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#### THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1908.

#### A DRY TOWN.

Valentine, the commercial center of Western Nebraska, has fallen. The industry and business of the past reflects its brilliant splendor pealed 1858. upon the dull present. Benches have been erected along Main street and the erstwhile business men are sitting in the sun, whittling and watching their whiskers grow, dreaming of the past. A small group of men have gathered at the post office and are arguing whether it will be advisable to ask the village board to cut the weeds growing in the streets. In another place some are predicting rain, while still others are suspicious that a few drops still lurk within the town.

toed by governor. Iowa-adopted partial prohibi-

tion 1855; full prohibition 1884;

mulct law 1893. Nebraska-adopted 1855, re-Kansas-adopted constitutional

amendment 1880.

North Dakota-constitutional provision 1890, repealed 1896. South Dakota-constitutional provision 1890, repealed.

Georgia-adopted 1907. Oklahoma-adopted 1907. Alabama-adopted 1908.

The fate of state prohibition is the fate of local prohibition. When a state cannot successfully handle the question with its majesty and power, what do you expect a little village to do?

#### The End Came Another Way.

A distinguished actor was one timengaged at one of enr leading pro. ? cial theaters in a leanna in which he attempts an escape from a convict prisdoing this he is shot at by a warder and killed.

run its usual course up to the point where the actor attempts the escape over the prison wall. The warder, a usual, presented his rifle, but instra ! of a loud report nothing but a fain clicking sound was heard. The rifle was lowered and after a brief delay again pointed, but with the same disappointing result.

The audience now begap to hiss and jeer. The disgusted actor then got of the prison wall and, staggering toward the footlights, exclaimed. "It's all up-I've swallowed the file!" and fell prove on the stage amid the laughter and applause of the audience. - Pearson's Weekly.

Dacheler Seal Skin. "This skin," said the furrier, "came from a young seal bachelor, a youth ignorant of love and of life." replied. "The pile, you will note, is touching to see his struggles with lanlike close cut velvet. Guly bachelor

seal skins have such a pile. "The bachelor seal," he went on, "has a rather sad life. The big bull seals in the seal islands have each a household of fifteen or twenty wives, but the young bachelors must herd by then:selves. Let one of them athome of his own.

"He leads a hard, ascetic, celibate life, only-in the end as like as not to make a lady a very fine coat. All the very fine coats, 1 repeat, are made from the unhappy bachelor seals."-Cincinnati along and without warning topples Enquirer.

Jack Tar and the Actor. A famous Irish actor of the eightcenth century named John Moody early in life, before he went on the tage, had been to Jamaica and worked his passage home as a sailor before the mast. One night some time after he had been engaged at Drury Lane when he was acting Stephano in "The Tempest" a sailor in the front row of the pit got up and, standing upon the seat, hallooed out, "What cheer, Jack Moody-what cheer, messmate?" This unexpected address rather astonished the audience. Moody, however, stepped forward and, recognizing the man, called out: "Tom Huflett, keep your jawking tacks aboard. Don't disturb the crew and passengers. When the show is over make sail for the stage door, and we'll finish the evening over a jug of punch. But till then, Tom, keep your locker shut." Moody, it is related, was as good as his word. -Cornhill Magazine.

Trials of Writers.

George Etiot in one of her letters, referring to her novel "Daniel Deronla." writes as follows: "My book seems to me so unlikely ever to be on, first by getting rid of his fetters by | finished in a way that will make it means of a file and lastly by getting worth while giving to the world that over the prison wall. In the act of at is a kind of glass in which I behold my infirmities." Again of the same work, "As usual, I am suffering much One particular night the drama had from doubt as to the worth of what 1 im doing and fear lest I may not be

able to complete it so as to make it a outribution to literature and not a seere addition to the heap of books." Montesquieu wrote thus to a friend: 'I thought I should have killed myself these three months to finish a aorceau (for his great work) which 1 wished to insert on the origin and revolutions of the civil laws of France,

You will read it in three hours, but I To assure you that it cost me so much labor that it has whitened my hair."

