Train Catches Cripple on Bridge. Fremont, Neb., June 18,-A man bound west, on the Pebble creek was found unopened in his pockets, dence, Mr. Holsey would like to hear bridge, east of Snyder Saturday even- He had evidently been looking for from him. ing about 8:30. Irwin was hobbling work and from the contents of the across the bridge on crutches and brief note had been disappointed in was unable to get out of the way, some "deal."

hour. Irwin at the last minute attempted His injuries consisted of an ugly scalp found. wound, two fractures of the right leg skull had been sustained.

German Day at West Point. West Point, Neb., June 18.-Special to The News: Yesterday was German day in West Point, the occasion being the tenth anniversary of the founding pally the Franco-Prussian struggle. A monster picule and reunion was held tal at once. at the Riverside park and a very large Drs. Langdon, Newell and Fitzgibnumber of people attended. The pre- bon performed an operation, removing vailing nationality of the citizens of part of the left leg and a portion of this week. The only contested case Cuming county being German, this oc. the right foot. The shock was so casion naturally appealed to their pa. great to the suffered that the physitriotic sentiments and the result was clans had small hopes of his survival. the town was crowded from early He remained in a semi-conscious state morning until late at night. The local for some time and died without reorganization numbers some fifty mem. gaining consciousness or clearing up bers, in its ranks being many of our the mystery of his identity and his most prominent and wealthy citizens, address, The weather was fine and the festivities were thoroughly enjoyed by all. WELCOMES NEW GOVERNMENT address by Very Rev. Joseph Ruesing came an organized county Tuesday. of West Point, himself a native of The county commissioners met in the Germany. Blondin's Cowboy-Indian morning. Only two were present, but shows were a feature of the day.

served in West Point, most of the of recently elected county officers business houses, all of the public build- were approved and the passing of the ings and many private residences be- Indian reservation days to the day of ing decorated with flags and bunting white man's machinery of government in honor of the day.

During the last few days growing crops have developed a wonderful growth after the abnormal wet weather, followed by warm, sunny temperature. It was seriously feared that the long, wet spell would affect the corn, but it has proved otherwise, the stand in the fields being first class, strong and healthy. While corn is a little behind the growth of a normal season it bids fair to mature on time. Small grain fields show no signs of damage and the lush grass of the meadows indicates the heaviest hav crop of years. Fruit trees are loaded down, especially apples.

Norfolk Loses Low Flour Rate.

Lincoln, June 18.-By order of the Northwestern and Burlington roads pected to draw no race lines on the Agnes Polreis, a domestic, guilty of are required by July 19 either to increase the rates on flour from several ing Indian prairie. Today it is dotted ed to pay a fine of \$100 or serve fifty stations in Nebraska that now have a with busy homesteaders, its rich soil days in the fail. The fine was immelower rate on this commodity than the rate on wheat, or the rate on wheat must be lowered to the rate on flour now enjoyed by the several favored stations. The railway commission does not say which shall be done, but it is believed there is little danger of the railroads lowering the rate on wheat. The order simply requires the roads not to collect less on flour than they collect on wheat. The order applies on the Union Pacific road from the stations of Norfolk, Schuyler, Benton, Columbus and Lambert to Omaha and relates only to car load lots. The order was issued on complaint of the Updike Milling company of Omaha, which saw that some of the milling companies in the interior of the state were getting flour shipped to be placed on the market at Omaha cheaper than the Omaha company can get the raw material shipped into Omaha. The commission finds that only 10 per cent of the milling stations on the Union Pacific have had the benefit of the lower flour rate. This is held by the commission to be a discrimination. The roads said they made the low flour rate when there were no mills in Omaha to permit interior mills to compete with Minneapolis flour. Now that Omaha has a flour mill it is different.

