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Congressional Ticket.
For Congressman—
W. S. MORLAN of Red Willow.

IDLE men, tramps and Coxe's armies furnish but poor markets for farm produce.

THE Democrats of Milwaukee have nominated Peck's Bad Boy for congress. Representative Lentz was a sufficiency in that particular line.

HIS patient and laborious work and the successful result of the war with Spain alone entitle President McKinley to re-election at the hands of the people.

WASHINGTON exercised the veto power three times, Monroe but one time, Lincoln twice, and McKinley four times. Tolerance and confidence in the coordinate branches of the government have characterized the actions of our great presidents.

IN farming, as in the law, nothing short of success goes with Deacon Morlan. The courage and energy and money he has invested in his farm near this city and the demonstrations made and results secured are a common inheritance for every farmer in South-western Nebraska.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has strenuously urged the fulfillment of every campaign promise made in the Republican platform of 1896. In this he has been supported by the representatives of his party in congress, and the result has been much legislation of a valuable character, as well as faith kept with the people.

It was plainly manifest in the Republican national convention that the party is determined that two great national undertakings shall be inaugurated before the close of the first McKinley administration. They are: The restoration of American ships to our foreign carrying trade and the construction of the Nicaragua canal.

It seems to be the Fusion idea that it will take a stronger man than Governor Poynter to successfully race with Charles Dietrich for the governorship. And they are in the dark as to the man who can run with the speedy gentleman from Adams county, whose winning gait is the admiration of his friends and the terror and nightmare of the opposition.

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No political party has ever met under such favorable circumstances as did the Republican national convention in Philadelphia. The unanimous nomination of both the candidates for the offices of president and vice-president was unprecedented. Mr. McKinley has earned, and well deserves, the compliment. The prosperity of the country under his administration alone merits it, without taking into consideration his able conduct of our affairs of state during our war with Spain. There was a noticeable difference between the harmony of the Republican party at St. Louis in 1896 and at Philadelphia. Last month every Republican was working for the strongest ticket, and there was a unanimous verdict for McKinley and Roosevelt. The latter has endeared himself to the people by his clean and honest administration of such public offices as he has held, as well as by his bravery in Cuba. They are both strong candidates, politically and personally, and will gain in strength as the campaign progresses.

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Square Dealing

WILLIAM J. BRYAN was nominated for president at Kansas City, yesterday afternoon, by the Democrats. The convention then adjourned till this morning. The platform opposes imperialism, militarism and trusts and specifically declares for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. The vice-president is still unnamed.

THE treasury department has made a net saving, to June 1, of \$7,268,818 on the refunding provision of the gold standard law.

IMPERIALISM is a poor scare-crow, but it will serve the Democratic purpose. No thoughtful or intelligent citizen will be frightened by it, however.

Do not lose sight of the Dingley bill as having passed under this administration. It opened the mills and gave wage-earners a chance to again earn a living.

HON. JOHN R. MCLEAN is going abroad this year and the Ohio delegation to the Democratic convention will have to pay its own way. This renders the heavy charges of the Kansas City hotel keepers all the more distressing.

THERE was more important legislation transacted during the last session of congress than in any similar period. At the next session two of the most important measures will be the Nicaragua canal construction bill and the restoration of American shipping.

THE farm price of wheat on December 1st in each year of President Cleveland's administration averaged 54.1 cents per bushel. Under the McKinley administration the average price has been 67.5 cents per bushel, an increase of 25 per cent over the Democratic price.

THE Republicans assembled in national convention at Philadelphia put themselves on record squarely enough in favor of legislation for the upbuilding of our merchant marine in the foreign trade. Congress will plan out the method of doing what a majority of the people of the country desire.

The Black Hills' Banner Year.

1900 is the banner year for the summer resorts of the Black Hills.
The season at Hot Springs opened at least a month earlier than usual. The hotels were comfortably filled by the middle of June. Basing one's estimate on the number of inquiries which the passenger department of the Burlington route is receiving, twice as many people will visit the Black Hills this summer as in any previous year. Two factors have contributed to bring about this condition of affairs. One is that the Burlington route will run more cheap excursions to the Black Hills this summer than has been its custom in the past. One other factor is that the Burlington's train service to the Hills has recently been greatly improved. Its fast express trains for Hot Springs and Deadwood now carry dining cars as well as the usual equipment of sleeping and free reclining chair cars.

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Newly Minted.
"I've got a new idea." "Hm! It ought, then, to be a bright one."—Ex.

COLEMAN.

Good rain, Tuesday afternoon. W. S. Bisler lost a valuable mare, recently.

Bert Wales had hogs on the McCook market, Monday.

R. J. Traphagan brought out a new hay loader, Tuesday.

M. H. Cole marketed two loads of hogs in McCook, last Friday.

Robert Traphagan, George Simmerman and Robert Moore have jointly bought a header; it was brought out on Monday.

