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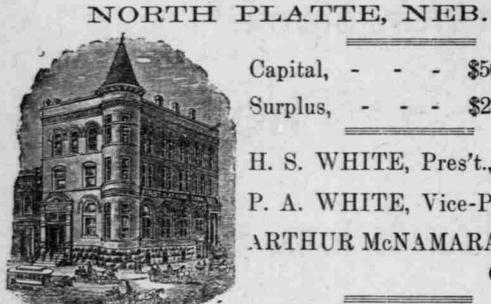
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In 1875 there were sixty-four cases filed in the supreme court of Nebraska; in 1895 the number was 781. This is a plain argument in favor of increasing the number of

James Whitehead, of Custer great deal more. county, is the latest gubernatorial candidate to be trotted into the arena. The entries for the contest should be closed; too many good candidates may confuse the delegates in the state convention.

Those who supposed the appointment of W. R. Akers as secretary would kill off the congressional bee which has been buzzing in that geutleman's hat, are mistaken. Akers still thinks he is the only republican who can be elected congressman in this district, but in this opinion he stands pre-eminently alone.

The republican county conven have been unusually enthusiastic and this is a guarantee that the members of the party will whoop \$22,500.00 er up lively next fall. With strong candidates on the state. congressional and legislative tick ets there is no fear of the result. even should a fusion of pops and silver democrats occur.

> The statistics show that we purchased goods to the amount of \$246,826,801 from the Latin-American countries in 1895, and sold them merchandise to the value of only \$143,000,000. This is not as it should be, says the Globe-Democrat, and not as it would be if the democrats had permitted the reciprocity policy to remain in force. The republican party will restore that policy as soon as it regains control of the government, and the result will be a large increase of the sales of our products in markets where it is now difficult to dispose of them on account of tariff discriminations against them.

With Governor Si out of the race for the populist nomination for congressman in this district, the chances of either Judge Neville or Colonel Gantt grow brighter. The question is, which can secure the delegation from Lincoln county? After his defeat for judge last fall Neville denounced a number of populists for their lukewarm work and the probabilities are that they feel a little sore towards him. This condition together with the fact that Colonel Gantt controls the Era, gives the Colonel a little edge over the Judge. Both gentlemen, however, should not forget that Bill Green of Kearney is in the race.

The republican state convention to select four delegates-at-large to the St. Louis convention, will be held in Omaha to-morrow. It is generally conceded that two of these candidates will be John L Webster and Peter Jensen: the others are yet to be determined upon. The western part of the state has two candidates who desire the honor of being a delegate, E. B. Warner of this city, and Matt Daugherty of Ogalalla. Both cannot be elected and both may be defeated, but here's hoping our townsman may be elected. He is counter. a hard working republican and his "Anything else?" he queried trium-McKinleyism antedates the Minneapolis convention of 1892.

Congressman Hainer has fully succed ed in banishing the customary items for District of Columbia appropriations for the maintenance of charities and schools under sectarian management. The committee has stricken them all out and in place therof has made a lump sum appropriation of \$94,000 for the relief of the poor to be expended by the district commissioners, with the proviso that none of the money shall be used for maintaining sectarian institutions.-

Bradstreet's figures make the country's business failures in the three months which ended with March 4512, which is the largest total for any corresponding period on record. This is not an enof the reasons for this feeling is that nat- duced. ural causes will soon bring a recovery in any event, and another reeson is that the recovery will be hastened and extended

They Must Have Nerves of Steel to De Successful Operators.

Because a man is a pickpocket it does not necessarily follow that he is not well educated nor a close observer of his fellow mortals. The latter trait might be said to be an absolute requirement to a successful purloiner of pocketbooks. One of the gentry who possessed both characteristics expressed himself the other day to an Enquirer reporter at police headquarters:

"There is no class of artists who in their calling are as dexterous as pickpockets. This is due to a double incentive. Not only do we find a bait for HAD MONEY TO WASH. effort and exertion in success, but have the added spur of a fear of failure. Success means as much to a pickpocket as to any man, and failure means a

"A vocation in which the slightest slip means a loss of liberty and perhaps of life will ever be apt to have a degree of expertness in its followers not present in more reputable and safer avenues of

"Pickpockets, like poets and other people, are born, not made. Their nerves must be iron and yet as sensitive as instinct. Their hands must be as complete in make up and accomplishment as Herrmann's, the magician, and strong of the state board of irrigation as steel, while light as down. Out of the cent can or do become pickpockets.

