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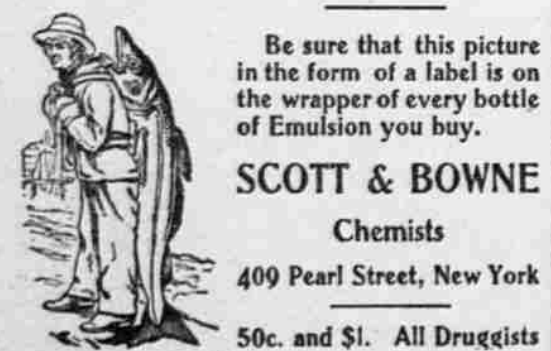
Agricultural Education Important.
Agricultural education is a work vitally related to the prosperity of Nebraska. Anything which will cause our farmers to become acquainted with the best methods of selecting seed for the various crops, with those practices in planting and cultivation which have been found best adapted to the conditions in our state is certainly to be sought after by our young farmers.

All Run Down

THIS is a common expression we hear on every side. Unless there is some organic trouble, the condition can doubtless be remedied. Your doctor is the best adviser. Do not dose yourself with all kinds of advertised remedies—get his opinion. More than likely you need a concentrated fat food to enrich your blood and tone up the system.

Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil

is just such a food in its best form. It will build up the weakened and wasted body when all other foods fail to nourish. If you are run down or emaciated, give it a trial: it cannot hurt you. It is essentially the best possible nourishment for delicate children and pale, anaemic girls. We will send you a sample free.



If all the persons engaged in feeding cattle were to become familiar with the principles of feeding, the application of which made the production of Challenger and Challenger II possible, our livestock industry would find its wealth doubled in a few years. Should a scientific knowledge of soil composition, soil structure and soil treatment become the universal possession of Nebraska farmers, the productiveness of our farms would increase from year to year.

The only way to bring these things to pass is for our farmers to insist on as careful training for their sons as is insisted on those who are to be ministers, doctors and lawyers.

The University of Nebraska is offering instruction which, if taken advantage of, will cause Nebraska to take a place of the first order in the production of grain and live stock. We are glad to see this work being done. It only remains for our farmers to avail themselves of the advantages offered.

A Guaranteed Cure for Piles.
Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Druggists refund money if PAIN OINTMENT fails to cure any case, no matter of how long standing, in 6 to 14 days. First application gives ease and rest, 50c. If your druggist hasn't it send 50c in stamps and it will be forwarded post paid by Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Why Hibernates?
Winter tourists travel to California, the Gulf country, Florida and South and Southeast.

Land-seekers' rates, approximately half rates, December 20th and January 3 and 17 to Oklahoma, Texas and South-west.

Low one-way settlers' rates, December 20th to Southeast points beyond the Ohio river.

Christmas and New Year, greatly reduced holiday rates for short and long journeys in territory between the Rockies and Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis.

Live stock convention, Denver. One fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip, January 7 to 9, 1905.

Ask the agent for further information or write to L. W. Wakeley, General Passenger Agent, Omaha, Neb.

A Runaway Bicycle.
Terminated with an ugly cut on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. It developed a stubborn ulcer unyielding to doctors and remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured. Its just as good for burns, scalds, skin eruptions and piles, 25c, at L. W. McConnell's, druggist.

THE TRIBUNE makes a specialty of office stationery and type-writers supplies.

**A...
New Year
Proposal**

"THE resolutions have: I vowed to keep the coming year?
Come, sit beside me, maiden fair,
and straightway you shall hear.
I've pledged myself to choose one girl from
out the throng so gay,
And love her with an honest love forever and
for aye.



"I'VE MADE NO PLEDGE."
"I'll work for her with brain and brawn,
with all my might and main
Until I've won her everything that hon-
estly can gain.
I'll fill her life with all that's good till life it-
self is done—
And while we train our minds and hearts we'll
not neglect the fun."
"Now, I'm sorry to hear that. What
seems to be the trouble?"
"Well, suh, 'long last spring me an'
Lije Bingo happened to have a fallin'
out oval a couple o' haws, so we done
had a time all sence then, shootin' at
each other 'um time to time."
"Oh, I shouldn't be cast down over
that. Even if you have a feud it can
be ended. There's no reason why."
"That's jest it, podneh; that's jest it.
Lije fell off the side o' the mound
yestiddy, an' now I've got no feud at
all."—Judge.

