

American Universities. Many serious people are asking serious questions: What kind of students go to the American universities? What do they do while there? What kind of men come away? Is the university a "place where pebbles are polished and diamonds are blurred?"

The State Capital Matters of General Interest FROM Nebraska's Seat of Government

Prison Association Disclaimer. Inasmuch as many of the newspapers are placing a portion of the responsibility for the Bancroft lynching on the Nebraska Prison association by reason of its connection with convicts, members of that organization have come to the front in its defense.



"The Pioneer Haymakers' Lunch Beyond the Missouri."

men of Lincoln belong to it, while there are more than fifty of Omaha's business men on the membership roll. These include judges of the district courts, bankers, professional men and others.

Crop Reports Coming In. Labor Commissioner J. J. Ryder has secured the services of a large number of reliable crop reporters and with their aid hopes to publish a bulletin in October containing an estimate of the yield in Nebraska.

McVann Amends Complaint. E. J. McVann, secretary of the Omaha Grain exchange, amended his complaint before the railroad commissioners over the discrimination of the Great Northern road against Omaha in favor of Minneapolis in grain shipments to make the complaint run against the Wilmar & Sioux Falls road.

Hopkins Applies for Place. Robert A. Hopkins, bookkeeper under former Secretary of State G. A. Lusk, has applied for the position of assistant under Superintendent Sherman of the Kearney Industrial school. Mr. Sherman has already offered the place to one man, but it is not known whether he will accept.

Church Howe Coming Home. Hon. Church Howe, who has recently been appointed as United States consul to Manchester, England, is expected home from Montreal, Canada, in a short time to spend half of a sixty days' vacation. The other half will be spent at Hot Springs, Ark.

Want an Omaha Market. Lincoln brick manufacturers want to ship brick to Omaha. They have insisted that the rate on brick from Lincoln to Omaha be at least as low as the rate from Table Rock and Humboldt to Omaha.

Inhabitants of the animal kingdom certainly are possessed of good reasoning faculties. At Tomahawk, Wis., the other day a pint beer bottle was found in the stomach of a fish, but the cork had been extracted and the bottle was empty.

Women have discovered that wasting their strength and time on useless tasks is foolish, says a Washington paper. There are still a number of women who try to reform men by marrying them, however.

The United States is to be visited by a real Filipino prince. But he is not valuable as a matrimonial catch, despite his title, as he already has four wives, who will accompany their better half on the trip.

Battle of Bucher's Island. All arrangements have been practically completed for the celebration of the thirty-ninth anniversary of the battle of Beecher's Island, to be held near Haigler, this state, September 17. It is expected about twenty of the survivors of that sanguinary fray will be present.

1905 the Beecher island association erected a monument on the island to commemorate the fight, and the survivors of the fight and rescuing party hold annual reunions there.

Urges Action on Lumber Trust. Attorney General Thompson is preparing to go to St. Louis the latter

part of September to meet with the attorneys general of the several states of the Mississippi valley to discuss the enforcement of legislation enacted by the various states relating to the control of corporations.

This will be the nearest approach to an air line water route between the lakes and the Atlantic for which nature has provided facilities. It will make a water channel between the Soo canal and Montreal 350 miles shorter than by way of the Welland canal, the line of least resistance between the lakes and the ocean.

Not a dollar will have to be spent on the route from the Soo canal, the great gateway into Lake Superior, to the mouth of the French river, on the shore of Georgian bay.

East of the lake is the divide, which is only about two miles wide and a few feet above Nipissing. Then the descent begins through two small lakes and the Mattawa river, which drops 150 feet into the broad bosom of the state of Ontario.

Producers and shippers in states of the union bordering the lakes have taken a great interest in this project because it promises to give them the shortest and cheapest water route to the Atlantic. Not a few western railroad men are also in hearty sympathy with the enterprise.

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Only 32 miles of actual canal would have to be dug, and for the remainder of the distance existing water channels could be used, with considerable dredging here and there. He said that the distance from Chicago or Duluth to Montreal by this route would be a little shorter than the lake routes now in use between these ports and Buffalo.

When the Georgian Bay canal is completed, he predicted that grain would be carried between Chicago or Duluth and deep water at Montreal for 2 1/2 cents a bushel, and refrigerator ships drawing 19 or 20 feet of water could load direct from the packing houses at Chicago and sail to any port in the world during the season of open water of about 200 days.

