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### THE LARGEST CIRCULATION Of any Cass County Paper.

The democrats at Nebraska City were wiped off the earth at the recent city election. The republicans elected nearly every officer from mayor down and the populists cast more votes than the democrats. Everything indicates the election of a republican governor this fall.

SOME democrats in this vicinity announce that they propose to see to it next fall that Senator Allen is defeated for re-election. From recent developments one would be led to believe that the democrats in this vicinity do not possess the power to defeat anyone, unless it be one of their own persuasion.

The outlook is very encouraging for Plattsmouth hotels doing a splendid business during the run of the exposition at Omaha this summer. Our train service is simply perfect, and those who wish to get away from the crowded city for rest can do no better than come here where lower hotel rates will more than pay railroad fare.

The election is over and the fellows who can tell how it was done, have retired from the street. The new officers who will be sworn in at the last council meeting in April will find everything in good shape and can start out with bright prospects and clean skies for the future. Plattsmouth has been a sufferer with other towns during the hard times and the change for the better is already very noticeable in every avenue of trade. The outlook for business the coming year is flattering and we predict old time prices for real estate will soon be realized.

The telegrams from Washington are of a more peaceful nature today, Spain having shown a desire to accede to a part of McKinley's demands. Negotiations for peace and preparation for war go on side by side, with no evidence as to which will win out next Monday. The message which is supposed to amount to a declaration of war against Spain, has again been delayed, but is now positively promised for Monday. The peace party has held the boards for nearly two weeks, and if the delay is really caused as some suggest, to give us time to get our recently purchased ships and war materials out of foreign ports, it would seem that enough delay for that purpose has now been given. The public is very tired of the crisis which seems hourly at hand being put over continuously. Great patience must be shown, however, as there is much information which the public is not permitted to know. Allen, Thurston and others whose voices were loud for war since they have had a conference with the president, utter no protest against delay and seem satisfied with the course affairs have taken. This is sufficient proof of the importance of inside information which the President can not give out for the public lest, Spain should profit by it. We must wait now until Monday to know whether peace or war shall reign.

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### PREPARING FOR WAR.

Governor Holcomb and the State Military Board held a session at that end. LINCOLN, April 6.—(Special Telegram.)—In response to Senator Allen's message and an account of the crisis that is thought to be near, the governor called a council for this afternoon of the state Military board, composed of General Barry, General Bills, Colonel Bratt and Colonel Bischof.

A heavy artillery regiment of three batteries is being organized to be made up and officered by ex-students and cadets of the university, and it has already offered its services to the state. It is said that the new regiment is being formed under the direction of an officer of the regular army. The governor and all the members of the Military board were in session all the afternoon. Major Edward Hale, judge advocate of the Guard, participated with the board in the council, as also did Captain Culver of the cavalry and Captain Murdock of the artillery. As a result of the meeting the following telegram was sent:

LINCOLN, April 6.—To His Excellency, the President, Washington: Commanding officers of Nebraska National Guard in conference join with me in unreservedly placing at your disposal entire organized military forces of state in event of hostilities with Spain. With slight additional equipment, forces are ready for active duty on short notice.

SILAS A. HOLCOMB, Governor.  
The question of concentrating and handling the state troops on short notice had already been fully considered, and all arrangements made, but at the meeting this afternoon the matter of supplies and additional equipment was taken up and a requisition was made on the government for overcoats, blankets and some other articles.

The present strength of the guard is about 1,300 and the number will reach 2,000 when the companies are recruited to their full size, and in case of a call from the president, it is expected that the full number will be ready to take the field, as applications from recruits are pouring in.

**Pearl Steam Laundry.**  
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**Easter Week at St. Luke's Church.**  
Divine service, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 4 o'clock. Wednesday evening, lecture at 7:30; Good Friday, 10 a. m.; Passion service, 12 to 3 and also service at 7:30. Saturday afternoon the church will be open for decoration. Easter Sunday, holy communion at 8 and 11; baptism and the opening of the pyramids at 2:30; regular service at 7:30 p. m.

