

**GREATLY REDUCED RATES**  
Via  
**WABASH RAILROAD.**

\$13.50 to St. Louis and return. On sale June 16th, 17th, 21st and 22nd.  
\$20.50 to Portland, Maine, and return. From Chicago. On sale July 5th to 9th.  
\$18.90, Providence, R. I., and return. From Chicago. On sale July 7th, 8th and 9th.

Special rates to all summer resorts on sale daily. Stoppers allowed on all tickets at Niagara Falls. Ask your nearest ticket agent to route you via the Wabash R. R. For rates, lake trips and all information, call at Wabash New City Office, 1601 Farnam St., or address Harry E. Moores, General Agent, Passenger Department, Omaha, Neb.

Flattery consists of having your secret opinion of yourself expressed in the language of others.

**820 A WEEK AND EXPENSES**  
to men with right to introduce our Poultry goods. Send for Javelle Mfg. Co., Dept. D, Parsons, Kan.

A properly adjusted tongue runs slower than the mind.

Storekeepers report that the extra quantity, together with the superior quality, of Deffiance Starch makes it next to impossible to sell any other brand.

It is better to be slandered by more than to be praised by others.

**Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold**  
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25c.

Ignorance may be bliss, but knowledge leaves no room for doubt.

**SALESMEN WANTED.**  
We have a number of agencies in Nebraska and Iowa where we can use good men, over 30, selling our Standard Stock Food to farmers. They must have teams, give full time to the business, be in high standing, with good business ability and some knowledge of live stock. We furnish wagons and offer exceptional inducements to permanent salesmen. Bond required. Send for application blank. The F. E. Sanborn Company, Omaha, Neb.

When a man acts like a mule the latter is justified in giving him a kick.

**Sensible Housekeepers**  
will have Deffiance Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for the same money, but also because of superior quality.

You can get almost any man's attention by saying you dislike to encroach on his valuable time.

It is usually tomorrow that all remarkable things are expected to happen.

**I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption**  
has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN P. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1904.


Consistency, thou art a jewel, but women seem to prefer other articles of personal adornment.

A retired bunco man says that love is not the only thing that needs the services of an oculist.

**A Japanese Worth \$100,000,000.**  
Baron Euchi Shibusawa, who is regarded as the richest man in Japan, is in San Francisco on a tour of the United States and Europe. While in this country the baron will make a study of steel plates and shipyards. Baron Shibusawa is 63 years old. His wealth is estimated at \$100,000,000.

**YOU CAN DO IT TOO**  
Over 2,000,000 people are now buying goods from us at wholesale prices—saving 15 to 40 per cent on everything they use. You can do it too.  
Why not ask us to send you our 1,000-page catalogue?—It tells the story. Send 15 cents for it today.  
**Montgomery Ward & Co.**  
CHICAGO  
The house that tells the truth.

**TWO IMMENSE PIANO STOCKS Bought for Spot Cash.**  
Never in our business experience have we been able to offer such bargains in Pianos as now. Lack of floor space necessitates the slaughtering of prices on at least 100 pianos.  
Brand new Pianos from \$118.00 up to the price of the celebrated Steinway. We sell new pianos on \$3 monthly payments. Call or write at once for catalog, prices, etc.  
**SCHMOLLER & MUELLER,**  
Manufacturers, Wholesale and Retail Piano Dealers,  
1313 Farnam St. Omaha



**ALABASTINE**  
FOR YOUR  
**SCHOOL HOUSES**  
Cleanly and Sanitary  
Durable and Artistic  
Safeguards Health  
The delicate tints are made with special reference to the protection of pupils' eyes. Beware of paper and germ-absorbing and disease-breeding Kalsomines.  
**ALABASTINE COMPANY,**  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

**MARRIAGE IN JAPAN**  
*Love and Romance Have Little to Do With the Making of the Nuptial Contract*

Japan has some marriage customs that are at variance with our Western ideas on the question. In the first place, love doesn't enter into the contract at all.

