the rich estate of Jacob Schaub, Yavhpai county, Arizona, has been talked over in camps of miners and prospectors for twenty years. Schaub was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, and came to America in 1851 a poor emigrant with only one acquaintance in the country. In time he drifted west, and as a teamster he joined a party of people starting out from Missouri to drive across the plains. For eleven years, or until 1870, he led the roving life of a gold-mining prospector in California and the southwest territories, never hearing either directly or indirectly any word from his old home in Germany, and knowing nothing about the world except that which was talked about the mining camps. Schaub was one of the two prospectors who found the Eagle gold and silver mine in northern Arizona, forty-two miles from Prescott. He was poorer and more ragged when he and his partner found the Eagle mine than he had ever been before.

Schaub and his partner had no trouble in getting capital interested in such a promising mine, and a third partner, who put $27,000 in the property and gave his experience as a practical miner, was taken into the firm. In 1873 Schaub was reckoned worth $150,000, and a year later he had an offer for his share in the Eagle of $180,000. Along in the fall of 1874 Schaub was taken with a low fever—known all over the Pacific coast as mountain fever—a peculiar form of miasmic poisoning. He was ill several weeks and a doctor was called from Prescott to attend the patient. Schaub became alarmingly ill and one day he was told that his death was very near. He was asked if he had any provision to make of his rich mining interests and for several hours he tried to think of some one at his old home to make rich by a bequest. Then the memory of the cruel manner in which he had been driven away from his boyhood home by his parents so as to make room for other and younger children, and the lack of interest in him and his welfare by all at the old home in Germany since he had gone forth from it, affected him.

"Bring something to write on," moaned the feverish and dying man. "Get the first thing you can."

The sick man lay in a rude bed in his mountain cabin. Notwithstanding he had grown from poverty to riches in the few years he had lived there, he was a typical miner in that he never altered his primitive mode of life, even when he had an income of $100 a day from his mine. There were but the bare necessities in or about the place and the doctor had gone miles away. One of the men who attended Schaub picked up a bit of clean, smooth pine shingle that lay just outside the cabin door, while another produced a stub end of a pencil from his pocket. The patient was gently raised in bed by the miner friends and held there while he managed, by summoning all his remaining strength, to write laboriously on the bit of shingle as follows:

"Notise. I give all property I hev got in Arizona to Bill Davis and Doctor Brinker, becaus they hev treeted me good. Signed,

"J. SCHAUB."

The dying man had barely finished writing his name when he fell back fainting on his pillow. In a few hours more he was dead, but the miners who were about the bedside had each added his signature beneath the words of the deceased in attestation of the fact that they had witnessed Schaub's last will and testament.

That piece of shingle was admitted in the probate courts of Arizona as the will of Jacob Schaub and is still filed among the legal documents of the territory. There was of course the formal procedure of advertising for heirs of kinship and the usual period of waiting for heirs and creditors to turn up, but none ever came to light except William E. Davis of Tucson and Dr. Samuel Brinker of Prescott, who were named as Schaub's heirs. They each proved that they had befriended the poor German in days when he had a hard struggle with the world, that they were the "Bill Davis" and the "Doctor Brinker" meant in the words on the shingle. Each of them got, first and last, some $170,000 in cash from the estate.

The richest man in Los Angeles county, Louis Phillips of Spadra, got his wealth through the kindness of a man who had been many years in the new El Dorado, and had lost all home ties and knew not what relatives he had living. The San Jose ranch was owned from 1850 until 1859 by a Pennsylvania Dutchman named Spileman. He got it for a song from the Mexicans and used it as a vast range for cattle. It consisted of about 22,000 acres, and was worth in those days, when Los Angeles and San Diego were lazy adobe pueblos and there was no railroad west of the Missouri river and but a few white people lived in all southern California, about $35,000. The ranch lay in the eastern part of Los Angeles county. Nothing grew there (before the days of irrigation and Yankee thrift) but bunch grass and foxtail. Spileman employed a young ranchman, Louis Phillips, a Prussian, who was the best vaquero in the region. The two men were intimate. In some way Spileman became involved in trouble with the Mexican cattlemen on the range about his, and he had notice one day that he would have two days in which to quit the country. He had been too long a ranger to look lightly upon such a demand, for had he not seen too many cow punchers and cattlemen lying dead in the grass and chaparral miles away from any habitation with bullets through them. Calling his faithful lieutenant, Phillips, to him he explained the situation.

