#### Loup City Northwestern THE BALL AT BIG SPRINGS.

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LOUP CITY. - NEBRASKA.

This is no holiday season for the sultan of Morocco.

The Hague tribunal is in for a scolding no matter how it may decide.

Alfred Austin's cold tea will serve nicely to wash down Rudyard Kipling's brandy.

John L. Sullivan says he is "broke but happy." Evidently somebody had the price.

If it is an old epigram worked over, the probability is that Tom Reed never said it.

It is only polite to look the other way when your vegetarian friead is pricing fat turkeys.

May Yohe, Strong as ever, is back home again. Let's cut that combination out from now on.

Advice to those about to eat candy sent to them through the mails: Wait till you find out who sent it.

Heilo! The telephone man thinks he can fly. Many who have used his first invention have felt like doing so.

Queen Alexandra's hobby is clocks, and she possesses hundreds of themnot counting any on the royal st-ck--ngs.

Sir William Hingston says there is danger in the surgeon's knife. We have for some time suspected as much.

It was a man by the name of B. Ware who introduced the anti-kissing bill in the Virginia legislature. He'll have to.

Dr. Lorenz, we fear, will return to Vienna with an impression that the United States is a nation of meddlesome gossipers.

There is consolation for all who are in trouble. For instance, a New York man who is cut of work has just been blessed with twins.

The government has added four buffaloes to its small herd in Yellowstone park, and they cost considerably more than 11 cents apiece.

"Women speechless in electric cars," says a news item from New York. The account goes on to state that they were partly paralyzed. Shocking! Shocking!

Sullivan and Corbett acted as waiters at the Salvation Army Christmas dinner in Toledo. The best of order prevailed from beginning to end of the festivities.

The boys from the X Y ranch had | keeper, a recent importation from been busy for the falls' "round-up" Chicago, having never seen men so at Abiline for months. They were loaded down with six-shooters, his but perfect in form down to the toe Johnsing's tuhkey coop." now about ready to depart for their hands trembled when he sat the botwinter home. The cattle had been the down. When the glasses had been about herded in one bunch and were filled and emptied. Calico sudprepared for the long drive south- denly looked out of the door, ward, where the grass was green the saw a prairie dog and blazed year round, and the winds not too away at it so quickly severe to bring them discomfort. The the barkeeper jumped three feet yearlings, helfers and steers were corraled two miles away from the the door only to see the dog writhing little town. At night, unless a storm | in the dust of the public road. Men seemed imminent, half of the crew

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disport themselves by shooting out seeing that there was nothing doing lights, riding horses into bar-rooms

and the like. All of them ate at the Archer restaurant, not because the food was any better or cheaper than served by the Palace, but because Estelle McIntosh, a clear-eyed, straight-limbed girl of some twenty summers, slung the hash and shot the beans at her sun-tanned customers. She was of beautiful mold; her

breast moved back and forth like the undulating waves of the sea; her arms were round at the shoulders and tapered down as gracefully as a sculptor's model. Her eyes were blue, she was wide-hipped, with a complexion like that of the underdown of a Georgia peach. She could play the guitar, do fancy work, and get along fairly well with the third reader. She could call cows and ride any broncho that ever pawed the earth.

All the boys were in love with her. If she had any preference that could be perceived, it was for Calico Jake, whose tall figure was known to nearly every head of cattle between the Colorado and the Neuces. He could chew tobacco like a Cuban negro, cut the pigeon-wing, ride anything from a horned toad to a giraffe, and he had no more compunction when it became necessary, to kill a man than a mustang would have for kicking at the man who had hit him with a quirt. But Estelle, "Stell," as the boys called her, made no signs that she would

be glad to jump over the broomstick

with him. Two weeks before the contemplated departure of the X Y outfit, nearly all the boys were in Archer's. The "Doc" was there also. He wore a staked and ridered shirt, tan shoes and toted a walking stick. He had but recently graduated from the medical school at El Paso, and settling at Abilene, where the men wore overalls and the women quite content with calicoes, he imagined himself about \$430 ahead of a National Bank. - "Stell" had not liked him from the first, and she did not attempt to conceal her feelings. As the "Doc" started to go, he naively asked:

"S'pose you are going to be the queen of the ball up to Big Springs next week? "I don't know ef that's any of your

that from the floor. The others rushed to came rushing from other establishwould go into the railroad station and ments, at the sound of the shots, but



to Marlin. Something is to Happen in About a Week."

in the way of a man fight, returned to the doors. Meantime the barkeeper had counted out the proper change for Calico-\$4.40.

