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The teamsters' strike in Chicago is causing more inconvenience to the public than the recent street car strike.

Mr. Bryan is still hobnobbing with the crowned heads of Europe. Wonder how he will explain his actions to his democratic constituents in the next "battle."

The Canadian government is preparing to absorb Newfoundland and Greenland in effort to recompense themselves for their defeat in the Alaska boundary dispute.

The Colombians have landed a small force on an island adjacent to Panama. The Colombians are putting up quite a bluff, but Uncle Sam holds the best hand, and knows it.

Senator Dietrich's trial will come up in the federal court at Omaha on January 4. The populist newspapers and Senator Dietrich's enemies within his own party have already convicted him, and it now only remains for the federal court to "O. K." these verdicts—but that may be some time coming.

The Sultan of Turkey has ordered the governor of Alexandretta to apologize to Consul Davis for the insulting manner in which the latter was recently treated in that city. Apologies cost nothing, and are about the only thing any foreign government ever gets out of Turkey in payment for insults and outrages committed upon foreigners.

State Auditor Weston, who was arrested at Casper, Wyo., charged with complicity in wrecking the Denecke bank at that place, has returned to Nebraska, the criminal charges against him having been dismissed. The bank will be able to pay all creditors in full, more than half of the amount having already been raised. It cost Auditor Weston about \$10,000 to square his share of the account.

A demented man entered the office of Gov. Mickey Tuesday about noon and announced himself as the "Young Phenomenon," boldly proclaiming that he was going to defend Senator Dietrich against his enemies. He said he had pressing business in Pennsylvania and wanted the governor to furnish him transportation to that state; and, to use his own expression, "there is a slight gnawing in my digestive apparatus, indicating that I have not dined lately." He was finally jailed by the police, and after his arrest he said his name was Clayton S. Dector.

The verdict in the Howard damage case against the city shows plainly that it is an easy matter for any person to get a judgement against the city. A man may walk along the street, stump his toe on the sidewalk, go before a jury in the district court and throw a lot of costs on to an already bankrupt city treasury. There is no question but the streets and walks of Red Cloud are in an abominable condition, but the taxpayers within the city limits are already overburdened with taxes and there seems to be no way of raising money to keep the walks in good condition. This means that there will be more broken limbs and more damage suits in which the city will have to pay the costs, and it promises to result in an endless chain of debt for the city. So long as these costs pile up against the city there will be no money with which to pay for new walks or to furnish lights



Don't forget the old man with the fish on his back.

For nearly thirty years he has been traveling around the world, and is still traveling, bringing health and comfort wherever he goes.

To the consumptive he brings the strength and flesh he so much needs.

To all weak and sickly children he gives rich and strengthening food.

To thin and pale persons he gives new firm flesh and rich red blood.

Children who first saw the old man with the fish are now grown up and have children of their own.

He stands for Scott's Emulsion of pure cod liver oil—a delightful food and a natural tonic for children, for old folks and for all who need flesh and strength.

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for the streets. The only feasible plan is for the individual property owners to build walks along their property, trusting to Providence to recompense them for their outlay. They would be repaid in a measure by the increased selling value of their property, but it seems to be a hard matter to convince them of this. Something will have to be done or the city will soon be so far in debt that it will have to go into the hands of a receiver.

The Mystery of the Hen.

For years the credulous public has been regaled with statistics from the agricultural department seeming to show that great fortunes lie in hens and eggs.

Ingenious if not ingenious experts at figures have demonstrated again and again that the humble hen, if given half a chance, would soon pay off the national debt.

Poultry journals, largely supported by hen food advertising, have been discouraging their readers from going to the Klondike and fring them with enthusiasm for going "into the business of growing eggs for the market scientifically," with great emphasis on the scientific part, which generally means large purchases of somebody's preparation for making hens lay whether they want to or not.

Glowing pictures have been painted in print of dutiful hens working overtime with eggs at 45 cents a dozen.

Thousands of householders have fully believed every word of it. For several years there has been a boom in henhouse building, in the making of incubators and in the sale of egg-producing foods.

But, somehow or other, nobody has gotten rich out of it except the people who make the foods and the incubators.

The hens have consistently refused to be either bribed or bullied into working overtime. When the price of eggs has soared high the hens, with as complete accord as ever marked any labor union, have declined to settle down to laying.

It has been a mystery that has puzzled all seekers after scientific coercion. But at last the secret is out. The department of animal industry of Cornell university has been quietly studying the hen for some time and has found out things.

It has been demonstrated with mathematical accuracy that when eggs are dear hens will not lay, for the very simple reason that because hens do not lay the eggs are dear.

The old, unvarying law of supply and demand is not to be circumvented.

In 29 flocks of 5,200 selected fowls, which were observed during the 17 weeks from December 1, 1901, to the 1st of March, 1902, and for the same period of the following year, the average production per 100 fowls was 22.8 eggs. The average food cost was 17 cents a dozen, and 100 hens earned during the long 17 weeks \$10 above the cost of keep.

Certainly there is little chance for the egg raiser to buy bonds. Sixteen

dollars profit in seventeen weeks is not princely.

All of which goes to show that the real science of successful egg raising consists in making hens and eggs a "by product," as it were. If the hen can pick up its own living the eggs are clear gain.

But the farmer who builds costly houses for them and buys their feed puts himself in a class known as philanthropists.

Atchison Globe Sights.

Those who marry accumulate a few things they can't dispose of at a raffle.

Many a man willing to work, is kept from it by idle men who bother him.

An Atchison husband, when he gets mad at his wife, threatens to go to Utah, and become a Mormon.

When a number of women get together, listen and you will hear of some wonderful cures.

