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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION  
 Of any Cass County Paper.  
 HAVING declined to her country Spain is now seeking to settle with the first violator.

SINCE preparations for the war with Spain began this government has purchased 17,000 head of mules for the army and 7,000 head of horses.

PERHAPS those shopkeepers of Santiago de Cuba thought to enlighten the American troops occupying that city by raising the money question.

IT is probably just as well for the merchants of Santiago that Colonel Bryan and the "silver regiment" were not in town when they refused to take American silver dollars at their face value.

THE democrats of Lancaster county have endorsed James Manahan, a bright young lawyer of Lincoln, for congress, while the populists permitted Berge to name his delegates. It looks as if the boys would have a hard time getting together out there.

THE experiment of charging half price—twenty-five cents—for admission to the Trans-Mississippi exposition during the evening hours was tried on Thursday, and resulted in greatly increasing the attendance, and will probably be a regular feature hereafter.

THE people of the coast cities of Spain are terribly frightened by prospects of a visit from Commodore Watson's squadron. They have not only heard heavy firing of the coast, but have seen three American cruisers and two transports of the port of San Sebastian.

SPeaking of demopops, Bixby says if they are going to sleep under the same cover why don't they get married and wear the same name. They couldn't fool anybody if they did that, and the idea is to make dupes of many voters as possible, a very honorable position indeed for a political party to take. The life of such a combination in the nature of things is bound to be short.

THE first week in January next J. C. Hayes will complete two full terms of service as a member of the board of commissioners of this county. He can point to the record he has made with pride, and with the self-consciousness of having opposed every measure which was not in favor of the best interest of our taxpayers. He has been fearless in his opposition to everything that looked to the increase of taxation, and watched every expenditure of public money with as much care as if it had been a personal matter. Mr. Hayes was talked of as a candidate for a third term, but there being so many good men in the field, he concluded to withdraw his name, and it was not formally presented to the convention.

A WINNING TICKET.  
 One of the strongest tickets ever nominated in this county was the result of the work of the republican convention at Weeping Water last Saturday.

W. H. Newell, the nominee for the senate, is well known as a capable man well suited to the work required. He is one of the early settlers of the county fully conversant with our needs, and having served a term as county judge he is better qualified than most men for the position of law maker. His election by a big majority is assured.  
 Messrs. T. T. Young and Earnest Pollard, nominees for the house, are also old residents who need no introduction. They served the county faithfully and well in the last legislature and have fully earned a re-election.

Jesse L. Root, the nominee for county attorney, is one of the brightest young lawyers in southeastern Nebraska. He stands well up towards the head of the Cass county bar, a position he has achieved by close application, coupled with a clear and penetrating mind. He has hosts of friends all over the county who will see to it that his majority is a large one.

Turner Zink, the nominee for commissioner in the third district, is a successful farmer, conservative and careful in the transaction of his own business he will bring the same qualifications to look after county affairs. Mr. Zink is one of the early settlers, who has been identified with the growth of the county, and his standing is such that his majority will be a large one.

BEATS ALL RECORDS.  
 American Economist: The condensed record of the year, which includes eleven months of fair and intelligent protection as contrasted with the preceding twelve months of low tariff, stands thus: Gain in exports, \$160,318,312. Decrease in imports, \$148,677,568. Excess of exports over imports, \$111,640,744. It is a record unparalleled in the world's history of commerce.

THE INDULGENT FATHER.  
 An Account of One That Colonel Calliper Knew in Stokville County, Va.  
 "Speaking of indulgent fathers," said Colonel Calliper, "it reminds me of an old friend of mine named Silas Zinglock, who formerly lived in Stokville County, Va. Once when his little son Rufus wanted very much to fly a kite at a time when he was not well enough to be permitted to go out, Mr. Zinglock rigged up a contrivance whereby the youngster's desire could be gratified in the house. He set up a blower in the back parlor, bolted it to an engine in the cellar below, and when everything was all ready he started the fan and produced a current of air that was ample to float a kite.  
 "It was great fun for young Rufus to sit in the back parlor and fly his kite in the front, and for a time everything went all right, but on an unfortunate day Rufus, not satisfied with the amount of wind the fan was blowing, undertook to make it blow harder, which is something that Mr. Zinglock had expressly forbidden. It seems that the blower and the boiler and machinery were all much larger than were needed to produce a breeze sufficient to float a kite here, but Mr. Zinglock, who, though rich, was also thrifty, had had a chance to buy this plant second hand cheaper than a new plant of smaller size would have cost, and he had it fixed and had it set up, and every morning he used to adjust it so that it would not go above a certain speed, and several times he had cautioned his son never to touch it.  
 "About one minute after Rufus did touch it on this morning when he wanted it to blow harder the big fan was going at a rate that set up a hurricane in the cellar. He took the kite against one of the windows and broke that the first thing, and within a minute the pictures were off the walls and their glasses smashed, tables were upset, bric-a-brac was knocked into flinders, and the whole parlor was a wreck, with the big blower going at top speed and churning everything there into fragments and blowing the debris out of the windows."  
 "That ended the father's indulgence."  
 —New York Sun.

