

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Plattsmouth Man Found Dead.
Plattsmouth, Neb., Oct. 17.—Neighbors found Frank Maurer, Jr., lying by his wood pile dead. He was forty-nine years of age. The verdict of the coroner's jury was "that he came to his death by some means unknown to the jury, but we find there was no violence of any kind."

Missionary Union Names Officers.
Lincoln, Oct. 13.—At a meeting held in the Plymouth Congregational church by the Nebraska Women's Home Missionary union the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. E. Tuttle of Lincoln; vice president, Mrs. J. P. Walton of Lincoln; recording secretary, Mrs. J. F. Stevens of Lincoln; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. Bross of Lincoln; treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Hall of Lincoln.

Hospital Nurse Succumbs.
Lincoln, Oct. 12.—Miss Mabel McGaw, a nurse at the Lincoln hospital for the insane, is dead, the first victim of typhoid fever at the hospital. Miss McGaw had been an employe of the institution for four years and resided at Hastings, where her parents live. The body was taken there. No new cases have developed so far and Superintendent Green is hopeful that no new cases will occur.

Elevator Men File Answer.
Lincoln, Oct. 16.—The Omaha Elevator company filed its brief in the grain case and it contains considerable legislative information, and at the same time attempts to declare unconstitutional all laws enacted by the legislatures of years past affecting grain dealers, together with the repeal of the 1887 act by implication by the 1905 act, under which it holds, therefore, the action is brought.

National Prison Congress.
Lincoln, Oct. 17.—The meeting of the National Prison congress, to be held here Oct. 21 to 26, promises to be one of the largest attended the association has ever held. The local committee has secured headquarters in parlor A at the Lindell hotel and since this announcement has been made hundreds of letters asking for the reservation of rooms have been received from all parts of the United States and from Canada. As the railroads have made a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip from all parts of the United States several hundred delegates are expected.

Omaha Second Corn Market.
Omaha, Oct. 14.—Omaha is far ahead of all competitors for the second place among the primary corn markets of the world and the prediction is confidently made that the Gate City easily will finish the year in second place. It will be the first time in its history that Omaha has been able to outclass Kansas City and St. Louis as regards annual receipts of corn. Chicago always has stood first in this respect. For the eight months ending Aug. 31 Chicago had received 76,509,935 bushels of corn, Omaha 12,958,000 bushels, St. Louis 10,973,225 bushels and Kansas City 10,904,700 bushels.

LIGHTNING TAKES ELEVATOR.
Several Fires Result From Electrical Storm in Gage County.

Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 16.—One of the worst electrical storms of the season, accompanied by a heavy rainfall, visited this locality, doing considerable damage to property. The elevator owned by Ewart & Wilkinson Grain company at Hoag was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. There was a considerable amount of grain in the building. A small barn belonging to Louie Graff, in West Beatrice, and one on the farm of M. A. Seibert, north of the city, were struck by lightning and consumed. Mr. Seibert lost a valuable team of horses. In trying to save his horses, Mr. Seibert had his hands severely burned. Lightning has destroyed two barns on the same foundation within a year. Telephone and telegraph lines were badly damaged by the storm.

OMAHA GAS CONTRACT PASSES.

Officers at Mayor's Command Compel Attendance of Aldermen.
Omaha, Oct. 12.—With policemen guarding every egress, by orders from Mayor Moores, Councilmen Zimman, Nicholson and O'Brien were held in the council chamber so they could not escape and break a quorum of six members. The \$28 gas street lighting contract with the Omaha Gas company was passed, with the chair refusing to put the question and the minority refusing to participate. Mayor Moores, who was present, immediately returned the contract with the bond approved. City Attorney Breen says the ordinance is not worth the paper it is written on. Attorney W. J. Connell says it is perfectly valid.

Men who have attended council meetings for years in Omaha say that the session was the wildest and most profane they ever saw. Epithets were hurled back and forth between Mayor Moores and minority councilmen. Personal encounters between him and Councilman O'Brien seemed imminent

at several stages. A fist fight between O'Brien and Police Officer Ring was narrowly averted. Temporary President Nicholson, from the chair, made a speech in which great excitement rendered his words nearly incoherent, in which he declared he would leave the council chamber when he got ready, even though it cost him his life. He tried to borrow a revolver, but did not attempt to leave until Mayor Moores had lifted the barricades.

