

Local News.

24 Pound N. O. Sugar for \$1.00 at Gasteyer's. For any thing in the Harness line call at T. M. Reeds. A. B. Outhouse did business at Rockville Saturday. Good grades of machine oils sold by T. M. Reed. W. T. Chase is reported to be on the sick list this week. Mrs. L. E. Walworth returned from Lincoln Saturday evening. District court for Sherman county will convene February 16th. Miss Eva Taylor of Ashton visited with Miss Nellie Angler last week. W. F. Heyl auditor of the Omaha elevator was in the city over Sunday. Theo Ojendyke, of Ashton is doing business at the County seat on day. Dr. Sumner Davis, Grand Island, Surgical diseases and diseases of Eye and Ear. Earnest Pilgar came over from Ravenna and spent Sunday with his parents. Lonie Rentfrow went to Omaha Monday morning where he may remain permanently. Harry Wokey was employed at the B. & M. elevator during the absence of John Hopper. Mrs. J. B. O'Bryan went to Grand Island last Saturday morning returning in the evening. An old gentleman by the name of Mr. Hair living on Clear Creek is reported to be dangerously ill. Several cars of Stock were shipped from this point Monday and we understand struck quite a good market. The K. of P. gave a very pleasant dance until 11:30 last Saturday evening. No admittance fee was charged. Will Muliek taught the school in the Manchester district last week during the temporary illness of his sister May. One doz first class Photographs only 75 cents at the Loup City Art Gallery. Everybody ought to have one or more doz Photo's taken at these prices. Mrs. J. W. Ditto and daughter Druzzilla left Monday morning for Wauson, Ohio via the Union Pacific to visit a few months with friends and relatives. Soothing, and not irritating, strengthening, and not weakening, small but effective—such are the qualities of DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills.—Ondahl Bros. Adam Schupp met with quite a severe accident last Friday. He was leading hogs into a car at the B. & M. stock yards and was accidentally hit over the nose badly fracturing the bone. The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure.—Ondahl Bros. Have you seen those beautiful photographs at the Loup City Gallery. If not don't forget to call and order one or more doz. Just the thing to give to friends and relatives. Only 75 cents per dozen. W. H. Kennedy, teacher in the Grammar department of the Loup City schools was unable to be on duty the fore part of the week, but is again at his post. Superintendent Johnson wielded the rod during his illness. We understand that Harry Wokey has been employed as manager of the U. P. elevator at this place. Harry is a steady and hard working young man and with his experience already attained in that line will, no doubt give good satisfaction. N. E. Getter, S. A. Stacy and D. A. Gard, all of Ord Neb. have been here the past week with a view to organizing a new lodge known as the "Home Forum Benefit Order." We understand that they have secured 14 applications for membership and will organize a lodge this week. A. Topolski, living near Schupp siding was in to see ye editor Monday and dropped a silver dollar into our general fund. Mr. Topolski says that he was completely hailed out twice last season and then, by late re-planting raised 20 bushels of corn to the acre. At the regular meeting of Shiloh Circle No. 5 of this city Saturday of last week the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: Harriet Hauk, Pres. H. M. Lee, S. V. Isabella French, J. V. Lou Holcomb Sec; Abigail Gilbert, Treas; Minnie Bechtold, Conductor; J. Hawk, Chap; Sarah Gibson Guard; Delegate to Convention at Hastings Neb. Anna Werts and Jennie Owen. After installation refreshments were served and a general good time was had. We take pleasure in announcing the Marriage of A. E. Tanagerman of Ravenna to Mrs. Bell Pratt of this city which occurred at the residence of Joe. Freiss last Thursday afternoon Jan. 14, 97. Rev. Webster officiating. Mr. Tanagerman was at one time a resident of Sherman County and is known as a straight, honest and industrious young man, and the bride is indeed fortunate in securing him for a life partner. The NORTHWESTERN wish them a safe and pleasant journey over the sea of time.

