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IRRELEVANT AND IMMATERIAL.

One species of mutualism, it appears to us, is running to excess—going to seed as it were. We refer to the craze for joining societies of all sorts. A good thing is being dangerously overdone and are becoming a generation of "joiners," aimless and useless for the most part.

Speaking of "Nebraska's Poet Lariat,"—the Hon. N. K. Griggs,—Bixby of the Lincoln Journal makes bold to say that Griggs sings all the time when awake and often stays awake to sing when he ought to be asleep. The Hon. N. K. appeared at an evening party in Lincoln with a box car of his original poems set to his own music, recently, and so persistently perforated the circumambient atmosphere with his stentorian vocalization as to drive Bixby to strong drink and the manufacture of 8 yards of poetry. The people of this devoted city can bear evidence to the fact that when Griggs norks his verse and voice he is one of the few living artists that can start the machine and go away to far-off Klondike in search of gold with the perfect assurance that it will be doing business at the old stand when he returns.

In Guglielmo Marconi, an Italian youth of but 23 summers, the world of electricity has a new master-mind, a virtuoso of the first water. What Edison and Tesla have thought possible and failed to produce this Italian boy seems to be in a fair way to discover and exploit before an astonished, expectant world, viz., wireless telegraphy. Through his own improvements on the Hertz radiator or sender and the Pringle coherer or receiver he has already telegraphed twelve miles without wires and hopes soon to send a message from St. Paul's in London to the Eiffel tower in Paris. His instrument sends out a series of electric waves of varying lengths, each wave meaning a letter. The wave reaches its destination intact and thus letter by letter the message is recorded. As the sender and receiver may be constructed in "electrical sympathy" the danger of the current or wave being side-tracked is obviated. Again the direction of the wave may be governed by reflexers.

The following brief assay on man is from the facile pen of an old maid who has taken a measurement of the haughty "lord of creation" that will be readily recognized for its accuracy and enjoyed for its vigor:

"Man is a two-legged animal that chews tobacco and walks on the forked end. Most men are born. We never heard of but one that wasn't and he was made out of mud for a sample. Man's life is full of prunes, disappointments and cob pipes. He goeth forth like a lion in the morning and leaves the wood for his wife to chop and in the evening he sneaketh home with his pants ripped,

his heels gone and raising Cain about hard times. He has the gripe on the road working days and walks twenty miles to a circus. He will chase a jack rabbit four miles through the snow, then borrow a horse to ride half a mile to the post-office."

When the beneficent results to be derived from the postal savings banks system are contemplated the soul is filled with wonderment and astonishment that no measure for its establishment has yet been able to pass the shoals of the national legislature; and the observer is most profoundly impressed with the stupidity or lack of interest in the people of the legislators or appalled at the potentiality of the bankers' "pull." The experience of England, France, Austria, Russia, Italy, Belgium, Sweden and Japan has been most beneficial to people and government. The people are taught economy and incited to thrift. Their savings are absolutely safe in financial disasters that overwhelm less stable institutions and the interest is sure, if small. And then there are advantages to the government in excess of the interest outlay. In times of financial crises money can be kept in circulation when most imageratively needed, and the distress and danger of hoarding avoided. The government can float bonds among the frugal, saving poor at a small interest rate. In fact as the possibilities for mutual good of the system come to light on investigation, astonishment and indignation increase at the thought that America is so derelict in duty and subservient to the private money-lending power.

J. F. Forbes and L. W. Stayner went up to Denver, last Friday night, on a short visit. The former returned on Sunday morning, accompanying his family from here to Bartley to visit her parents. Stayner spent Saturday and Sunday in the Queen City of the Plains.

This week, S. Cordeal sold A. J. Chambers the half lot adjoining the Chambers property on the south.

Assist. Supt. J. D. McFarland of Holyoke accompanied the special, Wednesday afternoon.

Bernard Phelan is down from Alliance visiting his sister, Mrs. W. V. Gage.

