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**L. LOWMAN & SON,**  
RELIABLE  
**Dry Goods, Clothing and Carpet MERCHANTS.**  
 An Immense Stock of Fourth of July Goods.

**F. L. McCracken & Bro.,**  
**JEWELERS,**  
 McCook, - - - Nebraska.

We have the most extensive stock in the west of  
**Jewelry, Watches, Clocks and Silverware.**

**GOLD WATCHES**  
 Are at the same price of Silver. Watches were never known to be so cheap before.

Good American watches from \$2.50 to \$25.00 in gold filled cases. A fine line of canes and silk sunshades. All Gold Heads in 10, 12 and 14-carat gold. We are offering a line of Cuff and Collar Buttons, Pins and Ear rings, at just half price. Everything guaranteed as represented.

MAIN AVENUE, CORNER NORTH OF POST OFFICE.

**GET ON TO THIS!**

This year, we will give away to  
**OUR CASH CUSTOMERS,**  
 A FINE

**TOP BUGGY, WORTH \$140.00**

Call and learn Particulars.  
**LARGEST STOCK IN THE COUNTY, AND NEVER UNDERSOLD.**

**W. C. LaTOURETTE & CO.,**  
 Brick Store, 4 doors south of J. C. Allen & Co's.

MAIN AVENUE, McCOOK, NEB.

**J. H. OSWALT,**  
 Has Opened a First-Class

**Restaurant and Confectionery**

IN THE BUILDING ONE DOOR NORTH OF THE FREES & HOCKNELL LUMBER YARD AND

**SOLICITS THE PUBLIC PATRONAGE, FRUITS IN SEASON.**  
**TOBACCO AT WHOLESALE and RETAIL.**  
 DAY BOARD AND LUNCHES TO ORDER.

Give me a Call. **J. A. OSWALT.**

**New Store! New Goods!**  
 About APRIL 10 we will occupy our MAINTENANCE NEW STORE, corner 323 and Curtis Streets, with an entire new stock of



**Dry Goods,**  
 Dress Goods, Fancy Goods, Jerseys, Wraps, Suits, Millinery, Ladies and Gents' Furnishings, Boys' Clothing, Carpets, Cur-tains, etc., making it the Best Dry Goods Store in the West. Depend upon latest styles and low prices. Absolute satisfaction guaranteed to all our customers. Money refunded. Hand-some 10-page Catalogue and sample sent free on application. J. JAY JOHNSON, 1613 and 1615, CURTIS ST., DENVER, COLO.

**Blue Front Livery Stable**  
 D. D. SMITH, Proprietor.  
 Livery, feed and sale stables. Finest turnout in the city furnished. Barn, rear McCook Hotel.

**RAILROAD CONTROL.**

A CORRESPONDENT DISCUSSES THE QUESTION OF LEGISLATION AND CONTROL. To the Editor of the Omaha Republican, O'NEILL, Neb., July 3.—I have read, with much interest, your full report of the meeting called by the state board of transportation, in Lincoln on the 28th of June.

We are too busy in this growing western country to moralize when our material interests are not affected. There are times, however, when it pays to pause for reflection. This remarkable meeting at Lincoln furnishes facts of importance, containing much food for reflection.

We have in a number of western states spent much time and labor in making laws to control railroad rates, under the supposition that our interests demands railroads not be managed by the laws that govern other business enterprises. From facts presented at this meeting, the question is for you upon us, "Have we been misled?" Have we, in a desire for a supposed reform to overcome imaginary evils, seriously injured ourselves? It has been generally understood throughout the west, that capital invested in railroads, has been made to earn extravagant rates of interest, and that railroads are all growing enormously rich. This is either true, or it is not true. This is a simple problem that can certainly and be easily solved. Freight classifications, and the proper tariffs, for the interest of all, are intricate. Opinions will necessarily differ on these questions of detail, but there is no mystery concerning the following questions: Can railroads afford to work under low tariffs in our state? Can we afford to crowd them and cripple them?

