

Advertise a few prices. Name a lot of your articles. Tell the people about all of those goods you have hid under the counters or packed away in drawers, and for which you have no display room. If they only knew that they could be bought here at reasonable prices, there would not be nearly so much sending off for them. This locality is suffering a great deal because the trade is going to other towns and to catalogue houses. Every farmer is his own agent, and makes out his own orders from the order blanks and prices furnished him in the catalogues. Often times he needs a particular article, which he thinks can not be had at Loup City, and, in making an order for it, orders more goods with it, as there is always some inducement held out to him in that same catalogue—a prize, a chromo, or something to lead him to increase the order to a \$5.00 or \$10.00 bill.

If the quality of goods and prices were compared with those of the home merchant, they would find, ninety-nine times out of a hundred, that they could do even better by trading at home. But then, ninety-nine times out of a hundred, they do not have the opportunity for comparing the prices, as they are seldom to be found in print. Suppose our merchants do quote a little higher price. If the farmer or citizen has any sense at all, he must know that to all these articles the freight or express must be added, and he is paying only that much more to the home merchant instead of to the railroad company. Suppose, again, that a trifle more is added. If the farmer or citizen has any sense at all he will understand that also, and trade at home, because he must know that the home merchant has got to make a profit; for does he not pay heavy taxes on his stock, much of which he is compelled to carry over from year to year? He also pays heavy taxes on the real estate in which he does business.

The people should all take into consideration, first, that the home merchant has made his home with us, that he has invested his all here, in dwellings, business blocks and goods, that he is yearly paying from \$100 to \$200 into the county treasury, which goes to make the burden of debt lighter for their shoulders; second, that the home merchant is ever ready with a very complete stock to furnish them with just the articles that they most need. For instance, if you buy a machine from Montgomery Ward & Co., which is not a standard article, most likely you will have to go to Montgomery Ward & Co. for repairs, and very likely will have to wait until the repairs come before you can go ahead with your corn-planting or hay-making. But if you buy a standard machine from your home merchant, you can, in most cases, get the needed repairs right here at home, and so, after a very short delay, get your men all at work again.

But the fact is that the merchants have become disgusted, trying to compete with this catalogue system, and so have, in order to make both ends meet, as it were, curtailed expenses wherever it has been possible to do so; and, among other things, they have quit advertising. In this they are partly to blame and partly responsible for the decline in their trade. For, with a liberal amount of space used in quoting prices and showing up the merits of their goods, the conditions would not be nearly so bad. Besides, the small revenue to the printer would enable and encourage him to write articles which will show up the catalogue business in its true light. Time and labor are worth just as much to the publisher as to any other business man, and so we can not do much towards educating the people along this line without some support from those

most interested

The catalogue system of trade is a curse to the country. It is a curse to the very ones who patronize the catalogue houses, if they but knew it.

LINCOLN LETTER

(Special Correspondence.)

The revenue bill is still the prevailing topic of conversation at the capital. The bill is to be presented at the house this week, and no doubt will be discussed to the exclusion of other bills. The new bill was agreed upon in detail by the joint committee a week ago, and a sub-committee has been at work carefully revising it and correcting the clerical errors in the typewritten copies. The expectation is that it will come before the house in splendid shape, and that very few important amendments will be offered or adopted.

Among the standing committees during the past week the principal interest has been centered around the proposed elevator bills and the investigation of telephone rates. After several hearings, the Ramsey elevator bill, House roll 70, has been recommended for passage with some slight amendments. In the meantime the committee to investigate telephone rates has had several very warm meetings, and at this writing has come to no definite conclusion. The evidence as to the expense of conducting a telephone business has been most startling in its variance, and it is probable that further evidence will be heard during the week. In the strife as to whether the independent lines shall be allowed to establish stations in the large cities, the special telephone committee seems to have lined up with the old line company.

The joint resolution calling for a constitutional convention has passed the senate by a unanimous vote, and it is now in the hands of the house committee. It is said that it will receive considerable opposition in the house, and may not pass. The statement recently made that the governor is opposed to the idea of a convention may have some effect in retarding the resolution. There are many who advocate the adoption of amendments instead of calling for a convention, on account of the expense which would be incurred by the convention. Others however point to the fact that in the last dozen years the state has spent \$140,000 attempting to adopt amendments, and failed in every case.