The rates against which the chief complaint was made are the follow-

mg.	22	
	Wheat.	Flour.
Schuyler	9.85	8.5
Columbus	10.02	8.5
Humphrey		9.98
Albion (corn)		8.5
Norfolk		9.98
The order of the cor	mmission	winee

out alleged low rates at Norfolk, until the county commissioners hold Schuyler, Columbus, Benton and Lam. another meeting and it is definitely bert on the Union Pacific: Oakdale. Pierce, Neligh, Albion, Humphrey and will be licensed in the two towns. At Norfolk on the Northwestern, and the best, there will be quite an inter-Crete, Pleasantdale, Milford, Ruby, val in which the towns will be "dry, Seward, Tamora, Staplehurst, Ulysses, and during this period the thirsty Garrison, David City, Bellwood and promise to make unusual demands Columbus on the C. B. & Q.

WAS VICTIM FROM O'NEILL?

Stranger Killed in Omaha had Note Written at O'Neill June 9.

Omaha, June 18 .- A note found in the pocket of John Brakefield, who was fatally injured in the Missouri Pacific yards near Fourteenth and Holsey of this city lays claim to the Nicholas streets at 11 o'clock Tues- longest continuous residence of any day night and died Wednesday morning at the General hospital might barring a few Indian post traders and have taken his own life in a fit of despondency.

The note was scribbled on a piece of paper and was as follows: O'Neill, Neb., June 9 .- Mr. Wads-

there. So I have quit.

though evidently he saw the train ap- Coroner Heafey took charge of the proaching. Engineer Nichols says he case and conducted an investigation saw an object huddled beside the track to establish beyond a doubt the man s on the bridge, but at first took it to identity and locate his home and relabe one of the water barrels which are tives. He held an inquest at 10 a. m. used for fire protection and did not Thursday. A memorandum book make any effort to stop the train, found in a pocket of the train vicwhich was running at forty miles an tim's coat gave an address at O'Neill, Neb.

Communication by long distance telto climb over the side of the bridge ephone with O'Neill failed to establish and was struck a glancing blow by any proof of the man's having lived the engine. He was knocked twenty there. No one by the name of John feet into the water of Pebble creek. Brakefield or Wadsworth could be

Brakefield was walking along the and numerous bruises. He was un- tracks and appeared not to hear the conscious, but it was the opinion of engine behind him. When Engineer physicians that no fracture of the F. A. Kent and Conductor A. A. Schultz heard his scream when he was run over they immediately stopped their train and investigated.

It was found the man had been run second primary teacher in the Ainsover in such a way that his left leg worth schools, was married Wedneswas cut off above the knee, and his day evening at 8 o'clock to Jefferson of the local camp of the Deutsche right foot badly mangled and crushed. Landwehr Verein, an organization of Railroad men in the yards notified the veterans of the German wars, princt- police station and the automobile removed the injured man to the hospi-

Patriotic speeches were made during Lamro, S. D., June 18.—From a the afternoon, among which was an staff correspond nt: Tripp county bethey got busy at the school house Flag day was very generally ob- about 9 o'clock and organized. Bonds became an actual fact.

New County Up to the Minute. Perhaps Tripp county is not up to

the minute? It met the expressman at the door with its birthday present, the county governmental machinery, and had the pretty new wheels whirling around in

First Tripp Wedding. The first marriage license was issued to Clara Sully and Eugene Butterfield.

And the First Divorce. The first divorce filed was by Josephine Dog Soldier. She wanted a

divorce from Mr. Dog Soldier. All of which goes to show that the morning, after being out all night, renew day of the red woman is at hand turned a verdict finding Mrs. Emma and that the white man's law is ex. Kaufmann, accused of the murder of Rosebud.

A year ago Tripp county was a rollis being laid open by a thousand plows diately paid, thus ending a case and it has a county seat, divorces and which for the past three years has marrying and giving in marriage.

John Weaver Chairman. The county commissioners elected John Weaver chairman of the board. Ed Colombe was also present, but Isaac Battelyoun is in Washington. The following bonds were approved

and accepted: State's attorney, W. B. Backus; sheriff, Gus E. Loeb; register of deeds, Fred Salter; clerk of court, Jess Wright; auditor, John Halligan; county judge, L. B. Collender. Lamro Gives Court House Block.