Nothing to Keep Him Happy.
"Wish you a happy new year!" says
the visitor, riding up to the home of
the Kentucky mountaineer.
"Thanks fo' yo' kind wishes, suh,
but hit looks almighty bad fo' me this
comin' yeah."
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New Year's Calls.
The custom of visiting and sending
presents and cards on New Year's day
is recorded almost as far back as his-
tory goes. The practice of using visit-
ing cards can be traced back for thou-
sands of years by the Chinese. Their
New Year's visiting cards are curiosi-
ties. Each one sets forth not only the
name, but all the titles, of its owner,
and, as all Chinamen who have any
social position at all have about a
dozen, it makes the list quite appalling.
These cards are made of silk or else
of fine paper backed with silk and are so
large that they have to be rolled up to
be carried conveniently. They are, in-
deed, so valuable that they are return-
ed to their owners.

A Polish Kissing Bee.
In Poland New Year's eve is observ-
ed in a dance called St. Sylvester's
ball. The dancing proceeds decorously
until the clock strikes 12. Exactly at
that moment the men fall to kissing
their own and their neighbor's part-
ners, each taking particular pains to
thus salute the one he loves best be-
fore the one with whom she chances
to be dancing can perform that duty.
Those not in the mood for dancing
gather in another room or remain at
home to entertain one another with
stories about the departing year.

New Year's Day In Russia.
At every country house in Russia
there are a feast and a procession in
honor of New Year's day. Horses, sheep,
cows and hogs are dressed with gar-
lands and led to the landlord's house.
The idea is that the animals shall be
taken into the dining room, but when
the landlord has a handsomely furnis-
hed apartment and does not care to
have it ruined he sets aside some other
room and allows the mob to take pos-
session of it.

An Old English Custom.
The old country Englishman never
falls to unbar his door at 12 o'clock
New Year's eve to let the old year out
and the new year in.

New Year's Violets.
I sighed to give you flowers bright,
Though vanished sweet the summer's
glow.
The violets heard my longings deep,
Oh, way down 'neath the turf and snow.
They were not due till April fair,
Yet, in December's wilderness,
They felt the warmth of friendship's
spring
And robed themselves in royal dress.
—Donahoe's Magazine.

SYLVESTER EVENING.

How the Germans Celebrate the Conversion of Constantine.

The evening of Dec. 31 is known in Germany as Sylvester evening. In European calendars, excepting that of England, the days of the year have names, and Dec. 31 bears the name of Sylvester, who was bishop of Rome in the time of the Emperor Constantine and was obliged to hide himself in the mountains to escape persecution. Then it happened that Constantine was smitten with leprosy, for which horrible disease the physicians could propose no other remedy than a bath in the blood of young children. For this purpose 3,000 children were gathered, but Constantine, moved to pity by the despair of the mothers, refused to avail himself of such a sacrifice. In the night he was advised in a dream to recall Sylvester and to accept the Christian religion, which he did.

This evening is everywhere in Germany a time of great rejoicing. Parties and balls are given, and friends gather to spend the last hours of the old year in merriment—games and dancing and, most important of all, auguries and divinations. Though these tricks are as old as the hills, they never lose their charm. Hot lead is poured into cold water contained in a basin, and in solidifying it forms itself into all kinds of shapes and figures, in which many meanings can be read by the initiated.

Empty walnut shells, in each of which burns a tiny wax taper, are put together in a basin of water to swim in opposite directions. If they meet two loving hearts will be united in that year, but if they separate the love affair of those represented by the shells will come to naught. Young girls throw slippers over their heads. If the points of the slippers face the door the owners will be married that year; if the slippers miss the wished for direction the girls have to remain at home. Sealed cards on which words of good omen, of good advice or wishes have been written are passed around, read aloud and considered as indications of the future.—New York Tribune.

NEW YEAR'S BREAKFAST.

In Japan It is a Religious Rite and a Serious Matter.

To a devout Japanese breakfast on New Year's day is a religious rite rather than a vulgar satisfaction of the appetite. No ordinary dishes are consumed at this meal. The tea must be made with water drawn from the well when the first ray of sun strikes it, a potpourri of materials specified by law forms the staple dish, while at the finish a measure of special sake from a red lacquer cup must be drained by whosoever desires happiness during the coming year.

