

PERSONAL, POLITICAL AND PERTINENT.

An exchange says that "this scheme of holding prize fights on a boat out in the ocean, has much to commend it. All that is necessary to make it really popular, is that some one should volunteer to scuttle the boat."

How fast does electricity travel? The above question is frequently asked in every day conversation, but is seldom answered to the satisfaction of the querist. Wheatstone says that the speed of electricity from point to point along a proper conductor is practically instantaneous. Various attempts have been made to ascertain the exact number of miles which the current will travel in a given length of time. According to the most reliable estimate such experiments have made, its speed is not less than 114,000 miles per second.

Since Leo XII has filled the chair of St. Peter he has repressed the humorous side of his nature, which made him greatly in demand as a dinner-out while filling the office of nuncio at Brussels. Always severe in matters of propriety, he was deeply offended on one of these occasions by a baron who passed him a snuff-box on the lid of which was enameled a feminine figure in dishabille. Admirably controlling his annoyance, his future holiness replied: "Very pretty! Is it your wife?"

"Maid of Boston, ere we part, Give, Oh give me, love, your heart!" "Sure!" she answered, on the spot, And the marble heart he got. —Town Topics.

An exchange says: "The man who did not live in the country when a boy and plow for wheat in the fall, cut up corn, cart pumpkins, make cider, boil apple butter, make sorghum molasses, gone coon hunting, went after the sausage stuffer in butchering time, milked the cows, grated the corn meal, kissed the girls at husking bees, stacked hay in a high wind, swallowed quinine in a scratched apple, his castor oil in cold coffee and drank sassafras tea for three months in the spring to purify his blood, has lived in vain."

French women often collect all the fruit stones that come in their way during the summer—cherry, plum, peach and apricot stones. They are washed and boiled in clear water, dried in the sun, and put into chintz or printed linen bags. When hot applications are required for tooth or ear ache, or rheumatic pains, one of these bags is made thoroughly hot in the oven and laid on the affected part. A bag of fruit stones thus heated is good for cold feet. The stones give a pleasant, spicy scent, and retain the caloric for a long time.

It is a fact worthy of note that the Episcopal church shows steady growth in the diocese of Nebraska the past year. There has been, according to official reports read in the annual council in session here, a material increase in the number of missions and of communicants. While the finances of this great denomination reflect in some measure the depressed state of business affairs during the year, yet it may be said to be in a flourishing condition in matters material and spiritual.—Bee.

A boy can sit still on a sleigh six inches square, tied to a sled going eight miles an hour, who couldn't sit still on a sofa five minutes for a dollar. A man will sit on an inch edge on a board fence and talk politics for three hours; put him in a church pew for forty minutes and he gets nervous, twists, turns and goes to sleep. A man will fill his mouth with filthy tobacco juice until it runs down his chin, but a hair in the butter kills him.

Adolphus Bugh, the brewer magnate headed the St. Louis list for the Sherman, Texas, cyclone sufferers with \$250 and the next day increased it to \$500, saying it was unsatisfactory to him and that he would give more if needed.

H. M. Bushnell, in the Lincoln Journal, says: "H. N. Dovey, one of the delegates from the first district to the republican national convention, in discussing republican candidates for state offices, says that Senator Teft of Cass is a candidate for lieutenant-governor and that he will undoubtedly have his home county in support of his candidacy."

A new swindle is abroad in the rural districts, according to an exchange, which warns every community to be on the lookout for a female book agent. She leaves a book for a prospective purchaser to look over. The next day a man calls and asks if the book has been examined, saying that she leaves the book and he does the soliciting. The book is given to him, and a day or two later the woman who left it calls. When she learns it was given to the man she resorts to tears and lamentations and sometimes to hysteria, saying he did it all along the street; that he must have seen her leaving the book, and had followed her before she

bad time to get back; that she is very poor, and cannot afford to lose the book, that they had no right to give it to any one but her, and other things equally convincing, until the victim pays for the book.

