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County Commissioners' Proceedings.
 McCook, Nebraska, January 5th, 1909.
 The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present F. S. Lofton, S. Premer and C. B. Gray, commissioners and Chas. Skalla, county clerk.
 The minutes of the meetings held in December were read. It appearing to the board that the county board of Hitchcock county had taken no action concurrently with the board of this county, on Road No. 426, running along the county line between Red Willow and Hitchcock counties, from the southwest corner of section 19-2-30 to the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 19-2-30, and which was granted by this board on December 22nd, 1908, with the understanding that the board of Hitchcock county would take like action, on motion of Gray, seconded by Premer, the action taken by the board on December 22, 1908, in regard to this road was reconsidered, otherwise the minutes were approved as read.
 The petition of Alfred Carter, for appointment of Overseer District No. 7, of W. O. Finch and Geo. W. Wheeler, each for appointment of Overseer District No. 10, were placed before the board and ordered placed on file for future consideration by the board.
 The clerk having advertised that the board would receive sealed bids for furnishing the various county officers with books, blanks and stationery for the year 1909, the board proceeded to open and examine the bids on file and found the bids of the Watkins Printing House and of the York Blank Book Co. as the only bids on file. After due consideration the board on motion rejected all bids.
 The following official bonds were examined and on motion approved:
 L. M. Higgins, constable, East Valley precinct; George Traphagan, constable, Perry precinct; Charles Bonham, constable, Tyrone precinct; James L. Hoagland, overseer, District No. 2, Alliance precinct; Henry Corcoran, overseer, District No. 6, Perry precinct; Charles Rinck, overseer, District No. 8, Red Willow precinct; E. B. Nelson, overseer, District No. 14, Valley Grange precinct; Samuel Ellis, overseer, District No. 17, Gerver precinct; C. R. Newberry, overseer, District No. 18, Daubury precinct.
 Annual settlements of the following road overseers were examined and approved and on motion the clerk was instructed to draw warrants on their respective road districts in payment thereof as follows:
 Henry Corcoran, overseer, District No. 6, Perry precinct. \$500.00
 Leroy Jones, overseer, District No. 8, Red Willow precinct. 500.00
 Henry Conrad, overseer, District No. 9, Indianola precinct. 500.00
 P. N. Fough, overseer, District No. 11, Tyrone precinct. 500.00
 Geo. W. Wheeler, overseer, District No. 10, East Valley precinct. 500.00
 E. J. Baker, overseer, District No. 14, Valley Grange precinct. 500.00
 J. H. Hesterworth, overseer, District No. 15, Driftwood precinct. 500.00
 Joshua Rowland, overseer, District No. 16, Grant precinct. 500.00
 Samuel Ellis, overseer, District No. 17, Gerver precinct. 500.00
 J. F. Black, overseer, District No. 18, Daubury precinct. 112.50
 The claim of Henry Morris for refund of interest on real estate tax in Lebanon Village for \$1.37 was on motion rejected.
 On motion the county treasurer was instructed to refund to the following named persons the amount of poll tax illegally assessed against them in 1908 and paid by them under protest, as follows: E. S. Waite, McCook City, \$2.00, being over 50 years of age. Allen Wilson, Willow Grove, \$2.50, having been fireman for 5 years. E. S. Howell, McCook City, \$2.00, being member of fire department.
 On motion the county treasurer was instructed to refund to Tim Foley the sum of \$167.75, being the amount illegally assessed against him in 1908 in McCook City, by making an error in his personal property schedule and paid by him under protest.
 The following claims were audited and allowed and the clerk was instructed to draw warrants on the road funds of the various commissioner districts as follows:
 James Ward, Commissioner District No. 1, road work. \$42.00
 V. Olmstead, same. 9.00
 A. L. Olmstead, same. 12.00
 J. Styers, same. 12.00
 A. L. Weyer, same. 21.00
 E. L. Ludwig, same. 12.00
 E. Weyant, same. 1.50
 A. Styers, same. 1.50
 Ben Schamel, same. 9.00
 Henry Martin, same. 15.00
 G. Unger, same. 6.00
 A. L. Olmstead, same. 9.00
 E. Weyant, same. 9.00
 Ben Schamel, same. 5.25
 J. H. Hesterworth, same. 18.50
 E. J. Baker, same. 18.00
 H. W. Harry Mfy Co., Commissioner District No. 1, steel culverts. \$4.00
 Hitchcock County, Commissioner District No. 3, work on county line. 19.88
 Hitchcock County, same. 60.30
 The board commenced checking the account of Chas. Skalla, county clerk, and continued the same throughout the day.
 On motion the board adjourned to meet January 6th, 1909.
 F. S. LOFTON, Chairman.
 Attest: CHAS. SKALLA, County Clerk.

