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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION of any Cass County Paper.

The congressmen who attended Yvette Gullbert's Washington concert were disgusted to find her much less naughty than some of the society women they know.—Ex.

NEBRASKA has a right to discuss questions of National and international importance, in that she has a larger proportion of educated people than any other state in the Union.

MANUFACTURERS from every state in the union are now in session at Chicago. Republicans, democrats and populists are represented and the sentiment in favor of protection is unanimous.—Ex.

SENATOR TEFTEL of Cass county has concluded to be a candidate for governor on the republican ticket. There are mighty few as good men as Senator Teftel in public life in Nebraska today.—Fremont Tribune.

CARLISLE and Gorman are said to be hatching a new financial scheme. If the new one don't show wonderful improvement on their former efforts in that direction they had better incubate some other subject.

It may be true, as a New York railroad president says, that "Allison could walk on piano keys from New York to Omaha and never sound a note," but it is conceivable that a faculty of that kind might be very useful to a president in certain contingencies.

EDISON'S promise to take an inventive part in the next war of the United States excites amusement among the English papers, but all the same the electric current, dynamite and submerged torpedo boats are almost certain to make a new era in fighting between leading nations.

THE metal aluminum has not realized what was expected of it in the construction of ships. A British torpedo boat built of one of its alloys has been condemned, and French experiments have had a similar result. The sea water rapidly corrodes the metal and it then gives way under a slight pressure.

THE Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has caused the arrest of a teamster who by neglect permitted his horse to starve to death. Prosecutions of this nature are rare, but the public will approve of them. A more despicable person than he who starves a dumb animal is not easy to find.—Bee.

MEIKLEJOHN evidently thought when he announced his gubernatorial candidacy that the other fellows would get out of the way of the wheels of his juggernaut. The real effect, however, has been different. More candidates are springing up every day and it now looks as if the pompous Meiklejohn would be a tail-ender in the race.

IT LOOKS like Altgeld would be re-nominated for governor of Illinois by the democratic party over there, which ought to be a legal stopper from such an organization ever coming into power again. A blatant anarchist and cheap demagogue of the Altgeld type should be transported out of the country rather than elevated to the highest office in the gift of the people of a state.

AN impecunious individual who has failed of an appointment of any kind thus importunes the great president: "Now Governor, there is a great army of unemployed who have not one dollar of reserve—they are all your subjects. Would it not be wise on your part to see after their interests a little. They don't ask for gold dollars like your cousins across the water, silver or greenbacks will suit them. This is only a pointer, but for God's sake do something for your common people."

SENATOR THURSTON'S speech on the adoption of the Monroe doctrine resolution was lofty and patriotic, in splendid contrast to that of Senator Woodcock and Senator Sewall, who act as if they were ashamed of their country and had no confidence in its strength and power. Nebraska is proud of Senator Thurston, whose heart is in the right place and whose clear head and eloquent voice may always be relied upon by the loyal patriotic people when a leader is demanded.

THE official returns of the election of last November in Mississippi, which have just been published, show that of the 266,049 males of voting age in the state, only 64,339 went to the polls. Excluding the 150,000 colored citizens, who are mostly disfranchised by the new Constitution, there remain 116,000 whites, and only 45 per cent of them voted. This goes to show, apparently, that since coming for negroes has been done away with, the whites no longer take much interest in politics.—Globe Democrat.

IMPERFECT IDEAS OF CHARITY.

A good many finely spun theories with reference to the "problem of the poor" are constantly promulgated by students of sociological questions. While it is a fact that thousands of dollars are yearly frittered away in schemes of indiscriminate almsgiving that are utterly without system or plan, this fact should not be allowed to act as a deterrent influence against yielding to the impulses of benevolence. The submerged tenth presents a condition and not a theory. The problem that confronts the charity agencies of Chicago at the beginning of every winter is how to raise the means necessary to feed the hungry and alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunate. As long as the human mind is imperfect and the human understanding is not always equal to the generous impulses of the heart our machinery for the disbursement of alms will be more or less defective and much money will be diverted from proper channels, says the Chicago Times Herald.

