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The Poultry Show.

(Thursday-Daily)

This office has just completed the catalogue of the Platte County Poultry and Stock Association, which will hold a big stock and poultry exhibit and a combination stock sale from Dec. 18 to 24.

The meeting promises to be the largest and best in the history of Platte County.

Thos. Branigan will have his sales barn enlarged to accommodate the big hog sale to be held at that time, and arrangements are made to show off the poultry to the best advantage and give it the best of care.

Messrs. Fulmer, Swartzley, McCaffrey and Schulz have the exhibition in charge. They have secured excellent premiums and in the direction of developing an annual exhibition of fair in Columbus that will attract farmers and stockmen throughout central Nebraska and which will especially develop the stock and poultry industries of Platte county.

This year they have added one important new feature, a combination hog sale, at which will be exhibited and sold only registered animals. Farmers who need stock next spring, either Durocs, Poland Chins, Berkshire or White, should keep this sale in mind.

This show belongs to the people of Platte county. They all should put a shoulder to the wheel and help the energetic men who are carrying the load.

Bray Returns

(Friday-Daily)

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bray returned today from Denver where Mr. Bray was a contestant for the Denver Post trophy cup which carries with it the championship of the middle West. They expressed themselves as delighted with the trip and take pride in reporting that Nebraska shooters brought home the honors. George Maxwell, the famous one-armed shooter of Holstein, captured the trophy in the closing event of the Great Western handicap, and Fred Veach of Falls City won the gold watch event after shooting off a tie with C. W. Ridd of Kansas City and Frank Gooden of Trinidad.

Mrs. Bray in speaking of the trip said: "It was the trip of our lives. The shooters and their wives were given trips to Cripple Creek, Colorado Springs and other points of interest, and every thing was done to show us a good time. We were sorry to tear up and leave for home."

Base Ball.

The Columbus base ball team ran up against a good-sized Waterloo last Sunday and Monday when the Kearney champions came to town. The visitors walked off with both games without much effort, the first by a score of 7 to 0 and the second by 10 to 2.

The Columbus team was not in the best of shape and had not been able to get the outside players they had counted on. Harry Lohr pitched the Sunday game and the Genoa Indian was in the box for the Monday game.

Next Friday, Saturday and Sunday there will be three games with the Fallerton team, and Columbus will be in condition to play ball. Jack Corbett will be here and bring a third baseman with him. The two Genoa Indians will be on hand and the boys promise a game that will be worth seeing.

I would Announce

That I have returned from my vacation trip and may be found at my office the same as before, ready to meet all my old friends and patrons and as many new as will come. Am again ready for work.

13th Street. Phone 141. Dr. H. E. Naumann.

A FULL TICKET NAMED

Republican Convention Harmonious and Enthusiastic—Congressman McCarthy is Present.

The republican county convention met Tuesday afternoon and nominated a full list of candidates for the county offices. The business of the convention was finished with harmony and dispatch, and the delegates went home full of good feeling and confidence of the outcome.

The convention was organized by the election of B. R. Cowdery of Humphrey as chairman and C. N. McElfresh of Columbus as secretary. Congressman McCarthy was introduced and spoke for thirty minutes on national matters of present interest and the work of reform in which the national administration is engaged. Mr. McCarthy congratulated the delegates on the bright prospect of republican success in Platte county and urged the nomination of a clean list of candidates. His remarks were informal and hearty and were warmly received by the delegates.

The temporary organization of the convention was made permanent and the convention proceeded under the call to dispatch the business in hand. The following were elected as delegates to the state convention:

E. H. Chambers, E. P. Dussell, C. Kramer, Gus Viergutz, C. C. Gray, W. W. Walters, W. M. Cornelius, Chas. Wagner, Ed. Hoare, Harry Lamb, B. R. Cowdery, D. G. Walker, R. G. Strother, Chris Meedel, Henry Redehorst, Jno Swanson, R. P. Drake.

