

LOVE MESSAGE ON AN EGG

Fictitious Note Catches Foolish Men from All Parts of Country.

JOKER IS OMAHA EMPLOYE OF ARMOUR'S

Edward W. Crook Tells of the Amazing Experiences He is Having as Result of His Trick.

Many a swain in various parts of the country has, during the past few weeks, been burning the midnight oil and laboring strenuously composing love letters to "Miss E. Crook of Omaha. Of course there must have been a cause for such action, and the cause was set forth in the following story which was related by Edward W. Crook, who resides at 207 Hamilton street and who is an egg candler in the employ of Armour & Company at South Omaha. Said Mr. Crook:

"Sometime ago it occurred to me that it might be amusing to write a few letters on eggs which passed through my hands, and which go to all parts of the United States. Accordingly I composed several messages which I thought would about fit any young man looking for a wife, and wrote them on the egg shells with an indelible pencil. These eggs were packed in cases with others, and were shipped to every point of the compass. The result, obtained from the letters were all that could be expected.

"The first answer I received was from a vaudeville artist in Camden, N. J. He said:

"My dear girl, I just received your letter written on the egg. I quickly decided that it has fallen into the proper hands. In fact it occurred to me that divine inspiration tempted you to indite the loving epistle, and no less divine action caused it to fall into my hands. It is my firm belief that matches are made in Heaven and in my judgment we should be united."

"How He Got Letter.

"But I must tell you the romantic circumstances under which your message was received. I had gone into a small restaurant during the early morning hours to partake of my usual light luncheon, on which I began the day. It usually consists of soft boiled eggs and toast and so it was on this particular morning. When the eggs were served I noticed writing on the shell, which I immediately proceeded to read, thinking at first that it was perhaps some mercenary motive on the part of an egg dealer which caused it to be there. Imagine my surprise when I quickly deciphered your message. For a moment my heart almost stood still. In place of eating the egg I quietly slipped it into my pocket and hurried to my room, where after copying off your address I broke the egg and proceeded to read it.

"Now it is my opinion that you were created for each other, and I hope that you will send me your photograph at once and also answer this letter."

"The letter was answered, but not in the way that the actor anticipated.

"Another letter was received from a young man who said he thought the comedian and was needing a wife badly. He lived in Scranton, Pa. He favored Mr. Crook with the information that he had a good job and would be glad to divide the proceeds of his weekly stipend with a good looking young woman who would consent to be his wife.

"Old Miner Also Bites.

"A miner, who said he was making \$450 per day, sent in his tale of love from a mining camp in the mountains of Washington. He said it cost him \$250 to get this letter carried to the nearest postoffice. Business with him, he stated, was so good that he could not get any more work to seek a wife on account of the wages he would lose while on the journey to Omaha, and further, the management of the mining property could not very well spare him just at that particular time. He would be willing, however, to send the amount of the fare from the mine to the nearest station where he was working in Washington if the young woman would be willing to come. As an afterthought, he stated at the conclusion of his letter, that in case she did not wish to go to him without knowing more about him, he would try and get a couple of days off from work and get his picture taken. He desired that in case she did not condescend to come at once she would send him her picture and he would immediately, or as soon as he could, reciprocate with his.

"A picture of a very charming young woman was secured and forwarded to the foolish old miner and he returned a reply in a hurry. But the answer he received to the second letter put him out of the matrimony business, so far as "Miss" Crook was concerned and sent him back to the mine. Replies are still coming in and Mr. Crook says there are still a large number to be read. When the letters are received they are passed around among the laboring companions of the egg correspondent and create much amusement.

PASSENGER RUNS INTO FREIGHT

Several of Train Crew Injured and Traffic Delayed for a Number of Hours.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Saturday, December 28, at 12:15 p. m. there was a wreck on the Burlington & Missouri River railroad at Aberdeen, Mont. Freight train No. 47 headed on a switch to let No. 6 pass. It was on a sharp curve. No. 47, closely following, ran into the rear of No. 6 and fifteen cars were demolished, the engine badly damaged and Engineer A. C. Spaworth internally injured. The fireman's hands and feet were scalded and Conductor Hies and the rear brakeman slightly injured. The loss of property is not known. Other trains were delayed several hours.

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AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

"Miss Petticoats" at the Krug.

