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Have you had a sleigh ride.
Oh, the snow, the beautiful snow.
Corn picking is rather tough work at this time.
The more snow that falls the more hay is needed.
There were ninety-nine kinds of sleds on the streets this week.
If in your power, make somebody happy during Christmas time.
An article entitled "the downfall of populism" is due from our friend across the way in the cellar.

The Union Pacific strike situation is becoming serious. New developments either for better or worse, are expected before the incoming New Year.

Al Beemer, of Beemer, received the appointment as warden of the of the state penitentiary from Governor Crouse and the record he made in the conduct of that institution at that time secured his appointment to the position.

MRS. JULIA DENT GRANT.
The news of the death of Mrs. Grant, the widow of an illustrious soldier and former president, will bring sorrow to many American homes. Her's was the life of a pure woman, devoted to the interests of her husband, family and country. She was a modest woman, a model wife and good mother. To say more would be only a repetition but we can hardly stop at this. Her happiness in being in the White House was the satisfaction of knowing that her husband was appreciated by the American people. She often referred to the days when U. S. Grant was unknown to the public, as her happiest days; when his time was all her own, but yielded a large part of his time to the public good, with becoming goodness mingled with joy at the rise in the world, of one so near and dear to her. Her family circle was her kingdom, her duties to her family, were the supreme thought of her pure mind. She will be missed and mourned in many American homes.

CORNSTALKS AND DISEASE.
State Veterinarian Thomas disposes of the so-called cornstalk disease by saying:
"The true remedy for cornstalk disease is to take care of the product, and not let it remain in the field and lose its nutrition."
The theoretical farmer has been contending for some time that the stalks are not the least valuable portion of the corn crop; that shredded fodder has a greater food value than tame hay; and that more tons of it can be produced upon an acre of ground. Experience has taught us that the theoretical farmer usually takes a correct view of these matters, and that his advice can be followed safely in nearly all cases.
While referred to as "theoretical," as a matter of fact he is intensely practical in everything, and comes forward with advice only after actual experiments have convinced him that his theory is correct, and its application not impracticable.
The so-called cornstalk disease has been attributed to various causes, none of which have been proved to be correct. The "fungus growth" theory has been exploded by persons who have fed smut to cattle with impunity; the "frost poison," theory, the "nightshade" theory, and the various other theories have been proved to be fallacious in numerous cases, and in the minds of many men there dwells a suspicion that the cornstalk disease is nothing more or less than the un-

avoidable result of allowing cattle to eat the decayed stalks. Rotten hay, straw or grain might have the same effect upon stock as rotten cornstalks; at least, the fact that stalks gathered in season and treated like any other forage are wholesome and healthful, would seem to indicate that the "cornstalk disease" is more plain indigestion than anything else.
Mr. A. Harper, of near McCook, has harvested his entire crop of stalks and declares that after being shredded and fed to his cattle, the crop is as valuable as alfalfa. In Nebraska, where millions of tons of this product rot in the fields each season, the fodder-shredder ought to be employed on every farm where there are stalks, and stock to eat them, if the crop is as valuable, or one-third as valuable as it is claimed to be. If any farmer has made experiments in this line, The Star would be glad to receive a short communication from him, setting forth the advantages or disadvantages of the scheme.
It is important to Nebraska, and what is important to Nebraska is important to The Star.—Lincoln Star.