In the room is placed an "elegant stand," or red lacquer tray, covered with evergreen leaves and bearing a rice dumpling, a lobster, oranges, persimmons, chestnuts, dried sardines and herring roe. All these dishes have a special significance. The names of some are homonymous with words of happy omen; the others have an allegorical meaning. The lobster's curved back and long claws typify life prolonged till the frame is bent and the beard is long; the sardines, which always swim in pairs, express conjugal bliss; the herring is symbolical of a fruitful progeny.

These dishes are not intended for consumption, although in most cases the appetite is fairly keen. The orthodox Japanese not only sees the old year out; he rises at 4 to welcome the newcomer and performs many ceremonies before he breaks his fast.—London Chronicle.

An Improved Diary.
"This," explained the bookseller, "is our latest patent diary. We think it is the cleverest thing in that line ever devised."
The shopper turns the leaves idly.
"But I can't see where it is different from any other," she observes.
"No? Well, if you will look at all the dates after Jan. 23 you will see that in each space has been printed, 'Got up, ate breakfast, lunch and dinner and went to bed.' That insures a complete diary for the year."—Judge.

New Year's In France.
New Year's in France is a greater day for exchanging gifts than Christmas. The custom of New Year's calls, once so popular in this country, but now fallen almost into disuse, is still supreme in Paris. Great family dinners, in which the orange figures most prominently, add to the gaiety of the day. So crowded are the pavements on the boulevards that pedestrians sometimes have to take the middle of the street.

New Year's Day In Canada.
With the French-Canadian, New Year's day, or le jour de l'an, as he calls it, is very much like what Thanksgiving day is to his New England brother. It is par excellence the feast of the home, essentially a domestic holiday.

A Song For the New Year.
A song for the new year, its hopes and its fears,
And never a song that is saddened by tears;
A song that shall ring and shall sing to the years—
A song of a brighter tomorrow!

A song for the new year, forgetting the old,
Whose story in sunshine and shadow was told;
A song of the joys that love's dear arms shall hold—
A song of a brighter tomorrow!
A song of a green world and bluest of skies,
A song of a sun that in splendor shall rise;
The joy's in love's heart and the light's in love's eyes,
And the world sees a brighter tomorrow!
—Atlanta Constitution.



**McMillen's
Holiday Message**

We feel that we have a message of importance to every household in the fact that WE HAVE WHAT YOU WANT in a well selected stock of desirable and appropriate Gifts. As to price we are sure we can please you. It will afford us pleasure to show you our goods and you need not feel under obligations to purchase.

A Few of the Goods We Have in Stock

Dolls—all sizes and prices, Doll Buggies, Go Carts, etc., Toys in variety—substantial and durable, Bibles—large assortment, Linen Books, Gift Books, Standard Books, Latest Novels and Booklets.
A large line of Hand Painted, Austrian and Mikado China, a large variety of Imported and Domestic Vases, Mantle Ornaments Stationery, Novelties in Abundance, Parlor Lamps—Gold Plate Finish with improved burners, Albums, Toilet Cases and Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Traveling Cases, Manicure Sets, Glove and Handkerchief Sets, Shaving Sets, Purses, "Peggy of Paris," Oxford and Skirt Bags, Perfumes in fancy boxes, Atomizers, Games, Pictures, etc.
Yours for Business,

**A. McMillen
DRUGGIST**

Of Interest to Mothers.
Thousands of little ones die every year of croup. Most of them could have been saved by a few doses of Foley's Honey and Tar, and every family with children should keep it in the house. It contains no opiates and is safe and sure. Mr. George H. Pickett, San Francisco, Cal., writes: "My baby had a dangerous attack of croup and we thought she would choke to death, but one dose of Foley's Honey and Tar relieved her at once after other remedies had failed. We are never a minute without it in the house". Sold by A. McMillen.

Holiday Rates.
One fare plus 50 cents to all points on the Burlington west of the Missouri river. Low rates to other points. Tickets on sale Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1 and 2. Final limit January 4.

THE TRIBUNE wants a correspondent at Red Willow. Write us for particulars.

