

TRIXIE RESTS ON SUNDAY

W. H. BARNES ALLOWS HIS PET TO OBSERVE THE SABBATH.

SUCCESS OF A SIOUX CITY MAN

A Few Years Ago He Was Traveling for a Sioux City House and is Now Considered One of the Most Successful Animal Trainers in America.

While every other performance on the Trail at the Lewis & Clark exposition which is permitted to open on Sunday is taking in money, Princess Trixie, W. H. Barnes' educated horse, placidly munches hay in her stall. There is no work for Princess Trixie on Sunday, because her owner thinks that man and beast deserve one day of rest.

Princess Trixie occupies much the same position at Portland as Beautiful Jim Key did at St. Louis, but, according to people who have seen both, she is even more wonderful than Beautiful Jim. Trixie is now ten years old, and has been studying ever since the age of three weeks. In these ten years she has learned to spell, to add and subtract, to make change, to tell colors, to play chimes, and even to judge of the beauty of woman.

"How many ladies are there in the front row, Trixie?" asked her trainer-owner, Mr. Barnes, a day or two ago. Princess Trixie nodded her head five times.

"Now, how many beautiful ladies are there in the front row?"

Trixie shook her head in mournful fashion, and the five ladies blushed violently, while the male part of the audience snickered. Trixie can spell "Portland" and "Fair" and many other words, and there appears to be almost no limit to her accomplishments.

Besides Trixie, Mr. Barnes has as an attraction of unique merit his diving elks, which dive from a high platform into a small tank of water. Their performance is always interesting.

Mr. Barnes is very well remembered in this section, over which he used to travel in the interest of the Sioux City Newspaper Union, which city he made his home. While he was still employed as a traveling man he commenced making a study of training dumb animals, and soon had his horse Trixie so well educated that he resigned his position and went on the road with the horse. Soon after, he trained two elk so that they would climb to the top of a high platform and jump off into a tank of water. He is now considered one of the most successful animal trainers in America, has taken his pets all over the United States and Europe, and they are making him more money every year than the Sioux City Newspaper union earns for its stockholders.

SCARE STARVING MAN TO EATING

Authorities Bring Armstrong, Who Was Starving Himself, to Senses.

After holding out thirty-two days in an effort to starve himself to death, Charles Armstrong, an old soldier and wealthy man at Osceola, Iowa, yielded Sunday evening to the desire to eat and devoured a sumptuous meal. The threat of the authorities to inject hypodermically enough nourishment to keep him alive brought the man to his senses.

Following this threat the family served in front of the wealthy but eccentric man a most tempting meal of the delicacies of the season, and his feeble hand would stay back no longer.

Physicians here say that it is absolutely impossible for a sane man to starve himself to death if food is within reach. They say that when the will power reaches the stage that a man can keep from supplying the body with food, insanity creeps in and it is the demon and not the man which must conquer if at all.

The Armstrong case is most peculiar. Though worth \$50,000 Armstrong thought he would soon become a burden to his wife and children, and decided to die. He made up his mind to starve to death. He began August 1. Before starting on this awful method of suicide he settled all his debts and told all his friends that September 3 would be the date of his funeral. He reckoned that within a month he would die. For thirty-two days he lived on water. His wife, who is a devout christian woman, pleaded and prayed with her husband to no avail. Armstrong is an infidel. He does not believe there is a heaven or a hell. His philosophy of life is that a man should commit suicide as soon as he feels his period of usefulness is over.

His first turn towards death by starvation was caused by reading a magazine article telling of Dr. Osler's ideas. After reading the first article and comment, Armstrong began to tell his wife that every man should be chloroformed at 60. He harped on the subject day and night, and within three months announced his decision to die by starvation.

Church people in Osceola became excited over the approaching death of Armstrong last Saturday. The authorities were appealed to and it was decided to scare the man into eating. To make the scare good, several hypodermic syringes and a quantity of soup were taken into his room. Armstrong was led to believe that it would be easy with modern science to spurt the soup into his body and cause it to assimilate naturally and give him strength.

