

Looking Backward.

High, ho! Thirty years ago 'Twas Jake and Mary then you know...

There are no where to be found two happier people. We are all proud of them.

The ceremony uniting these two lives, was held at the residence of the bride's father, Thomas Curtis.

Since then many years have passed, but still fresh in the minds of those who were present...

Mr. Bucher and wife have lived during the majority of their time on the old Curtis homestead, happy and contented.

In conclusion, dear old friends, Jacob and Mary Jane, your surprises are coming thick and fast.

YOUR MANY FRIENDS.

Fortescue.

Miss Lillie Cotton visited friends in Napier, Saturday and Sunday.

We are glad to see our agent, Mr. Henderson, back at his old stand.

Mrs. G. W. Groves, of Napier, was a Fortescue visitor, Tuesday afternoon.

Willie Wake spent holidays with his sister, Mrs. H. D. Hazlett, of Reynolds, Nebr.

Miss Muggie Minton visited with friends and relatives in Mound City, the first of the week.

W. G. Craig, of Napier, came over last Saturday to look after his business which he has here.

Three thousand pounds of chickens were received here last Tuesday by Shellenberger & Co. and W. G. Craig.

Geo. Gordon and wife, and Frank Lowe, of St. Joseph, were the guests of C. W. Craig and family, the first of the week.

Santa appeared at the home of T. W. Huston on Christmas day in the form of a stork, presenting them with a fine baby girl.

During the month of December 41 cars of grain and stock were shipped from here, consisting of 15 corn, 8 wheat, 8 cattle and 10 hogs.

Another soul was made happy last Sunday, December 29, 1907, when Fred Reoline found his wife had presented him with a fine boy.

REPORTER.

The Craig Mirror announces that a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Nauman on December 18th, and that it was their 27th child.

It isn't often that you will meet with much success hunting snakes in December, but S. P. Allen met with success on the 26th, by killing one on the Kiplinger place.

Cupid's Caper.

Fate in the shape of the storm and the consequent damage to telegraph and telephone wires was kind to Thomas Coates and Miss Ada Hornecker, of Lander, Wyo., for they are now Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coates.

Saying never a word to anyone, Miss Hornecker and Coates eloped from Lander early Thursday morning, December 26th, after being in attendance at a masquerade ball they had a pleasant evening at the social affair, enjoying themselves hugely and adding not a little to the life of the party.

The brother had no idea how the Christmas night festivities were to end, so he remained over night in Lander, and did not return home until 9 o'clock in the morning.

An investigation was immediately started, and it was found out that Miss Hornecker and Coates had purchased tickets for Denver and had left on the early morning train.

The sheriff was notified to apprehend them, but right there is where fate got in its work. The storm had cut off all communication between Lander and Cheyenne, and the train was merrily speeding on its way while a frantic mother and anxious sheriff were trying every way to get word through.

Fate indeed permitted the sheriff to get in touch with Cheyenne at 10 o'clock last night, but the train had rattled noisily into the depot at 9 o'clock and the officers were just one hour late.

Miss Hornecker and Coates caught the next train out of Cheyenne and arrived in Denver at 6 o'clock this morning, keeping ahead of the orders to arrest them. They went to the Elk hotel, breakfasted and then proceeded to the court house. The marriage license was secured easily enough, and then they went out and Miss Hornecker became Mrs. Coates at 10:30 by the clock.

Mrs. Coates is about 17 years old and is the daughter of J. M. Hornecker, a wealthy ranchman. He is in Oregon, Mo., now, and news of his daughter's elopement and marriage has been telegraphed him. Coates is ten years his wife's senior and was employed as a ranch hand. The elopement was undertaken because the parents of the bride objected to the attentions of Coates.

Denver (Col.) Post, December 27, 1907.

REAL ESTATE MIMOGRAPH

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY W. H. RICHARDS, OREGON, MO. OFFICE UP-STAIRS IN THE MOORE BLOCK

Abstractor and Negotiator of Loans.

