

The Plattsmouth Daily Herald.

KNOTTS BROS., Publishers & Proprietors.

THE PLATTSMOUTH HERALD

Is published every evening except Sunday and Weekly every Thursday morning. Registered at the postoffice, Plattsmouth, Neb., as second-class matter. Office corner of Vine and Fifth streets.

TERMS FOR ADVERTISING. One copy one year in advance, by mail, \$6.00. One copy per month, by carrier, 50. One copy per week, by carrier, 15. TERMS FOR WEEKLY. One copy one year, in advance, \$1.50. One copy six months in advance, 75.

ROCKEFELLER AND HIS OCTUPUS.

The great mogul of the greatest trust of the age has not yet been examined by the New York Senate committee on trusts, but his brother has. Mr. John D. Rockefeller, however, may be expected to know something about the affairs of the Standard Oil Company, although he modestly says: "My brother, William Rockefeller, is president." Mr. John D. Rockefeller denies that the company is an "octopus," or anything of that kind. He asserts that it is just a plain company, doing business by every-day methods, and nothing more. He denies that the company is able to obtain better rates from railroads than private persons are; and here he differs from the interstate commission, which has just determined after four months of investigation of the complaint of Mr. Rice that the Standard Oil Company was obtaining such unfair preference as the interstate commerce law is framed to suppress. That, however, is a bygone act by at least a week, and it may be that Mr. John D. Rockefeller testified truly when he said that the company cannot now obtain better rates than are given to other operators. But if the rates are now equal the interstate commission is to be thanked for the equality.

But the most interesting part of Mr. Rockefeller's testimony was that which went to the capital stock of the company and the relation of nominal to actual capital. The nominal capital is \$90,000,000. Of this, as Mr. Rockefeller admits, \$20,000,000 are pure water; not a cent of it was ever paid in; it was added to the original nominal \$70,000,000 of capital, "as stock dividends, in addition to the regular cash dividends." The motive in making an unpaid addition to stock can only have been to prevent the "regular cash dividends" from appearing too large to the inquisitive spirit of the public. And yet Mr. Rockefeller represents the profits of the company as "only moderate." He does not go into figures to illustrate his idea of moderate. But \$40,000,000 of the original nominal capital of \$70,000,000 would appear to be airy, if not watery; for Mr. Rockefeller gives the costs of "plants and pipes" at \$30,000,000. Now, the company pays "regular cash" as well as "stock" dividends on \$90,000,000; and as \$60,000,000 of this represents no cash it follows that, with only 6 per cent dividends, a yearly revenue of \$3,600,000 is raised on a basis of nothing at all except the skill and audacity of the projectors and managers of the trust. It is silly to assume that this \$3,600,000 is derived from aught else than an increased price of the goods in which the company deals.

The principles involved in the formation and management of this great trust are not entirely new. It has been the custom from time immemorial to allow for a "promoter's fund" in the formation of corporate enterprises; that is to say, a certain amount of stock beyond that paid for in cash has been, and justly, allowed to those whose skill and risk was necessary to the formation of a company. For example: if a company with a capital of \$100,000 were projected, it would be no more than right to allow those who projected the company an amount of stock, say \$10,000, for their labor and skill in projecting it. But this trust seems to give two thirds of its nominal capital—\$60,000,000 out of \$90,000,000—to its projectors; \$60,000,000 on which the purchasers of its goods must be taxed to make dividends. This would seem to be carrying an ancient principle to an extremity of application.—In er Ocean.

Money trains are being run every day by the B. & M. company, yet the strikers still stand firm and say that as no other road will touch B. & M. or Q. freight, they will in time bring the Q. to terms even if it should be fortunate enough to get sufficient help to run its engines, which they seriously doubt. Their claim may be correct, though we think the engineers who have recently made an exorbitant demand from the Rock Island and other companies, that after the acceptance of their demand by the railroads in good faith, that an engineer who would turn out and try to cut the throat of the company that had just benefited him would not be deserving, nor would he get any public sympathy.

The engineers claim that they are offered what they ask by Pres. Perkins, but that he refuses to give the firm what they desire, consequently the strike is still on.

