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Brown Blanks, per roll, 4 and 5 cents.  
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Nine inch Border, only 1 cent per yard.

We Carry The....

Largest Stock and  
Will not be Undersold.

### An elegant stock of sideboards just received by Pade & Son.

Of Interest to Farmers.

If you want to renew a loan falling due and make a new one on your farm patronize the Nebraska Loan and Banking Co. of McCook, a home institution. Office in rear rooms of 1st National bank. Interest payable in McCook.

McMillen Bros. carry a complete stock of dusters—the cheap as well as the finer articles. Give them a call if you need anything in that line.

Leave your orders for flour and feed where they will be filled and delivered promptly. The old reliable B. & M. flour store. 211 Main Street.

We can and will save you money on wall paper. Examine our prices before buying. McCONNELL & Co.

91 High patent flour \$1.10 per sack. B. & M. Flour and Feed Store.

WAYSON & PENNY are putting out handsome rigs these days.

### WANTED.—A dining room girl at the Commercial Hotel.

Money to Loan at 9 per Cent.

On first class McCook or Red Willow county real estate. Send me your applications. H. G. DIXON, Kennett Square, Penna.

Horses for Sale.

Wayson & Penny keep horses for sale at their livery barn opposite the Central hotel.

Parties contemplating building this spring who need money can obtain same at reasonable terms from P. A. Wells. Office in 1st National bank. Rear rooms.

Give your orders for 84 Patent, Lion and Legal Tender, also Wauneta High Patent, White Fawn and Pride of Wauneta flour to Hugh Thompson, the oil man.

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No better farm wagon on wheels than the Charter Oak sold by S. M. Cochran & Co.

Dr. A. J. Thomas, Dentist, office in Union block, over Knipple.

### If you want fire or tornado insurance in Reliable Companies, call on C. J. RYAN.

### Best Refrigerators in the city at Pade & Son's.

Put your \$\$\$ where they will do the most good, where they will secure the best and the most groceries for instance. You will make no mistake if Noble's is the place of deposit. He gives the limit in quantity, quality and value, and his stock cannot be duplicated in Western Nebraska.

A state and national paper combined is The Semi-Weekly Journal. THE TRIBUNE is your best local paper. Subscribe for these and you are fixed for a year. Both for \$2.50.

Make Noble your family grocer and many other blessings will fall to your lot, besides having the best groceries on your table that the market affords.

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If you want a well drilled in fine shape see McClain & Co. Leave orders at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.

### Residence property for sale in all parts of the city by C. J. RYAN.

Beware of peddlers. Call and inspect the Household sewing machine sold by S. M. Cochran & Co. before buying a machine. There is no better on earth.

Field and garden seeds at reduced prices for the next ten days. McCook Commission Co. J. J. GARRARD, Manager.

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You get a Seaside Library free with a year's subscription to The Semi-Weekly Journal. The offer will not last long.

Noble, the leading grocer, makes a specialty of fresh, clean family groceries. He will treat you right.

Wayson & Penny can fix you up comfortably and stylishly in any thing you may desire in the livery line.

Noble carries a large and complete stock of the best brands of canned goods of all kinds.

If you are thinking of buying a set of new dishes call to see Knipple's stock and get his prices.

### A car-load of furniture—direct from the manufacturers—just received by Pade & Son.

### Benjamin-Roshong.

The marriage of Alvin M. Benjamin and Gertrude Roshong took place at the Fairview church, last Tuesday, May 25th, Rev. Terrill officiating and Mrs. Albrecht as organist. The church was decorated with evergreens, with an evergreen arch for the bridal pair. After the ceremony the guests repaired to the home of Mr. Roshong, where a bounteous dinner was served. Following is a list of presents received with the names of the donors: Set of silver knives and forks, Clara, Raymond and Bert Benjamin; set of silver tea spoons, Lafe Roshong; nickle teapot, butter knife and sugar shell, Mr. and Mrs. and Edith Roshong; set of silver tea spoons and set of silver table spoons, Mr. and Mrs. Ely; fancy glass, creamer, spoon holder, sugar bowl and butter dish, Haskell Terrill and Edith Roshong; napkins and towels, Lena Katzenmyer; Butter knife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Benjamin; platter, comfort, pitcher and pickle dish, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Benjamin; silver cake basket, T. W. Benjamin. The dance in the evening was well attended and a good time was had. Judging from the amount of smoke in the immediate vicinity cigars must have been very plentiful.