The eminent modern French writer Gastave Flaubert suffered tortures in his efforts to attain perfection. When composing, he would sometimes spring to his feet, shrick aloud and call himself "blockhead," "idiot." No sooner

was one doubt removed than another Tarose. At other times he would sit at his writing table as one magnetized. "How do you know?" the lady asked. lost in contemplation. His friend Tur-"By its fineness, its perfection." he geneff declared that it was exceedingly guage. He would work a whole day and sometimes all night on a single page.

#### Traps of the Ant Lion.

We read of the tiger traps in Indiagreat pits dug in the ground and covered lightly with pliant bamboo. The tempt to marry and straightway a bull tiger steps upon the false top and beslavs him. Not till he is big enough fore it can retreat is precipitated into to fight and conquer a bull-not till he | a trap. Walking along a sandy road, is fourteen or fifteen years old-can he look for tiny circular pits sunk below know the delight of settling down in a the surface and then sit down and of the little still hunter which has dug

watch an exciting episode in the life the pitfall. It is invisible, and for some time the whole affair seems lifeless. Then an ant comes blundering over the edge and begins to slide down the incline. But the insect fights hard for life and seems about to make its escape, when, lo, the sand grains heave upward at the bottom and with a jerk are hurled like a miniature catapult at the ant knocking it over and rolling it



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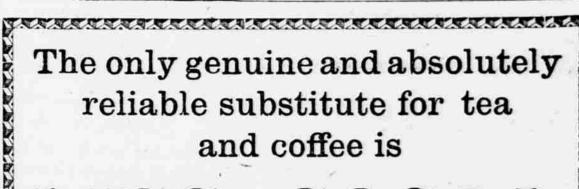
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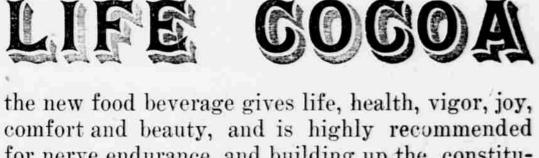
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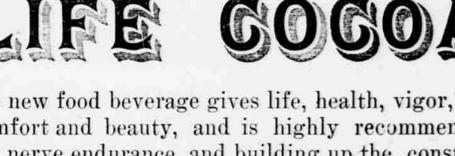


At last a Wyoming coal has been found which in all respects, for domestic use, equals Rock Springs district coal and excels it in some. Rock Springs has for years been unbeatable, but hundreds cf customers in the western part of the state now put HUDSON ahead of it on account of purity, cleanliness and lasting qualities. For cooking and heating stoves HUDSON cannot be excelled.

FRANK FISCHER, Dealer in Hardware, Furniture and Coal.







A meeting of the "antis" has been held and the sense of the resolutions is a dry town. Dry in everything-business\* men thirsting for trade, school children thirsting for an education, stockmen thirsting for a drink of something just so it is wet; indeed, the town itself looks thirsty.

A wagon rolls up Main street and everyone is on the alert. Some days have elapsed since the last one ens from his morning nap and dows have been washed and the result of the treatment. commodities of the past have been dusted. A smile permeates the "Si" just drove in. He walks from place to place and drives hard bargains. Finally, with a sack of flour, a side of bacon and fifty cents worth of sugar he leaves for home-perfectly sober.

Gilman has refused to extend Eyes, nose and throat. his water contract and the mains are empty. An enterprising citizen has erected a mill near the center of the city. Noon is approaching and the lethargy of the morning is cast off and the townspeople gather about the well. "I prithee, give me a jug of water," interposes a meek little woman. A shrill voice is heard in return, "for the third and last time, how much am I bid for this gallon of pure, unadulterated aqua vita?"

#### Some Statistics.

For the benefit of those who desire a dry town and feel that the village police powers are sufficient to meet the requirements of such, the following interesting statistics are taken from a current number of the Literary Digest:

Maine-adopted prohibition in 1846, repealed 1856, re-enacted prohibition in 1858.

