

Loup City Northwestern

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LOUP CITY, NEBRASKA.

Harvest.

In a current humorous paper a lady on horseback is represented looking over a wall at a farmer. She says, "I am so glad you are going in for wheat, Mr. Hayrick! My husband made a great deal of money in it on Wall street." The satirist has touched, without intending it, the profound fact that under all our material prosperity lies the produce of the earth; that every man, from the farmer to the master of the stock market, succeeds or fails with the crops. One of the most promising American novelists, who died in his prime, set for himself the splendid imaginative task of tracing through a series of novels the kernel of wheat, from the field to the loaf of bread. In his "Epic of the Wheat" he attempted to tell in a new kind of harvest fable the story of modern man. As far as he went, he did succeed in making the kernel of wheat the heart of a large section of our highly complex life. The flooding in of millions of bushels of wheat about his hero, who stands in the wheat "pit" in the stock exchange, is as powerful as the rush of armies in the old military epics. All summer long the world watches the crop indications. "There is a shortage of grain-crops." "The cotton crop is moderate compared with last year." "An improvement of a hundred million bushels was made in the corn crop in July." Complicated by other forces not surely discerned by the wisest statesman and the shrewdest capitalist, these crop reports swing the world up and down, says Youth's Companion, until the harvest is all in and the facts are known. There is a momentary settlement in business and politics, the world breathes a sigh of relief, and then all industry that depends on the crops begins to hum. Harvest is a great taking of stock between the coming in of the raw materials of life and the winter months, when those materials are converted to the manifold uses of man.

Blight of Science.

Somebody meticulous rises to inquire whether red really excites bulls. Essentially this is a subtle move to dissipate the sun-flecked and silken fabric of beliefs. Are we to forfeit all our creeds to the microscope and the measuring rod? Is there no longer to be any efficacy in spitting on the bait? Has the toad no warty powers, the rainbow no golden terminal? Shall the minatory devil's darning-needle be shorn of its darting terrors? Is there no bane in slaying that blithe songster, the cricket, and no virtue in the left hind leg of the cemetery-haunting Gabriel Grab of rabbitdom? Science has meshed us all, but there are twilight times when the mind, swinging dreamily backward, owns again the sway of Hans Christian Andersen and the misnamed Brothers Grimm. Grow old we may and must, says Collier's Weekly, but that part of us which throws the spilled salt over our left shoulder, and firmly declines to walk under a ladder if there be any way around, clings happily to youth.

The city of Erie, Pa., has done well to honor, by a statue, the memory of Eben Brewer, the heroic postal clerk of the Spanish-American war, who gave his life for the soldiers at Siboney, says Youth's Companion. He had gone to Cuba to establish a military postal service, and he did it. But the number of sick, wounded and dying soldiers at Siboney, and the scarcity of doctors and nurses, made a demand upon his sympathies which he could not resist. Four days and four nights, without a moment's rest, he devoted himself to this humane work, and then he collapsed. Dart-mouth college, from which Brewer was graduated in 1871, may well share with Erie, his home city, the pride in this hero of civil life.

As an indication of the value of water transportation it may be remarked that the Manchester ship canal in England shows an increase in receipts for the last six months of more than \$75,000 over the same period in 1906. Much of this increase is due to the large quantity of American cotton shipped to the mills at Manchester. Water routes mean low freight rates, says the Troy (N. Y.) Times, and all over the world the advantages to be thus derived are coming into more careful consideration.

If laughter is the result of a union of the blood corpuscle with the nerve cell, as a notable scientist asserts, will not he kindly teach melancholy pessimists who are predicting panic just how to make the connection?

Yale's Japanese professor of Japanese civilization has eloped with a white woman. Probably he did not mean this action to be a demonstration of the trend of Japanese civilization.

Sir Thomas will never be happy until he gets that international yachting mug, and there is nobody else on earth that the mug would be surrendered to with fewer regrets than to the Knight of the Sh-mookees.

Canada is so anxious to secure settlers in its vast northwestern domain that it gladly throws in the climate free of charge to any farmer who will agree to go up there and live on a quarter-section.

The State Capital

Matters of General Interest FROM NEBRASKA'S SEAT OF GOVERNMENT

Form of Official Ballot.

