M'COOK TRIBUNE.

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OVER THE STATE.

AN A. O. U. W. lodge has been organized at Bancroft.

STANTON county's fair will be held September 24, 25, 26 and 27.

JEFFESON county's fair this year was not quite up to expectations.

THE Old Settlers' association of Sarpy county has a membership of 137.

IN Ashland potatoes and apples bring the same price—25 cents a bushel.

DESTRUCTIVE prairie fires have been raging in the vicinity of Thedford.

THE York college opened the school year with an encouraging outlook.

COLONEL INGERSOLL will give a lecture in Fremont some time in November.

THE young ladies of Ainsworth are talking of organizing a ladies' brass band.

IT is estimated that 40,000 people visited the state fair on the second day, Tuesday.

THE Atchison Graphic figures that 760,955 acres of land in Nebraska are under the ditches.

ON account of heat the schools of Nebraska City cut down the afternoon session to forty minutes.

THE dog poisoner has begun his deadly work at Sterling. A very valuable mastiff was the first victim.

WHILE viewing the circus parade in Nebraska City the wife of Capt. Mapes of company C was touched for her gold watch.

THE Standard Cattle company at Ames has 1,800 acres of corn and has hired men to cut and shock the whole basiness.

THE Methodists of Norfolk will shortly begin the construction of one of the largest church edifices in the North Platte district.

EX-SENATOR MANDERSON has gone to Chattanooga, where he delivers the oration at the reunion of the Army of the Cumberland.

THE family of Mr. Beliel of Scotia is sorely afflicted. Six children are down with typhoid fever and the parents get no rest night or day.

WM. S. REESOR, aged 67, formerly of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Illinois infantry, died at the soldiers' home in Grand Island last week.

WORK on the excavation for the foundation of the large addition to the Grand Island soldiers' home progresses finely and is nearly finished.

NEBRASKA CITY has an imported clairvoyant who advertises herself as "the wonder of the age." She offers a reward of $1,000 for information leading to the discovery of her peer in the profession.

THE Baptist association of the Loup and Elkhorn districts will hold its annual convention in Battle Creek, commencing Thursday evening, October 3, and continuing until Saturday evening, October 6.

CHRIS BULLS, a resident of Millard, was struck and killed by a freight train. He had started to run across the track ahead of the train. He lived but a few minutes. He was about 35 and unmarried.

WHILE taking in the sights of Omaha a Michigan traveling man took a promenade through a dark alley with a negress, and was by her touched to the tune of $100 in cold cash and certificates of deposit to the amount of $8,000.

THE body of the unknown man who was drowned in the Missouri river near Plattsmouth was found by two men near Rock Bluffs. The man's identity is not yet known, as the only article he had in his pocket was a set of false teeth.

T. E. DAY, while getting off a freight train in the Elkhorn yards at Fremont, slipped and fell and the wheels passed over his left foot. He was removed to the hospital and Drs. Brown and Haslam amputated the limb between the ankle and knee.

T. G. FERGUSON of Beaver Crossing has a flowing well from which he irrigated ten acres of land. Two and a half acres was planted to sweet potatoes, from which he harvested 1,000 bushels. He finds a ready sale at $1 per bushel.

R. W. OWENS, a preacher of the denomination of "saints," who has been traveling about over the state holding meetings in a tent, was arrested at Fairbury and paid a fine of $20 and costs in justice court for brutally beating his two daughters.

The residence of Mrs. Caroline Beste, about six miles from Elmwood, was struck by lightning, and the shock to Mrs. Beste rendered her unconscious for several hours. One of her shoes was torn to pieces and both feet were badly blistered by the electric fluid. She is recovering.

WHILE Miss Mamie Mallalieu of the Kearney industrial school was out riding with Mrs. Frank Spafford, a big burley fellow jumped out from beside the road and made a grab for the horse's bridle. The horse jumped a little to one side so the fellow did not get a good hold and Miss Mallalieu plied the whip, getting beyond the reach of the scoundrel.

AS A motor car was going south at Beatrice, Ruby, the little 5-year-old daughter of Ed Delude, was struck and almost instantly killed. The little girl, after crossing, turned and in attempting to get back was struck on the head and knocked down and one of her feet catching in a wheel or some part of the gearing of the car, she was dragged some distance. Her neck was broken.

