

# As the Season for spring Work

on the farm approaches it is well to look around and get posted on the best implements to buy. Our spring stock is now arriving and we will be glad to show

**Moline, Oliver, Defiance Plows**  
**Moline, Bradley,** and other makes of  
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- 3 cans standard corn . . . . . 25c
- 2 large size can tomatoes . . . . . 25c
- 1 can Lemon Cling sliced peaches . . . . . 25c
- 1 can yellow free peaches . . . . . 25c
- 1 can white or black cherries . . . . . 35c
- 1 gal can apples . . . . . 40c
- 1 gal can peeled pie peaches . . . . . 50c
- 1 gal can unpeeled pie peaches . . . . . 45c
- 1 gal can white cherries . . . . . 60c
- 80 oz K. C. baking powder . . . . . 65c
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MAIN LINE EAST—DEPART:					
No. 6	(Central Time)	10:35 P. M.			
2		5:00 A. M.			
14		7:15 A. M.			
14		9:42 P. M.			
MAIN LINE WEST—DEPART:					
No. 1	(Mountain Time)	9:50 A. M.			
3		11:42 P. M.			
5	Arrives	8:30 P. M.			
12		10:25 A. M.			
5		8:50 A. M.			
IMPERIAL LINE					
No. 176	Arrives (Mountain Time)	5:55 P. M.			
No. 175	Departs	5:45 A. M.			

### RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Car Distributor Oscar Pierson was a Denver visitor, Sunday.

J. W. Ridenour was a Lincoln passenger Thursday morning.

Engineman Jacob Matz is enjoying a visit from his sister of Denver.

Wire Chief Heber was a passenger on No. 2 for Lincoln, this morning.

Walter Stilwell spent Sunday in Akron, the guest of Wm. Krauter and family.

George N. Knight of Hazelton, Indiana, is visiting B. J. Lane and family, this week.

John Murray of the telegraph office spent Sunday with the homefolks at Indianola.

Master Mechanic Culbertson is able to be around again, and will soon return to work.

F. W. Bosworth came down from Denver, Monday, to visit the family the rest of the week.

Brakeman J. B. Clark of Alliance is spending a two week's vacation with friends in our city.

Mrs. Howard Stites and baby are very low with pneumonia at the home of her parents in Dean, Iowa.

Engineman G. W. Perkins went to Republican, Wednesday, to take a run on the Republican-Oberlin branch.

F. D. Baldwin, who was express messenger on 5 and 12 west of McCook, left for his home at Superior, Wednesday night.

Extra Dispatcher Roy Cadman relieved J. F. Forbes in the dispatcher's office during the latter's absence at Chicago on company business.

Miss Birdie Halavay of Longmont, Colorado, was at division headquarters, Friday of last week, and successfully passed examination in telegraphy.

Flagman Claude Pierson leaves for Chicago, this week, to be gone about thirty days. When he returns Mrs. Claude Pierson will accompany him.

Wm. Johnson of Ft. Morgan came to McCook, last Sunday, and is now in charge of the McCook yard vice Phil Trout, recently promoted to roadmaster.

E. C. Simmons was handing the cigars around headquarters Wednesday and receiving congratulations on his recent venture in the matrimonial line.

F. Jernberg, superintendent of the water service, is laying off, this week, and with his family is visiting in southeastern Kansas. R. R. Gwinn is temporarily in charge of that department meanwhile.

Conductor F. A. Stark handed in his resignation, Wednesday. "Tony" entered the service of the Burlington about twenty years ago. His health of late has been such as to cause him to be unfit for duty a good share of the time and for this reason he decided to retire.

A letter from F. A. Richey, formerly engineman out of McCook, conveys the information that he is now running out of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, on the National R. R. of Mexico, and is well pleased with his position. He has two firemen, a Jap and a Mexican. The engines there are quite similar to the R's on this system except that they are somewhat larger and have smaller drivers.

### ARTILLERY CURIOSITIES.

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### LIKE THE INFERNO.

Graphic Description of a Climb Over a Volcanic Island.

A climb over a volcanic island in Bering sea is thus described in Outing Magazine by Robert Dunn:

"Cliff sank away into chaos. Upright fans of tuff, crevices like salt crusted wounds, chasms with leopron edges—breathed all like mad. Less steam, but more crinkly and venomous gases. Parched white and red and ochre in their depths, they seemed almost to whistle—yet they did not whistle—a furtive, ambient, high pressure 'Zjssho-oo!' Was it sound? Then I would pause and catch only the horrid, overburdened silence.

"The 'thing' seemed more friendly. The sulphur no longer choked. You could have passed a burning bunch of miners' matches under my nose and I would have gulped the fumes like fresh air. But the invisible venom still belched out everywhere, secret and furtive; now from jaws and gashes four feet and more across, no longer red yellow, but with fangs crusted white or brilliant green and bristling with rapier-like stalagmites. Heat tremors pulsed, as the whole were a vast roof too close under the eye of the sun. And below on the blasted acre under the beak the panting steam flashed out the supreme desolation—crumbling, clinkery and over-parched; trailed away its smear of the dull rainbow hues of sulphur from grotesque mosaics. It was a pudding of slag fresh from that great furnace of the unknown fusing point, and how alien to the cold waves and winds of the subarctic!"

