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**THE LARGEST CIRCULATION**  
of any Cass County Paper.

NEBRASKA CITY is already figuring on the spring election, and expects to have four major candidates in the field.

GOVERNOR GRIGGS of New Jersey, it is said, will be Attorney General McKenna's successor. Griggs may be all right, but few people ever heard of him outside his own state.

HOW DOES the calamity press like the advances in wages given by George Gould to his 50,000 employees? The McKinley times we promised is striking somebody every day, and only those who live by deluding the people can help noticing the general improvement everywhere.

NEBRASKA hasn't a monopoly on hoodlums, ex-Premier Crisp, the Italian statesman, is said to have secured \$2,000,000 by crooked methods which broke two of the leading banks in Rome. His wife, it seems, was worse than himself in conducting the schemes which proved so successful.

If Billy Bryan will continue his stumping tour and advertise to give half the gate receipts for wiping out the national debt, he would accomplish more good than he can show to his credit with all of the years that he has lived put together. Billy's winsome smile is good, but his gate receipts are better.

A. J. WHARTON, one of Omaha's best lawyers, is said to be slated for the office of United States district attorney to succeed A. J. Sawyer, whose term of office expires in April next. Mr. Wharton is capable and deserving. We shall in company with republicans generally be glad to see him nominated for this important position.

FOR the year ending May 31, '96, England purchased \$321,000 worth of American bicycles, and for the year ending May 31, '97, the enormous sum of \$2,082,000 was paid to manufacturers in this country for bicycles by English riders. The growth of the business is indeed phenomenal, and free trade theories get a pretty hard jolt thereby.

THE fellows who were jubilant over the defeat of the invincible Mark Hanna, have taken to the woods since it has been ascertained by canvass of the members of the Ohio legislature that Mark will have a majority of fifteen on joint ballot. This was the off year when Ohio usually goes democratic, but your Uncle Mark was too important a man to be thrown overboard.

SPEAKING of the Haight case, recently tried here, the Weeping Water Republican says: "It is verdicts like this that causes lynching to be fashionable in some localities." The attorneys for Haight saw fit to criticize THE NEWS through the Journal, because it expressed an opinion not flattering to them, and suggested that the jury had made a mistake. It will be seen the Republican is far more caustic in the view the unprejudiced editor of that paper takes of the case.

It is stated by those who have an opportunity of knowing, that McComb, who is wanted badly here on a charge of shooting with intent to kill, is here in this county in hiding. Assistance of criminals in avoiding officers of the law is altogether too common in this county, and if persons rendering such assistance were properly punished, it would be no more than right. It is certain that if McComb is captured in this county, and it can be shown that any person assisted in hiding him from the officers, such persons will be severely punished.

**RETURN OF PROSPERITY.**  
Speaking of the return of prosperity, or the advent of McKinley times, as republicans designate it, the Lincoln Call says:

"Quite recently the firm of Jones & McLaughlin, Pittsburg iron workers, increased the wages of their men 10 per cent, thus restoring the old rates. This is one of the number of instances of increased wages which have been reported recently from establishments which were compelled to make cuts during the depression. The total improvement in this respect undoubtedly means a very considerable difference in the amount paid for wages at present from that of the early summer.

The new tariff has caused a rise in wages by reopening the mills and the shops, creating a demand for more workers, thus giving the railroads more freight to haul and increasing business in all lines. It would be difficult to find a railroad man who voted for McKinley last year, regardless of politics, who would not, under similar circumstances, do the same thing over again.

"Another Pittsburg firm employing 3,500 men has decided to grant to its workers an increase of 10 per cent in wages. The action is entirely voluntary. It seems to indicate that

the revival of business is not the myth pictured by Calamity Howling Tories and his pop compatriots. From Michigan comes more good news. While the farmers are complaining bitterly it is not on account of hard times. Such a market has been found for their produce that railroads cannot supply cars to haul it. One branch of an important trunk line was quite recently 400 cars in arrears. Furniture factories in the state are overwhelmed with orders they cannot fill."

**CANADA ASKS TOO MUCH.**  
State department officials are said to have practically reached the conclusion that there will be no agreement with Canada on the scaling question, says the Bee, owing to the demand of the Canadian authorities that the settlement of this question must depend upon the adjustment of the several other matters which the members of the Canadian government presented for consideration, chief among them being a reciprocity treaty. The view taken at Washington appears to be that the reciprocity proposal submitted by Premier Laurier would be a preposterous agreement for the United States, as it would open our markets to the agricultural products of Canada without any compensating benefits to American producers.