GOVERNOR HOLCOMB received a telegram from Mayor Fletcher of Sioux City, Ia., officers of the fair association and the commercial association, to attend the fair on governor's day, September 26, when Governor Stone of Mississippi is to be met by the governors of several states adjoining Iowa.

THE creamery committee met at Humboldt the other day and reported the amount of stock subscribed. Work on the building will begin at once and the creamery will be in operation within sixty days. Humbold is on the boom.

THE grocery establishment of John W. Pittinger, Beatrice, was closed on a chattel mortgage.

The State Fair.

The Nebraska state fair was a decided success, both in the matter of exhibits and attendance. If anybody had any doubt about this a visit to the grounds was sufficient to dispel the doubt. The weather for most part was not all that could have been desired, and yet the attendance went considerably beyond the record, and would undoubtedly have been much greater had not heat and dust interfered. Forty thousand people are credited with being on the grounds Wednesday, and at least 10,000 in addition to this number on Thursday. There was a lack of means of transportation, the dust was not properly laid, and some other things were left undone that should have been attended to. The managers have gained experience that will enable them another year to have all matters arranged and carried out in a satisfactory way.

The agricultural exhibit was the best ever seen in Nebraska, and this is saying a good deal when it is considered how many splendid exhibitions the state has held. All the various departments were full to overflowing, and evidence was present on every hand that Nebraska is not only a productive state, but that her citizens take pride and satisfaction in making it known to the world. Counties vied with counties in elaborate displays, and all were so good, so full and complete, that it was difficult to draw comparisons.

Omaha took care of the large crowd in a splendid way, making her claim good to every pretension previously set forth. The city was brilliantly illuminated through the entire week and entertainment elaborately provided for the thousands of guests within her gates. Bands innumerable wrought enchanting music on all sides, and the parades arranged for the various evenings were up to expectations and drew hundreds of thousands of sightseers. The Nebraska state fair for 1895 passes into history as one of the most successful ever held, and if there was anything lacking the experience that has been gained will enable the managers to provide it in 1896. The fair has advertised the state's resources in a manner that will bring good fruit in great abundance in coming years.

Irrigation Contest Discision.

Following is the opinion of Judge Neville in the matter of the alfalfa irrigation district recently organized under the new law:

In the District Court of Keith County, Neb., Board of Directors of Alfalfa Irrigation District Plaintiffs: And now on the 31st day of August, 1895, this cause came on for hearing and trial to the court upon the petition of the plaintiff, the answer of the defendants thereto, and the evidence, and the court having heard all the testimony and arguments of counsel and being fully advised in the premises finds: That the said district has been organized in all respects as provided by law, and that all things required to be done by said law, particularly as required by the act of the legislature which passed and took effect March 26, 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the organization and government of irrigation districts, etc," have been done and performed and that the bonds of said alfalfa irrigation district in the sum of $22,000 have been in all respects voted by said board of directors in accordance with the law, and said bonds are in form, substance and amount in strict conformity to law.

The court further finds that the organization of said alfalfa irrigation district and the voting and issuing of said bonds in the sum of $22,000, of which bonds there are forty-four of $500 each were regular and according to law. The court further finds that the notice of the filing of the petition herein was given, and for the time in the manner prescribed by law.

It is therefore considered, adjudged and decreed that the said proceedings and each thereof in and about the organization of said alfalfa irrigation district and the election and voting for and proceedings to issue and the issue of said bonds and all things pertaining thereto be and the same are and each thereof approved and confirmed, and the issue of said bonds of said district and the said bonds and each of them are declared to be legal and valid and in the respects binding upon the said alfalfa irrigation district.

Protects the Cattlemen.

The Northwestern Live Stock association of Cherry county, Nebraska, with headquarters at present at Merriam, held a special meeting at Valentine for the purpose of extending the hand of welcome to all cattlemen of the middle and eastern portion of Cherry county. On December 13, 1893, this association was organized and incorporated under the laws of the state of Nebraska. It is in its infancy as yet, but it has proved itself worthy of consideration in protecting stockgrowers and shippers from the petty pilfering that has been carried on in the last few years. The association's next semi-annual meeting will be held in Valentine for the purpose of amending its bylaws and increasing its membership, and if possible locating the association's main office at Valentine, Neb., which is the county seat of Cherry county.