Transfers for the week ending December 21, 1907:

Table with columns for names, addresses, and amounts. Includes entries for Edw. M. Fitzmaurice, Jno. McMullen, Geo. W. Washam, Wm. Hoblitzel, Wm. W. and Ed. O. Forney, Jno. H. Hurst, Jno. W. Rogers, Jno. W. Haigler, Wm. G. Fairleigh, Jno. T. and Wm. S. Hiatt, Wm. H. Wright, R. O. Morris, Wm. M. Baker, T. M. Reed, Jno. Meyer, Jas. D. and Wm. Wallace, W. Kelly, Geo. R. Murray, Geo. W. Ferbrache, Geo. W. Ferbrache to Marion E. Dick, Eleanor M. Menifee to Geo. Cotton, Lossen Sipes to Chas. F. Sipes, Pauline Stewart to Gincy P. McDowell.

Transfers for week ending December 28, 1907:

Table with columns for names, addresses, and amounts. Includes entries for Jas. T. and Wm. S. Hiatt, Wm. H. Wright, R. O. Morris, Wm. M. Baker, T. M. Reed, Jno. Meyer, Jas. D. and Wm. Wallace, W. Kelly, Geo. R. Murray, Geo. W. Ferbrache, Geo. W. Ferbrache to Marion E. Dick, Eleanor M. Menifee to Geo. Cotton, Lossen Sipes to Chas. F. Sipes, Pauline Stewart to Gincy P. McDowell, Sarah Taylor to Bradford M. Taylor, J. W. H. Griffin to Gilbert W. Pullen, Geo. B. Devoras, W. Pullen, Franz Dudeck to Jos. H. Murray, Mrs. Cora Burgess and son, Bruce.

QUIT CLAIMS.

Table with columns for names and amounts. Includes entries for Sarah Taylor to Bradford M. Taylor, J. W. H. Griffin to Gilbert W. Pullen, Geo. B. Devoras, W. Pullen, Franz Dudeck to Jos. H. Murray, Mrs. Cora Burgess and son, Bruce.

Oak Grove.

Louie Dick has been in St. Joseph the past week having his eyes treated.

Mr. John Meade and wife are exceedingly happy over their son, Mert, coming home for a visit with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Culp have returned to their home, after several days' visit with her parents, John Meade and wife.

Robert Johnson and family, Mrs. Geo. Owens and children spent Christmas with Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Rev. Lukens and family.

Mrs. Geo. Owens and children and her brother, Linville Johnson, were the guests of Alex Cooksey and family, Thursday of last week.

Mrs. George Owens and little ones soon expect to return to their new home at Burlington Junction. Mr. Owens has been there the past month, and is well pleased with the surroundings.

Frank Baxlitter and wife have sold their home, and expect to move soon to some place where they will have better school facilities for their children.

Little Master Dewey Cooksey is as proud as a little lark over the beautiful Christmas presents he received. He received two lovely books, one from Edwin A. Welty, and one from Judge H. T. Alkire. He also received a nice speech from Judge Alkire, which the little fellow will recite at the close of the Highland school.

Forest City.

Miss Maud Baker, central girl, is quite sick.

Miss Laura Hovey spent Tuesday in St. Joseph.

A. S. Venen visited his mother, Mrs. Terry, Tuesday.

Miss Madge Boyd visited Mrs. John Clark, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Quick were shopping here Tuesday.

Master Lawrence Fawks has a decided attack of measles.

Mrs. Fredrick and daughter, Lola, returned home last Friday.

Mrs. T. E. Tear and children were St. Joseph shoppers, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris left Monday for a business trip to Chicago.

Mrs. Etta Elder, of Mound City, visited her parents, Christmas week.

Mrs. Clyde White and daughter Jaunita, spent Tuesday with friends here.

The Stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Elder Christmas Eve and left a son.

Mrs. Myrtle May was called to Nebraska by a telegram from her sister, last Saturday.

Mrs. N. N. Sheats attended the funeral of Mrs. Agnes Carpenter at St. Joseph last Saturday.

John and Pearl Shaffler returned from St. Joseph Monday, where they were visiting relatives.

Chas. Bennett returned to his home at Topeka, Kansas, after several days' visit with his wife and son.

Misses Edith and Studie Landers went to Falls City, Neb., Christmas day to visit Mrs. Myrtle Moody.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris and children returned from St. Louis Saturday, where they spent Xmas with a daughter.

Neve Dickson and family are "at home" to their friends, at the old home place now, having moved last week.

Mrs. Kennedy and daughter, Nellie, returned to their home in Chicago, Monday, after several months' visit here.

