

A PHENOMENON IN NEBRASKA.

The *World-Herald* of Monday contained the following: "The extraordinary meteorological disturbance yesterday will long be remembered by the people of this region. Cyclopedias define it as "rain." Old people can remember having witnessed similar manifestations in early days. Germans call it "regen" and that is also the old Anglo-Saxon word. In France the word used to describe this unusual disturbance is "pluie." Webster defines rain as, "water falling in drops from the atmosphere." Science tells us that rain is produced when the air becomes overloaded with moisture, so that rain drops fall from it. We all know how rarely the air becomes thus overloaded. The hotter the air the more moisture can it carry without being compelled to rain. If the temperature falls rapidly the capacity of the air to hold the moisture is suddenly reduced, and just as when a sponge is squeezed the water falls in drops which are called rain. This happened to us yesterday, and probably no natural phenomenon in many years has aroused an equal amount of interest. A few people so fortunate as to own that rare old device known as an "umbrella" brought it into use and attracted great attention by walking out under its protection. Others went boldly out without any shelter to enjoy the unheard of novelty of being rained on. It is impossible to predict how many of us will live to witness another event of this kind."

A RONDEL.

(Written for THE COURIER)

My heart is very sad today
 For my wife is cleaning house,
 She wears a sleeping cap and blouse
 And where she goes no dust can stay.

She fills my soul with deep dismay
 With her hair all in a browse,
 Her mop-stick keeps me well at bay
 And I keep as still as a mouse.

I eat cold victuals and I stay,
 When any poor excuse allows,
 As far away from my owl house
 As e'er I can—alas I say
 My heart is very sad today.

—WILLIAM REED DUNROY.

In the presidential election of 1888, the democrats of the state of Nebraska polled 80,000 votes for their presidential ticket, and 85,000 votes for their state ticket, in a total of 200,000. Thereafter they abandoned their principles and the traditions of their organization, to mingle for a time with the swelling tide of populism. But after a few ephemeral advantages, the alliance proved so disastrous that at the recent election in Nebraska the democratic vote fell to 19,000.—New York Sun.

I LOVE THEE.

(Written for THE COURIER.)

I love thee,
 Not all the burning words of passion
 That all the world of lovers fashion
 Can tell the love I feel
 As at thy feet I kneel—
 I love thee.

I love thee,
 Within my heart there is such a glowing,
 That all the winds of heaven blowing
 Could not put out, but make
 A fiercer flame awake—
 I love thee.

I love thee,
 If heaven itself were for my choosing
 Or thou—I'd hold it well the losing,
 For hell could only be
 A blissful place, with thee—
 I love thee.

—WILLIAM REED DUNROY.

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