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## CORRESPONDENCE

Interesting Items Gathered by Our County Reporters

### LINE

Corn is doing fluely.  
Wm. Van Dyke spent Sunday with friends in North Branch.  
Homer Fouts of Guide Rock visited with the Van Dykes this week.  
John Galbreth, Jr., has leased the S. C. Shuck ranch for the next year.  
Al Turner has done some good work on the Lebanon line.  
Farmers are cutting the third crop of alfalfa, which is good.

### BLADEN

Mrs. Alva McCord and children, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, east of Blue Hill, returned home Monday.  
Mrs. Wm. Johnson and daughter Mabel, who have been visiting in Lincoln returned home Friday.  
Mr. Cramer of Red Cloud was visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Cowley, Monday and Tuesday.  
Wm. Reed drove to Blue Hill Tuesday.  
Mrs. R. C. Chevalier returned Friday from a two weeks' visit in Kansas.  
Mrs. Carrie Adams and children returned Tuesday to their home in Hastings.  
Mrs. and Mrs. Searls returned to their home near Bloomington Tuesday, after spending several days' visiting friends and relatives here.  
George Madison is visiting at the home of J. W. Wratten.  
Mrs. J. Williams left Monday for South Dakota, where she goes to visit her son Charles.  
J. M. Lockhart drove over to Blue Hill Tuesday.  
Wayne Reed and family spent Sunday at the home of Fred Reed.

### Real Estate Transfers.

J A Saltzman to Sarah Saltzman lots 9 10 11 block 1 Jackson add to Red Cloud wd.....	\$ 1
Jno S Largent to Webster county part sec 4 9-1-9 wd.....	45
C J Platt to H W Dedrick lot 8 block 27 Red cloud wd.....	200
A H Keeney to Geo A Gneek w2 sw4 27 and e2 fe4 28-1-11 wd...	3200
Horace G Sawyer and wife to A R Davis block 1 Sawyers add to Inevrle wd.....	1500
State of Neb to James F Suter deed ne4 se4 and e2 ne4 16-3-11	860
Ezra H Jones and wife to L E Burwell e2 block 2 Inavale wd	175
Maud Myers and husband to Fannie McCune w2 e2 and e2 of ne4 2-1-11 wd.....	2100
Person Bingham to Hugh B Hunter n2 nw4 16-1-9 wd.....	2800

## THE INCONVENIENCE OF SUPERSTITION

[Original.]

Returning to the city after a six months' absence I hastened to congratulate my intimate friend Tom Funk on his engagement, which he had announced to me by letter a few days after my departure. I found him in his den at home smoking an after dinner cigar. He listened to all the pleasant things I had to say to him about entering upon the happy engagement period, then, after waiting for me to light a cigar he handed me, settled back in his chair and said:

"You're too late. It's off."  
"Off?"  
"Yes, off—off for good."  
"What's the trouble?"  
"There is or was just one fault in Molly, and, though I admit there are a great many in me, her one fault is a staggerer."  
"Extravagance?"  
"No. Quite economical."  
"Fond of admiration?"  
"No more than any woman."  
"Hot tempered?"  
"On the contrary, she's very amiable."

"I give it up. Tell me what it is."  
"She's chock full of petty superstitions. You know how long I was trying to get her. Well, the reason was that she was consulting fortune tellers to find out whether the match would be a lucky or an unlucky one. The witch she had most confidence in told her that there was a dark gentleman wanting her (that's me), but if she married him she'd be very unhappy. It took me a year to find out about this, but when I did I found the witch with a five dollar bill she told Molly she'd got the light and dark gentlemen mixed, and Molly was to marry the dark one. This settled it, and I supposed the coast was clear when Molly informed me that my original proposal had been made on a Friday and I must do it over. I was to call and take her by surprise just as I had done on the first occasion. I agreed, and do you know I struck the thirteenth day of the month. I had to wait a few weeks in order to surprise her again, and this time I didn't strike any bad luck. I proposed for the third time.

"Stupid ass that I was, I went off and bought an opal engagement ring. When I offered it Molly almost fainted. She said that even to offer an opal would involve a never ending chain of bad luck. The engagement must be broken and we must begin all over. This made me tired, but I was very much in love and consented to what I couldn't help. It took us two months to get around to where I could give her another ring. I bought one with a number of stones in the setting, a big one in the center, with two outer circles, the whole forming a cluster. As soon as she saw it she began to count the stones and in another moment turned pale and dropped the ring.

"What is the matter now? I gasped.  
"There are thirteen jewels."  
"I swore. Then I told her that she must either wear that ring or go without one. Her amiability conquered, and I consented to begin over once

more. The next time I got ahead of the fates by giving a solitaire diamond. That was four months after she had accepted me.

"I was invited to her house to a dinner to celebrate our engagement. Molly and I sat side by side. I accidentally upset the saltcellar between us.