The village of Lamro presented the new board with block 26 for the court house, on which will be built a temporary structure.

Witten and Colome Townships. Two civil townships were organized, Witten with C. N. West, L. Longworth and J. Nelson appointed supervisors; Calome, with Chris Calombe, E. G. Johnson and Pat Sullivan for super-

DEMAND ON TOWN PUMPS.

Butler and Crandall Will be Dry After July First.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 18.-The town pumps at Butler and Crandall, two small towns in Day county, are being placed in first class condition in anticipation of a "dry" spell in the two towns immediately after the first of July. At a recent meeting of the board of county commissioners that Mr. Rice read the letters of Agnes body failed to grant licenses for saloons in the two towns for the year commencing July 1. Therefore, both towns will be "dry" after that date, or determined whether or not saloons upon the town wells. Strong efforts will be made by the license elements in both towns to induce the county commissioners to grant licenses, while the temperance elements will as strongly oppose the granting of li-

censes. Forty-three Years in Dakota. Canton, S. D., June 18 .- John H. man in eastern South Dakota, and "squaw" men, perhaps the longest resident in the whole state.

Holsey came to the territory June 3 1866 and to be specific crossed the boundary line from Iowa to Dakota worth: I have had a wrong deal out within a few minutes of 6 o'clock p.

m. of that day. He has maintained a The note was not signed and evi- continuous residence since that time,

From Valentine to Fairfax.

Fairfax, S. D., June 18 .- Donald L. Wheelock, engineer in charge of ten other surveyors, came here from Valentine, Neb., with a letter from C. H. Cornell to C. A. Johnson asking for his co-operation in the running of a survey of his electric interurban railway line from Valentine, Neb.

After looking over the ground, Mr. Wheelock began surveying at a point where Mason avenue crosses the C. & N. W. railway and running due west across the Johnson farm, in line for Naper, Neb.

This looks good for Fairfax. It is veyors are working out of Valentine.

Ainsworth Teacher Marries.

Ainsworth, Neb., June 18.-Special for a number of years has been the Johnson, a prominent young ranchman living near Johnstown.

Mrs. J. R. Carson Gets Divorce. Stanton, Neb., June 18 .- Special to The News: Judge Graves closed a short session of the district court here which Mrs. Carson obtained a decree of divorce against her husband, John

Brown County Commissioner Resigns. row, the commissioner from Long er, were married last Saturday, Pine, tendered his resignation Thurs day and will go to Presho, S. D. W. E. Daugherty of Long Pine will probably be appointed as his successor.

THIRD BANK AT NEWMAN GROVE

The O'Sheas Incorporate the Shell

Creek Valley State Bank. Madison, Neb., June 18 .- Special to Tuesday of this week for the third bank at Newman Grove, with a capital stock of \$15,000, to be known as The incorporators are Thomas O'Shea. the First National bank of Newman the guilty parties. Grove changed hands, Senator C. H. Randall selling his stock, which was a controlling interest, to E. H. Gerhart.

Simple Battery Kaufmann Verdict. Flandreau, S. D., June 18.—The jury in the Kaufmann murder case this

She was, under this verdict, sentence been the sensation of this part of the

state. The jury in the first trial disagreed The second trial resulted in convic tion of Mrs. Kaufmann of manslaughter in the second degree.

Mrs. Kaufmann is the wife of Sioux Falls brewer.

KAUFMANN CASE TO JURY.

Final Stage of the Case Was Reached Thursday Evening. Flandreau, S. D., June 18.-The case

of the state against Mrs. Kaufmann for the alleged murder of her servant girl. Agnes Polreis, was given to the jury at 5:30 o'clock last evening.

