

If you want to win a prize at the state fair this fall you should begin now to make your preparations. It is a big mistake to trust to luck in such cases for ten to one some other fellow will be lucky enough to plan for the prize at the time he plants his seed. Intelligent selection of seed, intelligent planting and cultivating and intelligent harvesting go far to produce prize winners.

In order for an editor to write a thrilling account of a wreck and do it well there must have been a tragic wreck. If he desires to write a really meritorious article on some celebration there must have been a really big celebration and also in order to write a good obituary there must have been a good life lived. The people of Webster county should give the editors an opportunity to do their best.

In our chautauqua last summer the gentleman who represented Burbanks said that if farmers desired to do away with the potatoe bug all that was necessary was to plant white beans between the potatoes and the bugs would never appear. We now have the opportunity to test this recipe and we would advise all potatoe raisers to follow directions. Even if the bugs should get the potatoes there will be a bean crop anyway.

Democrats of the Fifth district should get together at once and perfect a district organization. We suggest that all candidates in this district meet with the state candidates in Hastings before the month is out and form such an organization so that the campaign may be carried on with vigor. We are firmly of the opinion that this meeting should be called early because it will take time to get the entire district in working order. Hastings is centrally located and easily accessible.

Red Cloud's Cornet Band gave its first open air concert last Friday evening. The weather was ideal, and the majority of the citizens turned out to hear them. In fact, had they been greeted by one-quarter the audience at their concert given in the opera house some two weeks ago, the boys would have had no occasion to think their efforts were not receiving due appreciation. The concert clearly demonstrates Prof. Betz's ability as an instructor, and leaves no cause to doubt but that Red Cloud's band will rank among the first after being additionally strengthened by several of the older musicians, on their return from school next month.

It is a strange fact that there are always some smart Alecks who, no matter where they are or where they go, they always try to make it unpleasant for others. If they are on the road you must poke along and take their dust or run horses with them. If you are on the street you must listen to their filthy remarks, if at church or in a place of amusement, then you must put up with the annoyance of their brilliant thoughts delivered in a stage whisper. In society their wit and puns must be endured. We imagine that our readers have met all this genio and with us will say they are about as great nuisances as the Creator ever clothed in flesh and endowed with the spark called life.

The place that gives a man his living is entitled to his best efforts to advance everything calculated to benefit

the place and the community. No man has a right to live in a live town who seeks to enrich himself and not actively identify himself with its interests. To be classed as a drone, or chronic kicker and opposed to every measure believed to be for the good of the citizens is a stigma that should attach to no man in the corporation. The improvements necessary to be made and the manner of making them a monument to the enterprise and intelligence of the citizens is the duty each person owes to the place in which he lives. No man has a right to block legislation in his town simply because he is not personally benefited by the proposed improvements or perchance may have to pay a little toward it, for in the end it will no doubt have proven a wise proceeding. Let all join in any movement calculated to better our city in the year 1912, and trust the results will justify the action and meet the highest anticipations for a prosperous future.

Some kind friend sent us a few copies of the Peoples Pulpit evidently desiring that we reprint some of the extremely derogatory articles pertaining to ministers, priests and preachers. But we must refuse because we have no quarrel with the ministers but on the other hand a very cordial feeling. In every community you will find conscientious painstaking ministers of the gospel who are faithfully working for the betterment of that community seven days in the week. Whenever any disagreeable task is to be done the minister is the one selected; whenever a job is to be done that requires moral backbone the minister must respond to the call. He does practically all the calling on the sick, keeps up enthusiasm, smoothes rebellion and quarrels. When we marry a million dollar girl the minister is given a two dollar and a half chip good for groceries and bacon; when we bury our great grandfather the minister drives out sixteen to seventy miles into the country, loses his dinner, and returns with a pleasant thought that it would have been nice if some one had said thank you.

No we do not believe that the ministers and priests are infidels and that are seeking to train up a generation with any other desire than that it may learn the truth. "You cannot saw wood with a hammer" and the Peoples Pulpit cannot reform the world by attacking every organization but its own.

