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A Huge Burlesque.

It certainly is one of the jokes of the season to read about county attorneys in Nebraska assembling in Lincoln last week to discuss methods for fighting railroad corporations on the tax question. Imagine these valiant pension grabbers armed with railroad passes doing anything toward compelling the companies to do more than give assurance that their passes will not be taken away from them so long as they keep within their own breastworks. The chances are that before the companies stand for the holdup, some of their friends within the army of legal lilliputians will be wearing diamonds.—Pioneer Grip.

It is reported that a vigilance committee has been organized in eastern Keya Paha county, which, if true, will probably bring old Keya Paha to the front as the "dark and bloody ground" of the border. The reason for reviving the rope court is said to be the wholesale stealing of horses, and the ghosts of Kid Wade, Maupin, Barret Scott, old man White, the Hills and other men who incurred the vengeance of the old vigilante gang, are liable to have company in their nightly ramble along the Niobrara. But, if the new committee is like the old one, it would be well for the honest members to invoice the committee and do some judicious hanging before they start out on the warpath.—Butte Gazette.

Several weeks ago President Roosevelt ordered that the reports of the weather bureau be withheld from the Boston Herald because that paper printed a little story about one of the Roosevelt children chasing a stray turkey about the white house grounds, but after cooling down he again ordered that the service be restored to the Boston paper. Likewise, a few days ago he ordered Ben Baker removed from the bench in New Mexico but upon a second thought and a little cool reflection he withdrew the order and restored Ben to the bench. This seems like a school boy way of treating matters. Get the heat of the moment has passed off, be sorry about it and make everything right. This manner of doing business is certainly not the method of a great statesman.—Papillion Times.

Boys and Cigarettes.

Probate Officer W. C. Johnson, of Kansas City, addressing several hundred boys in that city, said cigarettes caused nearly all the downfalls among youths.
 "Out of 450 boys who have been taken into the juvenile court," said Mr. Johnson, "95 per cent were cigarette smokers. I never saw a boy who played hockey from school but did not also smoke cigarettes. This habit is the beginning of crime."
 "I know a little fellow on the West side who lies on the bed for two or three hours at a time smoking cigarettes. He has become addicted to the habit and says he cannot stop it. He will be sent to the reform school, where he can't get the poisonous things."
 "Two boys were caught stealing

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in a store not long ago. Each was a cigarette smoker. In nearly every case where a boy breaks into a store the first thing he steals is tobacco."

The connection between tobacco and toughness in a boy seems to be much the same as that between whiskey and crime in a man.

The injury of cigarette smoking to youth is not merely physical. It invariably leads him into bad associations that pervert his ideas of manliness.

A gang of boys secretly smoking cigarettes submit to the leadership of the toughest in the gang. There is a magic power in the practice to lower all to the level of the lowest.

The boy who thinks it is manly to smoke has a wrong notion of manliness. He is training himself to admire and emulate man's vices instead of his virtues. He is cultivating the qualities that count for failure instead of success.

The companionship and moral influence that a boy comes into through cigarettes is like that which a man comes into through the drink—the kind that debase.—Omaha Daily News.

The Old Cattle Business.

One of the most pathetic pictures of animal misery is that furnished by E. K. Whitehead, secretary of the Colorado state bureau of child and animal protection, concerning cattle wintered on the plains of the great southwest. "In the winter of 1902-3," he says, "on a single ranch in Texas, five hundred thousand dollars' worth of cattle died; on many ranches half were lost; on some three-quarters, and on almost all, many while all the rest went down to the very verge of death, and suffered all its pain without its relief. Imagine a single animal in December already guant from hunger, cold and thirst (for of the three, thirst is the most terrible,) imagine this wretched creature wandering about in an illimitable plain, covered with snow; with nothing to eat except here and there, buried under the snow, a sparse tuft of scanty mosslike grass; eating snow for days and weeks, because there is nothing to drink; by day wandering in the snow; by night lying down in it; swept by pitiless winds and icy storms; always shivering with cold; always gnawed with hunger; always parched with

thirst; always searching for something to eat, where there's nothing; always staring with dumb, hopeless eyes, blinded swollen and festering from the sun's glare on the wastes of snow."

Twenty-five years ago the same wicked conditions prevailed in western Nebraska, but it is very different now. Most of the ranchers make ample provisions for watering their stock at all seasons of the year and while their cattle do splendidly on the range grass when there is no snow, a sufficient quantity of emergency hay is provided in the fall so that it is only in unusually severe and stormy weather that there is much suffering of range cattle in this state.—State Journal.

