#### PROTECT THE BIRDS.

William Dutcher, president of the American Audubon society, estimates that birds save American farmers annually \$200,000,000 in the destruction Religious, Social, Agricultural, Politof harmful insects and noxious weeds. He further computes that the savings would amount to \$38,000,000 more if that old harridan of a tyrant, Fashion, did not decree that milliners shall ornament women's hats with the plumage of many of the most valuable of the feathered tribe. Scientists have estimated that human life on our planet long since would have been extinct as a consequence of the destruction of vegetable life if birds had not come to the rescue and made perpetual and relentless war on insect life, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. In this good year 1909 the joint worm is playing havoe with the wheat crop of central Ohio, and that could not have been if the men and boys of Ohio had not levied constant war on the farmers' best friends, the birds of the field, the orchard and the forest. Every bluebird is annually worth to the farmer triple its weight in silver, and every wren is annually worth to the gardener its weight in gold. The sapsucker is invaluable to the fruit grower, and the woodpecker does yeoman service in the cause of a rich harvest.

St. Petersburg reports that the presence of cholera is militating seriously against summer tourist travel. This ought to be reassuring to all Europe. When people wisely stay away from centers of disease there will be less likelihood that the germs will be scattered all over the continent. If St. Petersburg cares for the traffic she has lost temporarily she should hasten her sanitation and also increase effort to stamp out the cholera. The drinking water there is contaminated, and every tourist who goes to the Russian capital takes a risk every time he drinks water that has not been boiled.

Now they are saying that ex-Presideat Reyes of Colombia, who cabled his resignation from Europe, "salted down" \$25,000,000, and his countrymen are asking where he got it and how they can oblige him to give it up. But these may be merely malicious misrepresentations. Castro, who left Venezuela for Venezuela's good, in the opinion of a great many persons, was credited with fabulous riches. But according to later developments his possessions shrank to comparatively little measure.

for a rise pretended, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It amounted to 13,-587,000 bales, so the bureau of the census says, or 2,212,000 more than that of 1907. Only twice-in 1904 and in 1906-was the yield greater than that of 1908. The crop of 1904, which broke all the records, was a little below the 14,000,000-bale mark. As, at present prices, cotton is a highly profitable crop, the presumption is that the acreage of 1909 is up at high figures.

The English prime minister, in speaking on the possible invasion of England, the national bugaboo just now, gave the house of commons the gloomy information that if once Britannia ceased to rule the waves, somebody else would boss ner. If this does not produce adequate appropriations for national defenses, other appeals are useless.

Baby carriages, along with other vehicles, must carry red lights at the rear, in accordance with the speed laws of Los Angeles. This is the first intimation given anywhere of the danger to the public from baby carriages. aside from their painful, though not perilous, practice of rolling over feelings and toes on the sidewalk.

A man in Brooklyn, bitten by a dog. worried himself to death, although physicians assured him he had no signs of the dreaded disease. This instance shows how dangerous are the senseless panics and "mad-dog" scares which come about regularly every

The Simplified Spelling society has held its third annual meeting. As a reminder to a forgetful public that the society is still in existence, the meeting appears to be a qualified success. Otherwise the public is still spelling the same old way.

Big orders for steel, notably for the kinds used in structural work, continue to pour in, this being one of the most marked indications of the continuous performance in industrial

France does not mind its cold weather so much as it does the frost on the tourist crop.

A good many castles in Spain are

When you find a woman who acts as though very kittenish, just try her with a mouse.

It might be well to require the South American revolutionists to take out a its capital stock. permit before fighting.

Getting caught in an Atlantic ice floe is enough to give any steamship

This is a bad year for rulers with a superfluity of wives.

## NEBRASKA IN BRIEF THE TWO-CENT LAW. The Authorities Are Encouraged by the Outlook.

VARIOUS SECTIONS.

## ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

ical and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

Street railway employes of Omaha and Lincoln want more pay. Ed McConnell of Fairbury drew

claims in two of the recent government land drawings. No rain in Gage county since July t, and as a consequence the corn crop

will be shortened. Governor Shallenberger has issued his Laobr day proclamation for the first Monday in September. The attendance at the Nebraska

City Chautauqua this year was ahead of any former year. In Seward county apples are so plentiful that cider is being made

in large quantities. The Fairbury Chautauqua this year

in the county. Mrs. Catherine Holmes, who recently died in Omaha, was the sev-

enth bride in Nebraska, having been

married in territorial days. Kearney democrats are planning a barbecue to be given some time durcipal speaker.

