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Fine Railway Station.
 Leipsic's new railway station cost \$30,000,000 marks (\$32,000,000). Of this sum, Prussia and Saxony contribute 53,000,000.

English Wages.
 The average farm laborer's family in England lives on \$185 a year; the average mechanic's family spends \$300.

Bake by Electricity.
 A baker's oven in France, which is heated by electricity, is said to be a success in every particular.

Co-operation in Italy.
 In northern Italy there is a co-operative association for every 1,000 inhabitants.

Cost of Fires.
 The annual loss from the burning of buildings in the United States is about \$135,000,000, not including cost of insurance and the appliances for fire protection.

Bread and Rice.
 Only one-third of the world's population use bread as a daily article of food. Nearly one-half of the people of the world subsist chiefly on rice.

Pittsburg Freight Tonnage.
 Pittsburg originates the largest freight tonnage of any city in the world; more than New York, Chicago and Philadelphia.

Texas Cattle Traffic.
 In the number of cattle Texas equals that of all the states east of her and south of the Ohio and the Potomac, while the value of her stock exceeds theirs by more than \$36,000,000.

Wholesale Co-operation.
 The English Co-operative Wholesale society has 1,392,399 members, and does an annual business of \$89,500,000. The similar Scottish society does \$29,500,000 of business.

Gym for Chinese Emperor.
 A gymnasium for the Emperor of China is to be built in the palace at Peking. His majesty is in poor health on account of his sedentary life and gymnastic exercises have been recommended to strengthen his muscles.

More Electric Than Gas Plants.
 Gas is still the leading illumination in Europe, but electricity has surpassed it in the United States. There are now four times as many central electric light stations as there are gas plants.

Rats as Human Food.
 A successful rat show was held at Cheltenham, England, recently. There were sixty exhibits of black, gold, gray, white, piebald and tan rats. They are not yet part of the live stock of the farm, but as dormice were fattened by the ancient Romans a British farm journal thinks there is just a chance that rats might be bred for table use.

Peculiar Text.
 Little Elmer had accompanied his father to church one morning, and the minister discoursed from the text: "Why halt ye between two opinions?" Upon returning home his mother asked if he remembered the text. "I can't remember the exact words," replied Elmer, "but it was something about a hawk between two pigeons."

Profits in Pecan Raising.
 Some of the finest pecans in the world are said to be raised in Florida where the industry is becoming important. A long time—eleven years—is required for a pecan grove to come to maturity, so that it requires patience to wait for the profits, but there are records of single trees yielding as much as \$16 worth of nuts in a single season. In Jacksonville, twenty six trees, lining an avenue, yielded 80 pounds of nuts that sold for \$600 cash. And at the same time the trees adorned the avenue and added greatly to its attractiveness.

In Another Tangle.
 "By Jove, old chap!" said Mr. Makin brakes with enthusiasm, "your wife must have been a mighty handsome woman when she was young. Even in all these years she hasn't changed so much—though, of course, it couldn't have been many years since she was young and hand—but when you come to think how little it takes to make some people look old, you know, you wonder how she manages to conceal the ravages—that isn't exactly what I mean, but she's the youngest looking woman for her—for her—have you got a match? My cigar has gone out."—Chicago Tribune.

Prof Jowett's Sarcasm.
 Dean Farra, when in charge of a fashionable church in London, was dining at Prof. Jowett's, and toward dessert took up the parable against Divers. His voice rose higher and higher, he spread silence around him, and he was heard thundering out: "What I complain of as a clergyman is that I have to do what no layman has to do, I have to beg and beg in vain. Fashionable ladies come to my church glittering with precious gems, and yet they will not sacrifice one diamond from their grand tiaras in order to save some erring sister from destruction." When he finished the silence grew sultry. All the hearers looked gloomily at their plates. Then Jowett, who had been looking as though he meant mischief, squeaked out: "What I object to as a clergyman is that I have to exaggerate so!"

ROAD NOTICE.
 To all whom it may concern:—
 The commissioner appointed to view a road commencing at the quarter stake of the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of section eight (8), township thirteen (13), north of range fifteen (15), west of the 6th P. M., and running thence west to and intersecting with road No. 66, all in Sherman county Nebraska, has reported in favor of the establishment thereof, and all claims for damage or objections thereto must be filed in the office of the county clerk of Sherman county, Neb., on or before noon of the 29th day of April, 1904, or such road will be established without reference thereto.
 Dated this 24th day of February, 1904.
 GEO. H. GIBSON,
 County Clerk.
 Last Pub. March 18.

