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#### Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate filings have been made in the county clerk's office since last Thursday evening:

Ella Carothers to L. H. Carothers qd to n hf no qr 23-4-30.....	250 00
F. E. Carothers to Ella Carothers qd to s hf so qr 14-4-30.....	250 00
J. H. Theobald to J. S. Theobald wd to undivided haf int no qr 18 and s hf hf 19-4-29.....	2350 00
S. B. Ryan to J. A. Scott qd to nw qr 24-3-29.....	200 00
M. E. Simmons to J. C. Ball wd to lots 7 and 8, blk 61, 1st South McCook.....	325 00
H. I. Peterson to E. Fletcher sd to lots 1 to 4, 7, 8, 11 and 12, in H Esther park G. Lang to E. Fletcher wd to lots 9 and 10 in H Esther park.....	97 15
H. I. Peterson to Boyle & Eldred wd to n hf se qr and se qr so qr 25-1-30.....	50 00
C. F. Lahn to J. Vance wd to w hf 28-14-30.....	2700 00
Alice Deere to C. H. Hamilton wd to ne qr and pt n hf se qr and ne qr sw qr 25-3-30.....	2400 00
W. Hickling to L. O. Bush wd to w hf 22-3-29.....	1600 00
H. C. Rider to W. B. Hoag wd to lots 10 and 11 Riverview.....	5 00
J. W. Dailey to L. B. Pope wd to lots 5-4-29.....	8,000 00
C. H. Hartman to Alice E. Deere qd to s hf ne qr and e hf se qr 7 and n hf ne qr and e hf nw qr 25-3-30.....	1 00
W. A. Richardson to H. Brown wd to lots 1 and 2, blk 8, McCook.....	1,400 00
Emma C. Simpson to Mary A. Brown qd to lots 3 and 4, 6-3-28.....	1 00
Mary A. Brown to A. L. Miller wd to lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, nw qr sw qr 6-3-28, United States to T. V. Robinson pat to e hf nw qr and e hf ne qr 6-1-27.....	1,700 00
United States to C. C. Cole pat to nw qr 14-2-29.....	
H. I. Peterson to C. F. Lahn sd to nw qr 28-4-30.....	497 00
J. Tartsch to A. E. Phelan wd to lot 1, blk 10, McCook.....	2,200 00
J. Trumble to G. H. Cleaver wd to w hf 12-3-29.....	9,000 00
L. M. Englehardt to J. A. Harsch gwd nw qr 2-2-27.....	500 00
W. H. Moore to H. Harsch wd to ne qr 18-2-28.....	1,000 00
A. Shackleton to H. Harsch wd to se qr 12-2-27.....	1,000 00
Mary Unger to H. Schneider wd to und hf int in se qr 27-2-28.....	650 00
J. W. Bailey to M. B. Cartwright qd to s hf sw qr 5 and n hf nw qr 8-1-26.....	1 11
Mary J. Wall to H. Wians wd to pt ne qr 3-3-29.....	900 00
E. E. Smith to J. Ernest wd to ne qr 8-2-26.....	1,00 00
McCook Loan & Trust Co. to C. W. Nothnagel wd to sw qr 21-2-29.....	1,600 00

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (ISOLATED TRACT).**  
United States land office, Lincoln, Nebraska, January 26, 1906. Public land sale. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of instructions from the commissioner of the general land office under authority vested in him by section 245 U. S. Rev. Stat. as amended by the act of congress, approved February 29, 1895, we will proceed to offer at public sale on the 22nd day of March next, at two o'clock p. m. at this office the following tract of land to-wit: Southwest quarter northeast quarter section 7, township 1 north, range 29, west 6th P. M. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for the commencement of said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited. 22-54  
W. A. GREEN, Register.  
ALVA E. KENNARD, Receiver.  
Boyle & Eldred, attorneys.

#### TONS OF GOLD TREASURE.

Vast Store of Wealth Emptied From New World Into Old.

It has never been told how vast was the treasure that was emptied from the new world into the old in the glorious days of the Spanish dominion. We can only judge of how great it was by collateral evidence. The booties of Cortes and Pizarro are famous in annals of new world history. In them we have read how the soldiers of the former carried away only a small part of the treasures looted at Mexico, yet were so loaded down with stolen gold that when they fell from the causeway into the lake in the memorable retreat from Mexico they sank and drowned as weighted with plummetts of lead; also we read how Pizarro exacted as a tribute for the liberation of the Inca Atahualpa gold that filled to the depth of several feet a room seventeen feet wide by twenty-two feet long and that was valued at 1,300,000 pesos d'or, the equivalent of nearly \$15,500 of our money.

