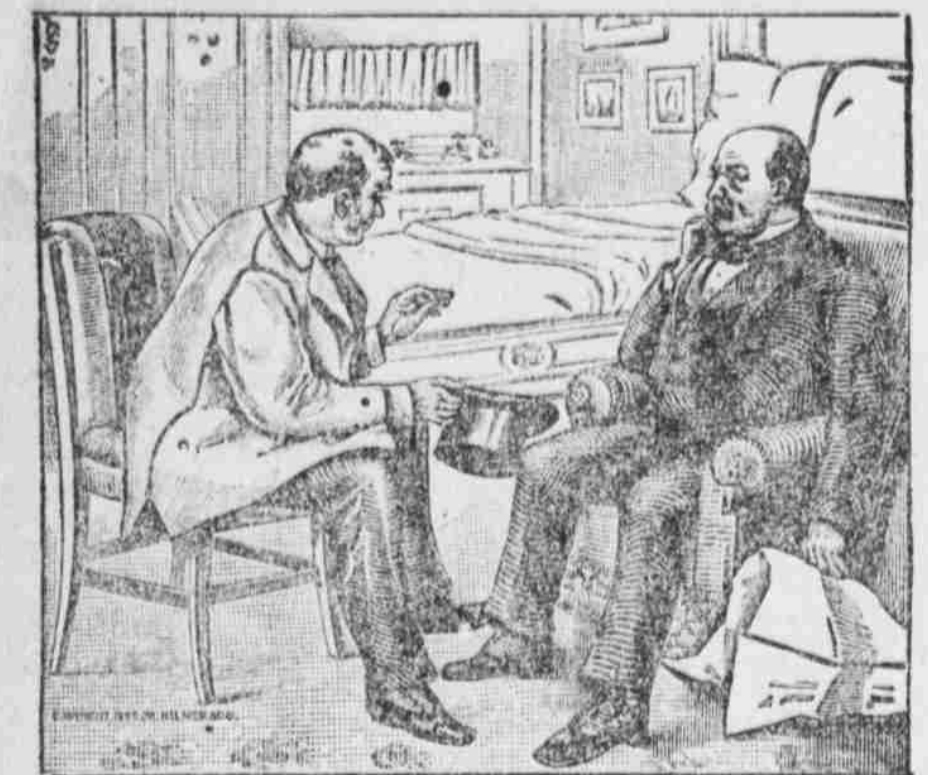


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To Prove what Swamp-Root, the Great Kidney Remedy, Will Do for YOU, Every Reader of this paper May Have a Sample Bottle Sent Free by Mail.

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Dec. 15th, 1902.

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NEWS IN NEBRASKA

THE STATE IN A NUTSHELL.

Carl Slemmons of Crowell is in durance ville, charged with bootlegging.

A sensational suit was filed in the district court of Otoe county by L. S. Burgess against Fred Zook and wife and Mary Zook for \$10,000 for alleged defamation of character.

Burglars broke into Kirk & Berberck's saloon at Spalding and obtained about \$7. They also burglarized Senator Weber's store and took goods valued at \$50, but got no money.

At Osmond in a friendly scuffle in the main hotel office between the proprietor, Louie Johnson, and Peter Becker, a clerk in Marek's hardware store, Mr. Becker sustained a broken leg.

Attorneys for Prof. Ansel, formerly of the State university, are soon to bring mandamus proceedings against the auditor to compel him to audit a bill which the professor has against the university for \$225.

The other morning Charles Cox, a resident of Fairmont, on opening his door discovered a box on the steps of his house. He telephoned the marshal, who found the box to contain a baby, which was nearly frozen.

The city of Auburn has passed its twentieth milestone and during all this time it has had a steady growth. The last year has been no exception. Several substantial business buildings have been constructed during the past year.

The records of the Lincoln fire department show that there have been 150 fires within the last year, which aggregate a total loss of \$125,751.62. The value of the property involved is figured at \$2,173,195.98, and the insurance amounting to \$1,108,769.21.

