

CZAR LIVES

RUSSIAN MONARCH ON ROAD TO HEALTH.

SLOWLY RECOVERING.

Watchful Care of Czarina and Medical Advisers is Bringing Him Through Illness.

Yalta, Dec. 4.—The condition of the czar's illness is satisfactory. The decline in his temperature since Sunday is explained as being the result of diet of extract of beef and milk. His physicians are satisfied with the progress he has made and if no complications set in the daily bulletins of his condition will be dispensed with shortly.

His majesty is entering the period of convalescence. A nurse and his body physician are in constant attendance, but the empress has not ceased her watchful care and is attending personally to the wants of her husband. In spite of the strain her majesty shows no signs of fatigue and enjoys good health. She looks remarkably well.

The czar has submitted to her all urgent state affairs, so that any communication for the emperor passes through her hands. Nobody sees the czar except the empress and the physicians.

The statement that Queen Victoria had sent her private physician to report upon the illness of the czar is without foundation, but the queen is fully informed of the course of the czar's malady and all news relating to the imperial family.

Most of the ministers are here, but Yalta is rapidly becoming empty, as the season is over. The weather is dull, with an easterly wind, but the temperature is pleasant.

BOERS MAY COME TO U. S.

Reported That Several Hundred Contemplate Immigration.

New York, Dec. 4.—Last June an interview with Mr. Reitz, Transvaal secretary of state, was held in this city, in which the secretary said that the Boers would fight for their liberty as long as there was any hope of gaining it. They would never surrender to Great Britain or become a part of the British empire, sooner than do that most of the hardy, thrifty Boer farmers would emigrate with their families to the United States. The publication of this interview in the New York World brought spontaneous expressions from the governors of several states, including Arkansas, Colorado, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana, who called attention to the millions of acres of unoccupied public lands in the states which were still open, under the homestead laws, to actual settlers, who could obtain 160-acre farms free immediately upon their arrival on declaring their intention to become citizens of the United States. Five years' occupancy of the land and actual cultivation thereof were all that was required to complete the title.

In connection with this movement Third Assistant Secretary of State Thomas W. Gridler has sent to this city a copy of the following dispatch: Lourenço Marques, South Africa, Nov. 27.—To the Secretary of State, Washington: Please advise New York World that a number of Boer families here, maximum 600 men, 150 women and children, contemplate migrating to the United States and ask the New York World if offer of homestead farms mentioned in said newspaper's telegram to President Kruger, sent my care, June 1, 1900, still holds good.

Also inquire what further assistance can be given these people. Passage provided here. Reply prepaid.

HOLLIS United States Consul.

Since receiving the dispatch from Consul Hollis through the state department, the officers of western railroads owning trackage rights have been asked what special advantage, if any, would be offered to the Boer immigrants if they came. Prompt responses were received, among others from the Ancon, Tonka & Santa Fe, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and St. Louis & San Francisco, and from the Northern Pacific railway. The railway officers offer to transport over their lines free of charge the Boer immigrants and their families and their household goods if they shall come here as a result of their message to the State department.

DEATH OF FOOTBALL PLAYER.

Minnesota Player Injured in Nebraska Game Dies.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 4.—A telegram received in Lincoln brings the sad news of the death of Van Valkenburg, the Minnesota halfback, who was hurt in the Thanksgiving Nebraska-Minnesota football game.

Van Valkenburg sustained an injury about the head early in the game and was thought to be incapacitated, but after an interval he recovered and resumed his place in the game, to be again rendered hors du combat. After his second injury he was walked about the gridiron for almost an hour by Minnesota and Nebraska substitutes. He walked with difficulty and his face and eyes had a vacant and dazed expression. It was not thought at the time that he was seriously injured, although he continued "kroky" for the balance of the day and evening. He went back to Minneapolis on the special train.

Van Valkenburg was a magnificent specimen of manhood, played a fearless and dashing game and was a tower of strength to the Minnesota eleven. He was hurt by falling backward across a Nebraska man, whereupon two men fell on his head and two others across his legs, placing a tremendous pressure on his spine and lower brain.

General respect is expressed over the untimely fatality, which came as the result of an unavoidable accident.

ANXIOUS TO KNOW TRUTH.