When Drake sailed the south sea in the Golden Hind upon his piratical voyage of circumnavigation in the years 1577-79 and when he captured the Nuestra Senora de la Concepcion—sur-named the Cacafue or Spillfire—of Cape San Francisco, it took three days to transfer the treasure from the captured ship to his own. In that single haul there was realized a "purchase," as it was called, of over twenty-six tons of silver, besides eighty pounds of virgin gold, thirteen chests of pieces of eight containing over \$1,000,000 in money and an enormous amount of jewels and plate.

Upon the evidence of John Drake we read that when the Golden Hind laid her course for England, by way of the Cape of Good Hope, she was so heavily "ballasted" with pure silver that she "rode exceeding deep in the water."—Harper's Magazine.

#### THE MOONSTROKE.

A Sailor's Experience After a Night Nap on Deck in the Tropics.

"People laugh at moonstrokes," said a sailor. "They call them shellbacks' superstition. I once had a moonstroke, though, and I tell you it was no laughing matter."

"In a full moon one night in the tropics I fell asleep on deck. The moon shone directly on me. I lay in a white pool of moonlight. So three hours went by.

"Then, when they woke me, I felt like a man in a dream. My mouth hung open, as it does when I sleep, and I couldn't close it, and my head lay over on the side, and I couldn't straighten it up.

"Nor could I understand what people said to me, nor could I obey orders. Voices I'd hear far away, but they seemed meaningless, unpleasant. I was very drowsy. All I wanted was sleep.

"They worked on me for two days, rubbing me down with cold water and dosing me with castor oil, before they brought me round. And always after that I have been careful never to sleep where the moon's rays could get at me. My moonstroke happened eight years ago, but still at every full moon I am stupid and drowsy, my head droops a little to one side, and my mouth tends to hang open.

"There's many a sailor has been moonstruck, but this accident never befalls landsmen. Landsmen, you see, never sleep out of doors."—New York Herald.

#### The Ducking Stool in England.

The latest recorded use of the ducking stool in England (the designations cucking and ducking were, of course, synonymous in the days of Queen Elizabeth) was in 1809. It was at Leominster, when a woman named Jenny Pipes, alias Jane Corran, was paraded through the town on the ducking stool and ducked in the water near Kenwater bridge by order of the magistrates. In 1817 another woman, called Sarah Leake, was wheeled round the place in the same chair, but not ducked, as, fortunately for her, the water was too low. The instrument of punishment in question has not been used since then.—London Notes and Queries.

#### India Rubber Tree Fruit.

The fruit of the india rubber tree is somewhat similar to that of the Ricinus communis, the castor oil plant, though somewhat larger. The seeds have a not disagreeable taste and yield a purplish oil. It is a fairly good substitute for linsed oil, though it dries less rapidly. Mixed with copal resin and turpentine, it makes a good varnish. The oil may be also used in the manufacture of soaps and lithographic inks. The seeds are somewhat like tiny chestnuts, although darker in color. The Indian girls are fond of wearing bracelets and necklets made of them.

#### Loafers as Trouble Makers.

Did you ever consider how much trouble and turmoil in the world is stirred up by loafers? Do it and you will be surprised. Investigate carefully and you will find that nine of the ten fusses and quarrels that you know of in your town or neighborhood were started by loafers who had no business of their own to attend to and so got busy with other people's affairs.—Burlington Republican.

#### In the Lead.

Hostess (Introducing first violin to sporting and nonmusical guests)—This is Professor Jingelheim, who leads the quartet, you know. Sporting Guest (thinking to be highly complimentary)—Leads—eh—ah—by several lengths, eh—and the rest nowhere! What?—Punch.

Nothing is impossible to industry.—Perlander of Corinth.

#### MISS EDITH ROOT.

Daughter of Secretary of State Is a Popular Girl.

