



### As Told in the Hills NORTH THEATRE Thursday, January 14

#### Route No. 1.

District No. 10 has a new stove in the school house.

Nothing doing on Route 1 since Christ Mickson attended the last party.

John Healer of Loup City was visiting old neighbors on the route this week.

County Superintendent Lecron was visiting schools on the route last week.

The hum of the corn sheller is heard on the route, and considerable wheat and corn is being taken to market.

Last Tuesday was a very cold day, but arriving at a mail box with the signal raised we opened it and found a package with a note that read like this: "I am dressed and very fine, I am a yellow legged chicken of the crowing kind, take me along." And we did, with thanks.

While returning home from town Prof. Wm. Beene, who was driving Wm. Johannes' ponies, had quite a serious runaway. Something needed fixing about the harness and while he was out of the buggy attending to it the team started to run. Wm. Mueller was ahead of him with a single rig and did not see the runaway team coming until they struck him, one going each side of his rig and the tongue of the buggy striking Mueller in the back and injuring him severely.

#### Route No. 4.

Ludwig Ebner of Norwalk, Ia., arrived last Saturday for a visit with his brothers, John and Anton.

Mr. and Mrs. Liebig left Monday for a two weeks' visit with friends at Des Moines and other points in Iowa.

Mrs. Gertrude Zimmer had her corn shelled last Monday and delivered 600 bushels of rot corn to Mr. Goehring.

Miss Mary Koenig of Foster, Neb., arrived last Friday evening and is a guest at the home of John Ebner and A. Miksch.

The Misses Lena and Martha Gaienow cousins of the Wills Bros., who have been visiting them the last three months, departed for their home in Peoria, Ill., last Friday.

Mrs. John Snyder, mother of Mrs. Lyman Bray, and her two daughters, Miss Irene and Mrs. H. Harlan, left Monday for their home in Lincoln, after an extended visit.

#### Route No. 3.

E. R. Bisson is suffering from an attack of rheumatism this week.

Emil Brunken is nursing a sore knee, where he was kicked by a horse.

D. A. Becher returned Tuesday evening from his two weeks' trip to points in Illinois.

Peter Schmitt, the miller on route 3, was rustling around among the Columbus men Monday.

Sad indeed is the Rhodehorst home, their daughter Maggie having passed away Sunday evening, death resulting from a complication of diseases. She was seventeen years of age last September. The funeral will be held Thursday, Rev. Meisler of the German Lutheran church conducting the services.

#### Advertised Letters.

Following is a list of unclaimed mail matter remaining in the post office at Columbus, Nebraska, for the period ending January 13, 1909:

Letters—Mrs. Nellie Boblet, Mrs. W. C. Clark, Alex. Fay, Kate Myers, J. C. Stitt (Architect), Charlie Soyuzka, Miss Ota M. Thickett.

Cards—Miss Maud Baldwin, Mrs. G. W. Mueller, Y. G. Pandit, Mrs. Frank Swift, Charlie Soyuzka 2.

Parties calling for any of the above will please say advertised.

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#### FOR RENT.

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#### Route No. 2.

Ben Fixa is hauling brick for the foundation of the new house he will build next spring.

Wm. and Gus Bening marketed hogs Monday, those belonging to Wm. averaging 400 pounds each.

#### Walker Township.

F. W. Eng shipped a carload of fat hogs to South Omaha Wednesday.

The young people had a dance in the Danish gymnasium hall Friday night.

We understand that Theodor Salestrom has bought his brother, A. J. Salestrom's farm.

Peter Salestrom of Omaha is visiting friends and relatives, who reside near the Salem church.

There is quite a few public sales now in this neighborhood and horses and cattle are selling high.

August Dahlberg has gone to Omaha to attend the operation his wife was to undergo at the Emanuel hospital.

The last week was about as cold a week as we want. By the way brother farmer did you get any ice in your water tank.

#### Route No. 5.

Bert Brian had his face frozen during the recent cold weather.

Vivian Brian had the misfortune to break a bone in his hand the other day.

Carrier No. 5 found a nice fat jack rabbit in one of the mail boxes last week.

O. L. Baker commenced cutting ice on the old black ice house pond Monday morning.

Miss Anna Hadwiger and Ben F. Sidell of St. Paul, were married in Columbus last Monday morning at nine o'clock.

Miss Dorothy Weaver of Columbus resigned her position as teacher in district No. 4 and Miss L. Madge Moore of Osceola will finish the term.