"Come er runnin', boys, and look at this!" as he pointed to the silver in front of him. "I do reckon I wonder whar in thunder he thinks I come from. How much was it I give him, 'Red'?"

"Twenty? No. I didn't have nothing smallern' a fifty an' that's what I handed him, wasn't it, Buck?"

"Why, sure it was," said Buck. Well, the skunk! Shall we kill him here or drag him over to Lick Skillet and let the dogs eat him up?" The barkeeper hastily went to his

"Really," said he, "you drawer. didn't-"

"What's that! Didn't hey? Well, we'll just show you a trick that you never heard of afore," and with that

he proceeded to draw his gun.

#### TURKEY WITH THREE BIG LEGS. TEMPTATION OF THE DEACON. Bought by Boarding House Keeper, He Came Near Getting Into Trouble a Few Nights Ago. It Proved a Disappointment.

In a coop of turkeys received by a commission man yesterday was one the experience meeting, "I cum which had three legs. The whole monghty neah backsliding las' Satnumber are visible between the slats urday night. De temptah cum tei me of the coop, the extra one standing at and put er wheat sack in ma han' a slight angle from the two others, and led ma sinful feet to'd Mistab

nails. The keeper of a small boarding

"I done tried my bes' ter resist," house expressed a desire to purchase the turkey on account of the extra went on the deacon, "but all de time leg, and said he would like to have a mah conscience said 'stop' de temptah whole coop of them, and would like said 'Go on'; and so I kep' a gittin' them to have four legs, if possible. closah all de time."

When asked why he desired so "Glory!" came from the back seats. many legs on turkeys, he said he al-"But, praise de Lawd, just when ways liked the leg of a turkey, and I's gwine ter climb de fence and maik he had three boarders, and when foh de coop mah old houn' dog trees there was turkey for dinner he ala 'possum in Mistah Johnsing's wood ways asked them what part they pre- lot, an' de back-slide leabe me dat Heals Diseases Called Incurable ferred, and all three of them always minnit."

back seat.

wanted a drumstick. "Amen!" roared a brother in the Of course, only two of them could rear.

"An' 'fore I git up dat tree," conbe suited, and he never got a drumstick. The last time all three of the tinued the deacon, "de moon cum out boarders asked for a leg off one bird frum behind de clouds, and dar stood he lost his temper, and said he Mistah Johnsing behind dat coop, wif guessed they must think he was carv- er shotgun in his han'." "Um-m-m! Lawd!" from the elders' ing a centipede.

After buying the three-legged turcorner.

key he found that the extra leg grew "An' I call to Mistah Johnsing and out of another one at the knee joint, ast him. 'Please, sah, won't he come and would be gone when the fowl an' shoot dat 'possum?" and dat he was put on the table, and so after all do; an' an I want ter say dat dere the turkey had only two legs and a was a mos' powerful big load ob shot half .-- Portland Oregonian.

> "An' dat's why I say dat w'en de temptah cum ter us an' show us whar dere's er turkey coop we

oughter rej'ice dat Providence done gib er houn' dawg and er 'possum appertite to de po'r brack man."

"Eredren," said Deacon Snowball at

"Amen!" moaned some one in a

WAX MINES OF GALICIA.

One of the Most Curious Fields of Industry Imaginable.

Mineral wax-generally known as czocerite-has taken the place of beeswax in making candles, and is obtained from Utah and California, in America, and from Wales and Galicia and Roumania, in Europe. When found it is a dark, rich brown color, translucent in thin films, but when refined it resembles well-bleached beeswax. The wax mines of eastern Galicia, which a syndicate of American capitalists leased, form one of the most curious fields of industry imaginable. They are at and around Boryslaw, which is also the center of the eastern oil district of that part of Austria.

The wax lies in beds, like clay, at depths of from 350 to 600 feet, and shafts are sunk to the beds. The this year for the first time by native Boryslaw wax field is only 50 acres in extent, and upon that 1,000 shafts came from Chicago. Eleven were were sunk. Six thousand men live and working during the late harvest in work on that tract. The owners of Coele-Syria and twenty-six in the plain the deposits have made immense forof Esdraelon. Also, for the first time tunes from the products, as it is very in the history of this country, the pres- valuable, fetching fourpence a pound

ent year has witnessed the introduc- at the pits. The manifold uses to President of the Institute of Physicians

How a Woman Handles an "Ad."

A woman comes into a newspaper

office, comments on the condition of

the weather, removes her gloves,

raises her veil, gets out her \$4 lace

bag and brings out a little scrap of

ple advertisement for a hired girl.

She then inquires the price, which is

213 days in the year, asks for the best

Tired of Duplication.