Paris Girl Kills Herself to Find Out About Future Life.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Laura Corbell, an accomplished girl of 23, committed suicide to gratify her curiosity about the great hereafter. This is the second suicide from the same cause within a month. The first was that of a boy of 12, who hanged himself because hankering to partake of the joys of heaven as described in a religious book he had just read.

Miss Corbell had been brooding over the case of the boy till she determined to do likewise. She used a carving knife while reclining in bed and planted it squarely through her heart.

In a letter to her parents she said that between the teachings of her religious mother and her materialist father her mind was in such torturing doubt that she couldn't withstand her curiosity longer. What a boy had done she could do. She was going to ascertain what was on the other side of life and meet her God if there was one and join the millions of departed mortals wherever they had gone.

ENGINEER LOSES HIS LIFE.

Lone Engine Crashes Into a Special Freight with Above Result.

Hooper, Neb., Dec. 4.—Special—Engineer Zouver lost his life in a wreck that occurred on the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley line, four miles east of Hooper, at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He was in charge of a lone engine, westbound, which collided with an eastbound special freight train, after both locomotives had been reversed and speed lessened to six miles an hour. The other engineer and both firemen had already jumped and Zouver was standing in the cab door just ready to leap when the engines came together and was crushed between cab and tender.

It is reported that he had orders in his pocket to meet the freight at Nickerson. The force of the collision threw the lone engine back 100 feet, but neither it nor the freight engine were derailed, and neither was very badly disabled. Wreckers were summoned promptly and trains will be delayed but a few hours.

Engineer Zouver's body was brought to Hooper, where an inquest was held. He lived at Missouri Valley and leaves a wife and three children.

SALT HAS BEEN CORNERED.

Producing Concerns on Pacific Coast Have Been Bought Up.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—The Chronicle says: The price of salt to the trade will jump 95 cents to \$2 a bag. The Federal Salt company has acquired control of the salt industry in Alameda county and of the entire output west of the Rocky mountains. Negotiations have been carried on quietly for several weeks.

D. E. Skinner, president, and A. S. White, a director of the National Salt company, which controls the salt output east of the Mississippi river, have been on the coast for some time looking over the field and recently began buying up the small concerns or contracting for their output for five years. The larger concerns were taken into the corporation and given stock in the Federal Salt company as payment. The individuals were given paying positions. Headquarters of the company will be located in this city and it will quote new prices to the trade.

Everything will be consolidated and operated by the Federal Salt company. As that company is subsidiary to the National Salt company, the salt output of the United States will be controlled practically by one management.

It is understood that there will be no change in the operations of the refiners.

NEBRASKA AND IOWA REPRESENTED.

National Live Stock Exposition Opens in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 4.—The National Live Stock exposition practically opened Saturday in the Drexel pavilion at the Union stock yards. The formal opening, however, takes place this evening, when the show will continue during all the coming week.

Ten thousand animals, including hogs, sheep, cattle and horses, are already on the ground, and the show promises to be one of the most notable events of the kind ever held in this country. Six hundred exhibitors, representing thirty-five states of the union, and including forty-five exhibitors from Canada and four from England and Scotland, are here with their choice stock.

Seven state agricultural colleges are represented among the exhibitors, as follows: Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Nebraska.

The value of the cash prizes to be distributed during the coming week will amount to about \$75,000. Sixty-five judges of recognized ability in their various departments have been secured to pass judgment on the exhibits. Among them will be J. B. Ellis of Walsingham, England, who will judge fat cattle.

The entire diplomatic corps of the South American countries at Washington was ordered by the different governments to come to Chicago and get all possible information relative to the live stock industry. The party arrived Saturday.

Chauncey M. Depew is expected to deliver the opening speech. R. W. Hall of Texas will also speak on that occasion.

Bultan Keeps Up His Nerve.

Vienna, Dec. 4.—A dispatch from Constantinople to the Tagblatt says that the Porte has construed the statement of the American government that the dispatch of the Kentucky to Turkish waters is of no hostile significance—as a confession of weakness and ability to coerce Turkey. The dispatch says the impression prevails that the United States is backing out and the sultan's obstinacy is accordingly encouraged.

A SURPRISE

RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

SHOCKS THE ENGLISH

Were Under the Impression That the War Was Over—Public Quiz the War Department.