When two politicians meet who are on opposite sides of a question, they spar as cautiously as horse traders.

When a married woman abuses men a great deal, people know what it means: that she hates her husband.

When it is said that a marriage will be a quiet one, the bride and groom do not figure on the "chivaree ng" party.

Whatever else may be said of the average married woman, it is usually very true that she earns her bread and butter.

Town people often refuse to ride seven blocks on a street car, to attend a dance, but think of the enthusiasm required of a farmer who loves society.

If you make a mistake, and offend a friend, don't hesitate to apologize. A manly apology will make you feel better, to say nothing of the man you have offended.

If the world should come to an end in the next few years, as some predict, there is some consolation in the thought that John D. Rockefeller will be the principal loser.

A woman will show versatility in everything else on earth except in her cooking and the selections of a man's Christmas presents. The former is always steak and potatoes, and the latter is always neckties.

When you like a man, do you invent stories on him? If you do, you are guilty of a contemptible thing. But nine out of ten people do it. Yesterday we heard a prominent church member discussing another citizen. The church member's interests happened to be opposed to the interests of the other man, and, without a moment's hesitation, he accused the other citizen of being a thief, although the man is really an excellent citizen. Ever occur to you how much of this is done? Ever occur to you how dishonorable it is?

Notice.

Mr. Homer A. Curtis, representative of the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pa., will be in Red Cloud December 28th and 29th.

Please remember that we are making a special discount of 10 and 15 per cent from our regular prices during December that we can not give after this month.

See the I. C. S. advertisement elsewhere in this issue and fill in the blank, giving your name, address and course you are interested in, and leave at this office, not later than Monday night December 28th, and Mr. Curtis will call on you and give you full particulars.

Do it Now!

Farm Loans.

I have just prepared myself to make farm loans at a low rate of interest either in Jewell, Smith or Webster counties; can pay off at any time.

J. H. GATLEY, Red Cloud.

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Improves the flavor and adds to the healthfulness of the food.

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Caps, Gloves,
Silk Mufflers,
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And in fact all kinds of wear for Men and Boys.

We guarantee everything we sell to be just what we tell you it is.

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In days of old, when knights were bold,
And barons held their sway,
Folks loved the silver and the gold,
Just as they do today

In all ages Silver and gold have swayed the world and ruled the hearts and minds of mankind. While gold is of more intrinsic value in the hearts of the people, silver articles of merchandise are just as much to be desired. Our display of

GOLD and SILVER GOODS

Is the finest ever shown in Red Cloud. We have all kinds you will admire, at prices you will regard with favor. Just a few suggestions:



Nothing is more timely for this Christmas tide of love and good cheer and open heartedness than ring presentation. The gift of a ring to a relative or dear one is always a delicate token and a constant reminder of your love and esteem. We have for this season a most excellent assortment of rings from baby to grandfather. All of solid metal—no filled or plated rings in our stock—and at prices to make every looker a purchaser.

Silverware

That Wears

No family can have too much silver for the table, none but have too little, none that do not want for more. We are showing the latest designs and most styles in goods of unquestionable merit. Goods that satisfy both recipient and donor, and at such money-saving prices as to place dependable goods within the reach of all purses.

Cut Glass.

Here again we set the pace, both in assortment and fine qualities. Rich American Glass in finest and most desirable pieces and at rock bottom money-saving prices. Nothing finer or more acceptable can be found for a gift for a lady.

If wanted, we cut initials on every piece free of charge.

Cuff Ornaments

Add as much to the appearance as any other article of jewelry. We are showing an amazing line of cuff buttons. They are a surprise to ourselves even. Some extra effects in both link and lever buttons and nowhere will you find anything better or newer at prices to equal.



PARKER FOUNTAIN PENS, the only perfectly satisfactory fountain pen on the market. In price from \$1.50 to \$6.00, and all of guaranteed quality. Cheaper fountain pens if you want them. Also a comprehensive line of fancy penholders.



Nothing more attractive in style, quality and price could be asked for than we are showing in our Holiday stock of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Chains. If you are contemplating a gift in this line for a relative or friend, do not fail to inspect our generous offerings before you buy. We have the styles, guarantee the qualities and name you the prices that will make the purchase of any chain in our stock a bargain.

Novelties.

To those who feel that they cannot afford to slight some expectant one, and yet must make a limited appropriation "go round," we especially recommend a purchase here. Small articles of merit and worth too numerous to mention. Will you see them. Here will be found something for the whole family, from the little tots to the grand parents, at prices that will please.

Spoons, Knives, & Forks

Are also here in almost endless assortment. Solid sterling silver Souvenir Spoons of all sizes, patterns and finishes. Fancy spoons for table use, Cream and Gravy Ladles, Berry, Soup, Sugar and Fruit Spoons.

Table, Fruit, Butter and Pie Knives. Table, Oyster, Pickle and Cold Meat Forks. In fact, anything in this line you can ask for.

Watches.

The boy or girl, husband or wife, father or mother, who gets a watch for Christmas will never feel more hearty pleasure over any event of their lives. As a good and lasting, ornamental and useful present nothing equals a good time-piece. It is received with equal pleasure by one who has been promised and the one who is surprised. Our line of watches is most comprehensive, ranging from the low priced dollar article to the most expensive and ornamental. Prices are forced down to the lowest possible prices.



Remember, we not only give satisfaction, but we give the most change back.

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Cherry Pectoral
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The best cough medicine money can buy is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. For the coughs of children nothing could possibly be better.
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All druggists. for
Throat, Lungs
Ayer's Pills greatly aid the Cherry Pectoral in breaking up a cold.