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**A Big Price For a Ride.**  
In The Century there is an article on "The River Trip to the Klondike" by John S. Webb. The author says of his trip to the mines:  
And here let me make a confession—I, with others, rode a horse. No one can imagine what a sensation this created along the creek. No one had ever indulged in such extravagance before. Though a man should wash out \$20,000 in a day, he would be content to walk. But I rode at 30 cents per pound to El Dorado and 30 cents to return, or 186 pounds for \$111.60. They did not, however, put me on the scales like a sack of gold dust. Still, it was cheap, according to an Irishman coming over the summit, who remarked that he had had his goods packed over by Indians. "An I got it cheap," said he. "How much did you pay?" some one inquired. "I don't know," said he. "Then how do you know it was cheap?" "Oh, anything would be cheap over that place," he replied.

**Not So Daft After All.**  
Daft Tam, as he was called, wandering through the village one day, got severely bitten by the village inn dog. Proceeding to the inn, he showed the mistress what her "dawg" had done. She was much alarmed and, putting a half crown into Tam's hand, said: "Awa tae the doctor, noo, an pay him wi' the hauf crown."  
"Tam eyed the coin, saying: 'I dinna think I'll bother wi' the doctor, but jist keep the siller.'"  
"For my sake, gang tae him, or else ye'll gang daft."  
"Hoots, wumman, ye're bletherin. Daft folk canna gang daft twice," Pearson's Weekly.

**All the Same.**  
Brobson—It's a disputed question which have the quicker tempers, blonds or brunettes.  
Craik—Is it?  
Brobson—Yes. My wife has been both, and I couldn't see that it made any difference.—Boston Traveler.

**Comparing Notes.**  
"I've been married five years," said the proud little matron from Detroit.  
"That's nothing," laughed the Chicago woman who occupied the same seat on the train. "I've married five times."  
—Detroit Free Press.

**All in Being Used to It.**  
Little Chicago Girl—See how you like our water. Here's a drink.  
Little St. Louis Cousin (tasting it)—It's pretty good, but it hasn't quite as much body as ours. I like ours best.—Cleveland Leader.

**The Lytton Motto.**  
The family motto of the Bulwer Lytton house is singularly inappropriate for people whose fame has been won with pen instead of with sword. It is, "This is the work of valor."

### CHEATED AT POKER.

A PAGE FROM THE UNWRITTEN HISTORY OF A UNIVERSITY.

Punishment Meted Out to a Dishonest Student by Society and the Faculty—A Young Man Who Kept Step With His Not Brilliant Antecedents.

"Talking about poker," said a middle aged man to a coterie at Chamberlain's, "reminds me of something that occurred about 20 years ago at the University of Virginia. That was about the liveliest epoch in the history of the university since the war, or for that matter of that before it, when the life led by the students is taken into consideration. There was a big crowd of devil may care young men there, most of them with plenty of money, and they made Charlottesville and surrounding Albemarle fairly hum. These kindred spirits formed a society which took the name of 'Eli Bananas.'"

Here the speaker smiled at evidently amusing reminiscences. "There is no telling what the 'Eli Bananas' didn't do. For the quiescence of mischief and devilment they took the laurels. There was nothing downright bad about them, but their antics were awful. Fantastic were the tricks they played and grotesque their jokes. Between freaks the Eli's were prone to poker, and it was customary down there for the players to assemble at this or that student's room. That brings me to my story. One coterie of poker players comprised sons of some of the best known and wealthiest men in the south, and into it was introduced a young Virginian who was gifted with many attractive traits apparently, but whose antecedents were not particularly brilliant. I'll call him Dick Lark, but that wasn't his name.