Since taking food Armstrong is much better and will live. He was

very near death. Doctors say he could not have lived another week.

NORTH NEBRASKA FROST REPORT

Old Jack Nipped the Growing Vegetation But Lightly.

The frost of Sunday night was very light in all communities in northern Nebraska that have been heard from. A telephone report gives the following summary:

Neligh—Slight frost in lowlands. No damage.

Tilden—Very light if any.

Battle Creek—Very little frost.

Meadow Grove—No frost visible.

Madison—Slight frost.

So slight was the frost that even the tobacco was not injured and it will, it is believed, result in benefit rather than injury to corn.

EXTREMES OF TEMPERATURE

FIRST HALF OF WEEK WARM, LAST HALF COOL.

WAS NO INJURY FROM FROST

Corn is Maturing Rapidly, Haying Well Advanced but Still in Progress.

Thrashing is Progressing Well. More Winter Wheat than Usual.

The climate and crop bulletin of the Weather Bureau, Nebraska section, U. S. department of agriculture, issued at Lincoln for the week ending yesterday noon, gives the following general summaries, in part of conditions:

The first half of the week was warm with maximum temperatures quite generally exceeding 90 degrees. The last half was cool with maximum temperatures below 80 degrees. The daily mean temperature averaged for the week less than 1 degree above normal in all except the northwestern counties, and there it averaged 2 degrees below normal. Light frost occurred in northwestern counties Sunday and Monday mornings, with but little or no injury to crops.

The rainfall of the past week was about confined to scattered showers in northern counties. In a few instances the amount was more than 1 inch, but generally it was less than one-half inch. In most of the southern counties no rain fell.

The past week was an excellent one for rapid progress with haying and thrashing. The ground is getting rather dry for plowing in many places, but this work is now well advanced, and in many places completed. Very little wheat or rye has been sown. Corn has matured very rapidly and under favorable conditions. Pastures are drying up somewhat.

Northeastern section.—Haying well advanced but still in progress. Thrashing progressing well, shock thrashing mostly finished. Too dry for plowing and seeding in a large part of the southern portion of the section, but some winter wheat sown and a prospect for a decided increase in acreage of winter wheat sown this fall. Showers occurred in the northern counties of the section. The rainfall was the heaviest in Antelope county, where it exceeded one inch in some places. Generally the amount was less than one-half inch. Corn is maturing fast. The potato crop is not as good as expected.

Western and northwestern sections.—An excellent week for haying. More than the usual amount of hay secured and haying still in progress. Harvesting finished except in a few very late fields. Thrashing in progress with fair to good yields. The grain is of good quality. Corn maturing rapidly. Light frosts occurred the last of the week but without damage to crops. Very little rain during the week and ground rather dry for plowing.

CHOOSING QUICK DEATH.

Prefers Electrocuting to Boiling to Death in Hot Metal.

Nels Anderson, a motor inspector for the Illinois Steel company, chose death by electrocution in preference to a more horrible fate in one of the company's seething metal pits today in South Chicago works.

Anderson was doing repair work on the arm of a crane directly above one of the hot metal pits. A slight movement of the arm caused him to lose his balance. The only support within reach was an uninsulated live wire which connected the crane with power.

The doomed man gave one glance at the white hot metal below and caught the wire as he was falling. He was almost instantly killed and the body hung over the wire until the current could be shut off. Death is thought to have been instantaneous.

MORNING PAPERS DELAYED.

Bridge Has Gone Out Near Calhoun, Neb., on M. & O.

Calhoun, Neb., Sept. 5.—A railroad bridge on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad near here has gone out and train traffic is tied up.

PLAN TO BLOW UP FACTORY.

Large Stick of Dynamite is Found in Coal at Blair.

Blair, Neb., Sept. 4.—A mysterious fire alarm was received here by telephone stating that the Martin and Murrie canning factory was on fire. The origin could not be located but from the fact that a large stick of dynamite was found in the coal, it is thought someone was planning to blow up the factory.

THE ANTELOPE REPUBLICANS

COUNTY CONVENTION WAS HELD AT NELIGH YESTERDAY.