SKATES! SKATES!! Skates, and lots of 'em at Watkinsons. Eye and Ear, Dr. Davis, Grand Island, Nebr. Mrs. M. Leschinsky is on the sick list this week. I have corn, oats and ground feed for sale T. M. Reed. A choice lot of mixed candies for sale cheap at Gasteyer's. Foster Buehaer of Ravenna spent Sunday in Loup City. Schuyler flour is the best you can buy for sale at Gasteyer's. Mrs. Schwer is enjoying a visit from her sister of Grand Island. Ritter, the U. P. coal man was here last Friday evening looking after business. Call and look at the samples of ready made clothing at A. E. Chase's. Suits from \$5.00 up. Fit guaranteed. First class Photographs only 75 cents per doz. Don't miss to get one or two dozen. Mrs. McCarty, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ware returned to her home at Caro last Saturday. Get your choice of China Cup and Saucers or other dishes with 1 pound of the celebrated Lock-Chop tea at 50 cents at Gasteyer's. John Oltman has purchased the old hardware building on the north side of the square and is tearing it down. He will move it on his farm. John Hopper returned from Fremont, last Monday evening where he had been to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, John C. Edmonson. Guy Holmes take the lead in this vicinity as a coon hunter. He has caught several within the past year and last Saturday he trapped one that weighed 21 pounds. We understand that there will be a coal oil war in town, to commence soon. Two car loads of that illuminating article have been ordered by our merchants and is expected to arrive by the last of the week. Col. Young, Janitor of the Loup City Schools while on duty yesterday morning slipped and fell and was quite seriously injured. He was helped home and is now confined to his bed. Married—Geo Peterson and Miss Olive Knapp, both of this county were in marriage, Thursday Jan 14, 1897. Rev. Webster officiating. Both Parties are well and favorably known to the people of this community. The NORTHWESTERN joins their many friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous future. DIED.—The little adopted son of Mr. and Mrs Wm. Strankmann died last Thursday, Jan 14, 1897 age seven months. The funeral will take place at their residence on Oak Creek this afternoon. The bereaved parents have the profound sympathy of all. DIED.—Mrs. Edna A. Hall died at her home in Loup City, last Monday morning, January 11, 1897 of lingering consumption. Age 39 years, 1 month, and 9 days. Mrs. Hall was born Nov. 2nd, 1857 at Macon City, Mo. She was married Jan. 15th 1875, and with her husband and daughter Blanch came to Loup City, July 31, 1888 where she has since resided. Mrs. Hall has been in ill health for the past four years, and about April last her condition rapidly changed for the worse. She was a member of the Degree of Honor and the Eastern Star. The funeral services were conducted under the auspices of the above named lodges at the family residence in Loup City, Tuesday, Jan 12th, 1897, and remains were laid to rest in the Evergreen cemetery. CARD OF THANKS. We hereby extend our most sincere thanks to the many friends and members of the Eastern Star and Degree of Honor lodges who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our late wife and mother. G. F. HALL AND MRS. GASTEYER. We desire to express our sincere thanks to the many friends who assisted us in the case of our loved son and brother during the long illness and at his burial. MR. and MRS. J. A. CONVERSE and family. "Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where his liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or his left ear DeWitt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig-lamps."—Ondahl Bros. The Union Pacific System has inaugurated a thorough colonist sleeping car service between Council Bluffs and Portland. This car leaves Council Bluffs on our train No 2 daily at 11 15 p. m. and passengers go through without change. Berths in this car can be secured by request at this office. In addition to the above, we also run a thorough colonist car daily to San Francisco and a permanently conducted colonist car weekly every Friday to San Francisco and Los Angeles. Full information can be obtained by writing or calling on Frank W. Cline, Agent.

