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The second blizzard spasm of the winter last week, following closely in the footsteps of the first, proved the worst of the two. Not only here in old Sherman, but broadcast over the state, telephone and telegraph wires have been laid low and it will be some time before regular communication will again be perfected. At Fremont, for instance, the Tribune claims all wires were laid low and almost every phone put out of commission. Loup City did not suffer as much, but the county circuits were almost generally put into discard.

The editor was called away last Tuesday morning to Omaha, partially on business matters, but more especially to accompany his aged mother-in-law that far on her return to her Iowa home, after a visit at this editorial home of some six months, the longest she has been away from her own fireside in the 77 years of her eventful life. While absent, the editor will visit the legislature a day and see if they are doing as nicely as they would have done had the writer not been compelled to stay at home through force of circumstances.

It's awful nice to be a railroader. By wireless, we were informed Saturday that in addition to the snow blockade on the B. & M. and U. P. branches, the U. P. had some five cars of one train that parted company with the rails, while the B. & M. had some cars of one train on this side of St. Paul which tried to cut across the country and got a distance of at least thirty feet from the rails in a cross-country flight before stopped.

Dodge of Douglas has presented a measure which provides that in printing, posting or distributing political advertisements either for the election or defeat of any candidate or any constitutional amendment the name of the chairman and secretary or two officers of the organization issuing the same or the voters who are responsible therefor with their names and addresses and the name of the printer shall be attached. Failure makes penalty of fine or imprisonment or both.

During the last six months, exports of wheat and flour to foreign ports has aggregated in bushels, 177,845,498. This is a total for the six months 22 per cent larger than the entire exports of wheat during the full year previous.

So, Boat-loads of wheat leaving America's wharf, and the home price of that product high, and still going up—Say, Uncle, how are all the folks?

Roy Roberts, the paroled convict who has been on trial at North Platte for the murder of Vernon Connett, has been found guilty and will probably be the first one to suffer the death penalty under the new law of electrocution.

It was bad enough here, but a wireless from Harrington, north of O'Neil, in Holt county, claimed ten feet of snow on the level there. Now, don't get gay, and claim to be from Missouri, or we are liable to show you.

Added to the present war trou-

bles, England has added to its griefs recent earthquake shocks, causing death and destruction in mines, making a great many unworkable.

Items From 1914 Record

A grand total of \$9,872,936,000 was produced from American farms during 1914, according to the Department of Agriculture.

The grand total of American crops was \$6,034,480,000; the grand total of live stock was \$3,824,456,000.

Nebraska's total production from farms was \$471,420,846.

Nebraska's increase in value of farm products in 1914 over 1913 was \$38,430,748.

The value of the manufactured products from Nebraska factories, as voluntary reported to the state bureau of labor, is \$175,201,974, but this is the result only of voluntary reports, and does not represent the complete total by a large figure.

The number of employees in Nebraska factories, as voluntarily reported was 50,764.

The amount of capital invested in Nebraska factories, as voluntarily reported in 1914, was \$75,052,048.

The amount of wages paid to employees of Nebraska factories in 1914, according to these voluntary reports, was \$20,018,804.

The total of Nebraska property, exclusive of the railroads, as returned by the assessors, was \$2,359,669,360.

The total value of the railroad property, as fixed by the state board of assessments, was \$279,725,372.

The total value of the products of Omaha factories during 1914 was \$196,312,537.

The total value of goods distributed by the wholesalers and jobbers of Omaha last year was \$159,648,467.

The last two items are by no means by which an absolutely accurate record may be kept, and these figures represent the compilations of the Publicity Bureau from voluntary reports.

The receipts of live stock at Nebraska packing houses showed a decrease in number but an increase in value.

Shipments of grain received by the Omaha Grain Exchange in 1914 exceeded those of any previous year by several million bushels.

Total deposits in Nebraska banks, 1914, was \$209,210,620.