Lou Carothers hauled a load of wheat to the McCook market, Monday. C. Wales was there on Saturday for the same purpose.

Vina Divine, who has been receiving medical treatment in McCook for some time, has so far recovered that she was brought out to the farm home, Thursday.

Mr. Slagel, who lived just west of this precinct, had a stroke of paralysis in March, '97, while sowing wheat, and has been helpless ever since. On Tuesday night about ten o'clock he had another stroke and died at 11:30. He was buried at Zion Hill cemetery, in this precinct, on Thursday. Rev. E. H. Gould, of Culbertson, conducted the funeral services.

McCook Markets.

Corrected Friday morning.

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| Corn | 35 |
| Wheat | 55 |
| Oats | 25 |
| Rye | 25 |
| Hogs | 35 |
| Eggs | 4.35 |
| Butter | .08 |
| New Potatoes | .13 |
| Butter fat—at Creamery | 1.35 |

SAMOAN CROWING SNAKE.

Great Natural Curiosity That Infests Jungles of Beautiful Island.

There are no venomous snakes in Samoa, always excepting the snake which crows. In proof of the existence of this reptile there may be offered the testimony of witnesses, eye-witnesses, ear-witnesses. Any quantity of Samoans, and white people as well, will give you detailed accounts of how they heard the snake in the dense recesses of the bush. They tell how their ears caught the sound of stealthy movements in the tree tops overhead, and how the faint sound stopped when they halted to listen closer, or how it began as soon as they resumed the march. Inevitably the narrator closes his account by a description of his escape; he either overtook some other wanderer in the bush and found security in numbers, or else he made particularly good time homeward, or remembered a charm which had much power. When for any of these reasons the snake found he was to lose his victim he altered his silent tactics. He could be heard thrashing the trees and crowing like a rooster, only many times as loud, and as he sought some other part of the forest the crowing was frequently repeated, until at last it vanished in the distance. When asked more particularly as to his crowing, the Samoans say that it is exactly like the crowing of roosters. There is an equal host of eye-witnesses, men who have seen crowing snakes. They never vary from one another in their descriptions of what they have seen. Except for one spot of special conditions it is never seen on the ground, but always on the tops of the highest trees, gliding from tree to tree with remarkable rapidity. It is long and slender, rarely is one spoken of as under two arm spans or twelve feet, seldom is one described as exceeding twice that measurement. Its color is spoken of as uniform, a steel blue or slate, and free from spots or other markings. When at rest it is difficult to distinguish it from the branch on which it may be stretched; when in motion it goes far too fast for any detail to be observed.

The Invention of the Telescope.

One day, nearly 300 years ago, a poor optician was working in his shop in the town of Middleburgh, in the Netherlands, his children helping him or amusing themselves with the tools and objects lying about, when suddenly his little girl exclaimed—"Oh, papa, see how near the steeple comes!" Anxious to learn the cause of the child's amazement he turned towards her, and saw that she was looking through two lenses—one held close to her eye, the other at arm's length—and, calling her to his side, he noticed that the eye-lens was plano-concave, while the other was plano-convex. Taking the two glasses he repeated his daughter's experiment, and soon discovered that she had chanced to hold the lenses at the proper focus, thus producing the wonderful effect that he had observed. His quick wit saw in this a wonderful discovery, and he at once set about making use of his new knowledge of lenses. Ere long he had fashioned a tube of pasteboard, in which he set the glasses at their proper focus—and so the telescope was invented.

SHAVING ACCIDENTS.

THE BARBER DISCUSSES THEM WITH THE MAN IN HIS CHAIR.

Chances to Cut Throats That Are Not Often Taken Advantage Of—Narrow Escapes From Serious Mishaps—A Father's Dream.

"Did it ever strike you," asked the little barber, "how easy it would be for the man that shaves you to kill you?"

The man in the chair sat up quickly and looked carefully at the barber, who was feeling the edge of the razor with one finger. The barber smiled to reassure his customer and said:

"It seems a queer question, I know, but it is a wonder to me that there are not a number of people killed in that way every year. It would be the easiest thing in the world for the barber as he wielded his razor to make one sweep with it and sever the jugular vein, and you would be dead almost on the instant. Suppose, for instance, that the barber should go insane. There would be nothing to prevent his doing such a thing, and you would have no warning nor any opportunity to save yourself."

"There is always a chance of a serious accident happening to the man in the chair. I have seen a number of such accidents and have a horror of even nicking the man I am shaving. In fact, such an occurrence makes me feel out of sorts for the rest of the day. It was only a few days ago that I almost had an accident that gave me a great fright and completely unnerved me. I was shaving a young man, and in passing from one side of the chair to the other a button of my waistcoat caught in his hair. It pulled a trifle, and he moved his head suddenly just as I went to put the blade to his face. I came within an ace of slashing him, and only a quick jump back saved him. The perspiration stood out on me, and I had to call one of the other men to finish shaving my customer."

