

**HARDY'S COLUMN**

We feel like justifying the course pursued by our president in regard to keeping a half colored postmistress in office or closing the office. The southern men need a little punching with sharp sticks. Nineteen out of twenty of the half colored population in the south have white fathers. For a man to so hate his own children is not human and even worse than devilish. No white man has ground for complaint when a white man's child is appointed to office.

We were told by one of the business managers of Bryan's Commoner that their circulation was over one hundred and forty thousand and that they used sixteen thousand pounds of paper every week. Five or six hayrack wagon loads of mail bags are hauled to the cars over hay scales without going through the Lincoln postoffice. The Commoner is devoted to the discussion of public questions.

The reason Mexico and other silver nations are making such progress in agriculture and manufacturing is clear to be seen. Mexico, for instance, gets a premium of one hundred per cent upon every beef she swims across the Rio Grande and sells on this side. If she gets ten dollars of our money she can exchange it for twenty Mexican dollars. If we swim a beef across and sell it over there for ten Mexican dollars they will be worth only five on this side. That gives silver countries a hundred per cent the advantage over us in trades either way.

How William Cody gained the nickname "Buffalo Bill." In the days of wild buffalo he was a great hunter and a great story teller. He told that one day he was out hunting and a big buffalo bull came at him; he fired at the old fellow, but missed. The buffalo came rushing at him with his head down and his horns projecting; he knew it would do no good to run, so he waited until the old fellow got near enough he stepped on the top of his head, ran the length of his back, jumped off behind and ran one way and the buffalo kept on the other way. He was known as Buffalo Bill after that.

It does seem no more than just, that railroad property, inside of city limits, should be assessed for city taxation not according to length of track inside, but according to real value of property. For county and state taxation the present system is not objectionable. Dividing the whole value of the road by the length of the main track and then let counties tax according to number of miles in the county is not unjust. The city of Lincoln has to support the police and fire departments and the railroad property is protected the same as other property and why should it not be taxed just the same according to value? The law granting cities the right to make a separate city assessment let the railroads out by paying half the taxes they paid the city before. The city property was about doubled in assessment and the per cent levy was about half. The assessment of railroad property was not raised, but the levy was halved. Justice would require the law repealed

**PILES**

We have the only absolute successful and best treatment for itching, bleeding, protruding piles and other rectal diseases. We know it, because we have cured thousands of men and women during the last twenty years and can produce testimonials as proof.

A pile operation by knife, injection of poisonous acids, crushing clamps, ligature and cauterizing with red hot irons in raw sores is filled with death danger and never cures.

The Hermit Treatment is a Home Treatment easy to use and always successful. Never fails. Our statements are truthful. We do as we promise. We refer to former pile sufferers cured by our treatment.

If you have been deceived before or spent money for an unsuccessful operation, write or call on us.

**WITNESSES.**—We will give names on request.  
Case 1207.—This is to certify that the Hermit Rectal Home Treatment can, will and does cure any case of piles. I have had piles since 1861, and have tried dozens of remedies, but none helped me until I received your treatment. (Cognac, Kan.)

Case 1205.—Did not expect a cure in such a short time. (Ronaliss, N. Y.)

Case 1202.—I am happy to inform you I am entirely cured. (Bryson, Miss.)

Case 1176.—Although I have doubted all along I now know your treatment cured me. (Randolph, Ill.)

Case 1174.—After using your treatment two months am perfectly cured. Was treated by doctors for three years. No relief. (Chicago, Ill.)

Case 1144.—I am well, and your treatment cured me. (Leland Oregon.)

Case 1154.—Your treatment acted like a charm. I am entirely cured. (Chicago, Ill.)

Case 1153.—Six years of pile pain, paid one doctor \$75.00 for a miserable failure, but your treatment cured me at once. (Chicago, Ill.)

**Hermit Remedy Co.**  
738 Adams Express Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

or else the city given power to raise the assessment of railroad property the same as other city property.

A new lottery has been invented, known as the guessing lottery. It is just as much a gambling scheme as the old Louisiana lottery and should be treated the same way. No paper advertising a guessing match should be allowed to go by mail nor any circular. A man in Nashville, Tenn., has just drawn five thousand dollars on a guessing match in Georgia. They guessed on the number of bales of cotton in certain places.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy; all play and no work makes him a mere toy. A boy better be dull and dwarfed by work than to be a worthless top. Too much is being done to keep children at play and not allowing them to learn to work. Easy work and reasonable length of days should be the fate of every child at his earliest play age. Playing, schooling and working should go hand in hand. If there was more opportunity for boys and girls to work and earn a little money in Lincoln it would be much better for our city children.