"These form the nobility of thieves

gone far beyond his powers of reception | times in a night. or relation.

does not feel right, he won't 'work.' " to wash." -Cincinnati Enquirer.

SAND AS AN UNDERSTUDY.

It Caused the Wrath of a Tragedian

Doomed to Hang. Jack Moynihan, known chiefly to fame from the fact that he managed a play called "The Scarecrow," which was written by a Chicago newspaper man, and which ran one consecutive night in St. Louis, tells of the only actor he ever knew as being legally executed.

On the day before the execution the condemned man called the sheriff to his

"Are we going to have a good house?" he inquired of the official. "Fairly good, I guess," was the reas

suring answer. "Have you papered the town pretty

"Two hundred tickets to the sad event have been issued.'

and give free advertising?" "I think the newspaper men have been pretty vigilant." "Do you think you care to rehearse

the thing so as to get your lines?" "I don't believe it will be necessary. touched or even looked at for months. Everything has been designed pretty But a run of bad luck finally drove the

well. We tested the gallows and rope with a 400 pound sack of sand just an bag, when to their intense dismay it Do you mean to tell me, a man who has \$100 bills were laid on the bed, all in gone on with Forrest and Kean, that you the same condition of greasy, uniform are using an infernal dumpy sack of black green no color. Husband and wife

sand for my understudy, and that you took turns at trying to restore the atdepend on your rehearsal with it to see tractive greenness of the filthy lucre, but you through? Here you've gone and got in vain. The young wife wept; the sava packed house just on the strength of ing husband raved. Then together they my star part, and yet you insult the went to the bank which had given them dignity of the profession by running on the bills. The bank refused to recognize a sack of sand to rehearse the leads with. Well, I'll warn you of one thing-if your rehearsal fails of effect, and you find you've forgotten your lines, you bill off their hands for friendship's sake needn't expect me to invent a lot of business at the trying time and to make a gag talk just to fill in a stage wait. I'm a game sport, but my dignity has been stepped on by you and your sack of sand."-Chicago Record.

Pat Laughed Last.

An Irishman on seeing a notice in a haberdasher's window one day which ran, "Everything sold here by the yard," entered and asked the man of the shop if he sold buttermilk.

"Yes," was the answer. "Then give me a yard," said Pat. "All right," said the man, and dipping his finger into a dish of milk at his side he drew it a yard in length on the

phantly of Pat. "No," said Pat. "Just rowl it up in a pices of paper, and I'll take it with me. "-Limerick News.

A Coming Prophet, voyant powers.

Mrs. Jackson-Parke-Indeed? "Yes. He is the son of a seventh husband, you know."-Indianapolis Jour-

grows an herb known as the laughing an actor friend, would be bitten too plant, the flowers and seeds of which. when eaten, are said to cause the same and led him to the table where the six effect as that produced by the laughing faded, wishy washy governmental promgas sometimes used by dentists.

The first adobe houses were built by the swallows.

The sum of \$75,000 has been raised in New York to erect a monument to Thom as Jefferson in that city. It seems that couraging condition of things. Still democrats feel liberal this year if the the business community is hopeful. One | subject of modern history is not intro-

Dr. Sawyer; Dear Sir: Having used your Pas livering it here. have been attended by four different doctors, but alone! It's just the thing we want. by the knowledge that the republicans one and a half boxes of your medicine has done why, the president of our circlet has me more good than all of them. Yours respect been divorced five times himself!—New branches of congress this year.—Ex.

County, Mich. Sold by F. H. Longley.

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# ABSOLUTELY PURE

CURRENCY THAT SOMETIMES RE-QUIRES AN AMMONIA BATH.

A Fair Young New York Cashier's Plan, Which Includes an Increase of Salary. The Experience of a Young Actor and His Brilliant Wife.

The fair metropolitan cashier has added a new factor to her growing valuation which will not prove so desirable a wile in the eyes of her employer as the honesty and efficiency which have won for her almost a monopoly in the business. It is the result of the microbe vast army of humanity who are soldiers | craze, and is nothing less than washing of the shadows only one-fourth of 1 per all the money she handles and charging her employer evertime too.