"The sweet to be remembered, 'tis said to be forgotten. Somehow the carrier missed getting a duck in G. Meyer's mail box Christmas, but last Friday we found the duck in the mail box, for which we are very thankful.

#### WOULD FUSE WITH THE ORIENT.

Writter Declares That Out of Action Would Come a Better Race.

In many respects the orientals are our antithesis, and if our ideals, principles, and institutions are more beneficent, we are under obligation to present them. There should be no collision between the Mongol and the Anglo-Saxon races, but instead there should be a fusion. Out of this fusion there should emerge a better race. We can learn much from the various people of the orient which would be beneficial to ourselves, and while we receive from them we are able to contribute the one great principle of the Anglo-Saxon race, namely, liberty. Every race that has come into power and prominence has stood for some great, overruling idea. That for which we stand and which is the great touchstone of our great national life is liberty. It is for our nation, as the great western wing of the Anglo-Saxon race, to join in the extension of this principle, and also to bear the message of peace.—Mason S. Stone, Commissioner of Education of Vermont, in Leslie's Weekly.

#### SAYS OXEN LAID OUT LONDON.

Swayed as They Plowed, Hence the Crooked Streets.

Lord Avebury has suggested an explanation of the crooked streets which have puzzled so many visitors to London. Presiding at the first of a series of addresses on the history of this city, he said it was remarkable how the London of to-day bore traces of its ancient history. Between London and Westminster there were formerly open fields divided into long strips of an acre each. These strips, he said, had a tendency to curvature owing to the way in which the oxen walked while plowing the ground. An instance of that was seen in the curious way in which Longacre curved. Several of the strips abutted at right angles on Hyde park, and the fact that they did not end in one line suggested a reason for the singular irregularity of the line of houses forming Park lane. The dip in Piccadilly, added Lord Avebury, was the site of the old stream, part of which formed the Serpentine.

#### Saved His Life and His Rupees.

During the great flood at Hyderabad, India, a native banker, overtaken by the sudden rush of water, made his way onto a mound, where he was quickly isolated. The water rose and the banker's legs were covered to his knees. "Fifty rupees, fifty rupees," he shouted, "to anyone who will save me!" When the water reached his shoulders he was shouting: "One thousand rupees!" When enveloped in his neck, with death staring him in the face, he yelled: "Help, help. All that I have will I give to anyone to save me!" Shortly after the water began to recede. When once more he was covered only to his knees an offer of rescue came; but the banker, plucking up his courage, cried: "Keep off, keep off! I will not give a rupee!" and succeeded in making his escape free of charge.

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#### NOT VISIBLE TO ALL MANKIND.

Sights and Sounds in the Cathedral of Men's Comradship.

When you enter it you hear a sound—a sound as of a mighty poem chanted. Listen long enough and you will learn that it is made up of the beating of human hearts, of the nameless music of men's souls—that is, if you have ears. If you have eyes you will presently see the church itself—a looming mystery of many shapes and shadows, leaping sheer from floor to dome. The work of an ordinary builder! The pillars of it go up like the brawny trunks of heroes; the sweet human flesh of men and women is molded about its bulwarks; strong, impregnable; the faces of little children laugh out from every cornerstone; the terrible span and arches of it are the joined hands of comrades; and up in the heights and spaces there are inscribed the numberless musings of all the dreamers of the world. It is yet building, building and built upon. Sometimes the work goes forward in deep darkness, sometimes in blinding light; now beneath the burden of unutterable anguish; now to the tune of great laughter and heroic shoutings like the sound of thunder. Sometimes in the silence of the night time one may hear the hammerings of the comrades at work up in the dome—the comrades who have climbed ahead.—From "The Servant in the House."

#### TWO FAULTS COULD BE CURED.

Prospective Husband and Wife Both Full of Confidence.

An Irish boy marries when he has a rid house, and an Irish girl just when she pleases, says Seumas MacManus, in Lippincott's. Sometimes she so pleases while yet her years are few; at other times she is content to wait upon wisdom. In the latter case, of course, she makes a wise choice; but in the former almost always a lucky one—for luck is the guardian angel of the Irish.

"You're too young to marry yet, Mary," the mother said, when Mary pleaded that she should grant Laurence O'Mahony a particular boon. "If you only have patience, mother, I'll cure meself of that fault," was Mary's reply.

"And she's never been used to work, Laurence," the mother said to the suitor, discouragingly.

"If you only have patience, ma'am," was Laurence's reply to this, "I'll cure her of that fault." And he did, too.