LEARN YEAR, COMPARATIVELY
The final crop report of Director Sage, of the Iowa weather and crop bureau, furnishes an expected sequel to the periodical reports during the year. The weather conditions throughout the year, beginning with a wet, late spring, running through a cool, wet summer and terminating in an early frost, have been unusually unpropitious. Most of our growling about the weather has been done with the understanding that poor weather meant poor crops, and it is a story of poor crops which Prof. Sage has to tell in his final report. At that, the recital is anything but discouraging, for a poor crop in Iowa does not carry the weight of calamity which may be its burden in some states.
As a result of their year's tilling of the soil the Iowa farmers find themselves the richer, at current prices, by the comfortable total of \$215,722,339. For many states this would look pretty big, but for Iowa it is comparatively small. Compared with the value of the crops last year, also an abnormal year in some directions, this year's record shows a shortage of \$59,000,000. From the figures of 1900 the shortage is \$15,000,000.
In responsibility for the falling off the corn crop, of course, stands first. The corn has been deficient in quality rather than quantity. The total yield this year is 296,950,230 bushels, against 227,000,000 last year, but marketable value of last year's crop was \$118,000,000, against \$83,000,000 this year. The difference—\$35,000,000 in favor of last year—is accounted for by the fact that practically all of last year's crop was marketable, while this year only 47 per cent, grades as marketable, the remaining 53 per cent, being soft and suitable only for feeding purposes on the farms. Prof. Sage figures marketable corn at an average of 35 cents a bushel, while the feeding value of the soft corn is estimated at 22 cents per bushel. However, there are some cheerful features about even the corn situation. The bulk of the crop is a trifle above the average for the past ten years, and the value of the crop is not much below that of the bumper crop of 1890, when, owing to low prices, the yield of 345,000,000 bushels brought only \$10,000,000 more than the estimated value of the present crop.
Next to corn, and equally of course, the oats crop bears the brunt of this year's slump in values. The weather affected the oats even more unfavorably than the corn, and the estimated yield for the year is found to be 92,907,960, against 227,000,000 bushels last year. Differences in quantity, quality and price considered, the value of this year is estimated to be \$22,297,900, as compared with \$40,209,000 last year, or a shortage of \$17,911,100.
Among the lesser commodities every one records a falling off as compared with last year's value. Wheat is about \$4,000,000 short; barley, \$1,370,000, and wild hay, \$1,376,000.
There is another feature which should be taken into consideration before concluding that the figures mentioned represent just what the Iowa farmers will get out of their 1902 crops. A large majority of all the crops will be consumed on the farms, and will finally reach the market greatly enhanced in value in the form of cattle,

hogs, horses, poultry, etc. Eventually the Iowa farmer will get much more as a result of his season's labor than than is represented by the present market value of the crops.
It is scarcely necessary to say that the comparatively poor crops this year will work no hardship on the farmers of Iowa. There will be no call for additional mortgages. There is no other class of business in the state in which a diminution of \$60,000,000 in the annual receipts would cause so little disturbance. The Iowa farmer's prosperity is upon so sound a basis that a little thing like that need not prove a matter for worry.—Sioux City Journal.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.
Notice.
O'NEILL, NEB., Dec. 18, '02.
People owing bills at McCafferty's are requested to call and settle, as we need money to pay our own bills. And to this end we'll sell goods at cost, for cash, for the next 30 days.
25-2 M. A. McCAFFERTY.

Reached the Limit.
A Chicago dispatch says: National Bowling Champion Fred Strong, has rolled 300, the first time he has ever accomplished this feat, in a city club game at Mussey's alleys. He made nine strikes on one alley and then finished on another.
This feat follows up his sensational performance in the Chicago league last night when Strong, bowling with the Colts, averaged 248 5-3, the second highest average for three games ever in competition.

Echoes of District Court.
The case of Lombard Trust Co., against Justin McCarthy, Sr., held the attention of the judge and jury in the district court Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. McCarthy claims the land in controversy by right of adverse possession, having held the same under a claim of ownership for more than ten years past, which facts have been known to the whole community and neighborhood. We regret to announce that the jury after hearing the evidence, which was all in favor of the defendant, McCarthy, even plaintiff's own witnesses corroborated the defendant's testimony, notwithstanding this fact the jury allowed passion and prejudice to sway their opinions and brought in a verdict for the plaintiff. If denied a new trial Mr. McCarthy will doubtless appeal to the supreme court.
As the jury brought in a sealed verdict which was not opened until today it might not be amiss to ask how the Advocate secured the above information from a jury "swayed by passion and prejudice?"

Heard By Rosa.
Stuart Ledger: Down at O'Neill the other day, two hotel girls were riving their experiences with the boys. One was young and had a pretty but baby face. The other one had a nice form, a good sensible face and was evidently able to take care of herself.
"How many fellers have you gone with?" asked the baby face.
"A hundred I guess."
"Ever been in love?" questioned baby face.
"No I like a fellow till I go with him, then I turn him down. Mammy says I always see something wrong with 'em all I'm not like Em, she falls in love twice a month and yells and cries and then she gets in just as deep with another."
"That's me," said baby face, "I love awfully hard when I do love, but I can get over it just as quick. Say how did you like Jim?"
"He's too sickening."
"And Tommy?"
"He can't go with a girl without acting soft."
"What kind of a feller do you like?" said baby face.
"If I could go with a fellow that was sensible for a month I might like him. They act too much like sick cats."
"Are you waiten' table now?" said baby face.
"No, I'm in the laundry. I like it better than being out among the mart-alex in the dining room."
And this modern heroine lives, un-honored and unknown in the hub of Holt county, while the blooded bachelors look cynically over society and wonders where a fellow could get a good and sensible wife if he wanted to marry.

