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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION

of any Cass County Paper. THE Lincoln Call is the warmest newspaper in the state. Colonel Austin doesn't believe in carrying concealed weapons.

THE most terrific storm for years visited Boston and the Atlantic coast cities Monday night. The property loss is estimated at \$2,000,000 and the loss of life is reported quite large.

THE senate, largely representing the temporary insanity of the people of the United States when they went hazy for free money a few years ago, has passed the Teller free coinage resolution.

THE Evening Telegram of the City of Mexico is not pleased with Mr. Bryan's observations on the condition of the Mexican republic, and suggests that under a gold standard they would have "done just as well if not better."

THE criminal docket for the March term of the district court is the lightest known in years, there being only two cases on the docket. One is that of the state vs. Herbert Mecum, charged with assaulting Peter Curtis, and the other that of James McComb, charged with shooting with intent to kill.

GERMANY, which had recently become quite a market for American fruits, has taken the same action that was taken to close her markets against our pork products when the competition became more than they could stand.

THE majority which the Teller resolution got in the senate was about as large as its supporters predicted it would have. Small or large, however, the majority make no difference, says the Globe Democrat.

It is necessary to go away from home for specimens of refined cruelty. A few days ago a consistent opponent of property under the gold standard was induced to accept an advance of rent for same property, and every dollar in the pile was worth its face value.

Bell, is a native from Rhode Island, and was graduated from West Point in 1860. He served creditably throughout the war and was brevetted major in 1865 for meritorious and faithful services.

F. Bradford, a jeweler of Columbus, has brought suit in the district court of Platte county against William Schreiber, a well-to-do farmer living about nine miles from town, in which he asks damages in the sum of \$1,500 for slander.

One of the most remarkable birth records was made in Alabama recently. A woman living at Pollard, Ala., according to dispatches, gave birth a few days ago to four children—all boys.

Swift's crew of ice packers, consisting of 150 men, began operations at Ashland yesterday and a like number are at work for Amour at Memphis.

LETTER FROM ROCK BLUFFS

The following communication was received from C. M. Graves, minister of the M. E. church at Rock Bluffs: ROCK BLUFFS, Neb., Feb. 1.—The M. E. church some time ago closed a most successful series of meetings—lasting three weeks.

(January 29.—To the M. E. church, Rock Bluffs. Accept these gifts, though small, and may God's grace be with you all; and while you fast on things of earth, may all your cares on Jesus rest. MRS. G. A. KESTER.)

A NEBRASKA CITY ROMANCE.

George Camden, a Wanderer, Falls Heir to a Large Sum of Money. Along last fall a party claiming to be a professional tramp giving the name of George Camden arrived in our city.

Yesterday was a turning point in his life. A letter was received by him and enclosed in same was a draft for a large amount of money from his father in Boston.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

A few weeks ago the editor was taken with a very severe cold that caused him to be in a most miserable condition. It was undoubtedly a bad case of the grippe, and recognizing it as dangerous he took immediate steps to bring about a speedy cure.

HE LOVED THE SEA.

Tennyson Used to Study It From the Downs of the Isle of Wight. Tennyson said, "Somehow water is the element I love best of all four."

Probably that was a view expressed before he became familiar with the locality, for though the Atlantic does not plunge against the Isle of Wight as against the coast of the west of Ireland he himself has proved how much power and enchantment the sea reveals from the downs.

Rarely was there a visitor at Farringford that he was not brought up to the beach and shown all these wonders and beauties. Except in his closing years the poet was found upon them in all weathers and at all seasons, and from them and the surrounding scenery he drew many of the metaphors of his poems.—North American Review.

DOG OPENED FATHER'S EYES

Experience of a Man Who Had Several Growing Girls. "It is quite interesting to be the father of several young girls," said one of a group of family men in the smoker of a suburban car.

"Yes, I had heard of nearly every kind of a plan for the communication of lovers except a dog. In this case Jack became Cupid's messenger.

Effects of a Bee Sting.

An English physician relates an instance of a lady who was stung by a bee. At the first moment she seemed to pay very little attention to it, but very soon her face became flushed and spots appeared all over her body.

Strict Sunday Laws.

Swinnemunde on the Baltic has strict Sunday laws. Shipmasters who enter the port are fined heavily by the town authorities if they have their ships washed or painted on Sunday or church holidays.

Home-seekers' Excursions.

Home-seekers excursion tickets will be sold on January 4 and 8, February 1 and 15, March 1 and 15, Missouri Pacific railway to all points in Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico, at rate of one fare plus \$2.

Two Well-Known Statements.

talked for months, from a frog porch and a rear end of a car. Perhaps the use of Polley's Honey and Tar will explain why they could do this, without injury to their vocal organs. It is largely used by speakers and singers. Smith & Parnelo.

QUEER AUTOMATONS.

EXAMPLES FROM THE DAYS OF DÆDALUS TO THE PRESENT. A Wooden Venus That Walked and a Brazen Man That Talked—A Wonderful Mechanical Duck—The Greatest of All the Fraudulent Automatons.

There are few things more attractive to the generality of men or more calculated to excite their wonder and admiration than a dexterously and mysteriously contrived automaton. There is, indeed, something almost uncanny in the sight of a figure made by man's hands acting like a creature of flesh and blood, and this uncanniness is one of the most subtle of fascinations.

Aristotle tells us that the human automata which Dædalus made were so active that it was necessary to keep them tethered for fear they would run away. The same philosopher describes a wooden Venus who walked about and gives also the secret of the phenomenon.

Whether due or not to the stimulus given by Louis XIV. to the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were in France times of great automatic activity. Indeed, the first named century marks the beginning of the really historical era of automata.

MAKING ARTIFICIAL ICE.

Artificial cold or ice may be most readily produced by the evaporation of a more or less volatile liquid. In the first machines constructed this liquid was water. One-tenth of the amount of water used was converted into ice, but as it was necessary to maintain a vacuum in the apparatus its perfect working was a difficult problem.

The plants usually employ distilled or artesian water, so that the ice is of the best quality. Whatever impurities the water contains are collected in the white streak found in the center of each cake. The pure water separates from the impure and freezes first.

No Negro in South Africa.

The word "negro" is not heard in South Africa excepting as a term of opprobrium. Over and over again have Afrikaner Englishmen stopped me when speaking of Zulus, Basutos, Matabels and so on as negroes.

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ONCE THEY WERE MEDIUMS.

Now They Expunge Their Sins by Tossing Balls of Hine Fire. Close by the North-western tracks at Leavitt street is the home of the "juggler sisters." They were twin prodigal daughters in their days of life, so runs the tradition, and now they toss balls of blue fire about as the juggler does eggs, cannon balls and the like.

"Them broad winds over there on the north side of the old building is the place where the sisters comes to show themselves. The year of the World's fair I counted up their performances, and they come every 56 days. The reason for that is somethin' I could never guess, but some smart young chap here figured out that it was always in the dark of the moon. I've noticed since that there never was no moonlight when they got up there in the winds.

"What's the cause of their hauntin' the old place? Why, sir, the story's so old there can't no truth nor lie be made out on it. There's no man in these dignify's longer'n I be, an I ken the story only by hearsay, so to speak. I heard it from my granddaddy, an he said he heard it when he was a young man comin' here. That must 'n' be in the thirties.

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