The total Douglas county assessment on which taxes will be levied has stalls for 636 head, but that the for next year is \$35,758,733. The entries justified the construction of an school district tax will be levied on addition to the barn. The barn south an Omaha assessment of \$26,089,433. the corn exposition in Buffalo county nursing cows' barn, which has room and expect to hold their preliminary for sixty. The addition sugested by show in October and then take the Mr. Mickey will be erected as a tembest exhibits to Omaha to the na-

Judge John B. Barnes spent \$45.88 to secure his nomination on the re- tract for five state bands in addition publican ticekt as a candidate for supreme judge. Of this amount \$25.40 four concerts daily as follows: 10:30, was spent for blank petitions, \$14 for 1:30 and 4:30 in the auditorium and getting them circulated and \$6.48 for 7:15 before the grandstand proceed-

Summer apples were never more plentiful around Herman than they are this year. The trees are loaded Monday and Tuesday; Nelson, Tuesand there is no sale for them. Some orchards bearing the finest kind of North Platte, Wednesday and Thursfruit have the ground covered with day; Stromsburg, Thursday and Friapples going to waste.

Charged with having picekd the pockets of C. E. Peterson of Valley at the union station on August 18, William Huffman and Ed Martin were arraigned before Judge Dame in justice court at Fremont. After a two hours' hearing they were bound over tics. The government report showed

N. A. Darton, government geologist, was in Fairbury contracting for ce-As was expected, the cotton crop of \$70,000 government building to be Commissioner Maupin's office are 1908 was larger than the speculators erected there. He stated that the deiay in starting work on the Fairbury building was occasioned by an over amount of work in the architect's of- tion by many grain men and for this

At Omaha, one Rassmussen, jealous of his wife, shot her three times. then turned the weapon on himself. dvi- ; almost instantly. Chances for the woman's recovery are very slim. The fam'ly recently came from Iowa. from Couar Bluffs, sold his farm for \$150 per acre.

ing fee for incorporating the Chi- ment. cago, Great Western railway in Nebraska. The company has a capital stock of \$96,000,000. This is the second largest fee paid to the secretary the Missouri Pacific.

The county commissioners of a general good time. Douglas county have offered a reward of \$100 for the capture of James Philips, accused of killing Marshall C. Hamilton near Florence on the morning of August 1. Governor merchants signed themselves as incor-Shallenberger, on behalf of the state, some time ago offered a reward of change and filed articles of incorpora-\$200, making a total of \$300 for the tion, with a nominal capital of \$25,000. capture of the alleged murderer.

Thousands of dollars have been spent during the past few months in putting the state fair grounds in shape for a great fair this year, begraded, new buildings have been built heart disease. and the general tone of the place has been greatly improved.

Captain Jones of the Sixth United be generally in a fair state of by the new department. efficiency for field service, which will no doubt increase rapidly under the able administration of the present adjutant general of the state, who has developed the guard greatly since coated with asphaltic oil, and the extaking the office on the first of the periment will be extended to make a

O. E. Mickey, superintendent of cattle at the state fair this year, says he has booked 700 exhibition cattle. This is considered phenomenal, since 500 has heretofore been considered a announced himself for an early agifull exhibition of cattle. Every stall tation in favor of a commission form

more are asking for room.

rejoicing over the assignment to their | said, by the editors of the three news-Kearney as the resident rector. A could all agree upon-That the comhandsome new church was erected mission form of government was good. and dedicated the first of the year. These editors spoke in favor of the which has been supplied by the rector | system regardless of the men who comat Arapahoe .