Secretary of State Junkin will get out sample ballots for the guidance of county clerks fourteen days before the coming election. The candidates of each party, where there are more than one to elect, will be placed on the ballot in alphabetical order. Following is the form of the ballot:

- Supreme Judge (vote for one).....
- M. B. Reese (republican).....
- George L. Enochs (democrat).....
- George's Independent.....
- Julian D. Graves (prohibition).....
- Lellan Stobbins (socialist).....
- Railway Commissioner (vote for one).....
- Henry T. Clarke, Jr. (republican).....
- Samuel Lielchy (prohibition).....
- E. F. McClure (socialist).....
- Regents State University (vote for two).....
- Charles B. Anderson (republican).....
- George Coupland (republican).....
- R. J. Millard (democrat).....
- John L. Sundeen (democrat).....
- John Judenden (democrat-people's independent).....
- John H. von Steen (prohibition).....
- E. N. McClure (socialist).....
- G. C. Porter (socialist).....
- Regent of University to Fill Vacancy (vote for one).....
- W. C. Rodgers (socialist).....
- District Judge, First District (vote for two).....
- John B. Raper (republican).....
- Leander M. Pemberton (republican).....
- E. N. McClure (democrat).....
- District Judge, Second District (vote for one).....
- Jesse L. Root (republican).....
- Harvey D. Travis (democrat).....
- District Judge, Fourth District (vote for two).....
- George A. Day (republican).....
- Lee Estelle (republican-democrat).....
- Howard Kennedy (republican).....
- William A. Redick (republican).....
- William G. Soars (republican).....
- Abraham L. Sutton (republican).....
- Alexander P. Froup (republican).....
- Charles T. Dickinson (democrat).....
- John O. Yeiser (democrat).....
- District Judge, Fifth District (vote for two).....
- Arthur J. Evans (republican).....
- George F. Corcoran (democrat-people's independent).....
- Benjamin F. Bond (democrat-people's independent).....
- District Judge, Sixth District (vote for two).....
- E. R. Abbott (republican).....
- J. C. Martin (republican).....
- Conrad Hollenbeck (democrat-people's independent).....
- George H. Thomas (democrat-people's independent).....
- District Judge, Seventh District (vote for one).....
- Leslie G. Hurd (republican).....
- Thomas C. Marshall (democrat-people's independent).....
- District Judge, Eighth District (vote for one).....
- John B. Olson (republican).....
- Guy T. Graves (democrat-people's independent).....
- District Judge, Ninth District (vote for one).....
- Anson A. Welsh (republican).....
- Anson A. Welsh (republican).....
- District Judge, Tenth District (vote for one).....
- J. W. James (republican).....
- H. S. Dunagan (democrat-people's independent).....
- District Judge, Eleventh District (vote for one).....
- James R. Hanna (republican).....
- James N. Paul (republican).....
- District Judge, Twelfth District (vote for one).....
- Bruno O. Hostetler (republican).....
- District Judge, Thirteenth District (vote for one).....
- H. M. Grimes (republican).....
- District Judge, Fourteenth District (vote for one).....
- R. C. Orr (republican).....
- J. L. White (democrat-people's independent).....
- District Judge, Fifteenth District (vote for two).....
- J. A. Douglas (republican).....
- Daniel B. Jenckes (republican).....
- J. J. Harrington (democrat-people's independent).....
- William H. Westover (democrat-people's independent).....
- State Senator, First District, to Fill Vacancy (vote for one).....
- David K. Miller (republican).....

Shipper Gets Relief.

N. Duncan Company of Byron Railroad went in vain to the State railway commission to get delivered to it a car load of lumber shipped up from the south and now in the Missouri Pacific yards at Lincoln. The shipment started some six weeks ago over the Missouri Pacific, but upon its arrival here the Burlington refused to take it on to Byron because it had not been given to that road at Kansas City. Freight Agent Spens was called up by Commissioner Clarke, and he promised to have his road take the car at Lincoln.

Ruling on Brands.