Interesting bills recently introduced in the Senate: 179, providing a penalty of not more than three years in the penitentiary or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 for the crime of desertion of minor children by parents; 181, changing the registration law to permit voters to register at the office of the city clerk on any day during the month preceding the election; 183, amending the pharmacy law in regard to registered pharmacists; 184, permitting the hooking or seining of fish in the Missouri river at any season of the year; 188, providing that road tax in counties not under township organization be paid half in labor and half in cash.

Up to date, the senate has passed 37 bills and killed 17; the house has passed 32 and killed 30. The senate has 38 bills on general file, ready for consideration, and the house has 40. The number of bills that pass both houses is usually about 110.

DIVIDE HAPPENINGS

E. D. Voss, who has been quite sick, is convalescent.
Misses Carrie and Blanche Wakenight visited with the Bichel young people, Sunday.
Lulu and Asa Spaur and Hattie and Ralph Throckmorton visited on Wiggle Creek, Sunday.
A pleasant surprise was given the family of Rev. and Mrs. Spaur, Friday evening, Feb. 20. All present report an enjoyable time.
In a letter, received from the Hoosier state, is recorded the fact that a fine ten pound boy recently arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Arnold.
H. L. Bell and family have recently returned from Ives, Neb., where they have been working on a ranch. Evidently, Henry thinks there is no place like Sherman county.
The question, "Resolved, that Fire is more destructive than Water", was debated at the literary in district No. 74, Monday evening. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

LOUP CITY HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

(EDITED BY ELLA POSTER.)
Bertha Mead and Beatrice Nightingale are absent from school.
Florence Leininger was absent from school, the first of the week.
Owing to the protracted meetings at the M. E. church, the K. K. Klub postpones the literary

until Friday evening, March 13th.—Edith Henry, Pres.

Mrs. Walker visited in the grammar and primary rooms, last week.

Emma Outhouse is absent from school, this week, on account of a gripe.

Mrs. J. I. Depew and Miss Lena Smith visited the second, third and fourth rooms, Monday.

Irene Gibson and Josie John were absent from school, the first of the week, on account of sickness.

The program given by the "Merry Twenty-four", last Friday evening, was well attended, the seats being nearly all taken. Come again, and we will try to do as well as before.

Prof. Mead was unable to teach his room, the latter part of last week, on account of a severe attack of neuralgia, but his pupils were glad to find him in his accustomed place on Monday morning.

The question for the next debate is: "Resolved, that the President and Vice President should be Elected by the Popular Vote". Leaders: Affirmative, Etta Lofholm; negative, Clarence Benschoter.

A farewell party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mellor, Saturday evening, in honor of their son, Earl, who has decided to enter a naval academy. He departed, Wednesday noon, for Lincoln where he will take his examinations.

Among the crowd at the literary, Friday evening, we were pleased to see the face of one of the teachers of our school. She being the only teacher who has attended, we wish to thank Miss Young, and extend to her, and all others, a cordial invitation to come and help the members of the high school along in their work.

BRIDGE NOTICE.

Sealed bids, with plans and specifications will be received at the office of the county clerk of Sherman county, Nebraska, at Loup City, in said county, on or before noon of the third day of March, 1903 for the building of all the bridges that may be required to be constructed by said county during the term of one year from the letting of the contract, for the construction of said bridges, such bids to be by the lineal foot and contract to be let for the building of such bridges as may be required at a specified sum per lineal foot; plans, specifications and bids to be made on wood bridges, on low water bridges and on high water bridges. Plans for low water bridges to be prepared to suit quick and heavy currents, to be 16 to 24 feet long, and the high water bridges to be spans 24 to 40 feet long, with suitable approaches. All bridges to be set on good, long oak piling and span timbers to be full length of span. Bids also to be filed for replacing spans in Loup river bridges in said county, that may require replacing during the term of one year. The county board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated at Loup City, Nebraska, January 31st, 1903.
GEO. GIBSON, County Clerk.

NOTICE TO LAND OWNERS

To all whom it may concern:
The commissioner appointed to vacate a part of Road No. 19, commencing at the south east corner of Sunny Slope cemetery, which is located on the north west quarter of Section 16, Township 15, Range 15 west, in Sherman county, Neb., and running thence in a north westerly direction to where said road No. 19 intersects with road No. 65, terminating at said intersection, has reported in favor of vacating said road, and all objections thereto or claims for damages must be filed in the county clerk's office, on or before noon of the 28th day of March, 1903, or such road will be vacated without reference thereto.
Dated this 28th day January, 1903.
Geo. H. Gibson, County Clerk.