The Age, published in Jewett, Ohio, says: "We carry but one patent medicine 'ad,' that of J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass., and would not do this were it not that the firm is as square in its dealings as any bank, and its preparations of the very highest class. The life of the editor's better half was once saved by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, after the physicians had failed to give her relief."

Quality Up—Prices Down!

Knipple excels in the quality of the flour he keeps in stock, and in the remarkably low prices at which he is selling. Think of it!

FANCY patent flour at.....\$1.25  
SNOWFLAKE flour at......85

And remember that he warrants every sack. At the old stand in the Cole brick.

Try a sack of Monogram at \$1.20, the best flour in town; or a sack of Charm at \$1.10, a high grade patent flour. McCook Com. Co. 211 Main Street.

Patronize H. Thompson & Co., dealers in flour and feed of all kinds, west Dennison street, on the corner north of McEntee Hotel.

IN QUEENSWARE Noble carries the largest assortment and the richest designs of the season. His prices are reasonable.

S. M. Cochran & Co. have an immense stock of farm implements on hand. See them before buying elsewhere.

You will never know how far your dollar will go until you buy your groceries at Knipple's. It will surprise you!

Knipple leads them all when it comes to selling a fine patent flour cheap. Try him once and you will be convinced.

Remember that S. M. Cochran & Co. now carry in stock a full and complete stock of builders' hardware supplies.

Noble is the only exclusive grocer in the city. His stock is the largest and his prices correspond with the times.

We can and will save you money on wall paper. Examine our prices before buying. McCONNELL & Co.

You can buy more goods at Knipple's for One (1\$) Dollar than you can anywhere else in the city of McCook.

W. M. Irwin has a fine Holstein bull for service at his farm northwest of the city, on reasonable terms.

S. M. Cochran & Co. carry a large line of buggies in stock. See them if you want a good vehicle cheap.

Do you know that Knipple pays the highest market price for butter and eggs.

Seventeen pounds of Granulated Sugar for One (1\$) Dollar at Knipple's.

S. M. Cochran & Co. can sell you a bicycle very cheap. See them.

Seventy-five cents buys a scale book of 500 tickets at this office.

Predmore Bros. keep the best cylinder oil in McCook.

Knipple makes a specialty of fruits of all kinds.

Knipple sells canned goods cheaper than ever.

Machine oil of all kinds at Predmore Bros.

Get Groceries at Nobles'.

### CATTLE IN THE WEST.

HOW THE BIG CATTLE OWNERS' INTERESTS ARE PROTECTED.

An Old and Easy Though Dangerous Way of Getting a Herd That Is Rarely Followed Nowadays—The Arrangement of Brands and the Roundup.

It is a common matter of wonderment among eastern folk and others unfamiliar with the great west and its ways how the many herds of cattle that roam over the immense stretches of unfenced prairie and hill pasture are kept track of by their respective owners, and how a stockman can possess himself of his wandering property, assert his ownership and realize on it when he wishes to. Of course the cowboys ride the ranges and endeavor to keep the herd within the bounds of their employer's property, and they succeed in the main. But where pasture lots are 10, 20 or even 80 or more miles square and unfenced naturally a good many cattle get astray, wander into other ranges and mix with other herds.

Time was when a couple or more adventurous young men could start life in the west or southwest with no capital or outfit but a horse apiece and a branding iron, and in a year or so be worth a good sized fortune in cattle, but a strong public sentiment working through the agency of hempen rope put a stop to this kind of industry. Cattle thieves hardly exist today, and so excellent a system has been perfected among cattle owners that nowadays a man need not lose a single steer if he is careful about his branding.

Every owner has a different brand, and the number of brands in any one cattle state runs up into the tens of thousands. They are most of them of exceedingly quaint design, and the advertising columns of the western country newspaper often look much like mummy scrolls covered with Egyptian hieroglyphics because of the numerous cuts of cattle brands pictured for the information of the ranchers. Sometimes a rancher despairs of inventing a new brand, and then he uses an old one, placing it on a different part of the animal from that where the owner of the original one brands his animals. The brand is the owner's title deed to the steer, and it is respected.

An association is formed among the cattle owners in each far western state to deal with estrays. Oftentimes this business is looked after by a state board of commissioners appointed by the governor. The various brands used by the owners are registered, with minute accuracy of design, position and other particulars, at the office of the secretary of the association or commission. When the roundup is made on each ranch and all the cattle gathered together for shipment, there are always a great many estrays—cattle that have wandered from other ranges—among the herd. Sometimes there may be strange cattle from half a dozen or a dozen different herds.