A number of people gathered at Indianola to witness the opening and starting of machinery in the farmers' co-operative elevator which has just been completed there. Its capacity is twelve thousand bushels and its cost about \$3,000, and it is modern in all its equipment.

A shipment of 20,000 live chickens, ducks and geese, destined to New York, was made out of Fremont by Cheney & Bennett, a firm operating there and at Lincoln. The fowls were brought up from all over eastern Nebraska. It took four large poultry cars to carry them on the journey.

The State Teachers' association in session in Lincoln elected these officers: E. J. Bodwen of Omaha, president; Etta Brown of Cherry county, vice president; A. O. Thomas of Kearney, secretary; A. L. Caviness of Lincoln, treasurer; W. H. Gardner of Auburn, member of executive committee; M. R. Snodgrass of Wayne, member of reading circle.

The county and police officials of Hall county captured a hog thief named Saunders and he has been bound over to the district court for trial. It is alleged that in company with a Grand Island celebrity by the name of Jack Vanney he drove a number of Mr. Tilley's hogs out of his field, led them half a mile away and took them to Central City, where they were sold.

A peculiar incident is reported from the home of M. M. Sterns, a farmer and stockman living a few miles north of Humboldt. Recently a colony of sparrows took refuge in the farmer's hen house, which had been accidentally left open, and when morning came, with the assistance of his hired man, Mr. Sterns dispatched ninety-seven of the intruders, which have become quite a pest in some sections of the state.

The annual meeting of the Clay County Agricultural society was held at the court house in Clay Center. The officers reported the organization in good financial condition and elected officers for the ensuing year.

Sutton has made a fine growth this year, with a number of new and elegant modern residences and business houses. A large number of homes have been rebuilt and enlarged, adding much to the tasty appearance of the city. An acetylene gas light plant has been completed and several burners have been taken by business men to light their stores. A home telephone company has been organized, with nearly 100 subscribers.

An effort is going to be put forth by the citizens of Dakota City to secure an appropriation by congress for the protection of the town site from further ravages of the Missouri river. A plat of the original town site has been made and marked to show how much of the town has been washed away by the Missouri river. The plat shows that about one-third of the original town site has been washed in the river and that the stream is getting dangerously near the business portion of the town.

Members of the Nebraska State Poultry association have announced that the next session will be January 18 to 23 and will be one of the most successful in the state. The exhibit of the Water Fowl club of America will form a part of the exhibit this year.

The body of an unknown man was found in a sand pit near the B. & M. depot at Cedar Creek. No marks of violence were found upon the body and the supposition is that death was due to heart failure or some other natural cause.

DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Nineteenth Annual Meeting Soon to Be Held.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Nebraska Dairymen's association will be held at Lincoln, January 20, and 21, 1904, at the University Farm, room 201, Dairy building.

Wednesday, January 20—9:30 a. m., address of President J. K. Honeywell; report of secretary and treasurer, S. C. Bassett; appointment of committees; "How to Care for the Dairy Cow," L. D. Stillson, York, Neb.; "How to Feed the Dairy Cow," Henry C. Gilman, Omaha, Neb., 1:30 p. m., "Some Things I Have Learned," J. A. Harris, Shickley, Neb.; "Selecting a Dairy Cow," Prof. O. Erf, Kansas Agricultural college.

Thursday, January 21—9:30 a. m., report of committees; election of officers; cream testing contest, 1:30 p. m., judging dairy cows contest; "The Dairy Cows at the University Farm; Their Records," Prof. A. L. Haeker, State university.

In the cream testing contest the pro rata premium is \$75; total number of points, 100; minimum number of points, 95.

The pro rata premium will be divided among the contestants scoring above the stated minimum (95 points) in proportion to the points scored above the minimum, provided no contestant shall receive of the pro rata fund to exceed the sum of \$25.

Only members of the association who are residents of the state can compete. Instructors in cream testing, including experts employed by creamery company to instruct their employees, not allowed to compete.

