

THE CALIFORNIANS AND THE JAPANESE.

Bills have been introduced in the California legislature to prevent Japanese from being directors of corporations in that state...

The state of California has no right to give the people of any foreign country just cause for complaint...

EARTHQUAKES AND VOLCANOES.

The recent terrible earthquake in Southern Italy and the eastern coast of Sicily has caused world-wide comment on the subject of earthquakes and volcanoes...

As the earth's heat gradually declines, through its radiation out into space, the bulk of the earth must slowly shrink...

A MARVELOUS CRY FOR HELP.

A tragedy with a bright side took place in a fog off the coast of Massachusetts early last Saturday morning...

The wireless messages from the reeling vessel were answered by its comrades of the deep, and they came in time to rescue both passengers and crew...

According to a Washington dispatch the members of congress are longing for the return of spring as they never did before...

Reports from Washington are to the effect that a permanent cold war has settled down on Pennsylvania...

If Fate hands you a basket of lemons do not despair. Start a lemonade stand with them, if you can not dispose of them in any other way...

The President's big stick is getting badly frizzled.

COST OF CRIME IN IOWA.

At a low estimate crime costs Iowa about \$1,000,000 a year. This is the direct burden to the state for convicting criminals in the courts...

THE DECISION IN THE DUREY CASE AND OTHER COURT MATTERS.

The district court was in session here all of last week and practically all of the time was occupied concluding the trial of the Durey divorce case...

In the District Court of Iowa, in and for Delaware County, December Term, A. D. 1908.

Bert H. Durey, Plaintiff, vs. Gertrude Ella Durey, Defendant.

The plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce and for the custody of his minor children upon the grounds of adultery and cruel and inhuman treatment on the part of the defendant.

The defendant has filed a cross petition in which she asks for a divorce and the custody of the children, and for alimony, on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment on the part of the plaintiff.

Nine days have been consumed in the taking of the testimony, most of which has been directed to charges of adultery and the defense thereto. There is before Court a great mass of testimony on both sides upon this question, and it is unnecessary to say that it is conflicting...

There is, however, every reason why these parties should be divorced; each has been guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment of the other, and in the opinion of the Court they cannot live together, and nothing that this Court could say or do could cause them to ever live together again...

As before stated, I have talked with the little child Vina, who is ten years old; I have also talked with Charles and Orin, who are fifteen and thirteen years of age respectively. I find that all three of these children are remarkably bright, intelligent and well appearing children...

There is evidence here that one of the witnesses openly boasted to the plaintiff of his illicit relations with the defendant; that he talked in a manner that is above criticism; there has been no word of criticism of these children, or of them, and it is conceded by all parties that whatever may be the faults of the mother, she has raised her children in an exemplary manner...

The plaintiff has, in the opinion of the Court, attempted to prove entirely too much, and has used unfair means and methods for the purpose of accomplishing his ends. At the same time I do not find that the plaintiff has intentionally done wrong in this respect; he has simply been mistaken.

A large amount of evidence has been introduced here as to what is known as the raid upon the home of the defendant, in which the testimony of two detectives has been produced; but it must be apparent that nothing was accomplished by these detectives; and all of the testimony in respect to this raid is consistent with the entire innocence of the defendant as to those particular charges against her...

The Court is of the opinion that the defendant has been guilty of indiscretion, possibly serious indiscretion, but there is no proof here upon which a finding that she has been guilty of adultery could be based. I have seen the witnesses who have appeared and testified upon the witness stand; I have seen and talked with the little daughter, the party who is said to have been in the room with her mother when she and her mother were naked, in the presence of a strange man; and after considering all the testimony, and seeing the conduct and appearance of the witnesses upon the stand, and the conduct and appearance of the little