Attorney Rice, closing for the de fense, devoted a great part of his at tention to Peter Erickson, star witness for the state, pointing out from the point of view of the defense the inconsistencies in the testimony of Erickson. Mr. Rice was very severe in his condemnation of Erickson, referring to him as "worse than a beast." because he did not aid the girl if her condition was as serious as Erickson's testimony indicated. Mr. Rice charged the attorneys for the prosecution with unfairness in the manner of framing the hypothetical question asked the medical experts, and declared that Drs Sweeney and Crafts, of St. Paul, medical experts for the prosecution, were simply hired witnesses for the state. Polreis to her parents and to friends

in Germany. The effort of Attorney Rice is said by his friends here to have been the best of his life.

Board of Equalization Adjourns. Madison, Neb., June 18.-The board of equalization adjourned last evening until 2 p. m. Monday afternoon. Noth ing has been done so far in the way of equalizing precincts. The county clerk was instructed to correct tax lists for 1903 and 1908 by striking tax for the city of Norfolk on Ward's Additional Suburban lots, the same having been assessed erroneously as city property.

A regular meeting of the board of county commissioners will convene next Monday at 9 a. m., when the blds for county supplies will be opened and considered.

Totally uninteresting ads of wholly interesting stores would be, commer cially, a calamity-but there are not any such things.

Haven't you a drop of the "homehunting fever" in your veins? Look at the ads.

Children Escape an Accident.

Lyons, Neb., June 18 .- Two twin mules, 10,957. of 65. John Irwin, an old soldier of dently was left unfinished. Brakefield a period of forty-three years, and if children, belonging to F. B. Rohda of The report further shows that dur-Fort Wayne, Ind., was hit by the was "dead broke," having spent his there is any person now a resident in this place, doubtless owe their lives, ing the year 1908, 1,087 head of cattle robbery or a holdup. Northwestern Scribner branch train, last penny for a box of snuff, which the state who can prove a longer rest while playing in the direct path of a and 2,008 hogs died of prevailing disrunaway team, to the fact that the eases. horses struck a tree, when one of them was instantly killed and the other released from the vehicle. Had this not stopped them, the children could after July 1 there will be no more ment was the result of a leap year not have escaped, as they were in the cigarets smoked in public within this joke, was solemnized on Monday at direct pathway and so close that they state and it will be unlawful to sell the residence of the bride's parents. were missed by less than two feet by the makings of the little "coffin nail" Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Lindquist, 725 Mathe released horse. The team was a to anyone under the age of 21 years. | rion street. valuable one and belonged to Carl The stringent law which was passed Cawthorne, a farmer here, who had at the recent session of the legisla- avenue, gave a leap year party New

District Rebekahs in Session. understood that another party of sur- session was held, and the following of cigaret wrappers or anything made or

ficers elected for the coming year: Mrs. Aller of Wakefield, president; dent; Mrs. Harrison of Wakefield, secto The News: Miss Ada Gould, who retary; Mrs. Schulties of Wayne, treas- and upon conviction shall for the first THE JONAH OF SOUTH DAKOTA. warden.

> R. R. Larson, C. St. P. M. & O. home of his brother, J. B. Larson.

Business Changes in the Northwest. The First National bank of Bristow. Neb., has been authorized to begin tried was the Carson divorce case, in vice president and J. K. Moore is state. cashier.

Northwest Weddings.

Mont Shinn of Bloomfield, a M. &

SEINING LAKE ANDES.

of Strangers.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 18 .- Sportsjoining counties are very indignant because of the receipt of information sentence. to the effect that unknown persons are engaged in seining in a wholesale The News: A charter was granted manner at Lake Andes, a fine body of water in Charles Mix county. The seining is a clear violation of the state law, and the authorities are makthe practice and bring the guilty par-John J. O'Shea, Mollie O'Shea and ties to justice. Notice has been given Mark O'Shea. Thomas O'Shea is the that one-half the fine imposed will be president of the Farmers National given the person or persons who furbank of this city. A few weeks ago nish the proof necessary to convict

> "A Hard Luck" for Carpenters. Orchard, Neb., June 18.-Special to The News: J. C. Butler, a carpenter of Orchard, was found dead in bed yesterday by his wife.