A SPECIES of "rot" that is being largely and gratuitously distributed by the free-trade organs, is that which refers to all the trusts and combines as being the direct result of a protected tariff. This is not only a false assumption, but it is one that to thinking men, the face of the statement would be sufficient to condemn it. The idea that all the money and shrewd grasping financiers of the world are located in the United States, and that English capitalists haven't sense enough to combine to protect their interests is of itself preposterous. It is also well known that the wealthiest and greediest combination in this country is the Standard oil combine which is not protected by the tariff. Next to it stands the Anthracite coal barons, who are not protected with a penny of tariff tax. The idea is every day gaining ground that if the general theory of a non-protective tariff being best for this country, is as false as some of the statements of its newspaper champions, then indeed we can and will stand together with a bold front and destroy the un-American free-trade heresy at the first conflict which is fast drawing near.

California's Towns and Villages. The small towns and villages of California will, in a few years, be beautiful and attractive, owing to the improvements now going on. In nearly all of them improvement societies are organized. These societies are continually opening up broad avenues, building fine roads out into the country, introducing the best water and lighting systems available, and doing all that can be done to popularize the ideas of aesthetic art and beauty. This is a step in the right direction, and will do much to attract the best class of people into the state.—San Francisco Bulletin.

Concerning Corns. Are corns a disease? The question was argued at court in Berlin, Germany. A newspaper was prosecuted because it had advertised "Huehneraugentod"—that is, "death to corns"—advertising of remedies being prohibited by law. Counsel for defense maintained corns were not a disease, and, consequently, a means against corns could not be called a remedy. The chemical expert declined giving an opinion on the point, and as the lawyers disagreed about it the case had to be remanded to gain time for obtaining the opinion of a medical man.—Chicago News.

Reversed the Needle. A surveyor who was caught in a thunder storm while engaged in the woods at Orlando, Fla., left his compass on the jackstaff while he took shelter under a tree. During the storm a tree very near the compass was struck by lightning, and the effect upon the instrument was to reverse it so as to make the north end of the needle change position and point south. The surveyor, unaware of the change, on starting for home with his compass for a guide, wandered eight or ten miles in the wrong direction before he discovered the fact.—Chicago Times.

A Country Editor in Chicago. The editor of The Superior (Wis.) Inter Ocean has been taking a trip more or less satisfactory. "Chicago is dirty, smoky and lumpy and happy and wild and bolsterous and keen and savage and grasping and man killing and pious and wicked and generous and brave and voluptuous and great and rich and poverty stricken. She is at once the cesspool and palace of the worst and the best elements in the 'rowdy west'."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Worth and His Employees. Worth, the French milliner, lives in the suburbs of Paris in a palace that covers several acres and is gorgeously furnished. Once a year it is thrown open to his employees, and the fête lasts a day and a night. On this day each of the women employed by Worth is permitted to select a dress from his stock, and it is made up according to her directions.—New York Evening World.

They Naturally Objected. It is alleged that in a fashionable seminary near New York an old tombstone was used for a kneading board in the kitchen, until the girls students objected to having fragments of an inscription to the memory of some woman impressed into the bottoms of their loaves of bread.—Good Housekeeping.

The Logic of Poor Merchants. The man who fails to advertise in dull times is on a par with the fellow who refuses to eat because his stomach is empty.—Amniston (Ala.) Hot Blast.

Pasteur's plan of exterminating rabbits by inoculating them with chicken cholera has been tried at Rheims with success.

How Men Die. If we know all the methods of approach adopted by an enemy we are the better enabled to ward off the danger and postpone the moment when surrender becomes inevitable. In many instances the inherent strength of the body suffices to enable it to oppose the tendency toward death. Many however have lost these forces to an extent that there is little or no help. In other cases a little aid to the weakened lungs will make all the difference between sudden death and many years of useful life. Upon the first symptoms of a cough, cold or any trouble of the throat or lungs, give that old and well known remedy—Boschee's German Syrup, a careful trial. It will prove what thousands say of it to be, the "benefactor of any home."

General Lew Wallace has purchased a residence in Indianapolis, and will remove there from Crawfordsville, Ind., in the spring.

Begg's Blood Purifier and Blood Maker. No remedy in the world has gained the popularity that this medicine has, as it holds on family medicine. No one should be without it. It has no calomel or quinine in its composition, consequently no bad effects can arise from it. We keep a full supply at all times. O. P. SMITH Co. Druggist. j25-3mod&w

The standard remedy for liver complaint is West's Liver Pills; they never disappoint you. 30 pills 25c. At Warwick's drug store.