DACOITS OF BURMA. THOUGH SOMEWHAT CHANGED THEY STILL EXIST TO PLUNDER. Authorities Are Unable to Stop the Thieving and Do Not Often Capture One of the Dacoits—A Sample Case of the Inefficiency of the Police Officers. Burma is one of the countries that are changing very fast, and one of the things that have changed in Burma is the dacoit. The sportive gentlemen described by Rudyard Kipling and others who crucified villagers wholesale and filled old ladies with kerosene were flourishing in full vigor less than ten years ago, but they already belong as completely to the past as Dick Turpin and his colleagues in England. No doubt a fresh war or any event seriously shaking the British power or reputation might produce a recrudescence of the old disease, but in the meantime the dacoits have entirely changed their habits. Instead of living together in bands in the jungle they are scattered through separate villages in the guise of peaceful cultivators. During the day each man attends to his paddy fields just like his neighbors, and it is only at night that they meet together for the dispatch of their more important and lucrative business. Dacoity as defined by law is simply robbery committed by a band of five men or more, and it is important only because of the Burman's strong natural propensity toward it and the great difficulties which his national character places in the way of its detection. It must always be remembered that, Burma being in a transition stage and much less settled than India and the government being extremely short handed, an immense amount of various kinds of work falls upon each single English official. Hence it is wholly impossible for him to exercise any close or detailed supervision over any particular part of his district. This of itself renders the detection of criminals a difficult matter. When the dacoits were in the woods, it was simply a case of turning out occasionally to hunt them down. At present the matter must necessarily be left chiefly in the hands of natives. Now, the natives are for the most part honest and tolerably law abiding, and they have no sympathy whatever with a man who goes dacoiting, but the dacoit goes armed, and the supineness and cowardice of the Burman in the presence of arms, more particularly of firearms, are something almost incomprehensible to the western mind. It is quite sufficient for a party of half a dozen men to have a gun among them—effective or useless, loaded or empty, matters little, the mere show is enough—and they may go fearlessly to work in the midst of a crowd. No one will interfere with them. In more than one instance bold robbers have made successful attacks when armed merely with their dabs—the dagger which every Burman carries—and with a pretended rifle made of a stick, with which they frightened off all opposition. But perhaps the strange workings of the native character are best exhibited in the following case, which occurred quite recently. The facts are vouched for by an English officer: There was a band of five men who were in the habit of practicing dacoity occasionally. Three of them came from the same village—not a common thing, as it makes detection easier—the fourth from another village, and, as for the fifth, no man knows whence he came, for reasons that will appear. One night these five men, armed with nothing but their knives and spears, which are used for fishing in lower Burma, entered a house, tied up the owner and began plundering. Now, this house was in a large village, containing not only a population of some 1,400, but a police post with 15 native policemen armed with sniders. The alarm was given and the house surrounded, and then there was a pause. The robbers continued their work undisturbed within. The villagers, some 200 or 300 ablebodied men, all more or less armed, sat around on the dam which surrounds and protects every house on the delta, looked down on the house and discussed the question. The police stood rather nearer the house and fired shots into it through the bamboo walls, hurting no one. One solitary policeman after a time volunteered to advance. He crept up quite close to the house and fired in through an opening in the wall. Then he went farther and actually put his head and part of his body through the hole, apparently to see what execution he had done. One of the robbers promptly pinned him to the ground with a fish spear and killed him. By this time they had completed their preparations; so they sallied forth, each man with his pack of plunder on his back. Though the house was surrounded, they appear to have had no difficulty in making their way through, only the police fired after them with backshot and hit three of them in the back, not seriously wounding them. But one of the band had the misfortune to stumble and fall. Instantly the crowd rushed upon him, and before he could rise literally hacked him to pieces, and so effectively that not the slightest clew to his identity remained. He was absolutely destroyed. No one knows even what was his nationality. The other four got clear away.—Public Opinion. A Remarkable Freezing Mixture. A majority of readers know that a mixture of two parts of pounded ice and one part of common salt will reduce the temperature of anything included so as to be wholly surrounded by the mixture (say a milk can in an ice cream freezer), to a point 20 degrees below that at which water freezes. There are but few readers, however, that know of the remarkable properties of a mixture of chlorids of lime and ice. A mixture of three parts of crystallized chlorid of lime and two parts of ice forms a combination that will freeze mercury in seven minutes.—St. Louis Republic.