The Commonwealth Life Insurance company of Omaha, a stock company providing for a capital stock of \$100. 000, has filed its articles of incorpo- ninety-one counties of the state, all ration with the state auditor and has but three of those in being complete, received formal authority to open its | indicate beyond much doubt that Fawsubscription books and to dispose of cett is nominated for the third place

A Grand Island dispatch says that ticket. The figures at this writing Ernest Stoet, the admitted slayer of give Fawcett a majority of 515 over Joseph Richardson, is reported by Hamer, and as the counties to be occupants of the jail to be resting I heard from, with one exception, are well, sleeping soundly and maintain- small ones in the western part of the ing a good, healthy appetite. He is state, it is not believed Hamer can

Attorney General Thompson feels NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM much encouraged as does the state railway commission regarding the showing they expect to make in the cases involving the 2-cent fare law, the Aldrich freight rate reduction and the Sibley express rate laws, and the longer the hearing is put off the better shape the state will be in to make good in its case. For over a year the commission has been getting weekly station reports, made out by the station agents showing the freight shipped in and out, the express sent in and out and the ticket sales. These statistics are being compiled in the office of the state railway commission and the compilation shows a remarkable increase in the amount of revenue paid to the corporations. Whether expenses have also increased in the same proportion of course the commission has no way of knowing except by the annual reports of the corporations. But the income of the railroads and express companies the commission has first hand and the fact that the railroads are offering reduced rates to Omaha, Lincoln and the state fair the commission believes is another indication that the 2-cept fare rate has not injured the railroads financiwas the most successful ever held ally. Testimony in the cases is to begin shortly before a referee appointed by the federal court.

Getting Ready for Fair.

Secretary Mellor and a force of clerks are busy getting the final work done preparatory to the opening of the ing September. Governor Johnson of state fair, September 6. O. E. Mickey, Minnesota will probably be the prin- superintendent of cattle, notified Secretary Mellor that enough entries had been made to fill the new barn, which of the new structure will hold sixty Kearney business men are pushing head and this will be filled, as will the porary arrangement and all cattle entries will be taken care of.

Secretary Mellor has closed the conto the Liberati band, which will give ing Pain's fireworks. The state bands which have contracted to furnish music are the following: Geneva. day and Wednesday; Aurora and

#### Corn Acreage Higher.

Nebraska corn acreage is only 2 per cent greater this year than last, according to the figures compiled by the an increase in acreage of over 15 per cent, but the state report disputes this. The figures compiled by Deputy Commissioner Maupin's office are as can be procured. The governmen reports are not held in high estimayear the fact that discrepancies in the figures appear does not worry the

### Judge Good's Expense \$10.

Judge B. F. Good, of Wahoo, candidadte for supreme judge on the demo-E. D Walker, living half a mile craffic ticket, filed his campaign expense statement with the secretary of state. His expenses comprised the Attorney W. D. McHugh paid to \$10 filing fee and that aws all. Judge tne secretary of state \$48,001, the fil- Good was the first to file his state-

Picnic on Labor Day. The labor unions of Lincoln will unite unite in a picnic at Capital of state this year, the other having beach, September 6. The usual parade been \$70,000 for filing the articles of will not be given, but at the beach there will be speaking and boating and

With a view to establishing a cash grain market in Lincoln four grain porators of the Lincoln Grain Exwith the secretary of state.

Clerk Drops Dead.

Lon Welch, clerk in Fallen's drug store at Seward, dropped dead while ginning Septemebr 6 and ending Sep- waiting on a customer in the store tember 10. Many repairs have been He had been subject to fainting spells made on the grounds, roads have been and it is thought that he died from

Fire Commission Gets Busy. The new fire commission, of which States infantry, inspector of the A. V. Johnson is chief warden, has state militia, concludes his report on landed B. C. Martin of Belden. Marthe Nebraska National guard as fol- tin is charged with arson, the charge lows: "The command was found to following an investigation conducted

Oiled Driveway to Fair.

Lincoln has a block of oiled road, the first of her thoroughfares to be driveway to the state fair grounds.

Agitation for Commission Plans. Mayor Love, who has just returned

from a vacation trip spent in Iowa, has in all the cattle pens has been let and of government. In Des Moines, he said, he found the plan working well The Episcopalians of Holdrege are and satisfactorily. He was told, he church of Rev. Gaylord Bennett of papers, that it was the only thing they posed the administration.

Chances Good for Fawcett.

