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A new disease differing in symp-
toms from the cornstalk disease of
the last few years is causing con-
cern among the farmers of
neighboring counties.

The government crop report
shows the corn crop to be nearly two
billion and five hundred millions of
bushels. These figures are nearly
up to the 1902 figures on the corn
crop, which was the largest ever
grown.

The hearing of the injunction
asked by the B. & M. and U. P., to
restrain county treasurers and tax
commissioners of various counties
through which the roads pass in
this state from enforcing the collec-
tion of delinquent taxes will be
heard Jan. 16, the first day of the
federal court term at Lincoln.

A man told us the other day that
we didn't publish all the things that
happened, says an exchange. We
should say we don't. In the first
place we have others who depend
on us for a living. If we published
all that happened we should soon
be with the angels. In order to
please the people we must print
only the good things about them
and leave the rest to gossip. Yes,
it's a fact, we don't print all the
news. If we didn't it would be
spicy reading. But this would be
for one day only. The next day you
would read our obituary, and there
would be a new face in heaven. "All
the news" is all right when it is
about the other fellows.

A member of the legislature from
Sherman county in a speculative
mood predicted that in a few years
the great mail order stores of Chi-
cago and other eastern cities would
establish other county agencies in
many states of the middle west,
with the result that other dealers
would be driven out of business.
Merchants from all sections of the
state report that the farmers are
purchasing more and more each
year through the medium of the
bulky catalogues which are sent
out. The result of the transfer of
traffic to the mail order houses has
been gradually reducing the busi-
ness of merchants, especially in the
hardware lines. Should branch
houses be established as predicted
the farmers would eventually find
themselves trading with a single
dealer unhampered by competition
and for that reason their course
appears shortsighted.—Daily News.

Reports from several sections of
the state to the Lincoln News indi-
cate that the dry weather of the
past two months has resulted in
much cornstalk disease. Custer and
many adjoining cattle counties seem
to have been hit the hardest and the
loss has been especially great dur-
ing the cold weather of the past
week. A prominent stockman, of
that section says the trouble seems
to be due to the fact that the cattle
eat the dry stalks and do not drink
enough water to aid in the diges-
tion of the woody matter. Animals
which have been subjected to post
mortems have been found to have
solid lumps of woody matter in
their stomachs. In many instances
cattle die in fields adjoining those
of another farmer whose cattle
thrive and are healthy. It is said
the cause of the difference is the
fact that the diseased cattle do not
have green forage, which serves to
keep the woody matter from be-
coming hard in their stomachs. The
theory among the farmers who are
losing cattle is that the cold weather
causes the animals to drink less
water than they need to keep the
solids in condition for digestion.
The lack of rainfall recently has
caused the stalks to become very
dry. When the season is wet the
stalks absorb the moisture and are
in a much more digestible condition.

An erroneous impression seems
to prevail in certain quarters over
the intents and purposes of the
newly organized Commercial Club
in this city. It has been circulated
that the club has been formed for
the purpose of controlling the ac-
tion of the board in the matter of
roads and against the interests of
farmers, etc. Such is not the case.
The organization is formed to aid
the farmers adjacent to Loup City
to secure better roads into the city,
from all directions, and for the bet-
terment of all existing conditions of
both farmers and business men. We
are sorry so wrong an idea has
gone forth and trust it may quickly
disappear. While good roads is one
of the great incentives for organiza-
tion, it is only one of many. The
light, water, drainage, and the bet-
terment of the business and sani-
tary conditions of the city will come
in for just consideration, and in fact
all questions of local business import
will receive the best care of the
club. Every business man and
every farmer in this adjacent terri-
tory are earnestly solicited to be-
come members and help carry for-
ward their best commercial interests.

The Chicago boodling of a few
years ago and the immense alder-
manic rascality at St. Louis last
year pale into insignificance by the
side of the gigantic election
frauds and ballot-box stuffing by
the democrats of Denver and Colo-
rado in general at last fall's elec-
tion, as being now brought to light.
So great are the frauds that the
supreme court of that state has or-
dered an investigation of every vot-
ing precinct in Denver, and the in-
vestigation may extend over the
whole state. Already enough fraud
has been unearthed to show up
some 20,000 fraudulent registra-
tions in Denver alone, and it is con-
fidently expected the result will
show Peabody elected by a hand-
some majority, and will also result
in the defeat of Henry M. Teller to
a seat in the U. S. senate.

We understand that a number of
young people from this county ex-
pect to attend the Grand Island
Business and Normal College at
Grand Island, Neb. There is no
doubt about the high standing of
this school as it has been twenty
years under the management of
President Hargis, one of the best
known educators in the West, and
has a yearly enrollment of one
thousand students. Those who
have not the ready money for ex-
penses and who want to be inde-
pendent, are allowed to pay after
they graduate and have been placed
in positions. We advise all who
are interested to send for their free
catalogue.

Clear Creek Chat.
The M. W. A. are hustling new
members.
Weather warm and favorable for
corn husking.

Henry Beck has material on hand
for a new barn. He is also feed-
ing two cars of cattle.

The U. B. people have secured a
new preacher and will hold services
at the Grey school house a week
from Sunday at 2 p. m.

Farms are changing hands. John
Minchell and Mrs. Sorensen have
sold their farms, and Mr. Thrallkill
has bought back eighty acres of his
old farm.

Auction Sale.