LETTERS OPENED BY MISTAKE.

The Tricky Ways of Business Men Who Fry Into Each Other's Mail.

The law inflicts a severe penalty upon a citizen who has been proven guilty of willfully opening the mail of another. After a letter has been stamped and placed in a government postoffice, or other receptacle provided for it, it is supposed to be under the protection of the United States, with an army of officers of justice to enforce its inviolability and punish the citizen who desecrates it. But on the same principle that one dishonest citizen steals a coat by buying it and never paying the tailor, the reader of other people's letters can get away with the law in a way equally tricky, but equally safe. If he wants to peer into confidential correspondence he boldly opens the letter, reads and masters its contents, puts the letter back, and then calmly writes on the envelope, "opened by mistake," and perhaps adds, "not read."

This is a habit practiced in many New York business houses. If an employe is suspected of relations with other firms, or any offense that a human being can commit against the person who hires him, his mail matter is quite likely to be "opened by mistake." This is said to be especially true in cases where salesmen with a valuable clientele have left an establishment and taken their trade with them to some competing house. By opening mail, wrongly addressed to the care of their old employer, a good order can be sometimes fished. The well dressed and self respecting culprit, who thinks that he is not really doing anything dishonorable, appropriates and fills the order, and if any confusion subsequently arises from the exposure of his method, he explains it away loftily and haughtily with the familiar, "opened by mistake; thought it was addressed to the firm."

The law in a case like this does not punish a man for his mistake, although the man who by blunder alone ditches an express train and kills some of its passengers is quite likely to be sent to jail. The excuse "ditched by mistake" would not meet with the rebuke "but you had no right to ditch the train by mistake." Of course the opening of a letter is not so serious as wrecking a train, but a parallel can be drawn between the two from a legal standpoint.

Except in the cases of a fatal accident due to carelessness, the law always considers the intent or malice of the accused. Therefore, if a prosecutor can prove that his mail was being continually opened and so often under such circumstances as to show a very strong probability of the "open by mistake" inscription being a lie, and coupled with this a good reason why the defendant should desire to read his mail, a conviction can be secured. As the offenders often hold a good position in the world and only break the law in the particular line of pilfering from the mail, it is somewhat difficult to get a jury to convict.

The trouble and misery that can arise between husbands and wives, women and their best friends and partners in a firm through the habit of willfully opening letters by mistake is very great. It is hard to tell a man that you think him mean enough to want to pry into your private correspondence, and the man who does it can usually get off scot free, because of the unwillingness of the victim to hurt his feelings.—New York Press.

Washington's Love for His Mother.

Washington's love for his mother was one of his most noticeable characteristics. For her pleasure he hastened to bear the first tidings of every important event in his life himself, and his letters to her were models for all sons. His thoughts, actions and motives were all laid bare before her, and on her judgment he relied at all times. The letters, in spite of the former wording in vogue at the time, breathed of his intense love for her. They were full of detail such as mother love craves about every action and thought, and every event that concerns her child, for though as time went on and George Washington came to be known as first in peace, first in war and first in the hearts of his countrymen, he was always her son and she his mother. Their position never changed, as it is often done. She was always first and he was second in their relations. Mary Washington had been mother and father both to her son, and even if no other evidence of her superiority to the most of women was at hand, the respectful devotion of this great man would have proved it.

From what is known, through history and biography, of Washington's unusual devotion to his mother and his continual and open correspondence with her, which letters have, fortunately, for the most part been preserved, one is led to think that there was a closer communion of soul between him and his mother than him and his wife, Martha, though there is no reason to suppose that he did not love his beautiful wife very tenderly. But reason shows that there was a greater similarity of character and disposition between mother and son than there could have been between Martha Gustis and her husband. Just how close and intimate was the communion between Washington and his wife we can never know, for just before his death he caused her to destroy all the letters he had written her, but they doubtless contained allusions to matters of only private concern; and perhaps too, resources, and these will be developed before long. The cattle days are gone, the hundreds and hundreds of miles of wire fences on government land will be torn down, and the territory will drop far down on the list of cattle producers. The business has really retarded the development and growth of the territory, and it may be for the best after all.—Kansas City Times.

Goal to Succeed Cattle in Wyoming.

