

THE BEST NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Greater Interest in Irrigation.

The dry weather of July and the resultant damage to crops in several sections of the state have caused Nebraska farmers to display renewed interest in the subject of irrigation. State Engineer Dobson has received many applications for water rights along the Platte river and inquiries are being made daily at the irrigation office relative to methods of using water for irrigation purposes. Mr. Dobson is encouraging investigations of this subject and all applications filed at his office are receiving prompt attention. The state board of irrigation has jurisdiction over flowing streams only and it can do nothing more than assist those who wish to use well water for irrigation. Several successful systems depending entirely upon wells for the water supply are now in operation and Mr. Dobson believes similar methods might be adopted elsewhere and with good results.

Says Teachers Cut Rates.

State Superintendent Fowler has traveled over 9,000 miles in Nebraska since June 1 and visited 42 institutes in as many counties. Mr. Fowler is making a plea for fair wages for the teachers of Nebraska schools. He does not ask for a general increase in salaries, but he insists that a fair and honest standard be maintained throughout the state. "In various counties I have had my attention called to underbidding on the part of teachers or persons who are seeking employment as teachers," said Mr. Fowler. "I am trying to discourage this practice. I am not demanding that salaries be raised; what I object to is the lowering of salaries under such conditions as I have mentioned."

Omaha's Defiant School Board.

The Omaha board of education members, given the alternative of appearing before the city council as witnesses or going to jail, accepted the latter, and warrants were issued for their arrest. Members state that they will not appear before the council unless carried in a patrol wagon. They prefer to answer in police court for an infraction of the city ordinance enjoining upon them obedience to the council. The school board originally incurred the council's displeasure by implying, in the report of a committee, that fines were being diverted through official corruption.

Guards Friends from Smallpox.

Miss Alice Florer, a York county young lady school-teacher who was attending the normal school at Fremont, was exposed to smallpox. Miss Florer did not want to expose her friends and relatives and wrote before her return to York, asking her sister to prepare a shelter in a grove near the house for her, where she could stay until it was known whether or not she would be stricken with the disease. A place was built for her and she lived alone there for three weeks. She did not take the disease.

State Fair Grounds Improved.

The fine showing which the state fair grounds at Lincoln will make this year is a topic freely commented upon by all who have seen them with the new improvements practically completed. Nothing so attractive in the way of accommodations have ever been furnished before and both exhibitors and the people who visit will be greatly pleased at the showing made the first year of the permanent fair.

Laughing, She Took Her Life.

Mrs. Chauncey Adams, wife of a young blacksmith of North Loup, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. There is no known cause for the act, as she was present at a ball game a few moments before and appeared to be in good spirits, laughing and chatting with the neighbors.

This Pays All Debts.

"This pays all my debts," wrote James T. Hoffman. And it surely did, for Hoffman's body was found floating at the foot of Jones street in Omaha. Hoffman had been eking out a precarious existence as a watch repairer.

Gold Along the Blue River.

The test of flour gold made at Brickton on the Blue river was a good success and proved a big surprise to Chicago parties who are there with their mill for extracting gold. It was much richer than they expected.

Four Thousand Attended Picnic.

The Cuming county old settler's picnic at West Point was attended by 4,000 people. Gov. Savage and Mayor Moores, of Omaha, were among those who spoke.

Saloon Men in Majority.

The resignation of Councilman Fraker, of Humboldt, gives the saloon license men a majority and the license law that was recently repealed with Fraker's vote has been re-enacted.

Can a Parole Be Limited?

Appropos of the threat made by Gov. Savage that unless ex-State Treasurer Bartley complied with certain conditions of the parole he would be returned to prison, the point has been raised that Gov. Savage has no power to return Bartley to the penitentiary so long as he complies with the conditions of the temporary parole, which in brief are that he maintain good behavior, and report regularly to the warden through his sponsor, C. O. Whedon. In other words, it is contended that the governor cannot limit a parole and return the prisoner at the expiration of the time allowed, unless the prisoner by his behavior gives some cause for the action.

To Dispose of School Lands.

Land Commissioner Follmer will begin a land leasing tour in southern Nebraska the middle of September. He will start in Webster county and go west through the counties of Harlan, Franklin, Furnas, Red Willow, Hitchcock, Dundy and then east through the counties of Chase, Hayes, Frontier, Gosper, Phelps, Kearney and Adams. The board of education lands and funds will meet September 3 to declare forfeitures and the auctions will be held after the land has been properly advertised.

Nebraska National Banks.