A Pretty Bad Place

Unobserved and unannounced the president of the church society entered the composing room just in time to hear these words issue from the mouth of the boss printer: "Billy, go to the devil and tell him to finish that murder he began this morning. Then kill 'William J. Bryan's Youngest Grandchild,' and dump the 'Sweet Angel of Mercy' into the hellbox. Then make up that 'Naughty Parisian Actress' and lock up 'The Lady in Her Boudoir.'"

Horrified, the good woman fled from that place of sin, and now her children wonder why they are not allowed to play with the printer's youngster.

"Israfil" Angel of Music. Israfil or Israfil, in Mohammedan mythology, was the angel of music, who possesses the most melodious voice of all God's creatures. This is the angel who is to sound the resurrection trumpet, and will ravish the ears of the saints in Paradise, Israfil, Gabriel and Michael, were the three angels that warned Abraham of Sodom's destruction. In the Koran we read: "and the angel Israfil, whose heart-strings are a lute, and who has the sweetest voice of all God's creatures."

RATE INCREASE NECESSARY

FARMERS' UNION OFFICIALS THINK RAILROADS ARE ENTITLED TO MORE REVENUE.

Products of Plow and Farmer Who Lives at Home Should Be Exempt From Increase.



By Peter Radford, Lecturer, National Farmers' Union.

The recent action of the Interstate Commerce Commission in granting an increase in freight rates in the eastern classification of territory; the application of the roads to state and interstate commissions for an increase in rates and the utterances of President Wilson on the subject bring the farmers of this nation face to face with the problem of an increase in freight rates. It is the policy of the Farmers Union to meet the issues affecting the welfare of the farmers squarely and we will do so in this instance.

The transportation facilities of the United States are inadequate to effectively meet the demands of commerce and particularly in the South and West additional railway mileage is needed to accommodate the movement of farm products. If in the wisdom of our Railroad Commissions an increase in freight rates is necessary to bring about an improvement in our transportation service, and an extension of our mileage, then an increase should be granted, and the farmer is willing to share such proportion of the increase as justly belongs to him, but we have some suggestions to make as to the manner in which this increase shall be levied.

Rates Follow Lines of Least Resistance.

The freight rates of the nation have been built up along lines of least resistance. The merchant, the manufacturer, the miner, the miller, the lumberman and the cattleman have had their traffic bureaus thoroughly organized and in many instances they have pursued the railroad without mercy and with the power of organized tonnage they have hammered the life out of the rates and with unrestrained greed they have eaten the vitals out of our transportation system and since we have had railroad commissions, these interests, with skill and cunning, are represented at every hearing in which their business is involved.

The farmer is seldom represented at rate hearings, as his organizations have never had the finances to employ counsel to develop his side of the case and, as a result, the products of the plow bear an unequal burden of the freight expense. A glance at the freight tariffs abundantly proves this assertion. Cotton, the leading agricultural product of the South, already bears the highest freight rate of any necessary commodity in commerce, and the rate on agricultural products as a whole is out of proportion with that of the products of the factory and the mine.

We offer no schedule of rates, but hope the commission will be able to give the railroad such an increase in rates as is necessary without levying a further toll upon the products of the plow. The instance seems to present an opportunity to the Railroad Commissions to equalize the rates as between agricultural and other classes of freight without disturbing the rates on staple farm products.

What is a Fair Rate?

We do not know what constitutes a basis for rate making and have never heard of anyone who did claim to know much about it, but if the prosperity of the farm is a factor to be considered and the railroad commission concludes that an increase in rates is necessary, we would prefer that it come to us through articles of consumption on their journey from the factory to the farm. We would, for example, prefer that the rate on hogs remain as at present and the rate on meat bear the increase, for any farmer can then avoid the burden by raising his own meat, and a farmer who will not try to raise his own meat ought to be penalized. We think the rate on coal and brick can much better bear an increase than the rate on cotton and flour. We would prefer that the rate on plows remain the same, and machinery, pianos and such articles as the poor farmer cannot hope to possess bear the burden of increase.