While the imperfect character of our machinery for supplying the physical necessities of the poor relieves no one from a certain measure of responsibility for the condition of the unfortunate, the observations of Dr. Ayres in his address before the Society of Ethical Culture are worthy of studious attention in that they show how almsgiving may be made to confer additional and more permanent benefits upon the objects of charitable endeavor.

To make the gift a material charity of real permanent value to the recipient there must go along with it the gift of personal interest and the development of kindly relationships. The social adjustment that is necessary to improve the condition of the poor depends upon good will and friendly co-operation. A system of benevolence that does not include education and healthful social amusement and recreation is incomplete and imperfect. The disbursement of things to gratify material wants accompanied by no efforts to improve the mental and moral condition of the beneficiaries and no evidences of friendly inquiry into the causes of their poverty is a charity scheme that begets pauperism.

The benevolent machinery that satisfies itself with the mere distribution of physical necessities is cold and unfeeling and will never eradicate the causes of pauperism. The federal supreme court has found the court of the eastern district of Wisconsin to have jurisdiction over the Northern Pacific railroad, in the hands of receivers. This is new law and it may logically follow that the court of the Nebraska district be given control of all Union Pacific lines and regarded as the court of primary administration. In that event the indirect benefit accruing to Omaha would be great, as the next step would be to regain control of branch lines of the Union Pacific for which separate receivers have been appointed.—Bee.

THE great soldier-statesman, who restored the Bourbons to the throne of Spain and has for many years been the chief bulwark of the dynasty, has failed. He has had 115,000 men at his disposal, and spent more than \$20,000,000, and yet has failed, and has been recalled. Who else can hope to succeed? Certainly no one, on the same lines that Campos followed. If there be a change of policy, and ruthless butchery be resorted to as of old, the experiment will be most dangerous, probably disastrous. It will be a game at which two can play, and which a third will scarcely regard with equanimity.—New York Tribune.

THE board of trade meeting last evening was more largely attended than usual and quite an interest was evinced in the sugar question. There is little doubt but what the growing of sugar beets in this state is to be one of our greatest industries, and if all that is said of the new evaporation process for extracting the saccharine properties of the beets is true, the matter of locating a factory of that kind here is easily done. The machinery in a refinery such as they have at Norfolk costs a fortune, while with the evaporation process the cost is comparatively slight. The product, however, would have to be shipped to a refinery before it would be in shape for market.

THE Kansas democrats and populists are endeavoring to get together for the purpose of taking the state away from the republicans, though a majority of the populist leaders do not favor the scheme, as they oppose fusion for the reason that it is difficult to blend the principles of the populists with those of the democrats, which is no doubt true, or with anything else for that matter. Some of the democrats object to fusion as it would be detrimental to party organization, while party principles are not considered any farther than it would take from the republicans the state. It is possible that they may fuse, but as it looks now the chances are against the scheme.

BOSTON has been celebrating the birthday of her greatest son, whose name, of course, is Benjamin Franklin. He was a thorough Monroe doctrine man a quarter of a century before it was invented, but that was his way.

INFORMATION AND OPINIONS

It is a notable fact, says the Bee, that the geese have not left the Platte Valley this winter. They have lingered near Clark and Fremont, and on further out near Brady Island, all

through December and the present month, and are to be found in unusual numbers yet today along the Platte near the mouth of the Elkhorra.

No other part of our earth, uncovered by water, sinks to 300 feet below the level of the ocean. But here we have a rift more than one hundred and sixty miles long, and from twenty to fifteen broad, which falls from the sea level to as deep as 1,292 feet below it at the coast of the Dead sea, while the bottom of the latter is 1,900 feet deeper still.

There are a thousand cases on the docket of three district judges of Lancaster county, and yet some people contend that litigation is injured by hard times, the same as the grocery and hardware business.

In a recent interview Dr. Cornelius Herz declared that he would leave a great invention to be patented and developed. The gist of the invention is an enormous improvement in telegraphy, by which more than 1,000 words can be transmitted by long submarine cables in the same time that twenty words can be sent now. The invention, the doctor claimed, would allow of cabling fifty words at a cost of five cents. He dwelt upon the influence that the invention would have upon the newspaper of the future, and said that he intended, in granting royalties, to reserve all rights as far as they applied to news. The invention, he said, would render submarine telephony and multiplex telephony feasible.—Popular Science.