London, Dec. 1.—South Africa once monopolizes attention. The public is aghast at General Dewet's recent success at Dewetsdorp, where he captured the British garrison of 400 men and two guns, as already cabled to the Associated Press in detail.

"Is this guerrilla warfare?" the liberal papers ironically inquire. "Why," is asked on all sides, "are these troops coming home?"

Parliament not being in session, the public is not favored with any insight into the war office opinions and plan. But it is credited with varying ideas from philosophic indifference to acute panic. A representative of the Associated Press interviewed one of the responsible heads of departments and elicited the following views:

"Undoubtedly the situation in South Africa is serious. It resembles in many ways America's trouble with the Filipinos. We cannot expect to crush out opposition for some time to come."

There is a noticeable incursion of Filipinos into London and Paris. The report, subsequently denied, that Agoncillo, Aguinaldo's agent in Europe, was contemplating going to Hong Kong to reorganize there the Filipino transport and resupply the Filipinos with munitions of war, has given rise to the belief that the Filipinos in Europe are contemplating a new campaign. A reporter of the Associated Press has interviewed one of the most prominent members of the European junta, who has just returned from Paris and Madrid. He said: "We are planning no new campaign. There is no reason why Agoncillo should go to Hong Kong to give the Filipinos a further supply of munitions of war. The fact that Agoncillo has just leased a home in Paris shows he intends to remain there and watch events. The reports of our committees at Kobe, Yokohama, Macao, Batavia, Hong Kong and Bangkok show they are all working well. This is also evidenced by the fact that 10,000 rifles were smuggled into Manila last month. The war is no nearer an end than ever. The Filipino resources are still great, as can be judged by the fact that Aguinaldo is continuing to keep 3000 Spanish prisoners."

"We are deeply disappointed at the reaction of Mr. McKinley. Although our agents in the United States never led us to believe Mr. Bryan would actively help us, yet we relied on the strength of the anti-imperialists in the United States. We are still anxious to come to an understanding and there are indications that Mr. McKinley favors a compromise. It is clear that Judge Taft goes beyond his instructions and that Mr. McKinley is prepared to give greater concessions than Judge Taft. It is true that a large number of Filipinos are flocking to European countries, but not with the idea of a renewed propaganda. The junta is content to await until the Americans are tired of losing officers and men by deaths from sickness. We hope and believe better times are in store."

EGG WILL GO UP IN PRICE.

Corner on the Hen Fruit by Chicago Packers.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 4.—The Times-Herald says: The deal has been organized. A corner has been made on eggs. The price is now 15 cents a dozen and how high it will go no one but the men who are engineering the deal can tell. Armour, Swift and other packers and dealers who control the corner have already made about half a million dollars and their profits have only begun. The deal is of such proportions that it makes the Phillips corner of corn seem insignificant. The deal has been engineered by the packers, Armour and Swift, who are the largest owners of refrigerator cars for handling eggs to retail advantage than regular dealers. There is also in the combination the Western Cold Storage company, the Monarch Refrigerator company, Pease & Tinkler and C. H. Weaver & Co. all of Chicago. Haskell & Bosworth of Des Moines, Neb., who buy at 150 stations in the country, are also heavily interested.

Prices have advanced from 12 to 15 cents in the last two months and prospects are for a still higher range. The consumption of eggs have kept up between 20 and 25 cents for the last few weeks, which is unusual, owing to a scarcity. Not more than 2,500 of strictly fresh eggs are held in Chicago today.

Admiral McNair's Funeral.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The funeral of Rear Admiral McNair, ranking rear admiral of the navy, was held at St. John's Episcopal church here Saturday. The services were attended by all of Admiral McNair's old associates now in Washington, including Secretary Long, Admiral Dewey, Rear Admirals Richborn, O'Neill, Crowninshield, Rodgers and Higinson and Commander Remy. The service was conducted by Rev. Alexander McKay-Smith, rector of St. John's, assisted by the Rev. Warden Meyer of Christ church, Weyden. The burial was at Arlington.

Costs More to Live in London.

London, Dec. 4.—Increased cost of living, owing to the South African war, is manifesting itself everywhere.