NOTICE OF SUIT
Catherine Reynolds and the Southeast Quarter Section Twenty-three, Township Three, North, Range Twenty-six, West 6th P. M., defendants, vs. Otto Hoff, plaintiff, for the sum of \$15.52; the taxes for the year 1898 amounting to the sum of \$10.50; and the taxes for the year 1900 amounting to the sum of \$12.55. Also to foreclose a certain tax sale certificate issued by the county treasurer of said county, on said premises, for the taxes for the years 1898 and 1899, and under which sale there were paid the taxes for the year 1898 amounting to the sum of \$12.70, and under which there has been paid the taxes for the year 1902 amounting to the sum of \$9.95; that there is now due the plaintiff, from said defendants, for taxes on said premises, under said tax deed and tax sales, including subsequent taxes, and the sum of \$1.00 paid for publishing notice of the expiration of the time of redemption, the sum of \$147.74, with interest thereon from the 9th day of December, 1904, at the rate of ten per cent per annum and attorney's fees equal to ten per cent of the amount of the decree and costs of suit, and plaintiff prays for a decree that defendants be required to pay the same, or that said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount so paid, due with interest.

ORDER OF HEARING.
At a county court, held in the county court room in and for said county, December 7th, A.D., 1904. Present, S. L. Green, county judge. In the matter of the estate of Amos Dresser, deceased.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for Red Willow County, Nebraska, in favor of Martha E. Harris and against Charles F. Harris and to me directed, I will at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., on the 24th day of December, 1904, at the east front door of the county court house in McCook, Red Willow County, Nebraska, offer for sale at public vendue, the following goods and chattels, to-wit: One chestnut nut sofa, with star in forehead, weight about 100 pounds and about years old. Taken on said execution as the property of Charles F. Harris.
Dated this 5th day of December, 1904.
A. C. CHARTRE, Sheriff.
By R. M. Osburn, Deputy.

**HOLLISTER'S
Rocky Mountain Tea Nuggets**
A Busy Medicine for Busy People.
Brings Golden Health and Renewed Vigor.
A specific for Constipation, Indigestion, Live and Kidney Troubles, Pimples, Eczema, Impure Blood, Bad Breath, Sluggish Bowels, Headache and Backache. It's Rocky Mountain Tea in tablet form, 35 cents a box. Genuine made by HOLLISTER DRUG COMPANY, Madison, Wis.
GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE

NOTICE FOR SEALED BIDS.
Notice is hereby given that the County Commissioners of Red Willow county, Nebraska, will receive sealed bids for the furnishing of the following supplies to said county during the year 1905, to-wit:
2 Treasurers' cash book.
Record to be full-bound, extra ends, bands and fronts, and to be made by Byron Weston 35-45 medium linen ledger paper.
BLANKS
Legal blanks—full sheet, per hundred.
Legal blanks—1/2 sheet, per hundred.
Legal blanks—1/4 sheet, per hundred.
Legal blanks—1/8 sheet, per hundred.
STATIONERY
Spencerian, Ginecum or Tadella pens, per gross.
Perfection pencils or equal, round rubber tips, per gross.
A. W. Faber pencils, per gross.
24 assessors' files.
23 sets of poll books, per book.
23 ballot bags for votes cast, per dozen.
23 sets envelopes for poll books, per dozen.
Election pencils, per dozen.
1 dozen Magic City letter files.
1 great gross rubber bands, No. 11.
1 gross rubber bands, 3/4 inch.
3 packages sonata legal pads.
7,000 triplicate tax receipts.
25 name tabs.
Parties receiving contract to furnish good and sufficient bonds for the faithful performance of the same.
All bids to be filed with the county clerk on or before the 31st day of December, 1904.
Dated this 28th day of November, 1904.
12-9-04s E. J. WILCOX, County Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In County Court, within and for Red Willow County, Nebraska. In the matter of the estate of Angeline Johnson, deceased.
To the creditors of said estate:
You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the county court room in McCook in said county, on the 13th day of March, 1905, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months, from the 10th day of September A. D. 1904, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 10th day of September, 1904.
Witness my hand and the seal of said county court, this 10th day of September, 1904.
S. J. GREEN, County Judge
Boyle & Eldred, Attorneys.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
By virtue of an order of sale, issued from the District Court of Red Willow County, Nebraska, under a decree in an action wherein Clarence E. Pierce is plaintiff, and Catharine C. Egger et al are defendants, to me directed and delivered, I will offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the east door of the court house, in McCook, Red Willow County, Nebraska, on the 9th day of January, 1905, at the hour of 1 o'clock, p. m., the following described real estate to-wit: The southeast quarter (sec. 4) of section twenty-five (25), township two (2), north of range twenty-six (26), west of the 6th P. M., in Red Willow County, Nebraska.
Dated this 9th day of December, 1904.
12-9-04s A. C. CHARTRE, Sheriff.
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