

**They Went Together.**  
Tom Meyers was a peddler in a humble way in Chicago, and he and his outfit were well known in the poorer quarters. His wagon was old and rickety, his horse had seen years of service in a street car line, and the peddler was old and feeble as his horse, which, by the way, bore the impressive name of Baron.  
Saturday is always a busy day with peddlers, and one very cold Saturday Peddler Meyers had an unusually hard day. As he drove home late in the evening he noticed that Baron looked sick. He gave him a good supper of oats, rubbed him down and then went to his own supper.  
An hour later he again visited Baron and found him worse. He applied such remedies as he could, and then, finding that the horse evinced a desire to lie down, he led it out of the stable and up the street.  
Around and around the block he led Baron, and in the early morning a policeman found the horse lying on the street and the old peddler by his side with an arm on the animal's neck, and both were dead.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

**Dogs That Resemble Bears.**  
It has already been noted by scientists that certain mountain dogs have shapes and assume attributes resembling those of a bear. Among these dogs the sheep dog of the Pyrenees bears a closer resemblance to the bear than most others. Although he is seldom over twenty inches high, his bones are very massive and his muscles exceptionally developed. His fur is thick, consisting of long, fine, silky hair, either black, dun colored or gray. His head is large and the nose tapering, the eyes small, but sharp and lustrous and his ears always "attentive." The toes and the base of the feet are elongated and flat. The tail is very short or even entirely missing, and by his manner of climbing the abrupt mountain slopes he may easily be mistaken for a young bear.

**An Interrupted Duel.**  
A fire engine was recently the means of putting a sudden stop to a duel in Germany. Two physicians quarreled and arranged for a meeting with pistols. The village chief magistrate heard of the proposed duel. He informed the firemen, and together, drawing a machine, they proceeded to the scene of the encounter. Just as the seconds had stepped off the distance a heavy stream of water struck one of the physicians, and a moment later the second doctor was also drenched to the skin. The would-be fighters, in their dripping clothes, looked so ridiculous that they both burst out laughing, shook hands and returned to their homes, thanking the ingenious mayor for his intervention.

**What is the Answer?**  
It happened during the construction of one of Kansas City's skyscrapers. The noon whistle blew, and a plasterer, working on the floor above that on which he had left his street clothes, wanted some change from his pocket-book and ordered his tender to go and get it.  
The tender paused. "Look hyah, Mistah Jim," he objected, "if somebody has already stole yo' money an' I comes back hyah, 'n' tells you dat it's gone yo' is gwine to say I tuk it."  
Although struck by the seeming justice of the objection, the plasterer was impatient. "What's the matter with you?" he ejaculated. "Nobody has stolen my money. You go ahead, and if the money is gone I won't blame you."  
The tender departed, to return in a few minutes and stand just inside the door. "Well," said the plasterer pointedly.  
The tender shuffled his feet, wide eyed and innocent. "It's jes' like I tole yo', boss, jes' like I tole yo'. Somebody done robbed yo'. Dey wuzn' a cent in dem clothes."—Kansas City Star.

**A Quaint Oriental Story.**  
A recent English traveler in Baluchistan had from a holy man in that country a story about Moses which does not appear in the Scriptures, yet which has its pertinence to this matter of politicians proposing to do away with all the evils of the human lot, says the Century Magazine. The patriarch was sitting in his house very sad, and the Lord said to him, "Propbet Moses, why art thou cast down?" "Alas," said he, "I see so many people sorrowful. Some are unclodded, and some are hungry. I pray thee make all happy and contented." The Lord promised it should be so. But soon Moses was again disconsolate, and once more the Lord asked the cause. "Lord," cried the prophet, "the upper story of my house has fallen down, and nobody will come to mend it; they are all too busy enjoying themselves." "But what an I to do?" "Lord, make the people as they were before!"

**Entirely Too Literal.**  
Some people are too literal for anything. A young man gave a graphic description of a narrow escape that he had recently had from an enraged bull:  
"I seized him by the tail!" he exclaimed, "an' there I was. I was afraid to hold on and I dare not let go."  
"Between the horns of a dilemma, as it were," ventured a young lady, very much interested.  
"No," replied the young man; "I wasn't between the horns at all, an', besides, he wasn't a dilemma; he was a Jersey."—London Mail.

**FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY**

Near summer weather is here again.  
L. G. Vallentyne, is a visitor from Fargo today.  
J. L. Perkins, of Chicago, is here on business this week.  
P. E. Tower, of Fargo, was here on business matters in the city yesterday.  
Benj. Turfe, of Cooperstown, was registered at a local hotel Thursday.  
C. E. Scott, of McHenry, mingled in business circles Thursday.  
Chas. A. Fuller, was transacting business here from Fargo yesterday.  
H. S. Holm, transacted business in Fargo Thursday.  
John Peterson, of Fargo was a business visitor here yesterday.  
Come and see Prince Tobbytum the Man of Consequence in Sylvia at the Armory tonight.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Broth of Minneapolis are visiting with friends here this week.  
Among those from Rogers who were guests here Thursday were W. J. Pickett, Mrs. Lee Sterns, Mrs. Graugard and Mrs. A. Hartman.  
DeLendricies and Moody's Department stores, at Fargo announce that they will be closed evenings, except Saturdays, until December 16th, so that the clerks will not be overworked.  
Mrs. Kathryn Helmes expects to leave Tuesday morning for Long Beach, Cal., where she will spend the winter.  
Mrs. L. G. McMullen, who has been ill at the Riverside hospital for some time, is improving very rapidly and expects to return home Sunday.  
J. M. Kelly, of St. Paul, is transacting business here this week.  
Mrs. Barber will arrive here tomorrow from Minneapolis to spend the week with her daughter Mrs. Arleigh Miller of the Sheyenne apartments.  
Mrs. J. F. L. Bohnhoff returned the fore part of the week from Chaffee, where she has been the guest of her sister for the past week.  
The Misses Emily and Emma Uloth and Mrs. L. Risa left last night for Fargo and will be guests at the home of Mrs. Roy Severance for several days.  
C. J. Lee has been confined at his home for the last two weeks, by illness. It is hoped that he will be able to be out again in the course of a few days.  
The members of the Episcopal Guild have discontinued their meetings until after the first of the year when they will meet with Mrs. W. H. Beacham.  
A meeting of baseball enthusiasts was held last evening to discuss ways and means of selling tickets for the Schubert benefit concert next Monday evening. The concert promises to be a splendid success in every way, and there is no doubt but that the sale of tickets will be large.  
The Sorosis Club will hold their next regular meeting on January the 6th at the home of Mrs. Leo Straus. The general theme will be "Conservation of Foods" and papers will be given by Miss Farnsworth and Mrs. Straus on "The Economy in Buying and Storing and Economy in Preparation."

**County Correspondence**

**BREEZY BITS OF SKANDIA.**  
Will Simon and sister Cecelia left for points east last week.  
The Catholic congregation of Litchville gave a large supper last week Thursday night, which was well attended.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clint Tooley are now comfortably located on the "dear old farm," to their many friends and neighbors.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Hunter were business callers at Valley City bright and early Monday morning.  
Henry Peterson has added a side line to his farming interests by installing a feed mill outfit complete to his well equipped farm and after he gets that auto will stand in line with the best of them.  
Mr. Linge, the Dodge elevator man of Hastings, was suffocated in an oat bin last Tuesday evening. It is thought as he was loading a car, that he got into the bin and some how the suction must have drawn him under, as he was under three feet of oats when found.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peterson and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Poachter were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Triebold last Sunday.

**GETCHELL PRAIRIE.**  
The stork was working overtime in this vicinity last week. Wednesday evening a wee baby girl was welcomed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith of the Coop farm.  
The sale of fancy and useful articles at the church last Wednesday was very well attended. A large number enjoyed the delicious supper served by the ladies of the church. After supper the unsold articles were auctioned off, after which Rev. Karr of Valley City delivered his splendid lecture, "The Boy with the Winged Feet."  
The Getchell school was closed last week, the teachers being in attendance at the Institute in Valley City. It proved to be a strenuous week, but the teachers expressed themselves as well satisfied with the time spent. Every minute was crammed full of good things.  
The Agricultural Club took an exhibit to the Corn Show in Valley City last week. They were successful in landing fourteen first prizes, ten seconds and eight thirds, also the grand prize, a library worth \$25, given for the best community exhibit.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Witcher and grandson Jimmie Getchell were guests at the Chas. Witcher home last Sunday evening.  
The Agricultural Club expects to have a fine course of lectures this winter. Among the speakers are Prof. Randlett of the A. C., Thos. Cooper, Edwin Mayland and Frank H. White of the Better Farming Association, and Prof. Acher of the State Normal school.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Getchell and Miss Ella Getchell were guests for supper at Fred Getchell's Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rogers spent the latter part of last week visiting with friends in Valley City.  
Mrs. Grace LaBumpe was a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Ronzheimer last week.