Sir Thomas Linton's restaurant for East End workers, where a dinner of soup, joint, piece of bread, two vegetables and sweets has hitherto cost 5 cents, is now increased to 11 cents. Ten per cent has been added to nearly all manufactured articles. Coal is still double the normal price.

SOUTH OMAHA MARKET REPORT.

As Reported by the Platte Commission Co. of South Omaha.

South Omaha, Neb., Dec. 1.—There has been a very heavy shrinkage in cattle receipts the past week and the totals today show a loss of 12,000 from last week and 6,000 less than for the same week last year. The offerings of corn fed cattle have been considerably smaller this week than anticipated, while the run of western steers still continue heavier than looked for.

Although there was an abundance of poultry and game on the markets for Thanksgiving, the cattle market has shown a steady improvement the past week, on nearly all grades of steers. The light, well matured cattle show an advance of fully 10 to 15 cents while the half fat stuff has found a much more active market and more ready sale than for some time past. The heavy weight cattle have no more than held their own on account of the bearish feeling at eastern and English markets.

The supply of cow stuff has been very limited the past week and dealers did not have very much trouble in disposing of their holdings at prices 10 to 20 cents higher than last week. Veal calves sold lower the early part of the week but recovered the loss the last three days. Bulls and stags have been good sellers at strong prices.

As was the case in other lines the supply of stockers and feeders has been rather limited and prices show an advance of 10 to 15 cents over last week with the demand from country buyers very good. There has been more inquiry for the medium and light weight cattle than for some time and very few of that kind are left in the yards.

The past week has been a disappointing one for dealers, each day of the week, with the exception of Thursday, showing a loss and the week closes with prices fully 25 cents lower than last week. There has been very little margin between the price of the best hogs and the poor ones, but buyers and sellers seemed unable to coincide in their views and the result has been a rather slow market, but the close of the week finds everything cleaned up.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts, light, good stock 150¢/doz.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 45¢/doz; ducks, 54¢/doz; geese, 54¢/doz; turkeys 50¢.

FRESH DRESSED POULTRY—Hens 55¢/doz; roosters, 46¢/doz; ducks and geese 70¢/doz; spring chickens, per lb., 69¢/doz; turkeys, 89¢/doz.

GAME—Prairie chickens, per doz. 32.00; mallard ducks, per doz. 32.00; teal, \$1.50; mixed, \$1.50; 175; jack-snipes, \$1.25; quail, \$1.50; jack rabbits, \$1.00; cottontails, 75¢/doz.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 12¢; choice, 15¢/lb.; separator, 25¢; gathered creamery, 20¢/lb.

FRESH OYSTERS—First grade, solid packed, New York counts, per can, 32¢; extra select, 32¢; standards, 25¢; medium, 20¢. Second grade, solid packed, New York counts, per can, 30¢; extra select, 25¢; standards, 20¢; bulk standard, per can, 41¢.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz, 96¢.

VEALS—Choice, 96¢/doz.

HAY—Price quoted by Omaha Wholesale Dealers' association; choice upland, \$9.50; No. 1 upland, \$9; medium, \$8.50; course, \$8. Rye straw, \$6.50. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair; receipts, 3 cars.

CATS—No. 3 white, 25¢.

CORN—No. 3, 35¢.

BRAN—41¢.

VEGETABLES.

TURNIPS—Per bu. basket, 50¢.

CARROTS—Per bu., 50¢.

LETTUCE—Per doz, 30¢/5c.

RADISHES—Per doz, 30¢.

BEANS—Wax, per 1-3 bu. basket, \$1.00.

POTATOES—Per bu., 40¢/50¢; Idaho per bu., 60¢.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bu., \$2.00/2.50.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, 2c.

TOMATOES—California, per 4-basket crate, \$2.

ONIONS—Per bu., 90¢.

CELERY—California, as to size, 45¢/50¢.

CALIFLOWER—California, per crate, \$3.

PEARS—Per box, \$2.00/2.25.

GRAPES—Malaga, per keg, \$6.50/7.00.

APPLES—Native, 75¢/1.00 per bu. per bu., \$2.50; eastern, \$3.00/3.25; California Bellflowers, per box, \$1.49/1.75.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, \$2 per bu.; Jersey, per bu., \$8; per crate, \$2.75.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California seedlings, \$2.75; valencia, \$3.50; Mexican, \$3.50; Florida, \$4.00.