Proceeding to nominations, the names of W. L. Smith of Monroe and H. M. Little of Grandville were presented for the office of county treasurer. Before the vote was taken Col. Whitmoyer introduced a resolution to make no nomination for treasurer but to endorse the candidacy of D. A. Becher, the democratic nominee and present incumbent. The resolution set forth the fact that Mr. Becher had been an honest and impartial official and for that reason was opposed by part of his own party associates. Col. Whitmoyer spoke in favor of the resolution and R. P. Drake and F. M. Cookingham opposed it. The resolution was lost and the ballot proceeded resulting in the nomination of Mr. Smith by a vote of 106 to 45 for Little. Mr. Smith was unable to be present at the convention and Fred Hoare accepted the nomination in his behalf, telling the convention that Mr. Smith had authorized him to say that he would accept and use his best efforts to elect the whole ticket.

For county clerk Ed Susinski of Platte Center was named by acclamation.

Two candidates were proposed for sheriff, R. B. Webb of Creston and John Lutz of Columbus. The ballot showed 105 votes for Webb and 46 for his opponent. W. M. Cornelius was authorized by Mr. Webb to say that he was willing to make the race though a business engagement prevented him from attending the convention.

For county judge J. D. Stires was nominated by acclamation. In nominating Mr. Stires, Mr. Cornelius called attention to the fact that only a qualified attorney is fitted to hold the office, this in fact being required by law in many states.

O. H. Smith of Lindsay was unanimously named for county superintendent. Mr. Smith has been principal of the Lindsay high school for the past three years.

Dr. H. G. Morris of Creston was nominated by acclamation for coroner. Dr. Morris accepted the nomination in a brief speech and thanked the convention for the honor.

For surveyor O. C. Shannon was put in nomination and was declared the candidate of the party with great enthusiasm.

On motion of Col. Whitmoyer, the delegates to the state convention were instructed to support F. H. Abbott for regent of the university.

The central committee was empowered to fill vacancies on the ticket, a motion was passed that the delegates present at the state convention be authorized to cast the full vote of the county, and the convention adjourned.

The full list of delegates is as follows:

First Ward—G. W. Viergutz, C. E. Earley, Wm. Cornelius, O. C. Shannon, J. S. Nichols, J. A. Ernst, U. S. Mace, Mike Abte, Geo. M. Douglas.

Second Ward—D. W. Schaff, Hugh Hughes, Ernest Dassel, P. J. Barron, Edward Bagatz, Bert Galley, M. D. Karr, I. Gluck, Fred Asche, John Meyer, W. M. Brown, C. N. McElfresh.

Third Ward—W. W. Walters, E. H. Chambers, R. S. Dickinson, Howard Clark, H. Sheldon, C. H. Platz, M. Whitmoyer, J. W. Elston, H. B. Robinson, Jas. Pearson, J. E. Fulmer, Gus Becher, Jr., C. C. Gray, Carl Kramer.

WOODVILLE—J. W. Apsar, Roy Clark, J. W. Currier, Jno Devine, Tom Dress, J. M. Anderson, G. W. Mahood, A. G. Hoff.

WALKER—Ed Anderson, Ernest Carlson, Alfred Stevens, Maurice Nelson, Oscar Olson, Albert Anderson, Jno P. Anderson, John Swanson, C. A. Peterson, Albert Olson, M. L. Johnson, Jno Haglund, Swan Swanson, Jno Christenson.

JOLIET—J. James, Geo. Glass, I. N. Jones, E. H. Jones, Arthur Wolf, Beese Williams.

ST. BENEDICT—P. A. Carlson, J. E. Wemple, C. E. Chermant, W. M. Nelson, E. B. Evans.

SHREWSBURG—Ed Lasechen, Frank Wardenman, R. H. Wardenman, Fred Borjenbruch, Oscar Lasechen, Carl Hollman.

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MONROE—A. E. Priest, Paul Gertsch, Tom Hill, Sr., W. E. Cole, Arthur Little, Howard Hill, Arthur Watts, Joe Brandt, Hardin Dunlap, Chas. Kelly.