The people down near Hon. Church Howe's village think they have a great curiosity in the shape of an animal foaled on the farm of G. M. Miller. It is a well developed colt in every way except that it only has one front leg. Hundreds of people have viewed it the last week and pronounce it a great freak. It is intended to exhibit it in the small towns in the state during the summer.—Nebraska City News.

At Waterloo, England, a station on the London and Southwestern Railway, there were on the Saturday before Whit-Monday last 945 trains, and on Whit-Monday 985 trains, passed in and out of that station in twenty-four hours without the slightest accident of any kind or description. This road in the last five years has carried 285,000,000 of people, and during that time it has never killed a passenger, whereas, in the streets of London alone between 200 and 300 were killed every year. There is truth in the statement "that the safest place a person can get into was a railway carriage" in England at least.

Prof. Lord says he is responsible for the human jaw which was found a few days ago and was such a "mysterious affair." It was one of the specimens he had in Omaha and brought it here with his other effects. —Nebraska City News.

The Morton house property at Nebraska City was sold at sheriff's sale Monday for \$7,500. The hotel was purchased by an eastern insurance company.

The 15th annual session of the Nebraska Chautauqua Assembly will be held on the Chautauqua grounds at Crete July 3d to 15th, 1895. No pains have been spared to secure the best talent in all departments, and those who attend the Crete Chautauqua are assured that no finer array of lecturers, speakers, teachers, and musicians will appear on any western platform. The program is now in the hands of the printer and will soon be ready for distribution.

Judge Eaton, assisted by the court house officials, yesterday captured a wonderful bug which seems to be getting in its deadly work on maple and fruit trees. The bug has a long slender body and has a "stinger" about four inches in length resembling a coarse black horse hair. This "stinger" is inserted in the tree and a deposit of eggs made, which in due time produces a bug which eats its way out. A few operations of this kind on the part of his bugship kills the tree. The judge will send the specimen to Prof. Laurence Bruner at the state university.—Nebraska City Press.

Facts as They Exist. The following letter is self-explanatory, and the many friends of Dr. Devries, the former publisher of the Fremont Herald, will be more than pleased to learn that the report that he used cocaine and morphine to such an extent that he had become insane, was not correct.

FREMONT, Neb., May 26th, 1895. EDITOR JOURNAL, Plattsmouth, Neb. Dear Sir: In a recent issue of THE JOURNAL I find an article, copied from the Papillion Times, stating, if I remember correctly, that as a result of the excessive use of cocaine, Dr. Joshua S. Devries, of this city, has become insane. As a personal friend of this gentleman, and one having a personal knowledge of this affair, I beg to state to you the facts as they exist, believing that you wish to do justice to all in news reports. For sometime past the friends of Dr. Devries, fearing the result of excessive over-work upon him, have been trying to induce him to take a vacation. On Tuesday, May 12th, several of them united their persuasions and finally prevailed upon him to go to Council Bluffs and spend a short time under the care of Dr. F. S. Thomas, a personal friend, and attending physician at a hospital there. On Tuesday, May 19th, he returned to Fremont, and the following Sunday, with his wife and eldest child, departed for Hot Springs, South Dakota, to spend a short time. Before returning to Fremont from Council Bluffs, however, learning of the reports which were about, he spoke to Dr. Thomas concerning them, and the doctor, to counteract any unfavorable impression which was current in regard to his being at the hospital, gave him a certificate that during his stay at the hospital he had been unable to find any traces of either cocaine or morphine habit in the patient, although he had tried to do so. Trusting this will be given attention by yourself, I am, most respectfully yours, CLY. E. PALMER.

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PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

From Friday's Daily. Geo. N. LaRue came up from Union this morning.

Dr. J. H. Hassemier of Louisville was in the city today.

Sheriff Holloway and Chas. S. Sherman drove over to Glenwood, Iowa, today.