TICKET PLACED IN THE FIELD

Harmony Prevailed at the County Convention in Antelope County Yesterday and the Ticket Will be Elected. Only Two Contests.

Neligh, Neb., Sept. 2.—The republican county convention was held here yesterday and the following nominees placed in the field: S. I. Neis, treasurer; E. E. Beckwith, clerk; C. E. Ward, superintendent; J. F. Curtiss, sheriff; Robert Wilson, judge; Dr. Fletcher, orchard, coroner. With two exceptions the ticket is composed of young men. There was a contest for sheriff and county judge.

Those mentioned for sheriff were Orange Brittell, B. B. Barkdoll and Mr. Curtiss. Those mentioned for judge were Mr. McKeen, Elgin; E. E. Hemenway, Orchard; Robert Wilson and J. A. McCallister, Neligh.

George Compland presided and was in a happy frame of mind. Harmony prevailed. The ticket will be elected.

BOYS LIKE OWLS.

Doomed by Queer Skip of Ancestral Disease, They Play at Night.

Doomed to lead lives like owls is the fate of two little East Hartford boys, to whom day is night and night is day. These boys can see only in the dark or in a very dim light.

While other boys are at play in the bright sunshine they steal away into sunless corners, there to await the falling shadows that alone bring sight to their day-blind eyes. Long after youths twice their age are in bed and asleep, they keep up their play with top and marbles and tin soldiers.

The boys are Hyman and Abel White, the only children of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel White, 81 Pleasant street, East Hartford. Hyman is nearly 7 years old, and Abel is 4. With both the defect of vision is congenial. Since the birth of the younger child their parents have sought the advice of the most celebrated oculists, who with one accord have pronounced the causes irremediable. The sight of Mr. and Mrs. White is not defective or abnormal in any way, nor was that of the grandparents or great parents of the boys. An oculist who was consulted by Mr. White, said today:

"Nyctalopia is a medical term for being able to see only at night, but it is also used to express inability to see at night, the exact opposite for which, however, hemeralopia, is the usually accepted expression. The White children were born with the former defect, and no sure remedy is known to the medical profession.

"Somewhere, back several generations, one or more ancestors of these boys was similarly affected, and now the disease, after skipping many persons, has settled in these young victims."

Albinism is due to a lack of pigment, but its distinguishing characteristics of pink eyes and white hair are not present in the White boys, whose eyes and hair are dark, like those of their parents.

The Man-Woman of Stuart.

Stuart has missed a novel but familiar figure of late. She is known as the "man-woman" here and lives on a claim not far from Stuart. She wears bifurcated garments, spurs, boots and often a derby hat like a man's. She rides fiercely in masculine fashion. Sometimes she wears a belt with two guns attached. Her hair is short and she is muscular as a college athlete. She practices farming for a pastime and don't need any man around to cut wood, carpenter, or drive the coyotes away. She leads the free life of the Wyoming cowboy, unmolested, for Holt county has a broad liberality, which tolerates any kind of the human species.—Stuart Ledger.

America's Greatest Lead Fields.

It will be a distinct surprise to many people to learn that the state of Idaho produces more than 40 per cent. of all the lead that is mined in the United States and 27 per cent. of the world's output of lead. These interesting facts are set forth in the Idaho building at the Lewis and Clark exposition, together with a remarkable display of lead ore. Some of the huge chunks of ore weigh 10,000 pounds, being almost pure lead.

BISHOP'S PLACE ON ROCKS.

Subway Tavern a Failure and Likely to Pass to Other Hands.

A feverish air of distrust, anxiety and unrest pervades the Subway Tavern, the drinking place created by Bishop Potter and other eminent men to reform the saloon evil in New York.

It was rumored that the tavern had sunk into the depths of failure, and that it would pass into the hands of a man who will conduct it on the straight lines of a common saloon.

Patrons before the bar expressed sympathy for the bishop. They recalled how a trifle more than a year ago the place opened with prayer and how the bishop spoke then hopefully of his pet scheme.