A Missouri Editor who is about to pull up and leave for lack of support sarcastically remarks in parting that editors don't need money. "Don't worry about the editor," he says. "He has a charter from the state to act as doormat for the community. He'll get the paper out somehow, and stand up for you when you run for office, and lie about your pigeon-toed daughter's fakey wedding and blow about your big footed sons when they get a \$4-a-week job, and weep over your shriveled soul when it is released from your grasping body, and smile at your giddy wife's second marriage. He'll get along. The Lord only knows how—but the editor will get there somehow."

HOLIDAY RATES.
Great Northern Railway Company
Tickets will be sold ²⁴⁻²⁵ **Dec.** ^{and} ^{31, '02}
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Final return limit **January 2, '03.**
To all points in Nebraska, also to Sioux City, Ia., one fare for round trip.
To all other points on W. & S. F. railway, one fare and one-third for the round trip.
C. H. HERBERT, Agent.

"If."
I wonder if 'twould matter much
If I some day should fold my hands
And never more a task should touch
So long as in the glass the sands
Should run for me—I wonder would
The world be just as fair and good?
If I some day should stay my feet
That know the path of duty plain,
And selfish, wander with the heat,
The hurts of soul, the cries of pain,
And pamper self in solitude—
Would I be missed for lost good?
If I should some day steal my heart
To answer neither deed nor prayer,
Refuse to do my little part,
Of my best good refuse to share
With some one who was sick and poor;
Be deaf to cries outside my door—
Would all these count for very much?
Or would some little place in life
Be yearning for a soothing touch
To calm the restlessness of strife?
Would some one miss me if I strayed?
Or from the path of duty strayed?

I need no answer to my thought,
No one need tell me aye or nay;
The answer comes unbid, unsought—
It is to live from day to day
As 'twere the last with God in sight,
And love and kindness infinite.
—S. B. McManus in the Ram's Horn.

A Great Idea.
The supporters of football are assembled in convention.
"Gentlemen," says the spokesman, "something must be done to add interest to the game. I regret to acknowledge that in recent years, despite our efforts to wound, maim and kill, the sport has dwindled in public favor. No doubt this is because of the increase in the number of wars and the familiarity of the public with injuries from that cause; also because of the growth of the automobile fad. Hence, as I say, we must do something to put more ginger in the game. The point is, what shall we do?"
Here a shaggy haired man arose in the rear of the hall and begged for a hearing.
"Gentlemen," he said, "I represent the Russo-American society of anarchy, and am also an enthusiastic football player. It occurs to me that if the ball were filled with dynamite instead of air it would—"
But the rest of his remarks were simply drowned in a furious explosion of mad applause.—Baltimore American.

H. T. McIntyre, St. Paul, Minn., who has been troubled with a disordered stomach, says "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets do me more good than anything I have ever taken." For sale by P. C. Corrigan.

Petroleum in Place of Coal.
An effort is being made to secure legislation to compel the use of petroleum instead of coal in London. The fogs from which the city so often suffers through its interference with both business and health is caused by unconsumed particles of coal from its chimneys.

Massachusetts' Smallest Town.
Gosnold, the smallest town in Massachusetts, comprises those little specks of land which, beginning at Wood's Hill, at the "shoulder" of old Cape Cod's right arm, extend seaward till they terminate in that fatal reef of the Sow and Pigs.

How Rich Mine Was Discovered.
The famous Rat Hole mine in the mountains of Arizona was discovered by a woman who watched a trader rat carrying things out of her tent to its hole in the rocks. The mine, it is said, has paid several millions in dividends.

Coughs And Colds In Children.
Recommendation of a Well Known Chicago Physician.
I use and prescribe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for almost all obstinate constricted coughs, with direct results I prescribe it to children of all ages. Am glad to recommend it to all in need and seeking relief from colds and coughs and bronchial affections. It is non-narcotic and safe in the hands of the most unprofessional. A universal panacea for all mankind.—Mrs. Mary R. Melendy, M. D., Ph. D., Chicago, Ill. This remedy is for sale by P. C. Corrigan.
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