

The difference between charity and reform is that charity occasionally begins at home.

When a fellow has money to burn, there are a lot of others who believe in spontaneous combustion.

"Some men," observes the New York Evening Mail, "are honest only when they swear." Honest?

If a girl is only attractive enough, she gets all the more invitations when she doesn't know how to skate.

The celluloid back comb of a Chicago young woman exploded the other day. What red hair she must have!

The new Servian cabinet lasted just one day. If it was so soon to be done for, we wonder what it was begun for.

In Chicago they are now kidnaping chorus girls. These homes for the aged have got to be filled up somehow.

If the law of supply and demand is still working there should also be a sharp decline in lambs' wool on Wall street.

One of the most thoughtful suicides on record is that of the Kentucky man who paid all his debts before taking his life.

\$15.50 for a lock of Thackeray's hair! Many a young man cherishes a lock of hair that he wouldn't sell for double that.

If there is another Andrew Carnegie, probably he feels flattered, too, to think that anyone could borrow \$1,250,000 on his name.

Of course, Mr. Lawson hopes that there haven't been any members of the New York yacht club caught in the stock market this week.

The Bidwells, however, with their \$5,000,000 operation in connection with the bank of England, still hold the record by a small margin.

King Peter of Servia announces that he is in favor of arbitration. Almost anybody would, in Peter's place, be an enthusiast on the subject.

Victims of kleptomaniacs should take care to have a good social position or they are likely to be mistaken for shoplifters and treated accordingly.

What satisfaction would it bring to a bald-headed man if he could grow another crop of hair? People would only say that he was wearing a wig.

Thomas W. Lawson and Col. Greene might both be able to make up their losses if they would build a fence around themselves and charge admission.

A corps of motorists is planned for the German army. Judging from the record already established by motorists, they ought to be invincible in warfare.

Whenever a rich American girl makes up her mind that she wants one there seems to be an earl, or a marquis or a duke or something left somewhere.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat is our authority for the statement that women are easier to wake than men. But it's mighty hard to put their suspicions to sleep.

Think of the collection of 1,179,713 printed books and pamphlets in the congressional library at Washington! How many lifetimes it would take to read them through!

## NEWS IN NEBRASKA

### STATE NOTES.

Tecumseh merchants report a good holiday trade.

Dodge county employes but eighteen male teachers.

The hotel Lathrop at Hardy was burned to the ground.

There was a fire at the Normal college in Fremont, but it did not interrupt work.

Nebraska has realized from the inspection of kerosene and gasoline, at 10 cents per barrel, the sum of \$38,954.40, according to the biennial report of Oil Inspector Church, which was filed with the governor.

At Holdrege John R. Lucas, who shot and killed Clyde Lester December 6, was bound over to the district court on a charge of murder in the first degree and was remanded to jail without bail.

Charles Field hung himself at Crete. He was a foreman of stonework on the new Burlington depot at that place. He was found at supper time hanging from a rafter in the tool house. No cause is known for the deed other than that he had been drinking heavily.

The Farmers' Elevator company of Strausville, have the elevator under construction and have commenced to purchase and ship grain. An experienced man has been placed in charge of the business and the farmers by co-operation hope to circumvent the grain buyers' trust if such an institution exists.

Judge Harrington in the district court at Long Pine, has granted a decree annulling the marriage of S. Herbert Moore and Clara Taylor, which occurred in Long Pine several years ago. The decree was petitioned for by Will H. Taylor of Rosedale, Ill., who declared that his sister had been insane since 1894. Mrs. Moore is now an inmate of the Lincoln asylum.

George E. Haskell, president of the Beatrice Creamery company and former resident of Lincoln, will return to Lincoln from California with his family about January 1. He has been in Colorado and California for several years on account of ill-health, but has so far recovered that his physicians say he can return to this climate with safety. The family has been for some time at Ocean Beach, Cal.

Recently P. C. Alcorn of Crab Orchard suffered an injury to one of his eyes, and it was believed the optic might be saved. However, inflammation set in in such a bad condition that the sight of the other eye was threatened, and the surgeons deemed it advisable to remove the injured eyeball to guard against the possibility of Mr. Alcorn's suffering total blindness.

Mayor Hackett and some of the city councilmen of Humboldt had an interesting session with a stranger who appeared last week and made all preparations to open up a bucket shop in a vacant office room of the city. The authorities objected, but the man went on with his arrangements until warned that he would be immediately arrested if he attempted to do business, when he decided to drop the matter.

P. L. Troyer in jumping from freight No. 46 at Callaway, had a narrow escape from a horrible death which he is liable to remember for some time to come. Troyer has been up at Sheridan for some time past and, wanting to get back to his home at Callaway, made arrangements with a party bringing some horses east to ride with him. Thinking the train was not going to stop when it arrived there, he made a jump for the platform, which was covered with frost. A few minutes later he was discovered by Frank Makvicka, the night watchman, lying insensible, with his head nearly touching the rails.

### IT AFFECTS NEBRASKA LANDS.

Kinkaid Has Some Amendments to the Laws.