The latest report of the national banks of Nebraska, made July 15, shows the average reserve held at 34.40 per cent., against 37.48 per cent. on April 24; loans and discounts increased from \$19,683,304 to \$19,883,550; gold coin decreased from \$745,610 to \$733,450; total specie decreased from \$1,049,864 to \$1,034,258; lawful money reserve decreased from \$1,627,590 to \$1,622,625; individual deposits increased from \$21,661,245 to \$22,256,706.

Rural Free Delivery Routes.

Rural free delivery will be established October 1 at Kearney, Elk Creek, Geneva, Waverly, Crete and York. The service will go into operation November 1 at Grand Island, Minden, Greenville, Mead, Diller, Beatrice, Colon, Grafton, Peru and Fairbury. There are 109 rural free delivery routes in operation in Nebraska, with 260 applications pending.

Baby Killed by Strychnine.

Mrs. C. W. Chinery arrived at Fairmont recently from Colorado to visit her sister, Mrs. John Keller. She unpacked her trunk in the presence of her young child. Mrs. Chinery took some strychnine tablets from the trunk and the baby swallowed them. A physician was called, but his efforts failed and the little one died.

"Detective" Hans in Trouble.

Fred Hans, a detective for the Elkhorn railroad, is under arrest for perjury. A freight car was robbed on the Northwestern near Blair July 6 for which Richard Latta is under arrest. It is charged that Hans hired Latta and one Francis to "rob" the train, that he (Hans) could make a creditable showing as a sleuth.

Over Two Millions More.

The quarterly report of the state banking board shows that the amount of money deposited in state and private banks has increased over \$2,000,000 since the last report made March 4. On July 17 there was \$30,565,634 on deposit in the state and private banks of Nebraska.

Familiar Domestic Tragedy.

Mrs. Phillip Traut, of Grand Island, was frightfully burned while starting her kitchen fire. She apparently was pouring kerosene into the stove after the fire had a start. There was an explosion like that of a cannon and blazing oil was dashed all over her clothing.

Now She Must Stay in Jail.

Miss Mattie Jensen, the West Point servant girl accused of robbing her employer, C. Y. Thompson, a farmer, was held to the district court in \$300 bonds, which she was unable to furnish.

Preacher Sues for Damages.

Rev. Harmon E. Motter, pastor of the Christian church at Bradshaw, asks that C. B. Palmer and his son pay him \$1,000 each for alleged defamation of character.

Bryan Goes in for Oil.

On his recent trip to Evanston, Wyo., W. J. Bryan invested in some promising oil land near there.

Pierce Votes Bonds.

The proposition to issue \$10,000 in bonds for waterworks was carried at Pierce by a vote of 105 to 52.

Man Killed by Falling Brick.

Ira F. Gilbert was instantly killed at Calhoun by the end of a brick kiln falling on him.

Millard Has a Fire.

A destructive fire visited Millard, consuming an entire row of business houses.

FASHIONABLE APPAREL.

Latest Importations in Dress Goods and Creations for Foreign Sources.

Silk-embroidered collonnies are added to the importation of elegant silk and wool fancies.

Parisian attelers all agree upon the continued favor, for the entire summer season, of plaited and flounced skirts for both day and evening wear, reports the New York Post.

Vienna manufacturers have sent out some very handsome materials in silk and wool weaves, designed for stylish summer visiting and promenade costumes. These goods are all in delicate pastel effects, and some of them have a woven satin stripe; others are in dainty tricolor mixtures, the third color being a raised silk dot.

Among the latest French importations are exquisitely fine and sheer silk warp zephyr veillings, woven with borders in various novel and attractive designs, among them being a ribbon effect of a lighter or deeper tone of the fabric, and above the woven band a delicate embroidery in shaded silks. Other borders are handsome monochromes—combined with gold or silver threads, and the linings for gowns formed of these semi-diaphanous materials are self-colored to carry out the most artistic results.

One of the most popular of the Parisian dress-skirts is in alternating plaits and narrow gores, the skirt so shaped that each plait widens slightly every inch from the hip downward, and at the top, near the belt, are little more than folded points, so narrow grow the plaits. This is an admirable model for women of rather full figure, who admire plaited skirts, but who, before this modern device, were forced to eschew them, on account of the superfluous fabric massed below the waist-line.

The variety of night-dresses for the summer is very great, and one of the leading models is made of very sheer French lawn, cut half low, and rounding in the neck, with a much-trimmed blouse front, an empire belt at the back and half way under the arms, and full sleeves that do not reach to the elbow. These are finished with a deep ruffle of lace or of daintily embroidered Swiss muslin.