Burlington Brakeman Killed.
Plattsmouth, Neb., Oct. 18.—While James Kirkendall, a Burlington switchman at Pacific Junction, was attempting to make a coupling he slipped and fell under a car and was so badly crushed that he died two hours later. He leaves a wife and one son.

Charles Russell Pardoned.
Lincoln, Oct. 17.—Governor Mickey has pardoned Charles Russell, sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary for the murder of Aloks Standemaler, in Dawes county, in 1906. Sufficient evidence was shown the governor to make him believe Russell was innocent of the crime for which he was sentenced.

Holmes to Manage Lincoln Team.
Lincoln, Oct. 12.—William Holmes of the Chicago American League team is to become a baseball magnate next year, if plans are carried out. Assurance was received from him that he would manage and assume financial responsibility for the Lincoln team that is to have a place in the reorganized Western League.

Sharp Libel Suit Dismissed.
Lincoln, Oct. 17.—In the court of Justice Stevens the suit of W. E. Sharp, head of the Royal Highlanders' fraternal order, against E. E. Brown, editor of the Hastings Observer, was dismissed. Sharp charged criminal libel on the part of the editor. The court held that any insurance institution is subject to scrutiny and publicity and a certain amount of criticism.

Jury Has Parker Murder Case.
Pender, Neb., Oct. 18.—The case of Sam Parker, charged with the killing of Andrew Johnson, both Omaha Indians, has been in court the last three days. At the conclusion of this trial the jury was instructed by Judge Graves to eliminate the first and second degrees of murder, and, if the evidence was sufficient, to find the accused guilty of manslaughter. The head, which was decapitated at the coroner's inquest, was not brought into court, as such evidence would be revolting to the community. The testimony of the two physicians in the case was deemed sufficient.

Grand Island Man Missing.
Grand Island, Neb., Oct. 18.—Mrs. Blanche Baker of this city is nearly frantic over the mysterious disappearance of her husband on Oct. 8, since which time she has not heard a word from him. Baker was cook at the Jamieson hotel. He left on Sunday afternoon, taking with him \$150 in money. He had not given his wife the least intimation of intending to go away, was secure in his position and had never, Mrs. Baker states, had an unpleasant word at home. Mrs. Baker attempted suicide by taking morphine, but doctors revived her. Her relatives in Salt Lake have been advised.

Mrs. Imboden Elected President.
Lincoln, Oct. 18.—The Women's Foreign Missionary society for Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Texas, Wyoming, South Dakota, Oklahoma and Arizona concluded a four days' session here. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. H. Imboden, Wichita; corresponding secretary, Miss Ella Watson, Lincoln; recording secretary, Mrs. J. R. Madison, Manhattan; treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Davis, Lincoln; secretary of Young People's works, Mrs. C. F. Rinker, Lincoln; secretary of children's works, Miss Susie B. Sweet, Topeka; secretary of literature, Mrs. Alma Platt, Wichita. Mrs. Imboden was named as a delegate to the executive council, which meets in New York city.

MORTON STATUE IS IN PLACE.

Ready for Unveiling Ceremonies Which Are to Be Held Oct. 28.

Nebraska City, Neb., Oct. 12.—The statue of the late J. Sterling Morton has been put in place in Morton park and is now ready for the unveiling ceremonies on Saturday, Oct. 28. Ex-President Grover Cleveland will deliver the unveiling address and a number of men of national reputation will also be on the program.

The railroad companies will run a number of special trains to this city on that day, and the citizens are preparing to entertain an immense crowd of persons. Seats will be arranged east of the monument to accommodate about 10,000 people and they will be so placed that the occupants can easily hear the speakers and witness the unveiling of the monument.

Women Take Part in Campaign.
Philadelphia, Oct. 18.—A new feature in political campaigning in Philadelphia was the appointment by Will-

iam T. Tilden, chairman of the City party campaign committee, of twenty-nine women, wives of prominent men of the city, who took an active part in the present political battle. They will make a special effort to get out the star-at-home voters.

Bryan in Tokio.
Tokyo, Oct. 17.—William J. Bryan arrived here and was warmly welcomed by members of the Japanese-American society. He was given a dinner at the Maple club by the same society. It is expected he will be granted an audience by the mikado within the next few days.

Jerry Simpson Very Low.
Wichita, Kan., Oct. 17.—Ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson is very low. The hemorrhage attack was unusually severe and left him in a very weak condition. He is unable to take nourishment of any kind. Slight hemorrhages have occurred at frequent intervals.