When Things Go Wrong

There are times when everything seems to go wrong. From seven o'clock a. m. till ten p. m., affairs are in a twist. You rise in the morning, and the room is cold and a button is off, and the beefsteak is tough, and the stove smokes, and the pipes burst, and you start down street nettled from head to foot. All day long things are adverse. Insultations, petty losses, meanness on the part of customers. The ink bottle upsets, and spoils the carpet. Some one gives a wrong turn to the damper, and the gas escapes. An agent comes in determined to insure your life, when it is already insured for more than it is worth, and you are afraid some one will knock you on the head to get the price of your policy; but he sticks to you, showing you pictures of Old Time and the hour glass, and the death's scythe, and a skelton, making it quite certain that you will die before your time unless you take out papers in his company. Besides this you have a cold in your head, and a grain of dirt in your eye, and you are a walking uneasiness. The day is out of joint and no surgence can set it. The probability is that if you would look at the weathervane you would find that the wind is northeast, and you might remember that you have float much sleep lately. It might happen to be that you are out of joint instead of the day. Be careful and not write many letters while you are in that irritable mood. You will pen some things in the way of criticism or fault finding that you will

be sorry for afterward. Let us remember that these spiked nettles of life are part of our discipline. Life would get nauseating if it were all honey. The table would be poorly set that had on it nothing but treacle. We need a little vinegar, mustard, pepper and horse radish that brings the tears even when we do not feel pathetic. If this world were all smoothness we should never be ready for emigration to a higher and better. Blustering March and weeping April prepare us for shivering May. This world is a poor hitching-post. Instead of tying fast on the cold mountains, we had better wind up and hasten on toward the warm inn, where our good friends are looking out of the window watching to see us come up.

Banner Fish Story of the Year

Now that spring has arrived again and man's thoughts readily turn to outdoor recreations, the annual crop of fish stories has appeared, but the one reported from France seems to hold the record so far.

The report says that a pond bordered by rocky shores in the interior of France was drained each year by means of a reciprocating steam pump that had a capacity of 25 gallons per stroke. Not only did the pump speedily drain the lake of water but actually pumped out all of the fish that were therein and transferred them to an element foreign to their mode of living.

The story goes on to relate that, so impressed with the success of his venture was the owner, that he rented one of his pumps for the purpose of "d-d pumping," and his example was followed by many of his neighbors who reaped a harvest—each stroke of the bringing up water, mud, debris and fishes of all kinds, from the bottom of the lake.

One pond, covering several acres, was cleared of fish at a total expense of \$7.20, and the scheme proved so popular that the police had to put a stop to it, fearing the extermination of the fish species in the interior of France.

Child Soon Learns to Know the Effect of Tears on Mother, Declares an Authority.

A mother can seldom withstand the tears of her baby, especially if it is her first baby. And yet the fear that babies will cry, or the mother's softness of heart, accounts for much of the over-indulgence of children. As soon as a child finds out that a mother is perfectly willing for him to cry if he likes, and as long as he likes, and that it doesn't disturb her in the least, but she just sits complacently (outwardly!) by and reads or sews, crying loses its virtue and life from that lesson on grows decidedly more sunshiny. For most of the crying of a young child is done deliberately because the child soon finds out that it is the way to get what it wants. "I know it is wrong to give in to my child when he cries," said a mother recently, "but I do it for the sake of the neighbors." This feeling for the neighbors is a penny wise, pound foolish. In the first place anyone who lives near babies expects to hear them cry more or less, because all babies cry. But no baby cries so much as the one whose mother is so afraid of his crying that she is always trying to prevent it. Hard-hearted it may sound, but the common sense fact remains nevertheless that the crying of a young child shall have no weight whatever in his management, except as a symptom. In itself crying is not serious; on the contrary, it is healthful. A mother must decide whether the crying is a symptom of pain, weariness or of temper. But having decided that, she must treat the pain, the weariness or the temper, but never the crying itself.—Ladies' Home Journal.