Mr. Butler had worked at his trade to rest a while. His wife, seeing him Banking association, presumably in nothing serious will result from asleep, thought she would not disturb the interests of the action to set very unfortunate occurrence. him, so left him to sleep for the night, aside, as unconstitutional, the state He lay face downward as he had bank guarantee deposit law. gone to sleep.

The doctors pronounced his case heart disease.

Off Week With Orchard Carpenters. J. Hoskinson had the misfortune to dress the old soldiers. step on a nail and lay him off from

work for a few days. T. F. Ryan, while working with a circular gasoline saw, had his attensaw, cutting two fingers and thumb. The fingers had to be amputated at was directed by the mayor to kill the thumb can be saved.

Must Unhat in Church.

Nebraska City, Neb., June 18.-The official board of the Methodist church met and issued an order that all ladies who enter the church must remove their hats and have instructed their janitors to enforce the order. At the Presbyterian church a similar order was issuel last week. The other churches will fall in line.

Colorea "Mammy" Burns.

Kearney, Neb., June 18 .- A shocking accident occurred yesterday morning about 10:30 at the city hall, where the women of the Christian church tending the state Sunday school convention.

An old colored 'mammy," known as Hagar, an ex-slave, who knows no other name, and who for years has made her home with the family of ex-

Mayor Strong, was acting as cook, She attempted to fill the gasoline reservoir from a pitcher without extinguishing the blaze. The gasoline ignited and all her clothing was instantly ablaze. She rushed into another room where the women attempted to extinguish the blaze without success and, rushing down stairs to the street, she was caught by several men who wrapped her in a blanket taken from a carriage nearby. She was taken to the Kearney hos-

Knox County Statistics.

pital and was not expected to live.

Bloomfield, Neb., June 19.-Now that the deputy assessors of Knox county have completed their work, and resessed valuation, the statistics concerning the agricultural conditions of cows is given at 16,771; all other cat- more comfortable climes. Milbank is the reply.

Ban On Cigarettes.

neglected to tie the team when he ture, almost without a dissenting vote. Year's eve and proposal games were

is as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person by himself, clerk, servant, em- demanding their hands in marriage. Laurel, Neb., June 18.-The district playe or agent, directly or indirectly, Rebekah association met here with upon any pretense or by any device an elig & contestant after Miss Lindover fifty delegates in attendance, being the largest attendance the associ-dispose of, or give away or keep for him. Rising, he announced that he ation ever had. A most interesting sale, any cigarets, cigaret papers, or accepted her in earnest. prepared for the purpose of being fill. on that occasion served as wedding ated with tobacco for smoking; and tendants last evening. The Rev. A. H. Mrs. Carter of Winside, vice presidency person for the violation of the Armstrong officiated. same shall be guilty of a misdemeanor urer: Miss Gertie Grosvenor of Laurel, offense pay a fine of not less than \$10 hor more than \$25, and the costs of the Rudolph Kroll for Thirty Years has prosecution, and stand committed to agent at Nacora, was married here the county jail until such costs are yesterday to Miss Lizzie Larson of paid, and for the second and each sub-Omaha, the ceremony being at the sequent offense, shall pay, upon conviction thereof, a fine of not more than \$100 and the costs of prosecution, or be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed thirty days.