MAKING PIPE ORGANS.

Interesting Work That Is Done In the Voicing Room.

Both the metal and wooden pipes of a pipe organ are made on the selfsame principle of the willow whistles that every man made when he was a boy, and so, after all, a pipe organ, the mightiest musical instrument yet invented, is but the evolution of that primitive pipe of Pan, the willow whistle.

The most interesting place in an organ factory is the voicing room. Up to the time the pipes enter this room they are as dumb as broomsticks. Here the breath of life is breathed into them, and they are made to speak, each in the voice intended by its maker. Here the big fat pipes are taught to thunder out their diapason and those scarce the diameter of a slate pencil and one-half an inch long to utter their shrill whistle and others the thousands of varying tones between. And not only must the pipes of one stop speak correctly as individuals and members of their own particular family, but they must be in accord with all the hundreds of others in whose midst they are to live. To see that they do this is the work of a man whose ear is keen to the slightest variation and who must know why a pipe does not speak as it should and how to make it. One by one the pipes are set upon the wind chest standing here, with the bellows and all the internal mechanism of an organ properly adjusted and with a keyboard in front of him the voicer tests each one. By changing the size and shape of the aperture through which the wind passes he governs the tone until it is exactly what it should be, a task which only a man with the nicest sense of sound can accomplish.

DESKS OF FAMOUS MEN.

There Are Many of Them Scattered About the Country.

The desk of Salmon P. Chase, a plain piece of furniture made from mahogany, is in one of the rooms of the treasury department at Washington. There are many of these old desks scattered about the country, their chief claim to interest being that once some well known man leaned over them.

Alexander Hamilton's traveling desk, made of mahogany and measuring 12 by 16 inches and 10 inches high, is an interesting object. Upon this desk was written much of his literary work, and the worn green baize with which it is lined attests to the use to which it was put. There is a drawer in one side and several compartments for pens and ink, while upon the top is inlaid a silver plate with the name "General Alexander Hamilton" engraved upon it. Within the top is a strip of parchment which says, "Given by Mrs. General Schuyler to her daughter, Mrs. General A. Hamilton." No doubt the convenient size was what recommended it to the general.

Nathaniel Hawthorne's desk is preserved at the custom house, Salem, Mass. A desk at which he wrote some of his inimitable romances was just a board standing out from the wall at an angle. This is still in the tower room at Wayside, his home at Concord, Mass. Victor Hugo had in his Guernsey house a study built almost entirely of glass and perched upon the roof. Like Hawthorne, he, too, stood at his writing, and his desk was a mere shelf fastened by hinges to the wall.—Delaware.

Origin of a Phrase.

Many years ago the will dees that roamed through the forests of England used to dig holes in the earth with their forefeet. They pawed it out sometimes to the depth of several inches, sometimes a foot or more. These holes were called "scrapes," and travelers at dusk or night or those who were careless about their footing often tumbled into them. They were laughed at for their heedlessness when they came home covered with mud, and, as

this frequently occurred after they had been imbibing a bit, they were said to have "got into a scrape." Some Cambridge students took up this expression, and thus it came to be applied to people who had got into difficulties of various sorts.

Cooked Under Water.

In 1796 one James Austin laid a wager of \$500 that he would cook a plum pudding ten feet beneath the surface of the Thames near Rotherhithe. The bet was readily accepted, and many people flocked to the appointed locale to watch this strange exhibition of the culinary art. Inclosed in a tin pan in the center of a sack of lime the pudding was lowered beneath the water, where for two hours and a half it remained. It was then taken up and partaken of by a committee, who declared that Austin had won his wager, the pudding being, if anything, overdone.

A Broad Hint.

"Mamma," said a six-year-old girl, entering the sitting room one morning recently, "don't you want some candy?"

The mother was writing a letter. "Why, yes, dear," she replied. "Give me a piece."

"I ain't dot any," came from the child, "an' I ain't dot any nickel to dit none."

She got the nickel.—Kansas City Times.

Morally Improving Habit.

The habit of dressing well grows on a man like the opium habit, but its consequences, instead of being disastrous, are delightful and socially as well as morally improving.—Sartorial Art Review.

Bashfulness may sometimes exclude pleasure, but seldom opens any avenue to sorrow or remorse.—Johnson.

THE NEEDLE'S EYE.

Strange Story of How the Sewing Machine Riddle Was Solved.