Lobbyists.

The Fremont (Neb.) Tribune, commenting upon the proposition to "abandon the professional lobby," says that the idea is a good one, but asks: "Who is to determine just who the professional lobbyists are; by what sign or token is the professional to be told from an amateur?"

It is sometimes difficult to distinguish. Indeed, sometimes it is difficult to tell whether a man is a professional lobbyist or a public spirited citizen who has made great personal sacrifices in order to spend the winter at the state capital and instruct the legislator in his duties.

In 1891, Mr. Newberry, the reputed father of the famous maximum freight rate bill, concluded that he would provide the people of Nebraska with relief from extortionate freight rates. Mr. Newberry wanted to introduce a bill providing for the freight rate schedule that was then in force in Iowa. He confided his secret with a very agreeable gentleman whose acquaintance he had formed, and this gentleman declared that he was in perfect sympathy with Newberry's plan, and offered to secure for him a copy of the Iowa schedule.
 Newberry was under lasting obligations, of course, and thanked his friend very cordially when the Iowa schedule was placed in his hands. Newberry introduced the bill.

The late John M. Moan, that fine old democrat from Dakota county, was a member of the committee charged with the considera-

tion of this measure. Being a large shipper himself, Moan understood freight rate schedules, and, after investigating Newberry's bill, he asked Newberry where he obtained the schedule. Newberry told him a friend had given it to him. Moan insisted upon learning the friend's name, and when Newberry revealed it Moan said: "Why, my dear sir, that man is a professional railroad lobbyist, and the schedule he has provided you with is not the present Iowa schedule; it is an old Iowa schedule, and, instead of decreasing Nebraska rates, it would, if enacted into a law, increase those rates by about 25 per cent."

The result was that Mr. Moan was charged with securing the proper Iowa schedule and with the preparation of the bill. The inside of the bill as originally introduced by Newberry was thrown into the waste basket, while the bill prepared under Moan's direction took its place. The bill, however, retained its original number, and it became a law, and was popularly known as the "Newberry bill," although all the "Newberry" there was to it was the title number and the name of the man who originally introduced the bill.

In the coming session of the Nebraska legislature the difficulty will not be so much to distinguish between the professional lobbyists and the amateur lobbyists. There will be a few amateurs there. There will, however, be at least three professional lobbyists; one will represent the Union Pacific, another will represent the Elkhorn and another will represent the Burlington & Missouri. The difficulty will be to distinguish these professional corporation lobbyists from the republican party. Every well-informed man who wants anything done by the Nebraska legislature will not waste time in talking to the members of the legislature. He will go direct to headquarters; he will plead for favors at the knee of the corporation lobbyist, and there he will obtain either the favor or the refusal—and that will be the end of it.—World-Herald.

Catholic Church Announcement.

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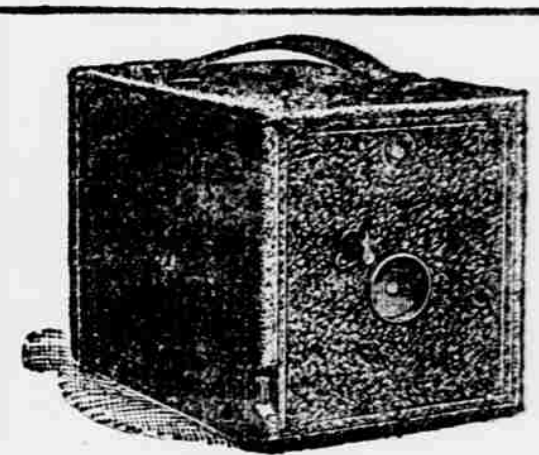
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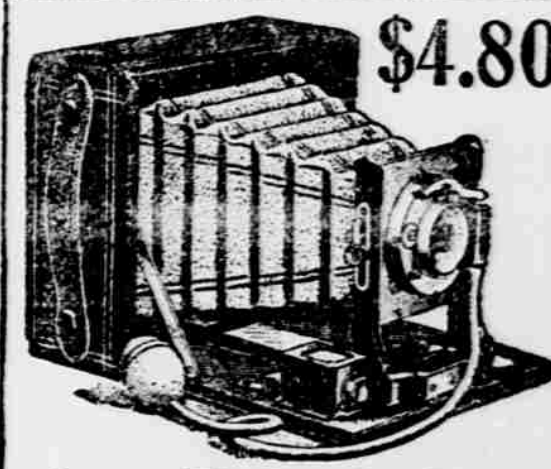
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