The increase in rates should be so arranged that the farmer who lives at home will bear no part of the burden; but let the farmer who boards in other states and countries and who feeds his stock in foreign lands pay the price of his folly.

FOR SALE

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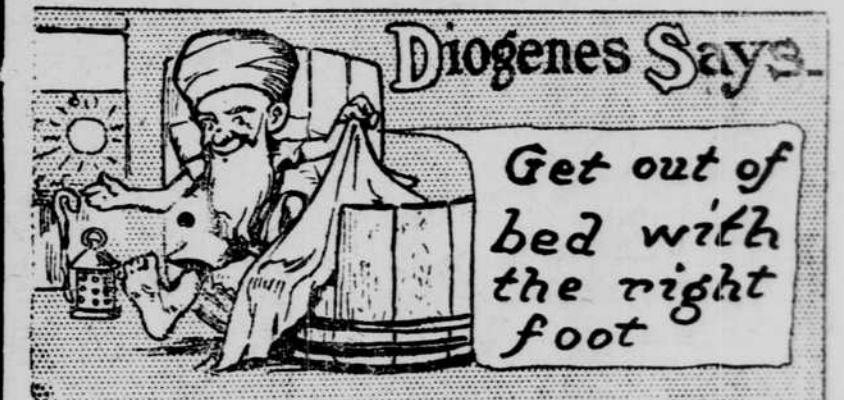
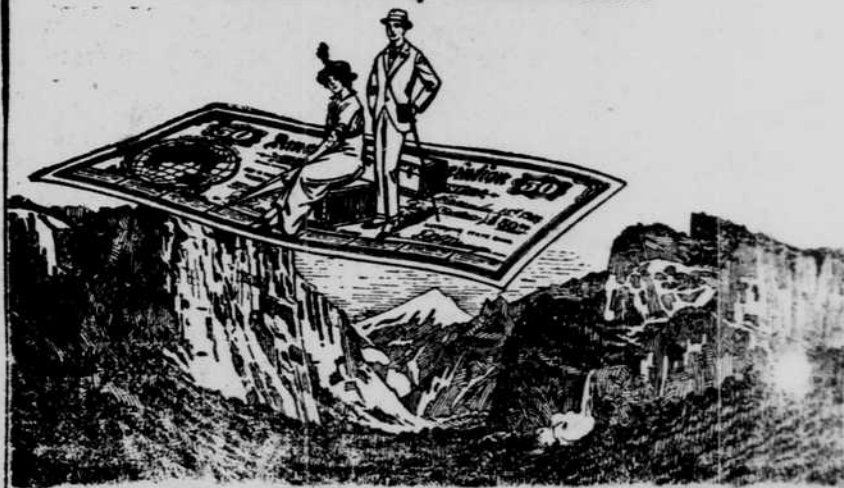
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Get the best fence anchor from The Keystone Lumber Co., for 5 cents.

Yards at Loup City, Ashton, Rockville, Schaupps and Arcadia

English Prejudice Against Corn. Maize has long been grown in England as a forage crop for cattle and horses—but this is not sugar corn—and the average Britisher has not yet overcome his prejudice against eating horse feed. Yet English cattle and English horses have an enviable reputation in parts of the world outside of England, and it may be that the Englishman will take a leaf out of his horse book.

Cut Down in His Prime. Early Brown county history says the first stake driven in laying out the county was soaked in whisky and placed in position by Brummett, who was the first commissioner of the county. Brummett was thrown from a pony when one hundred and eleven years old, and killed.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Fortunate People. It has been rightly said that "the fortunate people—the truly fortunate—are not so much those who succeed in life as those who succeed in living." Right living is a beautiful art, made up of courage and kindness and hard work and true religion; and it is open to everybody.—Selected.

Simple Remedy. In emergency or fainting give sips of water, hot or cold. The body must be kept warm.—Ed. Dingley, M. D. (London).