Kathryn Osterman and company in "Miss Petticoats," a comedy-drama in four acts by George F. Johnson. The story is taken from the novel of the same name under the direction of J. J. Rosenthal. The cast:

Agatha Reiner, "Miss Petticoats"; Kathryn Osterman, "The Countess Forny"; Kathryn Osterman, "Capt. Joel Stewart, her grandfather"; Frank Levarise, "His Sable Cavalier"; Charles R. Burrows, "Hank Dowdson"; Frederick L. Power, "Rev. Ralph Harding"; Joseph Manning, "Mrs. Loring"; John Hawthorne, "Rev. Archibald Greenacre"; John Hawthorne, "James Anderson, a cousin"; Josephine Victor, "Horatio Altherton, a stockbroker"; Milton Brown, "Hiram"; H. M. Kavan, "Frederick Lathrop"; Frank Carlton, "Arthur Filding"; Benjamin Dudley, "Mr. Sarah Copeland"; Agnes Wordin, "Mrs. Loring"; Josephine Victor, "Mrs. Rev. Archibald Greenacre"; Marie Susie Brent, an enigma; Mary Keogh.

One year ago Kathryn Osterman sang her merry songs and was applauded by her local admirers at the Orpheum, yesterday she simulated all the emotions from girlish glee and rapture to womanly sorrow, rage, hatred, triumph and love, and was again applauded to the echo at the Krug.

Miss Osterman has given over her vaudeville work for the more serious and engaging drama, "Miss Petticoats," and her external appearance is to be accepted as a basis for an opinion, she is doing right well in her new venture. Miss Osterman has talent, and within the range of her possibilities is decidedly clever. She has the excellent judgment not to understand that which she can not do, and a result she does what she does do with charming taste.

"Miss Petticoats" is a peculiar sort of a comedy-drama, asking almost as much of the audience as it does of the company. It is a connected story of much interest, with the elements so mixed that it is impossible to say which predominates, but it is certain that after the prologue, which might be shortened without destroying its value to the play, the worldly wise auditor settles himself to see the rest of the act, anyhow, to see what becomes of the girl. And after the first act he stays in order to see how she gets out of it. The situations are in a sense new to that particular kind of drama and are decidedly refreshing, both in detail and development. "Miss Petticoats" tells the story of a girl who is heiress to a French title and fortune, but who has lived all her life with her maternal grandfather, a retired whaler, in the cabin of his stranded ship. She eventually breaks the cocoon, and gets out into the world. The way is not so very pleasant, in fact, it is quite the reverse, but she wins in the end.

Miss Osterman is charming as the girl; she still has full control of the arts and graces of the youngsters, and hasn't forgotten how to be a good healthy girl, full of the fun of innocence. She develops into a woman without the loss of the charm, her fun merely losing itself in the serious business of life. All the way through she holds herself well in hand, and even in her most intense moments shows that she understands the value of repression, and gives a very natural and satisfying interpretation to a role that, in its simplicity might easily be overacted and thus spoiled.

Miss Osterman's manager has had the good sense to surround his star with an uncommonly strong and evenly selected company. Each member of the cast shares in the success of the production, and each is entitled to a share in the general praise that is due such an organization. The scenery used in the production is also a great factor in the pleasure afforded by the entertainment. It is accurate in detail and artistic in conception and execution.

Vaudeville at the Creighton-Orpheum.

This week's offering at the Creighton-Orpheum has almost all the elements of a successful drama, and the production is also a great factor in the pleasure afforded by the entertainment. It is accurate in detail and artistic in conception and execution.

Madame Butterfly.

But she does what she does do with charming taste. The scenery used in the production is also a great factor in the pleasure afforded by the entertainment. It is accurate in detail and artistic in conception and execution.

Adolph and Rudolph at the Boyd.

Two Sunday audiences of the customary size laughed and applauded Mason and Mason on the occasion of their annual evening stand at the Boyd theater yesterday. This pair of German eccentrics have lost none of their power to please, but keep right up to the minute in methods. The company this season is larger than last year's and contains a number of good comedians, showing tremendous strength in all they do. A host of pictures is projected by the kinodrome.

Three Insane Men at Jail.

Trio of Queer Acting Persons Are Rounded Up and Detained by the Police.

Three insane men were taken to the police station yesterday. J. Verpakofski of 125 Pacific street and Charles Armstrong of 2740 S. 10th, were rounded up early in the day by Detective McCarthy, and O. Whitney of Elk City was met at the Union depot by Officers Cunningham and Heelan, upon advice of the Elk City authorities. Whitney was accompanied by W. E. Turner, who will make a complaint against the Elk City man this morning. Whitney is 46 years of age and it is stated that he has shown symptoms of insanity for some time.

NEW TROOPS AT FORT CROOK

First and Third Battalions of Thirtieth Regiment Arrive from West.