Returns from eighty-three of the for supreme judge on the republican

# Putting One Past the Post

By JOHN IRVING DAY

Garnering the Gold by a Special Process Originated Within the Confines of the High Rollers' Club

from Reno, Nev., for San Tony let out a long laugh. Francisco. They became acquainted with a George Hopkins, interested in Raw Hide mining break the book and get your \$5,000 win and his horse will be beaten out. would have staked my right eye on

the morning after his arrival. He had kid brother wouldn't bite on that old \$100 bets on Lemon Squeezer, but crowd as the blue and white stripes finished with his newspaper and hook." was gazing out upon the little park Col. Powley nor Jack Cleland had apthe young mining man he had met on | end of the bank roll." the train came upon him, and he was roused from his self-absorption by a cheery greeting. Looking up, he saw times this season and always gets The two separated and entered the own money. We are whipsawed for that young Hopkins no longer wore away with it. He's got a regular crew betting ring from different ends of that fair. Camp wins out the bank roll in corduroys and heavy hunting boots, to go on and make the book and they inclosure. Floyd noticed that, true to the book and we lose our outside beis but was blue-serged, green-hatted and patent-leathered, and altogether sporty looking enough to belong to his own

"All alone, I see," remarked Hopkins as he touched Floyd upon the shoulder "If you've not been to breakfast, I'd like to have you join me."

"I'd be pleased to," assented Floyd, who had grown hungry waiting for his friends. "Those fellows who came with me must be taking an extra portion of sleep this morning. I'll not wait any longer for them."

Down in the grillroom a breakfast was served, the equal of which is not to be had in any other city in the United States, excepting, perhaps New Orleans. By the time Floyd and Hopkins had lit their cigarettes they were conversing as old friends.

'Oh, look who's arrived!" burst out Tony the Tout, upon catching sight of Floyd and his party. "If it isn't the Big Doctor, and I haven't seen him since Hamburg was a two-year-old."

'And say," whispered Tony, in confidential tones, "find out to-night what business that young man who was with you this afternoon has with old Tom Camp. They were off in a corner for a long time and if your friend ain't some wise fish he's apt to be bit.'

That night after dinner Floyd, in conversation with young Hopkins, cautiously led the talk up to Tom Camp, and then asked the flat-footed question as to whether Hopkins had entered or was about to enter into any deal.

"Well, I'm rather ashamed of it, be cause it does look like a crooked deal," returned Hopkins; "but I'm a lot loser on the game, first and last, and it looks like a chance to get even so I was going to take it. If you know anything about Camp, you know he has some of the best horses on the track. He says lost several thousand dollars bucking the fare bank. His proposition is for me to put in \$5,000 to help back a book. He will put in \$5,000 of his own money, making a good strong bank roll. The books are all making money now, and besides the even break we would get in on the regular play; Camp says he can fix a race or two so we can win some sure money. He is certain that we can pull out \$25,000 each in a week."

"That all listens well," broke in Floyd.

"What's the matter with it?" questioned Hopkins. "I don't know why I'm telling you all this, anyway. You might queer my game for all I know."

"No. I'll do nothing of the kind," an swered Floyd. "But I'll bet you five hundred now that if I don't save you, Camp will trim you for whatever you put in. If it's such a sure thing, what your bank roll and keep your hand on interests?"

your jewelry. Do you follow me?" "Yes, it does look that way," as- sented the young mining man.

with the other \$5,000." leged 'sure things?' "

He can throw the race to whichever boat." horse he wants to. You know that's possible, don't you?"

awfully hard. I can see now how say, won't you, Doc?" do it; and if there isn't then you'd bet- est and he needn't let Camp know view the race. ter keep your \$5,000 in the bank, or there is any one else in on the deal. it for you. You may be all right on a box as lookout." of other things you've got to learn."

aid of the telephone, had located Tony | bookmaker's stand in the line under | makers' tickets to Harlin. he was wanted, and pleased all over to sistant to the cashier, but no glance up and a field of eight horses leaped a decent respectable saloon business be summoned into the presence of so of recognition passed between the forward. The blue and white striped back home." ugust a personage.