The Feast of Mondamin.

The great parade on Thursday night at Omaha was the crowning feature of the kind in the west. Thousands and thousands of people viewed the great pageant and expressions of awe and surprise were many and pronounced. Never a sight so beautiful in this western land. Inconceivable in beauty hardly describes the magnificent floats, twenty in number. Blending with the richness of the costumes were the colors of the king and Uncle Sam—red, white and blue and the rainbow hues of heaven. Indescribable was its gradeur. It was fairy land in reality—an epoch in the life of every witness. Omaha has achieved a grand distinction in her efforts to please her visitors.

Morrison Not Worrying.

Chadron dispatch: The all-absorbing topic of conversation on the street is the verdict in the Morrison murder trial. Morrison expresses himself as believing the verdict returned was better for him than one of a less degree, as it would give him a better chance for a new trial. Much sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Morrison and her two children. Morrison has lived at different times at LaSalle, Ill.; Huron, S. D.; in Montana, Wyoming and several other western states. The town of Crawford, of which he was marshal, is much divided on the case, as there are two strong factions there.

BANKERS PUT UP GOLD.

WILL PLEDGE $30,000,000 TO THE TREASURY, IF NEEDED.

WORK OF BOND SYNDICATE

They Desire to Avoid Any Action Which Would Have the Effect of Checking the Steadily Increasing Business Prosperity That Is Now in All Sections of the Country.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The easy assurance and confidence of the treasury officials that there will not be a bond issue and that the treasury gold reserve will not again be seriously depleted is explained by a prominent official, who says that through the good offices of the bond syndicate, promises have been secured from bankers in the principal cities of the country that in case of necessity they can be called upon to place up to $50,000,000 of gold in the treasury in exchange for legal tender. This important matter has been quietly negotiated by Messrs. Belmont and Morgan during the last fifteen days.

The reasons which have led to the action are varied, but all tend to the same end. On the part of the administration it is recognized as good politics to avoid another bond issue and throw the responsibility and necessity for remedial financial legislation upon the incoming congress. It was determined by the president several months ago that there would be no bond issue until after the elections, as an issue previous thereto would have the effect of strengthening the hands of the free silver men and the Populists.

On the other side the syndicate wishes to avoid any action which would have the effect of checking the steadily increasing busines prosperity.

The parties to the present voluntary combination for the protection of the treasury gold reserve are almost entirely within the list of banks that were allowed to participate in the handling of the last bond issue.

LAND FRAUDS CHARGED.

A Wyoming State Senator Warns Secretary Smith to Investigate.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Sept. 23.—Robert Foote, state senator of Johnson county, has written an open letter to Secretary Smith of the interior department, exposing what he characterizes as "one of the most gigantic and glaring frauds of the age" which is about to be committed, he says, in Wyoming, under the Carey arid land law. He says that all the waters of the streams in the Big Horn basin were parceled out to members of the "state land ring" by the state engineer and companies have been formed which propose to charge to settlers for water rights $10 per acre which are not worth over $10. The lands which the state authorities have asked to have set apart under the Carey law are not desert lands as contemplated in the act of congress, Mr. Foote asserts. In conclusion the senator says the design is to create a system of peonage or tenantry-at-will in our rich valleys where honorable and independent manhood should be found.

MARLBOROUGH SAYS SO

The Young Duke Declares That He Is Engaged to Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—The young duke of Marlborough set at rest last night conflicting reports concerning himself and Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, by requesting that the following be made public: "It is officially announced that a marriage has been arranged between the duke of Marlborough and Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt. The engagement was arranged by Mrs. Vanderbilt's friends and those of the duke of Marlborough. The wedding will take place toward the latter part of this year in New York."

This marriage will connect the house of Vanderbilt to the principal ducal families of the British empire, particularly those of Buccleugh, Roxburg and Abercorn. The duke of Abercorn is an uncle of the duke of Malrborough.

DONE UP THE JUDGE.

Sol Hughlett's Crooked Work Growing in Extent—New Victims Found.