There is nothing surprising in this view. It is perfectly obvious that any reciprocity arrangement acceptable to Canada must be disadvantageous to our agricultural producers unless we can get concessions for our manufacturers which would offset this disadvantage it is useless to talk about reciprocity. As to the scaling question, it seems evident that at last our government will be compelled to find a solution in some such drastic policy as was proposed by Mr. Dingley in the last congress. The utterly selfish attitude of Canada in this matter, in which it has the support of the British government, cannot be indefinitely tolerated and a summary ending of the controversy by removing the cause would be in the interest of peace.

The middle-of-the-road populists propose to name their presidential ticket next year. That will at least stop the repetition of the Bryan-Tom Watson joke.

**INFORMATION AND OPINIONS.**  
The people who have always expressed a desire to sleigh ride on the Fourth of July had no right to kick today.

Much surprise has been expressed at the keen sense for business shown in the letters of George Eliot, quoted in Mr. Oliphant's book about the backwoods. But it turns out that the letters were really dictated by George Henry Lewis, who was an able business man, and looked after her affairs so closely that, in spite of the comparatively small bulk of her work she left a large fortune behind her, all of it earned by her pen during a career of seventy-one years.

Nebraska's Indian summer was rudely broken the other day by a big snow storm, but she is getting back to old lines again, and the snow is going today like buckwheat cakes and maple syrup before a hungry boy. The sun is shining as bright and warm as a May day, and the breeze is balmy, and soft as a breath from the tropics.

A new commandment is abroad in the land, says an exchange: "Thou shalt not hear an unkind story so long as thou hast heels to turn on or hands to cover thine ears." If all those who peddle unkind words were treated in this manner, the peddler would have to go out of business and kind people would get a rest.

James Fanning was appointed postmaster of Norwich, L. I., June 19, 1815. At his death in 1827 his son, James Matthew Fanning, succeeded him in the office and held it for half a century. Then it passed to his nephew (and the first postmaster's grandson), Edmund Hallock, the present incumbent. The building that was the postoffice in 1815 is the postoffice today. Before that year letters were deposited in a box nailed to a tree, and were collected by a stage driver.

The retiring aldermen of New York and Brooklyn are working industriously these days. Brooklyn's board jammed through trolley, gas and other franchises valued at \$15,000,000, and approved contracts increasing the city debt \$800,000. The courts have, however, forestalled the completion of the deals. New York aldermen promptly followed the example by granting to a surface road a franchise in perpetuity to six miles of streets. It is likely that this deal will be stopped by the courts, as the charter of Greater New York expressly prohibits such grants.

According to the Drovers' Journal the valuation of stock received at the yards at South Omaha for the year ending November 30 was the largest in the history of the yards, amounting to \$42,803,510, divided as follows: Cattle, \$23,245,360; hogs, \$15,241,480; sheep, \$2,174,550; horses and mules, \$232,120. November feeders shipments reached 1,163 cars, as against 700 cars out in November a year ago; a total of 32,983 shipped and 6,071 driven out, making a grand total of 39,054 cattle out against 19,362 head a year ago.

A novel system of rural free delivery of milk has come into use down at Great Bend, Kas. It is worked in connection with the creamery business at that point. Seven routes have been

established and sixty families are enjoying the service at a nominal cost. The milk-hauler distributes the milk daily on his return trip and reads the postal cards for his reward.

The sun kissed the snow drifts today and the warmth of his love transformed them into crystal rivulets, which sparkled and chattered in a wild race to hide in the bosom of the river, away from his strength and power.

Dr. Nansen relates that during their long absence from civilization in the Arctic regions he and his party had their sense of smell so sharpened that when they met Jackson on Franz Josef land they could easily detect the smell of soap which he had used in washing himself. This acuteness was further noticeable when the explorers went to Jackson's cabin on the island, where it seemed as if they could tell all that the hut contained from their sense of smell alone. In a few days the acuteness wore off. Nansen reasons from this experience that in a wild state, men probably grew as keen in their sense of smell as animals.

