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HIS THRILLING EXPLOITS IN A NEW SERIES

Fitting Successor to Sherlock Holmes
Will Command Attention of
Our Readers, Beginning
Next Sunday.

Those who enjoy a good, rattling story will be glad to know that The Bee has secured for its readers a new and enthralling series entitled "Raffles, the Amateur Crackman," by E. W. Hornung.

Sherlock Holmes made his farewell bow to the public through The Bee. Through the same medium many readers will form their first acquaintance with that equally brilliant and even more fascinating personage, A. J. Raffles.

Even as the name "Sherlock Holmes" has grown into the language of the day as typifying the ideal detective, so the cognomen "Raffles" has already become the synonym for the so-called "gentleman burglar."

But this latter sobriquet conveys a false impression. The original Raffles was not an ordinary thief who chanced to possess decent manners. He was a man whose intellect soared to the heights of genius, whose primal instincts were those of a gentleman of birth and breeding. Through a warped conscience and wrong environment he turned his marvelous talents to evil instead of toward benefiting the world.

Raffles is the direct antithesis of Sherlock Holmes. The former employed his almost superhuman powers of observation and logic in behalf of the law. The latter bent his astute brain to plans for successfully preying on the community and for baffling the efforts of its protectors. The Raffles stories, following those of Sherlock Holmes, present a startling contrast and will awake in every reader's mind a keen regret that these two master minds could not have been pitted against each other in a gigantic struggle for supremacy.

Each Story Complete.
The series combine all the best features of a serial and of a collection of short stories. Each adventure is by itself a complete narrative and is dependent on none of the others for interest. Yet the same chief characters dominate each story and give the reader an ever renewed sensation of having met again an old and interesting acquaintance whose future actions and vicissitudes are awaited with a suspense that could not be accorded to the deeds of a mere stranger.

There is an inexpressible trait in human nature which makes every one involuntarily enjoy reading of the adventures of a really clever rogue, especially if that rogue has a fascinating exterior and polish of manner. Such a rogue is A. J. Raffles, and the gay courage and paradoxical scruples which he introduces into his profession of despoiling his fellowman make him an altogether unique and charming figure in the annals of literature.

The stories are told in the first person

by a confederate of Raffles, who is known as "Bunny." Bunny is a weak and unfortunate young man-about-town, who falls into money difficulties that render life unendurable. He appeals for help, as a last desperate resort, to one A. J. Raffles, who has long been the chief of his hero worship. Raffles admits that he makes a living by robberies and offers to make the unfortunate youth his partner. Their subsequent adventures form the theme of the series.

Pictures Passed by Bellows.
Unique illustrations have been secured in the form of reproduced drawings of dramatic scenes for which the well known actor, Kyrie Bellows, who is portraying Raffles in the dramatization of one of the stories, has posed. The pictorial features, therefore, are fully in keeping with the high standard literary work out of which the stories are built.

The first adventure of "Raffles, the Amateur Crackman," is entitled "The Idea of March." It will appear in The Sunday Bee, May 14. There will be thirteen complete stories in the entire series. One will be published each week for the next three months.

No reader can afford to miss this splendid opportunity of following the startlingly meteoric career of the gentleman-thief from start to finish. No one who makes the acquaintance of A. J. Raffles in the earlier stories of the series will be content to lose sight of him again until the last curtain falls on his wondrous feats of daring and enterprise.

Remember, the first story will appear in The Bee of May 14.

TESTIMONY IN HOCH CASE

State Devotes Time to Rebutting Evidence Which Defendant Might Submit to Jury.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Testimony in the trial of the alleged "Bluebeard" Johann Hoch was today largely devoted to a rebuttal of any evidence the defense might offer as to the presence of arsenic in the embalming fluid used on the body of Mrs. Weickler-Hoch or the presence of arsenic in medicine given her by Dr. Rees. Several letters were produced which were written by Hoch to Mrs. Sohn during Mrs. Weickler-Hoch's illness, expressing doubts as to his "wife's" recovery.

