

THE OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

In this department we will publish communications of a worthy and suitable character, received from subscribers to this paper...

A STATE RAILROAD.

For the last twenty-five years the question of railroad rates has been agitated by the people of the state of Nebraska...

which, if added to the rate from Chicago makes the through rate from Kansas City to New York 78 1/2 cents.

Now the question comes to us, what can we do to get a reasonable rate when we know that it is of no use for our lawmakers to spend any time in trying to pass railroad bills...

In order to bring this matter up for discussion I will give my idea and I hope others will present better ones.

I repeat it, read Senator Butler's letter and you will see how the railroad corporations and other trusts have it in their power to levy tribute on every man and every industry in this nation...

Now friends, discuss this matter with your neighbors and through the press. Bring forth your proposition and we will accept the best one.

But what is the remedy? You will say for the government to own and operate the railroads for the common good of the people...

Now let us compare the rates on corn, as the staple product of Nebraska, from Sturley, Fillmore county, Nebraska to Galveston, 28 cents per 100 pounds...

Carefully prepared tables of the export shipments from the various seaports in this country show conclusively that New York has lost its prestige as the leading export port for grain...

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 4, 1898. To the Republican State House Funds Executive Committee, Gentlemen:

Chicago packers say they find it impossible to ship provisions via New York to European ports. The 30 cent rate now in effect from Chicago to New York is prohibitive.

Very respectfully, JOE. Corvetting the eighth commandment, 44.00.

annointed his wounded soul and put a new ribbon in his bonnet, \$20.00. April 16, cleaned the ears of John U. P. Balaam's ass, renovated his voice and shod him, \$14.64.

June 3, contributed to Macus A. Hanna fund to buy the keys to the bottomless pit, dethroned satan and prostitute his lips, \$100,000.

March 4, 1897, replumed and gilded the wings of Joe and Gene's guardian angel and trimmed his hoofs, \$11,040.80.

Nov. 10, put a stone in Herod Powell's sling, galled for his stomach and extended his breech cloth, \$4,200.

Dec. 14, two extra niggers to stand between Joe and Gene and the furnace, (\$6.00 discount 50 per cent) \$3.00.

Editor Independent. I notice for the past two months in your valuable paper names of candidates for governor this fall, any of which in my estimation would make model governors if nominated and elected.

Boone county has again experienced a newspaper change. D. J. Poynter, the ex-county treasurer, and J. E. Baird, ex-deputy county clerk, have bought the Albion Argus and Blade and consolidated the two plants...

Mark Hanna is very much interested in Ohio coal mines. It is announced that these mines have received a government order for 250,000 tons of coal to be delivered at Key West.

The Missouri populist state committee has been called to meet at Lindell hotel in St. Louis, Saturday, April 2.

Mr. J. M. Gilchrist has gone to Imperial, Chase county, to make an expert examination of the books of the county treasurers for several terms past.

EASTER HARE MYTH.

THE RABBIT IDENTIFIED WITH THE MOON IN SYMBOLISM.

Mythology of the Nations Respecting This Period - Origin of Many Customs and Traditions - The Moon Goddess and Change of Sex.

The story of the hare, or, as it is told in this country, the rabbit, who lays the wonderful Easter eggs is only one of a number of confidence games which are played with certain success upon generation after generation of the rising children of men.

The prevalent skepticism of the age falls utterly of transmission to the little ones. Every Christmas a very impossible saint with preposterous nocturnal habits is introduced into the children's calendar of "truly people" and is harmonized by infant sophistry...

The common, everyday product of the industrious hen is gilded with glittering foil or boiled in some weirdly patterned, monotonous pieces of "fast color" calico and deposited in all the resultant crudity of its color scheme in an impossible nest in an outlandish place, which only a creature "mad as a March hare" would ever think of choosing for a homestead site.

The sight of the eggs is sufficient proof to the children of the truth of the whole story, as Baron Munchausen declared the moon's presence to be to his auditors, after he had recounted his lunar adventures.

PREPARING THE "GOLD BRICKS." ly mouth at the easy credulity of a child, it might be well to remind him that he himself has accepted on simple testimony the truth of statements equally astounding.

The reason why the hare story has come down to our children is that in former generations grown people believed in it sufficiently to perpetuate it. The explanation of its origin is mythological.

It would seem that we ought to be satisfied with the sufficient symbolism of the egg without running after the hare and tracing the myth concerning him to its origin. He, however, is not a meaningless accompaniment to the Easter egg, with whose production he is credited.

Superstitions connecting the hare and the moon are innumerable. The hare that crosses your path brings either ill luck, as does the shadow that crosses the moon in eclipse, or else disorders your wits, as the beams of the moon are thought to bring lunacy by shining upon the unprotected face and head.

The best explanation of this dualism is that the moon was at the same time both masculine and feminine; that there were two moons, a dark and a light, the "old moon in the new moon's arms" being properly enough the "woman in the case." When the moon was full—usually a masculine trait, by way—the light, or male element, alone

was present, and the "man in the moon" reigned free of all feminine influence. He was lord of light and of time; Mas, the measurer, as the Sanskrit called him.

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But why is the hare rather than the serpent, which is the more plausible egg producer, connected with the survival of moon worship at Eastertide? It is because from the earliest times people fashioned the spots of the moon in the form of a hare, just as the majestic mien and ruyonant mane of the lion made him the fit symbol of the beaming sun.

Even in the succeeding days of dawn science the author of "Vulgar Errors," in his chapter upon the belief in this metamorphosis, denies only that the change occurs annually and admits that it may have taken place in exceptional instances.

Another zoological fable which connects the hare with the watchful moon. "Spy since that man was born," was that the hare, born, unlike the rabbit, with open eyes, never closed them, and so, in the old medicine, his brain and eyes were prescribed to induce wakefulness.

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Melinda's Easter Triumph. As seen Melinda in the net 'T day alone in hush she was. Melinda got de swishes' last-

Biliousness

Is caused by torpid liver, which prevents digestion and permits food to ferment and putrify in the stomach. Then follow dizziness, headache, insomina, nervousness, and, if not relieved, bilious fever or blood poisoning. Hood's Pills stimulate the stomach, cure headache, dizziness, constipation, etc. Sold by all druggists.

Hood's Pills

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It runs on Van Buren St. Directly in front of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific STATION.

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Office of Auditor of Public Accounts, State of Nebraska. Lincoln, March 11, 1899. IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, That the Nebraska Mutual Life Insurance Company of Stromsburg, in the State of Nebraska,

has complied with the Insurance Law of the State and is authorized to transact the business of Mutual Life Insurance in this State for the longest term.