### Brain Growth.

The brain usually stops growing at about fifty, and from sixty to seventy it is more likely to decrease. It has been related by Canon MacColl that Mr. Gladstone's head was constantly outgrowing his hats. As late as the Midlothian campaign, when he was nearly seventy, he was obliged to have his head remeasured for this reason. Canon MacColl's conclusion that this continual growth of brain contributed to Mr. Gladstone's perennial youthfulness appears not unwarranted.—London Spectator.

### Oratory.

"What an oratory. Brudder Jackson?"

"Brudder Simmons, I will elucidate. If you says black an white, dat an foolish, but if you says black an white an' bellers like a bull an' pounds on a table wif bofe fists dat an oratory, an' some people will believe you."—Atlanta Constitution.

### A Juvenile Wriggle.

Mother (an invalid)—Elmer, what did you do with the orange Mrs. Neighbors gave you to give to me yesterday? Small Elmer—It was too sour for you, mamma, so I put some sugar in it and ate it myself.—Chicago News.

It is from the remembrance of joys we have lost that the arrows of affliction are pointed.—Mackenzie.

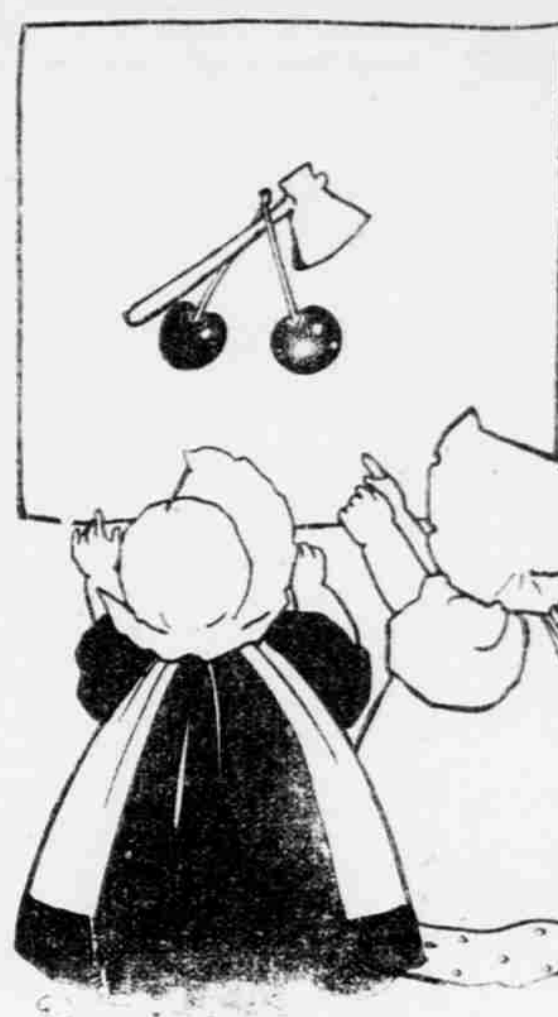
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Rip Van Winkle, Socrates, Petruchio, Agamemnon, Joseph Gargery, Solomon, Mr. Caudle, Mr. H. Peck and Beadle Bumble. Any additions sent in to this list will be regarded in the strictest confidence.—Chicago Tribune.

Rebuked.

"Yass," said Cholly Silley, "she was out when I called, but I hope for better luck next time."

"How ungrateful of you!" exclaimed Miss Knox. "You should wish her the good luck!"—Exchange.

Maude—When you refused him my hand, papa, did he get down on his knees? Pater—Well, I didn't notice just where he fell.—New York Mail.

Always the Same

## Calumet Baking Powder

The only high grade Baking Powder sold at a moderate price.

### Closing Out Sale

Having decided to move to Oregon, I will sell at public auction at the place where I now live, known as the Sam King place, 4 miles north and 3 miles east of McCook, on

**Wednesday, February 26** commencing at ten o'clock a. m., the following described property:

**9 HEAD OF HORSES . . .**

One bay horse, 5 yrs old, 1,300 lbs; 1 bay horse, 6 yrs old, 1,300 lbs; 1 grey mare, 7 yrs old, 1,100 lbs, with foal; 1 grey mare 6 yrs old, 1,100 lbs; 1 buckskin mare, 8 yrs old, 1,000 lbs; 1 bay colt, 2 yrs old; 1 bay colt, coming 2 yrs old; 2 w-anting colts.

**3 HEAD OF COWS . . .**

One to be fresh soon.

**15 HEAD OF SHOATS . . .**

**4 DOZEN CHICKENS . . .**

**FARM IMPLEMENTS . . .**

One McCormick header, with boxes, 1 riding lister, 1 2 row cultivator, 1 3 section steel harrow, 2 walking listers, one wagon, one top buggy.

**MISCELLANEOUS . . .**

Three sets work harness, 1 set single harness, 1 saddle, 3 sets fly nets, 1 lot of cobs, about 15 loads, 1 steel tank, 1 chicken house, 1 buggy shed, about 10 bushels of potatoes, household goods, other articles too numerous to mention.

Free lunch at noon.

**TERMS:** Sums under \$10, cash; on sums of \$10 and over, a credit of eight months will be given, purchaser to give note drawing ten percent interest from date, with approved security. A discount of five percent for cash on sums of \$10 and over. No property to be removed until settled for.

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