"It means death at almost any hour by an unknown assassin if I stay here," said Spileman, "and now why can't you take this range and pay me what you see fit? I've not chick or hen in the world to think of, and you can get what there is in it."

Phillips said that all he had in the world was a few thousand dollars, and that was too small a sum to pay for such a property. Finally it was agreed that Phillips should take the San Jose ranch and its cattle for $12,000, paying $4,000 down and then sending the remaining $8,000 at the close of the season to his friend Spileman in San Francisco. The sale of the cattle that fall yielded to Phillips over $13,000, and he sent all the proceeds to his former employer and friend and got a deed in full for the great ranch. The war came in 1861, and all the cattlemen made money very fast. In ten years Phillips was worth over $150,000. Today he has an income of fully $100,000 a year, and his possessions are worth over $2,500,000. Parts of the cattle range that he got from his friend on such advantageous terms have been sold at $400 and $500 an acre for orange groves. The city of Fomona had sprung up and grown over several square miles of the range, and the great Chino sugar beet factory and the 5,000 acres of beets cover a corner of the property. Spileman went broke years ago in the Mining exchange in San Francisco, and has been dead many years.

### WAS THE BOYS' NIGHT TO RIDE.

#### Newsboys and Bootblacks Take Up the Trolley Party Fad.

The newsboys and bootblacks took a trolley ride last night. For several hours and until they finally launched upon their trip they were very much in evidence. Crowds of people lined the streets watching the progress of the cavalcade and by their frequent plaudits showed that others besides the boys were enjoying the evening.

It was a period long to be remembered in the history of several hundred of Omaha's most lusty-lunged and promising young "business men." The event did not come off without much preparation. The arrangements leading up to it have been in steady progress for days and in consequence the troupe of "Mogy's boys" marched about the streets from point to point like a band of trained militia. Every squad had its leader and by dint of continual drilling, which has been carried on for some nights past upon South Eighteenth street, the art of military drill had been acquired.

"Mogy" Bernstein, the bootblack king, acted as grand chief marshal. Arrayed in a glistening black tile and full dress suit he sat in a special carriage and called his forces to order for marching, about 7:30, at the corner of Eighteenth and Farnam streets. Assistant Grand Chief Marshal Joe Thomas on horseback led the cavalcade. Next came the Y. M. C. A. Boys' band in white uniform; next in order the bootblack king and his carriage, and, following in line, about 400 newsboys and bootblacks. Passing down Farnam street, The Bee, "Mogy's Place and the World-Herald were serenaded. The line of march was then taken over Tenth street to Douglas street and thence to Sixteenth street down to Schaefer's drug store, where the boys were given a lunch consisting of sandwiches, apples, lemonade and rootbeer. This, as well as the trolley ride, was the donation of Mr. Schaefer and he was lustily cheered. "Mogy" made a speech, thanking him for the entertainment, after which there were more cheering and more music. The ride was commenced from the corner at Fifteenth and Farnam streets about 9 o'clock and extended over the various parts of the city.

## AMUSEMENTS.

Another large-sized crowd went out to the Charles street park last evening to see the high divers, the diving horse and the other attractions, not the least of which is the wonderful shooting of Dr. Carver. The great feature of the performance is the high divers and the diving horses. Most people who have seen the tall tower, rising up ninety feet from the ground, can scarcely believe that anyone would be foolhardy enough to leap from its summit into a small pond of water below, but Gustavus Rhyburg, the Swedish wonder, and George Clark, the Chicago boy, do the trick every performance. Not only do they make the leap, but they do it with perfect safety to themselves, though to the ordinary mortal it would be fatal to attempt it. With the utmost assurance they leap from the high platform and come down as gracefully as a swallow. There will be a matinee this afternoon and Sunday afternoon, with the usual performance this evening.

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