With the return of Ellihu Root to Washington as head of the state department Miss Edith has resumed her place as a popular member of the cabinet set. Miss Root is twenty-six, tall and slender, with dark eyes and a dark complexion, and her face and figure



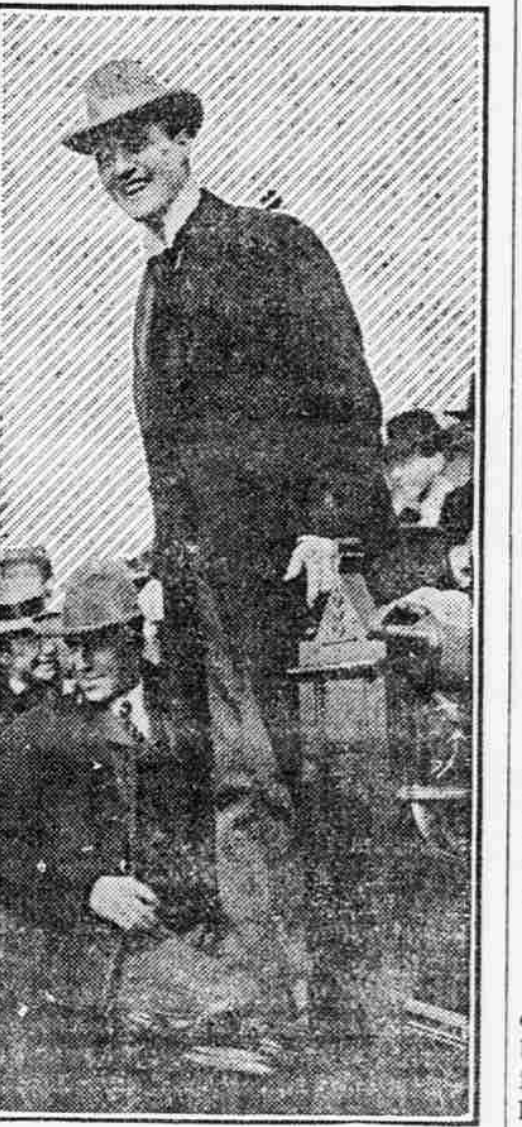
MISS EDITH ROOT.

give evidence of abounding health. Though fond of society she has a greater liking for outdoor sports, especially horseback riding and golf. She rides a good deal on horseback with her distinguished father. Her mother was recently relating how she marked the family linen. The first name of every member of the family begins with "E." The secretary has a big "R." on his linen; Ellihu Root, Jr., has "E. R." marked on his; Edward, the second boy, has the same, but in German type, while Miss Edith has hers marked with "R." surrounded with a wreath.

#### A PERSUASIVE SMILE.

That of Evangelist Alexander Rarely Comes Off.

Charles M. Alexander, the famous mission singer who is about to begin a campaign in Philadelphia with the Rev. Dr. Torrey, has a smile that has much to do with the effectiveness of his mission music. The Alexander smile is one that rarely comes off, and the expression of the singer's face goes a long way toward carrying home the words of the mission hymns. His face has a frank, open expression and when lit up by his smile wins the sympathies of the most stony and indifferent to the cause which he represents. Mr. Alexander is in the early thirties, has a good figure, a smooth face and is quite bald. He looks a good deal like an actor. Indeed he has the same sort of magnetism that enables an actor to win the sympathy and hold the attention of his audience. When he sang in Albert hall, London, his voice could be heard away above the united voices of



THE GOSPEL SINGER, CHARLES M. ALEXANDER, AND HIS SMILE.

the 3,000 members of the mission choir, and it reached to the farthest recesses of the great auditorium. His enthusiasm and vitality are catching, and so are his mission songs. In speaking of the popularity some have attained Mr. Alexander has said:

"At the close of our great revival campaign in Melbourne, Australia, it seemed to me that everybody in the city was singing the 'Glory Song'."

"When by his grace I shall look on his face, That will be glory for me."

"I got on the train and started on my journey. As we went through Terang a man and his wife, whom I had met at the Melbourne campaign, came down to the station to meet us. The lady said, 'Mr. Alexander, I am sure you will be interested to know anything about the 'Glory Song.' I have been over today to talk to a friend on her deathbed, and she asked me to sing a verse. I sang one verse, and she said: 'Oh, that is so glorious! Please sing another.' I sang another, and during the chorus, while I was singing 'When by his grace I shall look on his face,' she passed to see the king in his beauty."

#### A BALL OF FIRE.

Franks of a Thunderbolt in a House in Paris.

