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POPULATION OF LINCOLN, 65,000.

The Republican state convention will be held in Lincoln July 23d and will be one of the most important meetings in the history of the state.

The dailies quote Attorney General Leese as saying that he is planning to settle down in law practice in Lincoln. He is quoted as saying: "Yes, you can make it emphatic. I am not a candidate for governor or any other office, and I think this declaration ought to settle it."

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAINER is not so much of a crank as some people think. When he started from Tacoma to advertise that city by beating Nellie Bly's record in going around the world few persons thought he had enough sense to do it. He made the trip, however, in less than sixty-seven days, beating the record by five days. He lost several days by connections, which leads to the belief that the trip can be made in sixty days.

One of the curious things of last week was Editor Rosewater of the Bee addressing a Francis Murphy meeting. He talked for temperance from a humanitarian stand point. He argued that instead of cubbing and jailing drunken men they should be treated at hospitals. He believed the drink habit an infirmity, often inherited, like epilepsy, and the victim should have pity instead of law. And the audience applauded the sentiment.

The following facts indicate that the United States may ultimately control the telegraph lines of the country: Sixty-one per cent. of the lines of the world are owned and operated by the governments. Of the sum total of lines, those in the United States constitute more than 30 per cent. Leaving this country out of consideration, about 88 per cent. of the remainder is under the control of governments; or, leaving the United States and Canada out, fully 95 per cent. is owned by governments. There are at least 2,500,000 miles of wire in use in the world.

The United States has not been without some glory in the opening up of the interior of Africa. As the American flag, borne by Stanley, was the first one displayed to the natives in his voyage of exploration down the Congo river, so the American flag was the first displayed on the waters of the Upper Congo, leading the vanguard of commerce. The Sanford exploring expedition, organized 1886, launched the "Florida," the first commercial steamer on the waters of the Congo, after a year of laborious effort in transporting it, mostly in sixty-pound parcels, on the heads of some two thousand porters. This was followed by the little steamer "New York."

When the city council invited the people to vote \$50,000 for the Rock Island the Council asked some gentleman to speak up and tell what it was for. The Real Estate exchange has taken the cue and passed a resolution opposing the bond proposition. The Rock Island has made no promise to come to Lincoln, has made no proposition for a union depot, has asked no bonus, and yet the city council is asking the people to vote on \$50,000 worth of bonds for that railroad. It may be all right but the men in interest had better put up a substantial promise if they want to get that \$50,000 out of the public pocket.

The Nebraska Life insurance company has been organized by men successful in business life. When you look at it in a dispassionate, abstract way there are many reasons why such a concern ought to succeed, why the people of Nebraska should keep their money at home and profit by the healthfulness of their climate. But the trouble with most local companies of this kind is that their backers are absorbed in other pursuits, life insurance is a strange business, they are too timid to venture enough good hard cash and they hire a cheap secretary to do all the work instead of high-priced men with the experience and the vim to compel success. May the Nebraska be the exception to prove the rule.

Two weeks ago the governor called an extra session of the legislature to pass a maximum freight bill and an Australian ballot bill. Last week he revoked his call on the ground that there were vacancies in the legislature, which might invalidate the acts of that body if it should meet. Gov. Thayer stood a good chance of being renominated, but this will probably prove his Waterloo. The members of the Farmers' Alliance will attribute the revocation to the influence of the railroads, and the next legislature will be more radically anti-monopoly than ever before. The Knights of Labor attribute the governor's back down to the influence of the whiskey element, who do not want the Australian ballot system, because it may shut out many anti-prohibition votes next fall. Already the Knights are raising the banner of prohibition in order to punish the rum power, and it is claimed this move will give prohibition 15,000 to 20,000 additional votes. Altogether the political situation is very much mixed.

THE NEW AND THE OLD.

"WHICH THE SAME" REFERS TO THE DRESS OF WOMEN.

Olive Harper is of Opinion That Modern Gowns Are More Modest and Becoming Than Old Time Garments—Some Pictures to Support Her Views.

[Special Correspondence.]
NEW YORK, June 5.—"I don't know what the world is coming to, the young ladies do dress so outrageously immodest," said an old lady to me recently, and I quite agreed with her at the time, but it so happened that the next day I came in possession of a paper containing some of the styles in vogue 100 years ago, and from that time to the present the new modes were presented by decades, and I have been dazed and bewil-



LILY AND HER GREAT-GRANDMOTHER, dored ever since. While my friend is not 100 years old, her mother certainly must have worn the very kind of gowns which are presented in this article, as they were the style when she was young. Many of these dresses were made of very thin material and worn over silk tights, which must have been very fine from the evident pains taken to display them. To still further mark the contrast, young ladies' outdoor gowns of today are displayed beside them. The demure young lady in the jockey cap with the long peak to it wears her hair in short, unkempt looking locks, and the book instructs the wearers of the scanty gowns on the most graceful way of holding up the skirt, by catching it near the bottom and bringing that portion firmly up near to the waist, allowing the front to "fall modestly over the arm." This was a street costume, and it would seem that the wearers didn't mind sunburn.