It was shown at this meeting in Lincoln that the branch lines of the Union Pacific railway, are being operated at a loss. They are earning nothing on the capital invested. That the 200 miles of road recently constructed by the St. Joseph and Grand Island railroad, has earned only 1 per cent on the capital actually invested. That no railroad company in this state is making 6 per cent on the capital actually invested in construction and equipment. It is generally conceded that the Burlington company has been economically and honestly managed, and that it is the most successful railroad company of our state, and yet it has shown at this meeting that that company has earned from 1876 to 1878 inclusive, on its system west of the Missouri river, less than 7 1/2 per cent on the dollars and cents actually invested in construction and equipment, including all of its through business. These are all simple facts. Certainly such statements could not have been made unless they could be proved.

St. Paul, Minn., is an enterprising and progressive city. The St. Paul board of trade has recently resolved that unrestricted competition, unhampered by law, is what the interests of the northwestern states, reliable and substantial business men, reliable and substantial citizens, certainly with the best interests of the state at heart, from Hastings, Beatrice, Fremont and Omaha, at this meeting, unanimously urged our railroad commission to leave the railroads alone. They desire railroad property treated justly. They want railroad construction to prosper. They want railroad construction to continue. They desire to settle our western counties, and to build up flourishing towns in all parts of this great state. They want to see two million people in Nebraska within the next ten years. If Iowa and Nebraska and other western states had not forced any of their railroads into bankruptcy; if we had for years treated railroads liberally and justly, is it not probable that we could have been much further advanced to-day? Would not capitalists in the east, and in other parts of the world with confidence in the justice and good sense of our courts and legislatures, have invested millions where they have invested thousands in railways and many other enterprises? Would we not have within our grasp to-day many advantages that we cannot expect to acquire in a life time? Have we not allowed small haw politicians and selfish newspapers, ready to sacrifice the best interests of the state for temporary gain, to play upon our emotions? Have we not been misled? Communities, as well as individuals, sometimes take a mistaken view of their own interests. Too many laws have injured Iowa. Iowa secures but comparatively few of the emigrants seeking new homes in the west. Iowa towns to-day are universally dead. Iowa business men are flocking to the progressive Nebraska. This meeting at Lincoln indicates that our business men have taken warning by the mistakes of their neighbors.

Mr. Dietrich, president of the board of trade of Hastings, a large property owner in that city, a thoroughly competent man, in his frank, blunt way, told the board of transportation that they remind him of a young surgeon recklessly sawing off the limbs of a poor passenger mangled in a railroad collision, with the only excuse that he has a desperate case on hand. Mr. Dietrich believes that our commission has been over anxious to show its skill at a time when both the people and railroads are transacting their business satisfactorily between themselves and desire no interference. Mr. Dietrich's remarks were applauded by the delegations present from all parts of the state. Let us thank Mr. Dietrich. This is the time for plain talk. If we have made a mistake that has cost us millions, why not confess it, and make reparation promptly and to the full extent of our power? Why not fall into line with our neighbors at St. Paul, and to further our own interests, demand a repeal of all laws both state and interstate, that have been fathered by a false sentiment manufactured by designing demagogues.

**JUSTICE AND PROGRESS**

DR. CADY'S Condition Powders. They tone up the digestive organs, free the system of worms, give the horse a good appetite, causing them to shed freely and putting them in good shape for hard work. For sale by druggists.

**SOUTH SIDE ITEMS.**

One can almost see the corn growing.  
 C. H. Jacobs' dog freed a large coon, last Friday night.  
 C. H. Jacobs was down to Indianola, last Thursday.  
 111 degrees in the shade, the Fourth. Howish that for high, eh.  
 H. H. Pickens reports the loss of a fine colt, last Wednesday night.  
 Shorty Bowles was down from his ranch on the Medicine, last Saturday.  
 If anyone wants to know how the crossing is on Dry creek, just ask Fred Benjamin.  
 John Stone, wife and sons, were down last week, visiting John's father and mother.  
 Mrs. W. T. Stone is getting so she can, by the aid of a chair, get out as far as the door yard, which she considers quite a treat. USO.

