

Horns of the Moon.
The horns of the moon always point away from the sun, therefore they are always directed upward in the evening.

English Walnuts From California.
California produces more English walnuts than all the other states, and they are of better quality.

Cost of Electric Lights.
The cost of city electric lights ranges from 2 to 3 cents an hour a lamp.

Fares Grow Less.
Since 1883 the average passenger rate in the United States has dropped from 3.5 cents a mile to 2.01 cents.

Forest Fires in Russia.
Russia suffers from forest fires. It is not unusual for fire to destroy 250,000 acres of forest a year.

The Eyes of Animals.
Horses, giraffes and ostriches have the largest eyes of land animals; cuttlefish of sea creatures.

Design for Zola Monument.
A French sculptor, M. Charpentier, and a Belgian sculptor, M. Meunier, have completed a design for the Zola monument, which will symbolize Zola novels, "Travail" and "Fecondite."

Women Replace Men.
Women are now being substituted for men in the Italian postal service. Signor Galimberti, the minister of ports and telegraphs, is responsible for the change.

Persians Like American Goods.
American lamps, clocks, watches and locks have a steadily increasing sale in the bazaars of Persia. Phonographs, electric fans, hand pumps and cooking and warming stoves find appreciative purchasers.

Pine Land in Luzon.
In the island of Luzon there are nearly a million acres of rolling pine land, with no underbrush or tropical vegetation, where the climate is like that of the upper Allegheny mountains in June.

Can Be Acclimated.
The red shanked grouse preserved in Scotland is a noble bird, and is peculiar to that country, though worthy of a wide dissemination because of its large size and edible qualities. It should do well in Washington state or even in Michigan.

Valuable Snuffbox.
Three thousand three hundred and fifty pounds sterling was the price paid at the Hecksher sale by a well known firm of London for a snuffbox. It is made of gold and enamel, and saw service in the Louis XV. period.

Huxley on Men.
Prof. Huxley once wrote to Mrs. W. K. Clifford about men: "They are very queer animals—a mixture of horse-nervousness, ass-stubbornness and camel-malice, with an angel bobbing about unexpectedly like the apple in the pommel, and when they can do exactly as they please they are very hard to drive."—London Truth.

Yellow Jack Disappears.
There has been no yellow fever in the United States for three years, excepting the development on the Mexican border of Texas. Some cases of yellow fever have come into Cuba from Mexico in the last three years, but in no instance was the disease communicated to others.

Children Have No Dolls.
The Hindu child is probably the only doll-less child in the universe. The little Egyptians have their wooden "Ushabti"—the same style as 4,000 years ago. These were sometimes made of porcelain. When a child died its dolls were buried with it, in the expectation that their spirit forms would rise and do service in another world.

Objections on Both Sides.
Before bicycles became so common as they are now a Yankee farmer was importuned by a dealer to buy one for \$75. "I'd rather spend the money on a cow," was the farmer's answer. "But what an idiot you would look riding about the town on the back of a cow," "Perhaps so," replied the farmer, "but not half such an idiot as I'd look trying to milk a bicycle."

"Named" from the Pulpit.
Sydney Smith once dared Sir Archibald Macdonald to come and hear him preach at St. Paul's cathedral. "If you do I shall name you from the pulpit," he said. Undeterred by his threat, Sir Archibald went to St. Paul's. After Sydney Smith had entered the pulpit he looked hard at him and was then seized with a wonderful fit of sneezing—"Archie, ar-chie, ar-chie!" after which he proceeded to deliver an excellent sermon.

Peculiarities of Philosopher.
Herbert Spencer hated clocks which strike, especially out-of-door clocks. When staying in lodgings in a Berkshire village he sent a request to the owner of the principal house there that the stable clock, which struck the hours, might be stopped. He was not a good companion to go out for a drive with, as, if he did not feel well, he would ascertain how fast his pulse was beating and if it were not satisfactory would instantly give the order to return home.

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Loup City Lodge No. 33, A. O. U. W.—Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.
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Oriental Chapter, No. 78—1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.
L. of G. A. R.—2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, at 2 o'clock p. m.

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 8th.

GIGANTIC SPIDERS OF INDIA.

