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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF any Cass County Paper.

THE CITY ELECTION. The city election is coming on apace, the first Monday in April not being far away.

Republicans seem to concede the city clerkship to B. C. Kerr, who has made a careful officer, giving the best of satisfaction by his work to all elements.

For city treasurer no one seems to be mentioned except Dr. Cook, whose popularity and ability are well known. The republican candidates for mayor are either scarce or excessively modest.

The democrats will nominate the present mayor, J. A. Gutschick, and H. R. Geing will receive the nomination for the sure if he wants it.

THE DIFFERENCE. Governor Holcomb finally mustered up a case yesterday to draw on the state treasury for house rent, says the State Journal.

THE CROSSING OF THE \$100,000,000 LINE by the gold reserve in its upward movement, which is the highest point touched since September, 1890, is a financial event of great importance.

THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE deaf and dumb institute at Omaha is in hot water because he sold a mileage book belonging to the editor of the Independent of that city.

THE CHIEF WORK OF THE Bryan democrats is the galvanizing of pops and initiating them into the new democratic party which has all the bad traits of the old democracy with no redeeming features.

HOW TO PREVENT PNEUMONIA. At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia.

DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINED. The Misses Mia and Barbara Gering entertained a company of their friends most acceptably Saturday evening.

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HORSES IN HISTORY.

SOME OF THE NOBLE STEEDS THAT HAVE ACHIEVED FAME.

The Four Footed Friend For Whom a City Was Named—Roman Horses That Lived Like Princes—Chargers Who Won Renown Amid the Carriage of War.

It is hard to say with any near approach to accuracy how long the horse has been a domesticated animal. We can only say that he has been so from time immemorial—that is, from the earliest times of which we have any records.

Even the first examples, indeed, are only legendary, for, though there is no doubt that Hector of Troy existed, it is not probable that Homer invented the names of his three favorite horses, Podarge, the cream colored Galathea and the fiery Ethon.

Readers of Macaulay will remember the famous black Auster, the horse of Merminius, and the dark gray charger of Manilius, whose sudden appearance in the city of Tusculum without his master brought the news of the defeat of the allies at Lake Regillus.

As we come to later times, so we get more examples of favorite horses. William the Conqueror had one which he rode at the battle of Hastings, about which almost everything seems to be known except his name.

Richard I's horse was called Mark, and was let for hire to his master through the holy war and arrived in England before him. In fact, he survived the king several years.

About a century later we get the Wars of the Roses, and in the many battles of that civil disturbance a couple of horses played important parts. These belonged to the great Earl of Warwick, the kingmaker.

There were two horses belonging to highwaymen which were famous in their time. One of them belonged to the celebrated knight of the road, Paul Clifford. He was called Robin and was Irish.

Fontenelle listened to everything and he offended no one by disputing anything. At the close of his life he was asked the secret of his success, and he replied that it was by observing two maxims, "Everybody may be right" and "Everybody may be so."

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THE COURT JESTER.

A Practical Joke That Will Sommers Played on Cardinal Wolsey.

Amelia Wofford tells of "The Court Jesters of England" in St. Nicholas. The following is related of King Henry VIII's jester:

Sommers, like Scogan, liked a practical joke, and one that he played on Cardinal Wolsey is thus quaintly told by Armistead.

"Of a time appointed the king dined at Windsor, in the chapel yard at Cardinal Wolsey's at the same time when he was building that admirable work of his tomb, at whose gate stood a number of poor people, to be served with alms when dinner was done within, and as Will passed by they saluted him, taking him for a worthy personage, which pleased him.

DON'T TALK OF YOUR ILLS.

People Are More Interested in the Pleasant Side of Life.

"Every one of us has his and her own ailments," writes Edwina W. Brook in The Ladies' Home Journal, deprecating the unpleasant habit many people have of discussing their bodily ills.

"I will not say that women, more than men, are prone to this evil, but as the majority of women have more leisure than the majority of men they are more likely to let their minds dwell upon every little ill that assails them and talk about it. It seems to me that one of the most important lessons we can all learn with the close of the year is to refrain from indulging in questions which are purely personal to ourselves.

NO NEED TO CRY.

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THE SPIRIT OF THIS SIMILE is used by John Bunyan in the meditation "Of the Horse and Drum," in his "Book For Boys and Girls; or, Country Rhymes For Children," published in 1886.

TRY GRAIN-O!

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There is nowadays a use for wire netting in chicken houses. A netting with a square mesh is laid on the floor of chicken houses to keep out rats and mice.

There are now many large establishments in this country for the raising of chickens for commercial purposes, for market and for breeding, and there are as many men as ever who raise chickens at home, from the many who keep a few in the back yard, with a simple chicken house and coop, to men who raise many chickens and maintain an elaborate plant for their breeding and keeping.

AN ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

Somber and Terrible Was the Scene at the Moment of Totality.

Mrs. Mabel Loomis Todd, writing in The Atlantic of an eclipse seen in Japan, says: "Just before totality, to occur at 2 minutes after 3 o'clock, I went over to the little lighthouse, taking up my appointed station on the summit of a hill, an ideal vantage ground for a spectacle beyond anything else I ever witnessed.

"I was a moment of appalling suspense. Something was being waited for, the very air was portentous. The flocks of circling sea gulls disappeared with strange cries. One white butterfly fluttered by vaguely.

"Then an instantaneous darkness leaped upon the world. Unceremoniously enveloped all things. With an indescribable outflashing at the same second, the corona burst forth in wonderful radiance. But dimly seen through this drifting cloud, it was nevertheless beautiful, a celestial flame beyond description. Simultaneously the whole northwestern sky was instantly flooded with a lurid and startlingly brilliant orange, across which floated clouds slightly darker, like flecks of liquid flame, while the west and southwest gleamed in shining lemon yellow. It was not like a sunset; it was too somber and terrible."

SANE ADVICE TO YOUNG ARTISTS.

"Don't give in" was about the gist of what Sir Wyke Bayliss said to the English art students in a lecture at the South Kensington museum. He told them what ought to be their watchword: "Do not believe, he said, in the insidious lie that the devil is always whispering to the soul of the artist that the golden age of art is past and that what was done yesterday cannot be done today, for art is in its decadence. Such an assertion is the danger of the time, and he would have them track it to its source and kill it there. It had two forms—despondency and temptation—but he urged them not to be influenced by either. Let their study be based upon knowledge, the knowledge that had accumulated during the ages and was formulated in what was known as academic training, and let their knowledge in turn be based upon their own study."

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