MEXICO, Mo., Sept. 23.—The schedule of people who were swindled by the late Sol Hughlett of Wellsville is growing. Judge E. M. Hughlett, who is now holding circuit court here, lost $60. Mrs. W. Dickroger and two sons of Wright City and J. A. Foristell, of Foristell, Mo., hold forged notes and fraudulent deeds of trust executed by Hughlett for $4,500 against the farms of G. A. Burwell, J. C. Mitchell, Mrs. Bergman, W. C. Bush and J. B. Alderson. Many farmers about Wellsville have small clouds on the title to their farms in the shape of bogus deeds of trust. It is estimated that the whole indebtedness will aggregate nearly $31,000.

Missourians After a Brute.

NEVADA, Mo., Sept. 23.—Miss Ollie Frame, daughter of a leading farmer living near Liberal, was on her way to milk the cows Thursday night when an unknown wretch seized her, choked her insensible, dragged her a short distance and brutally assaulted her. Scores of people started in pursuit, with blood hounds. The man will be lynched if caught.

A Long Kentucky Strike Useless.

DANVILLE, Ky., Sept. 23. — The miners strike in the Laurel district, pending since May 1, ended to-day by the acceptance of the old scale of 70 cents a ton, the operators refusing to negotiate with the Knights of Labor, or recognize that organization in any particular.

QUARREL OVER SPOILS.

Colonel Ross' Explanation of Where $75,000 of Indian Funds Went.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Colonel D. M. Ross, of Guthrie, Ok., spent five hours on the witness stand trying to tell what he did with the $75,000 he received from the secretary of the treasury on the well known $3,000,000 payment to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians for their shadow claim to the Cheyenne and Arapahoe lands in Oklahoma. Colonel Ross stated that he had paid $10,000 to one Colonel Parsons of Maryland, who has been a member of the state legislature and voted for Gorman, and who is generally believed to be the fine financial manipulator of Senator Gorman in certain western legislative matters. This $10,000 he paid Parsons was for Parsons himself, as Colonol Ross stated. Then Colonel Ross says he set apart $10,000 for himself, and then he gave Sam Donaldson of Kentucky, who was supposed to have a financial lobby pull in the treasury, $5,000, and the remaining $50,000 he paid to Colonel Parsons in cash, and it is his understanding that Parsons paid it out to certain persons, but not knowing who they were, he can not explain further.

Will Bring Claims Against Hawaii.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—A number of men who were imprisoned by the Dole government during the rebellion in Hawaii have organized for the purpose of gaining the assistance of their respective governments in an effort to obtain damages from the Hawaiian government. George Lycergius, who was imprisoned several months on a charge of treason and afterward set at liberty without a trial, passed through this city on the way to Washington, where he will lay the matter before the state department. From Washington he will go to London, then to Paris and thence to Athens. At these points he will act as agent of members of members of each nationality now residing in Hawaii who have claims against the Hawaiian government.

Death of Mrs. Lizzie Ficklin.

CHARLESTON, Ill., Sept. 23.—Mrs. Lizzie Ficklin died at her home in this city last night, aged 66 years. She was a daughter of Senator W. T. Colquitt, and several years ago was a contributor to Harper's and Frank Leslie's weekties. Her husband was Hon. Orlando B. Ficklin of Illinois, and she was a sister of ex-Governor and Senator Alfred Colquitt, who died at Washington last winter. During President Cleveland's first term Mrs. Ficklin was postmaster in this city.

Ansom Rosenfield Dead.

NEW YORK, Sept 23.—Ansom Rosenfield is dead of Bright's disease at his home in this city. His death will recall old California days to many newspaper men and women who knew Mr. Rosenfield through his connection with the "Alta California," of which he was a part owner for many years. Mr. Rosenfield was a forty-niner, and, in common with the enterprising men who invaded the Western coast during that lucky year, rapidly accumulated a fortune. He was born in Germany and came to this country in 1842.

Noble and Shields Law Partners.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 23.—General John W. Noble and General George H. Shields have formed a partnership for the practice of law. General Noble was Secretary of the interior and General Shields was assistant attorney general under President Harrison. The two have been intimate friends personally for years, and their copartnership makes one of the strongest firms in the west.

Turkey Preparing for Trouble.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—Some time ago a firm of cartographers received an order from a house in Constantinople for the British admiralty charts of the Dardanelles. The order was filled. The chronicle's correspondent at Constantinople declares that these charts were produced for the Turkish ministry of war, for the use of engineers in laying torpedoes in the straights.