The discoverer of this new way to enand are reverenced by the burglar as of hance her usefulness and cost is Annie a higher class than they. The practice Nesmyth, the money taker of a big down of a pickpocket while not really at work town hotel. Miss Nesmyth serves at is as constant as that of some famed night mostly, and, while less money professor of the violin or harp. He comes in then than in the day, she is keeps pace with the profession. No generally kept busy enough. The money sooner does some jeweler invent a new is often very dirty and to the last degree fastening for diamond pins or studs repulsive to handle. Now, the cashier is than these men of finest touch devise a trained nurse "resting" from her artions held in the state this spring the motion which evades its purpose. duous professional labors. After a sick "The chief object of a picpkocket, spell from handling the soiled currency after certainty, is speed. He cannot she concluded to resign. She was perdally with his victim by the hour. suaded not to by an increase of salary What he does is to be over in a flash, and permission to wash the money. So Speaking of pins and studs, there has every night sees a soup plate of amnever been a fastening so complex but monia water at her elbow, into which the expert thieves could defeat it in a each note, as it arrives, is dropped. It motion. They do in their business as gets a quick bath and is then laid out on fine work as any Hindoo, and the thief a piece of flannel to dry as tenderly as if himself could not analyze or explain its it were her best piece of jewelry. The detail. His powers of execution have water has to be changed two or three

The cashier recently had an offer of "A pickpocket consults his own nerv- another similar job. Being asked what ous condition constantly. No fine lady salary she wanted, she mentioned her ever has such a time with her nerves as usual figure, with the proviso that it this aristocrat of the outlaws. If he must be so much more "if there's money

"Money to wash?" said the astonished would be employer. "Why, I haven't enough for my hides (he is a leather and tallow dealer), much less to

"You see," she said calmly, "your business is dirty, and it's likely the money will be. I won't wash another fellow's money in ammonia water-it's bad for the hands and head-without a consideration in my salary. Different if it were my money!" She says she's passing the tip along," and soon all merchants in a business that calls for an unusual fortitude in the olfactory and perceptive nerves will have to pay extra salaries if they wish to retain

steady and efficient help. A money washing episode which converted-Charlie Bigelow, the actor, and his wife to a belief in banks is worth recording. By dint of great saving and denial the young couple got together \$800 in the first year of their marriage. "Worked up any fake about confession | The money was kept in a chamois bag. and previous crimes to rouse interest which the wife strung around her waist under her corset, and as the fund was a great secret which both tried hard to forget, so that the well known borrowing propensities of their profession might not be excited, it was never young folks to draw on the chamois was found the money had become per-"Sand? Sand? The thunder you say! feetly illegible. One by one the eight the money, nor could Manager Baker's indorsement make the cashier change his mind. The manager then took a \$100 and got a managerial friend to do likewise, trusting to their prominence to pass the notes. That was doing a good | to general use when men did literally bit for the young folks, who had sub- ride upon a wheel, in the days of the

time to gather the fund together. The actor then left his wife at home weeping over the remaining \$600, while he went down on the Rialto to sell it to any speculator at 50 cents for the dollar. But the wife was "no slouch" at expedients. As soon as he was gone she dried her tears and declared to the girl that, as the money was no good anyway, they would just experiment with it. The girl made strong ammonia water, and the mistress took some washing soap and soaked and soaped and washed those six bills as industriously behind locked doors as if she were perpetrating the regular handkerchief and hose wash in a fourth story room of a hotel where | tricts as South Africa and Norway and "laundry work in the rooms" was forbidden. Patience was rewarded. Rid of their slimy coating, the half dozen bills Mrs. Wabash-I shall not be in the at last shone feebly out in a wan sort of least astonished if Johnny develops clair- alive greenness, topched up with brown, as if under the rays of a dying sunset. They looked like autumn leaves after a big gale.

When her husband came home with the news that he had sold our bills at 25 cents on the dollar, and would throw In the neighborhood of Shanghai there the other two in for fear the speculator, badly, she said radiantly, "Guess not," ises lay still damp. He rushed out and got the others from his consolers and submitted them to the same restorative process. The bank took the whole eight as the young couple's first deposit. - New York Times.

A Fellow Feeling.

University Extension Lecturer (to manager of Chicago bureau)-The E3Cond lecture of my course on Henry VIII has been objected to by eastern audiences as rather too enlogistic. Perhaps, therefore. I had better change it before de-

tilles, I can recommend them to the public. I | Chicago Manager-My dear sir, let it

As a perfume doth remain

In the folds where it hath lain, So the thought of you remaining, Deeply folded in my brain, Will not leave me-all things leave me-Other thoughts may come and go,

Other moments I may know, That shall waft me in their going As a breath blown to and fro Fragrant memories-fragrant memorie

In my heart where they have lain, Perfume thoughts of you remaining, A hid sweetness in my brain. Others leave me-all things leave me-

Only thoughts of you remain

-Arthur Symons.