The undersigned will sell at Public
Auction on farm three miles south of
Loup City, on

Tuesday, January 17th, 1905,
commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. In
case of storm sale will be one week
later. The following property, to-wit:
Eleven head of horses; 41 head of cat-
tle, 17 head of calves; 20 head of
sheeps; hay and millet; farm machin-
ery and household goods. Free lunch
at noon. Terms of sale—All sums
of \$10 and under cash, on sums over
\$10 ten months time will be given,
purchaser giving bankable note draw-
ing ten per cent interest; 5 per cent
off for cash on sums over \$10.

MRS. S. C. CORDING, Owner.
Jacob Albers, Auctioneer.
J. S. Pedler, Clerk;

For Sale.—Eight pedigreed Shorthorn
bull calves and one 4-year-old regis-
tered Shorthorn bull.
Truelsen & Johansen,
Half mile east of Loup City.

Commercial Club.

Minutes of the meeting of Com-
mercial Club, held Jan. 3, 1905:

In the absence of the secretary,
W. D. Hover was appointed secre-
tary pro tem.

Report of committee on constitu-
tion and by-laws read, amended and
approved and committee discharged.

Report of committee on roads
submitted, approved and committee
continued.

Committee on legislation report-
ed it had not yet formulated a bill
for presentation to the legisla-
ture, but reported in favor of a bill
authorizing the townships to make a
levy on all property not to exceed
ten mills for road purposes, and
also recommended an amendment to
the statute so as to grant the right
of appeal from decisions of the
county boards in road cases.

On motion of H. W. Mathew, Mr.
E. G. Taylor was elected vice pres-
ident of the club.

On motion the following execu-
tive committee was appointed by the
chair: E. S. Hayhurst, W. F.
Mason, W. R. Mellor, J. W. Bur-
leigh and C. C. Cooper.

On motion the treasurer was in-
structed to purchase necessary re-
cords and 100 copies of constitution
and by-laws ordered printed.

The meeting then adjourned till
the first Tuesday in February.

The disagreeable task of picking
chickens may soon become a thing
of the past. A country editor who
is a poultry fancier last winter let
his incubator get too hot and singed
all the feathers off a lot of young
chicks. Since that time they have
become fully developed and per-
fectly healthy fowls, so he declares,
but never a feather has appeared on
any one of them.

GOT OUT OF TIGHT PLACES.

Two incidents show value of presence
of mind.

During the Franco-Prussian war an
Englishman was arrested as a Ger-
man spy in Paris and condemned to
be shot. However, he seriously in-
sisted that he must return to his quar-
ters. This, his guards replied, was
impossible. "You are about to be
shot," they said, consolingly. "Yes,
I know," he replied, "but I must go
back and fetch my umbrella." His
guards looked at him for a moment,
then forthwith liberated him. None
but an Englishman could be such a
hopeless fool, they said. Lord Play-
fair was once in a similar predicam-
ent. As a proof of his identity he
handed over a letter from Lord Pal-
merston. The guard could not read it,
but accepted it as good enough. As
a matter of fact it contained Palmer-
ston's instruction to Playfair to ascer-
tain all he could about the French mil-
itary forces and intentions.

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Chess, now being played between
ocean steamers by means of wireless
telegraphy, is the oldest of games, and
it is a striking contrast that it offers
itself for easy operation to the latest
triumph of modern science. It was
generally assumed until now that the
ancient Indians had invented chess,
that it was introduced from India to
Persia in the sixth century by the Ar-
abs, and that in consequence of the
crusades it spread from East to West.
It is true the Chinese—who invented
many things in time long gone, but
which had to be re-invented in Eu-
rope—assert that they can trace chess
in their own country to about two
hundred years before our era. Now
there can certainly be no doubt in the
character of the figures at present
used, and in some of the words con-
nected with the game, an Indian, Per-
sian and Arabic influence is trace-
able. Excavations on the pyramid
field of Sakkara some time ago
brought to light a wall painting, on
which a high official is represented as
playing chess with a partner, at the
time of the government of King Teti,
who belonged to the sixth dynasty.
Prof. Lepsius formerly assigned the
reign of that monarch to about the
year 2700 B. C. Prof. Drugsch, cor-
recting this chronology, puts it back
to still greater antiquity to the year
3800 B. C., so that chess would have
been known in the once mysterious
land of Mizraim something like 5,200
years ago.

ACT MUCH LIKE MEN.

Hermit Crabs in Fierce Fight After
Spoils Carried Off.

A writer in a British periodical de-
scribes an encounter he saw in a
large aquarium at Brighton. He was
watching some young herrings swim-
ming about close to the bottom of the
tank, when the claw of a hermit crab
suddenly shot out and caught one.
The capture had, however, been seen
by another hermit crab, which at once
claimed a share, and a most amusing
chase began. Unable alone to achieve
his object, No. 2 went off, but present-
ly returned with a friend, with whose
help it succeeded in effecting a cap-
ture. But the chase had aroused the
interest of the hermit-crab colony, and
presently from fifteen to twenty of
them were engaged in a furious battle
for the herring. Then occurred the
most amusing episode of all. Out of
the struggling mass there crawled a
hermit crab, dragging the body, some-
what dilapidated by now, of the her-
ring, with which it quietly retired be-
hind a rock out of sight of its com-
panions and proceeded to make a
meal, while all the others continued
to fight.

Rubber Production.

The world's production of rubber
was two years ago almost equally
divided between Africa and South
America. Now the Amazon region
produces three-fifths of it.

Chinese Like Swiss Watches.

Swiss watches, according to a re-
port just published, are becoming pop-
ular in China. Those with fantastic
designs on the face find the most
ready sale.

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