The primary purpose in a Japanese girl's marriage is to get her placed where she will be well connected and cared for. No mother in all Japan would for a moment be so foolish as to think of giving her daughter in marriage to a young man who had no home ready for her reception. He must have the necessary means to care for his wife and he must be able to show a creditable family tree. Without these essentials he might love the girl to desperation and she might regard him with equal ardor, but he would never get her.

The Japanese maiden in any event does not choose her own husband. It would no more occur to her to do such an audacious thing than to have chosen the name given her at birth. An interested friend of the family, known as a "go-between," attends to this matter.

When a girl reaches a marriageable age this "go-between" casts about for a husband for her. When he finds a young man who meets all of the requirements of the family and fortune he arranges for a meeting with the girl and her mother.

Another way is to arrange for a meeting at the house of a friend. Of course, the matchmaker will pretend that it is quite by accident, although all of the party understand perfectly that it is by design.

The girl is very shy and hides her face behind her fan as she bows low many times. Then she retreats, blushing and nervous, behind her mother. The young man at this meeting looks her over and decides whether he will wed her. If he agrees, the negotiations are carried to a finish. He pays for the trousseau and the bride's father provides the entire furnishings for the house which the newly married pair will occupy.

It's a clear waste of time to go out looking for insults.

**Finds Valuable Bible**  
Volume Will Establish Claims of Heirs to Estate of Many Millions

Unearthed among rubbish in the loft of an old barn in Huron county, Ohio, where it had been hidden from view for many years, an ancient Bible bids fair to establish the claims of many heirs to an estate of many millions.

According to the statement of M. J. Dunham of Middletown, N. Y., who has just returned from a two months' trip through the west and northwest, in an effort to locate the descendants of Absalom Case, the vast estate of the late Leonard Case of Cleveland, Ohio, will eventually enrich hundreds of his descendants, owing to the discovery of the old Bible.

Leonard Case, Sr., died in Cleveland in 1864, leaving one heir to his millions, a son, Leonard Case, Jr. The latter, a bachelor, died in 1880, leaving no will, but property in the heart of Cleveland valued at \$8,000,000 to be divided among the 190 descendants of his father's brothers and sisters, covering five generations.

Two years ago Mr. Dunham, who is a descendant of Absalom Case and a half brother of Leonard Case, Sr., quietly began the work of tracing and locating the heirs. The estate consists chiefly of real estate in the business center of Cleveland, taking in the First National bank, the gas light plant, the offices and yards of the Cleveland & Pittsburg Railroad Co., the Case School of Applied Science and narrowly skips the residence of John D. Rockefeller. It includes some fifteen or twenty of the largest manufacturing establishments in the city.

Ever since the death of Leonard Case, Jr., the estate has been the theme of legal investigations, but no satisfactory results could be obtained because of the fact that the old family Bible, containing certain records, could not be found. As it contained the names of all the Cases its discovery was decidedly essential to the location of the heirs.

In the old barn loft Sarah Sears-kading, in Huron county, Ohio, it was luckily discovered, and according to Mr. Dunham, it is the key to the establishment of the heirs' claims.

**Mystery of Pompeii**  
Max Nordau Unable to Understand What Became of the Inhabitants

Max Nordau raises a question concerning Pompeii which is of double interest now in view of the disasters of St. Martinique and St. Vincent. He writes as follows to the Neue Freie Presse (Vienna): "One thing has always been a puzzle to me. Here was a flourishing city of about 30,000 inhabitants, most of whom evidently were well-to-do. A few hundreds, at most, lost their lives in the destruction of the city; the rest escaped. The eruption of Vesuvius continued only a few days, after which the district returned to its usual placid condition. In many places the deposit of ashes and lava was only a yard thick, and it was not more than three yards thick at any point yet excavated.