Martha Fischer, the daughter of Hoch's late "wife," told of the attention Hoch had paid to her mother immediately after the death of Mrs. Weickler-Hoch.

Officers for Charities and Corrections.
KEARNEY, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—At the closing day and meeting of the state conference of Charities and Corrections, held last night resolutions were adopted and officers elected. The next meeting will be held at Norfolk, October 9, 1905.

The following officers were elected: Rev. Joseph Reusing, West Point, president; J. H. Smith, Kearney, vice president; Rev. C. A. Martin, Kearney, vice president; Rev. C. V. Batten, Kearney, corresponding secretary; John Davis, Lincoln, secretary; C. E. Prevy, Lincoln, treasurer; Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, Lincoln; Dr. A. W. Clark, Omaha; A. K. Barnes, Norfolk; Mrs. Thomas Campbell, Minden; Mrs. Keyes, Indianola, executive committee.

BANKERS UNION IN COURT

Brings Mandamus Proceedings Against
State Auditor Searle.

DEMANDS LICENSE BE ISSUED TO ORDER

University Freshmen Outwit Sophomores and Have Picture Taken and Propose to Wear Special Caps Next.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, May 12.—(Special.)—Today E. C. Spinnery, president of the Bankers Union of the World, secured from Chief Justice Holcomb an alternative writ of mandamus requiring Auditor Searle to either issue a license to the order or show reason for not doing so. Spinnery alleges that he filed a statement as required by law and that it was rejected without any reason for such action being given. On April 12, he alleges, he offered an amended statement which was also rejected, notwithstanding the fact that he was "wholly unadvised and ignorant of any overt act or violation of the law of the state of Nebraska or fraudulent conduct on his part."

He asserts that upon the rejection of these statements filed in conformity with the law, he requested the defendant "to advise retractor in what manner and wherein this retractor was acting fraudulently, but that the defendant wholly failed, neglected and refused to advise retractor or to point out to retractor in what manner or what way it was transacting its business unlawfully and fraudulently."

Last year the attorney general at the suggestion of the auditor brought suit against Spinnery's company to enjoin it from doing business. A great mass of testimony was taken before a referee. The supreme court allowed the order to continue in business but made a ruling in regard to representative form of government which led to a new convention of the membership for the purpose of selecting officers. It is understood that the auditor's office regarded the suit last year as a tactical error, and refused to issue the certificate this year in order to force Spinnery to initiate the litigation from which important proceedings are expected. The auditor has filed a demurrer to the retractor's petition.

Freshmen Try Ruse.

By a clever ruse, the university freshmen managed to have a class picture taken in the precincts of the university without being obliged to tussle for their skins bearing the numerals '08. At 4 o'clock this morning by preconcerted arrangement they assembled on the campus where a waiting photographer took several pictures. The sophomores, who had been eagerly waiting for the first appearance of the caps to precipitate a row, gathered around the administration building at chapel time today waiting for their underclassmates only to find that not a cap was worn. The freshmen are jubilant in the knowledge that they have outwitted the sophomores.

The lower classmen claim that they will wear their caps to chapel in a few days and trouble is expected to result, since the sophomores at a recent meeting adopted resolutions forbidding the adoption of the distinctive caps by the freshmen. In defiance an order for 200 caps was sent in.

Girl Athletes Do Stunts.

The feminine athletes of the State university are scheduled for a meet in the morning in which hurdling, running high jumps, twenty-five-yard dashes and fence vaulting will be the events. The exhibition will take place before a select audience of feminine enthusiasts. The following are the events, with the entries:

Twenty-five-yard dash: Erford, Williams, Brown, Smoyer, Kimmell, Stevens, Zwonechek, Koch, Friedland, Giddings.

Hurdles: Giddings, Williams, Jenkins, Stephens, Brown, Stevenson, Woodworth, Archibald, Friend, Janes, Parmelee, Giddings.

