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Photographs of Animal Motions.
Since 1887 Mr. Edward Muybridge has been engaged in photographing animals in motion; his later researches being aided by a grant of \$30,000 from the University of Pennsylvania. His perfected apparatus consists of three batteries of cameras, each with two cameras, so arranged that an electric current opens the shutter successively with intervals of 1-20th of a second, giving exposures of 1-5,000th of a second. The pictures are now photo-engraved, and a set of less than 781 plates has been made, each containing a series of from twelve to thirty pictures representing successive instantaneous phases of movement. About 500 of the plates represent men, women and children, nude and in costume, in successive phases of walking, running, jumping, dancing, bathing, swimming, wrestling, boxing and other exercises. The rest of the plates give similar studies of the various gaits of horses, oxen, mules, deer, elephants, camels, raccoons, apes, sloths and other quadrupeds, as well as of the flight of birds. Many of the photographs were lately exhibited in London, exciting much interest.

A Blackmailer Exposed.
The following appeared in the Lincoln Journal of June 21st, as a special from Boonington, Ill., and as the game may have been tried on some of the teachers of Sioux county, we republish the article entire:
About a year ago a great many school teachers in central Illinois received packages of ornamental cards from C. W. Slagel, of Davenport, Neb. They came in each instance wholly unsolicited and a number of the teachers wrote to Slagel, refusing to accept them and offering to return them if postage were remitted. Some returned them, paying the postage. Within the past few days those who thus returned cards have received letters demanding pay for the cards and threatening exposure if this demand was refused. These circulars are printed evidently with a rubber stamp imitation of type-writer. They are headed "Nebraska Art and Publishing Company, C. W. Slagel, Manager, Davenport, Neb. Also 'Teachers' Herald, circulation 100,000.' The circulars say in part: "We have investigated this matter. The cards sent you a year ago represent hard cash. You were pleased to use the cards, and now are trying to ignore our rights. We demand an immediate settlement. If we fail to get a settlement within a reasonable time we will publish your record in the Herald, and at the same time we will send marked copies of the Herald with your record so that persons and business men where you can see how you act when you have a chance. We will make an example of you." Several unscrupulous young lady teachers have sent money to this swindler, but the majority have ignored his clumsy attempt at blackmail, and several have initiated means to bring him to a halt, his letters having been forwarded to the postal authorities, with the request that an inspector be sent to Davenport, Neb., as once.

Congressional Contests.
Lincoln Journal.
Sixteen contests have already been filed to come before the next house of representatives, more than the average number with which the lower house of congress has to deal. The contests, it is reasonably certain, will take up a considerable portion of the session; for, while the house previously has allowed many of these controversies to go unacted on, partly from want of time and partly from a disinclination to take them up and decide them fairly and honestly, the republicans of the next house, being in the majority, will make a strong effort to dispose of all cases of the kind that come up.
Nearly all the contests are from southern states, and for this reason will prove interesting in showing the condition of affairs politically in many southern districts in which fraud and democratic intimidation are frequently and continuously charged. In nearly all of these contests the certificate of election has been issued to the democratic candidate, which has led to much democratic bluster about a republican house stealing the seats under contest. This fact will make it all the more the duty of the republican majority to decide these controversies carefully and calmly, that no mistake be made which can be used as democratic campaign thunder. Of course, if even one southern democrat is unseated, the democratic press will contain columns of abuse and charges of fraud and partisan findings, but if nothing appears in the record to back up these charges, they will react upon the ones making them.

There will be a strong temptation for the republican majority in the house to increase its size by turning out as many democrats as possible, while the democrats may be relied on to pursue their usual tactics to keep the contest in. But these matters should, and no doubt will be decided on their merits and the south can rest assured that no unfair advantage will be taken of the situation to turn out their legally elected representatives. And while this is true, it is also true on the other hand that no cry of sectional prejudices or bloody shirt will deter the republicans from doing their duty. In some of the more prominent contests, the leading spots of which have

become known, the evidence is overwhelmingly in favor of the republican contestants, notably the two from West Virginia. In such cases no fear of democratic censure will keep the rightful possessor of a seat out of congress. But even then no undue haste will be made to carry an unfavorable impression to the country.

Farmers and Mortgages.

No plainer statement of the case and no more caustic retort has been made in the question of farmers and farm mortgages than the following in the Inter Ocean:
"We clip this reflection from the Louisville Courier-Journal:
"The northwestern farmer is joined to his mortgage. Let him alone."
"Well just let him alone; that's all he wants. He is joined to his mortgage, but by bonds that he is severing very rapidly. He bought some land and borrowed some money to pay for it and improve it. He could sell it to-day for more than he paid for it. His mortgage will be liquidated when it comes due. If he could not have joined himself to his mortgage, he could not have joined himself to a farm. He will cleave to the farm and strike off the mortgage. "And why is it the 'northwestern farmer' to whom you address all your preachments about mortgages? Why not talk to the farmers of the eastern and middle states? Just because, as a body, the farmers of these states are not troubled by mortgages. And why not? Partly because they did not begin business on credit, partly because the numerous centers of protected industries afford them near and profitable markets for their products. The northwestern farmer will be near to towns and cities before long. His mortgages will be redeemed, his surplus capital will be invested in beet sugar refineries or town lots. He is getting along very well. Let him alone. Some day immigration may roll southward then there will be a market for southern land. Then there will be mortgages to secure balances of unpaid purchase money. There are mortgages on western lands just because western lands are in demand; they are in demand just because they are profitable investments."