Mrs. Wilks and son, Gle and Mrs. Terry and daughter, Catharine and Frances, spent Sunday with Bert Venen and family.

Miss Katie Fitzmaurice went to St. Joseph Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Agnes Carpenter (nee) Austin.

Mrs. Carpenter had many friends here who are deeply grieved by her sudden death.

Among the out of town visitors to home folks, Christmas day, were: Messrs Tom Boyd, Frank Wylie, Chas. Sentney, Earnest and Bert Weber, all of St. Joseph; Fred Doebelling from the Rogers' dredge boat, and Will Dickson, of St. Joseph.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors.

In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Missouri, St. Joseph Division: In the matter of August H. P. Rohling, bankrupt in bankruptcy.

To the Creditors of August H. P. Rohling, of Corning, in the county of Holt, and the District aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of December, 1907, the said August H. P. Rohling was duly adjudged a bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his said creditors will be held at my office in the First National Bank building, on the northeast corner of Fourth and Francis streets, in the city of St. Joseph, on the 14th day of January, 1908, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

BENJAMIN J. WOODSON, Referee in Bankruptcy.

This 30th day of December, 1907. Amount of Assets scheduled, \$1,343.00. Amount of Liabilities scheduled, \$1,463.53.

Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors, and others interested in the estate of George W. Hogrefe, deceased, that J. E. Hogue, executor of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof, at the next term of the Probate Court of Holt County, to be held at the Court House in Oregon, Missouri, on the 10th day of February, 1908.

ETNA HOGREFE, Executrix.

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WORLD'S BIGGEST CATASTROPHE

It is the Plague Epidemic Now on in India.

The greatest catastrophe the world has ever known is in progress at this present moment, and the world reckons little or nothing of it.

This is the plague epidemic in India, which has now been raging for more than 11 years, and which, so far from showing any tendency to die out, keeps steadily increasing in intensity.

Nothing approaching the appalling horror represented by these figures has ever been recorded before. The nearest to it was in 1905, when, during the last week in March, the epidemic was responsible for 57,702 deaths.

No pestilence of ancient or modern times of which we have any knowledge has slain so many millions of people as has this one, and the end of which, mind, is not yet.

The "Great Plague" of London, for example, about which everybody has heard, killed at the outside some 80,000 people in seven months, or about as many as are dying weekly in India from a disease which is identical with it in every respect.

The "Black Death" is said to have slain one-third of the then population of England—say 1,500,000 persons; but this is doubtful. Even admitting the correctness of the estimate, however, the mortality of the present epidemic in India has already more than doubled this huge total.

What will be the end no man can foresee or venture to forecast. It may be that all that has gone before, and all that is happening now, is but the prelude of worse to follow.—Pearson's Weekly.

THE CAT CAME BACK.

But it Was Not at Home in the Country for Awhile.

The kitten that the little city girl had brought back from the country with her last fall had grown to be a big, beautiful cat when the time came to go to the mountains again, so he was placed in a basket and carried to the train, the first time since his babyhood that he had been below the third floor of the apartment house.

There was little surprise and a good deal of amusement, therefore, at the cat's ideas of nature, gained, as they had been, by close inspection of fire escapes and adjacent brick walls, with an occasional glimpse of an asphalt pavement.

For the first three or four days it was impossible to keep pussy on the ground floor. It would run to the top of the big farmhouse and peer out of the window whenever it was released on the veranda.

Gradually, however, it became accustomed to life on the ground level, and in a week or so timidly ventured outdoors by itself. Then it was quickly found that its natural instincts had not been affected by city life, for it soon became a terror to song birds, much to the disgust of its little mistress, who is constantly torn with grief between her love for the cat and for the birdies that fell victims of its cunning.

Now that pussy has taken to sleeping out of doors it is a serious problem whether to bring it back to the city again or not.—New York Globe.

Scientist Makes Kisses Safe.

Berlin.—If you wish to be healthy wear the new toothbrush mustache. It may be uncomfortable as the complement to a kiss, but it is absolutely safe.

This is the dictum of Professor Wallnitz, who has been active in the controversy raging fiercely among eminent bacteriologists. The "toothbrush" is the invention of clever Americans and is urged against the popular mustaches a la Kaiser.

The latter necessitates a mustache binder, and Wallnitz, after submitting several binders to microscopic examination, has discovered fragments of diseased hair and skin and an incredible number of horrible bacilli.

