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Mrs. Belle M. Stoutenborough.

Mrs. Belle M. Stoutenborough, of Plattsmouth, librarian of the traveling library of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Stoutenborough was one of the prime factors in the traveling library movement in Nebraska, and rendered material aid in urging the passage of the traveling library bill before the last legislature. She is

a woman of culture and rare intellectual attainments and has a state-wide acquaintance among the women's clubs of Nebraska. She has already served the state federation of clubs as its president.

**Whacking a
. . . . Corporation**

In the populist stricken sections of Nebraska great corporations are regarded with hatred and aversion. Railroad companies are looked upon as the apotheosis of the money devil, feeding and thriving on the earnings of the poor. Consequently it is considered no breach of the moral code to "beat" a railroad or corporation. If the "beating" can be accomplished within the pale of the law so much the better.

Officials of the Union Pacific railroad are just now struggling with a series of actions, the outgrowth of this prejudice. The officers have appealed to W. K. Fowler, state superintendent of public instruction, and made a complete confession of their woes. They complain of the extravagance of two school districts in the western section of the state.

In Keith county, the tracks of the company run diagonally through a school district. From the coffers of the Union Pacific comes ninety-six per cent of the revenues of the district. Three families live therein. The average daily attendance is nine pupils per day. Yet the district has two school houses with five pupils attending one, and four receiving instruction in the other.

Moreover the company alleges that one of the school houses is the permanent habitation of a family. The wife teaches the school at a liberal salary and the company foots the bill.

But the direct cause of complaint is for the reason that the voters of the district have formally decided to build another school house. The annual tax levy has always been placed at the

highest notch allowed by law. But the company stormily protests against the third school house.

State Superintendent Fowler has written a letter to the district officers advising them to get along with two school houses for awhile but he has no way of enforcing his recommendations.

Cheyenne county also has a district very favorably located on the main line of the same railroad. In this the average daily attendance is seven. Last spring the board purchased a complex chart for \$47.50. They delighted the heart of a traveling book agent with an order for a set of Encyclopedia Britannica and general supplies to the amount of \$250 although it is alleged that the district was plentifully supplied with everything needful.

Here the teacher is a resident of the district. The company makes some caustic comment concerning the annual coal bills, insinuating that twenty tons of fuel could hardly be consumed in one school house stove in the course of a winter.

In this instance also, Mr. Fowler has indited a letter to the school board admonishing the members against extravagance even in minor matters.

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Mulford's Mental Science Suggestions

Thoughts are things.
Thoughts are forces.
To concentrate is power.
The most hateful thing is hate.
Hurry is an indication of fear.
Power and talent grow in repose.
An angry man is intoxicated mentally.
Fear makes disappointments when none are needed.
Profit and pleasure come from deliberate action.
Most disease comes from lack of rest of body and mind.
Never waste a minute thinking about your enemies.
Deliberation and courage are as closely allied as hurry and fear.
No quality of mind is more needful than courage—courage to think and courage to act.
The invalid who always sees himself as sick is in reality constructing a sick body.

The source of all strength lies in the power of massing our thought or force entirely on one thing.

An angry thought of another may injure him, and certainly hurts the sender.

Of rising in the morning repeat these words: Courage, decision, even temper, concentration, repose.

Force means judgment, discretion, tact, taste. You lose most of these qualities when in a hurry of fluster.

A BENEVOLENT ENTERPRISE

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Is the British Medical Institute at Cor. 11th and N Streets, Sheldon Block. It Gives Three Months' Services Free To All Invalids Who Call Before January 7, 1902

A staff of eminent physicians and surgeons from the British Medical Institute have, at the urgent solicitation of a large number of patients under their care in this country, established a permanent branch of the Institute in this city, in the Sheldon block, corner of Eleventh and N streets.

These eminent gentlemen have decided to give their services entirely free for three months (medicines excepted) to all invalids who call upon them for treatment between now and Jan. 7. These services consist not only of consultation, examination and advice, but also of all minor surgical operations.

The object in pursuing this course is to become rapidly and personally acquainted with the sick and afflicted and under no conditions will any charge whatever be made for any services rendered for three months to all who call before Jan. 7.

The doctors treat all kinds of disease and deformities, and guarantee a cure in every case they undertake. At the first interview a thorough examination is made, and if incurable you are frankly and kindly told so; also advised against spending your money for useless treatment.

Male and female weakness, catarrh, and catarrhal deafness, also rupture, goitre, cancer, all skin diseases, and all diseases of the rectum are positively cured by their new treatment.

The chief associate surgeon of the Institute is in personal charge.

Office hours from 9 a. m. till 8 p. m. No Sunday hours.

Special Notice—If you cannot call, send stamp for question blank for home treatment.

The Sale Everyone is Waiting For!

The FitzGerald Annual January Clearing Sale!

THE PROGRESSIVE STORE inaugurates a sale, the like of which was never held in Lincoln before. It takes progressiveness to be able to quote—

- \$3.00 Dress Goods for 50 cents per yard.
- \$4.25 California Wool Blankets for \$2.65 a pair.
- Hosiery and Underwear Samples at one-half regular prices.
- \$2.00 Fur Scarfs for 98 cents, and so on.
- We can only give space here to a few items.

See the Sunday Journal, on page 16, for full account of goods on Sale. If you don't take the Journal, watch for the circular that will be left at your house the first part of the week.

\$1.25 and \$2.00 Kid Gloves for 69c a Pair

Broken lines, odd colors, some slightly soiled, some with slight imperfections which have been repaired; such makes as Monarch, Trefousse, etc. All worth \$1.25 to \$2.00 per pair. Clearing Sale price per pair,

69c

Women's \$1.00 fleece lined Mocha Mittens, per pair,

75c

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Mocha Mittens, per pair,

98c

ST. LOUIS SAMPLE LINE

of Yarn and Silk Mittens at Half Price.

A great chance to save some money. Worth 10c,

25c, 35c, 50c, to \$1.00 a pair,

for

5c, 10c, 19c, 25c, 45c pair