

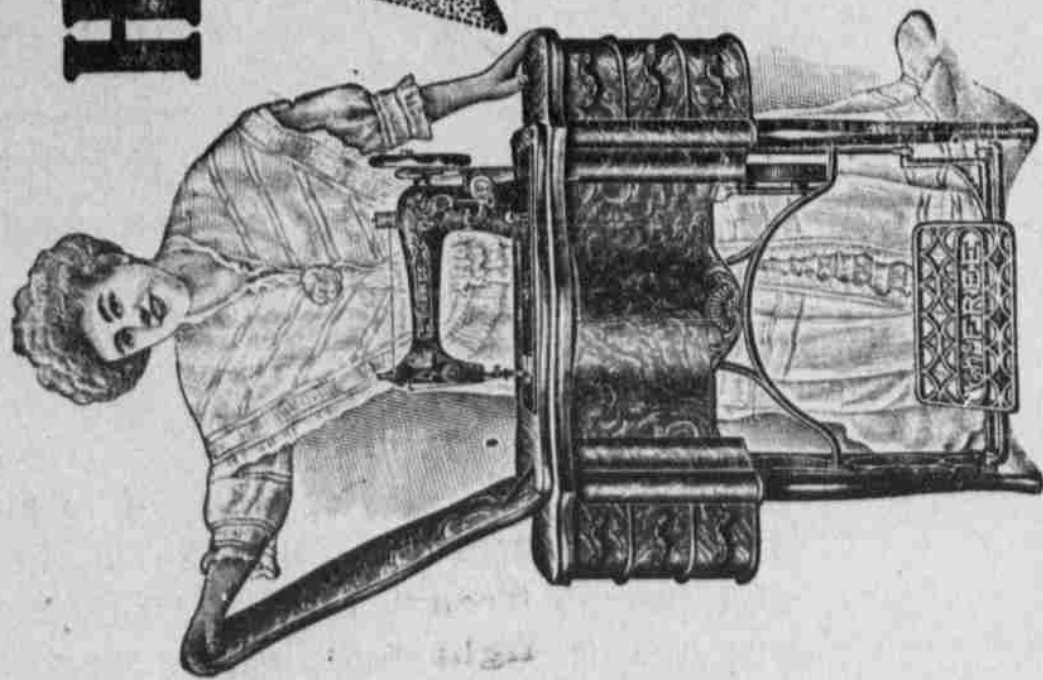
HERE is that

Sewing Machine

Which you hear so much about—

“The FREE”

The Only INSURED Sewing Machine



When we secured the exclusive agency for The FREE Sewing machine we had no idea what a stir of excitement it would create among the women of our city.

It reminds us what Mr. W. M. C. Free, President of the Free Sewing Machine Co. wrote us recently.

He said: "I spent the best years of my life to invent The FREE because I knew that when the women of your city and every other city would learn the truth about it, when they would learn that I have made it different from every other sewing machine,—that I have made it the simplest, easiest to operate, and lightest running of all sewing machines,—that I have given it some 15 exclusive improvements and that I have insured it;—when the women of your city learn that, they will never be satisfied with any sewing machine but The FREE."

Reasons The FREE Sewing Machine has aroused so much enthusiasm:

- 1. The "Rotocillo" Movement**
A wonderful invention of Mr. Free's which combines in The FREE sewing machine every advantage of both the "Shuttle" and "Rownd Bobbin Machines".
- 2. Ball-Bearings**
The FREE Stand runs five times as light as any other machine. The FREE has eight sets of ball-bearings, whereas other machines have but two.
- 3. Beauty.**
The FREE has a beautiful French-leg design which will not show dust.
- 4. Shuttle Ejector**
This clever little device throws out the shuttle automatically.
- 5. Automatic Locks**
The 6 The FREE drawers which run on steel slides are locked and unlocked automatically.
- 6. Rotary Spool Pin**
Thread never tightens or breaks when it falls off spool.
- 7. Automatic Tension Release**
Prevents the breaking of needles.
- 8. A Needle**
Which can't be put in wrong.
- 9. Improved Head Latch**
No tantalizing screw with which to loosen head.
- 10. Reinforced Shuttle**
The FREE Shuttle is reinforced at wearing points so that it wears longer than any other Shuttle.
- 11. Insurance**
The FREE Sewing Machine is insured for five years against Accident, Breakage, Wear, Fire, Tornado, Lightning and Water.