Among the quaint descriptions of the different toilets is the following description of a toilet in 1786, a little more than a hundred years ago: "The Dutche was at the opera recently in a dress of 'stiffed sighs,' trimmed with 'superduous regrets.' Her 'perfect candor' garnished with 'indiscreet moans' and ribbons and 'marked attentions.' Her shoes of 'the queen's tresses,' embroidered with diamonds in 'perfidious blows.' Her bonnet was 'assured conquest' style, trimmed with 'fly-aways,' and of 'lowered eyelids' of ribbon."

I think after that we can stand egg plant purple and all the other vegetables in that kingdom of nature. The fearfully and wonderfully made bonnet, and; in fact, general get up of the great grandmother's costume is tersely described as "a bonnet of green silk, with black ribbons and artificial flowers; Spencer with half shawl, long embroidered skirt and a balantine." I cannot imagine what the balantine is, unless it is the fancifully worked satchel, but altogether when it comes to a question of grace or modesty or general attractiveness, Lily's costume will have as good a show as that of her great grandmother.

To trace the fashions on down through the phases of enormous sleeves and lumber yard capes through the awful hoop-skirt era, through the "eelskin" dresses with their multiple and complex rufflings to the pretty and even elegant styles in vogue now, makes a very interesting study, but it does seem utterly impossible to a person to believe that the wearers of those costumes thought them pretty or looked pretty in them. Classic gowns certainly have the merit of artistic grace, but none of the rest have, and yet I see an evilnet reaching out toward the past for suggestions for the future. I hope earnestly, however, that if they, the powers that be, do inflict such punishment upon us it will at least be tempered with mercy, and that ideas born of our times and needs will suggest changes and adaptations to our requirements.



LOOKING BACKWARD 100 YEARS.
Surely they cannot find in the dim and dusty records of the past anything prettier or half so suitable for a promenade dress for young ladies, either for city or "outing," than the dainty little gown I saw yesterday. It was of gray mohair, the skirt in accordion plaits all around. The waist was in form of a skirt front of fine white Scotch flannel, with white standing collar worn with a black silk four-in-hand tie. A neat gray cloth walking jacket hangs loosely open in front, and a pretty gray sailor hat trimmed with a band and fan of white ribbon.
OLIVE HARPER.

Sells Brothers and Barrett.
Our columns today conspicuously display the advertisements of this remarkable amusement coalition, whose speedy coming they announce. We use the expression, "remarkable amusement coalition," advisedly; for we know of no traveling exhibition enterprise which presents so many acceptable phases of attraction. It is scarcely necessary to say to amusement patrons that for eighteen years the Sells Brothers have been noted as having an equestrian, zoological and hippodramatic entertainment every where recognized as being at the head and front among reputable tented exhibitions. Mr. S. H. Barrett also has been not a whit behind the Sells Brothers in catering to the amusement of the populace. The circumstances that these two formidable shows have joined their forces, and the two exhibitions being consolidated as an entirety, at once and effectually places this organization, in point of magnitude and attraction, head and shoulders above all competitors, and enables the joint management to offer the best hippodramatic, equestrian, gymnastic and zoological exhibition in America. This exhibition is advertised to be here Wednesday, June 25th.

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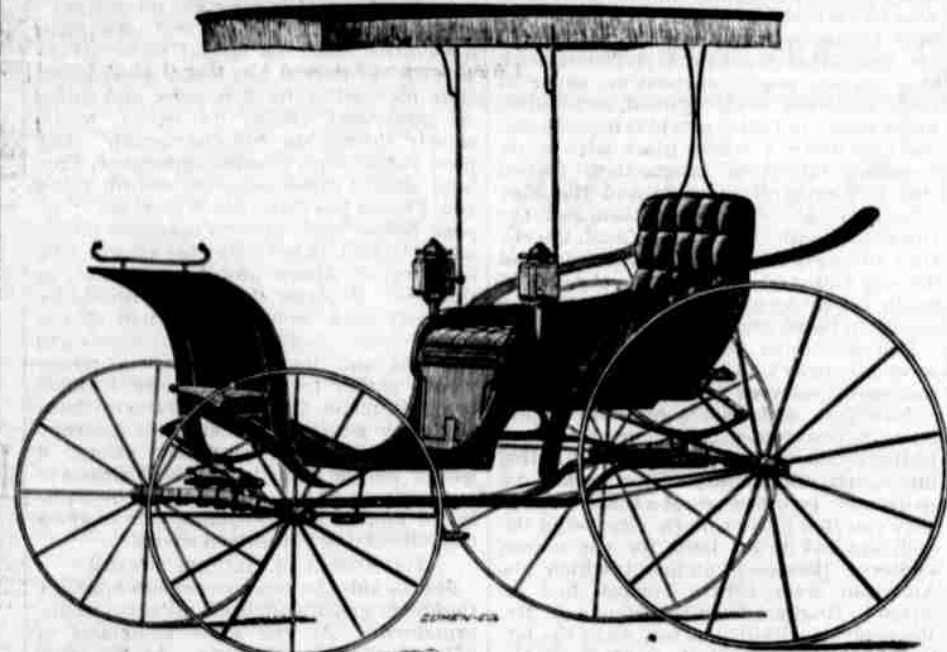
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