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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Will Lane and wife, of Garfield, were shopping in North Platte Thursday.

Mrs. Arthur Fink, who has been ill for a week, is greatly improved.

For Sale—Duroc Jersey boar. 250 lbs. Claus Anderson, Valle Vista Farm.

Miss Ida Ottenstein will entertain the Indian card club Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Barber came down from Lewellen to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mischke are rejoicing over the arrival of a ten pound boy.

Miss Loreta Walker has returned from an extended visit with her sister in Bancroft, Iowa.

Mrs. J. A. McCormick is assisting as stenographer in the Bratt & Goodman office.

Miss Hazel Preston left a few days ago for Salina, Kan., to visit relatives for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGraw spent Christmas with relatives in Elsie, returning home Sunday.

Messrs. Paul Nolan and George Weir will give a social dance at the Masonic hall tomorrow evening.

For Farm Loans see or write Gene Crook, room 3, Waltham building, North Platte. 411f

Charles Thompson, of the Lincoln School of Music, is spending the holidays with the home folks.

Mrs. Andy Yost has been off duty at the Bratt & Goodman office for two weeks on account of illness.

Miss Lillian Sturges and niece Miss Lucille Beyerle went to Bayard yesterday morning to spend a week.

Sidney Spillner late of West Point, came here recently to accept a position as shoe repairer in the Fink harness shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira LeMaster, of Denver, have been visiting relatives in town for several days, having arrived Friday.

Dell Teel, of Indianola spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Klein. He was accompanied by his two sons.

For Sale—Thoroughbred Yorkshire Boars—"the bacon hog." Prices reasonable. Inquire of J. W. Payne or Allison Wilcox. 96-1

C. R. Shelly, publisher of the Fairbury News, spent Saturday and Sunday in town as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Brock.

More than half the counties in Nebraska have no county bond indebtedness, Lincoln county being one of the number.

Wilfred Stuart, of Lexington, who visited at the John Tighe home, left Sunday evening. Mrs. Stuart will remain a week longer.

Bert Brunk, who has resided in Logan county for the past thirty years, has moved to Wheatland, Wyoming, where he purchased a farm.

Corbin Jones, now located in Omaha in the employ of the M. E. Smith & Co. wholesale house, came up to spend Christmas with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stieger and children, of Victor, Colo., are visiting relatives here. Mrs. Stieger was formerly Miss Anna Scharmann, of this city.

The Elks will give a dancing party at the home this evening. It is expected that a large number of the younger Elks and their ladies will be present.

Dr. Gordon Cronin, formerly of this city, who has been practicing veterinary surgery in Chicago for a year past and had been visiting his mother, left Saturday evening.

I. O. Riley, Seth Sherwood and Luther Glither will leave the latter part of this week for Lincoln to attend the convention of the Security Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Gilman and children leave Saturday for Vancouver, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Woolsey for a few days prior to sailing for their home in China.

For sale—Pure bred Barred Plymouth Rock Cockerels and Pullets. Also one double seated carriage. Inquire of or address Blankenburg Bros. 1305 N. Locust, North Platte, Neb. Phone Red 851. 96-4

A girl baby was born Sunday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. Horton Munger. The mother and daughter are getting along nicely, and the father and the grandparents are, of course, highly elated.

Mrs. Frank Frederic left last night for Lodgepole to visit with her daughter Mrs. George Sager for a fortnight.

The Yeoman lodge will have a special meeting this evening and take in a number of candidates.

Mr. and Mrs. George Scott and daughter, of Cuba, Ill., came yesterday from Sutherland to visit Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Scott for a week or more.

Mrs. Kate Miller, of Chappell, has been visiting her daughters Mrs. Chas. Thornburg and Miss Maud Miller for a week.

Mrs. Jack Mann, of Sidney, formerly Miss Mayme McMichael, is visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. James McMichael.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hower have returned to Sidney after an extended visit here during which the latter was taken ill with pneumonia.

Indications point to an attendance of 125 or 150 at the Elks' stag banquet which will be held at the home Saturday evening. The toasts will, of course, be the feature of the evening.

