

NEW GOODS ARRIVING DAILY.

We extend to you a cordial invitation to visit our store and look over the most complete line of dry goods in the city.

The following are a few of our cash prices:

Table with columns for DRY GOODS DEPT., CLOTHING DEPT., and NOTION DEPT., listing various items and their prices.

Yours for Cash and One Price to all, W. T. BANKS, Prop. THE HUB.

So well satisfied are the officials of the government this will be the result of the inquiry that they discuss what is to come.

If it shall appear in the report as is expected, that subjects of Spain conspired and destroyed the Maine, then the course will be to treat Spain as responsible for the acts of her subjects and demand an indemnity.

The smallest amount spoken of as likely to be named is ten million dollars. Of this five million is considered the amount Spain should pay to the United States for the loss of the Maine and the same amount to be distributed among the families of those who were on board.

The demand for this indemnity will be peremptory if the report shall show clearly the responsibility of Spain. It will give a brief limit of time, probably forty-eight hours.

Opinions differ as to what Spain's reply will be. One is that the creditors of that bankrupt power will come to the rescue, and that the indemnity will be paid.

There is no need, says the Harrisburg Banner, of a man spending a thousand dollars in a trip to Alaska if it is money desired to acquire. Western Nebraska offers far better inducements to the man with small means, while the hardships are nothing in comparison.

There is no need, says the Harrisburg Banner, of a man spending a thousand dollars in a trip to Alaska if it is money desired to acquire. Western Nebraska offers far better inducements to the man with small means, while the hardships are nothing in comparison.

There is a Class of People who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee.

Thirty-two passengers bound for Klondike passed through Grand Island on a B. & M. train one day the early part of the week.

Professor Mommson of Berlin, who has just celebrated his eightieth birthday, is very absentminded. On one occasion his little son was traveling in a train car from his home to Charlottenburg.

A Winter Episode. "That water is too cold!" now cries the small boy in the case.

"Ow, wow!" he howls. "I'll freeze! I'll freeze!" Let me go, I say!

The Horrid Thing. "Officer, is there a good restaurant in this neighborhood?"

"Yes, ma'am, just around the corner." "Is there a saloon attached to it?"

"No, but they'll send out and get you anything you like, ma'am." -Cleveland Pulp Dealer.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER advertisement with logo and text: "Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious."

Wesley Lewis Replies to the "Squirt Gun."

EDITOR TRIBUNE:—In the Independent Era of recent date there appeared the following:

The letter of Wesley Lewis, according to the language of Mr. Lewis himself in another letter to us under date of Feb. 7, 1898, "was a private one, written at off-hand, not intended for publication."

The serious charge which Mr. Lewis makes against the official organ of the populist party of Lincoln county is untrue, and we have sufficient evidence before us in a letter from Mr. Lewis to convince any unprejudiced man that the charge is misleading and unjust.

After reading the above carefully I feel that silence upon my part would not only be a grave injustice to myself but also to my friend Fort. It is therefore with some reluctance I come forward to offer a few corrections to the young man who penned the above lines and offer, as it were, a few fatherly words in order to convince him that there is one populist in Lincoln county at least that is not an admirer of his tactics in the cause of reform; and furthermore that efforts to bulldoze will not always work on the average populist.

Shortly after my letter to Mr. Fort, Mr. Cheyney penned me a lengthy epistle demanding that I should sit down and eat a goodly portion of crow. My stomach being somewhat indisposed to that kind of diet and knowing that my utterances were true, I penned Mr. Cheyney a letter the expression of which could not be misinterpreted except willfully.

The first paragraph of the above extract from the Era gives me an imaginarily kicking over the shoulder of Mr. Fort. Now, see by my words in reference to it, if it requires that Cheyney should drag Mr. Fort in between us.

I said: "While the letter written to Mr. Fort was a private one and written at off-hand, not intended for publication, I am free to say, however, that my private opinions thus publicly expressed are such of which I am not ashamed; for never shall my private acts belie my public utterances, and I have not the slightest thought of receding a step from the position I have taken." Now is not that a barricade over which the young man cannot climb?

Mr. Cheyney thought that the question of reduction of salaries had nothing to do with the question of taxation; to which I replied: "In reference to the article upon reduction of the salaries of county officials and taxation, I believe them to have the closest relation; that the discussion of one will involve the other, and the reduction of salaries taken in the view to the reduction of taxation, must involve the general principles of taxation. And not until it is proven that no part of any county official's salary is paid out of revenue retained by taxation, have I any reason to withdraw my statement."

