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led through back alleys and yards, across fields and through anyone who the sheriff trailing in the rear, but he held on like grim death until about four o'clock seeing a lot of school boys he called thirty or forty of them together and offered them a dollar to catch the fugitive. No sooner said than, like a pack of hounds turned loose on the trail of a fox, they were off with a yell and the fun began. The youngest boy was soon located and captured while hiding in St. E. Vaughn's yard and the oldest one was captured in a canyon north of town. It will be remembered that these boys were taken before Judge Robinson several weeks ago who permitted them to return to their home on the promise of good behavior and that they attend school. They neither behaved nor attended school and have now been sent to Kearney.

MONROE.
From the Republican.
Born on Wednesday, April 24, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis, a daughter.

Attorney McAllister and Lightner and Ed Rosier were up from Columbus last Saturday.

Mr. Marshall McWilliams returned to her home in Shelton yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson McWilliams accompanied her as far as Columbus.

W. E. Cole and family expect to leave the first of the week for their new home in Garden City, Kan., they having shipped their household goods this week.

Miss Clara Lewis, accompanied by her brother Walter, drove to Columbus Saturday and visited with their grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis.

Mr. Wm. Webster, accompanied by her two children, left last Friday for a visit with her mother at Bennet, Neb. Mr. Webster accompanied her as far as Columbus.

Ellis Williams is enjoying a visit from his mother, Mrs. Jane Williams, who is en route to her home in Granville, N. Y., after a visit with her son, Jack and Oe, who live at Santa Cruz and Boulder Creek, California.

And what do you think of that. This week a farmer on the route, in moving his harrow from one field to the other, headed in the road, and when he came up, he said, "Did you ever have an nice road as good as this? That harrow does more good than all the road bones that have been on that road since Nebraska was a territory. If we would harrow the roads instead of plowing them they would be much better. Do you take any farm papers?"

Monday evening about eight o'clock fire was discovered in Dr. Frank's office known as the Gates building. In the early part of the evening the doctor had been burning the grass around the building, and the shingles caught fire, but was soon put out, and he thought everything was safe. But it seems the fire had also caught near the ground and burned up between the siding and plastering without being discovered until it broke through the roof. The house was soon attached to the town pump, and in a few minutes the fire was under control and the building saved. Had it not been for the pump there is no doubt but that building and probably some others would have gone up in the smoke.

LEWIS.

From the Post.
Dr. Evans and wife and Dr. Tobkin went to Columbus Thursday to attend a meeting of the County Medical Association. Dr. Tobkin is to read a paper entitled, "Microscope in Medicine."

J. W. Farnham and family of Omaha, Lindsay's new butcher, arrived last Saturday with two cars of household furniture and most market fixtures. He is at present engaged in repairing the Christensen building which he will occupy and says it will probably be two weeks before he will open up for business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Taylor of St. Edward, arrived last Thursday evening and have opened up a jewelry store in the building recently vacated by Antonio Oney. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are experienced watch makers, jewelers and opticians having had a number of years experience along this line. They come to us highly recommended.

Recently a petition was drawn up by a number of mail patrons on Lindsay rural route No. 1 that they be placed on Newman Grove route No. 2. The petition was sent to Senator C. A. Randall who then turned it over to Senator Norris Brown. In a week's time the petition was granted and a portion of the Lindsay route transferred. This gives Carrier Congman a longer route with better pay and better roads.—Newman Grove Herald.

At 9 o'clock Tuesday morning Mr. Joe Schaefer and Miss Josephine Schaefer were united in the Holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. Father Stanslaus officiating. Charles Schaefer and Math Schaefer were best men while Lemus Schaefer and Gertrude Schaefer acted as bridesmaids. After the marriage solemn high mass was said, after which a large number of relatives and friends went to the home of the bride parents where a reception was tendered them. The newly married couple were the recipients of many as well as useful presents. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Schaefer and was born and reared in this locality since her childhood and number of her friends by the score. The groom is the

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oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Schaefer and moved here with his parents some six weeks ago and has made a large number of acquaintances and is highly thought of by all of those who know him. They will at once go to house-keeping on the groom's farm, 3 miles southeast of here. We join the many friends in extending our congratulations and wishing them a long, prosperous and happy life.

FLATTE CENTER

From the Herald.
Mr. and Mrs. William Mylet drove to Columbus Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Wilk and daughter and Mrs. E. N. Zingg were Columbus visitors last Saturday.

Mr. J. C. Parker of Columbus arrived here Thursday evening for a visit with her folks at this point.

Miss Kittie Gentleman attended a party given by Miss Hesse Kavanagh in Columbus last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kummer, of Columbus, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schoedel, sr., over Sunday.

H. Metzger, the new shoe store man, opened his place of business Tuesday. He has a neat store, a fine line of goods, and will doubtless enjoy a liberal share of business.

The stores got mighty busy last Tuesday night in this vicinity. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Max Bruckner, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Schoedel and Mr. and Mrs. John Rogan, and at each place left a boy.