An Actress Seeks Divorce.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Mrs. Paul L. Wilkes, known in theatrical circles as Virginia Paul, has brought suit against Paul T. Wilkes in the city court of Brooklyn for absolute divorce.

Fall River Weavers Will Not Strike.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Sept. 23.—The Weavers' association, at a meeting last night, voted almost unanimously not to strike.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

"I am a Democrat," said ex-Congressman Bland in a speech at Clinton, Mo.

Washington Italians celebrated Italy's national day with various festivities.

It is said that the fight on Judge Scott of Oklahoma will be taken into congress.

The old receiving ship, Minnesota, is to be given to Massachusetts for its naval militia.

The cotton crop of Louisiana, Arkansas and East Texas is estimated to be forty per cent short.

General Milton Moore was appointed election commissioner of Kansas City by Governor Stone.

Ambassador Eustis is said to be laying the wires to succeed Blanchard in the senate from Louisiana.

Emperor William has yielded to Hohenlohe and will not urge repressive measures against Socialists.

Kentuckians in Washington are hot over the alleged interference in their politics by ex-secretary Whitney.

In answer to many queries Mexico states that she doesn't give Irish more privilege than other immigrants

Chicago banks are busy examining employes' accounts since the big Van Bakkelen-Jones-Wilson shortage.

Minister Denby has cabled the state department that China has withdrawn opposition to the investigation of the Cheng Tu riots.

Four hundred men stopped a train at Danceville, Ark., seized a negro accused of a brutal assault and took him to the woods and hanged him.

NO CUBAN RECOGNITION.

The United States Unlikely to Take Any Positive Action at Present.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Save vague newspaper reports, nothing is known at the state department of the intention of any of the governments of the American republics to recognize the belligerency of the Cuban revolutionists, and it is quite certain that no formal application for such recognition by the United States has been made. It is not perceived here how the insurgents can reap any substantial advantages at this time for such recognition. The only comfort that they would derive would be from the moral effect of an assent by an independent power to the proposition that they had assumed statehood.

As far as the United States is concerned, it took such a pronounced stand in the case of the late Brazilian insurrection that it could scarcely recognize the insurgents in the case of Cuba at present without a complete reversal of its position. It has held that, to entitle them to reeognition, insurgents must set up a seat of government and maintain it; that they must issue money, and must possess a navy to make effectual any blockade they wish to establish—in short, that they must have an actual defacto government. The state department is not informed that any of these requirements have been met by the Cubans.

POLITICS AND CRIME.

Professor Warner of California Attacks the Present Police Systems.

DENVER, Col., Sept. 18.—At this morning's session of the national prison congress a paper on "Politics and Crime," written by Amos G. Warner, professor of economics and social science in the Leland Stanford university of California, and read by John N. Dryden of Kearney, Neb., created a sensation. "If the state itself is under the influence of criminals," wrote Mr. Warner, "how can it hope to reform criminals? Setting a thief to catch a thief was an old-time doctrine, but the plan of setting a thief to reform a thief has never yet been defended. The representatives of the state with which criminals are most frequently brought into contact are policemen, police justices, sheriffs, sheriffs' deputies and others only a shade—if at all—better than the criminals themselves. The hope for the cure of criminals largely lies in curative treatment in the early stages. Petty offenders and those on the verge of criminality in the large cities seldom or never get beyond this line of guards, and live more or less in their presence. The police to them represent the state."

FATAL WEDDING FEAST.

John and Simon Hancock Mortally Wounded at a Bridal Reception.

COLUMBIA, Ky., Sept. 18.—John and Simon Hancock, brothers, both of whom have been desperate men, were shot and mortally wounded last night at the residence of Lane Hatfield, in Green county. Jacob Hatfield, who is a brother of Lane, had just been married and was giving a reception. After the table was set the two Hancock boys entered the house and got on the table and kicked the refreshments all over the room, whereupon the Hatfields, both of whom were armed, drew their pistols and fired. Simon was shot four times and John was both shot and stabbed. They are not expected to live.