It is thought that the plans proposed by the Canadian commission will enable powerful whaleback steamers, 280 to 300 feet long, to carry in their holds and in towed barges about 12,000 tons of cargo at an average speed of about 12 miles an hour, and that the time between Chicago and Montreal will be about 103 hours. The time between Chicago and New York by the lakes and improved Erie canal route is estimated at 193 hours. The distance between Montreal and London is 2,820 miles and between New York and London, 3,130 miles.

It is expected that the new canal will have a wonderful influence upon the development of the Ottawa river. It is estimated that with the completion of the canal the water power available along the river will be almost as great as that of Niagara, and for electrical purposes it will be far superior to Niagara, because the power at those falls is confined to a radius of about 50 miles, while the Ottawa river affords water power along 400 miles at convenient distances.

CANADA'S CANAL TO THE SEA



GEORGIAN BAY ROUTE (BLACK LINE) COMPARED WITH THE ROUTE VIA THE ERIE CANAL (DOTTED LINE).

Many thousands of years ago the Great Lakes are supposed to have discharged their waters through the French river, Lake Nipissing and the Mattawa, Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers into the Atlantic.

Over this route for centuries passed all the traffic between the Canada of the early days and the western outposts of the Hudson's Bay company, and this is to be the route of the Georgian Bay canal, which Canada now proposes to build and which will be by far the shortest waterway between the lakes and the ocean.

The project has been in the air for years, but not till now has it taken definite shape. Many questions have been involved and among them the form the canal should take. Should it be a 14-foot canal for canalboats of large size, or a 20-foot ship canal or a 30-foot ocean steamer proposition, so that great ocean freighters might load at lake ports and unload in Europe?

All the questions have now been answered. For two years the Georgian Bay Canal Commission of Canada has been studying every phase of the enterprise and it is now preparing the plans for the building of the canal.

It is to be a ship canal, providing a continuous and easily navigable waterway, with a minimum depth of 21 feet, from Georgian Bay to tidewater. The cost is estimated at about \$105,000,000.

The fact is, there is very little canal to build. Some long stretches in the rivers must be canalized at large expenses and about thirty miles of rocky banks must be removed, but the whole cost of connecting the lake ports with the ocean will scarcely exceed the appropriation of New York state for the improvement of the Erie canal.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is reported as saying that as soon as the first installment of money is provided he will have the work begun at once. This will be the nearest approach to an air line water route between the lakes and the Atlantic for which nature has provided facilities.

Not a dollar will have to be spent on the route from the Soo canal, the great gateway into Lake Superior, to the mouth of the French river, on the shore of Georgian bay. The route will hug the Canadian coast, passing through the North Channel, landlocked because the long island of Great Manitoulin is a bulwark against the waves of Lake Huron.

This river drains the waters of Lake Nipissing to Georgian Bay, the lake forming the summit level 70 feet above the bay. At low water the French river carries some 10,000 cubic feet of water a second out of Lake Nipissing and there will be 46 miles of canalization on this river, with three short rock cuts through the rapids.

East of the lake is the divide, which is only about two miles wide and a few feet above Nipissing. Then the descent begins through two small lakes and the Mattawa river, which drops 150 feet into the broad bosom of the state of Ontario. This river, obstructed by some stretches of rapids and banks of sawdust, is otherwise broad and deep and will carry the lake fleet to the St. Lawrence a little above Montreal.

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JAMIE WASTED NO TIME.

Youthful Philosopher Had Carefully Thought Out Situation.

It was Jamie's bath night. He had several each week and he hated them all. On this particular night, once started, he soaked and splashed in the tub for a full half hour, then his mother haled him forth.

"Mercy!" cried his mother. "I thought you took a bath."

"So I did!" answered Jamie scornfully. "A bully one!"

PRESCRIPTIONS IN LATIN.

The Public Should Have Them Translated by the Druggists.

What virtue is there in the secrecy with which the doctor hedges about his profession?

"Professional etiquette" occupies a prominent place in the curriculum of every medical school, and when strictly analyzed "professional etiquette" seems to mean "doing what is best for the doctor, individually and collectively."

Among the things that "is best for the doctor" is the writing of his prescriptions in Latin, and thus keeping the public in ignorance not only of what it is taking for its ills, but forcing a call upon the doctor each time a prescription is needed.

In plain and unmistakable English the writing of prescriptions in Latin makes business for the doctors.

Let us say that you have the ague. You had it last year and the year before. Each time you have visited the doctor and he has prescribed for you—in Latin. You have never known what he has given you for the disease, and so each time you are forced to go to him again and give him an opportunity to repeat his prescription—in Latin, and his fee—in dollars.

If you ask the doctor why he uses Latin in writing his prescriptions, why he writes "aqua" when he means water, he will give you a technical dissertation on the purity of the Latin language, and the fact that all words are derived from it, etc. It will be a dissertation that you may not be able to answer, but it will hardly convince you.

