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end, and the edges rounded." It might be added that the "skidor" is a solid piece of wood, like a weatherboard or battan, turned up in front, and depends for its bearing surface on the snow on its extreme length-five or six feet-rather than by a wide spread, as in the common snow-shoe of bent form and cross-weaving of thongs The common snow-shoes, like those used by some of our mountain Indians, are, however, used in a few parts of arctic Europe, but mostly among the borwegians and Finns. The .. app runs on these "skidors" as

THE LAPLANDER'S SNOW-SHOES.

the snow-shoes are used, but mostly assisting him are two short birch poles or staves with which he shoves himself along, like an Indian poling his canoe through shallow water, but the Lapp has one pole in each hand. When a Lapp goes down-hill on his skidors he uses one as a sledge on which to slide and steer, while with the other he turns his foot and scrapes the skidor, thus regulating his gait. Says the same authority 1 quoted once above: "the Lapp begins to run on ski when a mere child, and attains great skill in this sport. He runs with the greatest ease up or down hill, jumps the steepest inclines, and speeds across lakes and marshes, through forest and field: hunts the wolf and the bear, or follows the runaway reindeer, and undertakes extremely long ourneys, .ollowing his herd cr visiting distant parts."

Mr. Oscar Dickson, one of Nordenskold's patrons, being in Lapland at Quick ok, thought he would get up a series of races among the Lapps on skidors to test their capabilities of making the speed they claimed. The distance which they thought they had traveled over the interior ice or mer de glace of Greenland was 143 miles in fifty-seven hours (two days nine hours) going and coming. Mr. Dickson planned his races so as to have about an equal length of course, and it really was 111 miles long. The competition for the high prices offerel took place last April, and o cupied a whole week. Three hundred and fifty francs was the highest, or first prize, and was won by a Lapp who had been with Nor-

a day. All of them were apparently

unexhausted, and joined heartily in the festivities that ended this singular con-

at once to their homes, fifty to seventy

come to join in the races.

tive miles distant, from which they had

The Ostrich's Characteristics.

[Anabeim (Cal.) Letter.]

SUPPLEMENT.

The McCook Fribune.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31.

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An unusually fine display of hanging amps at the Metropolitan drug store.

Bailey Parmley of Imperial, Chase county, spent Saturday in the metropolis.

Novelties of the season in all departments, at Lowman & Son's, Pate Block.

The various Holiday entertainments by the Sunday Schools were largely attended.

TO THE LADIES-We have a nice assortment of calling cards of latest style and best quality.

Blood tells, and that's the reason the Commercial House continues to be the popular hotel of the city.

Gazette-Journal: M. Erman, a prominent horse dealer of McCook is in the city visiting relatives.

FARM LOANS-Col. Snavely informs as that he is now procuring farm loans juite easily at 10 per cent.

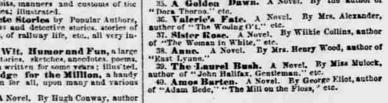
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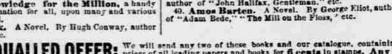
The local and imported crooks of this city keep a Deputy U.S. Marshal pretty well engaged. We ought to have one of our own.

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pedition. He got over his 141 miles in 21 hours and 23 minutes, including all how prices low prices. his rests and stoppages, or about ; miles an hour kept up steadily for nearly a

The McCook, Neb., TRIBUNE is truly an example of western enterprise. Its The second price was secured by a Lapp who goot in only half a minute after the first. Two others got in number of last week consisted of eighteen pages .- Gilman (III.) Star. within 22 hours, and four more within

FOR SALE-Lindner & Erman have work oxen, steers, cows and heifers for test, many of the contestants returning for sale at their barn, one block west of the Commercial House, McCook, Neb.

Quite a number of cases of petty theft are eccurring in this city. "Eternal The sight of a dog is sufficient to vigilance is the price of liberty," and it frighten an ostrich badly. At such may be the salvation of some of your . vision, if permitted, the ostriches in the portable appurtenances.

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like a goose, and try to bite the intru-Gilman (Ill.) Star: C. A. Clark took his departure from Onarga, last week, with his family, for McCook, Neb. He is a brother-in-law of J. H. Ludwick, who located at McCook, something over a year ago.

> The Harvard Courier is led to remark that the Slocum law is so vigorously enforced in that town that it is dangerous for tight boots to appear on the streets. The like course would prove a great blessing for this city.

It would be more nearly in accordance with the dignity of the law, to have the demi-monde appear in court, when arrested, to make their plea. Any other course lacks the sanction of law, the spirit of law at least, and leaves too much room for conjecture.

Oberlin Herald: Pat Boiles and Miss Incz Bartlett were united in marriage at McCook, Neb., on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, 1885. At present the young couple are stopping at E. E. Stewarts, but expect soon to occupy a cozy house of their own. The Herald wishes them happiness and prosperity.

We are pleased to note the fact that the young men of our city, whose homes are in far-off castern states, were remembered on Christmas day, by a numnate possessors of homes and the inclination to share it betimes with those less favored.

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corrals would immediately be speeding over the sandy plain, through a waste of tall, wild, sunflowers, at a gait which would astonish a horse-trainer. Dr. Sketchley has three dogs on his farm, but they are all kept behind the build-ings out of sight of the ostriches When a keeper approaches them to annoy them, they emit a hissing sound,

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der. They have no strength in their bills, however, and are harmless unless they get a chance to kick. Unlike the emu, which is exhibited often as an African ostrich, they have but one toe on each foot. This is a terrible weapon. The bird kicks forward. The force is shown in the exploit of one bird, which kicked a stout board on the side

whole day.

of its corral, and broke it in two at one blow. The toe is pointed, and will cut like a knife. The bird which was killed at one kick had its breast laid open with an ugly wound. Of the young birds all are perfectly shaped except one, which has a club-foot, and which walks on the back of the clubbed foot, the toe turning up. The gait of even this bird is elastic. All the birds walk precisely after the fashion adopted by many young ladies is San Fransisco of late, whose gait may, therefore, per-haps, be correctly described in the future as the "ostrich walk." It is as if the birds stepped on hot gridicons The feet are taken briskly up and raised high, and the body and head oscillate. This style was learned in Fouth Africa and not in San Francisco, and is as old as the race of desert birds.

#### Travel of Logb h Nobodies. Les dan Cor. San F an iwo Argonaut !

I often observe that Englishmen traveling in America and accepting entertainments of all kinds from the best people are described as "Mr. co-and-co, of a octon," or "England." An English gentieman of any position at all will have some certain dennite abode. If he is worth feting and fassing he will be "Mr. : mith, of some house, park or manor in the country, or some respectable street, place or s mare in London,' and he will have it so printed on his visiting cards. These things may seem small, but they mean a great dead, and her of our citizens, who are the fortuif American society attended to them more there would be less imposters, intentional and tactic, eating its dinners, spooning with its day atters and a cepting attentions and lavors at its hands which they have neither the intention nor the means to return.

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