"How did it happen that these thirty thousand homeless persons showed no desire to return to their beautiful houses, so well built that they are standing to this day, and which could have been restored, at the time with very little labor? Why did they not make the slightest attempt to regain their valuable property in land and buildings, furniture, bronze, marble, gold, silver and jewels? Did the men of that time have so little love of home that they could leave it without a backward glance at the first unpleasantness? Were the Pompeians so rich that the loss of their perfectly appointed homes appeared trivial to them, so that they preferred settling elsewhere to restoring their city? Or did superstition prevent the attempt? This indifferent renunciation of their patrimony by a whole city is to me an insoluble enigma which forces itself the more strongly upon my attention now as I walk along the finely paved streets between houses which need only new roofs to make them again habitable."

**FISH FORM ACQUAINTANCES.**  
 **Peculiarities of Social Life in the Tanks of an Aquarium.**  
It is a more or less familiar fact that fish of a kind flock together. Fishes know their own kind and seek their company, says the New York Sun.

Put a number of each of two or three kinds of fishes in an aquarium tank and the fishes of each kind will recognize one another perfectly; and the fishes of the several kinds bunch together and travel around together. Apparently fishes may also know one another individually.

It not infrequently happens that among fishes of the same kind in a tank one will harry and drive about the rest, or perhaps select one fish as the object of its attacks, or it might be that in the case of two fishes of the same kind in one tank one would bully and persistently harry the other, as though besides having a nagging nature it had against the other fish a personal animosity.

In such a case as that last described, it is sometimes necessary to take the harried fish out of the tank to save its life. If another fish of the same kind is then put in the tank in the place of the one taken out, the scrapper and nagger lets it alone. He may not ignore it altogether, but he doesn't harry it as he did the other.

But take the second fish out after awhile and put back the first one and the scrapper fish goes to hustling it right away; to all appearances the fighter recognizes the other, individually. It may seem strange, but such is the fact, as observed at the New York aquarium.

**BEAUTY OF COLLEGE SPIRIT.**  
Makes Educational Institutions a Power in the Community.

Among the stories told by Dean Briggs at the dinner of the Exeter Academy alumni the other evening was one intended to show how the spirit of the academy survives in its pupils long after they have passed from their alma mater. "He was then," said the dean, "a Harvard senior, but was on what proved to be his death bed.

"The people at the hospital had never seen any one bear as much pain with such fortitude as he did. Through it all, as was said by a medical visitor from the university, he was such a gentleman. Just before his death one of the attendants asked him if he felt some local pain.

"I did not," he said, "until you gave me that medicine." Then instantly he thought of the other man and said, 'I beg your pardon. The medicine may have had nothing to do with it.

"Now, nobody in that hospital who saw that boy die witnessed the scene without a stronger faith than they had before in the school whose name he bore. When men from a college or school show such a spirit as that it means that they are capable of intense loyalty to their friends. And it is that loyalty, attainable neither by money nor by age, which makes a school or college a power in the community, and is as the breath of life to it."—Boston Herald.

Throughout the world blind men outnumber blind women two to one. The pouch of a pelican is large enough to contain seven quarts of water.

**Duke is Dead.**  
Colonel Cody's celebrated horse, Duke, was kicked on the knee by a four-dollar "plug" while the show was in Harrisburg, and veterinarians agreeing that the wound would never heal, the colonel very sadly gave orders that his favorite be shot. Thus ends the career of a horse better known to the young people—and old ones as well—of America than all others put together. Duke and "Buf-falo Bill" seemed to be in perfect harmony. The rider's costume and the horse's coat were of nearly one color—nature's concealing color, an autumn tan. Children noticed the absence of Duke from the show last week, and inquired after him. Colonel Cody now has but one horse, the brown fellow, Prince, that he bought in Kansas last year. Prince is a beautiful equine specimen, but not a Duke nor a Dad.

**Black, as Clerical Garb.**  
Not until Martin Luther's time did black become the distinguishing hue of clerical garb. When Luther laid aside his monk's clothes the elector of Saxony sent him a piece of black cloth, and Luther had a suit made of it according to the prevailing cut of the time. It was long after before the cut of a clergyman's coat became different from that of the laity.