Sensation Number 1. Thursday, January 28, From 1 o'clock to 4 o'clock p.m. During these three hours we will sell any pair of Men's or Boys' Pants in the house at just ONE-HALF PRICE. Without exception these will be the greatest bargains ever offered in Delaware County, on Odd Pants. We must dispose of these goods. This will be the first of three sensations we will offer this week, during our GREAT CLEARANCE SALE now on. Other bargains and great reductions will still be continued in all lines of goods, just as advertised. We are determined to make this the greatest sale in the history of the store. Don't fail to take advantage of this Pant Sensation between hours of 1 and 4 p. m. Thursday. The Great Sale continues until Tuesday, February 2. Watch papers for Sensations No. 2 and 3, for all mean money in your pocket. Five Stores GILDNER BROTHERS Clothing and Shoes MANCHESTER, IOWA.

child, who is one of the most innocent and modest little girls I have ever seen, I am of the opinion that adultery has not been proved, and the Court so finds.

It is easy to charge a woman with adultery, and much easier to put a wrong construction upon acts of indiscretion on the part of a woman, and in every community there are men and women who are only too anxious to destroy the character and reputation of a woman the moment there is the slightest ground of suspicion against her.

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lars, making the total amount of the indebtedness of the plaintiff about five thousand four hundred and seventy-two dollars, leaving his net worth, after deducting the mortgage on the land of twenty-five hundred dollars about eight thousand eight hundred dollars.

The order and decree of the Court is, that a decree of divorce be entered in this case, dissolving the bonds of matrimony that now exist between the parties. As alimony the defendant will be given the household goods which are valued by the plaintiff at two hundred dollars. The plaintiff will also pay the defendant alimony in the sum of twelve hundred dollars, the same to be paid as follows:

One hundred dollars within ten days from this date. One hundred dollars within thirty days from this date. And one thousand dollars within ninety days from this date.

As further alimony, and for the support of the minor children the plaintiff will pay into the hands of a trustee, to be appointed upon the agreement of parties, or by the Court, if the parties cannot agree, the sum of three thousand dollars within one year from this date, and this fund will be used for the support of the children, and will be invested by the trustee, and the net income thereof will be paid under the order of the Court for the support and education of the minor children, and if necessary for fitting them for their future vocations, or for the support of the defendant, as may be ordered by the Court hereafter. And the plaintiff's land will be subject to liens for the payment of the said sums of twelve hundred dollars and three thousand dollars above referred to. The costs of the action will be taxed to the plaintiff, and he sum of five hundred dollars is allowed the defendant's attorneys for their fees in this case, to be taxed as costs.

To all of which findings, order, decree and judgment each party excepts. Counsel for the defendant will prepare a decree in accordance with these findings and order, and submit the same to the Court for approval; the decree to provide that plaintiff have the right to see his children at all reasonable times. Defendant excepts. Signed FRANKLIN C. PLATT, District Judge.

OTHER COURT PROCEEDINGS. Probate. Estate of Lee Chevalier. Petition to sell real estate. Report of sale to John Hammerman approved and leave to bring action to quiet title as prayed.

Estate of Henry Cline, Intermediate report approved. Estate of Mary J. Kerr. Final report approved, administrator discharged and bond released. Guardianship of Carrie Stevens. Final report approved and guardian discharged, bond released. Guardianship of Edw. Dillon. L. Matthews appointed guardian, bond at \$1200. Expense thereof and of attendant to ward's estate. Former guardian directed to turn over all papers, funds, pension certificates and effects whatever, to his successor.

Estate of John Robinson. Claim of Ennis Boggs and report. Approved and distribution ordered as prayed. Guardianship of Stanley and Evelyn Lighty. Guardian authorized to loan funds to W. J. Joslyn on first mortgage security as prayed. Estate of H. Hunt. Final report approved, executor discharged and bond released. Estate of Verda M. Atwater. Report of sale and deed to L. L. Hoyt approved.

proved. Guardianship of Bernard Nater. Guardian authorized to arrange for transportation of ward to St. Joseph's Mercy hospital at Dubuque. Superintendent at Independence requested to permit said transportation. Ordered, however, that expense of keeping said ward at Dubuque hospital, including clothing and all extras, shall not exceed \$12 per month. Estate of Samuel Ede. Will admitted for probate. Guardianship of Hazel Keaton, minor. Final report approved. Guardian discharged and bond released. Estate of H. W. Lawrence. Upon filing of consent of widow and heirs waiving publication of notice of petition for probate, hearing of petition had and will admitted to probate.

