

# TRUSTEE'S SALE OF THE BANKRUPT STOCK OF THE Nebraska Mercantile Co.

The Nebraska Mercantile Co. made an assignment on January 23d, for the benefit of its creditors and the undersigned has been appointed by its creditors, trustee, with power to sell and dispose of all the stock of goods, wares, merchandise, furniture and fixtures, the property of the Nebraska Mercantile Co. at less than cost price.

The Nebraska Mercantile Co. was by far the largest department store in this section of the state. Its stock of goods invoices

## \$18,000.00.

This immense stock of merchandise will, by order of creditors of the Nebraska Mercantile Co., be sold at much less than wholesale cost. The stock was selected by experienced buyers and bought on the lowest market, and I am instructed to turn the stock into cash at a large discount from the last price. THE STOCK CONSISTS OF DRY GOODS, CARPETS, BOOTS AND SHOES, GROCERIES, QUEENSWARE CROCKERY, NOTIONS, GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS AND CLOTHING.

Local merchants in this and surrounding towns will find it to their advantage to inspect this stock with a view of purchasing job lots of these goods, as I can sell them to you cheaper than the wholesale houses.

Highest market prices paid for butter and eggs.

**R. D. CASTON, Trustee.**

### THE CHIEF

PUBLISHED BY  
W. L. McMILLAN.  
One year..... \$1.00  
Six months..... .50

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

Entered at the post office at Red Cloud, Neb., as second class mail matter.

ADVERTISING RATES:  
Local advertising 5 cents per line per issue.  
Local advertising for entertainments, concerts, socials, etc., given by churches, charitable societies, etc., where all moneys raised therefrom are used wholly for church or charitable societies, first ten lines free and all over ten lines 3/4 cents per line per issue.  
Local advertising of entertainments, concerts, socials, etc., where per cent is given to promoters, 6 cents per line per issue.

DISPLAY ADVERTISING:  
One column per month..... \$7.00  
One-half column per month..... 3.50  
One-fourth column per month..... 1.75  
General display advertising, 8 1/2 cents per inch per issue.

Kansas is prolific in freaks. Not long ago it was Peffer, then came Mrs. Lease and now it is Mrs. Nation. No wonder some of the western states do not show up well in the late census.

Should some of the would-be mashers who stand around the corners or the depot platform staring ladies out of countenance run "up against a circumstance," some of these times, they will possibly take a tumble and not be so obnoxious.

The president of a college, when asked by a student if he could not take a short course replied: "Yes, but that depends upon what you want to make of yourself. When God wants to make an oak he takes a hundred years, but when he wants to make a squash he takes six months."

Here is a discouraging proposition for prohibitionists: "A Kansas man has discovered that brandy can be made out of wet sawdust. Now a discouraged prohibitionist asked what chance can a really good cause have when a man can go forth with a rip saw and get drunk on a rail fence."—Ex.

The society editor, in describing the belle of a New Year's ball, concluded, saying, "And her dainty feet were incased in shoes, that resembled fairy boots," but he was horror stricken the next morning on glancing down the columns of his paper to see that the blundering printer had set it up in this manner: "And her dirty feet were incased in shoes that resembled ferris-boats."—Kansas City P. Letters.

An exchange thus explains the significance of the editorial "we." "It may have a variety of meanings. For example, when you read, 'We ex-

pect our wife home today," "we" refers to the editor." We are a little late with our work," includes the whole office force, even the devil and the towel; in "we are having a boom" the town is meant; but "we have hog cholera in our midst" means that the man who takes our paper and does not pay for it is ill.

The conundrum "Why is a newspaper like a woman?" is going the rounds just now. The various answers given are: "Because it has to have someone to run it." "Because both have to be known to be appreciated." "Because both are good advertising mediums." "Because both have to be pressed." "Because it sometimes changes its dress and tells tales." The correct answer is, "Because every man should have one of his own and not be running after his neighbor's."

Of all classes of kickers in the world the Loup City Times editor thinks the town and city kicker is the hardest to get along with. On the farm there is the long eared mule and the cow which kicks over the milk, but the cow can be sold for beef and the mule worked off on the unsuspecting in a trade. But the town kicker is hopeless. He wants all the privileges of municipal life without paying for them and blocks every public improvement which will cost him a cent. It is contrary to law to shoot him; he will not move away; he never dies but once and puts that off as long as possible.

Two Sedgwick county Kansas farmers are negotiating for a couple of 18-year-old elephants to use in wheat raising. An elephant is as strong as five good draft horses, just as intelligent, insured to hot weather, and adds to this his great weight and remarkable utility of his trunk. It is expected that with one elephant and a four gang plow one man can plow eight acres of stubble a day. These elephants are from the lumber regions of India, where they have been trained to pile lumber with great skill. With this preliminary training they will soon learn to stack wheat bundles, and also to load them into racks and throw to the highest stacks.

The legislature will probably pass a law that will materially change the method of purchasing supplies for the state institutions. Under the present system these institutions purchase by contract and usually of the local merchant. The bill now pending provides that the board may purchase supplies when it pleases and where it pleases and in large quantities. The idea or aim is to purchase at one time for all the

institutions, buying by the car-load or in wholesale lots. This method will save the state many thousands of dollars annually. Iowa has such a law and a review of Iowa's expense sheet shows that the method is a great saving to the state over Nebraska's method. That the bill is being urged for passage by the governor, is another evidence that Dietrich has business methods about him and will put them into force in the management of affairs of the state.