**The Secret of Health in Old Age.**  
Shepherd, Ill., June 23d.—Sarah E. Rowe of this place is now 72 years of age and just at the present time is enjoying much better health than she has for over 20 years. Her explanation of this is as follows:  
"For many years past I have been troubled constantly with severe Kidney Trouble, my urine would scald and burn when passing, and I was very miserable.  
"I am 72 years of age and never expected to get anything to cure me, but I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills and thought it would do me no harm to try them.  
"I am very glad I did so, for they cured me of the Kidney Disease and stopped all the scalding sensations when passing the urine.  
"I feel better now than I have for twenty years."

The watched pot never boils and the unwatched pot boils over, so what is the cook to do?

**ALL UP TO DATE HOUSEKEEPERS**  
use Deffiance Cold Water Starch, because it is better and 4 oz. more of it for same money.

No man thinks he is as stupid as he looks.

**ALL UP-TO-DATE HOUSEKEEPERS**  
use Red Cross Ball Blue. It makes clothes clean and sweet as when new. All grocers.

Our fears are always more numerous than our dangers.

Dealers say that as soon as a customer tries Deffiance Starch it is impossible to sell them any other cold water starch. It can be used cold or boiled.

**Faint heart ne'er won a fat jack-pot.**  
**FITS** permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ltd., 231 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Only a mighty man will send his wife downstairs to request a burglar to make less noise.

**Hall's Catarrh Cure**  
Is a constitutional cure. Price, 75c.

Lots of people seem to be proud of the fact that they have nothing to be proud of.

ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE RAILROADS OF NEBRASKA.

**ACTION OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.**

For years past it has been quite generally contended "That the railroads should be required to bear their just share of taxation." Nebraska has had a succession of reform administrations, who used this argument as one of the essential planks of the platform on which they were elected. The result has been a succession of changes in the political complexion of what is known as the Board of Equalization, composed of the governor, treasurer and the auditor of state. During these successive canvasses, the railroads have not presented their side to the people, but in each case have waited until the parties whom the people should select were elected to office, and then presented the question of railroad taxation to them when they acted as officers

of this Board of Equalization. Thus it comes that during the past ten years, there have been republican, democratic and populist governors and members of this board in succession. These men elected to office have been representative citizens and men of integrity and honor, who have taken an oath to do what they considered right in the interests of the people, and in subscribing to this oath, they at the same time swear to do their duty in accordance with the law.

The following table will show the relative assessment of each administration for the past twelve years, showing the amount assessed against lands, lots, personal property and all property in the state during the various administrations:

GOVERNOR.	PARTY.	YEAR.	LANDS.	LOTS.	PERS. PROP.	RAILROAD & TELEGRAPH.	ALL PROP.
Thayer	Rep.	1889	\$74,215,749	\$38,415,666	\$40,275,671	\$29,856,452	\$182,763,538
Boyd	Dem.	1891	76,885,405	40,248,504	36,369,138	29,635,189	183,138,236
Crouse	Rep.	1893	87,351,164	40,721,844	37,799,243	28,860,873	194,733,124
Crouse	Rep.	1894	84,047,616	39,012,165	32,451,023	28,266,692	193,717,498
Holcomb	Pop.	1895	82,048,108	39,349,975	26,778,502	25,691,622	171,468,207
Holcomb	Pop.	1896	81,459,367	34,835,019	25,101,676	25,682,208	167,078,270
Holcomb	Pop.	1897	79,394,608	33,574,365	26,402,610	25,822,153	165,193,736
Holcomb	Pop.	1898	78,518,838	33,049,882	29,852,205	26,380,840	167,810,765
Poynter	Pop.	1899	77,890,017	32,752,423	32,116,855	26,346,610	169,105,905
Poynter	Pop.	1900	78,044,155	33,148,405	34,112,738	26,442,295	171,747,593
Savage	Rep.	1901	79,075,195	34,488,950	33,473,559	26,801,391	174,439,995

From this statement it will be seen that the railroad and telegraph property had a valuation in 1901, 10-2-10 per cent less than it was in 1899, and that lots are also assessed for 10-3-10 per cent less, while the value of personal property has decreased 17 per cent in that same time. The only property that appears to show any increase what ever is the item of lands, which shows an increase of 7-3-10 per cent.

