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**NICHOLS AND HERSHY NEWS.**  
An old fashioned rain prevailed in this locality all day Sunday.

Wray and Jay Stuart, of North Platte, visited their grandmother, Mrs. Brown, at Nichols a few days ago.

Paxton & Hershey shipped four cars of fat cattle from their ranch in this precinct to Omaha the early part of the week. W. H. Hill and J. H. Hershey went down with them.

It hailed and rained quite brisk for a short time at Nichols last Saturday, but did not rain a drop at Hershey.

John Schiek, who resides upon the Cottonwood ranch in McPherson county and who is well and favorably known by many in this locality, was thrown from a horse recently and badly bruised. He is confined to the house, but no fears for his recovery are entertained.

Henry Brown will do his best to conquer the Maccabean goat at Hershey tomorrow evening.

Xavier Toillion marketed a couple loads of barley at the county seat at twenty-five cents per bushel last Friday.

H. W. Brown expects to depart the first of the coming week for Grand Junction, Col., on a prospecting tour.

Harrington & Tobin, of the hub, recently purchased about two hundred tons of hay in the stack of Paxton & Hershey. G. A. Staples and crew are baling and loading it upon the cars at Nichols.

J. L. Strickler, the Hershey merchant, was a North Platte visitor on business last Saturday. It is said he will soon erect a large new building at that place to be used as a hotel and drug store.

Several acres of early potatoes have already been planted in this community.

The railroad up through this country has been lined with traps for the past week or so. They go in squads ranging from two to twenty, and have to deal with quite severely in many cases.

Several hundred bushels of potatoes have been hauled and shipped out of the valley recently. They will soon be a scarce article in this country.

Ellie McCord, one of the section gang at Nichols, was off duty a couple of days last week owing to sickness.

W. A. Paxton, of Omaha, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hershey lately, departed Friday for Ogallala and Salt Lake. He is expected back to-day.

V. E. Myers, the north side hardware man at the county capital, repaired the Sullivan boys' irrigation windmill a few days ago.

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Isaac Gustafson, a Furnas county young man, 19 years old, was almost instantly killed by the collapse of a sod house. The heavy weight of the sod roof crushed the life out of him, and he breathed but a few moments after being extricated.

The statisticians are troubling themselves over the reported increase of the population in Europe in ten years by 30,000,000, nearly half of the increase being credited to Russia. There has been no general census in Russia since 1850, the estimates of population being based on enumerations made by statistical committees. On these estimates Russia made a gain in twenty years, between 1867 and 1887, of nearly 25,000,000. The reported increase in the last ten years may make a better showing, because of closer count and better registration, but, taking the average per year, it is not greater than the reported increase since 1867. Germany also reports a large increase in population, while France in the last ten years has to her credit an increase of only 67,000.

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Mrs. F. A. Carpenter returned from St. Paul the middle of the week and Frank is smiling once more.

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Wm. Holtry shipped a carload of hogs to Denver the first of the week.

Miss Allie Muir will teach school a couple of months in the Thayer & Steck neighborhood.

The water was turned into the Sutherland & Paxton canal Thursday and the scrapes as to who is "next" will shortly commence between the water users.

Rev. Nichols of Paxton passed through town Monday.

Geo. Emerson shipped a carload of potatoes to Schuyler Monday.

Miss Mabel Johnson has been engaged to teach a school over in the vicinity of Jas. Bouhams and commenced the 13th.

T. A. Roberts and G. W. Ferbrache of Birdwood were on our streets Saturday.

J. H. Abshire has completed sowing small grain over south and is at home again.

James Perkin, of Grinn, is in charge of the Perkin store while Joseph Perkin is visiting at home.

Mrs. Dotson, of the north side, has been quite sick the past week. Dr. Morris is in attendance.

Joe Huffman is helping put boxes into the irrigation canal this week and the saloon door has been closed.

H. E. Stone transacted business at North Platte Friday.

**NEBRASKA NOTES.**

Work on the improvements on the Kearney canal will be recommended this week.

The number of section hands on the St. Francis branch of the B. & M. has been materially reduced.

Nellie Lashbrook, a prominent young woman of Fairmont, was thrown from a horse and her broken leg is doing nicely.

The town marshal of Johnson was severely pommelled by four tramps who resisted arrest. He succeeded in landing them in jail.

John Skeen shot and slightly wounded a fellow citizen at Nebraska. The fellow citizen was helping himself to Skeen's coal pile and escaped in the darkness.

A prairie fire burned down the telephone lines near Rodgers, thus cutting off all communication with surrounding towns, and breaking the entire circuit.

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## CRUDE INTOXICANTS.

### THE MANUFACTURE OF STIMULANTS BY ABORIGINES.

Fermented and Distilled Liquors With Which the Uncivilized Natives of Different Parts of the World Produce "Drunk." Learning From the White Man.

It is a remarkable fact that up to the time of the coming of the whites the North American Indians generally had no knowledge of intoxicants. As for tobacco, they did not smoke it as we do apparently, but merely for ceremonial purposes. Going southward into Mexico in those days, however, the traveler might have found alcoholic stimulants in common use. Even at the present time the natives in that part of the world make an odd sort of beer out of corn. They wet a woolen blanket, lay it in the sun and spread whole grains of maize upon it. The grains germinate, sprouting and sending out rootlets through the texture of the blanket, which is kept moist. They are then parched and ground to a coarse meal. To this meal a little yeast, made by chewing some corn and allowing it to ferment, is added. Then the stuff is mixed with water and put away in jars. Fermentation follows, and as it diminishes the liquor becomes as clear as yellow amber, in which condition it is drunk. It is quite intoxicating.

Several varieties of grasses, herbs and flowers, the roots of sundry plants, the juices of the sugar cane and aloe, and even beets, are used by various tribes and peoples as a basis of drinks. In earlier times spruce trees, fir trees, birch trees and ash trees were tapped for their sap, which was fermented to make stimulating beverages. The willow, poplar, sycamore and walnut are said to yield palatable drinks. The Japanese obtain intoxicating beverages from plums and from the flowers of the motherwort and peach. The Chinese actually produce an alcoholic drink from mutton. The Abnaki Indians of New England used to manufacture a kind of liquor from the tops of fir trees, which they boiled and put into casks with molasses. The contents of the casks were allowed to ferment for three days.

The Eskimos were entirely unacquainted with the art of getting drunk until they came into contact with the whites. Travelers have observed that they drink extraordinary quantities of water when they can procure it. That is not always so easy in a latitude where the normal condition of water is that of a solid. In winter one of the most important occupations of the women is the thawing of snow to get water. The snow is cut into very thin slices as a preparation for the thawing process, and it is fetched to the hut from a considerable distance in order that it may be perfectly clean.

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