The county commissioners convened in session yesterday and are transacting business today. Yesterday they selected names from which the jury for the January term of court will be drawn.

S. Workman, living west of town, who recently established a milk route, says he has no trouble in disposing of the product of sixteen cows. He expects to increase his dairy herd in the near future.

Prof. N. Klein has recovered from a siege of grippe that confined him to the house for some time, and for several days was bedfast. Mrs. Klein was also afflicted, but not so badly as the professor.

Judge Grimes, J. J. Halligan, W. T. Wilcox, P. F. Barron and W. V. Hoagland left yesterday for Omaha to attend a meeting of the state bar association. Judge Grimes will deliver an address.

Miss Helen Baker, of North Platte, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stafford while in the city supplying at the telephone exchange while Miss Bess Ruiter is ill with the prevailing grip.—Sidney Telegraph.

L. W. Walker, who has been in Minneapolis for about a year, arrived home Friday night to visit his family. Mr. Walker is now district salesman for a manufacturing company placing a smoke consumer on the market.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Buckley, now residing in Omaha, arrived Friday evening to spend Christmas with Mrs. Buckley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bratt. Mr. Buckley returned to Omaha yesterday, leaving Mrs. Buckley here to complete her visit.

Mrs. Albert Maupin, who had spent the past six weeks visiting relatives in this city and Logan county, has returned to her home near Sterling, Col. Mrs. Maupin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Merritt, of west Twelfth street.

F. W. Hansen returned today from a visit with relatives at Dalton, Mrs. Hansen and children, who accompanied him, will remain there this week.

Sheriff Salsbury served a turkey dinner on Christmas day to the inmates of the county jail, of whom there were eight.

Lee D. Grimes, of Chattanooga, Tenn., arrived Saturday evening for a short visit with his parents, Judge and Mrs. H. M. Grimes. Lee is a member of a contracting and construction company that has erected a number of large buildings in the south. He will return to his southern home tonight.

An Ogalalla citizen had been missing chickens, and one night took down his trusty shotgun and going to his chicken pen laid in wait for a return of the thief. While watching at the chicken pen some fellow sneaked up on his back porch and marched off with a half of a hog which he had hung there. Strange as it may seem the man got real mad when he discovered his pork gone.

A telegram received in town yesterday announced the death of Victor B. Caldwell, president of the United States National Bank of Omaha. Death came Sunday night and was due to asthma and diabetes. Mr. Caldwell was well known by the bankers of this city. He had made frequent trips in his car to Wyoming and Utah and when passing through would lay over a day to visit acquaintances. Mr. Caldwell was considered one of the best posted and most successful bankers in Omaha.

Lots of people have been having trouble with their flour this fall; we haven't had a single complaint on our Puritan flour, but have had numerous compliments. We will continue to sell this Flour at \$1.60 per sack the balance of December, notwithstanding that flour has advanced ten cents per sack. Better anticipate your needs as Flour is going to be much higher.

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RAILROAD NOTES

J. T. Stuart went to Omaha Sunday to spend several days.

John Grace, formerly of the local machine shops, has recently located at Chadron.

Joe Larson spent Christmas with his parents in St. Paul, Neb., returning yesterday.

The local shops closed down Friday afternoon and work will not be resumed until January 3rd.

Peter Rasmussen resumed work in the baggage room Saturday after a week's illness. William Hought acted as substitute.

Lewis Helsider, of Duluth, Minn., who was employed in the local shops five years ago is visiting friends in this city this week.

Pat Haggerty, of Denver, formerly of this city, arrived here Sunday morning to visit his brother Thomas Haggerty and local friends for a week.

Fergus Flynn, who has been employed at Des Moines for some time, is spending his Christmas vacation with the home folks and will leave Thursday.

Will Craigie, formerly of the local shops, but for a year or two working for the Northwestern road at Norfolk, has been in town for several days visiting his mother and sisters.

Genl. Manager Ware, who has been taking treatment at a Battle Creek sanitarium, returned to Omaha to spend Christmas. We understand he is steadily improving, which employees at this terminal will be glad to learn.