A LONG INSIDE PASSAGE. Navigating the Ocean Among Thousands of Islands. Whatever may be said—and much can be—of the beauties of the Alaskan coast, it is not inviting to the seafaring man, and especially the master who is taking a ship by the inside route from Puget sound to Sitka or Juneau for the first time, a feat, so it is claimed, impossible of accomplishment by a continuous voyage save through the assistance of a good pilot. This passageway—formed by the mainland coasts of British Columbia and Alaska and a chain of islands ranging in length from 5 to 250 miles—is from 100 yards to several miles in width. The channels proper are of unusual depth. In places from 800 to 400 fathoms of water are frequently found. From the smooth, glassy surface ledges and reefs, assassins of the sea, lurk, ready to send some ship, humanity laden, to the bottom. In those waters the lead is supplanted by whistle echoes from the land, this being the only method during a fog by which the captain or pilot guides his vessel along a safe way. Old sea captains say there is no water course in the world where in unfavorable weather such skill is required as to guide a ship via the channels on a voyage from the sound and return, the round trip to Sitka being more than half the distance of the voyage across the Atlantic. The Pacific Coast Steamship company's vessels running to Alaska are always manned with two pilots each in the winter and spring and are never without one pilot. With at least two of this company's vessels now running to Alaska the captains themselves served an apprenticeship of many years at piloting. The outside passage, the one by the open ocean, is seldom used, on account of the unfavorable winds which prevail for a distance of over 50 miles out to sea, rendering a vessel's progress much slower, to say nothing of the danger of ships being caught in a gale and driven ashore. With the danger from wreck almost eliminated by the employment of professional pilots, the inside passage is rendered a most delightful voyage, as it abounds in beautiful scenery and is free from winds.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer. FEATHERED DRUNKARDS. Shocking Depravity on the Part of Birds Witnessed by Andrew Lang. A queer story is told by Mr. Andrew Lang. The incident came under his own notice and occurred under the bridge over the Lochy, below the Ben Nevis Long John distillery. From this tale it is obvious that animals are only sober from lack of wit to obtain alcohol: "That establishment disgorges into a burn a quantity of refuse, no doubt alcoholic. When we crossed the bridge in the morning to fish, the ducks from the farm opposite were behaving in a drunken and disorderly manner—flying, beating the water, diving, spluttering and greedily devouring the stuff from the distillery. Their antics were funny, but vulgar. By 2 o'clock we found the ducks sleeping off the effects of their debauch. We awakened them, and they all staggered eagerly to a bucket of water, from which they quenched the torments of thirst. A small sea bird behaved in a still more deplorable way. He slowly drifted down the Lochy from the fatal intoxicating burn, nor could pebbles judiciously thrown at him induce him to take the wing. He tried to dive, making efforts comic and unsuccessful. After drifting through the bridge I regret to say that he returned to the burn and "took a cup of kindness yet," getting all the more intoxicated and drifting back in a yet more deplorable condition. What a lesson, we said, is this to mankind, who, after all, need not speak of their boasted reasonableness! The wild and tame things of stream and ocean are as unwise as we." Reason in the Lower Animals. We have a fox terrier whose happiness was complete until Dodgerfield came. She is very affectionate, consequently very jealous. If looks and growls would kill, Dodgerfield would die many times a day. Both dogs eat from the same plate, but not at the same time. One day last week we fed Dodgerfield first. The fox terrier was very hungry and begged hard for first dinner. Dodger seemed to eat more slowly than usual, and Nettie watched dolefully. Finally hunger got the better of her honesty, and she barked sharply three short barks. Dodger left his plate and sprang to the window, looking excitedly up and down the road. Nettie looked neither to the right nor the left, but made straight for the plate of food as soon as Dodger's back was turned. If this was not an exhibition of reason and human intelligence, then mankind in general possesses a large degree of animal "instinct."—Dog Fancier. Two Lists of Presidents. George Washington. Thomas Jefferson. James Madison. James Monroe. Andrew Jackson. Martin Van Buren. Zachary Taylor. Millard Fillmore. Abraham Lincoln. Andrew Johnson. U. S. Grant. Grover Cleveland. There they are—about half and half. It is worthy of note that the two term presidents are all in the right hand column. Those in the left hand column were college graduates; those in the other column were not.—Western Teacher. 5,904,900,000,000 Descendants. Every known plant is occasionally inhabited by its own peculiar aphid, or plant louse. These curious insects breed with wonderful rapidity, a French naturalist proving that a pair of them will within six weeks produce five generations, or a grand total of 5,904,900,000,000 descendants.—St. Louis Republic.

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