Running high jump: Williams, Woodworth, Waterman, Stevens, Stevenson, Janes, Jenkins, Friend, Janes, Parmelee, Giddings, Janes, Woodworth.

State Photo Men Close.

Omaha is to have the next annual meeting of the State Association of Photographers, which concludes its labors this afternoon with the election of the following officers:

President, J. F. Wilson, Pawnee; first vice president, R. C. Nelson, Hastings; second vice president, William R. Day, Hebron; secretary, C. J. Fennell, Schuyler; treasurer, W. B. Fritz, Fremont.

Medals were awarded in competition as follows:

Sweepstakes: J. Leschinsky, Grand Island; first, H. L. Boston, David City, second.

Standard class: R. C. Nelson, Hastings; J. Leschinsky, Grand Island; second, H. L. Boston, David City, first; Edgerton & Craig, Fremont, second.

Towns of 5,000 and under: H. E. Anderson, Kearney; H. L. Boston, David City; Towns of 5,000 and over: H. Barnes, Broken Bow; P. G. Miller, Talmage.

Towns of 2,000 and under: H. A. Martin, Wilber; A. J. DeWald, Friend.

Send medals to J. Leschinsky, Smith trophy: Leschinsky and Boston.

Commercial Club Trip.
The Lincoln Commercial club excursion, which is to leave Monday, will be gone for five days. The trip will be made in a special train of sleepers. Wynmore, Superior, Oxford, McCook, Hastings, Beatrice, Edgar, York, with many intermediate stations, will be visited.

Capital City Briefs.
Governor Mickey will spend Saturday and Sunday in Denver with a relative, returning in time to take part in the deliberations of the State Board of Equalization which meets Tuesday.

Adjutant General Culver has issued an order raising the chief musicians of the two regiments of the national guard from the ranks of the noncommissioned officers, to second lieutenants in conformity with the provisions of the new national militia law.

The Pleasantdale Telephone company, with an authorized capital stock of \$10,000, has filed articles of incorporation in the office of Secretary of State Galusha.

Leavitt Appeals Irrigation Case.
H. B. Leavitt, Ames best sugar magnate, has given the State Board of Irrigation formal notice of an appeal from the decision in favor of the government in the Pathfinder case, where Leavitt and the interior department were claiming conflicting water rights for 10,000 acres of land in Nebraska. The success of Leavitt would have made it practically impossible to proceed with the work, according to John E. Field, the United States engineer in charge. The appeal is taken to the district court of Sedgewick county, which has a session in September.

Good Demand for Land.
Land Commissioner Eaton, who has returned from a land-leasing trip to Taylor and Burwell, says that the school land in that region is all in good demand at constantly improving rates. He says that there are inquiries for all western land, even that in the sandhills. With the spread of irrigation, the introduction of new forage plants, and better methods of cultivation, the commissioner believes that the sandhill region will make great strides. He found cattlemen looking forward to a regime of reasonable prices.

Date for Chamberlain Trial.
In the district court this morning C. M. Chamberlain, former banker of Tecumseh, appeared and reported that he was able to secure but \$22.50 of the bond of \$25,000 required. The judge then continued the matter to May 17.

On that date there will be a hearing on the eighteen indictments now pending against Chamberlain in an effort on the part of the defendant to have some of them quashed.

Governor Mickey today issued a requisition for Perry McKee, accused of criminal assault at Falls City, Neb., who is now at Los Angeles, Cal. Two weeks ago Lieutenant Governor McGilton, as acting governor, declined to grant the requisition.

EVIDENCE IN HANS CASE ALL IN

Four Hours Allowed Each Side for Argument.