New Hampshire-adopted pro- her by a papil.

### TO Valentine, Nebr., The eminent physician on chronic

liseases will visit our city Saturday, April 11, 1908,

and will be at the Donoher Hotel until 5 p. m., one day ONLY.

Dr. Potterf, president of the staff of the Boston Electro Medical Instiappeared. The liveryman awak- tute, is making a tour of the state. He will give consultation, examination, and all the medicines necessary takes in the team. Down town to complete a cure FREE. All parties everyone is at work. The win- taking advantage of this offer are re-

> Cures DEAFNESS by an entirely new process.

Treats all curable cases of catarrh, town. Business is picking up for throat and lung diseases, eye and ear, stomach, liver and kidneys, gravel rheumatism, paralysis neuralgia, nervous and heart disease, epilepsv, Bright's disease and disease of the bladder, blood and skin disea-es Liquor and tobacco habit, big neck, stammering cured.

Piles, fistula and rupture cured without detention from business

Glasses fitted, granulated lids, cataracts, cross eyes straightened without pain.

If you are improving under your family physician do not take up our valuable time. The rich and the poor are treated alike. Idlers and curiosity seekers will please away. Our time is valuable.

Remember NOT A PENNY will be charged for the medicine required to make a cure of all those taking treatment this trip. Office hour 9 a.m. Positively married ladies must be

accompanied by their husbands. Remember the date. Saturday, April 11, at the Donoher hotel, Valentine, Neb.

#### Mountains Had Not Moved.

The story is told that when Judge William Rogers was chairman of the school committee in a New England town one examination day he went around questioning pupils of the middle grade. He asked a boy named Rock where the Rocky mountains were. The boy answered correctly, but failed to be promoted that term. The following year the judge asked

the same question. Rock replied, "The same place they were last year."

Wholesome Fear.

Miss II., the principal of a grammar school, was investigating a case brought

"Are you quite sure that was the

"Miss H., that was just the way,

I'm telling you the truth. I wouldn't

way it happened, Mrs. P.?"

#### Exchanging Amenities.

A blatant sample of the loud voiced, self conscious, look-at-me variety of man took his seat in a bas and called to the conductor:

"Does this bus go all the way?" "Yes, sir." responded the conductor politely.

"Does it go as far as Oxford street? I want to get out there."

"Yes, sir," was the rep'y.

"Well, I want you to tell me when we get there. You'd better slick a stamp on your nose or put a straw in your mouth or tie a knot in one of your lips, so that you won't forget it." "It would not be convenient for one in my position to do so," said the conductor courteously, "but if you will kindly pin your cars round your neck I think I shall remember to tell you."-London Scraps.

#### The Sins of Hatters.

If any tradesman has a lot to answer for it is surely the hatter. He will most unblushingly tell you that a certain type of hat is suited to your particular style of beauty, knowing that the information is false, and all the while you have a dull suspicion that you don't look well in it. Yet you are obliged to believe him. His persuasive powers are so cultivated that I firmly believe he would make a dwarf think himself "a fine figure of a man."-

#### May Do It Now. -

Fry's Magazine.

"In the olden times it is said that it was possible for a man to render himself invisible." "Pshaw! That's not at all remarka-

ble. Men in this country are doing it every day."

"You don't say so! How do they manage it?" "By marrying famous women!"

the ant, knocking it over and rolling it to the bottom. The ant lion, for such it is, now seizes its prey and after sucking its juices casts the dry body away and mends its pit against the coming of another victim. - Chicago Record-Herald.

#### Scientists' Corner.

Lord Kelvin was buried in Westminster abbey in the spot which by analogy we might call scientists' corner, but it is such a very ugly phrase, If pilgrimages are made there the pilgrims will be of another type from those whose shrine is poets' corner And yet, when one thinks of the poets. how many of them have opened up such wide spaces of imagination as Newton and Herschel. Darwin and Kelvin? If Shakespeare had known such men he would have admitted their right to take their place with the lover, the madman and the poet who are of "imagination all compact." But this conception has not penetrated the popular mind, which is hardly equal to pure imagination unadulterated with emotion and a good many primitive Instincts.-London Saturday Review.