"The world at large doesn't know it," said Capt. Murrin, "but Wyoming has the biggest coal fields in the United States, more iron ore than can be found anywhere else on earth, big lakes of soda, more oil than we could possibly use, veins of copper ore, and stone and marble quarries. The territory has wonderful natural resources, and these will be developed before long. The cattle days are gone, the hundreds and hundreds of miles of wire fences on government land will be torn down, and the territory will drop far down on the list of cattle producers. The business has really retarded the development and growth of the territory, and it may be for the best after all.—Kansas City Times.

Shivering in the Street.

In many cities on the continent in these days of extreme cold, the municipal governments, from a fund previously set apart for the purpose, place at intervals among the crowded neighborhoods of the poor large iron heaters, which are kept filled day and night with hot coals. They are circular upright receptacles, about the size of a barrel, with an open top and with holes pierced in the sides for the purpose of a draught. They are placed upon the pavement near the sidewalk at the corners of streets, where crowds may collect about them with the least obstruction to traffic. During the bitter cold weather crowds of half frozen people bask about these heaters.—Boston Advertiser.

Begg's Cherry Cough Syrup.

Is the only medicine that acts directly on the Lungs, Blood and Bowels, it relieves a cough instantly and in time effects a permanent cure. Sold by O. P. Smith & Co., druggists. j25-3mod&w

George W. Cable lectured in the Y. M. C. A. Hall of Boston the other night and books for the library served as admission tickets.

Begg's Cherry Cough Syrup.

Is warranted for all that the label calls for, so if it does not relieve your cough you can call at our store and the money will be refunded to you. It acts simultaneously on all parts of the system, thereby leaving no bad results. O. P. SMITH & Co., Druggists. j25-3mod&w

Dr. Schliemann has gone to Alexandria with Professor Virchow, and will spend several months in Egypt making explorations.

AN EXTRAORDINARY OFFER

TO ALL WANTING EMPLOYMENT. We want live, energetic, agents in every county in the United States and Canada to sell a patent article of great merit, ON ITS MERITS. An article having a large sale paying over 100 per cent. profit, having no competition, and on which the agent is protected in the exclusive sale by a deed given for each and every county. We only secure from us. With all these advantages to our agents, and the fact that it is an article that can be sold to every household, we, it might not be necessary to make "An Extraordinary Offer" to secure good agents at once, but we have concluded to make it to show, not only our confidence in the merits of the article, but in its stability by any agent that will handle it with energy. Our agents now at work are making from \$150 to \$300 a month clear, and this fact makes it safe for us to make our offer to all who are out of employment. Any agent that will give us his business thirty days' trial and fail to clear at least \$50 in this time, above all expenses, can return all goods unsold to us and we will refund the money paid for the trial. No such employer of agent ever dared to make such offers, nor could we if we did not know that we have serious work making more than double this amount. Our large descriptive circulars explain our offer fully, and these we wish to send to everyone out of employment who will send us three cent stamps for postage. Send at once and secure the agency in those for the month, and go to work on the terms named in our extraordinary offer. Address: at once, NATIONAL NOVELTY CO., 118 3rd & W. 5th St. Pittsburg, Pa.

Dr. David Hostetter is the most heavily insured man in this country. The aggregate of the policies held by him is \$800,000.

RAIL ROAD PAIN CURE. A New Remedy with Wonderful Healing Powers. POSITIVE CURE FOR RHEUMATISM AND NEURALGIA. Also Colic, Cramp, Headache, Lambe Back, Wounds, and all distressing ailments of the human body. RAIL-ROAD is the Best on Earth for Bronchitis, COUGH CURE, Coughs, Throat and Lung Troubles. A POSITIVE CONSUMPTION CURE in its Earliest Stage. These Medicines are Warranted by your Druggist. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1 per bottle. For \$1 we will send largest size of either Cure, prepaid. Address: Rail-Road Remedy Co., Box 372, Lincoln, Neb. Trade supplied by Richardson Drug Co., Omaha, Nebraska.

\$500 Reward. We will pay the above reward for any case of liver complaint, dyspepsia, sick headache, indigestion, constipation or costiveness we cannot cure with West's Vegetable Liver Pills, when the directions are strictly complied with. They are purely vegetable, and never fail to give satisfaction. Large boxes containing 30 sugar coated pills, 25c. For sale by all druggists. Beware of counterfeits and imitations. The genuine manufactured only by John O. Well & Co., 862 W. Madison St. Chicago, Ill. Sold by W. J. Warrick.

