The Elemental Catastrophes Quaint Features of Life

Which Destroy Crops, Endanger Life, Discourage the Activities of Mankind and Reduce Men to Poverty, and Those

CATACLYSMS OF COMMERCE

Which are Denominated Panics May be Minimized by a Judicious,

> Patriotic Attention to Conditions.

Cyclones sometimes sweep over our prairies and destroy thousands of dollars worth of property. Hailstones wipe out the labors of a year. Conflagrations sweep the accumulations of a lifetime into the ash-heap. Life itself is often required to satisfy the demon of destruction. Panics follow periods of excessive prosperity and commerce is paralyzed by the sudden collapse of promising financial enterprises.

THE UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE

and the certainty of death have awakened the enlightened world to the importance and necessity of life insurance. The dangers besetting property have built up the fire insurance companies. Astute business men utilize their opportunities in the days of prosperity to protect themselves and their property from these conditions. But

PANICS WOULD BE LESS SEVERE

and all manner of commercial and elemental catastrophes would be less dangerous to our communities if our business people were more patriotic. We cannot expect continued prosperity for a community which donates \$1,200,000 annually from its savings to allens. Yet this is what Nebraska has been doing for more than a decade. Life insurance companies are the great savings institutions of America and Nebraskans are building up alien companies year after year at the expense of their own surplus.

THE LIFE INSURANCE TRUST

of the east draws a larger sum of money annually from our commerce than any other trust in America. A little local patriotism will correct this evil and make Nebraska independent. If the people of this great state will begin at once to build up local life insurance companies like the

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in a few years this state will have ballast enough in the ship of commerce to weather the worst of commercial storms. Pay no attention to the malignant attacks of these alien companies upon the Bankers Reserve Life Association. It is simply because this association is prospering that they attempt to destroy its reputation and steal its bustness. Nebraska has too much at stake to permit such conduct to go unrebuked. The people of the state understand the situation and that is why

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OT long ago, relates the Kansas City Journal, the wife of a western Kansas politician asked him to lay aside politics long enough one day to dig the potatoes in the garden. He agreed to do it. After digging for a few minutes he went into the house and said he had found a coin. He washed it off and it proved to be a silver quarter. He put it in his jeans and went back to work. Presently he went to the house again and said he had found another coin. He washed the dirt off of it. It was a silver half dollar. He put it in his jeans. "I have worked pretty hard," said he to his wife; "I guess I'll take a short nap." When he awoke he found that his wife had dug all the rest of the potatoes. But she found no coins. It then dawned upon her that she had been worked."

One hundred or more women who attended a chattel mortgage foreclosure auction sale of furs and cloaks at Paterson. N. J., in search of bargains, made their bids between sneezes, and Auctioneer Westerhoff labored under difficulties due to the same cause. R. A. Mitchell, proprie-tor of the store, had sprinkled his stock with red pepper. This, he explained, was done to preserve the garments. Auctioneer Westerhoff undid the first of the furs a bidder close to him was affected, and in a few minutes the sneezing epidemic had spread to all of the store. The excitement was kept up for an hour, and then it was decided to adjourn the sale, but a score of sneezing women carried off pepper-covered garments.

The postmaster of Chicago was driven into a corner the other day by telegrams from a young lady in Kansas City: "Hold letters addressed to — —, and to —," What could it all mean?

As soon as the Burlington express could land the lady in Chicago she hastened to the postmaster in person, and then the story came out. She had two lovers in the Windy City, both of whom had proposed by mail on the same day, and to each of whom the return mail bore answer-the one affirmative, the other nega-But horrors! the letters got mixed in the envelopes, and unless they could be recalled there would be material furnished for another short daily novel.

The postmaster was sympathetic. discovered the letters, assisted the lady to exchange the envelopes and was rewarded by an invitation to the wedding.

A famous and eccentric physician of London, who flourished 100 years ago, was a stout advocate of a restricted diet. He held that one meal a day was enough for any one, and he practiced what he preached. But that meal! A chronicler of the time said of it: "For over twenty years Dr. Fordyce dined daily at Dolly's chop house, near Paternoster row. At 4 o'clock he en-tered and took his seat at a table always reserved for him. A silver tankard full of strong ale, a bottle of port wine, and a measure containing a quarter of a pint of brandy were instantly placed before him. The moment the waiter announced him the cook put a pound and a half of rump steak on the gridiron, and on the table some delicate trifle as a bonne bouche to serve until the steak was ready. This morsel was sometimes half a broiled chicken, sometimes a plate of fish. When he had eaten this the doctor took one glass of brandy, and then proceeded to devour his steak. When he had finished his meat he took the remainder of his brandy. (He drank the ale during his dinner.) He they took his bottle of port. He thus spent daily an hour and a half, and then returned to his house in Essex street to give his 6 o'clock lecture on chemistry. He made no other meal until his return next day at 4 o'clock to Dolly's."

The tallest man in the world, as he Maine and has attracted great attention. His name is Edward Beaupre, and his exact height is 7 feet 10% inches. Beaupre is 20 years of age and comes from the province of Assinibolne, Northwest Territory. He is still growing and says he expects to reach the eight-foot mark. He says he is nothing but a boy, but there is enough of him to make half a dozen boys of ordinary size. He weighs 367 pounds and is a well built young chap. He wears a No. 21 shoe and a No. 21 collar, and everywhere he roes he attracts attention. In all the hotels where he has ever stopped he has never found a bed long enough to accommodate him, so two mattresses are placed lengthwise on the floor, and on these he stretches out to sleep. Beaupre says he did not begin to grow until he was 7 years old. Then he began to shoot up and when he was 16 years old he was seven feet in height. He says his parents are of ordinary height, his father being 5 feet 8 inches in height and his mother an inch shorter. Beaupre is a great eater, smokes everything in the shape of tobacco and is never sick. He takes great pride in believing that he is the tallest man that lives.

Unbranded Points

Washington Star: "American ideas are

making great progress in England." "Yes, confound 'em." said the man with his trousers rolled up. "They get one all confused. A lot of the papers over there have almost quit printing the point of a joke in italics."





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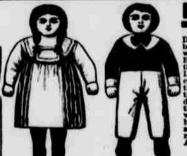
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