McCook, Nebraska, January 6th, 1909.
 The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present F. S. Lofton, S. Premer and C. B. Gray, commissioners, and Chas. Skalla, county clerk.
 Pursuant to law in such cases made and provided, the board on motion selected the following named persons, from which to draw a jury for the term of district court, which is to begin February 1st, 1909:
 Commissioner District No. 1: Beaver precinct, Chas. Gentry, W. A. Minniear, Sam Messner; Bondville precinct, Herman Reiners, John Breitling; Daubury precinct, Almeron Reed, E. A. Ruby; Driftwood precinct, Perry Cartwright; Gerver precinct, D. W. Bailey; Grant precinct, Andrew Anderson; Lebanon precinct, H. E. Waugh, Thomas Boyd, P. H. Walters, D. F. Hupp; Missouri Ridge precinct, John G. Ervin; Tyrone precinct, L. A. Sheldon; Valley Grange precinct, E. J. Baker.
 Commissioner District No. 2: Alliance precinct, Bert Wyrich, E. A. Shugroo; North Valley precinct, William Nicholson, Charles Bell; East Valley precinct, I. A. Lyman, George Carr, E. E. Shoemaker, Charles Shafer; Fritch precinct, Roudy Jones, Alex Jensen; Indianola precinct, S. V. Frye, S. A. Lewis; Frank Unionist, E. S. Dutcher, N. J. Uerling; Red Willow precinct, W. H. Meyers, Charles Meyers.
 Commissioner District No. 3: Box Elder precinct, Jas. Spaulding, Dan Doyle, Jr.; Coleman precinct, Barney Koetter; Perry precinct, Geo. Troendley; Willow Grove precinct, C. G. Coglizer, Dave Deveny, E. F. Markwad, T. J. Ruggles, Geo. R. Shields, B. C. Bowman, P. M. Bell, H. J. Cox, A. M. Caldwell, T. Croughan, Scott Doan, D. E. Eikenberry, Ed Perkins, G. A. Folds, G. C. Heckman, J. M. Henderson, J. E. Nelms, H. G. Phelps, O. N. Reitor, F. L. Schwab, E. J. Wilcox, Herman Brown.
 The board continued the examination of the accounts of Chas. Skalla, county clerk, throughout the day.
 On motion the board adjourned to meet January 7th, 1909.
 F. S. LOFTON, Chairman.
 Attest: CHARLES SKALLA, Clerk.

EDWIN FORREST.
The Great Tragedian's Acting Was Saturated With Realism.
 Edwin Forrest, says William Winter in "Other Days," was an uncommonly massive and puissant animal, and all of his impersonations were more physical than intellectual, while no one of them possessed any spiritual element whatever.
 From the first and until the last his acting was saturated with "realism," and that was one reason of his extensive popularity. He could at all times be seen, heard and understood. He struck with a sledge hammer. Not even nerves of gutta serena could remain unshaken by his blow. In the manifestation of terror he lolled out his tongue, contorted his visage, made his frame quiver and used the trick sword with the rattling hilt. In scenes of fury he panted, snorted and snarled like a wild beast. In death scenes his gasps and gurgles were protracted and painfully literal. The bellow that he emitted when, as Richelieu, he threatened to launch the ecclesiastical curse almost made the theater walls tremble. The snarling yell of ferocity that burst from him when, as Jack Cade, he recognized and sprang upon Lord Say in the forest fairly frightened his hearers. His utterance of Lear's delirious prayer to nature was like a thunderstorm. Often he produced amazingly consolatory effects, affording ample gratification to the overstrained feeling of his audience, desirous—as in stormy passages of "King Lear" and "Othello," the forum scene of "Virginius," the statue scene of "Brutus" and the scaffold scene of "Damon and Pythias"—that something tempestuous and terrific should be said and done. There are times when it is a comfort to see somebody who can let himself go. Forrest could. His style accordingly had its positive, ample, undeniable merits, but neither he nor his apostles were ever satisfied with acknowledgment of those merits at their actual worth.

