

**ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT.**

**Officials of Institutions in Iowa Not so Courteous as Nebraska Officers.**

During our brief stay in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, we were frequently told that we must on no account leave the city without visiting the state hospital for the insane, which has the reputation of being one of the largest and best conducted institutions of the kind to be found in the central or western states. It is possible that this statement is true, for though considerably disappointed in the reception given visitors (so different from the thoughtful and kindly courtesy extended to the humblest citizen by officials in our national capitol, or the public servants of the genial states of Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas or Wyoming) we realize that there may be many good things concealed about the Mt. Pleasant institution that may have features worthy of imitation if one could learn what they are, and, though it appears improbable, it may be that the inmates are treated with greater consideration than are their guests.

After a considerable preparation for so great an event, we passed through the well kept grounds and by means of the north entrance entered the ample hall. No attendant was in waiting, but a good natured looking giant in uniform rose slowly to his feet and came from outside the building to where we huddled together wondering if "anybody was at home." To him we stated that we were visitors to the state as well as to the hospital and that we would be glad to see the points of interest about the building and grounds. We were then shown into a waiting room and left alone. Having at that time no doubt that a set of courteous officials was one of the features on which the institution prided itself we awaited the pleasure of a chat with the superintendent doubting not that he would introduce us to the physician, matron and other officials, and after doing the honors for the great state of Iowa would either accompany us in person or, if busy, see that we had a capable attendant willing to give us information and show us all that was to be seen. But again was there a verification of the old adage "blessed am he who expects nothing, for he shall not be disappointed." In a few moments our attendant returned with a bored and unhappy look on his face, evidently having failed in an attempt to shift us on someone else and absolve himself from responsibility. With the cordial invitation that he "spared us as well takes us through now as any time" he led the way at a four mile an hour gait through a hall and up a pair of stairs and rapidly along a few empty corridors without offering a word of explanation or even glancing over his brawny shoulders to see whether or not we were following. Being good on foot and not very easily daunted the writer managed to catch up and by means of two direct questions learned that there were about 900 inmates and that something like half that number attend chapel exercises. The only important piece of information acquired was that our attendant is acquainted with one Spurlock, of York county, in our state, whose wife had visited Mt. Pleasant a short time ago, and that Spurlock, though candidate of the third party, prohibitionists, for congress in our district last fall is at heart a republican, voting that ticket at the last election and intends doing so again.

This fact Mr. Spurlock, a very pious and morbidly virtuous man has always denied and we were glad to ascertain the facts from this unexpected source though it was hardly along the line of knowledge we were seeking. After a forced march of perhaps ten minutes we halted at the head of a stairway and while we were catching our breath the head of the institution passed slowly before us with all the severe dignity of a load of hay. For the benefit of future visitors from my state who may not be accorded the favor of even a distant view of this great man, I will say that he has all the outward appearances of an inflated balloon covered with tan linen. To the build of the majestic clydesdale add the action and grace of the turkey gobbler in his movements of self admiration and one can have a pretty accurate mental photograph of this distinguished person. An irreverent member of the party suggested attempted dignity caused him to look like a brick house in pantaloons but this was perhaps a slightly over-drawn comparison.

The superintendent may have been very busy, but he didn't look it. After he had faded from view our attendant with something like animation announced that his duties were over and that he would send some one to conduct us through the other wards. After he was gone we missed him. He was a good-hearted fellow and though he could not conceal that acting as guide bored him, he was only passively, not actively, ride to us as was the female who followed him. We waited perhaps a couple of minutes when a woman with an expression on her face as though she had something very disagreeable under her nose, but was at least no further away than her mouth, strode hurriedly past us and with a voice like the springing of a small steel trap snapped out, "come on," after she had sailed ten or twelve feet beyond us. She set the pace and we followed on double quick. As she swept on we noted that her wintry lace bore an expression of deep personal injury and that in her manner of opening and closing the doors there was a proclivity, as plainly apparent as a spoken language.

