

CHALLENGER.
The Nebraska Farmer of the 10th tells all about Challenger, the champion steer of America who was fed and exhibited by the Nebraska experiment station at the recent stock show in Chicago. Nebraska stock men are justly proud of the attention this animal attracted. Colonel Ferguson, the judge, who is a Scotchman of considerable notoriety as an expert judge in the fat stock ring, said: "He is perfectly fitted and would be a winner in any of the great shows of Europe."
In connection with the history of Challenger, the Farmer is moved to speak a good word for Nebraska as a stock country in general, in the following remarks:
"The mere fact of any steer from any state securing the champion prize at the best stock show produced, and offered in such competition as this, is a great honor to the American influence, is an advertisement that forcibly brings to the attention of the world the best and cattle industry of such state.
Nebraska is today one of the recognized greatest cattle growing and beef producing districts on the continent. It not only has its hundreds of excellent herds of thoroughbred cattle of the best breed, but it has its thousands and tens of thousands of cross-breds and high grade steers, of the type and class that this great steer Challenger represents.
Nebraska is a state of great cattle production. Its ranges and breeding grounds on the west side of the state, in what is known as the pastoral or grazing country, has no equal in the world in grass lands. This district of Nebraska, which comprises the sand hills country, has 119 distinct, classified and named varieties of native grasses, making the most diversified and nutritious grass feed for cattle that can be found anywhere. In no other district of country can such gains be produced, from May to October, as are recorded year after year from the sand hills grazing lands of western Nebraska, where 250 to 300 pounds is not an uncommon gain for a good quality of native Nebraska steer for the grazing season. We do not even except the far-famed blue grass pastures of Kentucky, nor the clover and timothy lands of other prominent cattle growing sections. Think of this great variety of grasses, the abundance of pure, clean water in the running streams, the health giving influence of a climate that has no superior in the encouragement of animal development, and then ask yourself, is it strange that steers like 'Challenger' are bred, born and developed in Nebraska?"

NEBRASKA CORN AT WORLD'S FAIR.
The Nebraska State Commission to the World's Fair at St. Louis, wishing to exhibit the finest samples of Nebraska-grown corn at the Exposition in 1904, offers a splendid opportunity to the farmers of this county to enter into competition for valuable Exposition premiums as well as to widely advertise their corn-producing lands. Any farmer who has grown fine, large samples of corn is asked to ship at least twenty-five ears of each variety by freight to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. E. G. Sheild, 414 McCague Building, Omaha, Nebraska, notifying him of such shipment and sending him the bill of lading. All such collections of corn, if acceptable to the Commission, will be sent to St. Louis and entered in the individual growers' names for the premiums offered by the Exposition authorities without expense to the growers. In preparing ears of corn for such exhibition purposes, the following suggestions should be followed:
The ear should stand on the stalk until fully matured. The ears should be dried in a heated room, but the kitchen is not a good place on account of the steam. Great care should be taken not to shell even a single kernel from the ear.
To ship, wrap each ear separately in cloth or paper, pack carefully in a box, stuffing paper in any remaining space to prevent the ears from shaking about in transit.
Each box should contain the shipper's name and address. Ship by freight. The commission will pay freight on all fine samples sent to the Secretary of the Commission, 414 McCague Building, Omaha, Nebraska.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN, accompanied by his son, was received in private audience by the pope in Rome, Sunday. His holiness spoke of having great interest in the Catholics in the United States. After the audience Mr. Bryan expressed himself as highly pleased with the pope's kindly bearing.

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A Good Investment.
COLUMBUS, NEBR., Nov. 30, 1913.
J. M. Edmond & Sons, General Agents, Union Central Life Insurance Co., Lincoln and Omaha, Neb.
Gentlemen:—I am today in receipt of your Company's draft for \$300.12, in full payment of my 10 A. P. Life Rate Endowment policy matured. This policy was taken twenty years ago today, and I have invested \$131.40, which leaves me a profit of \$768.72, besides my twenty years' protection. If the Company is giving credit for the actual cost of the insurance I have an investment in this policy of about 5 per cent.
I believe this is the first of your Columbus policies to mature, of which you have a large number in force. I carry another policy in the Union Central, as well as each of my two sons. I have a very high opinion of the Company, and after twenty years' business relations with the Company, I have no hesitation in recommending it to any one desiring safe and profitable insurance. Wishing you success. I am
Yours very truly,
J. H. GALLEY.
Edwitt, Spence & Co., Agents.

of this city, Matilda, Charles and William of New York City, Amelia of Omaha and Mrs. Dora Shurt of Butler county.
All the children living were present to attend the funeral. Services were held this Tuesday afternoon at the home at 3 o'clock, and from there the body was taken to the funeral home where the final services were conducted by Rev. Neumarck. The remains were afterwards taken to the Columbus cemetery for burial.
The Columbus City Band attended the funeral in a body and furnished music for the occasion.