We naturally look for some reaction in business from the booming of the holiday times, and the sagging back that comes with a season that is as the farmers put it "between hay and grass," but we have not yet seen any evidence of serious demoralization following expansion, nor of such a change as indicates any condition of unnatural inflation. The reports of the business agencies are favorable although conservative. We may look for a continuation of fair business activity throughout the country, even if foreign business falls off somewhat, which would be only natural. Our prosperity has been founded on solid growth and development, and although adverse winds may blow they will not affect the great body of business that is legitimate and substantial.

#### Death Blow to Fusion.

The following is the clause in the proposed election law now under consideration by the Kansas legislature. If the law is passed there will be no more fusion in Kansas:

"Wherever any person shall receive two or more nominations for the same office, he shall be deemed to have accepted the nomination first made and to have declined the others, unless within the time limited for filing certificates of nomination he shall file in the office where such certificates of nomination are required to be filed a written statement, signed and sworn to by him, designating which one of such nominations he desires to accept, and upon filing thereof he shall be deemed to have declined the other nominations."

Whenever any person shall receive two or more nominations for the same office at the same time, it shall be his duty, within the time limited for the filing of certificates of nomination, to file with the officer with whom the certificates of nomination are filed a written statement, signed and sworn to by him, designating which one of such nominations he desires to accept, and upon the filing thereof, he shall be deemed to have declined the other

nominations; and if he shall refuse or neglect to file such an election, the officers with whom the certificates of nominations are filed, shall, immediately upon the expiration of the time for the filing of certificates of nomination, make and file in his office an election of one nomination for such candidate. The officer charged with the printing of the official ballots shall print such candidate's name upon the



This picture is the trade mark of SCOTT'S EMULSION, and is on every bottle of SCOTT'S EMULSION in the World, which now amounts to many millions yearly. This great business has grown to such vast proportions,

**First**—Because the proprietors have always been most careful in selecting the various ingredients used in its composition, namely: the finest Cod Liver Oil, and the purest Hypophosphites.

**Second**—Because they have skillfully combined the various ingredients that the best possible results are obtained by its use.

**Third**—Because it has made many sickly, delicate children strong and healthy, given healthy and rosy cheeks to so many pale, anemic girls, and healed the lungs and restored to full health, so many thousands in the first stages of consumption.

If you have not tried it, send for free sample. Agreeable taste will surprise you.  
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists,  
409-415 Pearl Street, New York.  
50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

official ballot under the designation so selected, but under no other designation whatever.

Party certificates of nomination shall designate in not more than two words of which the word "party" shall be one, the political party which the convention, primary election, or resented; as, for instance, "Republican party," "Democratic party," "Peoples party," "Populist party," or "Prohibitionist party;" but a compound hyphenated word shall not be used to designate the name of a political party within the meaning of this act."

#### PICKED UP FRESH.

Two young men in a Kansas town who are both in love with the same girl have decided to fight a duel to see who shall be the bride groom and who shall be the corpse.

The old fashioned lover gave his girl a candy heart which said: "Will you be mine?" The lover of the fashionable novel gets down on his knees and swears ardent devotion through life. But those times are gone. The lover of today generally goes courting to a different house every night. The lover of today is very coy and smooth and has to be caught and held.

Children don't think a party is complete without something to eat. Men don't think it is complete unless there is something to drink. A woman is quite satisfied without either so long as she has on her best clothes.

A burglar always knows how to get in a house when there is no one at home. All he has to do is to look under the pots, kettles, pans, and other articles which surround the kitchen door.

The woman who sews one button on her husband's shirt shows more real affection than the one who talks for an hour about the love she feels for him.

Talk about woman not being a progressive creature. Now she is of more importance than man, while back in Eve's time she was only a side issue.

Some women will work day in and day out and even go so far as to take in washing in order that their husbands may sit around and chew and smoke and drink and talk about hard times.

It is a thousand times better to be lied about than to lie about somebody else.

A little girl who visited in the country refused to drink milk for the reason that her hostess had let it set until it had a thick scum over it. It was the first time she had ever seen any real cream.

### The Excuse

Made by many a man for taking a drink at the bar is that he needs a bracer. He feels weak, his stomach is "out of sorts" and liquor makes him "feel good." The tired man who sits on a pin leaps up with new energy, but no one would say that this energy was evidence of the strength giving power of a pin. So with the energy induced by liquors. They only spur the man on, but do not strengthen it.



Strength is made from food properly digested and assimilated. There is no alcohol in "Golden Medical Discovery," and it is entirely free from opium, cocaine and all other narcotics.

Accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery." There is no other medicine "just as good" for diseases of the stomach and allied organs.

"Your 'Golden Medical Discovery' and Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy have been of great benefit to me," writes (Prof.) Pleasant A. Oliver, of Viola, Fulton Co., Ark. "Before I used the above mentioned remedies my sleep was not sound; digestion bad; a continual feeling of misery. I now feel like a new man."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate the bowels and liver.

A boy in bed is worth two in the parlor when his big sister has company.

The difference between a deep sea shark and a land shark is that a deep sea shark will bite your leg off while a land shark will merely pull it.

Beer is said to be fattening, but too much of it will make a person lean up against a fence post or tree.

The person who generally says they would welcome death as a relief from the sufferings and pains of this world is the one who generally wants three or four doctors sent for as soon as they catch a cold.

A uniformity of opinion now exists among men that good husbands are made by letting them have their own way.

Verily, I say unto you, it is a wise father that knoweth as much as his ten year old son in this day and age.