Gazing upon her forbidding countenance one could realize how, in certain surroundings, it might be a blessing to have the unconsciousness of insanity. Completely awestricken we trudged on until a member of the party deemed it possible that, like yo foisted "singedent," she might be better than she appeared, ventured meekly to inquire how large a force of employees there were about the establishment. "Don't know," she snapped. "Haven't the least idea." "It appears larger than our hospital in Nebraska," he hazarded in a conciliatory tone. "Yes," was the reply. "Better conducted, too. We don't think much of your Nebraska hospitals here."

His courage as well as breath being exhausted, he dropped back to his party completely squelched, and the dispirited procession swept rapidly through a corridor or two to the place of beginning, where they were dismissed by a lovely wave of the hand accompanied by a lovely wave of the hand. "That's the way out."

Whether or not the report that the Mt. Pleasant asylum has superior arrangements for feeding its patients is true; whether or not they have an admirable place to slaughter and care for meats; whether they have any conveniences or special facilities for taking care of patients, we are utterly unable to state. What we did not see it has taken us some time to relate. What we saw can be told in less than four lines: We climbed a winding stairway, grand, We saw a rather spacious hall, Through this we ran a foot-race, and That was all.

A. YOKER.

**SOME COMPARISONS.**

**The Attack of the State Journal on Eric Johnson Without Foundation**

The State Journal has had another complexion fit. It rolled up its eyes and groaned so that even Joe Johnson was wept. It was about Eric Johnson and the printing of the legislative manual. It is said that Eric used some of the old plates of the previous edition. As the plates were good, and contained the matter that has to go into every manual, no one could give a good reason why he should not use them. The Journal failed to state that Eric lost money on the job, and that instead of Eric having flished money from the state, the state flished several dollars from Eric.

After having read the Journal I thought I would see how the Holy and Immaculate republicans did these things. In 1889 they paid Brad Slaughter \$350.00 for "compiling" the manual and \$1.00 each for printing them. Now poor Eric did not put in any bill for "compiling" at all and got 95 cents for printing.

In 1887 Brad got \$250.00 for "preparing" and the State Journal \$450.00 for printing the manual. Honest Eric did not put in any bill for "preparing" and got \$332.50 for printing. This is the story told by the vouchers No's 41475, 41-642, 42321, and 42595. Any man who doubts can go and look at them.

Now Brad Slaughter is a very clever fellow. It is said that he wept when he saw that article in the State Journal. He knew that there was an old pop at the capital looking over the books and had a very good idea of what sort of a reply would be made to the attack on Eric Johnson.

Away back in 1877 Brad got \$250.00 for "preparing" copy for the secretary of state, in 1883 he got \$200.00 for "compiling" the manual, in 1887 he got \$250.00 for "preparing," and other years I have not had time to look up, but you may bet your money that Brad was there all right. T. H. TIBBLES.

**THAT FAMOUS CIRCULAR.**

**Sent by the Labor Bureau to the Manager of the Argo Manufacturing Company.**

The following is the circular which was sent out by the labor bureau, to which Carl Morton took exception and that caused him to sign the disgraceful letter written by his father, J. Sterling Morton, to J. A. Edgerton. The correspondence is to be found on page 6. Our readers can determine for themselves whether the circular contains matter that should offend any business man:

LINCOLN, Neb., July 14, 1897.  
Dear Sir: We desire to inform you that the free employment department of this bureau is now open and has on file a large number of applications for all kinds of positions. If you need any help in any line, we would be glad to furnish you with a list of applicants in that line, as on file in this office. Our services in the matter are entirely free, as we are operating under a state law; and our object in writing you is to advise you of the existence of the department and to secure places for the worthy unemployed.

We hope, as nearly as may be, to furnish an intelligence office for the entire state, between those who want work and those who want help; and we desire especially to supplant the vicious private employment agencies that prey on the needy. To do these things we must have the active co-operation of all the employers in the state. May we have yours?