Mr. T. J. Pinson, second cousin to Robert and William Pinson of this place, arrived here from London, England, Wednesday evening. Mr. Pinson is a genial and interesting gentleman. He tells us that money is becoming quite scarce among the middle classes and that times are not so good as they were several years ago. Mr. Pinson may decide to locate here on a farm.

Ed Higgins left here on Tuesday for a visit to the land of his birth, Ireland. He will visit relatives and friends at points in Illinois, Pittsburg, Pa., New York City and in New England, and will depart from New York May 8th, on the Baltic, of the White Star line. A friend will accompany him from Pittsburg. Ed has four sisters and one brother at the old home, near Queenstown, none of whom he has seen since he left there thirty-six years ago. He expects to be absent about two months.

In St. Bonaventura Catholic church, Columbus, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, in presence of a few relatives, Dr. James G. Stone and Miss Mary E. Connelius, of this place, were married. Rev. F. Liborius, of St. Joseph's church of Platte Center officiating. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Schroeder, Mrs. Schroeder being a sister of the bride. In the evening they came back home and for the present are living at the hotel. The bride has lived in Platte Center all her life and is a bright, industrious young lady with a host of warm friends. Dr. Stone is a comparatively stranger here, but he has a manner about him that impresses one with the thought that the girl who captured him drew a prize. The Signal extends congratulations.

BELLEVILLE.

From the Gazette.
Father Hoffman now drives about a 6000 ton which he purchased at Schuyler.

Charley Sheldon, another old soldier to very ill at his residence in Belleville, with slight hope of his recovery.

Mr. John Taylor and daughter of Columbus visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor and family.

Mrs. F. Yates, who has been taking medical treatment for over a month, is slowly getting better, but still unable to leave her home.

The women say boy babies are more steady for nicker than girl babies. Our experience has been that both kinds take time with great promptness.

The High school pupils are raising

"old Ned" this week. Monday evening the "amateur" quietly raised their flag. Tuesday evening the "junior" hoisted a flag and pointed the town red, making some of the owners of cement walks hot under the collar. The colors now have possession of the "junior" flag.

Quite a score was created at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Judovine on Monday morning. Mrs. Judovine who has been ill for some time, by mistake, was given medicine by her mother for external purpose instead of the internal medicine prescribed. For a time she suffered considerable pain. Medical aid was hurriedly summoned to her bedside and in the course of a short time she was relieved from her pain and considered out of danger.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Judovine's little 18 months old boy created considerable amusement in church last Sunday evening and it was with difficult that Rev. Zinnecker could draw the attention of his audience from the child. After liberating himself from his parents arms he made a bee line for the preacher and after gazing at him for a few seconds ascended the steps to the altar, where he grabbed the offering basket, dumped it on the carpet, seemingly not caring whether the preacher got a cent or not. Of course, such things will often occur among children and mother's deserve sympathy at such times.

GIVEN FOR BRAVERY

HOW THE MEDAL OF HONOR IS AWARDED.

Decoration in American Army Corresponds to Victoria Cross of England and Farnow Iron Cross of Germany.

While the American people love their flag and boast of their army being second to none, it is a strange fact that few of them know of the medal of honor, the greatest decoration that can be bestowed upon a soldier in the United States army. Every British subject knows the meaning of wearing the Victoria cross; every German knows what it is for a soldier in the Kaiser's army to possess the Iron cross, and while both of these decorations represent bravery, they do not necessarily mean as much as does the possession of the medal of honor.

Regarding the granting of the medal of honor the Army Register says: "In order that the medal of honor may be awarded, officers and enlisted men must perform in action deeds of most distinguished personal bravery or self-sacrifice above and beyond the call of duty, so conspicuous as clearly to distinguish them for gallantry and intrepidity above their comrades, involving risk of life or the performance of more than ordinarily hazardous service, and the omission of which would not justly subject the person to censure as for shortcoming or failure in the performance of his duty. The recommendation for the medal will be judged by this standard of extraordinary merit, and incontestable proof of the performance of the service will be exacted."

At the present time there are only 64 officers and enlisted men in our army who possess the congressional medal. When it is taken into consideration that the maximum strength of the army is 66,385, it shows how hard it is to win the medal of honor. Less than one in every 1,000 possess it. Of those who have been awarded the decoration, 46 are now officers on the active list, out of 2,889 in the service. There are now on both the active and retired lists 160 whose deeds of gallantry have been recognized by the granting of the medal. The awarding of these covers a period of 45 years, including days of the civil war, Indian campaigns, the Spanish-American war, the Philippine insurrection and the Boxer trouble in China. During the numerous engagements hundreds of gallant deeds, which would have brought the medal of bravery in foreign armies, went entirely unnoticed. Unlike the foreigner, the American soldier does not do an act of bravery simply to try and win the medal. Hundreds of British soldiers have lost their lives in a vain effort to obtain the Victoria cross. Such no doubt was the case when Lord Roberts' son was killed in South Africa in an effort to save a battery.