However, we give here a statement of the increase in quantities assessed in the following items reported in 1899 and 1901, which should be considered along with these apparent increases and decreases in assessment.

Assessed in 1899.	Assessed in 1901.	Increase.
10,674,180 acres improved	17,264,770 acres improved	62.7
13,557,727 acres unimproved	14,860,843 acres unimproved	9.5
1,827,237 cattle	2,333,315 cattle	27.2
179,229 sheep	210,623 sheep	139
1,238,932 hogs	1,460,777 hogs	19
5,032 miles railroad	5,702 miles railroad	13

Now, how are all these decreases and variations in assessment brought about? In 1893 and 1894, the assessors through the various counties so materially reduced the assessment of lands, lots and personal property that the railroad valuations given by the Board of Equalization in prior years was away above that figure which would obtain an equality in taxation with other property.

Owing to the popular cry of increased assessment of railroad corporations, the Board of Equalization was deterred from materially reducing the same in 1894, and in that year the railroads paid practically twenty-five per cent more tax than they in justice should have done.

No one accused Governor Holcomb of being any more friendly to the railroad corporations than the law would require him to be, but in 1895, the presentation was made to the board in such a manner that a material reduction was made in the assessment of the

railroads in Nebraska. That board acted in this matter under their oath, which obliged them to equalize the assessed value of the railroads and make that assessment conform to valuations placed on other property. The assessment made at that time was only fair to the companies and put them back near to where they should have been placed.

However, the local assessors continued to reduce the valuation on lands, lots and personal property, until 1898, the railroads were again paying twenty-five per cent more tax than they under the constitution and law should be required to do.

Since 1898, the local assessors have increased the valuation a little, but as is shown in bulletin No. 3, the railroads were assessed \$1.169 per mile more value than they should have been in 1900, and are still paying more than their fair portion of taxes.

During the years of hard times in Nebraska, the railroads accepted this injustice and paid the taxes charged, hoping by the assistance thus rendered the poorer counties of the state, to tide over the unfortunate condition of affairs, and in many instances they paid the tax charged while their stockholders got nothing.

Several members of the Board of Equalization that have been elected in the last ten years were honestly impressed with the belief that railroad corporations were not paying their just portion of tax, but when the facts have been laid before them, they in each instance, irrespective of party, respected their oath and went no further in taxing the railroads than they could go and still believe that they were giving that equality in taxation guaranteed under our constitution.

Some corporation may not be paying their share of taxes, but an investigation will show that they are not railroad corporation.

**WHEN YOU BUY STARCH**  
buy Deffiance and get the best, 16 oz. for 16 cents. Once used, always used.

Don't believe all you hear; you are fortunate if you can believe all you say.

**Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.**  
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

If from what he thinks he knows a man would subtract what others think he knows, the remainder might equal the sum of his knowledge.

**HAMLIN'S WIZARD OIL**  
**LAME BACK**  
ALL DRUGGISTS SELL IT

"ALL WEIGHT-FOR MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY"  
**WRIGHT'S**  
INDIAN  
VEGETABLE  
**PILLS**

Care Headache, Constipation, Chills and Fever, and all Bilious Complaints. All Druggists. Price 25 cents a Box.  
**WRIGHT'S INDIAN VEGETABLE PILL CO.** New York.

Every housewife gloats over finely starched linen and white goods. Conceit is justifiable after using Deffiance Starch. It gives a stiff, glossy whiteness to the clothes and does not rot them. It is absolutely pure. It is the most economical because it goes farthest, does more, and costs less than others. To be had of all grocers at 16 oz. for 10c.

**Magnetic Starch Mfg. Co.**  
OMAHA, NEB.