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, very truly yours,

J. A. EDGERTON,  
Chief clerk state labor bureau.

Just try a 10c box of Cascarets, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

**Money To Loan.**

On any good Chattel security. Any amount from \$10.00 to \$500.00

W. M. DENNIS, Room 26 Burr Block,

Lincoln, Neb.

(Mention the Independent.)

**The Only Irrigation Journal.**

Representing the thousands of irrigation farmers in western America, there is only one journal published today representing their interests. Right in the mid of the great irrigated districts of the west is the home of "Arid America," a handsome 30 page journal of invaluable value to all those interested in irrigation matters and the advancement of irrigation enterprise, having a bona fide paid circulation at this time east of the Mississippi river exceeding 5,500 monthly.

In order to secure 5,000 extra subscribers in the next six months this Journal will be mailed free of charge to any address for one year on receipt of 50 cents in stamps. You get all the irrigation news of the world, with over 400 inches of original half tone engravings illustrating scenes in irrigated territory. Address Grant S. Young, Editor, P. O. box 235, Denver, Colo.

Dlegates can secure good meals at the Annex Restaurant—131 South 12th street. 15 cents.

**SMALL HAPPENINGS.**

Auditor Cornell has returned from a short visit in the country.

June Abbott has returned from a pleasant trip to Colorado.

Private Secretary Benton Maret has gone on a pleasure trip to the Black Hills.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Lense has been lecturing in Iowa and her agent is billing her for a number of towns in Missouri.

Cyclone Davis is billed for a number of speeches in Iowa during the approaching campaign.

A labor exchange at Akron, Ohio, that has been in operation for a little over a year, is a decided success.

Milwaukee is to decide by the referendum whether the German language is to be taught in her public schools.

The next session of the Trans-Mississippi congress will be held at Wichita, Kansas.

The Annex Restaurant—133 South 12th street, best in the city. Meals 15c.

Deputy Secretary of State O. C. Weesner has gone for a vacation trip to Indiana.

The secretary of state's office is busy distributing the copies of the acts of the last legislature as fast as they are received from the publishing house.

J. M. Whittaker has called the county convention of the people's independent party of Richardson county to be held at Falls City, August 27, 1897.

The brewers are about to organize into a national trust. Forty-five percent of the stock of the breweries is owned by English non-residents.

A large number of New England factories began the 1st of August by closing up. At Fall River alone, eight thousand mill hands were thrown out of employment.

Superintendent Jackson has visited many of the western counties and has attended many meetings. He has gone to Salem to address the Chautauqua now in session at that place.

Major E. G. Fehet and his son have gone to the Big Horn mountains on a fishing trip. The major also visited his old post at Fort McKinney. He will return in time to attend the encampment of the National Guard, in case the governor decides to have an encampment this year.

Charles A. Rust, the heaviest stockholder and principal creditor of the Linton Manufacturing company at Saginaw, Michigan, with a capital stock of \$100,000, filed a bill this afternoon asking for the appointment of a receiver on the ground that the concern is insolvent. Liabilities are \$75,000.

Mr. Bryan is resting in Yellow Stone Park, Mrs. Bryan and the children having accompanied him there. The Pacific Slope papers gave detailed accounts of the Bryan tour and lengthy editions of all the speeches made. No such crowds had ever been seen in the towns visited. At Walla Walla "Mother Enggan" who was present when Bryan was born, was one of the first to grasp his hand at the depot.

Walter Clark, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, in a recent address to the State Bar Association of Tennessee, made a formal arrangement of the Constitution of the United States, pointing out its tendency to bring about centralization. He urged that the United States Senators should be elected directly by the people. The appointive power of the president and the evils to which it so plainly leads were clearly brought out.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state by the Redskin Mining company, which proposes to deal in mining property and mines in Colorado from its headquarters at Lincoln. The company is to have an authorized capital stock of \$1,000,000 and when the fee is paid it will contribute to the revenues of the secretary of state over \$100. The incorporators are Corey M. Hunt, E. R. Duffie, Fred A. Miller, O. C. Bell, Simon Young and E. Hallett.