LOVE—Jacob Schmidt, Jno Bess, Alvin Ross, SUELL, Charles—Wm Lange jr, Fred Barzman, Jno Gronickhaus, Herman Kluver, Emil Schoen, Wm Connor.

HUMPHREY—G. M. Smith, Hugo Krenz, A. Alderson, Henry Pruitt, A. C. Collins.

GRANDVILLE—R. P. Drake, Robert Lewis, Henry Gietzen, B. R. Cowdery, F. M. Cookingham, Harry Bremer.

GRAND PRAIRIE—Wm Hoefelman, E. C. Morrow, A. E. Krumland, E. Backenlof.

BUTLER—D. H. Harrington, Chris Meedel, M. A. Twardowski, Frank Capla, Henry Haaser.

CARSON—J. L. Sharver, Wm Barrett, Sr., Nels Olson, S. Eastman, D. A. Steenis, C. E. Wagner, H. G. Morris, Jno Gray, E. A. Jones.

BRUNSON—E. E. Lamb, L. A. Losecke, P. H. A. Lamb, A. N. Lamb, J. T. Evans.

BESAW—Jno Wardenman, Fred Cattan, Dietrich Branken, Dietrich Bartels, Henry Buss.

COLUMBUS—Dan Bray, H. B. Reed, H. O. Redehorst, R. P. Brigham, J. H. Redehorst, Fred Schofield, Henry Hartman, Jno Randall.

Poland China Sale.

Messrs. Thos. F. Miller and H. C. McGath and Fred Wille will hold another big sale at Columbus on October 16th. They will offer 50 boxes, selected especially for this sale. Farmers are asked not to make their selections before attending this sale.

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The Democratic Convention.

(Thursday's Daily)

Platte Center, Neb., Sept. 7, 1905.—The convention of about one hundred delegates was called to order at 2 o'clock sharp. Rastus Leach, of Humphrey, was made temporary chairman and J. E. Berney and F. H. Pratt of Humphrey temporary secretaries.

On motion of P. E. McKillip the temporary organization was made permanent and the democratic mill commenced to grind.

All delegates present were seated without contest. On motion the chairman appointed a committee composed of one delegate from each township and ward to select delegates to the state convention.

County committeemen were selected and a committee on platform and resolutions was named.

Then, in order to still the atmosphere, which seemed to be disturbed by an unexplainable wave of disunion and disruption, before the real work of the convention should begin, P. E. McKillip and his little jug were brought out to do the hypnotic stunt necessary to transform the real disorganized, disgruntled democracy of Platte county into a seemingly harmonious ratification love-feast. McKillip did his work well. He uncorked his jug, and oil flowed out over the troubled convention—the first oil that ever flowed from a jug at Platte Center.

He told how certain republicans had tried to bring discord into the democratic camp for their own gain; and closed with the familiar stolen coat and policeman story, in an attempt to discredit Roosevelt with his numerous democratic friends in Platte county.

It was a good speech and the delegates were up to their ears in oil when they took a recess to get ready for their ratification session.

Although the speaker did not attempt to tell such democrats as Goetz and Kierman and Becher and Boettcher where they could find safe seats on the democratic wagon which is being pulled so vigorously by Bender, Ernest and Howard, toward the precipice of lawlessness and extravagance, with its load of tribute for the printing trust and the bridge trust.

When the delegates reassembled to make the nominations the fight against Dietrich Becher for treasurer was taken up according to program. John Kyle of Loup township, nominated Clother of Platte Center, who withdrew. Then G. W. Miller of Grand Prairie, Becher's township, nominated Louis Held. Edger Howard, who had been sitting sullenly whetting a dagger on his shoe sole, keeping his eye on Becher, arose at this juncture, carefully concealed the dagger, and drew from his pocket a bottle

of foul smelling soft soap with which he proceeded to anoint the convention, while he made a plea for his friend Becher and harmony. Then G. W. Phillips and P. E. McKillip made "harmony" speeches and the vote was taken, Becher getting 104 and Held 19.