Guardianship of Mabel I. Davis. Final report approved. Guardian discharged and bond released. Estate of Bernard Wiskers. Final report approved and administrator discharged and bond released. Estate of Watson Davis. Supplemental report approved.

In the matter of the prohibition of the use of intoxicating liquors and cigarettes in or on the court house premises and the use of toilet rooms, closets, bowls and other rooms in the Court House. Ordered that notices be posted in the toilet rooms, witness rooms and corridors of the court house prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquor or cigarettes in the court house or on the premises owned by the county and prohibiting the improper use of the toilet rooms, closet bowls, etc., and the county attorney is ordered to prosecute any person who shall violate said notices or who shall tear down or deface the same.

Judge Ramsier will hold court here today (Wednesday) and will probably finish the work of the December term of this week.

PERKINS ON COMMITTEES. Speaker Guy A. Feely announced the committees of the house of the Iowa legislature last week. The list of sixty committees includes three new ones, those on forests and natural resources, telephones, and trade and commerce. The governor had recommended the former, and it is quite likely considerable attention will be paid to the work in that committee.

Hon. E. C. Perkins, representative from the 68th district, and representing Delaware county, was made chairman of the Industrial schools committee, and a member of the following: Judiciary, schools and text books, agriculture, normal schools, fish and game, and animal industry.

MISS CARHART RESIGNS. Miss Nina Carhart has resigned her position as a member of the High school faculty, which has been accepted by the board of education. Miss Carhart leaves Friday night for DeKalb, Illinois, where she has been appointed to teach German history in the High school of that city. A successor of Miss Carhart has not yet been appointed.

ATTEND ANNUAL DINNER. Hon. and Mrs. L. Matthews, Mrs. J. Hetherington, Mrs. W. C. Beeman and Mr. and Mrs. A. Pemble and Bert Matthews attended the annual dinner at Greeley, Friday evening by the cannery company of that place.

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STATE BANK OFFICERS.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the State Savings bank, which occurred on January 12, the following directors were elected for the new year: L. Matthews, Burton Clark, W. W. Matthews, W. N. Wolcott, F. M. Burbridge, J. W. Miles and A. J. Bruce. The three former gentlemen were then unanimously elected as the official management of the institution: L. Matthews, president; Burton Clark, vice president, succeeding J. W. Miles, and W. W. Matthews, cashier.

CHAPMAN TO TRY FOR 3 I'S.

Glen Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman of Manchester, who is at present employed in a lumber yard at Monticello, intends to make a try-out for the Davenport Three-Team. Mr. Chapman will leave for that city the first of April to pass the preliminary work, after which all new recruits will be either chosen or refused. Chapman has played some ball, and stands an excellent chance of making good. His friends in Manchester wish him success.

EFFICIENT WATER SERVICE.

After the fire of Wednesday night, the mains were emptied of river water pumped in while the department was using the additional force. Superintendent of Water Works, E. W. Hruby, personally had this work in charge, and it was after 10 o'clock when the last "dead end" hydrant was opened and several hundred gallons of water drawn out, assuring the patrons that only spring and deep well water remained in the pipes.

BOWMAN BUYS SHERMAN HOUSE

Dr. L. J. Bowman has purchased of Wm. and George Barr the Sherman house property on Franklin street, which is located between Fayette and Butler streets. The building has been occupied by the Gates medical bath rooms for many years. Dr. Bowman will continue to rent the building as heretofore.

SIGNS OF SPRING.

While no one has reported seeing a robin, or has planted flower and garden seeds, the kids-about town began playing marbles Saturday, laughing for a line, and enjoying the first warm day of the year by amusing themselves with other games played with combs and aggies.

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DO YOU WANT A SILO?

This Indiana Silo was given to the Northwestern Iowa Short Course by H. C. Harbove, Des Moines, Iowa, through his local agent, GEO. S. LISTER.