NEW ORLEANS POLITENESS.  
 Eight Men Help a Stranger to Find a House at Night.  
 "I was given a good example of southern politeness the other night," said a visitor from the north, "I had come to the Commodore ball and had agreed to escort a lady home. She was also a stranger in the city and was stopping with some friends on Bourbon street, about three blocks the other side of the opera house. As it was only a short distance we decided to walk. I was of course totally unacquainted with the street and when we reached the place where the lady felt very much at sea. The houses were dark and I could not see the numbers, and it was only by the number that the lady could identify her boarding place, as she had only been there once.  
 "Ahead of me was a small man. I asked him if he knew where the number was, and he very politely said that he did not, but was going to try and would help me hunt. He told another man in front of him about it, and that man told some of his friends. In a few minutes the gentlemen had formed an escort guard in our interest. We walked calmly behind while they went in front, on either side of the street, striking matches and lighting up, and there were eight of them, and their matches would go off one after the other. It was a regular tambour parade. I was overcome. 'Here it is,' shouted an advance scout.  
 "We approached the house rapidly and found the eight gentlemen standing before it. It was almost with emotion that I stepped out and thanked them for their efforts. 'Nothing at all,' they said politely, and the entire eight raised their hats and walked into the darkness."  
 —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

DAVID H. MENFORD,  
 Chairman.  
 ED. R. SIZER,  
 Secretary.  
 Call for Congressional Convention First District.

THE Peoples Independent Party in the First congressional district of Nebraska will meet in a delegate convention at Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, on the 15th day of August, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for congress for said district, and to transact such further business as shall come before the convention.  
 The basis of representation in the convention is the vote cast for Jefferson H. Brown, in the First congressional district in 1896. Each county will be entitled to one delegate for each two hundred votes, or major fraction thereof, cast for said candidate in the general election. The apportionment of the several counties to the following number of delegates: Cass, 12; Johnson, 9; Lincoln, 3; Nemaha, 16; Omaha, 13; Pawnee, 10; Richardson, 13.

It is recommended that alternate delegates be elected for all delegates, and that the delegates present cast the full vote of their respective counties.  
 FRED SHEPPARD, Chairman.  
 Indian Day at the Exposition.  
 If you want to see the strongest, most original and most striking feature of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, don't miss the Indian Day at the Exposition, which will be held at the Exposition grounds from sunrise until sunset, the aborigines will "own the town." Represented by nearly every tribe on the continent will be the most authentic and picturesque of native customs, their games, their social festivals and natural surroundings will be reproduced with absolute fidelity.  
 No such opportunity of studying the real man just as he is has ever before been offered. Nor will it, in all likelihood, ever occur again.  
 In order to secure the largest possible attendance for Indian Day, the Burlington Route has made a rate of fifty cents round trip. For tickets and information about selling dates, return limits etc., call at the Burlington depot.

When You Take Your Vacation  
 The most necessary article to have with you (after your pocket watch) is a bottle of Foley's Colic Cure. It is an absolute prevention or cure of all derangements of the bowels caused by a change of water. You are likely to need it. Fricke & Co.  
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 Thousands of persons have been cured of piles by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It heals promptly and cures eczema and all skin diseases. It gives immediate relief. E. G. Fricke & Co.  
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 Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