SOME PECULIAR ACCIDENTS. An Oculist Tells How the Sight of Severa

Persons Was Destroyed. A prominent oculist of this city gives the following list of queer accidents that have come under his observation

A little boy, 10 years old, was standing in front of a bird fancier's shop when an aged parrot seemed to take a sudden animosity to the child and darted at him, pecking out one eye before he could get out of the way.

Some linemen left a lot of short wire lying on Euterpe street after repairing the telephone connections in that district. An old negro woman who was on her way to market early the next morning stepped on one end of a bit of this wire, when the other end flew up, striking her in the eye and blinding her.

A milker employed at one of the dairy farms near the city was milking a cow that had got her tail matted and tangled with cockleburs. In the course of the milking the cow switched her tail into the man's face, the mass of burs striking him in one eye and completely destroying the sight of it.

A lad shooting at sparrows with an airgun hit his little brother in the eye and blinded him for life.

Tommy Peats, the handsome, bright eved 7-year-old son of a widow, fell down stairs backward. When his mother got to him and picked him up, the boy was asleep, the shock having affected him in this singular manner, and in an hour after, when he opened his eyes, they were badly and irrevocably crossed. A poor lad who is affected with epilepsy during a recent attack fell against the steam coils in his father's office, barning and blistering his eyes so badly

that the sight is gone. As the Louisville and Nashville passenger train was coming into the city some ruthless person threw a stone at the day coach, shattering one of the windows. The particles of glass flew into the face of a man sitting by the window, as many as 40 of them embedding themselves in his eyes alone. Most marvelous to relate, every bit of glass has been abstracted and the man's eyesight remains unimpaired .- New Or leans Letter in Philadelphia Times.

What Shail We Call It? The boys call it a "bike" and are happy; the dictionary makers call it a "bicycle" and rest content, though heaven knows the philological sin ought to lie heavily on their literary con sciences, and we who ride and are hap py and independent call it a "wheel," in spite of the finicky protest of sundry would be pedants who fill space in the daily and weekly papers. Pray, why not "wheel?" Do you know of a better name? Surely not "bicycle," for "bieyele," besides being an awkward word. does not describe the instrument of delight we know, as doubtless the originator of the word fully dreamed it did. "Bicycle" has an affected, strained sound that ill accords with the best elements of the language we love, the language whose strength lies in its short, crisp words, pulsating with life and

It is not unusual to designate a specific thing by a generic term, and we do no violence to the language when we say we ride a wheel. The term came inmitted to being called stingy many a old "ordinaries," before the advent of 'safeties." It was a wheel they rode, the second member of the machine trailing behind in almost unnoticed insignificance. It was then that a thousand tongues at once named the wheel. This democratic term of spontaneous birth has had a tenacious life and will still live, for it is always the people who make language, not pedants nor die tionary compilers .- Womankind.

> Rainbows That Can Change Sex. In many parts of the world it is the general belief that the rainbow has the power to change sex. This queer belief obtains in such widely separated dis-China and Australia. The Zulus have a long folklore story of the young man who was changed into a wrinkled old woman by touching the many hued arch. The Scandinavian peasants have a simflar story, and in Greece they say that anybody who runs against the end of the rainbow will have his or her sex in stantly changed. In France and India to pass under the rainbow has a similar effect. -St. Louis Republic.

Old Story to Him. "My boy," said the passenger with the fur lined coat and the smooth shaven, square face, "it was the success of the season. There wasn't standing room." The conductor smiled a sour smile. "Zif I didn't have the same experience

Literary Item. "They say very few authors sleep more than seven hours a day." "But think how much slumber they were before. Now, should we try anoth-

every day," said he to the motorman, -

Cincinnati Enquirer.

Use your gifts faithfully, and they shall be enlarged. Practice what you know, and you shall attain to higher knowledge, -Arnold.

There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance. - Emerson.

WHY DON'T YOU LAUGH!

Merriment During Meals Is the Greatest Medicine For Dyspepsia.

A writer in The Speaker of London calls attention to the value of conversation at meals as an aid to digestion. He says with truth that the frugal repast eaten in silence is more harmful than a copious one enjoyed in the society of gay and vivacious companions.