Camille Flammarion in his book "Thunder and Lightning" describes some of the phenomena of electrical storms. Of the actions of a ball of fire in Paris he says: "It was in the Rue St. Jacques, near the Val de Grace. The fire ball burst into the room from the chimney, knocking over the paper guard in front of the fireplace. In appearance it suggested a young cat gathered up in a ball, as it were, and moving along without using its paws. It approached the tailor's legs as if to play with them. The tailor moved them away to avoid the contact, of which he naturally was in terror."

"After some seconds the globe of fire rose vertically to the height of the man's face as he sat, and he to save himself leaned quickly back and fell over. The fire ball continued to rise and made its way toward a hole which had been made at the top of the chimney for the insertion of a stovepipe in the winter, but which, as the tailor put it afterward, 'the fire ball couldn't see,' because it was closed up with paper."

"The ball stripped off the paper neatly, entered the chimney quite quietly and, having risen to the summit, produced a tremendous explosion, which sent the chimney pot flying and scattered it in bits all over the neighboring courtyard and surrounding roofs."

#### LIFE'S LITTLE THINGS.

They Go a Very Long Way Toward Making the World Happy.

A wild bird's song is a little thing—lost in the deeps of a frowning sky.

And yet as it falls on a listening ear and leaves its message of melody earth's green seems brighter and life is sweeter all through an autumn day.

The coo of a babe is a little thing—meaningless sound from a vacant mind.

But 'tis the only sound that all nations heed—the one clear language that all races know.

A mother's love is a little thing—too soon, alas, forgot!

But it typifies to blind humankind the love and trust and hope divine that bear with patience calm and sweet the willful wrongs in these lives of ours.

A passing smile is a little thing—lost in a world of toil and care.

And yet the soul with gloom oppressed and the life grown wearied with burdens hard will happier be in the afterglow of a smile that is warmly kind.

A kindly word is a little thing—a breath that goes and a sound that dies.

But the heart that gives and the heart that hears may know that it sings and sings and sings till at last it blends with the wild bird's song and the coo of babes in what men call the celestial choir.—Milwaukee Journal.

#### Lessons For Schoolboys.

There is no question that our forefathers supposed that benefit might be derived from causing schoolboys to be spectators of the hangings of criminals. Sir Walter Scott has borne testimony to this custom being not unknown in Scotland. In "The Heart of Midlothian" Mr. Saddletree is represented as saying:

I promised to ask a half play day to the school so that the bairns might gang and see the hanging, which canna but have a pleasing effect on their young minds, seeing there is no knowing what they may come to themselves.—Chapter 24.

Sir Walter would not, we may assume, have written the above had he not known that such things had actually taken place.—London Notes and Queries.

#### The Sea Otter.

The sea otter is nearly twice the size of the common river otter, and the fur, without finishing or preparation of any kind, is more beautiful as it is stripped from the animal than the richest seal-skin, which has to be scraped, plucked of the long upper hairs and then dyed before it could be recognized as the beautiful object which the finished fur undoubtedly is. In the sea otter's fur the soft undercoat, the true fur, is as thick as that of the seal and nearly twice as long, while the long outer hairs are as soft as a sable's tail and often a pale gray, which gives to the whole coat an appearance as of dark fur slightly frosted over.

#### Bird Confidence.

Mr. Bell's aviary presented a pretty evidence of mutual confidence among birds. A pair of Java sparrows lived in a compartment with a "bleeding heart" pigeon. The latter fell in love with them and at night always cuddled a sparrow under each wing. When seen by the light of a lantern the pigeon seemed to be cuddling two babies, one under each wing, from which the cheerful countenances of the little sparrows looked with blinking eyes.—London Spectator.

#### His Definition.

A teacher in a certain school asked for the definition of a furrier. A hand was raised. "Well, John, you tell us what a furrier is." "A man who deals in furs," correctly replied the pupil. Then, turning to another scholar, the teacher asked for the definition of a currier. "A man who deals in cures," was the unexpected reply of the eager boy.

#### All in the Bill.

"I'm afraid," said the junior member of the law firm, "that we are causing our client unnecessary trouble."

"Oh, that's all right," rejoined the senior member. "We'll charge him for it."—Chicago News.

#### Good Old Remedy.

"How did you cure your boy of swearing?"

"By the laying on of hands, principally."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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