Estimate of Expenses.
 Estimate of expenses for Sherman County, Nebraska, as adopted by the County Board of Supervisors for 1904.
 On Roads\$1,000
 On Bridges 4,000
 On Books, Blanks and Stationery 500
 On Incidentals 800
 On Expense of Election 1,000
 On County Repairs 700
 On Office Rent and Salaries 5,000
 On Court, including Attorney's Fees 3,000
 On Bonities on wild animals 350
 On Illegal taxes 300
 On County Printing 400
 On Insanity cases 700
 On R. R. Bond and Bond int. 3,000
 On O. & R. V. Bond Skg. Fund. 4,000
 On Refunding Bond interest 3,500
 On Funding and Re-Funding 1,500
 On Bridge Bond Re-funding Bond Sinking Fund 3,500
 On Teachers Institute Fund 250
 On Bridge Bond Rfd. Bond int. 2,000
 In witness whereof I set my hand and the seal of said county, this 22nd day of March, 1904.
 GEO. H. GIBSON,
 (seal) County Clerk.
 Last pub. April 15.

Rain Prophecy.
 The best rain prophecy I know, says a teacher of medicine, is nerve irritability. If the boys are easily provoked (myself also), there is likely to be a shower.

Nome Gold.
 The gold yield of the Nome region has hitherto come from the sea beaches and from gulches and beaches at most ten miles from water transportation.

Laborers and Unions.
 There are to-day 5,000,000 day laborers in this country. One and one-fourth million belong to national trades union, another million to trades unions not yet national in their scope and the remainder comprise the army of unorganized labor.

Minerals in Manchuria.
 The mineral resources of Manchuria, as shown even by the surface scratching that has been done, are simply stupendous. As a wealth-giver it may send more to St. Petersburg for the next half century than India will to London.

SLIGHT CAUSES FOR WAR.
Bloodshed Often Begun With Very Little Provocation.

At least it was no small matter that brought Russia and Japan to hostilities. There was a good deal of truth in the saying that England drifted into the Crimean war without knowing exactly why it did so. No less accurate was Lord Palmerston's familiar declaration concerning the Schleswig-Holstein troubles. Only three men in Europe, he said, ever knew what those war-making troubles were. Two of the men died before the war broke out and the third forgot what was the point in dispute. A slighting reference by Frederick the Great to Mme. Pompadour was one of the exciting causes of the seven years' war. An overturned glass of water was one of the contributing elements to another. The omission of a simple "etc." was the peg upon which an earlier one was hung. The theft of a lady's petticoat brought Moors and Spaniards to bloodshed. The smashing of a mandarin's teapot was the basis of a war between the imperial forces of China and his tribes which lasted for generations.

IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.
Sound Advice Given by a Father to His Son.

The advice given by the parent to his son at Oxford in the year 1868 against catching cold when attending the theater will not be without interest in the pantomime season. "Child—I heard that the players are gon down to Oxford, but I am unwilling that you should go to see them act, for fear on your coming out of the hot play house into the cold ayer, you should catch harm, for as I did once coming out of the theater at a public Act when it was very full and steamng hot, and walkin a Broad in the cold, and gave me such a cold that it had likt to a cost me my life. You best way in such a cold is to go hom to your one chamber directly from the play house, and drink a glass of Sack, therfor Be sure you send your servant At your hand for a bottle of the Best Canary and keep it in your chamber for that purpose. Harkon thou unto the voyce and advise of mee Thy ffather, Loving TDee Better then himselfe.—London Daily Chronicle.