"Throw it over your shoulder, quick!" she screamed. I grabbed the heavy cut glass saltcellar and, throwing it over my shoulder, smashed a mirror on the sideboard.

"The salt! The salt!" she cried. "Not the saltcellar!"

"Confound the salt!" I blurted.

"She grabbed a fistful of the salt and tried to throw it over my shoulder; but, being in a hurry, she threw it into my eyes. Great heavens, how it smarted! I lost my temper and said a lot of things that shocked my prospective mother-in-law, but the father-in-law looked at me approvingly, and I knew he was on my side, though he didn't dare say so.

"Molly wet her napkin in a finger bowl and wiped the salt out of my eyes. She was so lovely about it all that I quieted down, and, though the rest of the dinner was not exhilarating, there was at least no bad feeling.

"Of course I insisted on replacing the mirror, and, of course, I was not permitted to do so. My own celebration of our engagement was to be a party to the opera. I paid \$25 for a box and invited the whole of Molly's family—seven persons. Everything looked promising, the weather was fine and we had every reason to believe we would have a good time. But just as we were entering the opera house Molly and I both stubbed our toes on a half step between the entrance passage and the foyer. Do you know, that girl turned and led the whole party out on to the sidewalk, where she declared that nothing could induce her to go in again, for the opera house would burn down if she did and there would be a holocaust. So we all went home.

"I treated her so coldly after that that I supposed she would break the engagement. She bore it all beautifully. But I had had enough of it and determined to get my freedom. I went to a seventh daughter of a seventh daughter and paid her well to give me an unlucky horoscope. She said that I was born on the unluckiest day of the year at the dark of the moon, with all the unlucky stars in the firmament in the ascendant. This I sent to Molly, who in a tearful letter broke the engagement. Thank heaven I'm a free man."

RUSSELL THORNE.

### Elasticity of Spiders' Webs.

Did you ever watch a spider's web on a windy day? If so, you will notice how wonderfully it accommodates itself to the swaying of the twigs to which it is attached. It is in fact elastic of the very finest quality. Were it not for its elasticity the poor spider would not long survive. The first breeze would rend the silken meshes of the web to atoms and the owner's stock of new material would very soon be exhausted in repairs and renewals. Besides its elasticity, the spider's web is very sticky, a property which accounts for the ease wherewith it holds insects when once caught.

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### Proposed Constitutional Amendment.

The following proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of Nebraska, as hereinafter set forth in full, is submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska, to be voted upon at the general election to be held Tuesday, November 6, A. D. 1906.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That at the general election for state and Legislative officers to be held on Tuesday, succeeding the first Monday in November, 1906, the following provision be proposed and submitted to the electors of the State as an amendment to the constitution.

Section 2. There shall be a State Railway Commission, consisting of three members, who shall be first elected at the general election in 1906, whose terms of office, except those chosen at the first election under this provision, shall be six years, and whose compensation shall be fixed by the Legislature.

Of the three commissioners first elected, the one receiving the highest number of votes, shall hold his office for six years, the next highest four years, and the lowest two years. The powers and duties of such commission shall include regulation of rates, service and the general control of common carriers, as the legislature may provide by law. But in the absence of specific legislation, the commission shall exercise the powers and perform the duties enumerated in this provision.

Section 3. That at said election in the year 1906, on the ballot of each elector voting thereat, there shall be printed or written the words: "For Constitutional Amendment, with reference to State Railway Commission." And "Against Constitutional Amendment, With Reference to State Railway Commission." And if a majority of all votes cast at said election, shall be for such amendment, the same shall be deemed to be adopted.

I, A. Galusha, secretary of state of the state of Nebraska, do hereby certify that the foregoing proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska is a true and correct copy of the original enrolled and engrossed bill, as passed by the Twenty-ninth session of the legislature of the State of Nebraska, as appears from said original bill on file in this office, and that said proposed amendment is submitted to the qualified voters of the state of Nebraska for their adoption or rejection at the general election to be held on Tuesday the 6th day of November, A. D. 1906.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the state of Nebraska.

Done at Lincoln this 24th day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Six, of the Independence of the United States the One Hundred and Thirty-second, and of this state the Fortieth.

A. GALUSHA,

(SEAL) Secretary of State.

### Notice.

In the District Court of Webster County, Nebraska.

Thomas J. Rodgers, Plaintiff,

vs.

Loretta Rodgers, Defendant.

To Loretta Rodgers, Non-resident Defendant:

You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of July, 1906, Thomas J. Rodgers filed a petition against you in the District Court of Webster County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from you, on the ground that you have willfully deserted and abandoned the plaintiff, without good cause, for the term of two years and more last past.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 31st day of August, 1906.

THOMAS J. RODGERS,

By Keeney & Saylor, his Attorneys. aug10

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