The convention made short work of the remaining officers. John Graf was renominated for clerk, John Ratterman for judge, Dick Bossiter for surveyor and L. H. Leavy for county superintendent.

The feature of the convention was the excellent music furnished by the Oldenbush band two-thirds of the members of which are members of the family of Dietrich Becher, that disciple of Roosevelt whom the "regular" democrats will try to defeat at the polls this fall for the single reason that he places honesty and duty above partisanship.

Korgie-Sus.

At nine o'clock Tuesday morning at the Catholic church occurred the marriage of Mr. Charles Korgie to Miss Victoria Sus. A large number of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony. After the words had been spoken that made them man and wife congratulations were extended and the party repaired to the home of the bride where a feast and good time was had. The young couple are well known in Columbus and begin this new life with bright prospects for future happiness. The Journal wishes them the best this world affords.

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SIGNATURE EXPERTS

THEY ARE THE REAL SAFEGUARDS OF A MODERN BANK.

Not Only the Autograph, but the Entire Body, of the Check is Closely Scrutinized by These Rapid and Almost Infallible Workers.

One of the most trying positions in our business, said a bank official to a writer in London THE-BITS, is that of signature expert—the man who has to examine daily every draft that comes in through the clearing house and vouch for its genuineness. Our bank, one of the largest in the city, employs six clerks who do nothing all day long but examine checks, and when I tell you that it is a uncommon thing for 10,000 drafts to come in during a single day you will understand that the job is not altogether the sinecure. It is popularly supposed to be.

These clerks have not only to scrutinize the signatures of both drawer and drawee, but also examine the "filling in," the latter being just as important, perhaps more so from a monetary point of view, as the signatures. As a matter of fact, the commonest forgery with which we have to deal is the "raising" of checks, and a forger of this nature generally chooses a check bearing a genuine signature, but having very little "filling in."

For instance, he knows that it would not be difficult to raise a check from \$3 to \$3,000, for all he has to do is to erase the word "pounds," insert the word "thousand," and then add the erased word again. I have seen plenty of this kind of work during the time I have been examining checks.

One of the most impudent pieces of forgery, however, that I ever came across was a check raised from \$5 to \$500. The forger had evidently relied on colossal impudence carrying him through, for he had simply added a couple of ciphers and then between the words "five" and "pounds" had placed an omission mark and written the word "hundred" above, adding the initials of the drawer of the check just to give the thing a look of careless genuineness.

It was so astounding a piece of cool audacity that we had bets on the check, two of my assistants declaring it to be O. K., while the other three and myself declared it to be a forgery. Further inquiries, of course, proved that the opinion of the majority was the correct one.

It is marvelous what a vast number of signatures some clerks will carry in their mind's eye, as it were, and thus be able to pass checks by the thousand without once having to refer to the signature books. We had a clerk here a few years ago who was little less than a wonder. He knew perfectly the signatures of at least 5,000 customers and could detect the alteration of a stroke in any one of them in an instant.

More remarkable still was the fact that he recognized with equal facility the signatures of those customers whose checks only came in once or twice a year. But he made an art of his work, and I afterward discovered that most of his evenings were spent in studying and learning the signatures of the customers, for he was a wonderful hand at copying writing, and whenever a new signature would come in, one with which he was not acquainted, he would at once fascinate it in his pocketbook and by the next morning would be able to recognize it among 10,000.

Signature clerks are not, as a rule, supposed to make copies of customers' autographs, but many of them do, and some men are clever enough at the work to even deceive themselves.