The duchess of Devonshire, Gainsborough and Maintenon hats appear among exclusive styles in high-priced millinery. The shapes are unusually large, and show the eccentricity of crown and brim characteristic of these historical models. Many of the stylish straw shapes are draped everywhere with tulle, with matching choux set high on the left side of the hat. Other models are decorated with rose montures and foliage, with crowns of gold and silver embroideries, or with expensive lace and jeweled buckles, draperies of tulle or chiffon drooping over the brim, with all the grace of a Spanish echarpe, the resemblance being further produced by the addition of one or two large glowing red or yellow roses under the brim—to show just back of the ear.

ICED TEA AND COFFEE.

Summer Drinks That Should Be Properly Made to Be Thoroughly Appreciated.

Tea or coffee left to grow cold on its grounds is an unwholesome drink, which cannot be made wholesome or palatable by the use of ice. There is only one way to make cold coffee that is fit for food and is free from tannic acid in an unwholesome quantity. Never leave it a moment longer on the grounds than is necessary, says the New York Tribune.

To make iced coffee have a clean French coffee pot, or as the New England people call it, a coffee "biggin," on the stove. Put four and a half ounces of pulverized coffee which is freshly ground and freshly browned in the "drip" of the pot. Pour gradually over it a pint of boiling water, cover it for three minutes, and then pour a pint and a half more of boiling water. Take great care to have the water boiling and allow it to drip through the coffee slowly. Add to the coffee the same amount of hot milk and pour the mixture in an ice cream freezer, adding three tablespoonfuls of sugar; freeze it until it is half frozen or "frappe." Serve it in glasses. Most people like a little more sugar with their coffee. Serve powdered sugar with it.

The glace or iced tea is a delicious beverage that is an entirely different drink from tea that has cooled on its grounds and been impregnated with the astringency of tannic acid. Put three heaped tablespoonfuls or one and a half ounces of the best English breakfast tea in a porcelain or stone-ware teapot, not in one of metal, even if it be solid silver. Pour over it a pint of boiling water that is freshly boiled. Let it infuse for five minutes. Then add two quarts more of boiling water. Let it stand about five minutes, and then turn it out into the can of an ice cream freezer and freeze it until it is frappe. Put it in a cold pitcher and serve it in tea glasses, or, if you have not the regular Russian tea glasses, use tall plain water tumblers to serve it in. Serve powdered sugar and a dish of lemons cut in thin circles with the tea.

GIRL MANAGES BRICK YARD.

She Masters Every Detail of the Business and Makes Money at It.

Perhaps Owensboro, Ky., has the only young lady in the country who is engaged in the business of manufacturing brick and who can lay brick as rapidly as any man and do any kind of work in connection with the manufacture and use of brick that a man can do and perform it as rapidly. She is Miss Ida Hafner, and operates an extensive brick manufacturing plant in the lower end of the city. She has been known to dig and cart the clay for 3,000 bricks in a day and to wheel

BRAIN WORKERS EAT APPLES.

Story of One Who Makes a Late Supper Off Half a Dozen with Plenty of Cider.

The declaration is made by an investigator that he has discovered a food that is peculiarly adapted to the needs of the literary man. This man asserts that apples, and raw apples at that, are the best diet on which to feed genius. He tells of the penchant of his father, a man of letters, who lived to the age of nearly 90, for apple pudding, which he ate almost daily, and raw apples, which he ate morning, noon and night. He adds: "It is surprising how many per-

MRS. GROVER CLEVELAND.



The accompanying picture is from the latest photograph of this charming lady who for two terms was mistress of the white house and recognized as one of the most beautiful women in the national capital. The picture shows that Mrs. Cleveland still is a charming woman, although she has changed considerably since she was first lady of the land. She has grown stouter and her features are fuller than former photographs represent. However, the change has in no way detracted from the beauty of the ex-president's wife. The picture is from one made for the Chicago American.

and set 10,000 bricks in a day. She is assisted by her mother and a younger sister, and many of the residences and business houses of the city were built with brick made by them.