WHENCE COMES THIS MIGHTY **HEALING POWER** 

ALL THE LAND WONDERS AT THE **REMARKABLE CURES EFFECT-**ED BY PROFESSOR ADKIN.

Ministers: Doctors and Professional Men Tell How He Has Cured the Blind, the Lame, the Paralytic and Many on the Very Brink of Death.

FREE HELP FOR THE SICK

Professor Adkin Offers to Help All Sufferers from Any Disease Absolutely Free of Charge-Professional Men Investigate His Powers.



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PROF. THOMAS F. ADKIN.

to spend Christmas with some relatives in Ireland, on a bitterly cold day in December through the wilds of Connemara. They became quite sociable on the way, and the native, in a burst of confidence, pointed out a she-

been where the "best potheen in Connacht" might be obtained. The Englishman, only too glad to get an opportunity of warming himself, offered refreshment, which offer was readily accepted.

ditional Refreshment.

"'Tis a very cold day in these parts, Pat?" observed the tourist.

"'Tis, your honor," replied Pat. He raised his glass, and the contents speedily vanished. "And there's truth in the ould sayin'," he suggestively added, smacking his lips; "one swallow never made a summer."-London Tit-Bits.

Reaping Machines in Syria. Reaping machines were employed farmers of Syria. These pioneers all

JUST A DELICATE HINT. How Irishman Wittily Suggested Ad-An Irish jarvey was driving with an English visitor, who was on his way

# in dat gun.' "Go on, bruddah!"

The wisdom of J. Pierpont Morgan can no longer be doubted. He has just gone to considerable trouble and expense in order to settle a lawsuit out of court.

At a prize fight in Butte, Mont., a few nights ago the women who were present are reported to "have forgotten themselves and shouted." Why, how unladylike!

There is considerable agitation in army circles just now over the color of stripe to be worn on trousers. And still men continue to talk about the vanity of woman!

The clerks, male and female, in one of Chicago's department stores are "salespersons." Slowly but surely the line is being obliterated.

The meat question shows that when the consumer has once been started in the way of paying high prices it is hard for him to get others to let him few moments' conversation with break himself of the habit.

London chemists have conceived a new compound which they call carbonylthiocarbimidophenylbenzylthiocarbamide. It sounds like Dutch fcr automobile, and may in fact be almost as deadly.

The Marconi people say that they are able now to handle 1,000 words an hour across the ocean. That is good, but it will evidently be some time be fore they will be able to keep up with a sewing circle.

Prof. A. Graham Bell denies that he has invented a flying machine; he says that he has merely rigged a kite so that it will descend gently. The public may now rightly expect much from Mr. Bell.

"The world has less and less use,' remarks the Nebrasha State Journal, "for the young man who drinks whisky." While the young man, if he drinks enough whisky, has no use whatever for the world.

Carnegie denies the report that he is going to give his little daughter a \$2,500,000 house. He says he doesn't want the child to get a notion that she has "great expectations." Still, it will her about it.

A man who had lived by begging, who had slept in ash barrels, and whose clothes were the cast-off garments of other people, died in Toronto the other day, leaving \$100,000 in cash. This proves conclusively that they yelled out in unison, "and be it can't be taken along.

business," she replied, somewhat warmly. "Course you'll be there as king of the doodlebugs?" at which the cowboys ha, ha, haed until the "Doc" was out of hearing.

That night, while the stars looked down upon the boys who were now again in camp, Calico said to Buckeye: "Say, Buck, it'll be a long time afore we get to a ball where they'll have one of these here base villians or wiolins, or whatever you call 'em. S'pose we run up to Big Springs and shake our feet when the shindig comes off?"

Buckeye readily consented. Then the other boys were awakened and told of the scheme. Lots were to be drawn as to who should remain in camp while the others were away. That was satisfactory and the idea a good one. "But," spoke up 'Red' now designated by the management as Parker, "whar the damnation is the money comin' from."

That put the others to thinking.

The next morning five cowboys were seen riding swiftly toward Abilene. Calico went into the Archer hotel and restaurant alone. After a "Stell," the boys galloped over the

hill. An hour's ride took them to Pantana, a village composed of five saloons, a general merchandise establishment, a livery stable, fifty-five souls and 18,312 prairie dogs. They stopped at the first place they reached, which was known as the



Calico Jake.

be a wonder if somebody doesn't tell "Last Chance saloon. Finest of Wines and Liquors." The boys alighted and went inside.

> "Line up fellers and select your pardners. What'll it be?" said Jake, as he laid a five-dollar bill on the counter. "Hornets' juice, hornets' juice!"

