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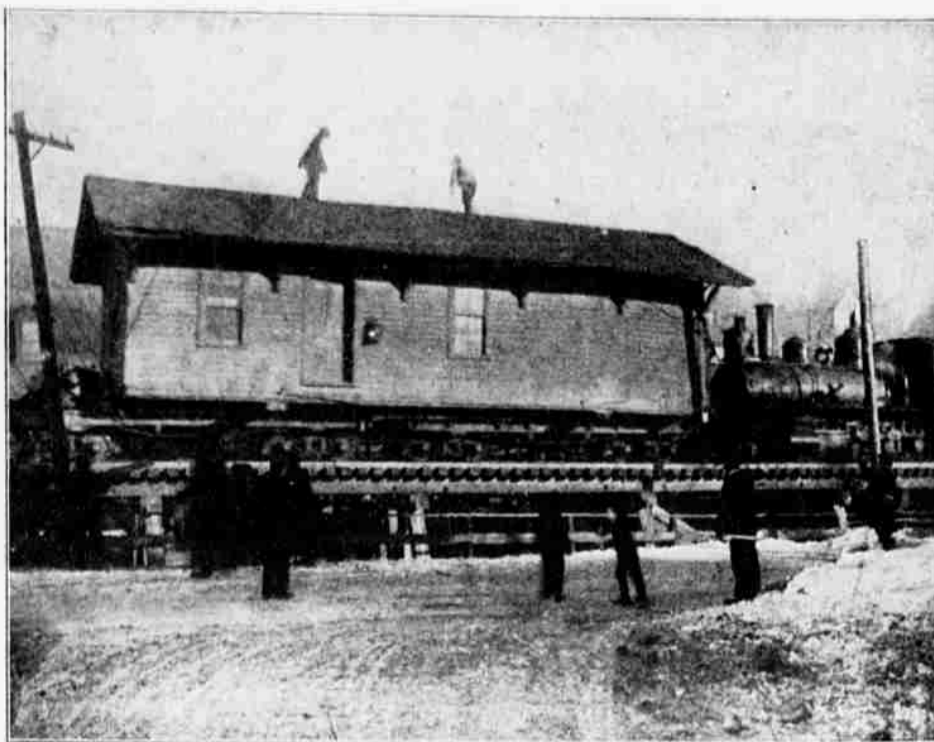
Pen and Picture Pointers

This number of The Illustrated Bee is devoted largely to educational features which, while of special interest to those engaged actively in educational work, should be good reading for the great mass of the people, who are vitally concerned in our public school system.

The growth of free school education, which has attained its highest form in this country, has taken on new phases in recent years so rapidly that many intelligent persons formerly in close touch with school work are uninformed as to the details. Our review of the meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers' association at Lincoln during the holiday week brings out in striking prominence the various subjects discussed which illustrate this movement. The pictures presented are snap shots taken of the principal figures in attendance at the teachers' sessions and include well known educators from all parts of the state.

The frontispiece, too, is given over to the State Teachers' association by reproducing the portrait of its new president, D. B. Perry, who is also president of Doane college at Crete. Mr. Perry is one of the conservative educators of Nebraska, whose election seems to have satisfied all the members of the organization.

Another portrait of special interest in educational circles is that of the new presi-



MOVING THE PASSENGER STATION AT LEAD, S. D., ON RAILWAY TRUCKS.

friends, who through it can obtain a better idea of what is going on in the west than through any other agency. The series of illustrated articles on the public schools, which will continue yet for some weeks, will alone repay those who subscribe at once.

The officers of the Union Veterans' union for the Nebraska division, who are shown in a good group picture, represent an organization to care for and help the union veterans and their widows and orphans. It is an adjunct to the Grand Army of the Republic. The latter is a social and charitable order



OMAHA LETTER CARRIERS LOADED DOWN WITH HOLIDAY MAIL.—Photo by Louis H. Bostwick.

dent of the Iowa State Teachers' association, who is thus introduced to the readers of The Bee. The choice of the Iowa teachers settled upon a comparatively young man, in charge as principal of the West Des Moines school, who is expected to give the Iowa association a vigorous and progressive administration.