Hand separator cream will be used and tests made by the Babcock method, samples to be taken with a pipette. Each contestant permitted to use his own method as to taking sample, reducing same with water, temperature, etc. Each contestant will have the use of laboratory in dairy building, including all apparatus necessary to make the test. The contest will be at the state farm, on Thursday, January 21, commencing at 11 a. m. In order that facilities for all may be furnished, persons desiring to compete must notify the secretary on or before January 16, 1904.

UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION.

Institution Ranks Thirteenth in Score of Attendance.

LINCOLN—Registrations at the State university for the first semester of the present school year number 2,452. Allowing for the number of students who will flock in during the last half of the year the attendance will probably reach 2,600. Last year the registration was 2,560. The State university now stands thirteenth in the roster of colleges in the United States in point of attendance, according to the figures of Rudolf Tombo, Jr., registrar of Columbia university. The registrations at the State university have been as follows: Industrial and literary colleges, 1,332; college of law, 172; college of medicine, 129; school of agriculture, 192; dental school, 19; school of music, 329; graduate school, 88; summer session, 191; short course agriculture and dairy school, estimated, 160; total, 2,603; deduct for repeated names, estimated, 160; total, 2,452.

Fawcett for Commissioner.

Judge Jacob Fawcett of Omaha has been appointed supreme court commissioner to take the place made vacant by the elevation of Commissioner Barnes to the supreme bench.

Ministers After Mr. Smoot.

LINCOLN—Lincoln ministers are preparing to issue a manifesto against Senator Smoot of Utah. The coming session of the ministerial association will be devoted to a general discussion of the Smoot case, and resolutions will probably be prepared to be sent to congress. The matter has been assigned to a committee for investigation and two weeks of inquiry will precede the discussion.

Boy Shot by Playmate.

GRANT—Albert Cocker, aged 13 years, was accidentally shot by a playmate. The ball, a 22-caliber, passed entirely through the knee.

Increase in Students.

LINCOLN—Scientific farmers are going to be plentiful in Nebraska, according to the records of registration at the school of agriculture. Registration for the new term began on Tuesday and by 6 o'clock 178 had enrolled. Last year the opening day records showed but 132 new students. Another encouraging point is that the majority of the new-comers are registering for the "long course." The faculty is much pleased.

Mickey Sends Sympathy.

Governor Mickey expressed the sympathy of the people of Nebraska for those afflicted by the recent theater fire in Chicago in this telegram:

"To Hon. Carter Harrison, Mayor of Chicago: The people of Nebraska are inexpressibly shocked on account of the terrible calamity which has befallen your city. I extend to you and to all the bereaved and suffering ones the heartfelt sympathy of the citizens of this state.
"JOHN H. MICKEY, Governor."

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

CAUSES THAT AFFECT VITAL STATISTICS.

Advancement in Civilization and Prosperity One of the Chief Reasons for the Decline in the Birth Rate Noted in So Many Countries.

Advancement in civilization and prosperity appear to affect the vital statistics of all nations alike. In modern times France has shown the most marked decrease in the ratio of births to deaths. From 1815, the last year of the Napoleonic wars, to 1830, the proportional excess of births over deaths for every 10,000 inhabitants was 61. Between 1831 and 1850 it dropped to 41. In the following twenty years there was a further decrease, the excess of births numbering only 25. In the decade ending 1900 the excess was reduced to 6, and in the latter year the proportionate excess of births over deaths in every 10,000 inhabitants of the republic was only 3. France entered the nineteenth century with a population of 26,000,000; she closed it with 38,000,000. But Great Britain had meantime started with 12,000,000 and ended with 41,000,000, and the population of Germany had grown from 15,000,000 to 56,000,000.

During the last forty or fifty years the people of each of these nations have enjoyed more luxurious living than they did before. While the death rate in England, through the introduction of improved sanitation, has been steadily declining since 1861, the vital statistics of the country show a very marked decline in the birth rate. Now the minister of public instruction and medical affairs finds that the vital statistics of Prussia, which comprises three-fifths of the population of Germany, show a steady decrease in the birth rate there also since 1861. In the latter year it was 49.9, now it is only 36.5. In the city of Berlin the birth rate has fallen from 45 in 1861 to 25.6 this year. The latter is only 4.4 above the rate in France, which is the lowest in the world.