Spin Webs in Which Small Birds Become Enmeshed.
In the mountains of Ceylon and India there is a spider six inches long that spins a web like bright yellowish silk, the central net of which is five feet in diameter, while the supporting lines or guys measure sometimes ten feet or twelve feet. Riding quickly in the early morning you may dash right into it, the stout threads twisting around your face like a lace veil, while as the creature that has woven it takes up its position in the middle it generally catches you right on the nose and, though it seldom bites or utings, the contact of its large body and long legs is anything but pleasant. If you try to catch it, bit it will, and, though not venomous, its jaws are as powerful as a bird's beak, and you are not likely to forget the encounter. The bodies of these spiders are very handsomely decorated, being bright gold or scarlet underneath, while the upper part is covered with the most delicate slate-colored fur. So strong are the webs that birds the size of larks are frequently caught in them and even the small but powerful scaly lizard falls a victim.

Honor Belongs to German Chemist.

It was in 1747 that the German chemist Marggraf (1709-1782) discovered the existence of sugar in beets and recommended that they be cultivated in order to produce sugar; but almost fifty years elapsed before practical results were obtained therefrom. In 1796 Dr. Franz Karl Achard, a pupil of Marggraf, having succeeded in extracting sugar from beets in commercial quantities at a cost so as to enable it to compete with cane sugar, the then ruler of the world's markets erected the first beet sugar factory at his farm, Kunern, near Steinaus, Lower Silesia.

Dividing the Sexes.

While worshipping in a little chapel-of-ease a few miles from Ruthin, England, on the Wrexham road, the sexes are so strictly divided that they cannot even see each other. The building forms a right angle, in one arm of which the men sit, and the women in the other. It was built and endowed by a misogynist of the Stuart period, who objected to having his devotion disturbed by the hated sex, and, sympathizing with male posterity, stipulated expressly for this division in his deed of endowment.

Record Rainfalls.

The London rainfall for 1903, as measured at the Brixton observatory, was 37.95 inches, the wettest on record. The nearest known to it was in 1824, when the rainfall measured 36.3 inches. Statistics supplied by Prof. Becker of Glasgow observatory state that the past year was the wettest since 1872. Rain fell on 239 days, the total being 53.32 inches. The total fall for Greenock during the year was 87.35 inches—a record for the town.

Power of Silence.

A person that would secure to himself great defense will, perhaps, gain his point by silence as effectually as by anything he can say.—Shenstone.

Firearms for Savages.

Manufacturers of the United States almost monopolize the Liberman trade in firearms, and keep large stocks of their goods in the country.

Shark a Fast Swimmer.

The shark holds the record for long-distance swimming. A shark has been known to cover 800 miles in three days.

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:

- 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 thereat 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.

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No. 62 Passenger..... 11:28 a. m.
No. 60 Freight..... 11:30 a. m.

GOING WEST
No. 51 Passenger..... 5:54 p. m.
No. 59 Freight..... 7:40 p. m.
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Those listing their lands up till Sept 1, will be advertised in the east.

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ONE-WAY RATES.

Every day until April 30, 1904, the Union Pacific will sell tickets at the following rates from Grand Island, \$20 to Ogden and Salt Lake City. \$20 to Butte, Anaconda and Helena. \$22.50 to Spokane and Wenatchee, Wash. \$25 to Everett, Fairhaven, Whatcom, Vancouver and Astoria, via Huntington and Spokane. \$25 to Portland and Astoria; or to Tacoma and Seattle, via Huntington and Portland or via Huntington and Spokane. \$25 to Ashland, Roseburg, Eugene, Albany and Salem via Portland. \$25 to San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and many other California points. For full information call on or address Agent U. P. railway.

Notice To Non-Resident Defendant.

Sherman County ss
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 cancelled 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 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.
Geo. H. GIBSON,
County Clerk.
(seal) Last pub. April 8

Estimate of Expenses.
Estimate of expenses for Sherman County, Nebraska, as adopted by the County Board of Supervisors for 1904.
On Roads.....\$1,500
On Bridges.....4,000
On Books, Blanks and Stationery.....500
On Incidentals.....800
On Expense of Election.....1,000
On County R-pairs.....700
On Office Rent and Salaries.....5,000
On Court, including Attorney's Fees.....3,000
On Bounties 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 Bond.....1,500
On Bridge Bond Re-Funding Bond.....3,500
On Teachers Institute Fund.....25
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,
County Clerk.
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