Canal Power.
The early addition of the Omaha World-Herald prints a telegram dated from Fremont Monday, stating that a message had been received there from Mr. Richards who represents their company in New York, stating that the board of engineers selected to pass on the respective merits of the two schemes, had unanimously reported in favor of the Fremont project.
The news is received here with some magnifying, as the telegram is not a signed copy from Mr. Richards, and as this is the third time Fremont has reported that they had secured the canal, the conservative men of the city are waiting to hear direct from Mr. Babcock before believing this statement.

R. F. D. No. 3.
[Continued from last week.]
We have now been over thirteen miles of our trip. As we round the curve to meet the team comprising that it is a turn towards home and more along with a slight degree of rapidity. On our way we pass Mr. Fred Baranda who can always be seen industriously on the move. We notice Miss Bena looking after the turkey chickens, taking time however with a twinkle in her eye to glance in the mail box after the wagon passes, to see if that letter came. We meet a nice looking young lady trailing along with a music book under her arm. She gives us a very pleasant smile and a polite bow. Who wouldn't be a mail carrier?
Being right in the very heart of this beautiful farming country we can not help but realize the utter contrast with the loneliness which pervaded this country that we travel, twenty-five years ago. A loneliness that tempted many a boy to take his little bundle and steal away to some city, when in most cases it would have been better for them had they remained at home with the rapid advancement of so many material things as better chance at schooling and better opportunities for social times, free daily mail, etc., with the opening up of so many avenues of information coming in closer touch, you may say, with the great outside universe. Thus farm life for the young, has become more attractive and as the records show, that there is no longer any danger of the urban population increasing at the expense of the rural districts. This is deemed well for the sturdy, contented, intelligent, self-reliant people who devoted their time to agricultural pursuits, are the chief bulwark of any nation.
We have now reached what we term the Bison postoffice. Here we have six of the popular U. S. mail boxes, who serve Mr. Bisson, Wm. Niemeyer, George Borchers, Wm. Bohlen, Dirk Becker and Fred Siefert with daily and weekly news. These gentlemen are all farmers of the substantial type, just such men as these have made this locality prosperous, coming here most of them in the early days enduring the hardships that usually attend the lives of the early settler. But they have not been alone; some one has been close beside them, helped to endure the burdens. When all looked dark they would cheer them up, having them look for brighter days. Mr. Bisson has nearly completed a new house on his farm which will be occupied by his son Chalky, who is farming in partnership with his father.
Mr. D. Becker, our next county treasurer, informs us that he will not move his family to town for the present at least, but he will live in Monday mornings and out home Saturday evenings.
We now are on the home stretch and have ten miles of our trip straight down the Meridian to make up. On the way we have some more of our hills to traverse; going along we have to our right one of good hearted Dan Kavanagh's farm. Dan has spent considerable time on his farm this summer we have noticed. We have reached the hill overlooking the Schrad creek valley. This is a beautiful little strip of country. Those who occupy this territory, farming along the creek, are J. F. and Wm. Goodken, two very wealthy farmers. They have a great deal of land in different localities in Nebraska. They raise a great deal of stock of all kinds and it is a sight to see the number of hogs of all sizes running about the two farms.
Just below them is the Jacob Mathis farm. Since Mr. Mathis' death a few years ago Mrs. Mathis and the girls have carried on the work, almost entirely alone. The girls have taken their father's place from the seedling to the marketing of the farm's products. They keep everything neat and tidy about the farm and premises. The girls enjoy this outdoor work and are no doubt laying up the cash. They are good business managers.
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Hulst & Adams'
Enormous Price Cutting Xmas Sale
From now on until New Year we shall offer the greatest opportunities of supplying your winter and Christmas needs that was ever offered in Platte county. Coming at this time of the year, only a few days before Xmas, gives all an excellent opportunity to purchase new desirable and useful Xmas presents at almost one-half the regular price.
Ladies' Jackets.
23 ladies' Jackets, tan, blue, color and black, regular \$2.50 kind sale \$1.25
31 ladies' Kerseys and Beavers, well trimmed and lined, all colors, regular price \$1.50, sale price \$1.25
27 ladies' Kersey and Beaver, well trimmed and lined, regular price \$1.50, sale price \$1.25
9 ladies' Kersey and Beaver, satin lined, all colors, very stylish, regular price \$12.00, sale price \$10.50
17 ladies' Kersey and Beaver, all colors, guaranteed satin lined, handsomely made and very stylish, regular price \$14.00, sale price \$12.50
Misses' Short Jackets.
All \$3.00 jackets at \$2.00
All 4.50 jackets at 3.00
All 7.00 jackets at 5.50
All 7.50 and \$8.50 jackets at 6.00
Misses' Long Coats.
All \$3.00 long coats at \$2.50
All 3.50 long coats at 2.75
All 5.00 long coats at 4.00
Children's Short Jackets.
All \$2.00 short jackets at \$1.50
All 2.25 short jackets at 1.75
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Children's Long Jackets.
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All 7.50 long jackets at 5.75
Men's Lined Mittens and Gloves.
All 50c mittens at 40c
All 75c mittens at 60c
All 85c mittens at 65c
All 1.00 mittens at 75c
All 1.25 lined gloves at \$1.15
All 85c lined gloves at 65c
All 50c lined gloves at 40c
Boys' Gloves.
All 50c lined gloves at 40c
All 50c lined mittens at 35c
All 45c lined mittens at 30c
Men's and Boys' Winter Caps.
All 60c caps at 45c
All 50c caps at 40c
All \$1.00 caps at 75c
All \$1.25 caps at 95c
10 yds standard prints at 30c
20 pieces extra heavy flannel outing flannel, 10 yds to a customer at 60c
Shawls.
9 shawls regular price \$3.00 at \$2.50
7 shawls regular price 4.50 at 3.75
5 shawls regular price 5.00 at 4.50
14 shawls regular price 2.50 at 1.75
Duck Coats.
All \$1.50 duck coats at \$1.25
All 2.00 duck coats at 1.75
All 4.00 duck coats at 3.25
Ladies' Fur Collars.
All \$3.50 fur collars at \$2.75
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All 7.75 fur collars at 6.25
All 11.00 fur collars at 9.25
All 16.00 fur collars at 13.50
We suggest that you come early as these values cannot be duplicated anywhere where—consequently the goods will run out when gone we will not be able to offer the same at these prices again this season.