LEMONS—California, extra fancy, \$3.50/4.75; choice, \$3.25.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, \$2.00/2.50.

FIGS—California, new cartons, 80¢/lb.

DATES—Persian, in 60-lb. boxes, 50¢/lb.

ENGLISH WALNUTS—Per lb., 12¢; filberts, per lb., 13¢; almonds, per lb., 18¢/20¢; raw peanuts, per lb., 5¢/5¢; roasted, 6¢/7¢; Brazil, 15¢; pecans, 10¢/12¢. Colorado honey, 24-section case, \$3.75; elder, per bu., \$5; per half bu., \$2; sauer kraut, per bu., \$4; per half bu., \$2.50.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 75¢; No. 2 green, 65¢; No. 1 salted, 85¢; No. 2 salted, 75¢; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., \$3.50; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6¢; dry hides, \$6/7; sheep pelts, 25¢/75¢; horse hides, \$1.50/2.25.

Hobson Seriously Ill.

New York, Dec. 4.—Lieutenant Richard Pearson Hobson, U. S. N., was this afternoon taken from the army and navy club to the Presbyterian hospital. He is threatened with typhoid fever.

Lieutenant Hobson was taken ill at Washington three days ago. He immediately came to this city and put up at the Army and Navy club.

Last night he became worse and a physician was called in and stayed with him all night. Today it was decided to take him to the hospital.

IOWA'S VOTE IS COUNTED.

Republican Majorities Overwhelming—Iowa News.

Des Moines, Dec. 4.—The count of Iowa's vote was completed today and final figures given. The vote for secretary of state follows: W. B. Martin (rep.), 306,821; S. B. Crane (dem.), 209,767; S. O. Pillsbury (prohib.), 9,110; T. G. Wheeler (pop.), 678; J. M. Kramer (social labor), 249; W. E. Sage (united Christian), 204; C. Worth (social dem.), 2,489. The plurality for McKinley was 2,489 more than for the head of the state ticket.

There were 250 members of the Iowa State Traveling Men's association in attendance at the twentieth annual meeting. President Wheeler made his annual report, showing a substantial increase in membership and general interest in the association. The report of Secretary Haley showed that the number of members admitted during the year was 1,639 and reinstatements 15. There were dropped for nonpayment of dues 554, deaths reported, 68; canceled, 21, and resigned 19. The net increase was 1,022.

In a very short time there will be a lively scramble among the representatives of the various school book companies for business in Iowa. Five years ago, when the law was new under which county or district uniformity may be adopted, thirty-three of the counties of Iowa took up the county uniformity idea. Under this law the contracts were made for a period of five years. This period is now nearly ended and the result is that in all these thirty-three counties new contracts will be made and the county boards will again have under consideration the adoption of new series of books. It opens the field for lively work among the publishers. The startling fact is reported in this connection that the school book business of the state of Iowa does not amount to over \$500,000 a year and is not as large as the cigarette trade has been.

An unusual method of circumventing bankruptcy proceedings is to be tried in Plymouth county. N. B. Mills of Remsen has brought suit against Mrs. Nic Mauer, wife of a farmer in Plymouth county, for the recovery of \$127 for merchandise purchased of plaintiff. Nic Mauer, the husband of the defendant, went through the bankruptcy court last spring and was properly discharged as a bankrupt. Among his creditors was the plaintiff. Now the latter brings suit against Mrs. Mauer for the sum named on the ground that the goods purchased were household necessities and were used by her and that as she has not been declared a bankrupt she is entitled to judgment against her. She recently fell heir to a portion of the estate of her father and a judgment for the amount against her would be good.

INAUGURAL BALL AT LINCOLN.

Will Be Swiftest Social Function of the Year.

Lincoln, Dec. 4.—Although no definite arrangements have yet been made, it is quite probable that the inaugural ball will be given in the Auditorium on the evening of January 3. The preparations for this affair have been left entirely to a committee consisting of Colonels C. J. Bills and G. E. Jenkins of Fairbury, C. J. Mills of Hastings, J. Cameron Anderson of Omaha and Charles M. Keefe of this city, all members of the new governor's military staff. The ball will be preceded by a reception for all of the new state officials, at which even the staff committee will likely be assisted by several Lincoln people. With Governor Dietrich will be his daughter, who is now in her sophomore year at Bryn Mawr college. Miss Dietrich will spend the Christmas holidays with her father and will probably remain after the inaugural ceremonies.