These thoughts, however, did not disturb W. A. Skidmore, who expects to close the purchase of the place.

Skidmore has his own ideas about drinking resorts. They run opposite to Bishop Potter's. He said: "In a business of this kind you can't

follow the Lord and chase the devil at the same time."

Somebody asked the bartender where the excise license was. "I don't know," he said. "I've been looking for it ever since I've been here."

"Bishop Potter would never run a saloon without a license," indignantly answered another patron.

CASH IN THE TREASURY.

State Treasurer Mortensen Makes a Good Showing of His Office.

Lincoln, Sept. 2.—Treasurer Mortensen has filed his report with the state auditor, showing the receipts and expenditures of his office for the month of August. The state treasurer had on hand August 1, \$533,783, received during the month \$189,012, paid out \$292,055, leaving a balance on hand of \$430,740.

STANTON HORSE STOLEN

AUGUST ZILMER LOST A VALUABLE ANIMAL LAST NIGHT.

A REWARD OF \$50 IS OFFERED

Horsethieves are Getting Near Norfolk and the Animal, Whose Description is Given in Detail, May Have Come in This Direction.

Stanton, Neb., Sept. 2.—Special to The News: A horse was stolen last night from the barn of August Zilmer, two miles west of this place. Mr. Zilmer is an old settler. It is not known in which direction the horse was taken. The animal was valued at \$110 and the sheriff has offered the usual reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of the thief.

Following is a description of the horse: A black, chunky horse, nine years old, weight about 1,200 pounds; sight in right eye slightly defective; small collar mark on left side showing white hair; fore feet appear to be slightly pigeon toed; small patch of hair on right side of tail gone.

WHITNEY A DIPLOMAT.

Lincoln News Calls Northwestern Agent a Good One.

Lincoln Evening News: "I never saw such a darned town as Lincoln," said Tax Agent H. L. Whitney of the Northwestern. "I have more trouble trying to settle the taxes of the road at this point than any other that I have struck. Why, at Marshalltown, Omaha and other cities things are fixed without even a word. The tax making officials of these cities are wise to their jobs and understand how to handle the assessments of the railroads. They know that the state board settles the matter and they have no authority to butt in."

Mr. Whitney was trying to adjust a little question of back taxes amounting to about \$200 which had been assessed against his line back in the early nineties and had long since become delinquent. He seemed to think that the county commissioners would do the right thing and clean the slate, if they only understood what was wanted.

It was settled to the satisfaction of the railroad advocate after a long and amicable conference that double taxation existed and Whitney went out of the office with a smiling face. He was willing to concede then that the county officials were reasonable men and could see a thing or two when the lights were turned on by an anxious and disturbed tax agent.

It was the opinion of General Agent McGinnis of the same road that the city and county were mighty hard up during the lean crop years, a matter of more than ten years ago, and needed money very badly and hit on the scheme to increase the low pressure in the cash box. This was his explanation how the road came to be pinched.

"Why, they even wanted the Northwestern to pay taxes on its right of way," said he, "when it was clearly shown that the road settled its annual assessment with the board previously. The Northwestern wants to do the square thing, but double assessment is not to its liking."

Mr. McGinnis has been credited with the possession of larger diplomatic qualities than any official of the road who has been in the service here, and he has a bland way of discussing grave matters of moment relating to the line that never causes friction, no matter how portentous or vexatious may be the questions involved. Tax Agent Whitney is likewise built on diplomatic lines.

MURDER OF A HALF BREED.

Indian is Killed Near Springview, Nebraska.

Springview Herald: A report came to town Tuesday night that a half-breed had been killed near the Berry allotment. A white man came to a house near by having a wound in his arm and one in his body and asked the woman to hide him as they were after him and had already killed a half-breed. While he was talking three white men rode up and took him. The woman did not know any of them nor where they went with their prisoner.

FIRST FROST IN ALLIANCE.

Damage Was Not Great, as Things Were Well Out of Danger.

Alliance, Neb., Sept. 4.—The first frost of the season was plainly visible here. The damage was not great, as everything was pretty well out of danger.

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