Some innocent guinea pigs inoculated with the cultures suffered tortures. The short, bristling decoration of the upper lip is all, he declares, that will save a sweetheart or wife from infection.

Street-Car Amenities.

Old Gentleman—I've had to wait twenty minutes for this car. The service is confoundingly unreliable, sir.

Conductor—Well, there ain't no law to make you ride. You can walk, you know.

Old Gentleman—"Oh, I'm not in such a hurry as that."—Kansas City Times.

His Job.

"Do you really mean to say, colonel, that you ran for congress before you were of age?"

"Certainly, before I was 16; in fact, I was a page in the house."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Pull.

"Father," said little Rollo, "what is meant by 'pull'?"

"Pull, my son," answered the man of experience, "is personal friendship skillfully managed so that it will pay dividends."—Washington Star.

Orinthological.

Pearl—I wonder why that Mrs. Flasher is going around telling every one she got married just as a lark?"

Ruby—Perhaps because she married a jay.—Chicago Daily News.

REMINGTON'S INDIAN STORY.

The Winnebago Reservation Choir Didn't Work Well.

Frederick Remington, the artist-author, has had about as strenuous a career as any man that ever touched pen or pencil to paper. He has spent a great deal of time among the Indians in the west. On one of his visits he ran into a story which he is fond of telling.

For some years there had been a Presbyterian mission at the Winnebago reservation in Nebraska, but there were few converts. The missionary hit on a brilliant plan. There were some bucks on the reservation who had been at the Carlisle school, where they had studied singing. He organized a quartet. The bucks liked to show off their hymns. One of them had a yellow dog that always accompanied his master to church.

At first the Indians liked the singing. Then they grew tired of it. Even the choir lost its religion. It became a trio; then a duet; finally the solo quit. A new missionary came into the field. One day he ascended the pulpit and looked around. The only sign of life in the pews was a yellow dog. Calling to the sexton, he said: "Put that dog out!"

"Excuse me," replied the sexton mildly. "I'd rather not. The fact is, he is the only convert."—Saturday Evening Post.

AUTOS AT A COYOTE DRIVE.

California Hunt Not as Successful as Had Been Hoped For.

A large crowd of San Joaquin county residents assembled at the Hollinger ranch, in the eastern part of the county, and enjoyed a coyote drive, which was not as destructive as the people of that district hoped for, as the animals kept out of sight and only a few were killed.

Of late the coyotes have been killing sheep, pigs and chickens. The scarcity of dead animals has caused the coyotes to invade the ranches and give the farmer a lot of trouble. As a general rule, these animals seldom attack stock, but when driven to starvation they become bold.

It was with the hope that a large number would be killed that a general invitation was extended to the people to assemble and make a roundup. All kinds of vehicles, from the old fashioned top buggy to the latest in automobiles, were in evidence, and many men appeared on horseback and joined the chase. One drive was made in the forenoon and another in the afternoon, lunch being served between the two trips. Later another effort will be made to exterminate the troublesome animals.

Homes for Birds.

Securing as permanent homes for the birds islands and remote tracts that are their favorite haunts is a humane and perfectly feasible plan of the Audubon society in this district.

Recently received a cordial indorsement from President Roosevelt. "This project of enlarging birdland by purchasing from private citizens breeding places in the island and coastal region of the Atlantic, Pacific and of the gulf and of providing the birds in their homes with human guardians is one that may be depended upon to provide every race among our nation's birds with ample quarters for all time. And it is only by such a thorough and wide-flung measure that this desired end may be assured. The aid of every American citizen is justly sought that the best success may attend the efforts of the Audubon society in this direction."

Correspondence.

Swift, alluding in a letter to the frequent instances of a broken correspondence after a long absence, gives the following natural account of the causes: "At first one omits writing for a little while; and then one stays a little while longer to consider of excuses—and at last it grows desperate, and one does not write at all. In this manner I have served others, and have been served myself."

Lord Roseberry's Farm.

On his Dalmeny estate of 35,000 acres Lord Roseberry himself runs an extensive farm which is obtaining quite an international reputation. The produce is raised almost exclusively for seed purposes, and in nearly every country on the continent, as well as in several of the colonies, Lord Roseberry's seeds have been utilized by grain and root crop farmers.—London Chronicle.