The Mora Case Not Ended.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Nathaniel Paige, one of the attorneys for Antonio Mora in the claim which has just been settled, has protested to the state department against the non-allowance of interest, but it is believed at the department that the protest will not amount to anything.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS

Quotations from New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere.

OMAHA			
Butter—Creamery separator	17	@	18
Butter—Fair to good country	14	@	16
Eggs—Fresh	13	@	13½
Honey—California, per lb	14	@	15
Hens—Live, per lb	6	@	6½
Spring Chickens, per lb	8	@	8½
Lemons—Choice Messinas	6 50	@	7 50
Apples—per bbl	2 00	@	2 25
Oranges—Floridas, per box	3 25	@	3 35
Potatoes—per bu	25	@	30
Watermelons—per dozen	1 75	@	2 00
Beans—Navy, hand-picked, bu	2 00	@	2 25
Hay—Upland, per ton	6 50	@	7 00
Onions—Per bu	25	@	50
Cheese—Neb. & Ia., full cream	10	@	11
Tomatoes—per bushel	75	@	80
Hogs—Mixed packing	4 10	@	4 25
Hogs—Heavy weights	4 20	@	4 50
Beeves—Stockers and feeders	2 25	@	3 50
Beef Steers	5 00	@	5 15
Bulls	1 25	@	2 50
Stags	2 25	@	2 50
Calves	2 15	@	5 00
Cows	1 75	@	2 60
Heifers	2 00	@	4 00
Westerns	1 75	@	3 00
Sheep—Lambs	3 00	@	4 25
Sheep—Choice natives	2 75	@	3 50
CHICAGO.			
Wheat—No. 2 spring	56½	@	58¼
Corn—Per bu	31	@	31¾
Oats—Per bu	18	@	18¾
Pork	8 12	@	8 25
Lard	5 77½	@	5 80
Hogs—Packers and mixed	4 20	@	4 35
Cattle—Western range steers	3 00	@	4 40
Sheep—Lambs	3 00	@	4 50
Sheep—Natives	3 00	@	3 35
NEW YORK.			
Wheat, No. 2, red winter	61	@	61¾
Corn—No. 2	37	@	37⅝
Oats—No. 2	24	@	24½
Pork	16 50	@	17 50
Lard	6 17	@	6 20
ST. LOUIS.			
Wheat—No. 2 red, cash	58	@	58½
Corn—Per bu	30	@	30⅞
Oats—Per bu	18	@	18½
Hogs—Mixed packing	3 75	@	4 10
Cattle—Export steers	5 40	@	5 75
Sheep—Mixed natives	2 50	@	3 50
Lambs	3 00	@	4 50
KANSAS CITY.			
Wheat—No. 2 hard	56	@	57½
Corn—No. 2	2[illegible]	@	38
Oats—No. 2	17½	@	18½
Cattle—Stockers and feeders	2 55	@	4 05
Hogs—Mixed packers	4 10	@	4 50
Sheep—Muttons	2 50	@	3 25

Traffic in Mexican Cattle.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 18.—An immense traffic in Mexican cattle is being built up under the present favorable conditions for their importation into this country. Twelve thousand head of stock cattle were purchased in the state of Coahuila, Mexico, last week and brought into Texas, and the Dolores ranch, in Kinney county, was stocked with them. Arrangements are being made with English capitalists to purchase several hundred thousand head of Mexican cattle and bring them to Texas, where they will be fattened on cottonseed meal and shipped alive to England.

CAN CURE ASTHMA.

A Leading Physician at Last Discovers the Remedy.

The majority of sufferers from Asthma and kindred complaints, after trying Doctors and numberless Remedies advertised as positive cures, without avail, have come to the conclusion that there is no cure for this most distressing disease, and these same persons will be the more in doubt and skeptical when they learn through the columns of the press that Dr. Rudolph Schiffmann, the recognized authority, who has treated more cases of these diseases than any living Doctor, has achieved success by perfecting a remedy which not only gives relief in the worst cases, but has positively cured thousands of sufferers who were considered incurable. These were just as skeptical as some of our readers now are. Dr. Schiffmann's remedy no doubt possesses the merit which is claimed for it or he would not authorize this paper to announce that he is not only willing to give free to each person suffering from Asthma, Hay Fever, Phthisic, or Bronchitis one free liberal trial package of his cure, but urgently requests all sufferers to send him their name and address and receive a package, absolutely free of charge, knowing that in making the claim he does for his cure a strong doubt may arise in the minds of many and that a personal test, as he offers to all, will be more convincing and prove its merits than the publishing of thousands of testimonials from others who have been permanently cured by the use of his Asthma cure. "Dr. Schiffmann's Asthma Cure," as it is called, has been sold by all druggists ever since it was first introduced, although many persons may never have heard of it, and it is with a view to reaching these that he makes this offer. This is certainly a most generous and fair offer, and all who are suffering from any of the above complaints should write to him at once and avail themselves of the same, as positively no free samples can be obtained after Oct. 10. Address Dr. R. Schiffman, 325 Rosabel street, St. Paul, Minn.