A minor official of the Union Pacific thinks The Tribune refers to the new depot too frequently and advises waiting until the building is started. Perhaps, though, if The Tribune did not mention the matter frequently it might be forgotten at the Omaha headquarters.

The Union Pacific has cut in eight miles of new second track on the Utah division, between East Ogden and Gateway. A large quantity of solid rock was removed and the entire cost of the work was something like \$600,000. Construction was commenced April 1. With the cutting in the new stretch, there remains but 225 miles of Union Pacific main line that is not double-tracked, all of this being in Wyoming.

Australia's Military Boys. Australian boys begin their military career at the age of twelve years, when they enter the ranks of the "junior cadets" and drill under the instruction of their schoolteachers. Their target practice is limited to shooting what is popularly known as the "twenty-two" rifle.

At the age of fourteen the schoolboy is graduated into the "senior cadets," and here his military training begins in dead earnest. He learns to care for his rifle, which the government furnishes to him. The state also gives him an olive drab military uniform. He learns the movements of squad and company formations and learns to deploy as skirmishers.

The Australian schoolboy becomes a soldier irrespective of his own wishes in the matter, or those of his parents. Truancy officers, such as in this country, watch the attendance at school in Australia, hale into court the parents of boys who are absent from their military drill, and it is not an infrequent occurrence for heavy fines to be levied on parents who are indifferent to their sons' military education.—American Boy.

How Romans Took Their Food. The Romans reclined at their banquets on couches, all supporting themselves on one elbow and eating with their fingers from dishes placed in the center of the table. Each was supplied with a napkin, and knives were used, though it does not appear that every one was supplied with one. Nothing, it would seem, could be more fatiguing than to partake of a repast in such an awkward posture or less conducive to neatness, it being almost impossible to keep the hands clean even with water supplied by the slaves or to prevent the food and wine from falling on the clothing and the draperies of the couch. This manner of eating disappeared during the dark ages so far as the couch was concerned, but the peculiarity of taking food with the fingers from a common dish continued afterward for more than 1,000 years.

Bismarck's Card Trick. The diplomat has many tricks up his sleeve. Bismarck included not only drinking, but card playing. It was when he was negotiating the treaty of Gastein with the Austrian Blome.

"I then played quinine for the last time in my life. Although I had not played then for a long time, I gambled recklessly, so that the others were astounded. But I knew what I was at. Blome had heard that quinine gave the best opportunity of testing a man's character, and he was anxious to try the experiment on me. I thought to myself, 'I'll teach him.' I lost a few hundred thalers, for which I might well have claimed reimbursement from the state. But I got around Blome in that way and made him do what I wanted. He took me to be reckless and yielded."—London Chronicle.

Earl Stamp assisted the Gothenburg band in a concert there Sunday afternoon.

A Doctor's Story

By WILLIAM CHANDLER

One of my patients was a Miss Young, an orphan, whose uncle had called on me to visit her.

I attended Miss Young for some time, during which I not only made no headway in improving her condition, but lost ground. I noticed that whenever I called the nurse was in the sickroom and never left it during my visit. One day while I was with the patient, having asked the nurse to get me something from the bathroom adjoining and she was absent a few seconds. Miss Young's face suddenly assumed a pained expression, and she whispered in my ear, "She's killing me." She had barely time to say this and resume her usual expression when the nurse returned.

Of course I gave no sign to Miss Hazard, the nurse, of what had been communicated to me, but I saw at once that something must be done to free my patient from her ministrations. I called up Mr. Van Orden, the uncle, and told him over the phone that I was not satisfied with his niece's nurse and would not be responsible for my patient unless she were replaced by another of my own choosing. I received no definite reply, but before my next visit was informed that since the patient had lost ground under my treatment he had decided to call in another physician. My services would no longer be required.

Putting together what my patient had told me and my dismissal at attempting to get rid of the nurse, I made up my mind at once that something was wrong. But I dared not act without more information and resolved to proceed cautiously. I soon came to the conclusion that I had better act with my successor in the case and sent my office assistant to watch the house and discover who had succeeded me. She reported that a recent graduate, a Dr. Vernon, had called at the house, and I at once made an appointment to meet him and put him in possession of all that I knew about the strange condition of affairs.