No more entertaining and at the same time instructive article on educational topics will be found than that on the experiment in a school city, which is being tried in the Kellom grammar school of Omaha. How the idea was obtained and put into operation is narrated in a charming style by the principal, Miss Foss, under whose supervision the children have organized themselves into a model municipal government, under mayor, council and courts. We believe the Kellom school is the only one in Nebraska which has taken up this project, which is attracting widespread attention in various cities throughout the entire United States.

One of our unique pictures shows a railroad passenger station in process of being moved on railway trucks. The feat was accomplished at Lead, S. D., where the building used by the Deadwood Central railway as a passenger depot was moved about 900 feet, bringing it nearer to the business portion of the city. It was placed on two narrow-gauge flat cars, while two engines pushed it up the steep grade to its destination. The crew of men who did this work was the same which was employed in taking the court house from Hemmingford to Alliance, Neb., on cars last summer under the superintendence of J. E. Carlson, general bridge foreman.

Attention of the readers of The Bee is called to the fact that the Illustrated Bee is published every week in the year and reflects graphically life and events in Nebraska and surrounding states. It is a typical western illustrated magazine which will compare favorably with other illustrated papers which sell for twice the price. Now is the time to subscribe, at the opening of the new year, and to send copies to your

Told Out of Court

The solemn air of judicial gravity and dignity of the supreme court, reports the Washington Times, is sometimes disturbed by a flash of humor. On one occasion there was an argument going on and the attorneys were using a map to illustrate the case. One attorney, in the course of his presentation of the case, pointed to the map in question and was proceeding to dilate upon the same when Justice Gray asked him what the map was.

"Why, your honor, it is just a birdseye view of the land in controversy," answered the counselor.

"Well," said Justice Gray, "I wish you would bring the map a little nearer; I haven't got a bird's eye."

The lawyer asked the witness if the incident previously alluded to wasn't a miracle, relates Collier's Weekly, and the witness said he didn't know what a miracle was.

"Oh, come!" said the attorney. "Supposing you were looking out of a window in the twentieth story of a building and should fall out and should not be injured. What would you call that?"

"An accident," was the stolid reply.

"Yes, yes; but what else would you call it? Well, suppose that you were doing the same thing the next day; suppose you looked out of the twentieth story window and fell out, and again should find yourself not injured—now, what would you call that?"

"A coincidence," said the witness.

"Oh, come, now," the lawyer began again. "I want you to understand what a miracle is, and I'm sure you do. Now, just suppose that on the third day you were looking out of the twentieth story window and fell out, and struck your head on the pavement twenty stories below and were not in the least injured. Come, now, what would you call it?"

"Three times?" said the witness, rousing a little from his apathy. "Well, I'd call that a habit."

The reporter's preface in an early volume of Alabama reports, before the day of stenographers and their vicarious suffering for the mistakes of others, regretted the typographical errors in a former volume,

and stated that the "reporter confidently hopes" that by closer personal supervision which he will be enabled to bestow on the proof sheets, "aided by the past experience of his publishers and their increasing familiarity with the handwriting of the judges," he may have better results. Another reporter offered as one apology for such errors that the immense business of the court "allows the judges no time to copy their opinions, and they are often, so far as the manual labor is concerned, written cursive calamo."

About Noted People

John D. Rockefeller advises young men to keep a careful record of all expenditures and receipts, so that at the end of every year they may tell whether they are saving enough to provide against the inevitable rainy day. "It is," he says, "the best means of checking foolish expenditure. Most anyone," he adds, "can make money, but only a very few know how to save it."