Instead of notifying the owner to "come over and get his beasts" the estrays are either shipped to Chicago, Kansas City or wherever the market may be along with the regular herd or are sent to a designated center, where all estrays may be gathered together at the roundup season. In the latter case, when a sufficient number have been collected, the "stray herd" is shipped to market. Men are appointed at the stockyards by the association or the governor to inspect the herds as they arrive and to look after their sale. The estrays are sold in the regular way, and the money is usually sent direct by the inspector at the market to the owners of the brands worn by the cattle so sold. This official makes it his business to keep track of all the stockmen, and the money realized on an stray rarely fails to reach the owner of the steer.

The amount of money realized at market on estrays and remitted to the owners through the associations runs from \$100,000 to \$200,000 in every season for each of the several big cattle raising states. In 1891, for instance, the number of estrays from Montana sold in St. Paul and Chicago was 18,740, and some \$550,000 was realized on their sale and remitted through the association to the rightful owners.

The fence question is an old and perplexing one, and many and sanguinary have been the wars in Texas and other cattle states between fencers and fence cutters. It has been judicially decided even that a man must not fence in his land under some circumstances. The fence around a 30-mile square lot is apt to be in the way of travelers, and when the mail goes that way the fence has been declared illegal. But often stockmen don't want to fence. The western stockman who raises cattle on the unfenced prairie knows nothing of the harassment that afflicts the suburban resident whose chickens will fly over the neighbor's fences.—New York Sun.

The Trouble in Keeping a Persian Cat. The love of liberty is the ruling passion of the Persian cat, as it is of the Angora. Every one of the long haired, indeed, delights in long solitary tramps. It seems impossible to cure them of the desire, and what a cat really desires he generally succeeds in getting sooner or later. To own one of these most attractive and most costly pets in the city, where thieves abound, is to live a life of constant anxiety and watchfulness. Only those who have kept guard over a sly and cunning human lunatic, ever plotting to escape, can appreciate the vigilance necessary for his safety. Yet in spite of this so ornamental and so beautiful is the gentle creature that few who are able to do so can deny themselves the pleasure of owning one.—Olive Thorne Miller in Harper's Bazar.

A Phrase That Has Lost Value. "Worth its weight in gold" is a phrase without the meaning which it formerly conveyed. Beryllium is worth about 10 times its weight in the precious yellow metal; vanadium is five times more costly. Besides these, there are a dozen minerals and metals that are equal in value to gold.—St. Louis Republic.

### Riding Home Without Money.

The "bright young man" must be set down as being as full of resources as his much quoted sister, the "bright young woman."

One of the former escorted one of the latter the other evening to a theater. He is a young law student with more brains than money at the present writing, and he frequently counts pennies in making an estimate of expenses. On the evening in question he did so with such scant margin that a call for a quarter to pay for checking umbrellas more than exhausted it.

A sly search of his pockets just before they went up on the elevated station to take the train home produced only one 5-cent piece. It would never do to proclaim his dilemma to his fair companion. He could neither beg nor borrow the other nickel at that time and place, and for a moment he was desperate.

Then he took a chance. As they were about to pass the ticket window he let the young woman precede him, and when he reached his hand through, saying, "Two, please," he left his solitary coin and his pocketknife in front of the ticket seller. That functionary glanced up quickly, took in the situation and without an instant's hesitation passed out the two bits of pasteboard.

Everybody was satisfied. The agent had a good knife for a trifling sum, the future barrister had escaped a mortification, and the young woman remained blissfully ignorant of the whole transaction, as it was desirable she should.—Her Point of View in New York Times.

### To a Would Be Medical Student.

A correspondent who signs himself "Duffy" asks, "Will you please inform me if there is a medical school in New York in which the lectures for the first year are given in the evening or any time after 8 p. m.?"

Duffy, you and dozens of other "would be doctors" think you can study medicine in the happy go lucky way the law pills study law—lectures in the afternoon; office work in the morning. You must give up that idea at once. Medicine requires 25 hours out of 24, and more on Sundays and holidays. The lectures in every medical school are given when the professors and lecturers can find time for them. They're given in the morning and in the afternoon and the evening, and some of the private "quizzes" begin at 10.30 or 11 p. m. and stop in time to get ready for breakfast if you dress quickly. Now, Duffy, if you ask because you think medicine is a snap like these afternoon law schools, you'd better keep out of it, but if you can stand the pace and ask simply because you're ignorant, why, go ahead, and wish good health and hard work you may get your license to "kill, kill, kill, kill, kill!"—New York Sun.