#### Albanian Customs.

Some strange customs exist in Albania. To compliment an unmarried woman, for instance, is provocation for death. A bloody enemy is under amnesty while in the company of a woman. A woman may shoot a fiancé who breaks his betrothal or call upon the young man's father to kill him. If a man commits murder, and, dying for his life, enters the house of another, friend or foe, he is safe. This is the case, even if he takes refuge in the house of a brother of the man he has slain. He may not remain there forever; but for three days he can live on the best that the house provides. When that time is up, he is shown on his way. Twenty-four hours is given him to make his escape; after that the amnesty is over and the blood feud begins.—The Balkan Trail.

#### To Avoid Taking Cold.

Persons who take cold easily can greatly strengthen the entire respiratory tract by bathing the chest and neck morning and night with cold salt water; by "drawing" the salt water into the nostrils and expelling it from the mouth; and by taking deep inhalations of fresh air before an open window, expanding the chest and holding the air as long as possible, then slowly exhaling it. Do this morning and night for ten minutes, and all tendency to colds will vanish; besides you will notice a tremendous improvement in your health and appearance.

#### Medical Fees in Old Times.

The remuneration of physicians originally consisted in presents, but at the time of Hippocrates payment in money was already customary. Physicians received also public praise, the "crown of honor," the freedom of the city, the privilege of eating at the king's table. Physicians employed by the state received a yearly salary, as high as \$2,000 in some instances. Rich people would pay enormous sums for a successful treatment, and a case is recorded in which \$200,000 was paid.—New York Medical Journal.

#### Tea-totallers(?)

"Have you tried cloves with your tea?" asked the matinee girl. "I went to a studio tea given by Mrs. X, the artist, last week, and on a tray with the sugar and cream sat a cunning little china basket filled with cloves. Some put their cloves in the tea, but I nibbled mine and thought of tooth-ache, men coming back between the acts, and all sorts of memory-conjuring things. Of course, we told more spicy stories after we dipped into the clove basket—why not?"

#### Protecting New Cement.

The problem of keeping people and animals off a newly laid cement sidewalk, usually a difficult task, is sometimes solved in the manner here shown. A few hours after this sidewalk was built soft dirt was thrown over it and a little slat built along each side. The dirt was then well saturated with water. Such treatment was found to be effectual in keeping intruders off, and also furnished moisture for advantageous setting of the cement.

#### Fastidious Nora.

Mistress—"Nora, why didn't you finish winding the clock? You only gave it a couple of turns." Nora—"Shure, and I'll be lavin' yez tomorrow, mum, and I'd not be after doin' anny of the new gnyrl's work!"

#### Man Always Omnivorous.

It used to be held that primitive man was a vegetarian; but the anthropologist Ortway has made careful and extended investigations, which indicate that primitive man, like the modern savage, was omnivorous.

#### DOUBLE ENTRY AS HE KNEW IT.

Jim's Simple System That, Strange to Say, Caused Discontent.

Jim Saunders, the veteran oyster dealer of the village, was mad. His honesty had never before been impeached. He stood in the open doorway of his one-room shanty down near the station, catching each passer-by in turn and pouring into his ear a rehearsal of his woes. The country doctor was the nineteenth by actual count who had passed that way since early morning.

Jim drew himself up proudly and wiping the tobacco juice out of the corners of his mouth with his coat sleeve, answered, stoutly:

"Tain't, doctor—tain't that. I keeps double entry jes like all the storekeepers hereabouts, I reckon, and I never overcharges."

The doctor smiled quizzically. "What do you understand by double-entry bookkeeping, Jim?"

Jim stared at the doctor, astonished, his big slothful brown eyes opening wide as he ran his hand through his shock of whitening brown hair.

"Well, do tell, doctor, don't you know? An' you a college man! Why, man, it's jest as simple as rollin' off a log. A man comes along and asks fer orschers, and you gives 'em to 'im, and ef he don't put the money down on the counter, then, you charges him up in the book for 30 days. Then ef he don't pay up in 30 days, or, say, six weeks, you puts him down in the book again. There—ain't that simple?"

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#### DEW PONDS OF THE ANCIENTS.

Description of Prehistoric Method of Obtaining Water Supply.

One of the prehistoric methods used in securing a water supply in sections where it was impossible to secure it from natural sources, or where it became necessary to live on elevated territory for defense was by the construction of dew ponds. These dew ponds were made by hollowing out the earth for a space far in excess of the apparent requirements of such a pond, then thickly covering the whole of the hollow with a coating of straw. The straw in its turn was covered by a layer of well chosen, finely puddled clay, and the upper surface of the clay closely strewn with stones.