Attorney General Thompson has ruled, upon a request from the secretary of state, that where duplicate brands have been issued the one receiving the brand first as shown by the records in the office of the secretary of state is entitled to the same, and the second person receiving the same cannot legally use it. He holds that in the matter of recording the brands duplicates must be cancelled.

To Enforce Sibley Act.

At the next session of the supreme court Attorney General Thompson will seek an injunction to compel the express companies to obey the Sibley act. The express companies have continued to exact the old rate, regardless of the legal reduction of 25 per cent.

Well Water Causes Fever.

Lincoln has a number of cases of typhoid fever in the west end, which, it is believed, were caused by the water. The residents in that part of the city to a great extent use well instead of city water. An effort will be made shortly to get the city mains extended and an ordinance passed requiring the residents to fill up their wells. Incidentally the state house employes will ask the city health officer to look at that building. The odors from the basement are such as to indicate an unsanitary condition.

Interstate Express Business.

Rate Clerk Howell of the state railway commission has made a compilation of the amount of interstate business done by the various express companies, compared with the state business. During a period of three days the following is the per cent of the interstate business done at several towns: Grand Island, 12 per cent; Hastings, 55 per cent; Aurora, 42 per cent; Lincoln, 43 per cent; Omaha, 52 per cent. In Omaha and Lincoln only one day's business was considered. The total business was \$4,602.24.

Union Pacific Makes Report.

The Union Pacific annual report filed with the railway commission, proves on examination to be a brief in behalf of the 2-cent fare law.

During the last year the average fare collected by the Union Pacific has been 1.96 cents a mile. Rate Expert Powell has been scrutinizing the report to find any traces of manipulating the figures in the interest of a contest against the 2-cent fare. However, it seems that the railway has furnished evidence to bolster up the state's contentions.

The report showed that each passenger paid an average of \$2.64, while during the former year the average was \$2.75. The number of passengers decreased from 4,863,094 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, to 3,078,538 for the year ending June 30, 1907. The passenger receipts of the company for March, April, May and June of the present year were about \$5,000 per month greater than those of similar months in the annual report of 1906, indicating that the 2-cent fare bill has increased the receipts, if anything.

For the month of July, 1906, the freight receipts of the company for Nebraska were reported to be \$1,011,700.05. The monthly reports from stations in Nebraska, as received by the commission, show that \$533,736.55 was received for freight forwarded and freight received at Nebraska stations. The difference between these figures indicates the amount of freight credited to Nebraska which is through freight neither originating or terminating in Nebraska. In the same manner can the passenger receipts be explained. The report shows that during the month of June of the present year the passenger receipts were \$284,111.59. The monthly reports for July, the succeeding month, indicate passenger receipts aggregating \$111,078.92. This did not include any tickets saved those sold in the state.

Meeting of Stockmen.

E. M. Searle, Jr., secretary of the Nebraska Stock Growers' association, will issue a call shortly for a meeting of all stockmen to be held at Alliance, January 31. The call is in accord with the decision of the stockmen who recently held a meeting at South Omaha for the purpose of discussing quarantine. The general government refused to inspect cattle sold locally and the state has no appropriation to pay for the inspection and dipping of cattle. This meeting is for the purpose of getting the individual stock grower interested to the extent that he will clean up his own cattle. It is said Nebraska is behind Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota in the matter of clean cattle, and for that reason at the coming meeting it will be urged that growers dip their own cattle, making the preparations during the coming spring months. The health officers from these states who have superintended the cleaning up in their respective states will be at the meeting and tell what was done by them.

Packers Must Brand Weight.

Attorney Sears of Omaha, representing Omaha Packing firms that are contemplating an attack upon the Nebraska pure food law, informed the food commissioner that he desired more time to confer with his houses over the matter. Food Commissioner Johnson notified him that the time for waiting was about over. He said County Attorney F. M. Tyrrell of Lancaster county would begin prosecutions in Lancaster county against those firms who have not been branding the correct weight of contents of goods on their output according to the pure food law. Mr. Johnson also served notice that dealers in oleomargarine must procure licenses of him for the traffic or stand for prosecution. He says there is no excuse now for further delay.

Percentages on Pensions.