Rev. Cortland Myers of Brooklyn tells this story of General Horace Porter: Mr. Myers spoke at a banquet and exceeded the limit allowed speakers by some forty-five minutes. General Porter, who followed him, and who, by the way, is his intimate friend, remarked that Mr. Myers as the author of the book, "Why Men Do Not Go to Church," had now given a practical illustration of the real reason.

James L. Whitney, who has been elected librarian of the Boston public library,

to succeed Herbert Putnam, is a member of the noted family of the late Josiah D. Whitney of Northampton, Mass., all of whose sons become prominent in the learned professions. The two best known of the brothers were Josiah Dwight Whitney, the geologist, and William Dwight Whitney, the philologist.

Russell Sage says in a recent interview that his good health is due largely to the fact that he had avoided social functions. "When I was in congress," he says, "Washington life was very gay. But I decided I would take my frugal habits with me. I drink in moderation, but never to excess. I met a lot of men who drank so much that they couldn't attend to anything. That doesn't pay. I kept my resolution and was very frugal in Washington."

Mr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister at Washington, is a social favorite because of his genial humor and companionable ways. At a little dinner the other night he had to answer a toast. He began with a complimentary allusion to American ways, but said there are a few things about Oriental civilization superior to our own. There had been some beastly weather that week, and

he turned to Willis Moore, the weather bureau chief, who sat close by. "For instance," he said, fiercely, "we in China would long ago have cut off this young man's head." It dazed the company for a minute, but they soon grasped the playful allusion to the weather maker and roundly greeted the remark.

A Missouri paper says that Senator Cockrell keeps in closer touch with the people of his state than any other man in the senate. One of his habits, according to capitol gossip, is to read in the senate the name of every constituent who sends him a petition. Other senators content themselves with presenting petitions in an indefinite bunch and in this impersonal fashion they are noted in the Congressional Record. Cockrell's way is different and when the Record appears there are the names of his constituents, looking very large. Forthwith to each person thus distinguished goes a copy of The Record, which is shown with much pride at the country store or crossroads postoffice and the voter is a friend of Cockrell for life.

W. E. Curtis, the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record, says: "During the discussion of the Briggs heresy case some years ago I sought an interview with Mr. Moody on 'higher criticism.' 'I'm not up to that sort of thing,' he said, with a twinkle in his eye. 'You see, I never studied theology and I'm precious glad I didn't. There are so many things in the bible that everybody can understand that I'm going to



NEW PRESIDENT IOWA STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION—W. O. RIDDELL OF DES MOINES.

preach about them until they are exhausted and then, if I have any time left, I'll take up the texts I don't understand. 'Aren't you ever asked to discuss difficult passages of scripture?' I inquired. 'Merely, yes,' answered Mr. Moody; 'almost every day, but I always answer people just as I have answered you and tell them that there are satisfaction and consolation enough in the promises of the Savior, all that anybody can want. The single verse, 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest,' contains all the theology and religion that I need, or any other man or woman.'

Pointed Paragraphs

Chicago News: Snubbing one of the 490 is an upper-cut.

Don't judge a man's bravery by his conversation.

Hope is all right when it forms a partnership with hustle.

Many a good man has worried himself crazy over a pointless joke.

The high-water mark is reached everytime the leeman presents his bill.

It's hard to follow the bent of a man's mind when he is in financial straits.

This is said to be a woman's age, yet women have little to say about their age.

Many a small boy finds he has slipped up in his calculations when the slipper comes down.

The less you talk the less likely you are to choke if compelled to swallow your words.

A good many prayers are made in private that his satanical majesty would like to have answered.

The cheeky individual usually gets there, but it is generally at the expense of some one's good opinion.