It is nearly always the young officer who performs the gallant deed. Out of 115 officers who have won the medal for bravery 71 of them were under the rank of captain at the time of performing the act of gallantry which won them the decoration. Nearly all of the others were young captains, although now and then a name appears on the list showing the possessor was a field or staff officer, but in nearly every case he belonged to the volunteers and held a high rank at a young age.

The youngest officer who was ever awarded the decoration is now the senior officer of the army, Lieut. Gen. Arthur MacArthur. For bravery when he was 18 years of age he won the coveted medal. It was at the time he was a boy adjutant of the Twenty-fourth Wisconsin infantry when his regiment was charging up Missionary Ridge. The color sergeant became exhausted and went down, when MacArthur picked up the flag, ran to the head of the regiment and amid a storm of bullets which swept down the hill led his regiment up.

Origin of Some Fads.

Most fads have an odd origin. This is true of the present notion for wearing a narrow band of black velvet about the throat, either tied in a little bow in the back or crossed and fastened with a brooch in front. Late last summer an impertinent mosquito bit the throat of a beautiful woman at Newport. The bite became hideously inflamed, defying all efforts of mistresses and maid to conceal it. Then the sight of a lovely old miniature brooch framed in pearls suggested a happy thought and that night the belle appeared with an inch-wide band of black velvet about her white throat, placed in front with the miniature. And the effect was so lovely that this becoming little fad came in at once, and has stayed all winter.

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QUEER WAYS OF FISHING.

Trout Killed with a Hammer—Masked Lake Fishermen.

"I wore a woolen mask when I caught that fish," said the angler, pointing to a mounted specimen above the sideboard, "and the thermometer registered 12 degrees below zero at the time. It was on Lake Michigan. On the lakes the summer fishing will aggregate 130,000,000 pounds a season. There is a winter fishing, too, when men in windmasks sit over little holes in the thick ice and, at a polar temperature, watch their trouts. They don't catch much, but what they do catch they get seven or eight cents a pound for, and thus it is possible for the winter fishermen to earn \$12 a day. I'd have earned \$17 the day I went out if I had sold my fish. The little carp over the mantel was caught with a mirror. My line had a mirror behind the bait. When a fish approached his own reflection made him think that another fish was about to snatch the bait from him, and he bit greedily. The fine trout above the hole in the carpet I caught with a hammer. What? Yes, a hammer. That is the Georgia way. They wade up and down a stream and whack with a stout sledge every big stone they pass. Then they turn over the stone and find, as like as not, a stunned trout underneath."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

VIRTUE IN THE ELSKIN.

Worth Trying by Those Who Suffer from Rheumatism.

"Why don't you get an elskin?" said the old "vegetable lady," as the master at one of our largest markets passed in front of her stand and rubbed his knee, giving utterance to a half-smothered exclamation that rhymed with clam, ham and words like those. "What good would an elskin do?" growled the market-master. "Don't you know," was the answer, "that an elskin is the very best thing you can try for rheumatism? Some folks think that the eel, being naturally limber and quick in its motions, gives a virtue to the skin, and this makes a rheumatic joint as limber as the eel itself; but I guess there isn't much in that notion. It's a kind of magic, you know. "But the elskin really does do good, and the way it does it is this: The elskin is just like leather, only not so thick, and it feels like a piece of tough kid that has been soaked in oil. Now, you wrap the elskin round your knee and tie it on, or pin it on, it doesn't matter which, and it keeps the joint warm and the oil makes the skin soft, and after awhile your rheumatism is gone. People laugh at the idea and call it an old woman's notion, but some old women's notions are pretty good notions."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Japanese Life Undergoing Change.

America and Europe can see that Japan is being caught in the strong current of modern industrial and commercial organization and is being swept far away from the old moorings. A Japan of factories and mills, machinery and big corporations, wealth such as the country never before knew and a grim industrial grind strange to the Japanese is coming into existence. The whole color of Japanese life is changing. Wealth is making itself the usual object of worship in industrial and commercial nations. Will its votaries and the victims of its bitter rivalries—the human sacrifices of wealth abused and misdirected—annihilate the feats of arms which amazed the world in the siege of Port Arthur and the great battles from Liao-Yang to Mukden?—Cleveland Leader.

The Boy Who Fell Down.

At Augsburg, in Bavaria, they have some curious laws and ordinances. An American family from Wisconsin were stopping there last December, and one of the sons, a boy 12 years old, slipped on the icy sidewalk one day. He was at once arrested and taken into court on the charge that he had fallen down to make trouble for other folks. It was held that when the boy fell down a number of people stopped to see if he had been hurt. Also, that the shopkeeper before whose door he had fallen felt humiliated over the circumstance. Also, that he frightened a horse. Also, that when a policeman came up he could not talk German to him. The case was tried in court, and the boy was fined three dollars instead of standing up as fined three dollars.

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