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thing that approached approximate fairness. It is not likely that the people will permit court practices to revert to the customs of the dark ages, when the courts sold privileges.

Gen. J. S. Coxe, who not long ago led an army of tramps on a march from Massilon, Ohio, to Washington, rolled into Omaha the other day in a Pullman car and established himself at the Paxton hotel. While Coxe is engaged in telling the other fellows how poor they are he always takes the best there is for himself. When the tramps of his army were trudging along on foot he rode in a carriage behind milk white steeds. In Omaha Coxe sought that familiar spirit Paul Vandervoort, the most interesting and picturesque fraud in the state of Nebraska.

Superintendent Saylor has issued a general circular to teachers with reference to the close of the work of the year and the examinations. The suggestions are practical, and serve to emphasize the wisdom of the superintendent. Mr. Saylor is giving excellent satisfaction. He is a man of no furbishes or furbelows and is not or given to demonstration. He is a practical educator. He has succeeded in making considerable headway against difficulties, and he has aroused no antagonism. There has been no clashing. Mr. Saylor is to be congratulated.

A writer for THE COURIER reports having been told that members of the staff of this paper could make better employment of their talents in trying to say agreeable things about people than in saying disagreeable things. The person who made this suggestion must be a very superficial reader of THE COURIER. Because there is an absence of cheap flattery he imagines that people are undeservedly abused. Because it is the policy of this paper to call a spade a spade, and not a spoon-shaped implement for the displacement of earth, he imagines that we are disagreeable. He sees naked truth, and because he has been in the habit of seeing truth apparelled in deception and bedizened with false gems, he is shocked and imagines he ought to turn his head the other way. Truth is eternal, and we are getting just as close to eternity as we can.

Mr. Byer, the city water commissioner, made a report to the council Monday evening touching the question of water supply. There was a difference of opinion between Mr. Webster and Mr. Lawlor and other members of the council, and no action was taken. Meantime the people of a considerable portion of the city who are paying for good water are getting brine. Salt is a good thing, and we all use a certain amount of it; but we prefer to get it in little white bags at the grocery store instead of in our water. Nearly all of us drink water and it is a matter of supreme importance that the council and the water department take such steps immediately as will give us a crystalline liquid that doesn't taste like the bottom of a pickle barrel.

Here in Nebraska so much is said about the political aspect of the Burlington system that the real business condition and prospects of the great

railway are sometimes lost sight of. But in a state that is penetrated in nearly every part by Burlington tracks and where so many people are in the company's employ or own stock, accurate information concerning the vast property, is of general interest. A severe critic of "Q" management is the financial writer on Town Topics, New York, and yet this writer is forced to comment favorably on the showing made by the recent statement of the road.

Mr. T. Woodlock, a financial authority draws the following conclusions from the "Q" report:

"There has been much loose talk, especially in this city, to the effect that Burlington & Quincy is another Atchison, another Baltimore & Ohio and so on. If Burlington figures as published in its stockholders reports and in reports furnished on oath to the Interstate Commerce and Kansas State railroad commissions are correct, we are willing to go on record as saying that the property is sound to the core and is a property containing many possibilities under favorable conditions. In the first place, Burlington seldom or never owes any money to anybody except in the shape of ordinary operating debt or accrued interest. It invariably carries cash on hand amounting to from \$2,500,000 to \$4,000,000. This was not Atchison's way of doing business, nor was it Baltimore & Ohio's, nor is it the way in which any road which is in really bad condition does business. Secondly, while Burlington & Quincy has extended very far in in more directions than one and extended very rapidly, the new mileage has been kept well in hand, as shown by the 'trainload' figures above, and has kept less of a drain on the property than at first appeared. Thirdly, Burlington & Quincy has charged, on an average of eleven years, over \$1,300,000 annually against income for sinking funds all of which has been paid before a dollar has been devoted to dividends. There are sinking funds and sinking funds, and Burlington's treatment of sinking funds in relation to income is the most liberal and soundest of all varieties. Fourth, Burlington's economies in the last two years turn out to be by no means so dangerous or unsound as has been assumed. There is no reason to believe that after one year of ordinarily good earnings many traces of them will remain. Fifth, Burlington's territory is, all things considered, about the most important section of country west of Chicago, and comprises, practically, all the great centres of business between Chicago and the Rocky Mountains. With ordinary crops and ordinary good times, there is no richer territory in the west than this. It cannot be judged by the last two years. Sixth, there is evidence that the drain of the extensions made in the last few years is now easily manageable since the cessation of further construction on a large scale."

Cobb and Walton and Green. There has been a combination of events and conditions the trend of which is demoralization. The tension of the past three years has been great. Discouragement has easily led to desperation, and men have sought relief from troubles in suicide. There is too much morbid feeling in the community. Lincoln needs a tonic, something that will make the people look out and beyond instead of in. It is time to begin the work of infusing new life into the town.

THE EDITOR.

heed the signal

Many persons take a variety of remedies and try many novel procedures to reduce their weight. We do not refer to these. If you have been in fair health, with a normal amount of flesh, and yet have been losing weight of late, there is something wrong. If there is an inherited tendency to weak lungs; if your cold hangs on, or if you are weak, without appetite, losing color, and easily exhausted; this loss of flesh is the signal of distress. Heed it, promptly.

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