AINSWORTH, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The evidence in the Hans-Luke murder trial is all in and the case will be argued to the jury, commencing at 8 o'clock. The court has allowed four hours to each side in which to review the evidence. The contention of the state that agents of cattle thieves were instrumental in the killing of Luke was shattered when the rebuttal Brewer Hilber, a paroled cattle thief, was placed on the witness stand by the prosecution on its behalf. Attorneys M. F. Harrington, County Attorney Ely and O. C. Lear will argue for the state, while W. J. Primrose of Lincoln, Leodeger, Rev. W. J. Primrose of Lincoln, Leodeger, will present the argument on behalf of the defendant.

Some Loss of Live Stock.

GERING, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Another season has been in progress here all afternoon, marking as peculiar a spring as this section has experienced in many years. The storm of several days ago, which was general over this part of the state, was far more severe in Banner and Kimball counties to the south than on the North Platte valley, a good deal of loss of young calves being reported, especially south of Harrisburg. The lateness of the spring is noticeable, but not a bad condition at all, as all winter grain is in fine shape and the ground could not be in better condition for spring farming. More new ground is being broken this spring than ever before, the area being almost doubled.

Court at Papillion.

PAPILLION, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—In district court this week the following cases were disposed of: The motion for new trial by the defendants in the case of Joseph P. Parkins against the Missouri Pacific Railroad company was overruled. The case will probably be appealed by the railroad company to the supreme court.

Emma Davis was granted a divorce from James for failure to support.

The court heard the evidence in the cases of the County of Sarpy against Arthur H. Adams et al., John F. Marx against Joseph R. Allen et al., and Benjamin Lewis against Joseph R. Adams et al., and continued the cases for arguments on points of law.

Rains Delay Railroads.

FREMONT, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The expected trip of some of the Great Northern officials over the proposed line of the Ashland cut-off in automobiles. It is reported, has been postponed on account of the heavy roads, and it is said it will probably be made next week. Nothing is given out in regard to the location of the new road within the city limits. The right-of-way men are looking up options and prices, which would involve the several routes were under discussion. Surveyors on the main line of the road have been working this week south of Oakland and between that point and east of Hooper.

Suffragists in Conference.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—A meeting of the executive board of the Nebraska Woman's Suffrage association is being held here today at the home of the vice president, Mrs. Amanda J. Marble. Other members of the board present are: Mrs. Clara A. Young, president, Broken Bow; Mrs. Mary G. Ward, corresponding secretary, Tecumseh; Mrs. Helen E. Sterns, auditor, Humboldt. Important business was transacted, among other things the meeting of the place for the next annual state convention, and the time of meeting, which has not yet been finally decided upon.

Rivers Hold Damage.

FREMONT, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The rains of last week are beginning to affect the Platte and Elkhorn rivers. The former is running bankful and near Mercer is overflowing toward the north. The fascines put in near the ridge south of the city have thrown the current toward the south channel. Near Hooper the Elkhorn is threatening considerable damage by washing out a strip of road. It is much higher than the Platte.

Farmers Hold Wheat Too Long.

YORK, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—There are a few farmers in York county who still have wheat on hand, and regret that



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They held their wheat too long. Over 75 per cent of the wheat in the county raised last year was sold in from 90 cents to \$1.00, and from this sale the farmers realized thousands of dollars.

MEMORIALS TO MEET AT LINCOLN

Congressional Convention of First District Called for June 15.

TECUMSEH, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—This morning J. B. Douglas, chairman of the first congressional democratic committee, called a convention to meet at Lincoln Thursday, June 15.

Farewell to Minister.
PORT CALHOUN, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—A farewell reception was tendered Mr. J. J. Primrose of Lincoln, Leodeger, church here last evening at the church by his many friends. A short musical program was rendered. Misses Edna Vaughan and Mabel Mortensen sang some beautiful solos and Mr. Primrose and Miss Vaughan a duet.

Mrs. Primrose was presented with a very pretty present by her friends, of which he numbers the entire population. Mr. Primrose goes home to look after and care for his mother. He has spent a very successful winter here and the best wishes of all go with him to his new field of labor.