At an executive session of the board of public lands and buildings it was decided to adopt a new rule for taking the percentages of the veterans' pensions at the soldiers' homes. At present the veterans pay all over \$12 a month. The new rule demands 10 per cent of all pension money in excess of \$12 and less than \$19; 20 per cent on all pension money from \$20 to \$23; 3 per cent from \$24 to \$29. Where an old soldier receives \$30 or more, it will be for the state board and the commandant to decide. Under this rule, soldiers who have had their pension increased to \$15 will have to pay \$1.50 into the state treasury and they will have an additional \$1.50.

Earnings of Railroads.

During the month of July the railroads of the state, with the exception of the Missouri Pacific had an income of \$3,290,844.15. This total included the receipts on freight forwarded and freight received and from ticket sales. The ticket sales for the month aggregated \$634,964.52, of which less than one-third was for interstate business.

Topeka Firm Complains.

The food commissioners' office received a lengthy letter from a large milling firm of Topeka, Kas., in which it set forth the argument against the ruling that the label on the food package must show, not the gross weight of the package, but the net weight. "Our goods," says the Topeka concern, "are weighed by automatic machinery, which gives us the gross weight. It would cost a great many thousand dollars to make a change so that the net weight would be given new machinery being necessary."

Death of F. I. Foss.

F. I. Foss, one of the best known lawyers in Nebraska, and for nearly thirty years a resident of Crete, died in Lincoln after an illness of several months. Mr. Foss was connected with the legal department of the Burlington railroad. He was a member of the Nebraska delegation to the republican national convention in 1904, and at the time the plan of dividing the state into two federal districts was first mentioned, was often mentioned as a possibility for the judgeship that would be thus created.

The Kaiser and Mr. Carnegie.

During the first meeting of Emperor William and Andrew Carnegie on the deck of the Hohenzollern at Kiel, when there came a pause in the conversation, Mr. Carnegie, in a candid spirit of banter, said to the emperor: "You know, your majesty, that I never cared very much for kings." "But there was one king you cared a great deal for," said the emperor quickly, "And who was that?" demanded Mr. Carnegie, "Robert Bruce." "Yr. majesty is very right," laughed Mr. Carnegie.

A Young Composer.

Rachel, aged 12, wrote a composition on wild flowers in which she praised the arbutus, the liverwort, the spring beauty, the blood root, and all of the other blossoms of dell and dale. But she wrote on both sides of her sheet of paper, and when she asked her father, who was an editor, to publish her article, he called her attention to that fact. "You've written on both sides of your paper," said he. "Well," was the reply, "and don't you print on both sides of yours?"

ALL THINGS IN PROPORTION.

Invalide's Meal Evidently Had Not Increased Good Humor.

For many weeks the irritable merchant had been riveted to his bed by typhoid fever. Now he was convalescing. He clamored for something to eat, declaring that he was starving. "To-morrow you may have something to eat," promised the doctor. The merchant realized that there would be a restraint to his appetite, yet he saw, in vision, a modest, steaming meal placed at his bedside. "Here is your dinner," said the nurse next day, as she gave the glowing patient a spoonful of tapioca pudding, "and the doctor emphasizes that everything else you do must be in the same proportion."

Meeting of Stockmen.

Two hours later the nurse heard a frantic call from the bed chamber. "Nurse," breathed the man hearily, "I want to do some reading, bring me a postage stamp."

HAVE CRAZE FOR FORMULA.

Smokers Follow Fashions in the Use of Tobacco.

"Make me up a package of tobacco according to the formula used by Ed-wyn Booth," said the man with a southern accent. "That is the third man who has asked for that kind of tobacco to-day," said the dealer. "It is strange that people from remote parts of the country as well as New Yorkers make a fad of buying the same brand of tobacco that Booth smoked. And it isn't always the Booth mixture that they want. I have filed away the formulas for mixing the favorite tobacco of many famous persons. Smokers the country over have heard of this collection of recipes and one feature of every man's trip to New York is to try a pipeful of some big man's favorite tobacco. In most cases this special mixture is so strong that the nerves of the average smoker cannot stand it. He has to give up after a few pipefuls and go back to a popular mixture, but he has the satisfaction of having had the experience."—The New York Sun.

Cause and Effect.