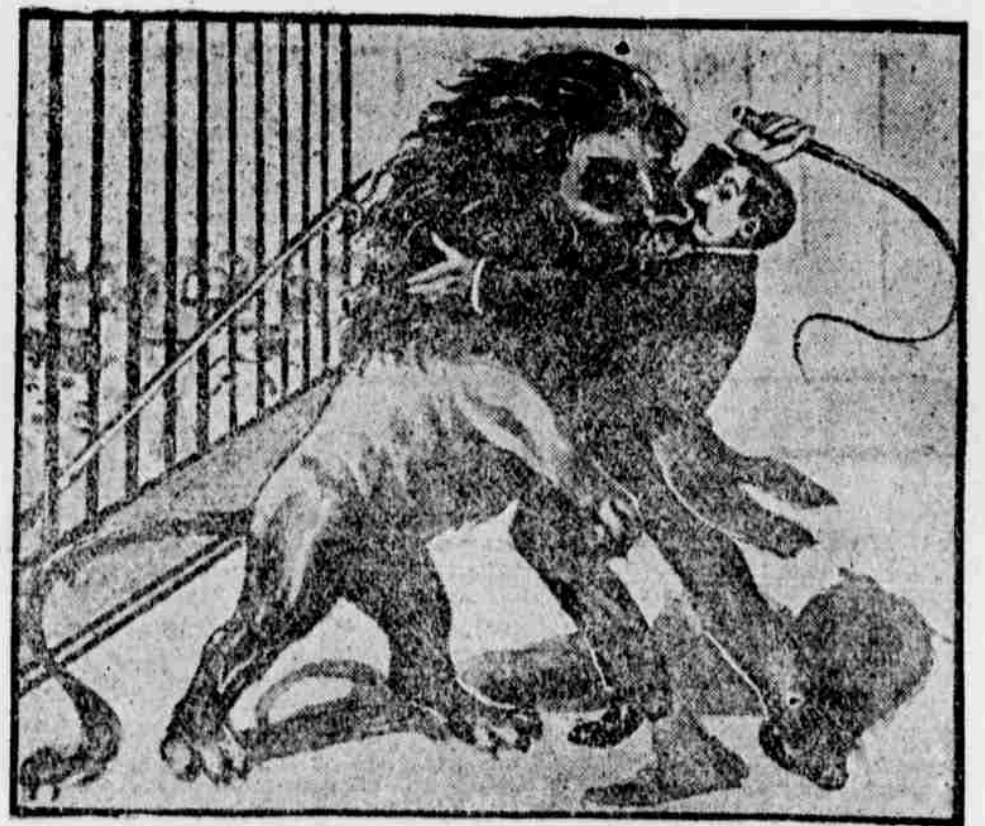
About four years ago the husband and father, who had built up the largest brick industry in the city, died and left a widow and two daughters. Miss Ida took up the business where her father left it and has conducted it with marked success. She and her mother and the younger sister have built their own home, which is a handsome structure, and they are rapidly accumulating money and property.

A Sailor Poet Needed.

An English literary writer says that the time is fully ripe for the advent of

sons fancy that raw apples are indigestible, and only endurable in the early morning. Doubtless the old adage that fruit is gold in the morning and lead at night is to some extent answerable for this, to my thinking, erroneous impression. I find that after working late at night, say till twelve or one o'clock in the morning, one gets hungry, and that then five or six apples or more, according to their size, with a draught of good cider, constitutes a most agreeable and wholesome supper, and one that conduces to a sound and refreshing night's rest. But apples, to be really beneficial, should be eaten as children eat them, rind and all, and in sufficient quantities to be satisfying. The man who, first paring off the skin and with it the best part of the flesh, dal-

TRAINER'S FIGHT WITH A LION.



The sketch here reproduced was made by an artist who witnessed a fight at the Paris Hippodrome between a lion and his tamer. Immediately the tamer entered the cage to go through his performance, the excited lion fastened its teeth in his arm and struck him a terrible blow in the face with its paw. The man was eventually extricated from the cage, but fainted as soon as he got outside. Many in the audience who witnessed the scene swooned in terror. A proposition to prevent similar exhibitions was, however, hooted down by the easily irritated populace of the French capital.

a sailor poet and the marine engineer poet. "Whether they write in terms of rhyme or not I care not. A virgin field awaits them, a noble inheritance, maturing for ages. They can, if they come, utterly refute the false and foolish prattle of the arm-chair philosophers, and prove triumphantly that so far from the romance and poetry of the sea being dead it has hardly yet been given any adequate expression whatever."

Peking's Dog Cemetery.

A famous canine cemetery is to be seen behind the summer palace of Peking, where 1,000 dogs, the pets of the various monarchs of China, are laid to rest. Each animal has a monument erected to it, some of them being of ivory, silver and gold.

lies with the residue of an apple after dinner is no true apple lover."

Hurts from Fish Fins.
In handling fishes it requires a certain amount of care to avoid being cut by the fins, which in some species are to some extent poisonous. The Key West fisherman has an unbounded horror of being bitten by almost any kind of fish, as he fears blood poisoning will set in, although according to those who have studied the question there seems to be very little foundation for this fear.

Marriage Days in Italy.
In Italy, Sundays are usually preferred for marriages when the principals have never been married before. Widows, however, respect an old custom by marrying on Saturdays.