In an instant the barkeeper's hands were above his head. He begged forgiveness. If he had made a mistake, he certainly would rectify it then and there.

"Well, shell her out; shell her out!" they all demanded at once. And \$49.40 were laid upon the wooden bar.

Then the boys went down the little street, relating their experience to all the other saloonkeepers, who agreed with them that the Chicago yankee was a crook. After having spent about the amount they straddled their ponies and were soon in Abilene again. "Stell" set out pies and coffee, and her patrons ate ravenously. When they had finished, Calico took the waitress to one side and handed her a roll of bills. "Now then," said he, "we'll go to Big Springs or bust up the X Y outfit." The evening of the ball rolled around. The train which left Abilene at 7 o'clock would put them there in ample time. At five Calico began dressing. His boots had been shined, his hair sprinkled copiously with Florida water, his mustache greased and his chin shaved. His hat was cocked to

one side and a cigar tilted upwards when he called on "Stell." She surveyed him critically. "'Pears to me." she said, "you'd look stylisher if you'd take that air red handkerchief from your neck," and off came the red bandana.

"Stell" was in a hurry. She had not begun to dress, and here it was close to 6 o'clock. Once upstairs she began squeezing herself into a corset two sizes too small for her. But she got it fastened. She frizzed her hair. powdered her face, put on a velvet colored dress, tied a blue belt around her waist and then she was ready. The ball was a great social success. To her surprise the first man to approach her when she arrived was the Doc. But she turned him away. There were six members of the X Y ranch that attended and after "Stell" had danced with each one for a set, she gave her time wholly to Calico. There were few fights, and the barrel of whisky lasted until daybreak, at which time the Abilene contingent

took the train for home. "Calico" and "Stell" slept in the same seat during the ride, indifferent to the eyes that were turned upon them. As they were descending from the train platform at Abilene, "Calico" turned to "Buckeye" and said: 'You cash in for me when you git to Marlin. I'm gwinter stay here. Something is to happen in about a week."

#### Peculiar and Fatal Accident.

Mrs. Joseph Krumful of Altoona. Penn., was milking, when the cow turned her head to brush off a fly and ran a horn into the woman's brain, through her eye, causing a fatal injury.

tenned quick about it." As the bar- yet it is the most persistent striker. one has been visiting the other.

tion and operation in Syria of a steam which paraffin has been adapted has threshing outfit. It came from Rich- given this Galician deposit a very mond, Ind., and caused considerable wide utility. It is found in veins 16 stir in Coele-Syria, where it was ininches thick, and is dug out with stalled. Its success was complete, shovels, and then raised from the even to the bruising of the straw-a shaft with buckets and a windlass. most important item, since, in the ab-

sence of hay and with the sparing use of oats, barley and other grains, crushed straw, in these parts, constitutes the staple food for stock. Furthermore, for the first time in the annals of Syria, an oil-motor flour mill has been successfully started in this land; it came from Indianapolis, and is now grinding wheat in Lebanon .--Consular report.

Senator Clark's Bad Precedent.

While going through his mail the location possible, expresses a hope other morning Congressman Bower- that she will get a good girl this time, sock of Kansas paused some time over puts her gloves back on, and, picking one letter and said: "I am inclined up her skirt, says: "Well, I guess to think that Senator Clark of Mon- that's all, and departs, leaving her tana has established a bad prece- handkerchief on the counter. When dent." Someone asked why he had she trots her 10-year-old boy on the reached that somewhat belated con-errand he dashes in, drops a quarter clusion. "For this reason," replied and a slip of paper on the counter, the Kansas man, holding up the let- says, "Mom wants this in the paper," ter and newspaper clipping. "The and is gone, after having slammed the clipping recites how Mr. Clark gave door. But he has transacted the same \$1,000,000 to his first grandson and business.-Atchison Globe.

the letter, which is from my son, is as follows: 'Dear Father: This plan worked well in Senator Clark's case, why not try it yourself?' That's why I rather think the senator has set a has recently been stringent in enbad precedent."

#### Excusable Profanity.

Rear Admiral Melville addressed the Engineering society of Columbia university on Arctic experiences last week, and for nearly three hours kept his audience deeply interested, many of his hearers being women. In tell- absence: ing what happened at the wreck of the Janette he said that at one time he was afraid of being swamped and that made him swear. "So I turned," said he, "and yelled, G- d-n it, 1 must run for it or swamp.' It made me swear, ladies and gentlemen." For a moment everybody was startled, but a round of applause scon testified to an understanding that the sailor was merely realistic and not profane in the

# A teacher in a national school, who had been much annoyed by truancy, forcing the rule that her scholars, on

their return to school after an ab-

sence, must bring her a note stating in full the cause of such absence, the note to be in the writing of a parent or guardian. The following is a note brought by one of her pupils after two weeks'

"Louisa was absent monday, please excuse her.