Our Mineral Water.

The mineral water produce of the United States during 1906 was 48,518,395 gallons, valued at \$1,574,590—a very considerable increase over the previous year. These figures cover only the natural mineral waters taken from springs having some medicinal qualities.

Not a Disbeliever.

"I suppose," remarked the dear girl, "that you do not believe in love at first sight?"

"Oh, yes I do," rejoined the old bachelor. "If men were gifted with second sight they would never fall in love."—Home Magazine.

Work of Elephants.

An elephant works from the age of 12 to 80. He can haul 15 tons, lift half a ton and carry three tons on his back.

In the Banks.

The deposits in the savings funds of Japan total \$100,000,000.

ATTENTION, COMRADES:



All comrades of Moyer Post are hereby notified to assemble at the court house on Saturday afternoon, Jan 25th, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of transacting such business as may properly come before it.

By order of W. H. HARDMAN, Commander.

Church Directories.

Presbyterian Church.

Rev. James M. Walton, Pastor. Sabbath School at 9:30 every Sabbath. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Prayer Service Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Woodville every Sabbath at 3 p. m. Everybody cordially invited to attend all love services. If the pastor can help you, please call for his services.

Christian Church.

Bible school every Lord's day 9:30 a. m., F. L. Geller, superintendent. Y. P. S. C. E. every Lord's day 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 8 p. m. Preaching every second and fourth Lord's day, morning and evening. Meeting of official board every first Lord's day. All cordially invited to attend all meetings of the church.

M. E. Church.

T. J. Enyeart, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath morning and evening at 10:45 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. F. Morgan, Supt. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 8 p. m. Epworth League Junior every Sabbath 3 p. m., and senior one hour before preaching every Sabbath evening. Business meeting of the official board first Monday of each month, at 4:30 p. m. J. A. Kreek, secretary of the board. W. F. M. Society meets the first Friday of each month, 3:30 p. m.

Evangelical Church.

B. H. Hobbs, Pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Thursday at 8 p. m. Services every Sunday, morning and evening. Regular preaching services the first and third Sundays at 11 a. m., and the second and fourth Sundays at 8 p. m. Preaching at Nickell's Grove on the first and third Sundays at 8 p. m., and the second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. Preaching at Culp school house on the first and third Sundays of each month. Preaching at Benton church second and fourth Sundays. All are cordially invited to attend.

German M. E. Church.

Rev. Wm. Tonat, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Preaching every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Preaching every Sunday at the Nodaway church at 2:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday afternoon at 8:30. Everybody cordially invited to attend above services.

M. E. Church, Forest City.

Rev. J. P. Godbey, Pastor. Preaching on the second and fourth Sunday in each month, 11 a. m., and evening. Preaching on the first and third Sunday evening. Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 a. m. Junior League at 2:30 p. m., and Senior League at 7 p. m. J. A. Lease, Pres. Prayer meeting every Tuesday evening 8 p. m. Ladies' Aid society every Friday at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. E. A. Scott, Pres. Preaching at Kinsey school house on the first and third Sunday mornings. Sunday school at 10 a. m. James Lease, Supt. All are cordially invited to attend.

Christian Church, New Point.

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Preaching on the first and third Sundays in each month, 11 a. m., and evening. Y. P. S. C. E. every Sunday evening, 8:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

Rev. T. D. Roberts' Appointments.

New Point, every second and fourth Sabbath. Sabbath School at 10 a. m. every Sabbath.

Ourson Christian Church, Bluff City.

W. H. Hardman, Pastor. Preaching on the second and fourth Lord's day at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Bible school each Lord's day at 10 a. m.

WANTED—YOUNG MAN from Holt county to prepare for desirable position in Govt. Mail Service. Salary, \$500. Rapid promotion to \$1000. Splendid opportunity. Address Box One, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Administratrix's Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that Letters of Administration on the estate of William Anno, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Holt County, Missouri, bearing date the 30th day of November, 1907.

All persons having claims against said Estate, are required to exhibit them to her for allowance, within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claim be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication, they will be forever barred. HARRIET ALICE ANNO, Administratrix.

This 6th day of December, 1907.

If you want the best farm paper published come in and we'll fix you up. What do you think of this—THE SEVEN-STAR and Colman's Rural World for only \$1.75.