"Provided, that the provision hereof

"Any person under 21 years who shall smoke or use cigarets in any park, or other lands used for public O. freight conductor, and Miss Francis purposes, or in any public place of and grounds were damaged to a con-Ainsworth, Neb., June 18 .- J. A. Gar- Leslie, a Wayne county school teach- business shall be arrested by any officer of the law, cognizant of such offense; and, further, it shall be the duty of all such officers upon complaint of a citizen to arrest such offenders and before that time had suffered dam-Sportsmen Are Indignant Over Work take them to the proper court. The court shall impose a punishment at its as far back as 1877 suffered losses discretion in any sum not to exceed by high water and floods. At that men throughout Charles Mix and ad- \$10, or imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed five days for each full

"Any person who harbors any person under 20 years of age, or grants destroyed. the privilege of gathering upon or frequenting any property or lands held by him for the purpose of finding in by floods, he expects that a fitting clithe Shell Creek Valley State bank. ing strenuous efforts to put a stop to be held to the same penalty as probe his death some day by drowning. the use of cigarets in any form shall vided in section I of this act; provided, that no part of this act shall be construed so as to interfere with the

Allen to Fight Bank Law?

Monday, June 21, Senator and Mrs. Allen will attend the reunion of Mr. Allen's regiment, the thirty-second Iowa, at Eldora, Ia., where he will ad-

Defies the Game Warden.

Lincoln, Neb., June 19 .- State Game Warden Gelius is back from his tion attracted by another workman personal interview with the red haired and his left hand brushed against the mayor of Auburn, and Mr. Gelius is up a stump. The town marshal, who the first joints, but the doctors think off the squirrels in town because of the rabies-infected one that bit two children, was acquitted on the charge of violating the state law by the jury which tried him, and the only recourse Gelius has is to file complaints somewhere else, but there is no legal assurance that he can maintain an action anywhere else than in the county where the offense was com-

mitted. Warden Gelius and the mayor had an exciting session. The warden told be sold so that they could buy them the mayor the slaughter of squirrels must stop. The mayor says that it wouldn't stop, and in Gelius' presence telephoned the marshal to go out and kill some more squirrels. The mayor says he also offered to go out and are serving meals to the delegates at- kill one himself so that Gelius might arrest him. Gelius says that the mayor didn't kill any in his presence. although he shook a few dead ones under his nose.

> NO "HANDOUTS" FOR HOBOES. Milbank Police Issue Meal Tickets to Citizens.

Milbank, S. D., June 19.—Charles Sutcliffe has solved the question of 99-76 was purchased by "Dad" Burpee getting rid of begging hoboes and bums. He has had printed several of Lamro, at \$55 per acre. The s1/2 thousand meal tickets as follows: of s1/2 of section 16-99-79 was purthousand meal tickets, as follows: Good For

ONE MEAL.

On application to Chief of POLICE, MILBANK, S. D.

These he distributed to every store office and residence in the city. When a hobo goes to the business man and begs "two bits" with which to get a square meal he is handed one of these tickets. If he tries the back door turned their books to the county route obliging housewife hands him a clerk's office, in addition to the as- meal ticket. If he is in earnest and will work, and will show his willingness, he will get something to eat, and the county are available. According if he is a professional hobo he is drivto these statistics, Knox county is di- en out of town. The effect of this vided into 1,770 farms, farmed by method is very quieting to the bum 3,615 adult male persons; 122,463 acres and he does not stay in the city any are planted to corn, 76,178 acres to length of time. If he is caught in the oats, 3,369 acres to barley, and 1,072 railway yards or loitering around afacres to potatoes. In the orchards of ter dark, or when the police make the county are planted 24,063 apple their nightly roundup, he gets about trees, 8,735 plum trees and 1,369 three feet of rubber hose across his peach trees. The number of milch legs, and Mr. Hobo is soon making for

tle, 33,540; hogs, 37,847 and horses and freer of hoboes than any city of its size in the northwest. In ten years there has not been a case of house

Leap Year Joke Makes Her Bride. Chicago, June 18 .- The wedding of Miss Alice Lindquist and Charles S. Pierre, S. D., June 19.-From and Ferguson of Oak Park, whose engage-

> Miss Elsie Mundt of 835 Bellefort played, in which the girls were required to kneel before the young men, Mr. Ferguson declared he was not