"Most of the other fellows in the coterie had roommates who were boning up for the final examinations. It was well along in the spring, and Lark had quarters to himself on East Lawn. Consequently the poker began to be played exclusively in his room. When the evening seemed propitious, the word would be passed around at supper that 'three Kentucky' would be in order, and at 8 o'clock or thereabout the players would assemble at Lark's. Lark's luck was stupendous. He won steadily, and as the game was pretty stiff his winnings were substantial. It was noticed after awhile that he always passed out when somebody had a particularly big hand on somebody else's deal, but that he always held a top hand when there were big ones out against each other on his own deal. Then somebody noticed that the seals were always broken on the half dozen new decks of cards provided each night before the game began and that Lark in dealing always closely scrutinized the cards as he gave them out.

"At last one night the son of a famous Confederate general who now lives in Baltimore became convinced that Lark was cheating. Picking up the deck that Lark had just dealt and out of which he had got a hand with four queens against an ace full held by a young Kentuckian the young man said quietly:  
"Some one is cheating at this game, and Lark, I think it's you."

"Now, at the University of Virginia such a declaration, if impudently, meant somebody's death to a certainty, and in an instant the party was on its feet.  
"Just wait a minute, gentlemen," said the accuser quietly. "I've been watching this man. Let some one examine the backs of these cards with this magnifying glass."  
"The Kentuckian took the glass and closely scanned the geometrical designs on the backs of the cards.  
"By Caesar!" he ejaculated. "Every court card is distinctly marked!" Examination by the other players quickly proved the truth of this.

"There was a consultation over what should be done with Lark, who stood with head hung down, overwhelmed with the proof against him. It was decided that he was not worth calling out, as he was not a gentleman, and the verdict was that he should make restitution of all the money he had won since his participation in the game and suffer ostracism in the university. He was compelled to sit down and write out a check for all the money he had won, the memorandum books of the other players showing the amounts they had lost at various times, and he was kept under surveillance until the Charlottesville bank, in which he kept a heavy account, opened next morning. One of the party rode down to Charlottesville and cashed the check, and then the sentence of ostracism went into effect.  
"That fellow had the unheard of effrontery to remain at the university until the finals were completed. He was there six weeks. No student or professor or servant or townsman, no man or woman, white or black, spoke to him or took any notice of him. He attended the final balls, and no one recognized him. He was not quizzed in a lecture room or addressed by a professor. Still he remained until the university closed for the season, but he might as well have been in the middle of the Sahara desert so far as intercourse with people was concerned."—Washington Star.

**Imported.**  
"Ah," said the Jacksonville man, as he sat in his luxurious library, "there's nothing like a good Havana cigar!"  
And over in Havana the wealthy Cuban who was smoking turned to a friend and remarked ecstatically: "This is what I call a good cigar. It's a Florida product. I import it myself."—Philadelphia North American.

On nearly every block in Japanese cities is a public eating place, for a small fee, housewives may have their dinners and suppers cooked for them.  
"It's hard," said Uncle Eben, "for a man to excuse a boy for being as foolish at 18 years of age as he was at 25."—Exchange.

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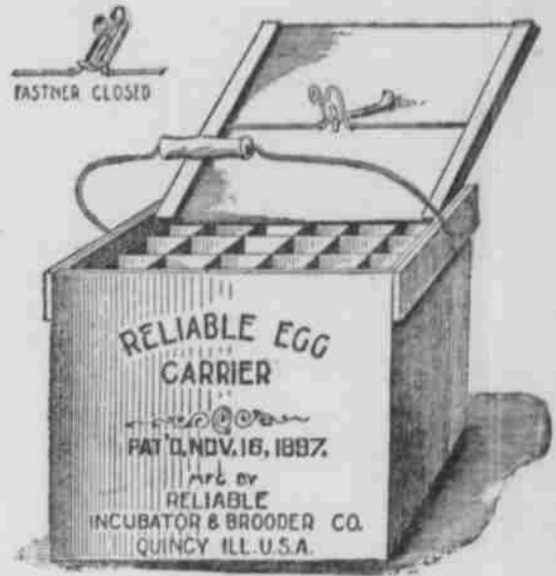
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