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THE county commissioners of Cheyenne county used the pruning knife on officers' salaries last week, reducing the county superintendent's salary about \$300 and the county attorney \$150.

In Thursday's issue of the Era the populist county commissioners will have an opportunity to explain why they awarded the contract for the county publishing to their party organ at full legal rates when THE TRIBUNE offered to do the work for one-fourth the legal rate.

At the meeting of the assessors in March an attempt will be made to have property assessed for 1898 at one-fifth its actual value instead of one-fourth, as has been the rule for two years past.

It is said that Lucien Stebbins will this fall be a candidate for the populist nomination for state senator from this district.

Among the exports not diminished by the operations of the Dingley tariff may be mentioned American horses.

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Mr. Wiggles—Why, didn't you tell me yesterday that you were going away next week to be gone a month? I want to have dishes enough in the house so that I won't have to wash any while you are away.—Somerville Journal.

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To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cassara's Candy Cathartic. 10c. or 25c. If C. C. fails to cure, druggists refund money.

AMERICAN LUMBER SUPPLY.

The Planting of Forests Likely to Be an Important Industry.

Looking not very far into the future, it seems that the planting of American forests will become a productive industry. Preservation of old forests, with their masses of dry underbrush and fire inviting collections of dry leaves, may be advisable for some reasons.

While good timber is becoming gradually scarcer on account of our annual forest fires, rising from the conditions already stated, the demand is increasing, and what is more remarkable, Europe is already calling on America for a supply of lumber.

ANCIENT POLITICAL "RINGS."

The evil of monopolies and rings was known to ancients, Aristotle referring to them in his "Politics," and then, as now, it was found necessary to hold them in check by legislation.

There is an ancient tradition that the king who made Joseph his prime minister and committed into his hands the entire administration of Egypt was Apepi.

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SO THAT THE PEOPLE MAY KNOW

North Platte, Neb., January 8th, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., relative to the proposed publication of the North Platte Tribune for ONE-FOURTH the legal or statutory rate.

FOR ORDER IN THE COURT. DURATION OF HUMAN LIFE.

There is a practice, the universal prevalence of which in our existing trials by jury makes justice a misnomer. It is a practice whose evils, so far as I can discover, have never been commented upon, or even appreciated, by the press, public or individuals.

From the few facts that I have ventured to put together we may deduce, I think, the following conclusions, which, I trust, may be found of some interest by those who desire to have a general view of the expectation of life, its real duration and the possible causes of its length and brevity.

First.—That, according to the best authorities of the last century, the extreme limit of life might be 125 years under extraordinary and almost abnormal circumstances.

Second.—That the anticipation of life is roughly five times the time that the organs of the body—not counting the brain, which develops later—require to attain their full and absolute maturity.

Third.—That rarely, if ever, is that full duration achieved, owing to disease, food, heredity, bad habits, wear and tear and many other causes which shorten life.

Fourth.—That all human beings are not born with the capacity for long life even under the most favorable circumstances.

Fifth.—That the slower the development of the organism, the longer the period of reaching its maturity.—Nineteenth Century.

So long as we indulge in the barbarism of footlights some strengthening of the points of the face may be needed. It is indeed an excellent thing when deftly done and the material causes of the effect entirely hidden, as they should be.

Old Aunt Dinah was a colored woman with a remarkably strong voice who would sing and cry "glory" with such vigor as to be heard above all the rest of the congregation.

AWARDED HIGHEST HONORS—WORLD'S FAIR. GOLD MEDAL, MIDWINTER FAIR.

PIERCE'S BAKING POWDER. A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD. MADE IN MINIATURE. CURIOUS MICROSCOPIC MARVELS ACHIEVED BY INGENUOUS MEN.

Peter Ramms Tells Some Very Funny Stories About John Muller—The Ever Growing Squad of Cherry Stone Workers—A Wonderful Knife.

Perhaps the most prevalent mania of men gifted with mechanical ingenuity takes the shape of accomplishing or attempting to accomplish in miniature the mightiest feats of engineering that human hands have ever set up.

The medieval mechanics John Muller, better known in the trade as Regiomontanus, which one must admit sounds well for one of his craft, who lived in the fifteenth century, was without doubt the Masenius and Cook of the period, or at all events he had as a biographer a writer of greater imagination than the other less fortunate geniuses of that era.

Which, having down a perfect roundabout, with very wince returned unto his master. We are inclined to think, all things considered, that Peter Ramms had the makings of a very fine creator of ingenious fiction in him and that it was a sad pity he allowed his gift to be wasted in compiling a biography of a 100 years' deceased automata artificer in place of forestalling the friend of our youth, M. Jules Verne.

The cherry stone has been a favorite subject for the worker in miniature since Hadrianus Junius saw at Mechlin "a cherry stone cut into the form of a basket, in which were 14 pairs of dice distinct, the spots and numbers of which were easily to be discerned with a good eye."

A tiny vessel has been made of late years by a Italian jeweler who came into possession of a pearl that nature had caused to take upon itself the shape and contour of a boat.

In 1816 a knife was made at Messrs. Travis & Son's, Manchester, containing three blades, buttonhook, saw, punch, screwdriver, box, corkscrew, hook and gimlet, two phlebotoms, a species of lancet, picker and two more lancets with a ring at the bend.

Did Miss Flavilla seem pleased when you asked her to go to the theater? "Pleased? She wanted to keep the tickets for fear something might happen to me."—Chicago Record.

TOSSED BY THE HURRICANE.



Two men who had been chums in a western town before a financial hurricane hit it met for the first time in years in a Sixth avenue eating house the other day.

Expert bicyclists have already succeeded in riding a single wheel, or unicycle, for short distances. It is to come the unicycle motion as a mode of locomotion as common as a mode of the bicycle.

No. 23—Freight 6:00 a. m. No. 2—Fast Mail 8:50 a. m. No. 4—Atlantic 11:40 p. m.

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BROEKER'S SUITS ALWAYS FIT. We have been making garments for North Platte citizens for over twelve years, and if our work and prices were not satisfactory we would not be here to-day.

J. F. FILLION, Plumber, Tinworker General Repairer. Special attention given to BICYCLE REPAIRING. WHEELS TO RENT.