HAVE PRIVILEGE OF CREATION

Consolation for Women Who Do Not Enjoy All the Advantages They See Others Have.

Women are taught very wrongly about love. They are allowed to read love stories at a tender age and form a totally fatal notion of love. They see themselves as charmers at a very early age. They begin trying to captivate, to charm, to ensnare the opposite sex, before they are out of the nursery. They live and die—many, many of them—without ever in the least understanding the truth about love or, in fact, about anything else.

Women are very envious by nature. There seems to be plenty of justification in this one way you look at it. Why should one woman have luxury, ease, travel, society and fine clothes and another woman have only toil and loneliness and privation? This is a useless question. We cannot explain the inequalities of life, but there is an answer to the woman who asks this question. It is this: The more barren the field the greater the privilege of creation. You have a chance to see what you can find by the way of joy and beauty; you have an opportunity to create your own atmosphere and it can be a very lovely one if you learn the secret of making it so.—Pittsburg Leader.

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Legal Notice

Georgiana Baker DeWitt, Plaintiff }
 vs. }
 Blanche Eggers et al. Defendants }
 In District Court Webster County Nebraska.
 Whereas heretofore, to-wit: on the 25th day of March 1912, the undersigned, J. S. Gilham, referee, having heretofore been legally appointed by the District Court of Webster County Nebraska, was ordered by said court to sell the following described premises, to-wit: The Northwest Quarter of Section Twentyone, Township Two, Range Nine, West of the 6th P. M., in Webster County, Nebraska, because the same could not be partitioned without great prejudice to the owners thereof, and the undersigned referee having given bond as required by law with sureties which were approved by the court and having taken the oath required by law; now therefore notice is hereby given that by virtue of the proceedings had herein, the order of the said court, and the authority vested in me by the Statutes of Nebraska, J. S. Gilham, the undersigned referee, will on the 18th day of May 1912, at the east door of the court house in Red Cloud, Webster County Nebraska, offer for sale and after the expiration of one hour sell to the highest bidder for cash according to the order of the court the above described real estate.
 Said sale to be held open for one hour between the hours of two and three o'clock P. M. on said 18th day of May 1912.
 Witness my hand this 6th day of April 1912
 J. S. GILHAM, Referee.
 Bernard McNeny, Attorney for Plaintiff.

One Old Method Retained.

Prof. Griffith at Leeds, England, speaking of dentistry in 500 B. C., said that the ancients attempted to replace lost teeth with pieces of wood tied in with string. Dentists have now got beyond that, but they still yank out the peccant tooth in the old Babylonian way.

Human Sacrifices Still.

In some parts of Syria the peasants believe that doctors and druggists have a right to kill one man and one woman every year to make medicines out of their bodies. A druggist whose establishment was boycotted because he was thought to have tried to murder a boy, brought suit against the boy's parents for their interference with his trade, but he received no damages, as it was recognized that the adults were believers in the old superstition.

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Lincoln, February 1, 1912.
 It is hereby certified that the State Life Insurance Company of Indianapolis in the State of Indiana, has complied with the Insurance Law of this State, applicable to such companies and is therefore authorized to continue the business of Life Insurance in this State for the current year ending January 31, 1913.

Summary of Report Filed for the Year Ending December 31, 1911.

INCOME	
Premiums.....	\$2,342,809 50
All other sources.....	561,300 55
Total.....	\$2,904,200 14
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid policy holders.....	\$1,033,355 32
All other payments.....	695,094 42
Total.....	1,728,449 74
Admitted Assets.....	\$10,863,513 16
LIABILITIES	
Net Reserve.....	\$9,001,130 00
Net Policy Claims.....	81,790 00
All other liabilities.....	277,638 99
Surplus beyond Capital Stock and other liabilities.....	1,502,954 17
Total.....	\$10,863,513 16

Witness my hand and the seal of the Insurance Department the day and year first above written.

(SEAL) SILAS R. BARTON, Auditor Public Accounts.
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