Having thus explicitly defined my position as to whether the phase of taxation was involved in the discussion, I proposed to take up or not, there arose the question whether Mr. Cheyney refused to publish my article. Now that will depend mostly upon our respective truthfulness. Yet does he not partly convict himself? Does not his present attitude toward taxation reform, his effort to ride it down, prove that he is adverse to the move? Is it not probable that the same motive that now prompts his attitude on the question would have carried him to utter some hot hasty words to some one who wished to bring it up before? And why should he deem it necessary to enumerate some reason for not publishing such communications; (referring to my communication.) If he had reasons why it is not probable that he would politely decline it? His aversion was so cutting that day that I hurriedly walked out of his office.

As to the assertions of either of us in view of these facts I believe, I know that my claim is more valid and I do not care what Mr. Cheyney or any man or men say, I feel justified in saying that he refused to open his columns to the discussions of the question of reduction of taxation as involved in the phase above referred to and that he did not decline in either gentlemanly or brotherly language.

I regret that I have been forced to belittle myself by indulging in a fight of personalities as I feel that the intelligence of the people deserve better things. I have tried and wished that the official organ of my party was more than a squirt-gun with a cesspool of misrepresentations and personalities at one end and a topsy-turvy at the other, and account that fact to be a part of the reason why so many populists go around with their hands on their stomachs and say with unutterable anguish "our enthusiasm is gone! our enthusiasm is gone!" while a third Solomon comes and wisely says "the democrats have stolen it! the democrats have stolen it!" Populism to live must have a higher seat for reform than in the stomach.

Buying is Like Kissing--

It goes by favor, but few people will continue to favor a store with their patronage unless it is deserved. The true test for a store's claim for your business is its growth. If the store grows steadily it is because more and more people find it to their advantage to trade there.

DRY GOODS.

Extra wide Percales for 10 cents. Simpson's Percales 5 cents. Novelty Dress Goods 10 cents. Novelty Goods worth 25c and 35c for 15 cents.

SHOES.

A few lines of Shoes, broken sizes, at very low figures. Ladies' Shoes that formerly sold for \$3.50 and \$4.00 are now being sold for \$2.50.

S. RICHARDS. The Fair.

C. M. NEWTON, Wall Paper.

Wall - Paper

We are in the Wall Paper business, and for business. We have a larger stock than ever. We have more competition than ever in the way of sample agents, however we think by having an elegant stock on hand to select from and prices as low as the lowest we will at least sell some Wall Paper this season.

Table with columns for Per Roll - 3 Cents and Per Roll - 10 Cents, listing various paper types and prices.

As all Wall Papers are put up in double rolls we do not sell less than a double roll. You do not have to wait for us to order. We have it in our store.

You do not have to pay for more than you use. You can return any full rolls to us and get your money back.

USUAL SALE OF REMNANTS

C. M. NEWTON, Wall Paper.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

VOORHEES LUCAS, PPSYICIAN. Office over First National Bank.

D. R. J. W. BUTT, DENTIST. Office over First National Bank, NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

BEDELL & THORPE, PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS. Offices: North Platte National Bank Building, North Platte, Neb.

F. F. DENNIS, M. D., HOMOEOPATHIST. Over First National Bank, NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA.

WILCOX & HALLIGAN, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW. NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA. Office over North Platte National Bank.

E. E. NORTHRUP, DENTIST. McDonald Building, Spruce street, NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

FRENCH & BALDWIN, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW. NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA. Office over N. P. Nat. Bank.

T. C. PATTERSON, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office over Yellow Front Shoe Store, NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

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

The best 5c CIGAR IN TOWN. Can be found at..... J. F. SCHMALZRIED'S.

Our Ten-Cent Cigars are the equal of any.

Your attention is invited to our fine line of Chewing and Smoking Tobaccos and Smokers articles.

RIBBONS

We have just received ten thousand yards of the celebrated Bon Ton Ribbons, the best made in the United States. Plain and watered ribbon in all colors and sizes, running from No. 2 to 80, at very reasonable prices.

Notice our show windows.

THE BOSTON STORE.

SOME COMMON MISTAKES.

To sleep exposed to a direct draft at any season.

To take off heavy underclothing before you have become overcooled.

It is a mistake to work when you are not in a fit condition to do so.

To conclude that the smallest room in the house is large enough to sleep in.

To think that the more a person eats the healthier and stronger he will become.

To imagine that if a little work or exercise is good violent or prolonged exercise is better.

To believe that children can do as much work as grown people and that the more they study the more they learn.

To go to bed late at night and rise at daybreak and imagine that every hour taken from sleep is an hour gained.

To give unnecessary time to a certain established routine of housekeeping when it could be much more profitably spent in rest or recreation.

To eat as if you had only a minute in which to finish the meal or to eat without an appetite or to continue after it has been satisfied to gratify the taste.