J. W. Conn of Nehawka has sold his farm to Lawson Sheldon for \$15,000, and the former gets all of this year's crop.

Martin Propst, living six miles west of town, says he has a rain gauge, and it shows that from Sunday noon of May 11 till Sunday noon May 18, there was a rainfall of 8 1/2 inches, at his place; that it rained every day during that time and until yesterday, when the sun shown nearly all day. The ground is now thoroughly soaked, and he thinks a corn crop is assured, beyond a peradventure. This morning every farmer was at work in his fields planting corn.

From Saturday's Daily. Jas. Wiley of York county, Neb., was visiting in this vicinity today.

Superintendent Ed Bignell went out to Louisville this afternoon on the B. & M. transit car, to inspect the road bed on the old main line.

Mrs. Mark Woods of Lincoln is visiting in the city with Mrs. W. L. Pickett. Mr. Woods will arrive this evening for a visit over Sunday.

Ed. Eaton returned last night from Omaha, where he went to consult an oculist about removing a piece of steel from his eye. The doctor succeeded in getting Ed's eye out, but the steel still remains. He will have a glass eye fitted next week.

The Cass county assessors are quite slow in making their returns this year. The law requires the completion of this work by the first day of June, but as yet only two assessors have reported, these being from Liberty and South Bend precincts.

Senator Thurston and Congressman Mercer have secured a \$25,000 appropriation of river improvements at Nebraska City. If a petition, signed by Plattsmouth people, were forwarded these gentlemen, perhaps they could secure an appropriation of a few dollars to improve the Missouri river at this point.

Monday's Daily. Attorney A. L. Timblin of Weeping Water was a county seat visitor today.

John Kinser and a couple of assistants went down to Murray yesterday, where they will plaster a new house.

Bruce B. Stone and Guy Kirkpatrick drove up from Nehawka yesterday and spent the day with Miss Ella Ruffner.

Miss Nellie Spencer, who has been teaching school down near Rock Bluffs, will depart this afternoon for a vacation visit with relatives and friends in Indiana.

On Sunday next Rev. Dr. Stein of Lincoln will deliver a sermon for the especial benefit of the graduating class of the Plattsmouth high school, at the Presbyterian church.

From Tuesday's Daily. John Ramsey of Louisville precinct was in town today.

Ex-county commissioner Jacob Tritsch was in town on business.

Sheriff Holloway departed this afternoon for Union and other points in the county, serving papers.

Rev. Freund, of the German Evangelical church, departed today to attend the conference at Tabor Rock, Neb.

Dick Streight and his wife and his sister, Mrs. Whipple of Red Oak, Ia., drove in from South Bend this morning for a visit with relatives and friends.

Attorney Hutchinson of Nebraska City was in town today on legal business. His object was to obtain a confirmation of sale of the Morton House, of Nebraska City, from Judge Ramsey.

There was a rumor going the rounds today that the woman and child that disappeared from their home in Shaferville yesterday had been drowned, but nothing definite could be learned.

Judge Spurlock this morning issued the license and performed the ceremony that united the fortunes of Michael Chronister, aged fifty-four, and Mrs. Elizabeth Josephine Cronkite, aged forty. Both of them gave their residence as Pottawatomie county, Iowa.

A party of "Q" officials in C. B. & Q. special car No. 92 came in this morning shortly after No. 6 left. The party are inspecting the bridges of the Burlington system, and from here went to Nebraska City, and from there will go to Rulo. They picked up here Chief Engineer Weeks and Superintendent Olson who came here last evening.

From Wednesday's Daily. County Commissioners Young, Falter and Hayes departed this afternoon for Norfolk, where they will attend the state convention of county commissioners, which convenes there tomorrow. They expect to return about Saturday.

Judge Archer this afternoon united

in marriage Mr. Frederick Westlake, aged twenty-four years, and Miss Polly Prescilla Bates, aged eighteen. The ceremony was performed at the Judge's office, and was witnessed by a few friends of the contracting parties. THE JOURNAL wishes them much happiness.

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