**Cure of Cancer and Ulcers.**

Judge T. C. McLondon writes to the Swift Specific Co.: "About three years ago, Jerry Bradley had a cancerous sore on his face, near the right eye. It caused him a great deal of pain, and he lost the sight of his eye, but was finally cured by the use of Swift's Specific. This cure is well known in Wilkes Co., Ga., where he lives."  
 Mr. L. Cox, of Arabhatta, Tate Co., Miss., writes: "I suffered a great deal from old ulcers for years. Your medicine was recommended, and after using six bottles I was completely cured. Your medicine does even more than you claim for it. I have known it to cure cases which were thought hopeless."  
 Mrs. A. M. Goldsmith, No. 674 Warren St., Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: "I commenced using your S. S. S. about three years ago. I had suffered from a sore throat for over a year. I used a great many other remedies with no good results. My little girl, a so, had sore fingers; it commenced from the quick, and then the nails would come off. We doctored her for over two years, and when I commenced using your S. S. S. I thought I would see what it would do for her. I am thankful to say that it entirely cured her. It is the best remedy I know of for the blood. I really believe it was the means of saving my life. The doctor told me I had a throat disease similar to Gen. Grant's. I cheerfully recommended it to all suffering from disordered blood."  
**Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases mailed free.** THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Drayner & Atlanta, Ga.

**VALLEY GRANGE PICKUPS.**

Sewing bees are all the rage on South Side.  
 H. Gale was laid up with neuralgia, the fore part of this week.  
 Perry Stone's brother is now working for the South Side dairy.  
 Miss Lena Burtless returned from Omaha, Saturday last week.  
 A much needed missionary work is being done for the South Side.  
 The young man who came here from the east, a few weeks ago, with the evident intention of teaching the people of this far west corners of the more civilized east came very near being presented with a new dress suit made of tar and feathers, a short time ago, and may yet be fitted out with the much needed and garments, if there is not a marked improvement in his language and habits. JOE.  
**A CURE FOR SORE NIPPLES.**  
 Mrs. Mary E. Lardlow, of Manning, Pratt Co., Kansas, says: "Six years ago we lived at Columbus Junction, Iowa, and I had a young baby and a very sore breast. For three months I tried every thing until at last I got a box of Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment and it cured them. Sold by all druggists."

**It Would Not Do!**

For an Old Established House to indulge in advertising sensational Half-off, Below Cost, Take-'em-away-for-nothing Sales.

Our reputation for selling  
**RELIABLE, TRUSTY,**  
**SERVICEABLE GOODS.**

Is quite sufficient to draw people to our store, and when we have something below ordinary prices, we can always give good reasons for it. We are selling:

**Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes, Notions, Etc.,**  
 At the lowest prices made by any firm in S. W. Nebraska.

This is not Idle Talk, our Goods and Prices prove the Assertion.  
 Call and Examine Our New Goods.  
**CHAS. H. ROGERS,**  
 Established in 1882. THE PIONEER MERCHANT.

**\$1,500 in Cash Prizes FOR THREE BEST ADVERTISEMENTS.**

The Chicago Daily News has reduced its price from two cents to One Cent per copy. For a year past its sales have been over "a million-a-week," and it believes it now sees the way to safely lead in placing an ideal American daily paper upon the basis of the lowest unit of American coinage—ONE CENT.

To successfully accomplish this end two things are essential:  
 First—To make as good a newspaper as the best, if not a little better; second—to let every man, woman and child in the Northwest know it's being done, and done at one cent a day. THE DAILY NEWS believes that it is competent to take care of the first named condition, and knows of no better way of meeting the second than by general newspaper advertising. To do the latter most effectively it here solicits the co-operation of all who believe themselves competent to write an effective newspaper advertisement. To induce the best effort in its service in this matter THE DAILY NEWS will reward the writers of the three best advertisements submitted, with three cash prizes, aggregating Fifteen Hundred Dollars, divided as follows:

First Cash Prize—For best advertisement,	\$1,000.00
Second Cash Prize—For second best advertisement,	300.00
Third Cash Prize—For third best advertisement,	200.00
Total,	\$1,500.00

The advertisement may be a single announcement, or a series of announcements not exceeding six in number. The space required must not exceed that occupied by this advertisement—eight inches deep, six and one-quarter inches wide.