Nebraska Among Victims.

TECUMSEH, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wright of this city received word yesterday that their daughter, Miss Florence Baker, was a victim of the Snyder, Okla., tornado. Mrs. Wright departed for Oklahoma. Miss Baker was the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Baker of Mountain Park, Okla. She was attending school at Snyder. She was born in Tecumseh, the family having gone to Oklahoma from this city several years ago.

News of Nebraska.

BEATRICE—Byrte & Patten have completed their new elevator at Blue Springs.

BEATRICE—The Beatrice military band gave a promenade concert in the armory last night. The affair was largely attended.

BEATRICE—In a game of ball played yesterday between the teams of the west and south schools the former won by the score of 15 to 4.

BEATRICE—A special carrying General Superintendent H. E. Byram and the division superintendent passed through the city last evening en route to Lincoln.

HUMBOLDT—Farmers are beginning to complain that the dry weather is hardening the ground so that it is difficult to work, and hinders the growth of vegetation.

HUMBOLDT—The ladies of the Alpha club have arranged for permanent quarters by leasing the house over the postoffice, and will hold their meetings there in the future.

OSCEOLA—Rev. L. M. Grisley will preach the memorial sermon for the local Grand Army of the Republic and Rev. E. J. Hainer of Lincoln will deliver the Memorial day address.

HUMBOLDT—Miss Emaline Leonnig and Mr. Walter McIntosh were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Fred Leonnig, three miles north of the city.

PAPILLION—The Fourth of July celebration is an assured fact for Papillion. A large amount has been subscribed and the main feature will be a roast barbecue, with Samuel Statie in charge.

TECUMSEH—Mr. Austin L. Martin and Miss Adda E. Devenney, well known young people of this city, were married at the Baptist parsonage at 8:30 o'clock last evening by Rev. F. M. Sturdevant.

YORK—J. N. Kidow, one of York's pioneer business men, announces in a card to the public that the story circulated that he had sold out his marble and granite business was without foundation.

TABLE ROCK—Wednesday evening, May

at the home of Mrs. Van Ness and the subject for the evening was "Geography."

TABLE ROCK—Sunday, May 14, will be the sixteenth anniversary of the Episcopal church here, the whole day is to be given to the young people. At 11 a. m. the pastor, Rev. W. A. Tyler, will preach the anniversary sermon, and at 3 p. m. a special program will be rendered by the league.

HUMBOLDT—Fire last night destroyed a number of young fruit trees belonging to the Spring Lake Ice company on their holdings east of the city. The blaze originated from embers left by a fishing party early in the evening, and had it not been discovered by nearby residents it would have swept the entire lake property, doing great damage.

SCHUYLER—John C. Eberberger, deputy county clerk, was at the Benson farm, three miles east of the city last evening, and while on horseback the animal he was riding fell with him. Eberberger falling under and sustaining a broken collarbone. The injury is not more serious than to keep him from work and cause him some pain while the break is healing.

PLATTSMOUTH—A band of gypsies, traveling in wagons decorated with landscape scenes, reached Plattsmouth this morning. One of them at once proceeded to inquire as to whether or not any other gypsies had preceded them. He described a man and woman, whom he claimed had deserted the band while they were in camp last night. The woman, he claimed, was his wife and her companion was his own brother. The party is enroute to Omaha.

YORK—This week the city council granted a liberal franchise for a gas plant in this city to W. S. Darley of Chicago and P. J. Haas of Omaha, who propose to put in a modern water gas plant. There was some objection by citizens to the granting of this franchise, for the reason that the company was allowed to charge \$1.50 per 1,000 cubic feet. The council rewrote the ordinance presented to them by these gentlemen several times and believe they secured the best possible terms for the interests of the city.

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LOT 1—Women's Newmarket Cravenettes, exclusive styles in tan, gray and green—also shower-proof silk coats, in green and blue, \$3, and \$20.00.
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