OCK FLOYD, Jack Cleland, To Tony Floyd told the proposition win with his own horse, Lemon ment of lost hope. and Col. Powley of the of Camp as Hopkins had told it to Squeezer. He explains that it might

"Why, it's just a plain game of double cross," asserted Tony. "He'll "that he intends that Applejack is to cession," muttered Floyd. "And in one race and then tell you it was all! How much money have you got in | Tony. Why, that boy on Applejack is a mistake and make you believe it, your pocket?" Doc Floyd sat in the marble-finished and then he'll ask you to dig up anothrotunda of San Francisco's best hotel er \$5,000 to get even with. Why, my

"Yes, do you suppose I didn't know given instructions to his bookmakers in front of Lemon Squeezer. across the street filled with palms and all that?" broke in Floyd with a mo- to give a shade the best price on the beds of bright-hued flowers. Neither tion for the talkative Tony to shut up. other fellow's horse. He will have muttered Doc Floyd to Hopkins. "I'm "What I want you for is to see if we commissioners there to get his own sorry ! steered you wrong, and will get peared, and he was rather glad when can turn the tables and get Camp's money down quick and bet enough to you even. Although I guess I'm in a

"He's worked that game four or five our \$5,000."

was to be turned.

what does Camp say?" "He says he has instructed the book to take in all the bets they can get on Applejack. He has arranged with the

win this race." "That means," explained Floyd,

"Oh, about \$500."

"Well, go in the ring and make five | "Applejack wins!" shouled the

apart during the atternoon, having from, while next in order and close greed to meet in a secluded spot on behind came Lemon Squeezer, both the grounds just before the race in horses running easily. Before they which Camp had announced that a trick | had gone a quarter of the distance it could be seen that the race was be-"Are you sure of that tout?" was the tween the first two horses, and the anxious inquiry of Hopkins when he others were strung out in single file and Floyd finally met in consultation. In the stretch came Applejack, run-"Yes, he'd lose both legs sooner than ning without effort, with Lemon throw me down," was the reply. "Now, Squeezer within safe call. A smile of contentment rested upon the face of Tom Camp, down at the end of the grandstand, while Floyd's countenance wore a worried look and young owner of that one to lose and he will Hopkins was shivering in the excit-

"There, and I listened to you and High Rollers' club set out him, and upon hearing the proposition be suspicious to the judges if he didn't your tout," he said to Floyd as he saw Appletack winning easily.

"Why, it's nothing more than a proracing him to death to win and the other fellow don't seem to be trying.

don't bet it in our book. Camp has passed under the wire a good length

"That's one time that I'm the goat. win out the bank roll on that one race. few thousand deeper, than you are, ( "I'm afraid not," answered Tony. That's the way he's got it fixed to win know I gave you the wrong steer and am sorrier for that than losing my



"AIN'T YOU WISE TO WHAT'S HAPPENED?"

does he want with a partner to share all stand in with the play. I suppose, his prediction, the new partnership; Come on and let's get a bottle of wine. the profits? Any time a man offers he's told Mr. Hopkins that he can put book had put up 2 to 1 on Applejack No use crying over spilt milk now." you something for nothing, lock up a man in the box to look out for his while the other books were laying a The two mon, drinking large glasses

was going to pull off one of those al. attend to the rest when I see you at on the same horse.

the suspicious inquiry of Hopkins.

shade less than that price. A moment of wine at the bar, paid slight atten-"Yes, he said I could do that," as afterwards he noticed that the part- tion to a sudden cheering and commonership bookmaker rubbed out the tion on the outside. sented Hopkins; "but you see he needs | "Let's look over that race he said he price against Applejack, announcing \$10,000 to make the book safe, and he could fix for to-morrow," was the sud- that he had all he wanted of it. Floyd that time, didn't we?" only has about \$5,000 in ready money den suggestion of Tony as he produced knew by this sign that Camp had bet Floyd looked around upon the that he can lay his hands on. That's a paper in which was a list of the en- enough of his own money to win out smiling face of Tony. why he wants some one to come in tries for the next day's races. "Oh, the money that was in the book. Walk-"That's just what they all say, and den, gleeful outburst. "He was right stopped long enough before a number said in low but dangerously threatennow I'm convinced that you are sched- about there being just two horses in of books to make several good-sized ing tones. uled to be the goat," announced Floyd. the race with a chance to win. Go on wagers on Lemon Squeezer. He al-"Did he explain to you just how he and put in the \$5,000 with him and I'll ready had given Tony \$1,000 to wager