Elias Howe almost beggared himself before he discovered where the eye of the needle of a sewing machine should be located. His original idea was to follow the model of the ordinary needle and have the eye at the heel. It never occurred to him that it should be placed near the point, and he might have failed altogether if he had not dreamed he was building a sewing machine for a savage king in a strange country. Just as in his actual waking experience, he was rather perplexed about the needle's eye. He thought the king gave him twenty-four hours to complete the machine and make it sew. If not finished in that time, death was to be the punishment.

Howe worked and worked and puzzled and puzzled and finally gave it up. Then he thought he was taken out to be executed. He noticed that the warriors carried spears that were pierced near the head. Instantly came the solution of the difficulty, and while the inventor was begging for time he awoke. It was 4 o'clock in the morning. He jumped out of bed, ran to his workshop, and by 9 a needle with an eye at the point had been rudely modeled. After that it was easy. This is the true story of an important incident in the invention of the sewing machine.

ART OF CONVERSATION.

Spontaneity Is a Necessary Ingredient of Engaging Talk.

"What I wish," says an essayist in Cornhill Magazine, "is that people would apply the same sort of seriousness to talk that they apply to golf; that they should desire to improve their game, brood over their mistakes, try to do better. Why is it that so many people would think it priggish and effeminate to try to improve their talk and yet think it manly and rational to try to shoot better? Of course it must be done with a natural zest and enjoyment or it is useless."

"What a ghastly picture one gets of the old fashioned talkers and wits, committing a number of subjects to memory when they are dressing for dinner and then turning over a commonplace book for apposite anecdotes

and jests, adding dates to those selected that they may not tell the same story again too soon, learning up a list of epigrams, stuck in a shaving glass, sallying forth primed to bursting with conversation!

"It is all very well to know beforehand the kind of line you would wish to take, but spontaneity is a necessary ingredient of talk, and to make up one's mind to get certain stories in is to deprive talk of its fortuitous charm."

LONG ENGAGEMENTS.

A Woman's Plan by Which to Bring About Happy Marriages.

Marriage is an institution of the state; therefore she should put it out of the bonds of possibility that people can marry each other in two days or a week. How many marriages would be broken off if the state required a three years' engagement before people are married? After all, if a woman wants to become a nun in two months, no convent in the world will accept her. She must be a novice for two or three years. During that time she has to make an examination of her conscience every day and to find out if she has a vocation for a nun. But women and men marry without the slightest preparation, without the slightest thought of the future, while Dame Nature laughs at her most odd pairings. She wants her world peopled. That is her part. The men and women who are ill suited to each other are not her affair.

Girls and boys at school should be taught to look upon marriage as the most beautiful, the happiest, the most desirable and the most possible thing in the world. Boys should be taught to keep their minds and their bodies pure for the state which they will probably enter and to have a sense of protection and loyalty to girls, and girls should be taught industry, self sacrifice and responsibility for the married state.—Mrs. T. P. O'Connor in Black and White.

THE FOUR AGES.

So Life Goes, Always Has Gone and Always Will Go.

Here are man's four views of time: "You still have forty years to live," said the guardian spirit to the youth.

"It is a long, long time," the youth replied, "and I will do a great deal before it is past."

"You have thirty years yet to live," the guardian spirit said to the still young man.

"Well, that is quite awhile," was the reply. "Probably I cannot do all I had intended, but I will make quite a showing."

"You have twenty years to live," the spirit said to the middle aged man.

"Only twenty! Well, I suppose I will have to do the best I can in that length of time."

For the last time the guardian spirit appeared. "You yet have ten years left," he said to the rapidly aging man.

The man sighed. "But ten years," he whispered in reply. "And what can one do in those few days?"

And when the end had come the man looked backward and moaned, "I am leaving it nearly all undone!"

And so life goes, although youth will not believe it, and only old age fully realizes that it is so.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Training an Orator.

It seems at one period the Lewis orator shut himself in a dark room, wrapped a plaid round him, lay on his back and placed a large stone on the pit of his stomach. After about from twelve to twenty-four hours of this he was ready for his speech.—London Saturday Review.

The Bargain.

Littleton—What under the canopy are you going to do with all that white satin? Mrs. Littleton—Why, it's for baby! It was such a bargain. I knew I'd never find any so cheap again, and it will be lovely for her wedding gown.—Brooklyn Life.

He who speaks for any length of time in the presence of others without flattering his hearers awakens their displeasure.—Goethe.

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