A Wise Choice.

A young lady in charge of the captain of a P. & O. boat had two suitors on board and a pug dog. The latter fell overboard and one of her swains instantly jumped after it into the sea. The other confined himself to leaning over the side and crying, "Poor doggie!" When the rescuer came on board, dripping, the young lady turned to the captain and asked him which of her two lovers, after such an incident, he would recommend her to take. He was a practical man and replied, "Take the dry one," which she accordingly did.

RAM'S HORNS.

Selfishness is a hard snake to kill.

The cross of Christ is the key to heaven.

Everything God gives us to do needs to be done.

Christians get along faster when they travel in pairs.

God's fire in the heart soon melts all the lead in the feet.

Whoever takes Christ for a topic will soon have him for a guest.

The better we know the Bible, the plainer God can talk to us.

If we talk about Christ we will never run out of something to say.

It takes the man who carries God's message a long while to get tired.

Many hear the voice of Christ before they know who it is that speaks.

Whatever Christ has given the church to do, every Christian should gladly try to do.

Police Justice—What's the charge against this man? Policeman—Impersonating an officer. "What did he do?" "He walked up to a street vender's stand and took a handful of peanuts."—Chicago Record.

DAMAGES FOR LIBEL.

A Virginia Paper Brought to Terms by the American Book Company.

A dispatch from Norfolk, Va., says: "The American Book company of New York has just gained a signal victory in the courts of Virginia and has received an absolute and complete vindication after a long and exhaustive trial by special jury in the Circuit court of this city. The Pilot newspaper of this city, upon the awarding of the contract for school books to the American Book company, printed a long article written and prepared by R. E. Byrd, an agent and attorney for Ginn & Co., of New York, in which it was charged that the state superintendent had been bribed by the American Book company. The Pilot was immediately sued for libel, and, after a five weeks' trial, which created an immense amount of interest throughout the state, a verdict for punitive damages was recently awarded, and the jury found that the statements made were false and a deliberate libel. Not only so, but the company, upon unimpeachable evidence, was proved to have dealt honorably and uprightly in every particular in their negotiations with the state officials. It was further proved at the trial that no better terms had been made with any other state for school books. In fact, the attorney-general of Virginia stated that the American Book company 'seemed to throw open their whole business to us,' and after full and complete examination of all the original contracts made with the various states he expressed himself as absolutely satisfied that the prices were the same in all cases and that no discrimination whatever had been made against the state of Virginia. Furthermore he mentioned that none of the statements of the American Book company had been accepted until every one of them had been absolutely verified by direct reference to the governors of some fifteen states, with whom contracts had been made. This proved conclusively that the representations of the American Book company were correct in toto. This celebrated case has thus ended in a complete triumph in every respect for the American Book company, and has shown in clear contrast the clean and business-like methods in which they carry on their great industry as compared with the attempted use of political pulls and misstatements by their opponents."—*Chicago Tribune.*

Indiscriminate breeding is one of the causes of lessened profits with sheep.

Nearly all the London newspapers buy their print paper in Germany.

Gave Himself Away.

Miss Psalter (at divine service, whispering)—It's so good of Mr. Nicefello to go to the assistance of that old gentleman who fainted; and do you notice how deftly he makes his way in and out of pews without incommoding anybody?

Mrs. Psalter—He is entirely too graceful about it. He must have had a good deal of practice going out between the acts at theaters.—N. Y. Weekly.

The man who snores is a sound sleeper.

The smile that helps others has to begin in the heart.