The United States fish commission has presented the fish commission of this state with 200,000 trout eggs free of charge.

A fellow of the name of Tom Moore has been prospecting for coal near Plattsmouth, with good prospects of a paying find. Tom Moore of old was a great poet, but we hope there is more truth than poetry in this report.—Fremont Tribune.

P. Monahan, of Avoca, was a pleasant caller at these headquarters and he is just in receipt of a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheeling, at Salt Lake City, Utah, in which they state that their daughter, Nellie, who has been sick for some time, is rapidly recovering and will soon be restored to her usual health. While they are delighted with their new home, still they long to return to their first love.—Nebraska City News.

General Solicitor J. W. Blythe of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and General Solicitor D. W. Joseph of the Burlington's lines in Missouri were in consultation yesterday at Omaha with General Manderson, general solicitor of the Burlington system west of the Missouri, on matters pertaining to the legal department of the road.

The unexpected does not always happen. The second bid of the Omaha banks for deposits of city money are precisely the same as their first bids. Two per cent interest is all they are willing to allow, which goes to show that where combination is possible competition is impossible.—Bee.

As an additional inducement to the editors of the state to come in and attend the meeting of the editorial association the local committee has arranged for the continuance this week of the seven revival meetings that have been in progress for several weeks. Colonel Bushnell, as one familiar with oils and oil rooms, has kindly consented to see to it that the lamp is kept burning until the vilest contemporary returns.—Lincoln News.

It goes without saying that there will be more grand old farmers in Fremont next month at the beet sugar convention and the farmers' institute than will be assembled at any other given point in the commonwealth. Fremont will be a great agrarian center.—Fremont Tribune.

No doubt there will be some farmers there, but if they are all of the grand old type like C. Dinky Grimes of this city, who fawns with his mouth, wearing blisters on his tongue instead of his hands, we fear the agrarians will be poorly represented.

The more we know of the United States senate, the more firmly are we convinced that it is purely ornamental, and not much of an ornament at that. Its mission on earth is to delay and block needed legislation, and to conform religiously to a code of etiquette as long as the moral law and to wear out the patience of the people in as many ways as can be devised. There used to be giants in the senate a few decades ago; even one decade ago there were great men there, but they have nearly all dropped out, and their seats are occupied by the magnates of corporations who want glory and have the money to buy it. United States senators should be elected by the people.—Beatrice Express.

In accordance with a time-honored custom of giving the employees of this office an opportunity to properly celebrate all holidays, no paper will be issued from this office February 2—ground hog's day—this great event occurring on Sunday.

Walt Mason very truthfully states that the best kind of a sleigh for Nebraska is one with wheels on it.

Fremont is making extensive preparations for the beet sugar convention which takes place next week. There will be a large number of delegates and others in attendance and Fremont intends to show how a crowd should be entertained.

It is claimed that the perfume of flowers disappears as soon as the starch

in the petals is exhausted; and it may, it is said, be restored by placing the flower in a solution of sugar, when the formation of starch and the emission of fragrance will be at once resumed.

The morning papers report soaking rains in Red Willow county and to other southern portions of the state, where the oldest inhabitants cannot recall the down-pour of any moisture before.

SCIENCE GOSSIP

Rice is said to be the staple food of nearly one-half of the human race.

The highest inhabited building in Europe is the Alpine club house on Mt. Rosa—12,000 feet above sea level.

Silver is cleaned at the shops by pressing the piece against a rapidly revolving wheel made of Canton flannel in many pieces.

Dr. Bohr has gone to the Faeroe islands to study the breathing apparatus of the diver birds. In the same ship went the Ehlers expedition that is to investigate leprosy in Iceland.

The catalogues and floral dictionaries give the names of 750 kinds of roses.

A ton of good coal is said to yield about 8,000 feet of purified gas.

James L. 1610, sent silk worms to Virginia and offered a silk bonnet.

The offensive smell of rooms newly painted, may, it is said, be removed by simply placing therein for a night, a bucket of water with some hay in it.