the track to-morrow. Just put a wise Thomas Camp, besides getting all Hopkins, anxiously. "Yes, there's a race on the card to- one in the box to see that no one runs the money to be had in his own book, "Why, Applejack was disqualified morrow in which he has a horse en- away with the bank roll, and after that also had wagered hundreds on Apple- for not having up enough weight. tered that can win. He also controls race we'll have old Camp ready to take jack in other books about the ring, and Somehow or other Hank Harlin was the only other contender in the race. the high dive from the top of the ferry was surprised to note when he re- careless in putting his lead pads to "What is it you're going to do?" was just saddled his horse and given final saddle, and the jockey lost ten pounds "Yes, I've seen such things done, and "Never mind what I'm going to do; price against Lemon Squeezer, his own less of Hank, wasn't it? He's been then again I've seen them fall most the Big Doctor will stand for what I horse, had not gone up in the betting. locking for a chance to double cross casy it will be for him to break the "Yes. I don't know what it is, but of money bet by Floyd had forced the when I told him how much money we be book and get your \$5,000 on one race. if you are sure you can put it through price down. He had no time to inves- would bet for him on the other horse." Come on up to my rooms and I'll in- I'll take all, or half, of Hopkins' end tigate, however, as the horses already itiate you into the art of beating the of the \$5,000. I'll give Hopkins \$2,500 were at the post, and he hurried to a sides the outside bets?" exclaimed couble cross, if there's any chance to in the morning for a half of his inter- point of vantage from which he could young Hopkins, suddenly realizing that

Across the track in the infield Tony track on the day following his talk fieldglasses from the grandstand, saw you, can you?"

two. Floyd and Hopkins also kept jacket and cap of Applejack showed in (Conyright, 1909, by W. G. Chapman.)

"I guess we put over a good one

"Why, you young hound, I ought to I've got the old badger!" was the sud- ing quietly through the ring, he break your head with this bottle," he

> "What's the matter, pal? Ain't you wise to what's happened?" "No, what is it?" broke in young

turned from the paddock, where he had make the extra weight along with the instructions to the jockey, that the of lead while he was at the post. Care-He was unaware that a large amount | Camp and fell for my little scheme

> "And then we've won in the book be-Tony the Tout had made good.

"You should have told us how you have a trustee appointed to look after Jack Cleland can be the man in the the Tout and Hank Harlin, owner of were going to pull it off," drawled Applejack, stood talking together. Doc Floyd. "We nearly had heart failure, mining proposition, but there are a lot When Floyd arrived at the race Floyd, watching the pair through his and you can't blame us for doubting

Within 15 minutes Floyd, with the with Hopkins and Tony he saw a new Tony pass a small package of book- "Well, I've showed you that I could put one over, anyway," returned Tony the Tout, and in another half hour the shed of the betting ring. In this "They're off!" came the buzzing cry "And now, so far as I'm concerned. that wise bug of the turf had arrived stand was seated Jack Cleland, who of the crowd in chorus as the barrier they can turn all the race tracks in the at Floyd's rooms, wondering for what was supposed to be there as an as over at the three-quarter pole whizzed country into golf links. I'm going into

### Act as Spur to Man's Pride

for Reformation.

Love and belief in a man can never | timidate a foe. hurt him. It will always act as a spur to his pride, which is invariably til they die, just as girls from the little or nothing to do with a woman's. fo appear levely in the eyes of their Even when the schoolboy falls in adorers.

Love and Belief Are Powerful Agents in her eyes in some magnificent way to knock out some other boy, or in- souls -Exchange.

apparently quite unconcerned over make up the distance between him and love with the little girl in pinafores. And the masculine pride and prow- tions on the rate and prowhis first instinct is to acquit himself ess and strength are what the wise argon, rece and hallon. The co

girl will use in her desire to reform, ing apparatus-a vacuum tube drawn seme man who is merely weak. insult, staks the iron deeper into their

out to a fine point at one end-was Nagging drives such men into the carried up by a large sounding batdepths. Every look of derision, snub. loon. At the desired height an electromagnetic device operated by a barometer broke off the point admittent through a platinum wire around close to a man's love, whilst it has cradle or inspired by love seek beauty of close and on shell usion have the first and include the glass and

Samples of pure air from a height

argot and meon, no