Frauds on Farmers

The province of Ontario, Canada, has done a thing which could well be imitated by the state of Nebraska and other western states for the protection of their farmers. The department of agriculture of that province, has compiled, through the aid of numbers of its reliable correspondents in different sections, information relating to the various frauds practiced chiefly on farmers, and has embodied this information in pamphlet form for distribution in the agricultural regions. In this bulletin the province department gives some excellent advice to the farmer, which, of course, every Nebraska farmer has had given to him time and again, but is none the less valuable, and embraces the following points: Stuck to the farm; do not be in too great a hurry to get rich; never sign anything for a stranger or any body else without first reading carefully the paper to be signed; deal only with established firms, and lastly, to pay for and read good papers, as they contain the earliest and most reliable information regarding the latest and most improved methods of swindling.
Nebraska farmers are generally pretty well posted on the old reliable swindles which have been operated in the east for years, such as Bohemian oats, imitation gold watches, the agency for patent churns, new fangled lay rakes, lightning rods, and dozens of other schemes to entrap the unwary. On most of these schemes the plan is the same—to get the farmer to sign something which he does not examine carefully. In Ontario, the farmers have lately suffered from the pump swindle, and dozens of rusty iron pumps in farmers' barns attest the success of the fraud. A traveling agent would ask a farmer to become the agent for the sale of iron pumps in his locality, and as an inducement would offer him a commission of \$5 on a \$15 pump, only he should order a dozen or fifteen pumps. Then the farmer would sign an order for the pumps, (necessary, of course, for the agent's firm to have) which afterwards turned up as a promissory note for the full amount of \$15 multiplied by the number of pumps "ordered."
A list of these frauds would be a handy thing to have in the house, but after all there is nothing so good as a careful perusal of the newspapers, caution and the exercise of good horse sense.

Camp Meeting.

The Seventh Day Adventists will hold their Northwestern camp meeting at We Chadron, Nebraska, July 2 to 8th. We invite all our friends and those who prefer have never heard our views preaches, to come and hear for themselves. Instruction will be given in the Sabbath School, Christian Temperance and Missionary work. Services especially for the children and youth will be held. We trust that the occasion will be a favorable opportunity for reviving the spirit of Christ in our hearts, that we may be the better prepared to lead the unconverted to Christ. There will be small tents for rent on the grounds.
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"It shall come, the Age of Gold,
Crown earth's weary ages,
Waited long, and long foretold
By God's saints and sages,
Sin and wrong, in might arrayed,
With credentials heavy,
Like the mists of morn, shall fade
In its light and glory.

Men no more extend for gold
Death's cup to the tempted;
Nor by virtue bought and sold,
Vice from woe exempted.
God shall hear the widow's prayer,
Hear the children's crying;
Hush the heart, with long despair
Of its secret sighing.

Home shall be the secret spot
God for child intended;
O'er the humblest human lot
Angel wings extended;
Man and woman equals be,
One their emulation:
Which shall meet most sacredly
God's thought in creation.
Love and light shall belt the earth,
From the Cross proceeding;
Man regain his native worth
Through the God-man bleeding;
God himself be all in all,
And all kindreds gather
Round this glad terrestrial ball,
Children of one Father."

THE ACTORS OF THE CHURCHES.
During the past month most of the great ecclesiastical bodies of our country have put themselves on record in regard to temperance and Sabbath observance.

We give notes from the action of different bodies of Presbyterians this week. The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterians met in Kansas City and devoted an evening each, to the discussion of these topics. The committee on temperance brought in a majority and a minority report. After much discussion the minority report, which came out strong for constitutional and statutory prohibition, was adopted. It opens with a strong preamble, declaring that the question before the church to-day is, "Whether the Lord is God or Bacchus is God? Whether Christ or Gambrinus is King?" etc.

The General Assembly of Presbyterians north, held in Dr. Crosby's church in New York, had long and hot debates on temperance; in general, the west was for endorsing prohibition; the east was more conservative. The discussion came up in the afternoon? Dr. Howard Crosby leading; the resultant action was the adoption of resolutions which virtually approved high license. A resolution recommending the appointment of a committee to wait upon President Harrison with a protest against the infamous traffic in rum between Boston and the free state of the Congo, was unanimously passed.
The United Presbyterians, in session at Springfield, Ohio, took strong action in favor of prohibition, and by unanimous vote, issued a pastoral letter to members of their church in Pennsylvania, urging them to vote for the amendment.

Most or all of the religious bodies which met last month adopted resolutions on temperance, ranging in tone from the clear cut utterances of Cumberland Presbyterians, to the vacillating uncertain action of the General Assembly at New York. We have not space for all this action, but note the fact that all these great bodies faced this burning question more or less courageously, as a sign of progress—therefore of promise.

"Vox populi, vox dei" might once have been correct, but now it is "Vox populi vox barrelli, vox salooni," says Jelia B. Nelson.

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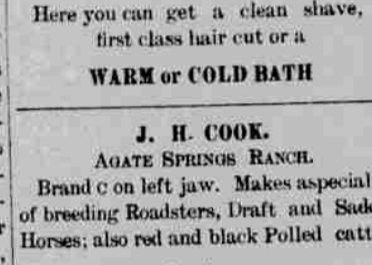
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