TOURISTS ABROAD.  
 The Money They Spend Amounts to \$700,000,000 a Year.  
 The amount of money expended by tourists in Europe has, if official records abroad are to be accepted as authoritative, increased enormously of late years. There has been recently filed with the Swiss minister of finance and customs at Bern a detailed statement of hotel receipts in that country, from which it appears that the gross receipts of hotels rose from 52,800,000 francs in 1890 to 114,333,000 in 1894. The entire annual expenses of the Swiss republic amount in a year to between 80,000,000 and 90,000,000 francs (the budget for 1900 is 112,000,000 francs). This year is given as the latter figure, and it would seem, therefore, very reasonable as if the hotels of Switzerland take in a year more than the government in itself does.  
 The Swiss figures are not the only ones furnished in Europe recently on this point. A French record shows that every year there are 270,000 foreigners who pass from a foreign to a winter winter in the Riviera. Every person is supposed to expend on an average 1,000 francs, or \$200, in the country. In other words, the foreign visitors spend in the country every winter the sum of \$54,000,000. The English are put down as contributing one-third of this amount; the French themselves contribute another third; Germans, Belgians, Danes, Russians and Americans the remainder. From being a poor country when it was annexed to France in 1800 Nice has become one of the richest departments of the republic.  
 Some figures recently compiled of the revenues to hotels from tourists in Paris show the average number of foreign visitors to be 60,000. It is customary to give 10 francs, or \$2, a day, the hotel bills of strangers in Paris. Estimating at \$2 a day each of the hotel bills of 60,000 tourists and at about as much more for other outlays it is to be seen that tourists in Paris can be put down for an expenditure of nearly \$200,000 a day.  
 The total sum expended by tourists in Europe in a year is probably not very far from \$700,000,000, and a very considerable portion of this comes from the pockets, the purses and the banked balances of Americans, who are proverbially the most liberal among travelers. Russians come second, Brazilians third.—Exchange.

SLEEPWALKING.  
 Strange Things Men Do While in a State of Somnambulism.  
 Readers of that charming work of my late friend Wilkie Collins, "The Moonstone," will remember the sleepwalking feats of Mr. Franklin Blake when under the influence of an opiate. What the novelist describes as a piece of fiction may be paralleled from the sober records of science.  
 McNish, in his classic volume on "Sleep," tells us of a shepherd lad who, wrapt in slumber, walked miles to the place where his flock was pastured, waded through a river and returned home without waking. In another case a lad in his sleep scaled a precipitous cliff and brought home from it an eagle's nest, which was found under his bed in the morning.  
 Abercrombie's case of the Scotch lawyer, who worried over a perplexing case, was seen by his wife to rise from his bed in the night is another illustration of the occasionally purposive character of somnambulism, when, directed by its private secretaries, the sleeping ego is apparently roused from its couch and made to act the part of a pure automaton. This individual went to a writing desk which stood in his bedroom, sat down before the desk and wrote for some time. Then, replacing the paper within the desk, he returned to bed.  
 In the morning he told his wife of a dream he had experienced, in which he imagined he had given a satisfactory opinion on the case which was troubling his mind. He expressed regret that he could not recall the train of thought represented in his dream. On his wife directing him to his writing desk, he found therein the opinion in question clearly written out and in every respect satisfactory.—Andrew Wilson, M. D., in Harper's Magazine.

Have You Seen It?  
 Every big railroad in this country has a freight car in its equipment bearing the number 12,345, and yet I'll lay reasonable odds that you may never have traveled with any ever seen a car with this number. Among railroad men it is known as the "sequence car" or the "one-two-three-four-five car." Perhaps you never looked for it. I have for years in my travels I made it a practice to get out whenever the train stopped and take a look at the freight cars in sight, and I have met drummers who told me they did the same thing, but never a glimpse did I get of that car nor did I ever run across a man who had been so fortunate. Try it. Go up to the freightyards in this city or across the river. You will find hundreds of cars, but it's \$10 to a pint of peanuts that car 12,345 will not be among them.  
 —St. Louis Republic.

Ancient Playing Cards.  
 The ancient Tarot packs were the earliest playing cards known to our forefathers. They consisted of 72, 77 or 78 cards. These cards are still used in remote parts of Italy, France and Switzerland and are made in Florence, the designs being handed down from generation to generation.  
 Ostriches, which are supposed to flourish only in very warm climates, have been raised successfully in southern Russia, the feathers being of good quality and the birds healthy.  
 To be perfectly proportioned a man should weigh 28 pounds for every foot of his height.

Horses and Mules.  
 Wanted, the best draft horses and heavy chickens I can get, weighing from 1050 to 1800, for eastern and export market. Also, heavy draft horses, of the most speed the better. I will also buy mules, from three to eight years old. All must be fat and well broken. Bring in your big drafts and heavy chickens—I will buy them. Highest market price. Will be at Plattsmouth, Neb., Tuesday August 9, 1898. One day only.  
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 Ask your dealers for the "White Star" cigar, manufactured by Frank Neiman.

Cyclists in rural France are well catered for in delightful little contrived cafes, with open air tables often set in an arbor of evergreen, where a plate of omelet, a plate of steamed wild rabbit, soft cheese, wine and black coffee, and for an extra 4 sous or so the waitress, if the wenchman is ungrateful enough to let her do it, will inflate his tires, the moose "marchand de vins" being nowadays the proud possessor of a standard pump.—Catorer.

Warships were originally distinguished from merchantmen by their greater size. Now this distinction does not obtain, and the war vessel is of a totally different construction.  
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