A CASE OF CONSCIENCE.
The Powerful Motive That Moved the Commercial Traveler.
 "No, I'm not whistling and singing because business is good," replied the hardware drummer. "What ails me is because I have a clear conscience for the first time in three years."
 "Have you confessed to murder?" was asked.
 "Gentlemen, don't try to be funny. This is a sacred thing. I was in Boston three years ago, and I picked up a package on the street. On opening it I found seventy-five \$1,000 bills. The name of the loser was there, but I took that money and got out of town by the first train. My conscience told me that I was as bad as a thief, but I tried to stifle it."
 "A drummer with a conscience!" sneered three of the listeners in chorus.
 "I went to Chicago with the money," continued the drummer, "and invested it in real estate. I knew it was wrong, but I did it. Six months ago I found myself worth \$200,000. Conscience would not down. It got so bad that I couldn't look even a confidence man in the face. At length I started for Boston and hunted up the loser of the wealth. I found him in his office and told my story. When it was finished I laid my all before him and asked his forgiveness."
 "And what did he do?"
 "I will tell you what he did, and I shall never forget it. He looked at me and saw how I was suffering, and he took me by the hand and said in a fatherly way:
 "My friend, suffer no more. I was going to a poker game when I lost that money, and it would have gone anyhow."
 "But what in thunder are you doing on the road if you are worth \$200,000?" shouted a voice.
 "Conscience again, gentlemen—conscience. It won't let me retire and leave you fellows to do all the lying!"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Earth's Changes.
 The surface of the earth is undergoing steady transformation, largely through the agency of man, but perhaps nowhere is the plant and animal life of the region being more rapidly superseded than in New Zealand. The native Polynesian race, crowded by Europeans, is becoming extinct. Many of the imported animals run wild and multiply rapidly at the expense of the native species, even the streams being filled with European and American trout, which grow to great size.

The Fleur-de-lis.
 The origin and therefore the full heraldic meaning of the fleur-de-lis is disputed. By some the emblem is supposed to represent a lily, by others the iron head of some weapon, presumably a lance. From the claims put forth by English sovereigns to certain principalities in France, gained by inheritance or marriage, the French royal coat appeared as a quartering in the English royal arms, but it was abolished by George IV.

Taking Him Down.
 "Yes, sir," said the pompous individual. "I always pay cash for everything I get." "Dear me!" exclaimed the matter of fact person. "What's the matter with your credit?"—Chicago News.

Consoling.
 Mrs. X.—I must apologize, Mrs. Y., for falling to come to your party Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Y.—Oh, my dear, don't speak of it! You were not missed.—Pathfinder.

We acquire the strength we have overcome.—Emerson.

REGULATING BALLOONS.
France Made the First Laws Governing Aerial Traffic.
 In 1871, when French balloons from beleaguered Paris were dropping on the "sacred soil" of Prussia, a royal decree declared them confiscate as contraband of war. And on the conclusion of peace a measure was passed through the German reichstag which forbade under penalty of death any future similar aerial violation of German territory during time of war.
 So long ago as 1830, again, balloon ascents were made illegal in Turkey, so far as regards Constantinople and forty miles around, and in 1872 the prohibition was extended to include the entire Turkish empire. To France, however, belongs the distinction of having made the first laws for the regulation of aerial traffic. In 1784 it was solemnly decreed that nobody should be permitted to go up in a balloon "or any other kind of aerostatic machine" which was worked by burning spirits of wine or any other means of making a fire.
 Later, in 1811, it was enacted in France that henceforth no balloon, whether free or captive, should be permitted to ascend with any species of furnace or stove, that no one should be allowed to ascend in a balloon unless he carried a parachute and that ascents were not to be begun later than one hour before sunset nor earlier than an hour after sunrise. Furthermore, no ascents whatever were to be undertaken during the garnering of the harvest nor for six weeks prior thereto.