RECEPTION TENDERED THE SOLDIERS

Wearry Travelers Who Come from Manila to Succeed Twenty-Second Glad to End Their Long Journey.

The First and Third battalions of the Thirtieth United States Infantry arrived at Fort Crook yesterday afternoon and early yesterday. The First and Third battalions, with headquarters at Manila, and the Twenty-second infantry two months ago.

Those contributing to the feast were: Cudahy & Co., Armour & Co., Swift and Company, Jetter Brewing company, Metz Bros. Brewing company, Fred Krug Brewing company, Schultz Brewing company and J. W. Lowry of Fort Crook. Groceries were contributed by Paxton, Gallagher & Co., McCord, Brady & Co., Hayden Bros. and Meat by the Central Meat Market of Omaha. The boys were very grateful for the feast and heartily enjoyed it after their long and weary ride from San Francisco.

Four Long Tables Used.

Four long tables were provided for the feast in the mess hall, and citizens and members of the Sixth Infantry acted as hosts for the occasion. After dinner had been served, and the various companies assigned to their barracks, the officers of the Thirtieth were entertained at luncheon by the officers located at the post, at the Post club.

The officers accompanying the First battalion were: Colonel O'Connell, commanding the regiment; Captain Frank A. Wilcox, regimental adjutant; Captain Isaac Erwin, regimental company and acting regimental quartermaster; First Lieutenant Lindsay P. Rucker, commanding Company A; Second Lieutenant Albin L. Clark, Company A; First Lieutenant Dwight B. Lawton, commanding Company B; Second Lieutenant Jacob W. S. West, Company B; Captain Harry H. Tschelt, commanding Company C; First Lieutenant Benjamin R. Wade, Company C; First Lieutenant Charles W. Weeks, commanding Company D; battalion adjutant; First Lieutenant Ode C. Nichols, Company D; Second Lieutenant Henry Husefeld, battalion quartermaster; Captain William E. Welsh, commanding Company K; Third Battalion; First Lieutenant Carry A. Snoddy, assistant surgeon.

Those officers arriving with the Third battalion at an early hour this morning were: Major George R. Cecil, commanding the battalion; First Lieutenant J. Millard Little, commanding Company I; Second Lieutenant Walter Kreuger, Company I; First Lieutenant George B. Sharon, temporarily in command of Company K; Second Lieutenant George R. Guild, Company K; First Lieutenant Edward R. Stone, commanding Company L; Second Lieutenant Stuart A. Howard, Company L; First Lieutenant William A. Carleton, battalion adjutant; Second Lieutenant Homer E. Lewis, battalion quartermaster and commissary.

Accompanied by Wives.

These officers were accompanied by their wives: Captain Erwin, Captain Tabetts, Lieutenant Wade, Lieutenant Weeks (Mr. Welsh remained over at Lincoln to visit friends). Lieutenant Erwin, Captain Welsh (Mrs. Welsh remained over at Cheyenne for a few days to visit friends, Lieutenant Carleton, Mrs. Colonel O'Connell and daughter remained over in San Francisco for an extended visit with friends. Lieutenant and Mrs. Hidden Olin remained at the Manila, on account of the illness of Mrs. Olin.

Officers who had preceded the regiment to Fort Crook and were awaiting its arrival were: Captain Guy G. Palmer, commanding Company I; Captain C. W. Castle, regimental quartermaster; Captain Ralph H. Stigsdahl, commanding Company A; Captain F. B. Sherrill, commanding Company F, who is under orders to join his company at Fort Logan, Colo.; Captain George M. Grimes, commanding Company G, under orders to join his command at Fort Reno, and First Lieutenant Charles C. Allen, Company B.

Last evening the residents at the post gave another reception and luncheon to the officers of the regiment just arrived, at the Officers' club. The affair was a most enjoyable one, and was participated in by Captain F. C. Bolles, Lieutenant G. R. Armstrong and Lieutenant Jesse B. Elliott. The Thirtieth regiment and its first inception in the First battalion of the regiment organized at Fort Logan, Colo., in April, 1861. One of the battalions of the Twenty-eighth infantry was detached from that regiment and consolidated with the Thirtieth. Each of the companies of the two battalions was divided into two companies, these large companies were created the Third battalion. The regimental organization was practically completed in the Philippines. On the arrival of the regiment at Manila in 1861 the First battalion was sent to Marandino Island, and the Second battalion was sent to Laguna de Bay, and stayed there for a few months, under command of Major Robert K. Evans, and was then ordered to Mindoro Island, and was the first of the American troops to occupy that island, which the Spaniards called "White Man's Grave." The command remained on Mindoro Island more than a year, enduring many hardships and privations. However, the only casualties to the command during its entire occupancy of the island was one man wounded in the attack on Abra de Bog, in November, 1863. Shortly afterwards the regiment was again detached at Manila and did garrison duty there for one year and a half, just preceding its return to the United States.