Such a pond will gradually become filled with water, the more rapidly the larger it is, even though no rain may fall. During the warmth of a summer day the earth will store a considerable amount of heat, while the pond, protected from the heat by the nonconductivity of the straw, is at the same time chilled by the process of evaporation from the puddled clay. The consequence is that during the night the moisture of the comparatively warm air is condensed on the surface of the cold clay. As the condensation during the nights is in excess of the evaporation during the day, the pond becomes, night by night, gradually filled.—Popular Mechanics.

#### The Medical Fee.

The American Medical association, our highest medical authority, has never attempted to establish an ethical fee. In point of fact, the fee evolves itself and ever has been and ever will be a graded one. The great bulk of practice is practically charity—that is, it represents small fees or no fees. This is true alike in the remote country districts and in the great metropolitan centers. There is one difference, however, which should be distinctly remembered, and that is that rural charity is generally deserved, whereas urban charity is often misplaced. It is stated that practical 23 per cent of the entire practice of New York city is charity, and that in a third of such cases the doctor is imposed upon.—North American Review.

#### Insurance Gambling.

A system of gambling in ships by persons who take out policies of insurance on British vessels in which they have not the slightest ownership has become so prevalent that the government is determined to suppress the practice, if possible, and thus put a stop to a form of speculation which if not in itself criminal, is held to be conducive to criminality. The London board of trade has also taken up the matter and will bring all the pressure possible to bear in aid of the efforts of the authorities. As a first step, it has invited a conference of shipowners, underwriters and others to consider the matter and to take such action as may be feasible.

#### An Improved Variety.

The traveler exhibited a peculiar nervousness on seeing the long-legged, slim, fierce looking hogs that roamed at will over the country. At length he asked a native sitting on a fence by the roadside:

"Aren't these razorback hogs rather dangerous?"

"I never heard of none of them doing any harm," remarked the native. "I think they must be safety razorbacks."

#### One Guess Only.

"What did he ever see in her?" asked one.

"What did she ever see in him?" asked the other.

Which of these two was the woman and which the man?—Kansas City Times.

#### The Ingredients.

"What constitutes a first-class society drama?"

"Three acts, six gowns, and nine epigrams."—Washington Herald.

#### Hard Task for Some.

Considering what bad features some individuals have, it is not surprising that they cannot keep their faces straight.

#### Cards.

Cards were at first for benefits designed; sent to amuse, not to enslave the mind.—David Garrick.

#### Simple Gargle for Sore Throat.

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#### STRICT RULES AGAINST HOBO.

Promulgated by Napoleon in France a Century Ago.

In France, 100 years ago, Napoleon, paying special attention to the treatment of mendicancy and vagabondage, caused the issuance of a decree sharply differentiating the beggar from the vagabond and providing mild treatment for the beggar and severe treatment for the vagabond. "The incapacitated vagrant is to be cared for in a public institution; if such an institution is lacking, he shall be allowed to beg. The able-bodied beggar shall be placed in a correctional institution until he has learned to work, and at least for a year." The vagrant is to be locked up in a maison de detention, and after having served his term of imprisonment he shall be under the supervision of the police for an indefinite period, determined by his conduct." In short, Napoleon planned a century ago the establishment of three different kinds of institutions: infirmaries for the incapacitated, repressive institutions for the able-bodied beggars and houses of detention for vagabonds. But because of the swarms of incapacitated poor, the infirmaries developed at the expense of the workhouses.—O. F. Lewis in Charities and Commons.

#### NOT FLATTERING TO LAWYER.

Unkind Comparison Made by One-Time Popular Author.

With reference to the cry for the blood of the sparrow which is being heard just now, the attitude of Day, the author of "Sandford and Merton," on the killing of even an insect will appeal to many admirers of the little bird. He was with Sir William Jones at his chambers one day and a spider fell on the table. "Kill that spider," said Jones. "No," preached Day in his Sandford style. "I will not kill that spider, Jones. I do not know that I have a right to kill that spider. Suppose when you are going in your coach to Westminster a superior being, who perhaps may have as much power over you as you have over this insect, should say to his companion, 'Kill that lawyer! Kill that lawyer!' How should you like that? And I am sure to most people a lawyer is a more noxious animal than a spider."

#### Just Think of It.

Gen. Matos, who led the last unsuccessful revolution against President Castro of Venezuela, is a great dandy. Even when in the field with his army it is said that he invariably wears white gloves.

Once, previous to starting his revolution, he was arrested on suspicion by Castro and lodged in the Caracas jail. At a gathering in the city a number of tender-hearted ladies were deploring the hardships which Matos, accustomed to refinement and luxury, must undoubtedly be enduring.