It is 10x20 and valued at \$112.50. The Short Course officers will give this Silo to the farmer who shows the best dairy cow from a herd of six or more. If you want it, bring in your best cow, for Dairy Day, and make her earn her salt.

Remember, the Short Course is for the farmer. \$2.50 in premiums will be given to him in the grain contests. You cannot afford to miss this. A complete course faculty. Excellent opportunity. Date, February 15-20. FRANK D. JOSEPH, Secretary. HENRY BRAYTON, President.

PIANO IN LIMELIGHT.

Have you seen the piano which The Democrat is to give away? In fact, there are two of them; one to go to some girl in Manchester, and the other to some girl residing in Delaware county.

Have you read about it? Have you interested yourself as to how you may become the owner of a \$425 piano without any cost to you? Perhaps you were among the three hundred girls nominated, and if so, you have already received circular letters and printed matter concerning it.

Special prizes have been offered from time to time, and will continue in the future. Probably you have noticed what some of them were: A jewel box, a coffee set, and a watch was the last offer made. Several girls were given these prizes, for having secured the subscriptions needed. You might as well avail yourself of the same privilege.

Now to assist you, we are offering this week 20,000 extra free votes with every \$10.00 turned in on subscriptions from today (Tuesday), January 15, to next Tuesday, February 2. This is the best extra free vote offer that has been offered.

You will be given information concerning the contest by calling at the Democrat office or by writing or calling us by telephone. Our number is 154, and the office is open from 8 o'clock in the morning until 6:00 p. m. If you have any inquiries, ask us about them. We will be glad to help you.

TO OPEN BRANCH STORE.

Stearns & McCormick intend to open a branch department store at Oneida the first of February, and have made arrangements to display their stock in the Tuttle building. Archie Legg will manage the business.

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

An enrollment of 170 scholars in the Manchester High school was recorded at the beginning of the new semester Monday morning. This is an increase of over 30 pupils. The rooms are uncomfortably filled, and perfect accommodations have not as yet been made.

MORE ABOUT SHORT COURSE

The Manchester short course will open February 15 and close five days later. A class of five short-horn and five Holsteins will be exhibited in the milk cow department. On Dairy Day, anyone will be permitted to enter one cow in the contest, providing the person has a herd of not less than six cows. The cows will be judged strictly from a dairy standpoint.

In the classes where the farm horse is to be studied, there will be some splendid exhibits from the Greeley stables. Secretary F. D. Joseph is of the opinion that a complete announcement of premiums may be made by next week.

The following program is a general compilation of each day's work, which the officers may change if necessity demands: ADVANCED CLASS-BLUE BADGE. Monday, 9:30 a. m. General meeting of all students. Tuesday, 9:00 a. m. Lecture on market classes of all students. This lecture treats of illustrations with an excellent type of draft horse, and a complete course of instruction. Also, one good feeder and one sawdust.

Wednesday, 9:00 a. m. Market classes of feed cattle, illustrated with two good steers, one good feeder and one sawdust. Thursday, 9:00 a. m. Class of five Percheron stallions. Friday, 9:00 a. m. Class of five Percheron stallions. Saturday, 9:00 a. m. Class of five Percheron stallions. Sunday, 9:00 a. m. Class of five Percheron stallions.

Discussion of care, feeding and management of brood sows, illustrated with model individual sows. 10:30 a. m. Tilt drainage. 11:30 a. m. Practical lecture on poultry. Best types of poultry houses will be discussed and management of poultry. 2:30 p. m. Farm crops discussion. Saturday, 9:00 a. m. All students meet at High school building to talk on planning work, clubs, etc. 10:30 a. m. Corn sale.

ORIGINAL NOTICE.

State of Iowa, Delaware County, ss. I, Abbie J. Carhart, Plaintiff, do hereby certify that John Burton Carhart, Defendant, is the true and lawful owner of the premises described in the petition filed in the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Delaware County, a petition of Abbie J. Carhart, claiming a divorce from the bonds of matrimony on the grounds of desertion, and asking for such other and better relief as may be deemed equitable and just.

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