Lincoln people are looking anxiously forward to the inaugural ball, which will be the principal function of the year. The Auditorium gallery will comfortably seat 2,000 persons and this portion of the building will be reserved for spectators.

Nearly all of the state officers-elect who came to Lincoln to attend the meeting last night remained over until this afternoon. Mr. Dietrich spent the night in his room in consultation with numerous applicants for positions. Quite a number of additional appointments for the various state officers and institutions have practically been agreed upon, but it is not likely that all of them will be announced at the conference of the new officials in this city on December 14.

For steward of the Asylum for Incurable Insane with W. B. Kern of Wood River, who will be installed as superintendent, has selected H. C. Slattery of Adams county. O. G. Smith of Buffalo county has been selected for assistant superintendent of the institution at Kearney. Frank McKeown of Nebraska City, whose appointment as deputy secretary of state was announced some time ago, has notified Mr. Marsh that he will accept the position and enter upon his new duties as an administrator of changes.

Many of the new state officers-elect came this morning to hunt for desirable residences. Notwithstanding the fact that the census credits Lincoln with a decrease in population, there are few vacant houses in the city that ever before in its history. The officials who were out searching this morning said they were unable to find any desirable houses in a convenient location. If the suburbs there are many vacant houses, probably because many of the suburban residents have moved into the downtown portion of the city.

Governor Dietrich has decided to occupy the executive mansion but will probably place the responsibility of the housekeeping on either one of the state officers or his private secretary, reserving only a suite of rooms for his own apartments. Secretary-elect Marsh will bring his family to Lincoln about January 1. Treasurer-elect Stuffer and Attorney General-elect Prout will not bring their families to the city for several months because both have children in school.

Mr. T. Marvey, superintendent of schools at Kearney is being urged by many of the influential schoolmen of the state for the position of superintendent of the School for the Blind at Nebraska City. Mr. Marvey was connected with a large home for the blind in New York state until he came to Nebraska to accept the superintendency of the Kearney schools. Former Superintendent Gillespie was in the city this morning consulting with Mr. Dietrich relative to the position of superintendent of the School for the Deaf of Omaha.

Mr. Dietrich left for Omaha tonight expecting to remain there until tomorrow evening.

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The always pathetic and as invariably romantic subject of the "abandoned farm" of New Hampshire, furnishes the background of "Mountain Playmates," a story by Mrs. Helen R. Albee, which was brought out late in October by Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. The "playmates" found their home and playground on an abandoned farm on a hilltop near Mount Chocoma, in New Hampshire. They "reclaimed" the land with skill, energy and patience, made the house habitable, and the farm partially profitable. Then, following the Roycroft example, they took unto themselves other playmates and engaged in an industry which they developed into an art, giving remunerative and satisfying employment to many industrious women of the region. The book has a genial philosophy and a bright humor, it describes a beautiful country, and it narrates a story which carries one back to the work of William Morris, and also reminds one of "Fra Elbertus" and East Aurora.

"Ma, am I going to get 'nother little of 'f' scream 'sides this un'?" "Why little Jim?" "Cause, ma, I wan' to know whether to gobble this un up er drop it out."

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In Missouri they put a question mark after any material enterprise. If some of the school houses of that state the question up for debate is put this way: "Resolved, That the school at Fair St. Louis in 1903 will be detrimental to the state of Missouri."

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If the plants that are potted for winter are grouped in a sheltered spot where they may be easily protected with a canvas awning, or a covering of papers, it will save much heavy lifting from the midday sunshine to the evening shelter.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED? In legal applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, but unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.

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Three miles from the village of Krievik, in the great volcanic district of Iceland, there is a whole mountain composed of eruptive dyes and pure white sulphur. A beautiful road penetrates the western slope to an unknown depth.

THE CATTLE GROWING SITUATION. The approach of winter finds a most encouraging situation among the stock growers of Nebraska. Never has