Vernon, possessing this knowledge, had a great advantage, since it was not known that he had it, and he could thus take the better steps to make more discoveries. We arranged that I should make inquiries as to who the parties were and secure such other information as was possible. Vernon was to do what he could by way of investigation in the sickroom. I learned that Miss Young was an heiress and that her uncle was her guardian till she came to be twenty-one years old, when the estate would pass into her own keeping.

Vernon found means to communicate with the patient by insisting that the nurse get something for him that would require her going to the kitchen, and he learned that the medicine he was giving had a taste that it should not have. He gave Miss Young a vial, which she concealed under the bedclothes, and when about to take a dose she sent the nurse to the bathroom for a glass of water. While she was gone the patient emptied the medicine into the vial, and when the doctor called again he took it away with him.

That evening Vernon and I in my laboratory investigated the contents of the vial and found traces of a slow poison. The secret was out—the guardian was killing his ward. Investigations made by Vernon, who was by this time much interested in the case, as well as his patient, revealed the fact that with Miss Young out of the way Van Orden would be sole heir-at-law to her estate.

The question now arose, What should be our next step? Should we inform the victim of this conspiracy of her danger or have the suspected parties arrested without her knowledge? Vernon told me that his patient was in a nervous condition, bordering on collapse, and recommended that we act without consulting her. To this I assented.

That same morning Van Orden was arrested, and Miss Hazard was called out of the sickroom and also taken into custody. A new nurse whom I had selected was ready to take her place and at once entered upon her duties. Vernon and I were in the house at the time of the arrests and entered the sickroom with the new nurse. The patient saw at once that she had been delivered from the tyranny under which she had been slowly dying and greeted us with a smile of supreme relief. Had I not been a married man I should have been disgruntled at seeing the look she gave Vernon, for it was plain that she had given him her heart.

"Oh, doctor," she said to him when she knew all that we thought best to tell her, "how much I owe you!"

"Where do I come in?" I asked.

"And you, too, of course."

Our patient was not told that an attempt had been made to poison her and that her uncle and nurse had been arrested charged with the crime until she had recovered her health. Her recovery was hastened by the special attentions, or, rather, the devotion of Dr. Vernon, and before she was informed as to what had occurred they were engaged.

Van Orden jumped his bail and disappeared. Miss Hazard's counsel succeeded in having her acquitted because the prosecution failed to prove that she had any motive for the crime. Nevertheless it was known that her motive was a large share of the fortune her employer was trying to secure, or at least a promise of it.

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS

Mrs. Charles Whalen has been quite ill for several days.

Furnished rooms for rent. Inquire 414 west Third street.

Thomas Burney is spending two weeks with relatives in Wood River.

Mrs. C. F. Iddings, who had been quite ill for several days, is improving.

Miss Mabel McNeal left last evening for Greeley to spend a couple of weeks with relatives.

Frank Hahler returned to Sidney Saturday evening after spending a week with the home folks.

Miss Ruth Jensen, of Omaha, who spent last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jensen, returned last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson and daughter, of Cheyenne, who spent last week with Mrs. Wilson's sister, Mrs. Harry Murrin, went home yesterday.

Mrs. Roy Miner, of Cheyenne, formerly Miss Evelyn Post of this city, left last evening after visiting relatives for a week.

Mrs. Tauer and son, of Kearney, came a few days ago to visit the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuire.

J. E. Pierce and wife left last evening for Kearney to locate. The former had been employed here for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Coates, of Duncan, left last evening after a week's visit with the former's uncle, Elmer Coates and family.

Miss Florence Iddings, attending college at Bryn Mawr, Pa., and Miss Nanine Iddings, a student at the state university, are spending the holiday vacation with their mother.

Mrs. Byron Oberst and baby, formerly of Chicago, arrived last evening to make their home here. Mr. Oberst who has been here for several weeks met them in Omaha.

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