HEALTH IS WEALTH! DR. E. C. WEST'S NERVE AND BRAIN TREATMENT. A guarantee specific for Hysteria, Dizziness, Convulsions, Fits, Nervous Neuralgia, Headache, Tremor, Stammering, Deafness, Loss of Memory, Indigestion, and all the ills that arise from the use of alcohol or tobacco, Wakefulness, Mental Depression, Softening of the Brain resulting in insanity and leading to misery, decay and death, premature old age, Barrenness, Loss of Power in either sex, Involuntary Losses and Spontaneous Emissions, and all the ills that arise from the brain, selfishness or over-indulgence. Each box contains one month's treatment, \$1.00 a box or six boxes for \$5.00, sent by mail prepaid on receipt of price. WE GUARANTEE SIX BOXES. To cure any case. With each order received by us for six boxes, accompanied with \$2.00, we will send the purchaser our written guarantee to return the money if the treatment does not effect a cure. Guarantees issued only by Will J. Warrick, sole agent, Plattsmouth, Neb.

WHEN YOU WANT WORK DONE OF Any Kind —CALL ON— L. G. Larson, Contractor and Builder Sept. 12-6m.

JULIUS PEPPERBERG, MANUFACTURER OF AND WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALER IN THE Choicest Brands of Cigars, including our Flor de Pepperberg and 'Buds' FULL LINE OF TOBACCO AND SMOKERS' ARTICLES always in stock. Nov. 26, 1887.

WHEN YOU WANT WORK DONE OF Any Kind —CALL ON— L. G. Larson, Contractor and Builder Sept. 12-6m.

JONATHAN HATT & CO., WHOLESALE AND RETAIL CITY MEAT MARKET. PORK PACKERS AND DEALERS IN BUTTER AND EGGS. BEEF, PORK, MUTTON AND VEAL. THE BEST THE MARKET AFFORDS ALWAYS ON HAND. Sugar Cured Meats, Hams, Bacon, Lard, &c., &c of our own make. The best brands of OYSTERS, in cans and bulk, at WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. GIVE 'EM A CALL

Down - They - Come.

—I must make room for my— Large Stock of Spring Goods. Coming and therefore will reduce all leather goods 20 per cent. below regular prices for cash only. All Goods Marked in Plain Figures.

Table listing various goods and their prices: Ladies' French Kid, Ladies' French Kid, Ladies' Bright Dongola, Ladies' Bright Dongola, Ladies' Kid, Ladies' Peb. Goat, Ladies' Peb. Goat, Men's Burt Shoes, Men's Shoes, Men's Shoes, Men's Shoes.

Childrens "Little Giant School Shoes," the best in the market, same reduction. Now is your chance to lay in a cheap supply.

PETER MERGES.

BOSTON MEAT MARKET

Oliver & Ramage, Proprietors. BEEF, PORK, MUTTON, VEAL, POULTRY. We keep constantly on hand the finest and freshest line of meats in the city. Meats of all kinds in their season.

SUGAR CURED MEATS, HAMS, BACON, LARD, SAUSAGE AND MINCE MEAT.

And everything to suit the demand our trade. Give us a trial, OLIVER & RAMAGE, South Side Main Street, Between Fifth and Sixth.

Eureka Meat Market.

T. J. THOMAS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal and Poultry. I invite all to give me a trial. Sugar Cured Meats, Hams, Bacon, Lard, etc., etc. Fresh Oysters in Can and Bulk at lowest living prices. Do not fail to give me your patronage.

T. J. THOMAS.

FINE FURNITURE AND ALL KINDS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

KITCHEN, BED ROOM, PARLOR FURNITURE. FURNITURE FOR HALLWAYS, OFFICES.

Lowest Prices in the City. Call and be Convinced, I. PEARLMAN, SIXTH STREET, BET. MAIN AND VINE. PLATTSMOUTH, NEB.

Subscribe for The Herald.

JONATHAN HATT & CO., WHOLESALE AND RETAIL CITY MEAT MARKET. PORK PACKERS AND DEALERS IN BUTTER AND EGGS. BEEF, PORK, MUTTON AND VEAL. THE BEST THE MARKET AFFORDS ALWAYS ON HAND. Sugar Cured Meats, Hams, Bacon, Lard, &c., &c of our own make. The best brands of OYSTERS, in cans and bulk, at WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. GIVE 'EM A CALL