For the general guidance of all who enter the competition, the following ten points are briefly stated as being those which THE DAILY NEWS will require to be most prominently brought out. The advertisement must emphasize:

- 1-That THE DAILY NEWS is first, last and all the time, a news-paper. Because that should be the first and controlling consideration in the production of an American daily paper,—and it isn't always so. It costs money, enterprise and hard work in sustained measure to make a genuine news-paper.
- 2-That THE DAILY NEWS is a daily paper for busy people. Because this is the country of busy people, and the Northwest is the "busiest part of the sheet,"—they absolutely haven't any use for it. Newspaper reading, after all, is but an incident of life, not its chief business. Therefore THE DAILY NEWS is a short-and-to-the-point paper.
- 3-That THE DAILY NEWS is an independent, truth-telling newspaper. Because the American people are intelligent enough to prefer honest, impartial journalism to the misleading, truth-discarding dishonesty of the regulation political "organ." Everybody really wants to know the truth in political matters; the most widespread political want misinformation for a daily diet. And as a theatrical exponent, even the most unscrupulous politician will rarely take lasting pleasure in an adverse opinion, so long as he is confident of the loyalty of the press back of the opinion. It's not the mere fact of misrepresentation that makes trouble, it's the suspicion of dishonesty. [Hold this point every strong and clear. It is because THE DAILY NEWS has won its way to the confidence of its readers of every political faith that it has a circulation of over 1,000,000 copies.]
- 4-That THE DAILY NEWS is a family paper. Because this is the age of the newspaper,—a time when everybody reads it, and it is indispensable to the needs of all the members of the family. Woman and her interests never occupied so large a share of the world's thought as to-day—no fact not to be overlooked. The moral tone and influence of a daily paper must also be constantly watched, for children read it. THE DAILY NEWS is for the home, and therefore it follows:
- 5-That THE DAILY NEWS is dignified in the saloon. Because "the liquor interest" arrogantly assumes to dominate in American politics, and THE DAILY NEWS believes that it is not for the country's good that any one interest should thus over-ride all others, and that one which stands as the representative of all that is best in American sentiment. THE DAILY NEWS is not the organ of prohibition. It is not sure that prohibition is the best thing. Good people who have made this subject a life-long study do not agree as to the remedy. THE DAILY NEWS has no entanglement here that it is possible to legislate men into good.

Other points will suggest themselves to the regular reader of the paper itself, and may be introduced according to the judgment of the advertisement writer. Outline illustrations and poetry may be introduced if desired, but they are not necessarily essential to success in the competition. The prizes will be awarded to the three most successful advertisements, the publisher of THE DAILY NEWS being the sole judge, whatever may be the absolute grade of their merit. All advertisements must be received before September 1st next, and the awards will be made at the earliest date practicable thereafter. Intending competitors must apply for the paper's complete prospectus, and advertisements must be submitted under the conditions therein named in detail.

VICTOR F. LAWSON, Publisher THE DAILY NEWS, Chicago.

**INSURANCE!** Herian & DesLarzes, DRYSDALE, Proprietors of the McCook Transfer & City Bus Line. **"THE TAILOR,"** Has just received an Elegant Line of Spring Goods, and he kindly returns his most sincere thanks for the liberal patronage he has received in the past, and hopes to merit a continuance of the same.

We are agents for the following reliable companies. Note date of organization and splendid assets:

- Etna of Hartford, Conn., 1819, \$9,568,840
- Insurance Co. of N. A., Phila., 1794, 8,474,352
- Phoenix of Brooklyn, 1835, 5,587,025
- Connecticut of Hartford, 1800, 2,133,745
- Continental of New York, 1852, 2,230,981
- Pennsylvania Fire of Phila., 1825, 2,710,885
- Lancashire of Manchester, Eng., 1822, 1,408,187

**COLVIN & EMPY,**  
 McCOOK, NEBRASKA.