"Plump figures," said the woman who was reading the fashions, "are going out of style." "Nonsense!" answered her husband. "Fashion is rather expensive. But the situation isn't as bad as that."

Studying Esperanto.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts is studying Esperanto and has joined the British Esperanto association. This announcement was received with enthusiasm by the delegates to the Esperanto congress at Cambridge, England.

The "Mound City."

St. Louis rejoices in the sobriquet of Mound City from the fact that the original settlers found there many elevations which it is supposed were relics of that strange people who dwelt in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys and are known to modern times only as the Mound Builders. No adequate explanation has yet been found of their strange mode of leaving memorials of their existence. The limestone bluffs on which a part of St. Louis stands furnish a solid foundation for the business buildings.

Held Up.

"Stop," shouted the man on the country road, holding up a warning hand. Muttering something about rural cops, the automobilist obeyed.

"Turn around and come back to town with me," said the stranger. "You were going at least 35 miles an hour."

"You're a constable, I suppose," said the automobilist, with a covert sneer, when they had reached the village.

"Me?" replied the passenger. "No, I'm a farmer and had to come into town when all the teams was busy. Nice growing weather? Thanks. Good-bye."

Ensuing comment is purposely omitted.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Belling a Rat.

You have probably read or heard that the best way to rid a house of rats is to catch one and fasten a bell about its neck. A boy in Delaware tried the experiment two months ago. He was badly bitten in making the bell fast, but he turned the rat loose and expected the tinkling of that bell would have great results. It did have. In the first place, the rat who wore it was constantly on the move all night, and the tinkling bell kept the family awake, and in the next the sounds brought scores of new rats to the house. Instead of being afraid of the bell, they were charmed with the music. Had the boy tied a harmonica to another rat's tail, the rodents would have had a dance every night.

She Was Willing.

"Yes," says the husband, "I have consented to accept the nomination." "I am so glad the party is beginning to recognize your merit," beams the wife.

"Now my dear," the husband continues, "you know that political affairs are not love feasts, by any means. You must expect to see me vilified and attacked in a scandalous manner. No doubt the opposition will try to dig up sensational rumors about me, and all that sort of thing, but you must not..."

"Well," she interrupts, "I am really glad of it. You have always been strangely silent about whether or not you ever were engaged to anyone before you met me."

"BOO-HOO"

Shouts a Spanked Baby.

A Doctor of Divinity, now Editor of a well-known Religious paper, has written regarding the controversy between Collier's Weekly and the Religious Press of the Country and others, including ourselves. Also regarding suits for libel brought by Collier's against us for commenting upon its methods.

These are his sentiments, with some very emphatic words left out: "The religious Press owes you a debt of gratitude for your courage in showing up Collier's Weekly as the 'Yell-Oh Man.' Would you care to use the inclosed article on the 'Boo Hoo Baby' as the 'Yell-Oh Man's successor'?"

"A contemporary remarks that Collier's has finally run against a solid hickory 'Post' and been damaged in its own estimation to the tune of \$750,000.00. 'Here is a publication which has, in utmost disregard of the facts, spread broadcast damaging statements about the Religious Press and others and has suffered those false statements to go uncontradicted until, not satisfied after finding the Religious Press too quiet, and peaceful, to resent the results, it makes the mistake of wandering into fresh field and butts its rattled head against this Post and all the World Hags. Even Christians smile, as the Post suddenly turns and gives its own dose of its own medicine... 'It is a mistake to say all the World laughs. No cheery laugh comes from Collier's, but it cries and boo hoo like a spanked baby and wants \$750,000.00 to soothe its tender, lacerated feelings.'"

"Thank Heaven it has at last struck a man with 'back bone' enough to call a spade a 'spade' and who believes in telling the whole truth without fear or favor."

Perhaps Collier's with its 'utmost disregard for the facts,' may say no such letter exists. Nevertheless it is on file in our office and is only one of a mass of letters and other data, newspaper comments, etc., denouncing its 'yellow' methods of Collier's. This volume is so large that a man could not well go thru it under half a day's steady work. The letters come from various parts of America.

Usually a private controversy is not interesting to the public, but this is a public controversy.