Saturday, Dec. 19.
10 cases very fine standard Corn while they last. 3 cans to a customer 6c
A few cases excellent Macaroni 7c
Maple Syrup, an excellent flavored household food per package 10c
Xmas Candies and Nuts at greatly reduced prices. Large assortment of Xmas Trees.
Wednesday, Dec. 23.
15 cases good standard Peas while they last. 3 cans to a customer 6c
Fresh, the greatest quality Ham, subject to stock on hand 10c
Xmas Candies and Nuts at greatly reduced prices.

These prices on Groceries will only be good on days named. These prices are only a starter to what will follow. We are making the cash system with us on January 1, 1914—when every article in our store will be reduced in price—hence it is readily to be seen the saving you will make by adopting the cash system with us on January 1, 1914. To our farmer friends—bring us your butter and eggs for which we will always pay the highest price.

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We invite the public to look the line over before buying.
Regent's Stainless Finish.
Sold in all shades, is unexcelled by any paper or other stain, and is guaranteed to compound all imperfections. Call on us.
LOUIS SCHREIBER, Jr.,
Manager.

DON'T BELIEVE THEM.
The "cash" stores tell you that they sell cheaper for cash than we do on credit. Follow the crowd; you will be convinced that we sell as cheap if not cheaper for credit than they do for "spot cash." Get our prices and see for yourself. E. D. Fitzpatrick, The White Front Dry Goods Store.