Official Call For Republican State Convention

The Republicans of state of Nebraska are hereby called to meet in convention at the Auditorium in the city of Lincoln, on Wednesday, May 18, 1904, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following offices, to be voted for at the next general election to be held in the state of Nebraska, November 8, 1904, viz:
 Governor.
 Lieutenant governor.
 Secretary of state.
 Auditor of public accounts.
 Treasurer.
 Superintendent of public instruction.
 Attorney general.
 Commissioner of public lands and buildings.
 Eight electors of president and vice president.
 And to elect four delegates at large and four alternates to the republican national convention to be held in the city of Chicago, Ill., on Tuesday, June 21, 1904; and for the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before said state convention.
 The basis of representation of the several counties in said convention shall be the vote cast for Hon. John B. Barnes for judge of the supreme court at the general election held on November 3, 1903, giving one delegate for each 100 votes or major fraction thereof so cast for said John B. Barnes, and one delegate at large for each county.
 We give the apportionment of the following counties:

Buffalo	18	Hall	19
Custer	20	Howard	9
Dawson	13	Sherman	6
Greeley	6	Valley	9

In the meeting of the Nebraska Republican state committee, at which said state convention was authorized to be called, the following resolution was regularly adopted:

"Whereas, There is a general demand by the voters for a direct vote on candidates for United States senators, and believing in the justice of such demand, Therefore be it

Resolved, That we hereby recommend to the state convention, now called, that when convened it nominate some candidate for United States senator:

That we recommend to each county convention that in the election of delegates to the state convention they give said subject fair consideration:

That we recommend each county convention nominating its legislative ticket before said convention is held, to pledge said nominees to support the nominee of the state convention for United States senator, if any nomination be made."

It is recommended that no proxies be allowed in said convention, but that the delegates present therat be authorized to cast the full vote of the county represented by them.

It is also recommended and strongly urged that all counties shall complete their county organizations by selecting their county committees and the officers thereof prior to the date of the holding of said state convention.

Notice is hereby given that each of the odd numbered senatorial districts in the state is to select a member of the state committee to serve for the term of two years. By order of the state committee.

Dated at Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 3, A. D. 1904. H. C. LINDSAY, Chairman.
 A. B. ALLEN, Secretary.

Notice To Non-Resident Defendant.
 State of Nebraska } ss
 Sherman County }
 The Lombard Investment Company, defendant, will take notice that on the 18th day of March, 1904, Elwood E. Benner and Helen E. Benner filed their petition in the District Court of Sherman county, Nebraska, against the said Lombard Investment Company, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a decree of said court adjudging and decreeing that the two mortgages executed to the said Lombard Investment Company by Erik Anderson on May 26th, 1890, one for \$800.00 and one for \$120.40, and which are recorded respectively in Book 15 at page 42 and in Book 15 at page 353 of the mortgage records of said county, are null and void and are not a valid lien upon the northeast quarter of section eleven in township sixteen, north of range sixteen west of the sixth principal meridian in Sherman county, Nebraska, and that the record thereof be canceled and held for naught, and the cloud caused by the same be removed, and the title quieted against the same, and that defendant and all persons claiming under it be perpetually enjoined from asserting a lien upon said land by virtue of said mortgages or either of them and for such other relief as is just and equitable.
 You are required to answer said petition on or before the second day of May, 1904.
 Dated this 18th day of March, 1904.
 ELWOOD E. BENNER,
 HELEN E. BENNER,
 Plaintiffs.
 By R. J. Nightingale, their attorney.
 Last pub. April 15.

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NOTICE OF SALE.
 On April 18th, 1904, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., at the south door of the court house in Loup City, Neb., I will sell the large iron safe, now in the Treasurer's office, to the highest bidder for cash. By order of County Board.
 Dated March 15th, 1904
 GEO. H. GIBSON,
 County Clerk.
 Last pub. April 15th.

NOTICE TO LAND OWNERS
 To all whom it may concern: The commissioner appointed to view and report upon a road commencing at the Valley county line, at the northeast corner of section four (4) and running thence south on section line between sections 3 and 4, 9 and 10, 15 and 16, 21 and 22, 27 and 28, 33 and 34, in township sixteen (16), range thirteen (13) and sections three (3) and four (4) in township fifteen (15), range thirteen (13) all in Sherman county, Nebraska, and connecting with road No. 178, has reported in favor of said road with the exception of the first mile, that between sections three and four, township 16, range 13, and he reports in favor of beginning said road at the northeast corner of section nine and the northwest corner of section 10, township 16, range 13, and intersecting it with road No. 69, and reports in favor of establishing the same as stated. All objections thereto or claims for damage must be filed in the office of the County Clerk, on or before noon of the 20th day of May, 1904, or such road will be established without reference thereto.
 Dated this 16th day of March, 1904.
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 Last pub. April 8

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