**NOTICE.**  
Proposals for County Depositories. Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Barnes County, State of North Dakota at Valley City, on January 6th, 1913, and not later than two o'clock p. m. for County Depositories for ensuing two years.  
Such proposals shall state in writing the amount of capital stock of said bank bidding, what rate of interest which will be paid for the average daily balances during the month and what amount the bid is for.  
Each bidder will be required to furnish a good and satisfactory bond on call. After the bank has been designated and funds divided.  
If surety bonds are given, they will be required to be for the amount that the bank has been designated as a depository, and if private bonds are given for double the amount that the bank has been designated as a depository.  
All bidders will be required to comply in all respects to Section 2436, 2437 and 2445, Revised Codes of 1905.  
The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
Given under my hand and the seal of my office this 12th day of December, 1912.  
By Order of the County Commissioners.  
(Seal) C. W. NELSON,  
Auditor Barnes County, N. D.  
12-14-19-26w.

**Servian Women.**  
There is no country in the world where women occupy a more dignified or honored position in the home than Servia. The Servian idea is quite different from that of the Turk, who keeps his women behind shut doors, or the German, whose ideal woman is a good hausfrau. In Servia the woman is the companion of the man. A man is responsible for his unmarried sisters, and throughout the Balkan states it is considered rather a breach of etiquette for him to marry before his older sister. No Servian girl would feel she could hold up her head in society unless she could speak four languages. There is hardly a Servian woman who cannot play some musical instrument. Embroidery, painting, drawing and sculpture are all studied. Politics is a popular feature among women. Servian women are very domesticated, and the highest ladies pay personal attention to trivial matters of housekeeping.—London Tit-Bits.

**A Roadless Land.**  
Russia is almost a roadless land. It is inconceivable to the foreign visitor who has ever left the beaten track of the railways in Russia how a great empire can have subsisted so long and so successfully without even a pretense at roads. The secret lies in the fact that for five or six months in the year nature herself provides roads over the greater part of Russia—admirable smooth, glassy roadways over hard worn snow. The traffic is further cheapened over these roads by the substitution of a sledge runner for the wheel and axle. This brings the cost of land carriage as near the cheapness of water borne freight as possible, and it is the principal reason why Russia in the twentieth century is still a roadless land.

**A Broken Cup.**  
Signora Veronelli (seeking a servant)—Why were you sent away from your last place?  
"Because I broke a coffee cup."  
"Was that the only reason?"  
"Certainly, except that on that occasion my mistress had a little wound on the head."—Il Riso.

**"Sylvia" Makes Hit at Armory Friday Eve.**

**EFFORTS OF MISS WILKINS APARENT IN MUSICAL PLAY BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.**  
Miss Ruth Wilkins, musical supervisor of the public schools deserves much credit for her production of "Sylvia" given by the High school chorus, in the Armory Friday evening. Each took his or her part in a most graceful, well poised manner. The choruses were wonderfully worked up and did credit to professional training. The Rustic Maidens were beautiful and made one quite envy the farm and the farmer's daughters or the farmers sons—which? Prince Tobby, a man from the court and a man of consequence—was great fun for the entire audience. The acting was natural and easy and the singing in good part. Alma Olson, Laila Platou and Dorothy Jaged as Polly, Molly and Dolly, the farmers daughters and leaders of the rustic maidens deserve special mention. The farm lads "took down the house" and especially Bert Weston as the tall, galky farmer and Louis Bublitz as the fat, awkward one. Even Rhys-Herbert himself would have been forced to laugh at them.  
The opening chorus with hay raking scene was very effective as was also the "Perhaps Chorus," when the maidens were evading the entreaties of the lads. The pretty little compliments paid the maidens by Deane Brooks as "First Lad" was worthy of any polished gentleman of "high society." Elizabeth Peaske took the part of "Sylvia" in a well studied manner and showed good dramatic effect in her singing. She has a clear, sweet soprano voice and was in very good voice throughout the entire program; as was also Miss Louise Bublitz acting as "Betty," the county lass, who has a wonderful rich contralto voice and one cannot help but anticipate great things for her. The games these two young ladies played upon their finances and the worry it caused them before the day was over, would be a good lesson for dissatisfied young women in real life. DeLacey, the count poet and the betrothed of "Sylvia" was very ably taken by Otto Kuntz, he is a singer of good voice and the audience always enjoys hearing him sing even "off the stage." We all know Carl Bublitz and it was with a great deal of interest, the audience waited for him as "William," the farmer engaged to "Betty." He is a favorite in musical circles in the High school, and we all enjoy his rich deep bass. Bryan Clarke is a true actor "just like his father" was heard whispered throughout the audience Monday night. His rendition of the part of "Prince Tobbytum," a great man, was perfect and brought much credit to both himself and Miss Wilkins. The High school orchestra played throughout the evening and played well, much credit is due them and they are to be complimented upon their work.  
Officer Kelly returned Saturday evening with W. R. Johnson who will have his hearing Wednesday before Judge Moe on a white slave charge. It is understood that Foster county also has a warrant out for this same party and that he will be tried there if he is not bound over here.  
Several doctors are under arrest in the state and several more have been allowed to depart because it is claimed that they had not secured a license to practice here.

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