He asserts that an English dinner is, as a rule, a funereal rite of taciturnity, and that his countrymen reserve all of their talk for the political platform and sessions of parliament. The writer in The Speaker contrasts this habit of the English with that of Americans and Frenchmen, who, he maintains, are loquacious at meals. So far as the latter are concerned, he is correct, but his assertion in regard to the former is only partly true. To those who have given attention to this subject the habit of our people who take their meals at hotels or more notable restaurants is, during their repasts, one of timid hesitation in indulging in conversation. Men and women seated at the same table are more than sparing of words. Each separate group appears to be oppressed with fears of the others. Oblique looks and an occasional sentence, uttered in low tones, take the place of animated talk.

Those who are eating have an air of furtive apprehensiveness. The writer in The Speaker has probably drawn his conclusions in regard to the vivacity of Americans at meals from experience at minor French and other foreign restaurants in this country. In those the funereal taciturnity that oppresses our men and women who take their meals at pretentious establishments collapses under the inspiration of example and unconventional environment, and with almost boisterous gayety they give free impulse to a natural love of conversa-

HE HAD A GOOD MEMORY.

How a Bright Young American Astonished

Some Smart German Officers. A story is told of a bright young American and several German officers who at a dinner one evening set out to make him uncomfortable by chaffing him about his country. The young man is Albert H. Washburn, the United States consular agent at Magdeburg. Henry F. Merritt, consul at Chemnitz, was the first one of the Americans attacked with a taunt from one of the Germans that he could not give the names of the presidents of the United States. Merritt named them over with some deliberation and drew from his German friend the declaration that he did not believe there was another American present who could do it.

Young Washburn had said nothing until now, but he broke in and declared, "I can do it, and I will give you the vice presidents." He was about to begin when a second thought struck him, and he said, "While I am about it, I might as well give you the secretaries of state too." The Germans got down a book giving the names and kept tabs on the young man as he correctly went through the list. They were pretty well backed down already, but Washburn had no idea of letting them off so easily. "Now, I should like to know, "he said, "whether any of you can give the names of the Prussian rulers from the time of Charlemagne and his sons down to the Emper-

or William?" Not one of them could go half through the list, and they were on the point of apologizing to the young Massachusetts scholar when he took them down still more by modestly suggesting, "Perhaps I had better do it for you." He began with Charlemagne and went through the list without a break, much to the astonishment of his German hosts and the delight of Consul Edwards and the other Americans. "How did you do it?" asked Merritt. "Oh, my father had a taste for such things and taught them to me when I was a boy, and, you see, they are sometimes useful to know," he

replied. - Sun Francisco Examiner.

Women Sit on the Right Side. "Have you ever noticed," said a man about town, "that nine women out of ten when they enter a street car invariably take a seat on the right hand side of the car? I have frequently wondered as it, and a solution of the mystery did not occur to me until a few nights ago. I boarded a Girard avenue car which was entirely empty, and sat down in the forward left hand corner. At the next crossing a woman got aboard and sat down opposite me. At the next street two more women got in and took seats alongside of the first. After a time there were seven women in the car, all sitting in a row, leaving me to enjoy alone the comforts of the left hand seats. Then three men jumped aboard and sat down on my side. Finally another woman joined us, and instead of taking a yacant seat near the door on the 'ladies' side' she walked the entire length of the car and sat down alongside of me. This eccentricity on her part impelled me to watch her more closely than good manners possibly warranted, but solved the mystery to my satisfaction. She paid the conductor with her left hand! She was left handed. See? And all the women on the other side were right handed of course. Fact!"-Philadelphia Record.

An Astute Dealer.

An American who was living in Paris went into a fruitshop one winter's day several years ago to get something for a little breakfast that she was preparing to give to two or three friends. The proprietor showed her three very beautiful hothouse peaches, which he assured her were the only ones to be had in all Paris. She asked the price and was told that they were 20 francs.

"But that is very dear," she said, "Besides I am not at all sure that the flavor is good." "Let us try one, ma-dame," replied the shopkeeper, and before she could prevent him he had broken one of the peaches and was offering her a half, while he himself ate the oth-

"Delicious," was her verdict. "And how much are the other two?" "Forty francs, madame," answered the smiling proprietor. "You see, since

we have eaten the third these that remain are so much more rare than they furnish other people!"-Chicago Rec- | er the last one would be 80 francs, " Fortunately she was possessed of an

abundance of this world's goods, so she hastily paid her 40 francs, lest they go up in price.-New York Journal.

Chronic Deadbroke-Could you seum me a ten, Charlie?

Charlie-Ten cents. Certainly. C. D. -That's what I meant, -Detroit Free Press.