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TRAINS LEAVE AS FOLLOWS:

CENTRAL TIME.	
No. 2. Vestibuled Express, daily, Lincoln, Omaha, St. Joe, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, and all points south and east.	5:55 A. M.
No. 4. Local Express, daily, Lincoln, Omaha, Chicago, and all points east.	9:00 P. M.
No. 148. Freight, daily, ex. Sunday, Hastings and intermediate stations.	5:00 A. M.
No. 76. Freight, daily, Oxford, Holdrege, Hastings.	6:45 A. M.
No. 80. Freight, daily, Hastings and intermediate stations.	7:00 A. M.
MOUNTAIN TIME.	
No. 5. Local Express, daily, Denver and intermediate stations.	8:15 P. M.
No. 3. Vestibuled Express, daily, Denver and all points in Colo., Utah and California.	11:40 P. M.
No. 149. Freight, daily, ex. Sunday, Akron and intermediate stations.	6:00 A. M.
No. 77. Freight, daily, Stratton, Benkelman, Haigler, Wray and Akron.	1:30 P. M.
No. 63. Freight, daily, Stratton, Benkelman, Haigler, Wray and Akron.	4:10 P. M.
No. 175. Accommodation, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Imperial and intermediate stations.	7:00 A. M.
No. 64. Freight, daily, Oxford, Red Cloud, St. Joe, Kansas City.	4:30 A. M.

Sleeping, dining and reclining chair cars (seats free) on through trains. Tickets sold and baggage checked to any point in the United States or Canada.

For information, time tables, maps and tickets, call on or write C. E. Magner, Agent, McCook, Nebraska, or J. Francis, General Passenger Agent, Omaha, Nebraska.

Hammocks at prices ranging from 75 cts. to \$5.50 at McCONNELL'S.

RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Agent Hostetter of Wauneta is now in at Wilsonville.

C. H. McElherron of Culbertson has been transferred to Republican City.

A fine line of new school suits just received at the Cash Bargain Store. Best quality and lowest prices.

Conductor and Mrs. S. L. Moench arrived home, last Friday night from their visit east of a month or six weeks.

Conductor C. E. Pope arrived home, Wednesday morning, from visiting the mines he is interested in near Leadville, Colorado.

Mark Lawritson of Cheyenne is now with the company at Red Cloud, and C. E. Paul, late of Akron, is helping Agent Green at Culbertson.

Supt. Campbell went down to Omaha, Monday night, returning on Wednesday afternoon with the agents' excursion special.

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C. E. Cann arrived home, Friday night from the Epworth League gathering in Toronto. If you have a few spare hours at your command ask and he will tell you all about it. His enthusiasm over the subject is something boundless.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Reddin buried their little son in Denver. The bereaved parents are very much broken up over this greatest of their multiplied sorrows and misfortunes. We understand that Mr. Reddin is looking very badly and that they may remain in Denver.

The Burlington depot at Red Cloud was destroyed by fire, last Thursday night, together with practically its entire contents,—some baggage being saved. One empty freight car was consumed. The Chief suggests that on account of some things that have been going on in that neighborhood the Burlington officials will do well to investigate the matter.

A warrant was sworn out before Judge Porter this morning by a colored woman against the proprietor of the B. & M. eating house for assault, which was served by a local constable. After the warrant was served it is presumed that the woman was induced to let the matter drop as she went away on passenger train 15 and the case was therefore dismissed. Eye witnesses who saw the meek state to the writer that the woman was hit several times in the face enough to make her face bleed. This neck of woods is causing considerable comment at present.—Red Cloud Chief.

Beginning Thursday morning the St. Francis branch went back to its old method of train service and operation. An extra crew was put on the line. The engine crew were Harris and Koll, from McCook, well known here from their former residence here. The change gives Cropp a conductorship with Fred Wilson and J. J. Oldham, as brakemen. Klein will be sent here from Orleans to work with one of the other crews. Harris and Koll have both moved their families back and the others will follow. This gives us an increase of one crew and a lay over here each trip for the train crews. It is also rumored that an extra freight is to be put on the Hastings and Oberlin next Sunday.—Republican City Democrat.

Machine oil, 25c. per gallon, at McMillen's drug store.

Machine oils, 25c. per gallon at McConnell's.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10. Preaching morning and evening by the Pastor. Epworth League at 7 p. m. J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

GERMAN METHODIST—Regular services at 9 o'clock, every Sunday morning, in the South McCook Methodist church; services in German. REV. M. HERRMANN.

CATHOLIC—Mass at 8 o'clock a. m. High mass and sermon at 10:30 a. m., with choir. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially welcome. REV. J. W. HICKRY, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Morning service at 11:00. Evening service at 8:00. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Evensong on Wednesdays at 8 p. m. A. F. MORGAN, General Missionary. R. A. RUSSELL, Assistant.