"But the worst accident I ever saw in a barber shop occurred while I was working in a small town in the west. One of the patrons of the place was a business man whose 8-year-old daughter was lying at the point of death. Her father put in most of his time at her bedside. One afternoon while she was asleep he came in here to get shaved. He was so exhausted through lack of sleep that he fell asleep immediately after he had taken his seat in the chair next to the one behind which I was at work."

"He dreamed that some one had come into the place to tell him that his child had died. With a cry of alarm he started up just as the barber laid the razor against his neck. Into the flesh it sank. He was not yet thoroughly awake, and as he imagined that some one was holding him back from his child he threw out his hand to free himself, and his fingers closed over the blade of the razor. So dazed was he that he could not realize what had happened, but sat there in the chair, with the blood streaming from his throat and fingers."

"The man who had done the cutting was the first to act, although half crazed. He hurried for a doctor while we stanchied the flow of blood the best we knew how. Even as the doctor was at work sewing up the wounds a messenger came to say that the little girl had died suddenly in the greatest agony, calling for her father just before she died. He was under the influence of ether at the time and did not know, but afterward, when he heard of the circumstances attending her death, he insisted that he had heard her call as he lay there asleep in the chair; and that it was her cry that had caused him to make his sudden movement."

"For years after the accident he continued to shave in the same shop where it had occurred, and it was never mentioned. He carried a reminder of it for the remainder of his life. In addition to the scar on his throat, the fingers of his right hand were all drawn up and useless."

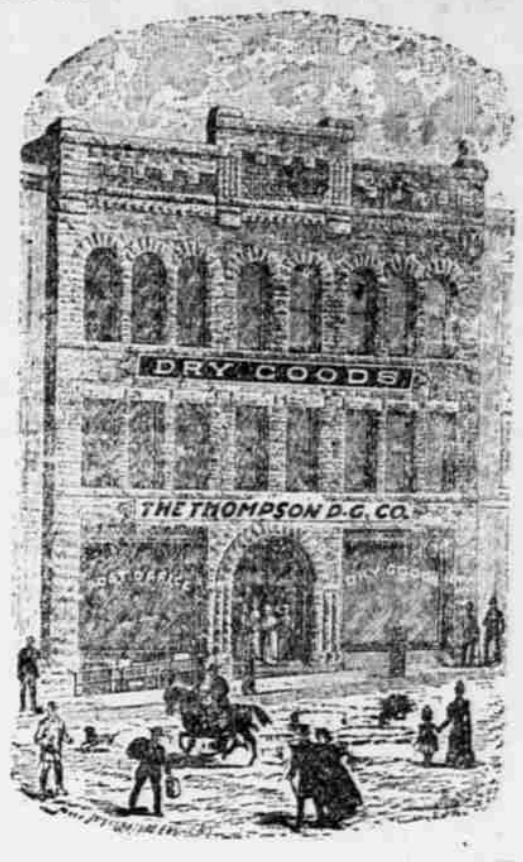
"Sudden movements while in the barber's chair are always apt to be attended with serious results, and I could recall dozens of instances where it has been only the merest chance that has prevented serious if not fatal mishaps. Nine times out of ten where the person getting shaved receives a nick and lays the blame on the barber he should thank the wielder of the razor that it was no worse. The probabilities are that it was quick action by the barber that prevented a bad cut. A slight nick often would have been a case for the doctor or coroner were it not for the watchfulness of the barber. Here yesterday I happened to draw blood from a young fellow's face near his ear, and he made a great fuss about it, until I showed him that it was only the sudden withdrawal of the razor which resulted in the slight nick that prevented him losing a good part of his ear. Then he was grateful and thanked me, besides promising to be more careful in the future."

"But there are other ways the barber has of getting even," continued the little barber after relathering one side of his customer's face. "There is no need of his slashing a man. He can inflict injuries that will make his victim decidedly uncomfortable, and at the same time the latter will not be aware of what is being done." What the barber meant by this last remark his victim did not ask.—New York Sun.

Didn't Laugh With the Rest.

Jones—What were the boys all laughing so heartily over?
Brown—Smith got off one of his jokes.
Jones—Why didn't you laugh with the rest?
Brown—It was on me.—Columbus (O.) State Journal.

Special Shirt Waist Sale



Beginning July 6 we inaugurate a special sale of SHIRT WAISTS that will interest every intending buyer of Waists and cause many to secure an additional waist or two beyond their first summer plans. This we do just in the time when these goods are most needed and when there remains yet to endure three months of hot weather.

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