This Means: That if from any of these causes, any part (needle, belt or attachments, etc.) or all of the machine is destroyed, these parts or the whole machine will be replaced absolutely free to you. This is in addition to the regular life warranty against imperfection. No other Sewing Machine Company dares to insure their machine.

You Simply Must Come to Our Store and See It!

The FREE Attachments are the Best. The work they do is truly beautiful. Our Terms Are Extremely Liberal

W. C. T. U. Notes

THE AMERICAN DOPE HABIT
Score one for the Omaha Bee. That paper has long been noted for its antipathy for the modern temperance movement and everything endorsed by prohibition advocates; but in a recent issue was an editorial under the caption, "The American Dope Habit," that would do credit to a pronounced temperance journal. Following is an extract from the editorial referred to:

The use of opium for illegitimate purposes in this country has increased to such an extent that medical authorities report over a million victims of the dope at the beginning of the year. It is charged that over a million dollars' worth of opium is smuggled in from abroad annually in addition to the amount which comes in regular commerce.

The first record of opium being smoked in this country was in San Francisco in the year 1868. Since then the habit has spread to such an extent that every great city has its open or hidden "opium dens," and it is taking root in the smaller towns and country districts as well. Men, and especially the women of the wealthy classes are among its victims in almost as large numbers as are those from the scum of the street. Two-thirds of the convicts in state prisons are victims of the habit, many having become so since incarceration. Yet the largest percentage of the victims come from the ranks of medical men, if the reports of the "dope cure" sanitariums are to be believed.

Laws are now in force in the majority of the states against the sale of dope, but its use has not been stopped from spreading. While state laws are thus evaded, yet the federal government has been reasonably successful in prohibiting the sale and use of opium in the Philippine Islands. Japan is fighting it with success and so are New Zealand and Australia. President Roosevelt appointed a commission to investigate the habit here, to see what there is to it and to suggest plans for its remedy. It is only a matter of time when a war upon dope must be waged with determination and persistence.

ANOTHER VOICE AGAINST THE SALOON

The following is a confession in part, as it appeared in the Chicago Tribune of March 21, of a woman convicted of the crime of pandering. She served the sentence imposed on her by the court, and having satisfied the law, addresses some pertinent questions to voters as touching the saloon and its relation to vice. As you read, Mr. Voter, remember that the recruits of these dives come largely from the country city and village. It concerns you, whether a resident of Chicago or not. If she were your daughter, how would you vote? The Tribune says:

The confession of Dora Douglas is here presented. It is the life story of a panderer. It sounds her emotions, her struggles, her disappointments and the creed of morals which she would set up for others out of the experience through which she has passed.

The document is peculiar in that it is a dispassionate review of a terrible life written by a woman of good education. The confession was written in the bridewell where she served a sentence for trafficking in girls. She says:

"I am in prison convicted of being what is commonly known as a 'white slave' trader and I was justly convicted and was guilty of the offense. And having made this confession let me introduce myself. Behold me, a common sort of woman, 29 years old, an ex-school teacher, born and piously brought up in Arkansas, fairly well educated, and until the last few months almost wholly inexperienced in the ways of the wicked world. Six years ago in my Arkansas home I married a man whom I believed in every way worthy of the respect and love that I gave him, and, bidding goodby to my mother and childhood friends in the home, went with him to St. Louis."

"I found that my husband was a drunkard, a railroad man with a good job, able to earn a comfortable living for himself and me, he never for a day could be depended upon. Many a morning did he kiss me good-bye leaving me with the impression that he had gone to his work, when it would be three days, a week, a month, sometimes three months, before I saw or heard of him again, though I might be in the sorest straits for the necessities of life. Forced to work for a living I came to Chicago."