Most of the officers had already seen service in the Philippines in other regimental organizations, many of them having had five years of service in the islands, and a majority of them over three years' service there.

Enlistments About Expired.

The command left Manila November 14, 1863, on its first return to the United States since its organization, embarking on board the transport Sherman, which was the first transport to make the new schedule via Nagasaki, Japan and Alaska, Alaska. The regiment arrived in San Francisco December 14 and departed from there for Fort Crook December 22.

A peculiar fact regarding the Thirtieth

PERSONALLY CONDUCTED EXCURSION TO FLORIDA.

Through standard and tourist sleeping cars for Jacksonville leave Omaha 5:25 p. m. January 14, in charge of an experienced excursion manager, via St. Louis, Nashville and Atlanta.

A day's stop-over at St. Louis, to see the Exposition.

No bother about connections, baggage or the hundred other little annoyances of the trip---the excursion manager takes care of all of these.

Florida is at it's best now---superb fishing, bathing, golf links, etc., etc.---Everything to make an enjoyable winter excursion.

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city, as well as the supplies for printing and blanks is looked for.

Father Endeavor Clark Delayed.

There was a large gathering at the First Presbyterian church yesterday on account of the announcement that Rev. Francis E. Clark would speak. Owing to delayed trains Rev. Mr. Clark was not able to reach South Omaha in time.

Arthur Chase and Dr. Robel delivered short addresses in the interest of the Christian Endeavor work. Rev. Mr. Wheeler, pastor of the Presbyterian church, introduced both of these speakers.

Magic City Gospel.

List your property with H. M. Christie. The South Omaha cavalry troop will meet for drill this evening at 8 o'clock.

Unloading sale for ten days. Home Furniture company.

An important meeting of the local order of Eagles will be held on Tuesday evening. The city council will not meet tonight, but will hold a session on Wednesday evening.

James Parke intends going back to Kansas City today to look after business matters.

Special low prices on watches and rings for New Years. Sandwell, 2404 N. Street.

George Parks is confined in his home, Twenty-fifth and D streets, with a severe attack of rheumatism.

The boys' gymnasium class at the Young Men's Christian association will hold a reception at the association parlors on the evening of January 2.

J. P. Bailey of Omaha delivered an interesting address to members of the Young Men's Christian association at Workman temple yesterday afternoon.

LIVES LOST IN COAL MINES

Pennsylvania District Inspector Reports on Conditions, Showing Some Improvement.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 28.—Mines Inspector Reynolds of the Seventh district, the largest of the anthracite districts, has completed his report of the work for the past year, showing there were thirty-eight fatal and 224 nonfatal accidents in the seventeen collieries of the district during the year.

In 1902 there were thirty-seven fatal accidents and the inspector notes that there was 30 per cent more coal mined this year than in 1901 says the present year is in advance of any previous year in the small number of deaths for the coal mined. The year 1902 cannot be used in making comparisons, owing to the protracted strike of that year.

May Yet Be Saved.

All who have severe lung trouble need Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It cures or no pay. \$5. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

Too Much Holiday Fun and Folly

Too much of a good thing! That's what we are all liable to take during a holiday season. Healthy, jolly people will do it and make themselves sick.

"In time of peace prepare for war," and have about the house a pleasant, perfect, palatable, positive medicine for sour stomach, sick headache, colic, winds, belching, biliousness, furred tongue, lazy liver, constipation, bad breath, bad taste, all liable to result from holiday over-indulgence. Cascarets Candy Cathartic is what you want; a tablet after a big meal will prevent sickness; or a tablet at night before going to bed, after a good time, will fix you all right for morning, and let you get up clear as a bell, ready for business or pleasure.

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BOTTLE MAKERS TO SHUT DOWN

Supply of Flint Glass Too Great to Keep Prices at Present Level.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.—A decision has been reached by the flint glass manufacturers to close all bottle factories shortly after January 1 for four weeks in order to curtail production and better enable the trade to maintain prices. The report of this decision has caused consternation among the workers who have presumed that their season's work was permanently settled and there would be no cessation of the industry for the remainder of the year. The agreement, it is said, covers all the members of the associated manufacturers, but of course not the independents, who will continue their operations. Notices of shut-down, it is said, will be posted some time during the week and thousands of skilled workmen will be rendered idle.