To imagine that whatever remedy causes one to feel immediately better, as alcoholic stimulants for example, is good for the system without regard to the after effects.

Why He Is a Bachelor. "No," said the rich old bachelor, "I never could find time to marry."

"Well," replied the young woman with the sharp tongue, "I am not surprised to hear you say so. It certainly would have taken a good while to persuade any girl to have you."

These New Times. "No times like the ole times!" Fellers, that ain't true.

Brighter eyes an bluer skies, Delices in the dew, An in the storm a rainbow Like a ribbon over you!

"No times like the ole times!" Don't you talk it so! Take the ole times by the hand An let the ole times go!

More roses meet the Maytime, More violets drink the dew, For these new times air lookin Like yer sweethearts looked at you!

More to the Fetas. Agent—Here's a book on golf I should like to sell you.

Agents—That's all right. This book does not teach you to play golf. It teaches you to talk it.—New York Journal.

BRADY ISLAND.

The Gothenburg visitors Saturday were Mrs. Parsons and Miss Costin; on Monday Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Marcott, Mrs. St. Marie and Wm. Beatty.

Ed Murphy returned from Omaha Sunday afternoon. Mr. Murphy had been in Omaha receiving treatment for catarrh of the stomach during the past few weeks and returns improved in health.

Newell Burritt was a visitor Sunday. Mr. Burritt announces his intention of returning to his place near here soon and is making improvements to that end in the shape of a new steel air motor.

The jolly A. Gilbert dropped in on his many friends here Saturday night and remained until Sunday. He is at present living at Cozad.

Patrick Shields attended a meeting of the brotherhood of railway track foremen at Grand Island Sunday.

The Woodmen met Saturday night and among other business introduced Martin Black to the goat. They both have a great deal of respect for each other now.

Saturday E. A. Johnson made a short visit to the Platte.

George Anderson, grandson of Rev. Romine, wrote from Colorado to his grandparents expressing dissatisfaction with things there.

The Spanish situation is the all engrossing topic of conversation and it seems strange that McKinley does not send here for advice.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body.

There are now 345,000 members of the A. O. U. W., and it is by far the largest secret organization in the United States.

TEACHERS' MEETING.

The North Platte Division Teachers' Meeting will hold its regular meeting at the high school Saturday, February 26, at 1.30 p. m. with the following programme:

- Studies in Literary Interpretation.....Mrs. Oberst
Studies in Municipal Government.....J. A. Kinley
On the Teaching of English.....E. D. Snyder
Child Study.....Lizzie Burke
Pictures of the School Room.....Miss Frances Clayton
Study of Boys Entering the Adolescent Period of Life.....Miss Francis McNamara
Nebraska Society for Child Study.....Miss Grace Duncan
Outside Educational Forces.....Miss Lonergan

PROBABLY A TORPEDO.

Washington, Friday:—A torpedo towed by a long line behind a small boat was drawn against the bow of the Maine on the port side and exploded. It struck near the forward magazine and caused a partial explosion of its contents, causing the wreck of the forward part of the American battleship.

This is part evidence, and part theory. It is Sigbee's knowledge and belief and the president has received the information. He no longer entertains the opinion he did in the beginning, that the destruction of the vessel was an accident.

The board of inquiry is directing its investigation to the development of what is now considered the explanation of the explosion—a towed torpedo and a double explosion, first without and then within the Maine. There need be no fear as to the character of the action the president will take. If the court is able to complete the chain of cause of the disaster, there will be neither hesitation nor leniency shown by the president in dealing with Spain. There may be no war, but if there is not, it will because Spain does all that is demanded of her in the way of reparation.

WHAT IS TO COME? If it was not an accident, the officials begin their speculations as to what is to come. They no longer say, "If it was an accident," etc. The gossip of the corridors and the unofficial talk now proceeds upon the expectation that the investigation will fasten the responsibility on Spain. If not that, then it is believed that the report will be indefinite as to conclusions. No one in authority any longer looks for a finding of accident.

The information forwarded goes to show that the inquiry has passed beyond that point. The finding will be design or mystery, with the probabilities pointing now to a conclusion that a crime was committed. In the official information brought from Havana and Key West, Blanco, and the principal officers of the Spanish government in Cuba are acquitted of personal knowledge of the plot that destroyed the Maine. That there was a plot and that the execution of it blew up the Maine are believed by Consul General Lee, Captain Sigbee and all the other officers of the ship. Blanco is absolved from personal complicity but all of his subordinates are not.

QUESTION OF INDEMNITY. The conspirators are believed to have been followers of Weyler, who had access to the material, and who had such control of conditions as made it possible for them to carry out the plot.