Platte Center.
[From the Signal.]
Mrs. Kehoe arrived home from Canada Saturday evening, when she was called three weeks previously by the illness of her father. She found him quite low, but he rallied after her arrival although he is still quite sick.
Denny Roberts has been distributing some fine calendars among his friends this week. He will assume control of the stock business now being conducted by C. J. Carrig, when the latter gentleman becomes sheriff the first of the year.
The colony of land-seekers who went to South Dakota last week to file on homesteads arrived home Saturday evening, all well pleased and enthusiastic over the venture. They each secured a claim, and they all adjourn, and they also adjourn the claims of those taken by the Platte Centerites the week before.

The Power Canal.
Is of the most vital importance to every friend of Columbia. It is also important to a few of our people to know where they can get suitable Christmas presents reasonable. From now 'til Christmas we offer the balance of our fine ladies' Jackets, worth \$12.50 to \$25.00, at just half price. Fine tailored suits, worth \$20 to \$40, at just half price. Fine Fur, for ladies or children, far below all competitors. A lot of fine Swiss and Linen sample Handkerchiefs at half their value. Sample Silk Opera Shawls and Wool Fashinators at half price. \$1.25 Kid Gloves \$0.75, well warranted. Fine sample Shirt Waists at half price. All our fine Dress Goods at one-third off. We guarantee both prices and quality.
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European Tattoos.
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These European tattooers are among the Albanians and Rumanians, who live in the famous and notorious Balkan peninsula.
Had Several Marks Coming.
"I hope that Willie got a good mark at school today," remarked Willie's friend mother.
"He did not, madam, I am sorry to say," replied the grim visaged pedagogue politely, "but I think I am safe in promising you that if Willie turns up at school tomorrow, which he did not do today, he will receive several."
—Syncope Herald.

Friends in Need.
"I don't put much faith in proverbs," said Brown to Jones. "For instance, look at the oft quoted one, 'A friend in need is a friend indeed.' Now, most of my experience with friends in need has been that they wanted to borrow. Give me the friends that are not in need."
Where Stephen was Needed.
Frank is one of the most difficult of things to deal out satisfactorily. If you do not praise a man as liberally as he thinks he deserves, he hates you; if you overpraise him, he sets you down as a sharper or a fool.—Boston Transcript.

The First Step.
Young Woman (before milliner's window, to her maid)—"That hat is perfectly lovely. I must have it. Marie, be sure to remind me to kiss my husband when I get home.—Woman's Home Companion.

Cutting.
"Mrs. Talkyberthid can say some of the most cutting things."
"Yes, if she could only keep her mouth closed for five minutes you could have her arrested for carrying concealed weapons."—Life.

Never Say "Oh, I can't!"
I never say, "Oh, I can't!" I always sit down at the piano— Jennie—And let the audience find it out for themselves.—Illustrated Bits.

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In the district court of Platte county, Nebraska.
MARTIN AVERY, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN R. AVERY, Defendant.
Mary A. Avery, the plaintiff in the above entitled action, being first duly sworn deposes and says: That on the 18th day of December, 1913, she filed a petition in the district court of Platte county, Nebraska, against John R. Avery, the defendant, and prays that she be appointed guardian of the person and estate of her son, John R. Avery, upon the grounds of habitual drunkenness, extreme cruelty and non-support of herself and family.
Affiant further states that said defendant is a non-resident of Platte county, Nebraska, and cannot be had within this state upon his own bonds, and that she has been paid by said defendant by publication.
MARTIN AVERY, Plaintiff.
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 19th day of December, 1913.
G. E. BULLING, Notary Public.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION.
McCORMICK HARVESTING MACHINE COMPANY, a CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. MARTIN LUCENBERGER, Defendant.
The defendant, Martin Lucenberger, will take notice that on the 23rd day of November, 1913, the plaintiff, the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, a corporation, filed its petition in the district court of Platte county, Nebraska, against said Martin Lucenberger, alleging that an account was stated between the defendant and said Martin Lucenberger, alleging that an account was stated between the defendant and said Martin Lucenberger, and that the defendant had failed to pay to the plaintiff, the sum of \$100.00, which said account was due and owing to the plaintiff and there is now due the plaintiff from the defendant the sum of \$100.00, at the rate of 7 per cent per annum, and the plaintiff prays for judgment in the sum of \$117.00, and interest thereon from the 18th day of December, 1912, at 7 per cent per annum.
And you are hereby notified that an order of attachment has been issued in said case to which real notice is given, and that the plaintiff, Nebraska, has been attached as your co-defendant.
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