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THE RURAL PRESS

The Local Paper a Most Useful Agency on the Farm—The Press, Pulpit and School a Trinity of Influence That Must Be Utilized in Building Agriculture.

By Peter Radford Lecturer National Farmers' Union

A broad campaign of publicity on the subject of rural life is needed in this state today to bring the problems of the farmers to the forefront. The city problems are blazoned upon the front pages of the metropolitan dailies and echoed in the country press, but the troubles of the farmers are seldom told, except by those who seek to profit by the story, and the glitter of the package oftentimes obscures the substance. A searching investigation into the needs of the farmers will reveal many inherent defects in our economic system that can be easily remedied when properly understood and illuminated by the power of the press.

The rural press, the pulpit and the school are a trinity of powerful influences that the farmer must utilize to their fullest capacity before he can occupy a commanding position in public affairs. These gigantic agencies are organized in every rural community and only await the patronage and cooperation of the farmers to fully develop their energy and usefulness. They are local forces working for the best interests of their respective communities. Their work is to build and their object is to serve. They prosper only through the development and prosperity of the community.

Every farmer in this state should subscribe for the local paper, as well as farm periodicals and such other publications as he may find profitable, but he should by all means subscribe for his local paper, and no home should be without it. The local paper is part of the community life and the editor understands the farmer's problems. It is the local press that will study the local problems and through its columns deal with subjects of most vital importance to local life of the community.

A Noble Task.

In too many instances the country papers mimic the city press by giving prominence to scandals, accidents and political agitation. The new rural civilization has placed upon the rural press renewed responsibilities, and enlarged possibilities for usefulness. It cannot perform its mission to agriculture by recording the frailties, the mishaps and inordinate ambitions of humanity, or by filling its columns with the echoes of the struggles of busy streets, or by enchanting stories of city life which lure our

chicken from the farm.

It has a higher and nobler task. Too often the pages of the city dailies bristle with the struggle of ambitious men in their wild lust for power, and many times the flames of personal conflict sear the tender buds of new civilization and illuminate the pathway to destruction. The rural press is the governing power of public sentiment and must hold steadfast to principle and keep the ship of state in the roadstead of progress. The rural press can best serve the interests of the farmers by applying its energies to the solution of problems affecting the local community. It must stem the mighty life current that is moving from the farm to the cities, sweeping before it a thousand boys and girls per day. It has to deal with the fundamental problems of civilization at their fountain head. Its mission is to direct growth, teach efficiency and mold the intellectual life of the country, placing before the public the daily problems of the farmers and giving first attention to the legislative, co-operative, educational and social needs of the agricultural classes within its respective community.

The Power of Advertising.

The influence of advertising is clearly visible in the homes and habits of the farmers, and the advertising columns of the press are making their imprint upon the lives of our people. The farmer possesses the things that are best advertised.

The farmer is entitled to all the advantages and deserves all the luxuries of life. We need more art, science and useful facilities on the farms, and many homes and farms are well balanced in this respect, but the advertiser can render a service by teaching the advantages of modern equipment throughout the columns of the rural press.

Famous Paris Shopping Street.

That wonderful street of shops in Paris, known as the Rue de Rivoli, was begun in 1802 and was named in honor of Napoleon's victory at Rivoli, in 1797, during the Italian campaign. It was not finished, however, until 1865, during the reign of Napoleon III, to whom Paris is indebted for much of its grandeur.

Some Famous Italians.

Volta and Galvani made great contributions to the science of electricity, but Galvani was not a scientist. His energies all ran in the direction of battle for the social and political emancipation of humanity, especially of his own countrymen. If you have not already done so you should read the life of Garibaldi—the most popular name in the history of modern Italy.—Chicago Examiner.

Java Surpasses Egypt.

Java surpasses Egypt in the number of temples of sculpture. In the past Java possessed a religion that in vast wealth of sculpture surpasses anything Egypt can show.