Mexico produces anything that can be raised in any other country. So varied is the climate that in the same state can be raised any product of the tropics and of the polar region.

A new thirteen-inch gun, tested by our navy department at a distance of 4,000 yards, sent a projectile weighing 1,100 pounds through a sheet of steel fifteen inches thick and twelve feet into the earth beyond.

Berlin is one of the most cosmopolitan of European cities. Though it is the capital of Germany, only 37 per cent of its inhabitants are Germans by birth.

A graphic idea of the immense size of Siberia may be gleaned from the following comparisons: All of the states, kingdoms, principalities, empires, etc., of Europe (except Russia), and all of the United States, including Alaska, could be placed side by side in Siberia, and yet but little more than cover that immense country.

McClure's Magazine for February takes its first grasp of the reader's attention with eight portraits of Lincoln (several of them very rare), some twenty other Lincoln pictures, and an account, abundant in vivid personal details, of Lincoln's misfortunes as a country merchant; of his entrance into the legislature, and the beginning of his acquaintance with Douglas; of his work as a village postmaster and a deputy county surveyor; of his copy of Shakespeare and Burns and a copy of Blackstone found by chance in a barrel of refuse; and of his romantic courtship of Ann Rutledge and his affliction at her death shortly before the time appointed for their marriage.

In the same number the well-known editor of the Railway Age, Mr. Harry C. Smith, and the Hon. Senator Morrill with Senator Cochrill, Sherman with Ransom, Ingalls with Harris, Famous Confederates, distinguishable by their gray silk sashes, fraternized with Federal chieftains. Generals Joe Johnston and Buckner officiated with Sherman, Sheridan and Logan among the pallbearers. Three other gallant officers, Wade Hampton, Fitzhugh Lee and Gordon, were also present at the funeral.—President E. Benjamin Andrews in Scribner's.

Moving in the Bowery. There was a moving in the Bowery a few days ago, and it was watched with interest by a score or so of passersby. A stout Italian bootblack was transferring his stand to some other part of the town. Just before the moving began the proprietor and his weakened little wife stood beside the stand. The little wife then put a dirty little pillow on her head and stooped a trifle. The husband thereupon picked up the stand with difficulty and balanced it on the little woman's head. Then he took the two chairs and placed them on the stand in such fashion as to secure them from falling.

The little wife, having straightened up under her burden and made sure of its equilibrium, started down the Bowery, and the stout husband followed at ease, puffing a cigarette, while the spectators looked on amazed to discover the usefulness of a wife as a least of burden.—New York Sun.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

MR. CARROLL'S GREAT IDEA.

It Puts a Man at His Best When He Is Held Up by a Robber.

Taylor Carroll is engaged in devising a formidable system of defense for lone pedestrians when they wander in dangerous places where police protection is ineffective and the risk of being "held up" is ever present. His plan is to convert the erect human body into a miniature revolving turret, armed at four points and capable of dealing death in front, rear or flank simultaneously or of sending four successive discharges in the same direction.

Mr. Carroll's design is still in its rudimentary stage, with numberless minor details to be elaborated, but his central idea is well developed. He says he has not yet prepared diagrams or experimental apparatus, but has merely outlined it mentally.

"I would have a small storage battery worn in a belt," he said, "with small copper wires running from it up through the sleeves and connected with each hand on the great or middle finger with a copper ring the thumb can reach in the palm of the hand. When the thumb touched the ring, an electrical current would discharge four batteries loaded with ball behind and in front. This discharge could take place when the hands were being held under the threat of an armed robber.

"The ring should be placed beyond the reach of the thumb except in cases of emergency, so that the thumb will never discharge the battery accidentally."

Mr. Carroll is not a practical electrician or mechanic, being an actor by profession. He has not figured up the weight of the storage battery to be carried on the belt, nor is he adverse to considering the advisability of substituting a dry primary cell.

In his zeal for the application of scientific methods to the protection of the citizen the inventor has apparently left out of sight everything but the tactical advantage of the lonely pedestrian attacked in front by the bold marauder or clasped from behind by the lurking garrotter. Thus he has not yet figured out how a slim young man is to avoid assuming Falstaffian dimensions when he braces storage batteries and arsenals around his waist.