"Louisa was absent toosday, she had a sore throte.

"Louisa was absent wensday, she had a sore throte.

"Louisa was absent thursday, she had a sore throte.

"Louisa was absent friday, she had a sore throte.

"Read this over again for the next week."-Stray Stories.

## The Nestor of Engineers.

Charles H. Haswell, whose "Engineers' and Mechanics' Pocket-book" is known to engineers all over the world, is in his ninety-fourth year, uninterrupted correspondence that but a hale fellow yet. By way of acwould be hard to equal. Both of these counting for his remarkable mental old ladies were born in Frankiin and physical condition he says: "I county, Ohio, and were close friends take a great deal of exercise. I never from earliest childhood. Forty-seven drink ice water or touch condiments years ago, however, the parents of and I use stimulants only in very Mrs. Martin removed to Illinois, and moderate quantities. After a hard then began the correspondence that struggle I gave up smoking three has never been allowed to flag. At years ago. It's for the heart, you least once every month they exchange know." At their convention in 1897 brain, through her eye, causing a fatal least once every month they exchange injury. Lightning doesn't belong to a union, ret it is the most persistent striker, one has been visiting the other. Know." At their convention in 1897 the Mark of Naval Architects of the Institute of Naval Architects of Great Britain gave Mr. Haswell the title he has worn ever since—"the Mark your letter personal when you we have not written is when one has been visiting the other.

Surgeons.

foctors and surgeons, clergymen and are wondering at the remarkable cures Prof. Thomas F. Adkin, discovery In all parts of the country men and women, overer of the Adkin

handkerchief, digs into her chateline paper, upon which is written a simto run at the head of the want column

Vitaopathie treatment.
Prof. Adkin heals not by Grugs, nor by Christian science, nor by Osteopathy, nor by Hypto-lism, nor by Divine Healing, but by a subite psychic force of nature is combination with certain vital magnetic redenies which contain the very elements of life and health.
A reporter recently talked with Prof. Adkin and was asked to invite all readers of this paper who are sick or who are worked by the ills of those dear to them, to write to him for assistance. "Some people have declared." said Prof. Adkin, "that my powers are of God: they call me a Divine healer, a man of mysterious powers. This is not so, I cure because I understand nature, because I use the subite force of nature, to build up the system and restore health. But at the same time I believe that the Creator would not have given me the opportunity to make the discoveries I have made or the ability to develop them, if He had not intended that I should use them soft the science I practice to all who are suffering." Want you to tell your readers that they can write to me in the strictest confidence I that it is my duty to give the benefit of the science I practice to all who are suffering." The of charge and explain by a simple guitanteed home treatment how a complet cure hould be effected. I care not how serious they cases, nor how hopeless they may seen. I want you to the sone the science is and they may serious they cases, nor how hopeless they may seen. I want the worderful threes of Prof. Adkin that several profer ourse. Among these, generality be new der the force of prof. Adkin, and the wonderful threes all conters. Simpleting and they the powers of Prof. Adkin that several powers of Prof. Adkin that several powers of Prof. Adkin in his great work for humanity. With the discovery of the work for humanity. With the discovery of the methers to assisting Prof. Adkin this rest work for humanity. With the discovery of the work for humanity. With the discovery of the drift's all septer work here the residents

complication of discases, was restored to perfect health and strength by Prof. Adkin. Vitaopathy cures not one discase alone, but it cures all discases when used in combination with the proper remedies. If you are sick, no matter what your discase nor who says you can not be cured, write to Prof. Adkin today, tell him the leading symptoms of your complaint, how long you have been suffering, and he will at once diagnose your case, tell you the exact disease from which you are suffering and pre-scribe the treatment that will positively cure you. This costs you absolutely nothing. Prof-Adkin will also send you a copy of his marvel-ous new book, entitled, "How to He Cured and How to Cure Others." This book tells you ex-actly how Prof. Adkin will cure you. It fully and completely describes the nature of his wonderful treatment. It also explains to you how you your-self may possess this great healing power and cure the sick around you. Prof. Adkin does not ask one cent for his services in this connection. They will be siven to you absolutely free. He has made a wonder-ful discovery, and he wishes to place it in the hands of every sick person in this country, that

# ordinary way.

A Long Correspondence.

Mrs. J. J. Smith of Columbus, Ohio,

and Mrs. Sarah E. Martin of Wenona, Ill., have a record for continuous,