WASHINGTON—Congressman Kinkaid of Nebraska introduced an amendment on the opening day of congress to amend the homestead laws affecting certain lands in the western and northwestern portions of Nebraska which would extend the time six months within which entrymen under the bill effective last June may occupy the land so entered. This is a trifling matter compared with other proposed amendments to the Kinkaid law, which, it will be remembered, increased the area of a homestead entry to 640 acres.

Prominent Nebraskans propose a law to amend the Kinkaid law, providing for the sole use of grazing lands for grazing purposes. This proposition is made in the hope of promoting the settlement or profitable occupancy of the vast area of grazing lands tributary to the Burlington, Union Pacific and Northwestern railroads in the state. Charles F. Manderson of Omaha, general solicitor for the Burlington, would have the department of the interior survey these lands and put them into three classes—namely, first, arable lands; second, irrigable lands; third, pastoral lands. The latter class Mr. Manderson would have put on sale at not less than 10 cents nor more than 25 cents an acre.

Another idea is to sell, under the direction of the secretary of the interior, all lands not disposed of under the Kinkaid act. Still another amendment provides for buying the land outright at 10 cents or more an acre, in the discretion of the secretary of the interior.

Mr. Manderson has laid his ideas before the members of the Nebraska delegation in congress and has requested them to join him in a conference to be held at Washington or at Omaha some time this month.

### PAY FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Districts Deal Liberally With Their Educators.

The various school districts of the state of Nebraska have dealt liberally with their school teachers during the last year and while the total amount of money spent in salaries for men teachers is a decrease when compared with the amount spent last, it does not follow that the individual salaries of men have decreased, for the reason that the number of men teachers employed this year is less than the year before. According to statistics compiled by Chief Clerk Harnly for use in the biennial report of Superintendent Fowler there was spent for salaries for male teachers this year was \$572,728.20, and for female teachers, \$2,533,108.10, compared to \$608,708.79 spent in salaries for male teachers and \$2,313,469.19 paid to female teachers last year. Of this total amount Douglas county paid its male teachers in 1904 \$29,834.87, and its female teachers \$386,971.88. In 1904 there were employed in the state 1,389 men and 8,325 women teachers, against 1,490 men and 7,819 women teachers last year, making a total for 1904 of 9,714, against 9,309, the increase in teachers being occasioned by the increase in women teachers, showing that woman is gradually taking the place of man in educational lines in Nebraska.

### Fifteen Years in Court.

NEBRASKA CITY—The estate of Robert Hawks, deceased, that was filed for probate in the county court about fifteen years ago, has been settled and closed. The estate is one of the largest ever filed for probate in the county court and was the cause of many lawsuits.

### Lights on Brooklyn Bridge.

There are three lights on the Brooklyn bridge which are never seen by those who have occasion to use the bridge at night, but those three lights mean much to the masters of sailing vessels whose masts approach or exceed the 135 feet between the center of the span and the water. One of the three is directly in the center of the span and marks the highest point, the other two are at each side of the center light, about 10 feet from the towers, and mark the danger limit.

### Lord Rosebery's "Good Story."

In a recent English biography appears an anecdote told in the characteristic English manner. The writer remarks: "Lord Rosebery told a very good story (for he is always amusing) about a gentleman who was traveling in the southern United States. The visitor was being shaved by a negro barber and noticed the extreme bluntness of the razor.

"Yes, sir," said the barber, "it is vry blunt, sar; I was out last night wid the boys."

### Automobile Baby Carriage.

London now has an automobile baby carriage. It can be stopped easily by a child in the car depressing a pedal with its foot or by the person in charge pushing forward a lever on the side of the car. As this lever is fitted with a locking gear, it is impossible for the child to reverse it and restart the car.

### Found at Last.

Hensley, Ark., Dec. 26th.—(Special)—That a sure cure for Backache would be a priceless boon to the people, and especially the women of America, is admitted by all interested in medical matters, and Mrs. Sue Williams of this place is certain she has found in Dodd's Kidney Pills the long-sought for cure.

"I am 38 years old," Mrs. Williams says, "and I have suffered with the Backache very much for three or four years. I have been treated by good physicians and got no relief, but thanks to God, I have found a cure at last and it is Dodd's Kidney Pills. I have taken only one box and it has done me more good than all the doctors in three or four years. I want all sufferers from Backache to know that they can get Dodd's Kidney Pills and get well."

Backache is one of the first symptoms of Kidney Disease. Guard against Bright's Disease or Rheumatism by curing it with Dodd's Kidney Pills.

### Value of Self-Command.

Shakespeare made old Adam in "As You Like It" assign his temperate youth as the indispensable condition precedent to his vigorous age. The condition applies to the mental and moral sides of mankind as truly as to the physical. A cheerful self-command is the most to be desired of all the gifts of the gods and is some thing that may be measurably acquired even if the gods denied it at birth.

Don't you know that Defiance Starch besides being absolutely superior to any other, it put up 16 ounces in packages and sells at same price as 12-ounce packages of other kinds?

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### A Rare Good Thing.

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