"I was convicted under what is known as the pandering act, which makes it an offense to secure an inmate for a resort in the state of Illinois. I was guilty, and the protest I make is the protest of a convict, but I cry out to the good people to know why, if I must be behind prison walls for procuring an inmate for such a place, they walk free and hold offices who allow these places to be?"

"When broken, disgraced, without a cent, without a friend, they turn me out in Chicago's cold storms, will justice have been vindicated? Will some great and good ends have been attained by the punishment of me, a tool, a cat's paw, while 7,000 saloons and square miles of resorts have gone on in their work under the sanction of the government of you pious men?"

Hubble's Flat.

(Crowded out last week.)

Mrs. L. Beck is on the sick list.
Roy Denton is back again on his claim.
Mr. Coursey has gone to Alliance on business.
There was no school Tuesday on account of the storm.
A. L. Lore has gone to Alliance on a business trip.
Ethel Tallada is visiting in Hashman a couple of days.
Geo. Denton and wife visited Sunday at John Chapman's.
The Baptist are building a cement church in this vicinity.
We had quite a storm Tuesday and a great many cattle drifted away.
Mrs. A. Lore and children are visiting with Mrs. John Lore this week.
A Sunday School was organized in the Lore district with the following officers:

John Chapman, supt. Anna Deaton, asst supt. Mr. Deane, treas. and sec. Myrtle Chapman, librarian, organist not appointed.

A. L. Lore and wife visited with A. Ross at Wind Springs Thursday.

Bonner Items

John Muntz is working for Frank Boon.
Lena Sisco went to Scottsbluff last Tuesday.
Mrs. W. C. Fairchild is visiting at Tecumseh.
R. M. Hampton came down from Alliance Friday.
Mell Dennison has returned from a visit at Scottsbluff.
Several Alliance people spent Sunday at Hampton's ranch.
Mr. Hull and family visited at Hampton's ranch Monday.
Four of the prominent young people

of this vicinity were taking a fast ride through Bonner in a touring car Sunday afternoon.

R. M. Hampton and W. C. Fairchild drove to Alliance today.

Will Sutton and his mother were passengers to Alliance Monday.

Frank Boon and wife drove to Alliance Wednesday returning Thursday.

BEREA

Bessie Weaver spent Sunday with Louise Weise.
Mrs. Duff went to Hemingford one day last week.
Rev. Nolte spent Sunday evening with J. T. Nabb.
A. Huell purchased a good horse at the Weaver sale.
Mr. Richardson and family went to Alliance last Saturday.
Clayton Richardson and wife spent Sunday at the Nabb home.

P. J. Kuapp and family attended church at Alliance last Sunday.

Mrs. Ceila Weaver and family will move to Alliance some time this week.

A. J. Gagbagen and family and Elsie Nabb made a trip to Alliance Saturday.

A new organ has been shipped by the Prescott Company of Lincoln to the Berea schools.

The sale held by Mrs. Weaver was well attended and most of the things brought a reasonable price.

The pupils of the Berea school have been making things for the exhibit at Alliance to be held Saturday.

A Sunday School has been organized at Berea and there will be Sunday School every Sunday and church on second and fourth Sunday.

BAYARD ITEMS.

Erickson Drug Co's. new brick building is going up very rapidly.
Minatare and the High School boys

played a game of ball here Saturday, Minatare winning the game. But with more practice the boys will be able to make them play ball if they win.

Arthur Davis of Bridgeport was in town last Thursday on business.

Tennis is the game that a good many of the boys are enjoying these fine days.

E. P. Cromer of Gering spent last Wednesday night in town on business.

Miss Anna McConkey from Minatare visited with Mrs. Harry Hall last Wednesday between trains.

Mrs. Morrison gave a dancing party last Wednesday night. Every one present reports a good time.

Miss Mildred DeVault came up from Bridgeport and visited last Wednesday night with her parents.

The High School gave their play, "Mr. Bob," last Friday night to a large audience. The play was well rendered and a success in every way.

Miss Edith Walford came up Friday night from Bridgeport to visit her father and also witness the high school play.