The young people who were present

Been Flood Victim Heavily Losing.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 19 .- Special to The News: That he is the Jonah of South Dakota so far at least as damage sustained by floods is concerned is the claim of Rudolph Kroll, a well known resident of Spearfish, whose home for some years has been business with a capital of \$25,000. F. shall not apply to the sale of jobbers on the banks of Spearfish creek. He M. Widner is president, F. W. Woods doing interstate business outside the was one of the heaviest individual losers by the recent cloudburst and flood in that portion of the Black Hills, machinery and other property to the value of several thousand dollars beform, on any public highway, street, longing to him having been a comsiderable extent by the high water and flood.

Five years ago his place was badly damaged by a similar flood, and even age by high water in the creek. Kroll time he was the owner of yards and a livery establishment in Poorman gulch, and all of the moveable property was washed down the gulch and

Kroll now expresses the opinion that n view of the losses he has sustained max to his experience with water will

Dog Bites Blomfield Oil Man. Bloomfield, Neb., June 19 .- H. D. right of parents or lawful guardians Van Campen, president and promoter in the rearing and management of of the Bloomfield Oil and Gas company their minor heirs or wards within the was bitten on the leg by a dog some bounds of their own private premises." days ago and no attention was paid to the bite at first, but a few days later the leg commenced to give him Madison, Neb., June 19.-Special to great pain and to swell badly, and The News: Senator William V. Allen since then he has been laid up at his was called to Omaha yesterday by apartments at the Commercial hotel. all day Wednesday and came home John L. Webster to confer with the While he is suffering great pain, his quite tired that evening, lying down executive committee of the State physicians have strong hopes that

> Is It a Railroad Townsite? Dallas, S. D., June 19.-Special to The News: The first sale of state school land in Tripp county occurred at Lamro on Tuesday. Superintendent of Schools and Pub.ic Lands O. C. Dokken was there to conduct the sale. Ernest A. Jackson of Dallas,

was the auctioneer. The state did not wish to sell any of the school land in Tripp county at this time, but two sections and a quarter had been advertised by spec ial request, and all kinds of rumors were affoat as to who had asked that this land be sold. Superintendent Dokken explained that the land was put up for sale at the special request of parties who had a particular reason for wanting the land, but he did not explain who these parties were or for what purpose they wanted the

land. One rumor was to the effect that the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company had asked that these lands for townsite purposes. Another rumor was to the effect that the Bur lington road had asked that section 16-99-79 be sold so that they could buy this for a terminal to the extension they propose to build into Tripp county.

The state evidently knew that the land was wanted for townsite purposes as they placed the appraisment quite high for prairie land forty to fifty miles from a railroad, it being appraised at \$40 to \$55 per

The land offered for sale was the nw44 of section 29-99-76, all of section 16-100-79, and all of section 16-100-79. The sw1/4 of the sw1/4 of 29chased by Eugene Barnum of Dallas, S. D., for \$40 per acre, and the s1/2 of the n1/2 of the same section was purchased by G. F. Matoushek of Gregory at \$40 per acre. There was a well defined rumor to the effect that Mr Barnum was bidding this land in for the B. & M. railway.

What the Hammer Was For.

A gunner of the British garrison ar tillery who had successfully passed the blacksmith's course was at home on furlough, wearing the hammer and pinchers on his arm, when he was accosted by a civillan who asked what the decoration was for. "Oh," replied Tommy facetiously,

"I'm an army dentist." "I see," said the civilian. "Of course the pinchers are for extracting the teeth, but what is the idea of the ham-

mer?" "Well, you see, some of the chaps are a bit nervous, so we use the hammer to chloroform them with," was A Better Place.

There was ple for dessert, and the small son of the hostess, taking advantage of the presence of company, pleaded for a second helping and got it. After he had eaten it all he showed signs of distress and was soon howl-

ing lustily and doubled up with pain. A rather prim lady who was present said to the boy's mother: "He's got no business to yell like that. If he were my child he'd get a good sound spanking."