The First New Woman.
 "We new women are really not so new as we think we are," said one of them. "In the thirteenth century there were lots of us. Can anything 700 years old be new? The University of Bologna had for professor of jurisprudence Movella d'Andria. She was no more new than beautiful. Her charms were so overpowering that the trustees made her lecture behind a curtain. When she lectured openly the students, their minds wholly occupied with her beauty, could not attend to what she said. Madonna Manzolina was professor of anatomy, Matilda Tromboni taught languages and Marie Magnest held the chair of mathematics. This university was by no means a second rate one. On the contrary, it was perhaps the leading university of Europe. It had 10,000 students."

Called For the Author.
 The Friars, an organization of theatrical press agents, dined a manager more conspicuous for his shrewdness than for his culture. When the menu had been properly discussed the guest of honor amazed his hosts by making a speech notable not only for its grace and wit, but for some show of erudition. He sat down at last amid loud applause, when Augustus Thomas, at the same time joining the handclapping, shouted: "Author! Author!"—New York Tribune.

Emotional England.
 Ours is a nation of sentiment. We are probably more sentimental in a tearful way than any other country in Europe. The strongest man in England can weep when he hears a organ that used to be played on the organ of the village church when he was a boy, but there is not much depth in the tears. They are not very salt.—London Ladies' Field.

A True Heroine.
 "What is your idea of a heroine, John?" asked the wife of his bosom as she looked up from the novel she was reading.
 "A heroine, my dear," answered John, "is a woman who could talk back, but doesn't."—Chicago News.

Helps Some.
 Church—And has he done anything to relieve suffering humanity? Gotham—Oh, yes; he has sent his daughter abroad to take her singing lessons.—Yonkers Statesman.

ABOUT ADVERTISING—NO. 7

The Cannon That Modernized Japan
 By Herbert Kaufman.

Business is no longer a man to man contact, in which the merchant and the patron establish a personal bond, any more than a battle is a hand-to-hand grapple, where brawn and muscle and sinew decide the outcome. Business as well as war has changed in respect to contact. *are now fought at long range.*

Just as a present day army of heroes would have no opportunity to display the personal valor of its members, just so a merchant who counts upon his personal acquaintances for success is a relic of the past—a business dinosaur.

Japan changed her policy of exclusion of foreigners after a fleet of warships battered down the Satsuma fortifications. The Shogun, who had hitherto considered their blades and bows good enough, discovered that one cannon was mightier than all the swords in creation if they could not get near enough to use them. Japan profited by the lesson. She did not wait until further ramparts were battered to pieces, but was satisfied with her one experiment and proceeded to modernize her methods.

The merchant who doesn't advertise is just as much in the same position as that in which Japan stood when her eyes were opened to the fact that *times had changed.* The long range publicity competitor will as surely destroy your business as the cannon of the foreigners crumbled the walls of Satsuma. Unless you take the lesson to heart, unless you realize the importance of advertising, not only as the means of extending your business but for defending it as well, you must be prepared to face the consequences of a folly as great as that of a duelist who expects to survive in a contest in which his adversary bears a sword twice the length of his own.

Don't think that it's too late to begin because there are so many stores which have had the advantage of years of cumulative advertising. The city is growing. It will grow even more next year. It has increased trading facilities just as it's hungry for new neighborhoods.

But it will never again support neighborhood stores. Newspaper advertising has eliminated the strength of being locally prominent, and five cent street corners have cut out the advantage of being *corner.* A store five miles away can reach out through the columns of the daily newspaper and draw your next door neighbor to its aisles, while you sit by and see the people on your own block enticed away without your being able to retaliate or supply new customers to take their place.

It is not a question of your ability to stand the cost of advertising but of being able to survive to do it. The thing you have to consider is not only an extension of your business but holding what you already have.

Advertising is an investment, the cost of which is in the same proportion to its returns as seeds are to the harvest. And it is just as preposterous for you to consider publicity as an expense as it would be for a farmer to hesitate over purchasing a fertilizer if he discovered that he could profitably increase his crops by employing it.

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 Two cups of Falcon Self-Rising Pancake Flour, one cup milk, two eggs, one tablespoonful sugar, butter the size of a walnut. Mix thoroughly before adding the flour.
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