### A Lifeline for the Camel.

One of the most curious rock formations in the world is to be seen in Arizona. It is a short distance east of the stage road between Tucson and Oracle and stands on a knoll several feet above the surrounding sand hills. When first seen, the effect is startling, and the mind has to get over a shock before the peculiar object can be comprehended. It is a most perfect representation of a camel and is formed of one piece of granite.

This curiosity is of colossal size, but perfectly proportioned. It is about 60 feet high and is very white and smooth. There are very few fissures on the surface, and they strangely are in the proper places to form features. The only real projection from the surface is exactly placed for an eyebrow. The two humps are plainly to be seen, and the neck is curved beautifully. The rock is really a solid piece rising from the ground, but the effect of legs is produced by a clump of dark colored brush that grows beside the stone. The white stone shows plainly at both sides of the brush, and the effect of the legs is unmistakably produced.—Philadelphia Record.

### Carrying Good News.

During the siege of Vicksburg an important artillery position had been assigned to a battery commanded by Major Schwartz, a German attached to General Grant's command. Late in the day while Grant was in his tent receiving dispatches from the front a German orderly made his appearance earnestly inquiring for "Zhineral Grant." After much parley his hearers, being convinced that his business with the general was important, admitted him to the latter's tent, where he made the announcement, "Schwartz's battery is took!" "Well," said the general calmly, "did you spike the guns?" "What?" shrieked the little German, "spike dem guns? Dem new guns? Vy, it would schpile 'em!" "Well, what did you do?" said Grant impatiently. "Vy, we took 'em pack again, by tam!"—Life.

### Meanness in the Chaste Dove.

Cases of meanness are not numerous among the animals. A surprising one is the innocent dove, which sometimes hides under her wings food for which she has no need simply to deprive her companions. The sense of property is manifested in the competition for prizes, as in the struggle for the female or for food, rank, territory or nests. The dog distinguishes the property of his master and even discriminates between objects belonging to different members of the same family.—Current Literature.

### Youthful Condescension.

The Father (sorrowfully)—Your absorption in social gaiety grieves me. At your age such a life had no fascinations for me.

The Son (condescendingly)—At my age you probably lacked the fascinations which I inherit from my mother's side of the family.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

### New York Versus Chicago.

A funny outcropping of Chicago's ambition is the practice of the papers of always referring to this city as "New York; N. Y." It just tickles a Chicago man to pretend that no one would know which New York was meant unless the abbreviation of the state was given.—New York Tribune.



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### The Call Leads the Procession.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of The Call in another column. Since its reduction in price The Call is the cheapest daily in Nebraska, and its spicy and independent policy is too well known to need comment from us. In reducing the price of The Call so as to put it within the reach of everybody, the management have placed themselves a decided step in advance of all other publishers in the state. This is an era of popular prices for the newspaper, and The Call is, as usual, at the head of the procession.

NOBLE, Purveyor to the Great Common People, is now exhibiting about the handsomest and largest assortment of plain and fancy lamps to be seen in Southwestern Nebraska.

Don't build a fence around your property until you have seen and priced that woven wire fencing at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s. Nothing cheaper, neater or better.

With our Acme Cooler we are enabled to furnish meats in better condition during warm weather than any other market in the city. F. S. WILCOX.

Try one pound of McKenna's uncolored Japan tea at 45 cents per pound. Guaranteed to be as good as you can buy elsewhere for 60 cents.

A fine assortment of dusters may be seen at the harness shop of McMillen Bros. on east Dennison street. They are very reasonable in price too.

When you want New Orleans moccasins go the C. O. D. store. There you will get the genuine article and at a reasonable price.

We are still selling the best grades of flour cheap. Give us a call and get our prices. McCook Com. Co. 211 Main Street.

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Don't eat tainted meats. Buy them from Acme Cooler. Ice cold and sweet as in winter at F. S. Wilcox's.

If you want a luxury go to the C. O. D. store and get a pound of English breakfast tea.

McKenna sells seven bars of good soap for 25 cents.

Ice cold meats at B. & M. Meat Market.

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Artists' Material.

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Guaranteed  
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