Collier's has been using the 'yellow' methods to attract attention to itself, but jumping in the air, cracking heels together and yelling "Look at me!" wouldn't suffice, so it started out on a "Holler Than Thou" attack on the Religious Press and on medicine.

We leave it to the public now, as we did when we first resented Collier's attacks, to say whether, in a craving for sensation and circulation, its attacks do not amount to a systematic mercenary hounding. We likewise leave it to the public to say whether Collier's, by its own policy and meth-

A Break in the Ceremony.

Little Tom was two years old and talking before his proud parents took him to be christened. Though limited, his vocabulary included one or two choice words picked up from his father. Of course, he looked like a perfect little cherub on the eventful day, with his wide blue eyes and shining curls and mother had got him up in great shape for the ceremony. At the most impressive point Tom turned to his father and exclaimed in aggravated tones: "Why, damn it, he wet my head!"

The Way of the Child.

A small boy who had recently passed his fifth birthday was riding in a car with his mother, when they were asked the customary question: "How old is the boy?" After being told the correct age, which did not require a fare, the conductor passed on to the next person.

The boy sat quite still as if pondering over some question, and then, concluding that full information had not been given, called loudly to the conductor, then at the other end of the car: "And mother's 31!"

A Definition of Success.

How have the hypothetical scientists and the exponents of unbelief benefited themselves or humanity at large by sowing the seeds of doubt broadcast in the world? The real scientists do not fall in this category, for they are believers in the real sense of the word; they know too much, they have seen too many mysterious manifestations of the Divine creative power. Now, those who have disposed of the Bible and all evidences of inspiration, have written a great many books and some of them have won what the world at large lightly calls fame. According to the ordinary measures that are applied in such cases, they have been extremely successful, but real success means the benefit of humanity in some form or other. If no such benefits can be shown as the result of their labors, their success is not equal to that achieved by the direct power and the deepest ignorance. Joel Chandler, in Uncle Remus Magazine.

WHEN A "HUNCH" HELD GOOD.

Chinese Laundry Ticket Suggested a Bet on "Wing Ting."

Kay Spence, a well-known horseman of Mexico, Mo., won \$1,000 at the Louisville, Ky., race meeting a short time ago as the result of a "hunch." Mr. Spence has a large breeding stable of "runners" near Mexico, and attends all the big racing events in the country. Not long since he was in Louisville and entered the betting ring to see what odds were being offered on the various entries. He found that Joaquin was the favorite at even money, and pulled his wallet from his pocket, intending to bet on that horse. His attention was attracted by something that fell from his wallet to the ground, and he stooped and picked it up. It was a Chinese laundry ticket. He looked at the "books" again and found that there was an entry with a Chinese name, Wing Ting, at ten to one. That settled it, for he considered he had received a "hunch" that could not be overlooked. Wing Ting won handily. Needless to say, those who backed the favorite considered Spence the seventh son of the seventh son.—Kansas City Star.

Capacity of a Munich Porter.

An English family touring in Bavaria, called at the world-famous Hofbrauhaus, the pride of Munich, recently, writes our correspondent. To the waitress serving them the head of the family in a matter-of-fact way, simply held up his five fingers. To the family's astonishment the waitress came back with five quart pots filled to the brim with beer. The visitors bravely struggled with the beer, but only managed to dispose of about one quart between them. Knowing that it would be considered an insult to leave beer, they called a portier and ordered him to finish it. In less time than it takes to relate the Bavarian accomplished the task. Wiping his mustache, he demanded sixpence for the "job," and, having obtained the money, instantly ordered and emptied another quart pot.

Saw It Come Out of a Cow.

A little city boy and his sister Dorothy were taken to the country for the first time. The two children were happy as the day was long. In the late afternoon they watched the cows come home, heard with delight the tinkling cow-bells, and the little boy even went in the barns to see the milking done.

At supper, just as Dorothy was lifting her glass to her rosy lips, the boy cried out: "Oh, Dorothy, don't! You mustn't drink that milk. It's not fit to drink. It came out of a cow. I saw it!"

Something to Study Over.

"Dugk Hegs Knewly Lade" is a sign which graces the window of a dairy shop in South London. Never look upon your work as a refuge from thought, but express your thought in your work.—Phillips Brooks.

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