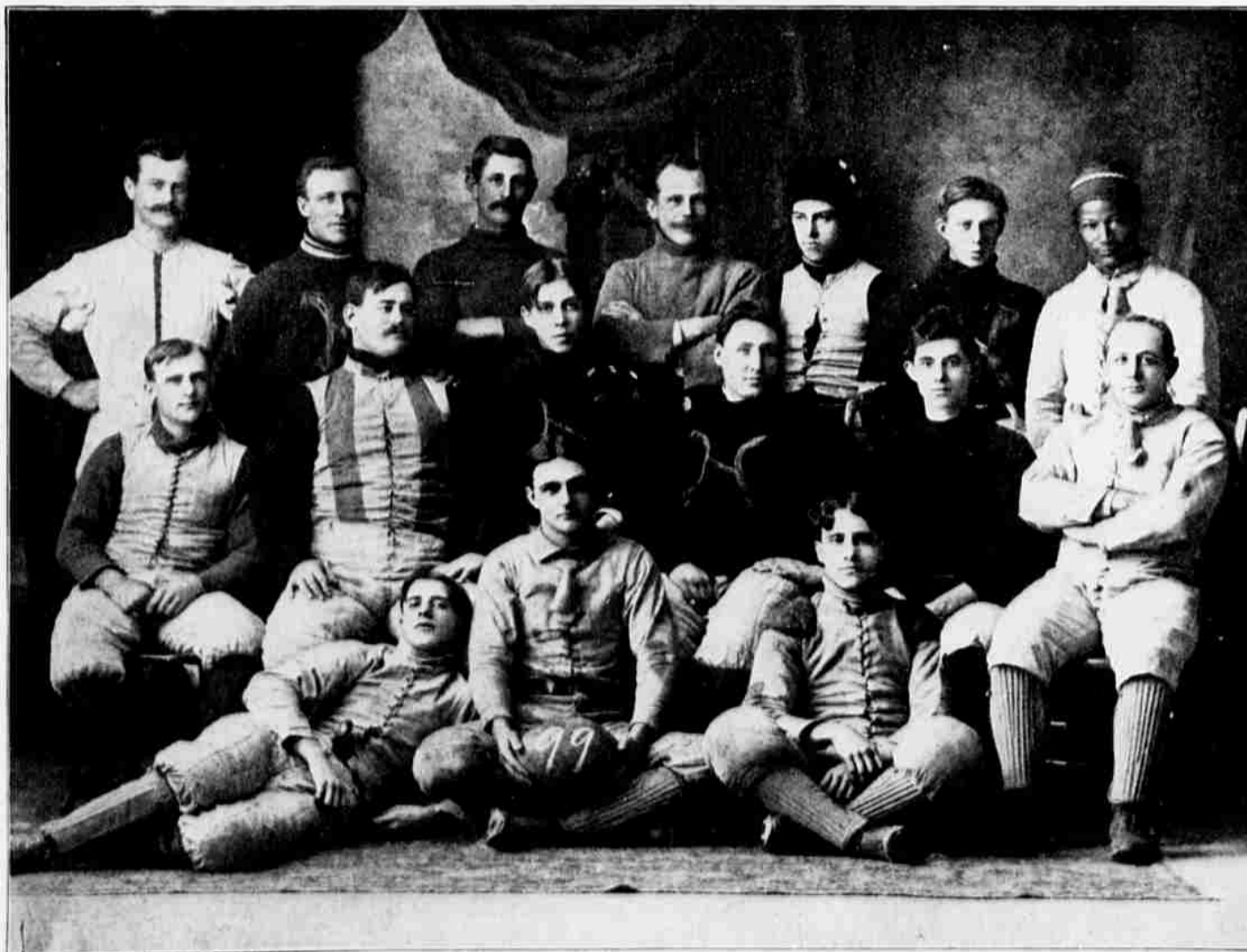
If an honest man is the noblest work of God it might be policy to keep an eye on the self-made man.

An old bachelor says there is a period in every woman's life when she scratches out the number in her shoes.

The selfish individual who lives for himself alone is usually the only person in the world to mourn his demise.

It was an Irish philosopher who said the strangest things in some newspapers are the ones that are left out.

Two persons may be able to live as cheaply as one after they are married—but they can't do as well engaged.



HASTING'S FIREMEN'S 1899 FOOT BALL TEAM.