"Think of it!" remarked one, "I have been told that they make him sleep on a hard wooden bench!"

"And they say," put in another, "that he is made to wear handcuffs!"

"And chains around his ankles!" wailed a third.

"And, listen," whispered another. "I have been told that he has to—eat

#### with his fingers!"

"There was a horrified pause. "Think of all the gloves he must spoil!" remarked an irreverent anti-Matos individual.

#### Felt He Was Nobody.

A few weeks ago, when Charles M. Schwab, the steel magnate, attended a meeting of the American Boiler Manufacturers' association, in Atlantic City, he, as the guest of honor, made a very apt remark in a speech at a banquet in his honor.

"While you are honoring me now," said he, "20 years ago I did not feel that I was anybody. Now I feel that I am somebody. In the olden days I have worked with my hands with just such people as those of whom I am the guest to-day."

"An episode which happened a short time ago seems to me to be appropriate to this occasion. I had hired a carriage at the railway station to drive me home. There was a colored man driving. I overheard a woman at the roadside say to her little son, 'There goes Mr. Schwab in that carriage.' And the little fellow asked 'which one, mom?'"

#### A Kind Audience.

The tragedian had just returned from his tour and was greeted joyously by his friends at the club.

"Well, Ranter, my boy," said Tomlinson, "I'm glad to see you back. Have a good trip?"

"Fair," said Ranter.

"Did you play my old town of Punxatawney, Minnesota?"

"Yes," said Ranter.

"What kind of an audience did you have?"

"I don't know," said Ranter. "I didn't ask him for a reference as to his character, but he was a genial kind of a cuss and lent me \$2 to get out of town with."—Harper's Weekly.

#### Essence of Culture.

The very essence of culture is shaking off the nightmare of self-consciousness and self-absorption and attaining a sort of Christian Nirvana—lost in the great whole of humanity, thinking of others, caring for others, admiring and loving others.—E. R. Sill.

#### Women Then and Now.

The "old-fashioned" women certainly knew how to rule, and "advanced" though we be, may do not manage to wield so much power, on the whole, as the clever women of past generations. It must be that our methods are at fault.—Lady's Pictorial.

#### Unconscious Socialism.

It is one of the most notorious tendencies of human nature to believe that when you have made use of other people's property for a sufficiently long period you are absolutely entitled to it to the exclusion of the real owner.—Estates Gazette.

#### Man Owns Wife's Dresses.

The question of who owns the dresses of a wife came up in the Brompton county court of Maryland recently and the judge decided that the husband is the owner. The man held that he had given the wife the money to buy the dresses in dispute and although they were not paid for it was decided that they belonged to him.

#### A Gold Farm.

"Thanksgiving football is one form of gold farm," said a metallurgist; "but gold grows, and when the secret of its cultivation is discovered, we shall have gold farms literally."

"Miners, having set timber braces in gold mines, often find on the timber growths of gold. Growths of gold have, too, been perceived on the rocks of gold-bearing rivers. Gold has been discovered growing on sludge boxes."

"What causes these growths of gold we don't know. We do know that one essential is the percolation of water, a feature without which gold growths are never found. When we discover the other features—and no doubt science will discover them some day—the gold farmer will perhaps be as common as the farmer of fruit or truck."

#### To Take Off a Tight Ring.

When a ring has become too tight for the finger, as it often happens among growing children, instead of using the old method of filing, take a piece of common twine, insert one end under ring towards the hand, the other end wind closely around the finger until over the joint. Now proceed to wind with the end back of the ring, and if done correctly the tightest ring will come off easily.

#### Some Men.

Men are unappreciative of efforts of their wives to look beautiful. During the recent absence of an Atchison man his wife put up her hair in curl papers every night, and washed her gray hairs in a new kind of tea women have discovered. She supposed that when her husband returned home he would remark her improved appearance. But he didn't! And his wife is still pouting.—Atchison Globe.

#### Claims Record Trip.

Clara A. Grace, an employe of a London business firm, claims to have made a record trip from London to New York and return. She was pledged to be back in the English city on a certain day to release her colleagues for vacation. She made the round trip in 15 days. She transacted some important business in New York, remaining in the city only 25 minutes.

#### First Encyclopedia.

The first work at all approaching what is called in these days an encyclopedia was Pliny's "Natural History," or, possibly, the great Latin collection of Terentius Varro. Pliny's work appeared about A. D. 69 and that of Varro about 30 B. C.—New York American.

#### Reason for He