What is to be the end of force strikes? Are strikers going to arm themselves and force employers to yield to their demands? Are employees going to dictate how business must be run? and the owners of property pushed out? Can we establish an arbitration court, with authority to imprison employers and employees if they do not obey its decisions? Or is it possible to give cities, states and general government a controlling and directing power over all public utilities? Of course nothing in that line can be done as long as millionaires and corporation trusts own, control and run the government. They do not seem to entirely run the present president. We hope if we ever have such a vicious strike in Lincoln as they are having in South Bend, Ind., and have had in other places, that the city authorities will join with the street car company, house the cars and suspend operations for three months, or until motormen and conductors enough are ready, individually, to sign a labor contract for a year with approved bondsmen as surety. We can foot it and live a year without a street car. It would be a blessing if half the labor men were compelled to leave the cities.

Towne and Bryan are subjects of great scorn and derision because of the wealth they have accumulated during the last six years. No tariff has helped them, no money law, no banking law, no corporation or trust, no finger have they had in our public treasury and yet Towne is assessed in New York city fifty thousand dollars. Bryan has moved out onto a farm, so his loose property is assessed as a farmer, not for city taxation.

We can remember back fifty years when abolitionists, free soilers and republicans were ridiculed, egged and spit upon about as the socialists, populists and Bryanites are today. It has only taken four years of war and forty years of freedom to convert all the people, men, women and children, over to the same doctrine. We have faith to believe that the same overturn will happen again.

The bubonic plague is making fearful ravages in California and Mexico.

What a change. A few years ago the highest class of women were the uneducated, submissive, good-looking. To own property, to do business or earn wages was a disgrace. Especially was it a disgrace for them to plan self-support. Everything in a business line must be done in a father's or husband's name and if they were both dead some administrator or guardian must manage her property. Women must not appear in public; they must not seek intelligence or have any opinions of their own. The greatest modern blessing to the race is the educational tendency to qualify young women for self-support. A man must be decent now in order to get a decent wife even though he may be wealthy. One of the modern means of intelligence among women are their club meetings. There are some foolish card and basket ball clubs just as there are among men, but they are few; intelligence is the ruling feature of women clubs. The marriage ceremony once pledged the woman to obey the man, but that has been dropped. Husband and wife are not equal yet before the law, but the tendency is that way slowly.

H. W. HARDY.

To make cows pay, use Sharples Cream Separators Book "Business Dairying" & Cat. 270 free W. Chester, Pa.

**\$15.00** To Billings.  
**\$20.00** Butte, Helena, Salt Lake and Ogden.  
**\$22.50** To Spokane.  
**\$25** Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, San Francisco and Los Angeles, via the Burlington daily February 15th to April 30th, 1903.



**City Ticket Office**  
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Telephone No. 235

**Burlington Depot**  
7th St., between P and Q  
Tel. Burlington 1290.

**SPECIAL MARKET LETTER**

FROM NYE & BUCHANAN CO., LIVE STOCK COMMISSION MERCHANTS, SO. OMAHA, NEB.

The week opened with a firmer feeling in the cattle market, prices advancing 10c to 20c. Receipts for three days only about 9,000 and continued light receipts will no doubt bring a still further advance. There is a better demand for good beef steers this week. We quote best beef steers \$4.50 to \$5.25, good \$4.00 to \$4.40, warmed-up \$3.85 to \$4.25; choice cows \$3.40 to \$3.90, fair to good \$3.00 to \$3.40, canners and cutters \$1.50 to \$2.75; stockers and feeders in limited supply; good \$4.00 to \$4.50, fair \$3.25 to \$3.75; bulls slow sale at \$2.00 to \$3.25; veal \$4.00 to \$6.50.

About 18,500 hogs received three days this week. Market strong. Range \$6.50 to \$6.82 1/2.

Sheep market active and steady. Feeders scarce here. Killers.  
Lambs ..... \$5.00-\$5.75  
Yearlings ..... 4.70- 5.20  
Wethers ..... 4.50- 4.85  
Ewes ..... 3.25- 4.25

**THROUGH MAGICAL SCENES**

**A Seventeen-Mile Drive Over the Most Remarkable Highway in the World**

One of the chief attractions of the Hotel Del Monte is the Seventeen-mile Drive, unquestionably the most remarkable highway in the world. It was constructed by the Pacific Improvement company for the pleasure of the hotel guests, and is macadamized throughout with the disintegrated granite which underlies the peninsula and of which the perfect walks and drives in the grounds of the hotel are constructed. Neither dust nor mud is ever possible on this famous drive. In its course it passes through Monterey and Pacific Grove on the bay shore, cuts through the forest to the north end of the peninsula, swings westwardly to the Pacific ocean, then southeastwardly to Carmel bay, and thence over the ridge back to Monterey and the Hotel Del Monte. Every one of its seventeen miles brings something new, strange, and wonderful into view—natural beauties and marvels wholly distinct and singularly fascinating. The Hotel Del Monte is provided with stables completely equipped with the best in the way of horses, vehicles, drivers, and guides, and the charges are modest.