Nor does he forecast the possibly tragic consequences that might some day result from the clasp of a loving hand upon the thumb and palm that carried the potential copper apparatus he describes, making inadvertent electrical contact and producing a catastrophe when only endorsement was intended.—Chicago Tribune.

GENERAL GRANT'S FUNERAL.

The Procession in New York Was Eight Miles in Length.

The procession, eight miles long, wended up Broadway between lines of old soldiers—flags veiled, drums muffled and arms reversed. The Grant family, except Mrs. Grant, who was unable to be present, followed in four carriages, succeeded by the general's old staff, his cabinet officers and detachments from Grand Army posts. Members of the Aztec club, survivors of the Mexican war, formed a group. President Cleveland rode with Secretary Bayard, and they were followed by the vice president and the cabinet, the supreme court justices, United States senators and a committee of the house. Governor Hill and his suit and a committee of the state legislature were of the cortege; also gentlemen who had occupied diplomatic and consular offices under Grant while president. Besides all these were official guests filling 150 carriages.

Over the ashes of the man who had said "Let us have peace" all bitter memories were forgotten. Speaker Carlisle and ex-Speaker Russell rode with the general and the Hon. Senator Morrill with Senator Cochrill, Sherman with Ransom, Ingalls with Harris, Famous Confederates, distinguishable by their gray silk sashes, fraternized with Federal chieftains. Generals Joe Johnston and Buckner officiated with Sherman, Sheridan and Logan among the pallbearers. Three other gallant officers, Wade Hampton, Fitzhugh Lee and Gordon, were also present at the funeral.—President E. Benjamin Andrews in Scribner's.

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CASTORIA for Infants and Children.

MOTHERS, Do You Know that Peppermint, Balaeman's Drops, Godfrey's Cordial, many so-called Soothing Syrups, and most remedies for children are composed of opium or morphine?

Do You Know that opium and morphine are stupefying, narcotic poisons? Do You Know that in most countries druggists are not permitted to sell narcotics without labeling them poisons? Do You Know that you should not permit any medicine to be given your child unless you or your physician know of what it is composed? Do You Know that Castoria is a purely vegetable preparation, and that a list of its ingredients is published with every bottle? Do You Know that Castoria is the prescription of the famous Dr. Samuel Pitcher. That it has been in use for nearly thirty years, and that more Castoria is now sold than of all other remedies for children combined? Do You Know that the Patent Office Department of the United States, and of other countries, has issued exclusive right to Dr. Pitcher and his assigns to use the word "Castoria" and its formula, and that to imitate them is a state prison offense? Do You Know that one of the reasons for granting this government protection was because Castoria had been proven to be absolutely harmless? Do You Know that 35 average doses of Castoria are furnished for 35 cents, or one cent a dose? Do You Know that when possessed of this perfect preparation, your children may be kept well, and that you may have unbroken rest? Well, these things are worth knowing. They are facts.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Pitcher is on every wrapper.

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A Land Without Animals. Japan is a land without the domestic animals. It is this fact which strikes the stranger so forcibly in looking through the Japanese windows. There are no cows—the Japanese neither drinks milk nor eats meat. There are but few horses, and these are imported mainly for the use of the foreigners. The freight cars in the city streets are pulled and pushed by coolies, and the pleasure carriages are drawn by men. There are but few dogs, and these are neither used as watch dogs, beasts of burden nor in hunting, except by foreigners. There are no sheep in Japan, and wool is not used in clothing, silk and cotton being the staples. There are no pigs—pork is an unknown article of diet, and lard is not used in cooking. There are no goats or mules, or donkeys. Wild animals there are, however, and in particular, bears of enormous size.

War, of course, is acquainting the Japanese with the use of animals. The army has cavalry horses, and others to drag the field guns. The impress, also, in obvious imitation of European royalties, has expert horsewomen, and saddle horses are kept for her use.—Popular Science.

Take Off the Horns.

The undersigned is now ready with a good portable chute and tools, to remove the horns of beef cattle at ten cents per head. If those who wish to have such work done will address me at Rock Bluffs, Neb., they will be promptly answered. S. L. FURLONG.

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