#### Cetting His Money's Worth.

A New Hampshire man tells of a tight fisted man of affairs in a town of that state who until recently had never been observed to take an interest in church matters. Suddenly, however, he became a regular attendant at divine service, greatly to the astonishment of his fellow townsmen. "What do you think of the case of

old Ketchum?" said one of the business men of the place to a friend. "Is it true that he has got religion?" "Well, hardly," replied the other.

"The fact is it's entirely a matter of business with him. I am in a position to know that about a year ago he loaned the pastor \$50, which the latter was unable to pay. So there remained nothing for Ketchum but to take it out

#### Struck Out.

servants, man and wife, was talking to a patient one day about a couple he had just discharged because the man drank.

He remarked: "It is so strange, but it is always the way with a man and wife. If one is good, the other is no good."

The patient asked him, "How is It with you and Mrs. C.?"-Philadelphia Ledger.

#### Home Life of Genius.

The Actor (before breakfast)-Where are the papers, my dear? His Wife (an actress, absentmindedly)-C-curse you! They are far beyond your reach.

comfort and beauty, and is highly recommended for nerve endurance, and building up the constitution. It is a pleasant beverage and contains great nutritive and invigorating qualities. Has the refreshing properties of fine tea, the nourishment of the best cocoas, a tonic and recuperative force possessed by neither, and can be used in all cases where tea and coffee are prohibited.

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# in pew rent."

Dr. C., who always employs two

hibition in 1855, repealed in 1903. Vermont-adopted 1850, repealed 1903. Massachusetts-adopted in 1852.

repealed 1868; re-adopted 1869, repealed 1875.

Rhode Island-adopted 1852, repealed 1863: re-adopted 1886, repealed 1889.

Connecticut-adopted 1854, repealed 1872.

New York-adopted in 1855; declared unconstitutional.

Ohio-adopted 1851; annulled by license-tax-law.

Indiana-adopted 1855; declared

unconstitutional.

Michigan-adopted 1855, repealed 1875. Illinois-adopted 1851, repealed

1853.

dare tell you a lie. I'm not well enough today."-Woman's Home Companion. University Tests.

One might say that the first test at Oxford is athletic ability, the next sociability and the final scholastic ability. When you have passed the first two, you are the admiration of your friends; when you have shown yourself a scholar besides, you are the admiration of your college. - Rhodes

Scholar in Sunset Magazine.

#### Disproved.

She-They say that a man becomes Whe that with which he continually associates. He-Ridiculous idea! I've been a fishmonger all my life and can't Wisconsin-adopted 1955; ver swin a year yet - London Opinion.

How It Was Becoming "That dress is becoming, my dear," said the man who thinks he is a diplomat.

She looked at him coldly for a moment and then replied: "Yes. It is becoming threadbare."

Brutally Frank.

Scribbles-When I take a dislike to b man I use him as the villainous character in one of my novels. Criticus-Ah, I see! You punish the poor fellow by barying him alive, as it were.

#### Why They Fly.

Bobby-Mamma, do the streets of heaven flow with milk and honey Mamma-So the Bible says, dear. Bobby-And is that why the angels have wings, 'cause the walkin's so bad?

Obedience is better than sacrifice.-Shakespeare.

thank heaven! And I'll die a thousand deaths before you can wr-r-r-ring the secret from-oh-er-Jack, 1 mean, the boy forgot to leave them this morning! -Puck.

#### A Reason.

"Pa," asked Mr. Henpeck's little boy. "why did Patrick Henry say, 'Give me liberty or give me death?"" "He may have been out five minutes after the curfew rang the night before."-Chicago Record-Herald.

#### The Highest Applause.

You would compliment a coxcomb doing a good act, but you would not praise an angel. The silence that accepts merit as the most natural thing in the world is the highest applause .-Emersou.

Experience is the extract of suffer ing.-A. Helps.

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