The peculiar cough which indicates croup is well known to the mother of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Do not waste valuable time in experimenting with untried remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended, but give this medicine as directed and all symptoms of croup will quickly disappear. For sale by Odendahl Bros.

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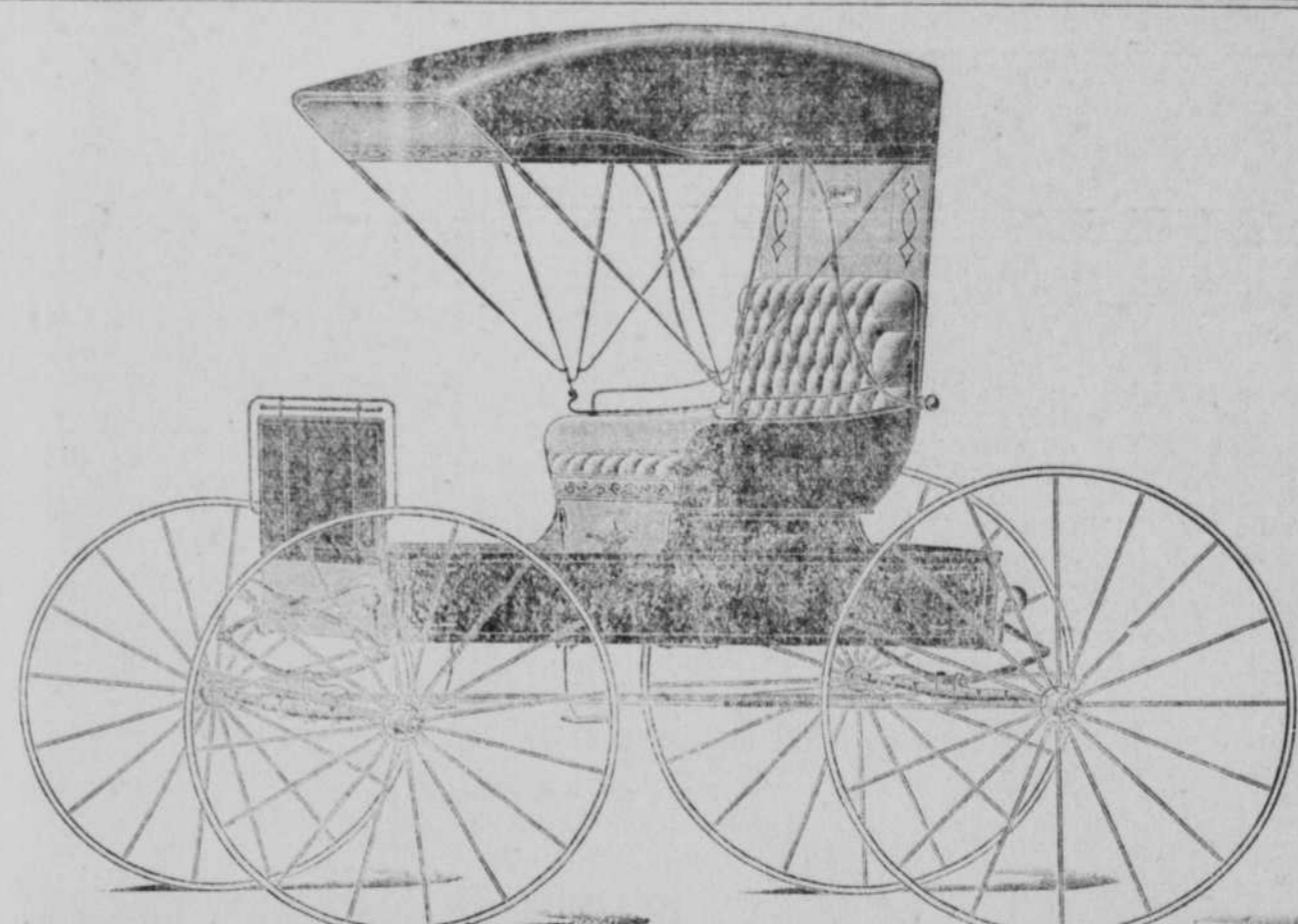
This is easier said than done, yet it may be of some help to consider the matter. If the cause is something over which you have no control it is obvious that worrying will not help the matter in the least. On the other hand, if within your control you have only to act. When you have a cold and fear an attack of pneumonia, buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and use it judiciously and all cause for worry as to the outcome will quickly disappear. There is no danger of pneumonia when it is used. For sale by Odendahl Bros.

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