CHRISTIAN—Services every alternate Sunday, commencing with the first Sunday in May at 11 and 7:30 o'clock in McConnell hall. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 o'clock. ELDER C. P. EVANS, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Bible school at 10. Preaching at 11. Young peoples' meeting at 7. Evening service at 8, subject, Water into Wine, the first of a series of sermons on the miracles of our Lord. Baptism following sermon. A welcome to all. GEO. W. SHAFOR, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Morning theme, The Household of God. Evening topic, Gateways to the Larger Life. Sunday school at 10. Endeavor society at 7, leader Miss Myrtle Meyer, topic, Have We the Spirit of Christ? Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. A cordial invitation is extended to all attend the services of the church. HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

Rufus Carlton is visiting relatives in Grand Junction.

Conductor Rouch went up to Denver, last evening, on a short visit.

Anna Sepmeyer and the Stayner children are visiting in Lawrence.

Conductor Wolff and crew had the special to Atwood, Wednesday night.

Conductor Washburn has been in Cripple Creek, Colorado, the past week.

Will McCarl and wife left, this morning, for Lincoln, on a visit to her parents.

Mrs. O. R. Amick of Hastings went to Culbertson, first of the week, on a visit.

J. J. Oldham has been transferred to the new crew on Train-master Josselyn's branch.

Hammocks at McMillen's drug store.

ANIMAL COMEDIANS.

Ringling Bros. Create a Sensation with the Lockhart Elephants.

The announcement that Lockhart's famous comedy elephants have been secured by the noted Ringling Bros. for their World's greatest shows this season, has created a sensation throughout the United States. The Lockhart comedy elephants are universally acknowledged to be the most marvelously trained animal actors in the world. In Europe, where they have recently been delighting vast continental audiences, they created a veritable furor and excited more widespread interest than any arena feature ever presented, even in the far-famed circuses of Paris, Berlin and St. Petersburg. These elephant comedians distinctly depart from the old familiar order of elephant performances. They are not simply "trained animals," they are veritable animal actors, displaying as much good sense and judgment, as great an appreciation of the humor of their several roles and as sincere a desire to please and entertain the public as any performer in the great exhibition. Their work is distinctly unconventional. They present none of the stereotyped tricks that constant repetition has familiarized with the public, but give a performance that is at once new, startling and unique. Imagine a troupe of elephants, each attired in a costume befitting the character it portrays, presenting a complete comedy. The statement seems beyond belief, yet it is absolutely true. Perhaps the most amusing comedy presented by these elephant actors is one portraying the arrest, trial, conviction and incarceration of an elephant for intoxication. The spectacle of the clown elephant, rolling from side to side, apparently in the last stages of a drunken spree is ludicrous in the extreme. In the midst of his revelry, the policeman arrives, armed cap-a-pie with a huge official helmet and jauntily twirling a club in his trunk. The offending elephant attempts to escape but the policeman is too quick for him. The offender is seized by the ear, marched away to the magistrate's office, solemnly tried and sentenced by an elephant judge sitting in his judicial dignity upon his judicial bench, and finally hurried away, a condemned prisoner, to suffer durance in the elephant jail. In addition to the several comedies presented by the Lockhart elephant comedians, those wonderful animal entertainers dance, march, perform the most difficult and intricate military maneuvers, play upon musical instruments, present complete pantomimes, and betray numberless other evidences of their marvelous educated intelligence. Although they can give an entire performance, these wonderful elephants actors constitute only one of hundreds of superb features to be seen with Ringling Bros.' famous exhibition, which comes in all its magnificent completeness to McCook, Wednesday, September 1st.

LEGAL NOTICE.

William O. Finch, Anna J. Finch and The Lombard Investment Company, defendants, will take notice that on the 20th day of August, 1897, Ferdinand Veering, plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the District Court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a tax lien under County Treasurer's Tax Sale Certificates Nos. 919 and 920 for the W. 1/2 N. E. 1/4 section 14, township 3, range 26, and W. 1/2 S. E. 1/4 section 14, township 3, range 26, west of 6th P. M., for the delinquent taxes of 1893, and subsequent taxes paid thereon for the sum of \$27.30, that there is now due upon said tax sale certificate, and subsequent taxes the sum of \$27.30, and interest and attorney's fees, and cost of service of notice, for which sum plaintiff prays for a decree that defendants be required to pay the same or that said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount found due. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 27th day of September, 1897. Dated August 20th, 1897. By W. R. Starr, his attorney. (First publication August 20-4ts.)

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