It would be a good thing for the public to devise a little code of ethics of its own; ethics that will be "a good thing for the public individually and collectively."

Let us apply one of the rules of this code of ethics to you, the individual. You call in the physician when you have the ague, the gripe, or any of the other ills to which human flesh is heir, and which you may have again some day. The doctor prescribes—in Latin, and you take this, to you, meaningless scribble to the druggist to have it compounded. Right here is where you come in, if you are wise. Say to the druggist that you want a translation of that prescription. It is your privilege to know what you are taking. While the doctor's code of ethics may not recognize this right it is yours just the same.

With the translated prescription in your possession you have two distinct advantages. You know what you are taking, and should you wish to call some other doctor at some time you will be able to tell him what drugs you have been putting into your system, and also if you should have the same disease again you can save yourself a visit to the doctor, and his fee, by taking this translated prescription to the druggist once more and having it refilled.

Jerome on Colored Evidence.

District Attorney Jerome, of New York, said one day of a piece of suspicious evidence:

"It is evidence that has been tampered with, colored. It is like the lady's report of her physician's prescription."

"A lady one day in July visited her physician. The man examined her and said:

"Madam, you are only a little run down. You need frequent baths and plenty of fresh air, and I advise you to dress in the coolest, most comfortable clothes—nothing stiff or formal."

"When she got home her husband asked her what the physician had said. The lady replied:

"He said I must go to the seashore, do plenty of automobileing, and get some new summer gowns."

She Experimented.

A little girl of five was taken to church one Sunday, and listened with unexpected attention to the sermon, which graphically told the story of the stilling of the tempest on the Sea of Galilee, and how Christ walked on the waves. In the afternoon her mother missed her and began an anxious search of the house.

Not Entire. The aeronaut, after painfully extricating himself from the wrecked balloon, limped to the nearest farmhouse.

"Madam," he said to the woman who answered his knock, "can you accommodate with a night's lodging a balloonist who has come to grief?"

"I'd be glad to," she hesitated, "but you are an entire stranger to—"

"Not an entire one," he interrupted, "with some acerbity. For I have left my left ear, three teeth, and certain portions of my nose back there with the ruined car."

Can Not Escape Thoughts.

Man is a thinking being, whether he will or no; all he can do is to turn his thoughts the best way.—Sir William Temple.

HE HAD TO HAVE FRUIT.

Grapes Beyond His Purse, Boy Took Humble Substitute.

James Wilson, the secretary of agriculture, was discussing in Washington the aid which his department gives the American farmer. He pointed out the benefit that had been derived from the introduction of durum wheat, of the wheat-testing machine, and of the method of extracting potash from granite.

"In fact," said Mr. Wilson, smiling, "I believe that eventually our finest products will be cheap enough to be within the reach of all. Then the story of the boy and the hot-house grapes will be as dead and antiquated as the theater had stories of the past."

"This boy—he was a bootblack—entered a grocer's store one day, and, pointing to some superb grapes, said: 'Wot's the price o' them there, mister?'"

"One dollar a pound, my lad," the clerk replied.

"A look of anguish passed over the boy's face, and he said, hastily: 'Then give us a cent's worth o' carrots. I'm dead nuts on fruit.'"

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their texture. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

Born, Not Worn.

Little Margaret's grandmother had written for a photograph of her name sake, the "baby." For material reasons it was advisable that the little girl should appear as well dressed as possible, and a cousin's new open-work dress was borrowed for the occasion. On being arrayed for the picture Margaret rushed to her father, crying: "Oh, father, just look! These ain't worn holes; they is born holes."—Harper's.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do to the food to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Buy Hall's Catarrh Cure are sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c. per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A Knock.

"Jimmy," said the father, "there's a rip in your bathing suit. Go and sew it up."

"But papa," growled the boy, "mother will sew it for me."

"Never mind. I want you to learn to sew yourself. For," said the father, "some day you will get married, and then you won't have any mother—you will only have a wife."

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Defiance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. Its great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

Colleges Undesirable Fire Risks.

Colleges are now regarded as rather undesirable insurance risks, and it is probable that the rate will be generally increased. In 18 years 784 fires have occurred in college buildings, entailing a loss of \$10,500,000 in money and a heavy loss of life. This makes the average money loss over \$13,000.

Reasonable Explanation.

"I wonder why a dog chases his tail?"

"A sense of economy."

"Economy?"

"Yes; can't you see he is trying to make both ends meet?"

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All men want to be able to work, but all men do not want to work.

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