Beginning at the hotel, the drive passes the bathing pavilion, traverses the streets of Monterey, comes within sight of the monument erected July 7, 1896, by Mrs. Jane Stanford, in honor of Junipero Serra, runs through Pacific Grove, and then swings sharply to the west and bores its winding way through the forest. Before this is done, however, we may drive straight on through Monterey to the old lighthouse on Point Pinos, and note where the bicycle road turns out to the left and runs down to beautiful Lake Majella, near which are dazzling white sandhills, from which glass is made.

The direct and most comfortable route to these magical scenes is over the Union Pacific. Literature giving full information can be obtained by addressing E. B. Slosson, agent, 1044 O st., Lincoln, Neb.

Henry Huckins, the Nebraska Blizzard editor, accuses Bion Cole, the Western Newspaper Union manager, of trying to blue pencil certain pungent paragraphs that Huck purposed to inflict on a long-suffering public. It is rather tough when a job printer undertakes to censor the work he is doing. Huck did right to jump that print house and try the Country Publishers' company.

Some men hitch their wagons to stars and then throw their weight against the brakes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.**

**MEXICO CALIFORNIA** Special Tours to Mexico and California via the Illinois Central and New Orleans, under the auspices of Raymond & Whitcomb, will leave Chicago and St. Louis February 21 and March 14. Entire trip made in special private vestibule trains of finest Pullmans with superb dining car service. Fascinating trips complete in every detail.

**CUBA** The second Illinois Central Excursion to Cuba will leave Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Louisville Feb. 13, 1903, reaching same points on the return Feb. 24. A delightful voyage across the Gulf of Mexico, a six days' stay on the island of Cuba, including a visit to Havana, Matanzas, the Valley of Yumuri, the Caves of Belle Mar and other interesting points under the escort of the American Tourist Association. Rates from the points mentioned will be \$160 for the round trip, which amount will include all expenses everywhere. Itineraries, giving full particulars, of your local Illinois Central ticket agent.

**MARDI GRAS, NEW ORLEANS, LA.** On February 17th to 22d inclusive, the Illinois Central Railroad will sell round trip tickets to New Orleans, at rate of one fare for the round trip, with liberal return limit, and allowing stop-over privileges in both directions.

For particulars and copy of Mardi Gras booklet; also "New Orleans for the Tourist" address W. H. BRILL, D. P. A., Omaha, Neb.

**NEW ORLEANS** A delightfully unique city for the tourist to visit. Winter tourist rates now in effect. Double daily service and fast steam-heated vestibule trains with through sleeping cars, buffet-library smoking car service and all meals en route in dining cars. Ask for an illustrated book on New Orleans.

**FLORIDA** Through "Dixie Flyer" Sleeping Car Lines, St. Louis to Jacksonville, and Chicago to Jacksonville. Route via Nashville, Chattanooga and Atlanta.

**CALIFORNIA** Personally conducted Weekly Excursion Cars through to Los Angeles and San Francisco as follows: Via New Orleans and the Southern Route every Wednesday from Chicago; every Tuesday and Friday from Cincinnati. Via Omaha and the Scenic Route every Friday night from Chicago.

**HOT SPRINGS, ARK.** Through Sleeping Car between Chicago and Hot Springs, carried on the Central's fast Pullman vestibule "Limited" train. Send for book describing this most interesting of health and pleasure resorts.

**HOMESEEKERS** The Passenger Department of the Illinois Central Railroad Company is issuing monthly circulars concerning fruit growing, vegetable gardening, stock raising, dairying, etc., in the States of Kentucky, West Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana. Every Farmer or Homeseeker, who will forward his name and address will be mailed free Circulars Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and others as they are published from month to month, on application to J. F. MERRY, A. G. P. A., I. C. R. R., Dubuque, Iowa.

**Full Particulars** concerning all of the above can be had of agents of the Illinois Central, or by addressing the nearest of the undersigned representatives of the "Central."  
A. H. HANSON, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill.  
J. F. MERRY, G. P. A., Dubuque, Iowa.

**I. H. Hatfield—Attorney NOTICE.**

In compliance with the laws of the state of Nebraska, and especially in compliance with chapter 16 thereof entitled "Corporations the president and a majority of the board of directors hereby give notice that all the existing debts of the Cushman Motor Company, of Lancaster county, Nebraska, amount to the sum of no dollars. E. P. Coleman, M. A. Warren, Lee Arnett, L. S. Cushman, E. B. Cushman, directors and H. W. Davis, president.

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The kind words some men have carved on their tombstones would have made their lives brighter.