Congressman Osborne has been invited to accompany Hon. William J. Bryan this fall on a trip through Mexico,

to study the industrial conditions of that country and to look into the silver question related to monetary affairs in the United States. Congressman Osborne will probably accept, if the trip can be made before congress convenes in December.

On page 5 of this issue, our readers will find what Dr. Shepard has to say this week. It will pay every one to turn right to it now. A great specialty system which is the work and pride of Dr. Shepard, is the result of years of faithful study and effort. All classes of people in Nebraska who cannot go to Omaha for treatment, may be cured at home. The farmers of the West, find it especially fortunate to get rid of chronic diseases without the expense of a trip to the city. Send today for Dr. Shepard's New Book and consultation blanks. You will never regret it.

Farms Good Bargains.

FOR SALE—One two-seated extension top surrey in good repair \$75, one two-seated handy wagon \$35, one road cart \$4, one 3-4 top buggy cheap at \$35, one top delivery wagon, with sun shade, good as new, \$65, one extension top ent-under carriage \$75, one at \$45, one top buggy \$25, one at \$15, two at \$10 each, one 3-4 top buggy, good as new, \$50, one 7-8 top buggy \$65, one at \$45, one at \$50; these buggies have been painted over by Mr. Lapp, one of the best carriage painters in the city. We have also a canopy top phaeton, new, \$75, price \$125; one extension top surrey \$95, price \$160; one cut-under canopy top surrey, painted over, \$85, good as new; 5 road wagons, one at \$25, \$15, \$10 at \$10 each; we have just unstrung another car of Wilson-Moline carriages, phaetons, buggies, road wagons making 150 vehicles standing on our lots, the largest stock in the state; 4 horses, power elevator; no trouble to show goods, will trade new carriages, phaetons, buggies for old ones at their cash value; we have in last car one rubber tire carriage, 4 rubber tire buggies, 4 rubber tire phaetons; all Wilson-Moline, A grade and warranted; will trade for second hand steel tire at their cash value; we have also a full leather top buggy for \$55, and warranted; we have a top buggy for \$35 and freight, which is so extensively advertised. Humphrey Bros' Hardware Co., corner 9th and O.

**An Addition!**

Look for the new stock of

# LAMPS and Queensware At Rudge & Morris Co. Aug. 10th.

We will add to our stock of House Furnishing Goods a full and complete line of Crockery and Lamps—will have the only complete stock of

**House Furnishing Goods**

West of Chicago. Why not buy everything you want to furnish your house with at one store. By doing so you can get better terms and lower prices than if you purchased the same amount at half a dozen different stores.

# If You Want Queensware or Carpets

In the near future now is the time to buy, as the new tariff will advance prices at an early date.

# Space Forbids further detail in this issue.

Suffice it to say that we will endeavor to carry the most complete stock of House Furnishing in the west, and at a less price than it can be purchased elsewhere.

**RUDGE & MORRIS CO.,**

1118 to 1126 N St, Lincoln, Neb.

# A Rousing Economy Sale!

**A Slaughter Sale!**

ON LADIES' SHIRT WAISTS.

75c Ladies' Shirt Waists, now.....	39c
\$1.00 and \$1.25 Ladies' Shirt Waists.....	
now.....	50c

\$1.50 and \$1.75 Ladies' Shirt Waists.....

now.....

50c

**Shoes! Shoes!**

Bargains...

72 pairs Ladies' Kid button and needle and opera, patent tip toes, regular price \$1.50 and \$1.75, this week.....	1.35 pr
60 pairs Ladies' Kid button, needle toe, patent tip, 2½ to 8, regular price \$2.00, this week.....	1.79 pr
60 pairs Ladies' Kid button and lace pointed toes, patent tip, 2½ to 7½, regular price \$2.50; this week.....	2.15 pr
36 pairs Ladies' Kid button and lace needle toes, patent tip, 2½ to 7, regular price \$3.00; this week.....	2.45 pr
Children's and Misses'	

**Oxfords and Slippers.**</div