The question of race suicide thus seems to be one that is disturbing all of the more prosperous of modern nations, as it did Rome during the Augustan age, when legislation had to be enacted in order to encourage the growth of population. France has been seriously discussing various methods of arresting the decline of the birth rate. An extra parliamentary commission has been appointed to seek means of increasing the number of births and diminishing mortality, and government bonuses for large families and heavy taxes on bachelors and childless couples have been suggested. It is expected that the German emperor will take cognizance of the conditions existing in his realm and suggest drastic means of arresting there the race suicide which President Roosevelt so vigorously attacked in this country.—San Francisco Chronicle.

NOISE AS A CURE.

Perhaps the Chinese Know More About Medicine Than We Do.

The Chinese doctor sets up a terrible racket when called to treat the sick. This is supposed to drive evil spirits away, and it unquestionably acts well in a great many cases. Civilization demands rest and quiet; all noise is barred from the sick room. The Chinese have demonstrated, unknowingly, a great psychological or psychopathological fact.

A patient of mine had received the last rites of the church, the pulse had ceased at the wrist and he had sunk into that coma which precedes death. Someone in the next house struck up the "Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore." I was very much annoyed and distressed, and tried to stop it.

Suddenly the pulsation at the wrist began again, the patient gradually opened his eyes, motioned to his sister. She bent low, and he whispered in her ear, "Te dum, te dum, that is my favorite tune," says he. We roused him, fed him, and to-day, ten years after the event, he weighs 240 pounds.

The therapeutics of vibration or noise is yet to be written. So I have discovered that anything that can arouse the subconscious, subliminal self will cure my patient when all drugs fail, and noise is a very cheap agent.—Medical Brief.

Origin of Spinster.

"Spinster," said the philologist, "is the term that the law applies to the woman who is unmarried. The origin of the word dates back to the days when spinning was not done by machinery, but by hand. At that time every girl learned to spin, as a matter of course, the same as she now learns to spell. She was obliged to spin a couple of hours every day, and what she produced belonged to her. Thus, every girl, by the time she came to get married, owned a great quantity of linen of her own make that she brought, as a kind of dower, to her husband. Every girl's leisure, up almost to her wedding day, was devoted to the spinning of linen for use in the household of her spouse. Therefore, every unmarried girl was called a spinster."

He Knows.

O dear little heart, don't worry so; God is watching you; he will know how hard the tolling, how dear the way.

He will comfort you, dear, some day. Poor little soul, don't mind the pain; Others may garner the ripened grain, And the empty husks be all your share, God sees all you are in His care.

In this selfish world not one may care; How hard you struggle, or how you fare; But One there is whose love overflows; Dear little girl, He knows—He knows, —Irene L. Deering in Boston Transcript.

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We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Parker Becoming a Statesman.

Sir Gilbert Parker, the author, has achieved a prominent place in the house of commons in a short time. A good deal of this is due to the unusual magnetism of his personality, which always attracts people.



Many women are denied the happiness of children through derangement of the generative organs. Mrs. Beyer advises women to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered with stomach complaint for years. I got so bad that I could not carry my children but five months, then would have a miscarriage. The last time I became pregnant, my husband got me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. After taking the first bottle I was relieved of the sickness of stomach, and began to feel better in every way. I continued its use and was enabled to carry my baby to maturity. I now have a nice baby girl, and can work better than I ever could before. I am indeed a new woman." —Mrs. FRANK BRYAN, 22 S. Second St., Meriden, Conn. — \$2000 for the original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

FREE MEDICAL ADVICE TO WOMAN.

Don't hesitate to write to Mrs. Pinkham. She will understand your case perfectly, and will advise you with kindness. Her advice is free, and the address is Lynn, Mass. No woman ever regretted having written her, and she has helped thousands.

Some men drink to drown their sorrow. Of course drink brings more sorrow, but then there's more drink.

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The grievance of not a few women against their husbands is that the latter give them no ground for grievance.

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