"He deserves it," the mother admitted. "I don't believe, though, in spanking him on a full stomach."

"Neither do I," said the visitor, "but you can turn him over."

Laughter.

Worry stalked along the road, Trouble sneaking after, Then Black Care and Grief and Goad, Enemies to Laughter

But old Laughter, with a shout, Rose up and attacked Put the sorry pack to rout,

Walloped 'em and whacked 'em, Laughter frivols day and night. Sometimes he's a bubble But he bath a deal of might

-John Kendrick Bangs in Ainslee's Mag-

Liked the Treatment.

In a bout with Trouble.

A slater who was engaged upon the roof of a house in Glasgow fell from the ladder and lay in an unconscious state upon the pavement. One of the pedestrians in the street who rushed to the aid of the poor man chanced to have a flask of spirits in his pocket, and, to revive him, began to pour a little down his throat.

"Canny, mon, canny," said a man looking on, "or you'll choke him." The "unconscious" slater opened his

eyes and said quietly, "Pour awa", mon, pour awa'; ye're doin' fine."

Storming the Winning Post.

William IV. of England, who was bred to the sea, had no particular predilection for horse racing, but he so far interested himself in the sport as to take up his brother's stud to run out the engagement of George IV. Just previous to the first appearance of the royal stud in his name the trainer sought an interview to know what was the royal pleasure-how many horses the king would send down. How the trainer must have stared when he heard the sailor king, as if giving a command for a three decker to fire a broadside, order the whole stud, upward of 100 horses, to be let off at one shot for a single race!

"Send down the whole squad!" said the king. "Some of them, I suppose, will win."

Willing to Please. A large and elegant hetel furnished on the most luxurious lines was erected at a fashionable resort. A magnificent orchestra performed every evening in the hotel dining room, but on one occasion, out of season, the house was so empty that the manager dispatched the following telegraph message to the head offices of the company: "Only one guest, but orchestra of thirty.

What shall I do?" And the prompt reply came, "If guest dissatisfied, engage six more musicians!"

Why He Got Married. A \$900 per annum clerk in one of Uncle Sam's departments at Washington was recently approached by a coworker who asked if it were true, as rumor had it, that the \$900 person was

about to marry. "It is," was the laconic response. "Surely, old man," said the other, with that freedom permitted an intimate friend, "you don't think that your present income would justify you

in taking a wife." "To be perfectly frank," said the other, "I do not." "Then what on earth can be your reason for taking this serious step?"

"I have no reason," was the calm

response. "I am in love."-Lippincott's.

Humor of the Stump. During a warm political campaign an "old timer" took the stump. Whether he gathered many lost sheep into the fold of his party or not, he certainly did not detract from the humor of the situation. On one occasion a growd of people gathered to hear him

"Fellow citizens," he roared, "our opponents are resorting to every form of vileness, to dishonest and underhand tricks, to inconceivable meanness, to the corruption of voters, but we warn them"-his thunder shook the roof-"we warn them, fellow citizens, that that is a game that two can play at!"

Courage. Courage is a virtue that the young cannot spare; to lose it is to grow old before the time. It is better to make a thousand mistakes and suffer a thousand reverses than run away from battle.-Henry Van Dyke.

Long Out of the Sea.

Mr. Gaynor, an Irishman celebrated for his good humor, was dining one Friday with a friend, and fish was the only meat served. Gaynor was particularly fond of haddock and seated himself near a fine specimen. His olfactory nerves, however, soon made him aware that the fish was not too fresh. He first lowered his mouth toward the head of the fish and then his ear, as if conversing with it. The woman of the house, perceiving his peculiar motions, asked him whether he wished anything.

"Nothing." replied Gaynor, "nothing at all, madam. I was merely asking this haddock whether he could give me any news of my friend, Captain Murphy, who was drowned last Monday, but he tells me that he knows nothing of the matter, for he himself hasn't been to sea these three weeks."

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