The police court annex is a small room near the police court furnished with wood and stove and a few chairs. The room is used to house tramps of a night, thus preventing much crime and pilfering. The room is occupied every night, one night recently seventeen men slept there, everyone of whom looked like he had not seen water for months. Each town has a tramp headquarters similar to this one and as soon as the foot pads enter a town at night, they quickly hunt up their free lodging house. The next morning they are fired out of town or the officers attempt to get rid of them by starting them out. At the present time one tramp in a thousand would take a steady job if he could get it, they are perpetually dead beats.

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**GOD IS ALL.**  
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Thy care for me doth never cease,  
For Thou art love, in Thee I dwell,  
Thou art all heaven, There is no hell  
Thou art all good; there is no sin—  
All good without, all good within,  
Thou art all truth, Error defined  
Is naught but dreams, called mortal mind.  
Thou art all life—death hath no place,  
For thou dost fill infinite space,  
Thou art all light—eternal day,  
Revealing Truth to be the way;  
Dispelling mortal dreams called night,  
And making manifest thy might.  
Thou art all power, All power is love,  
All power below, around above;  
Thou art all-wise—for thou art Mind;  
Thou art one Spirit, unconfined;  
One Father, Holy Ghost and Son—  
Infinite God, thou three art one,  
In me they Being is expressed;  
In Thee I live, Thou art my rest;  
Thou art my life, Thou art my soul;  
Thou art my health, I know I'm whole;  
Thou art my strength, I cannot fall;  
Thou art my God, yea, thou art all.  
ROBERT J. VASS

**MADE GOOD HIS ESCAPE.**

**SMOOTH WORK OF A STATE PENITENTIARY CONVICT.**

Cut His Way Through a Thick Cement Wall With Crude Tools, Taking Three Months' Time.

Cyrus B. Miller, a convict in the state penitentiary, disappeared from his steel cell in 1894, says the Lincoln Call. The doors were locked, as when he was placed in the cell the night before. Not a single clue as to the means of his escape could be discovered.

The mystery was cleared up recently when Miller was captured in Minnesota, after three years of liberty. He at first refused to disclose to the penitentiary authorities how he made his escape, but when threatened with irons in his cage if he did not confess, he told his story, which the officers easily verified.

Miller was confined in the lower of three tiers of cells, the top cell reaching to the third floor of the building. One wall of the cage rests against the granite of the outer wall of the prison. This wall has a space in its center twelve inches wide, which is filled with brick. On the opposite side of the brick is another wall of granite. This wall is, in fact, two walls of granite, with this brick interior placed between the stone for the purpose of absorbing the moisture and rendering the prison more comfortable.

Miller had heard through a prisoner who had worked on the cell house of this peculiar construction. The prisoner related it as an explanation why the stone walls were not always wet. Miller set to work to make an entrance into the brick partitions. This was the work of two months, as the cement in the first granite wall had to be dug out with very crude tools. He used a small piece of wire, an old knife and other small bits of iron, which he had picked up from time to time in the yards of the prison.

After many days of patient labor Miller was able to remove a large stone and reach the loose brick. He found the material as his companion had described. It could be easily removed, and was so loosely piled in that when picked to one side much room could be found between the two granite walls. Miller removed the brick one at a time, carrying them into the yard of the prison. He was able to dispose of but one a day, so carefully was he of attracting the attention of the prison guards.

Finally, he had an opening large enough between the two walls to permit him to stand up comfortably. Then he concluded to put his plan of escape into effect. He had been saving from his small food allowance for days, in order that he should not starve while working his way to the top of the walls between the granite sides. One night he took his food, pushed the large stone that he had removed through the hole into the partition and crawled in after it. Then he took particles of cement, which he mixed with water while excavating the stone, mixed water with it, covered the sides of the big stone with the substance and pushed it back to its place. It fitted so neatly and so carefully had Miller removed all signs of the work that by morning, when the cement had hardened, no trace of the work remained.

Miller remained in the partition three days, slowly working his way toward the top. Several times he almost smothered, as the brick would fall over him. He picked it beneath his feet and climbed upward, and at last reached the top. Then he easily reached the ground. While the authorities were searching for him he was in the wild, and at the end of the third day his escape was easily made from the immediate vicinity of the prison.

He will serve the remainder of his sentence in the Minnesota penitentiary.

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