Of course, it is understood that when the signature clerks are not examining checks they are studying the autograph books in order to familiarize themselves with the orthography of every customer. Each check, you must understand, passes through the hands of each clerk in turn, so that if one should pass a forgery or a "raised" draft it is very unlikely that the entire staff would do so. All these checks, of course, come through the clearing house, and if we should pass a forged draft and not find out our mistake before it got in the afternoon our bank would be held responsible. One of the commonest dodges adopted by the modern check forger is to get a customer of some small country bank to introduce him to that institution as a likely depositor. On the recommendation of the friend (who is probably quite unaware that the acquaintance he made some few months ago is a "wrong 'un") there is no difficulty in accepting their new client's check for \$2,000, and the following day when the same customer calls and withdraws \$100 to \$500, as the case may be, he is politely handed the cash, and then, of course, loses no time in skipping the town. After the bogus customer's check has passed through the clearing house it is returned to the bank of which it has been drawn, and the fraud is at once discovered.

Another part of a signature clerk's duties is to see that no checks are post-dated, as, of course, no drafts must be paid until they fall due. On occasions a careless man will post-date a check, but as a rule the mistake is purposely made. This spotting of post-dated checks, however, is the easiest part of a signature clerk's work, and it is very seldom that a check so dated escapes him. Then, again, we are often notified that payment on certain checks has been stopped, and the clerks have to be on the lookout for these, and it must be a very careless staff indeed that lets them slip by. We are held responsible for all checks passed after we have received notice to stop payment.

But it is very seldom now, owing to the cleverness of the experts, that any forged checks, "raised" checks, post-

dated checks or stopped checks pass the vigilant eyes of our staff without being detected, but when one does—well, although the signature clerks are not held monetarily responsible for the loss, it means a bad mark against them in the future, and they feel its effects next time promotions or "raises" are being handed out.

Altogether, though the work is interesting and even fascinating in a way, the responsibilities are so great that the effect on the nervous system is often very trying at times. One thing we are particular about, and that is to take no chances. If we have the slightest doubt about the genuineness of a check we at once communicate, either by telegraph, special messenger or telephone, with the supposed drawer of the check and in this way turn doubt into certainty. During the last three years not a single wrong check has passed our vigilant optics, and, though I say it, who should not, I do not believe there is a cleverer set of experts anywhere than those who compose my staff.

EXERCISE THE EYES

GYMNASTICS THAT MAY WORK AWAY THE NEED FOR GLASSES.

A Course of Treatment Which Will Strengthen the Muscles and Which is Indorsed by an Expert in the Treatment of the Eyes.

Eye gymnastics constitute one of the applications of the principles of practical physical culture as employed for the purpose of restoring normal conditions to the diseased body. Anything which will obviate the necessity of putting on glasses is to be welcomed, as everybody who has become a slave to spectacles will agree. In many cases of muscular weakness of the eye certain exercises which may be taken at home without apparatus will result in a cure. The symptoms of muscular weakness include pain through the eyes and a tendency on the part of the lids to close. Sometimes it becomes difficult to keep the eyes open, and there is a vague sensation as though some invisible force was tugging at one side of the eye until the victim wonders if he is not becoming cross-eyed. In such cases strong glasses support the weakened muscles and relieve the symptoms, but they do not effect a cure. Sometimes they are necessary, but often, on the contrary, persistent and systematic exercising of the muscles will restore them to a condition of health.

Let the first exercise be taken for the purpose of strengthening the muscles of accommodation. Extend the hand at arm's length with the first finger pointing upward. Fix both eyes on this digit and slowly bring it toward the face until it touches the tip of the nose. Then slowly carry it away from the face again until the first position is reached. Do this three or four times at first, keeping both eyes constantly upon the raised finger throughout the operation described.

The second exercise consists in turning the glasses upward and then downward as far as possible, without altering the position of the face. Repeat this two or three times at the first trial, and then vary the exercise and bring a new set of muscles into play by turning the eyes first to the right and then to the left as far as possible, the face remaining motionless. After two or three movements of this character, with the face still in the same position, carry the glance to its full extent first to the upper right hand corner of the eye, after that to the lower left hand corner, then to the upper left hand corner and from there to the lower right hand corner.

To complete the series of exercises rotate the eyeballs in their sockets two or three times, causing the glance to reach the extreme limit of vision in making the circle.

It is necessary that these exercises be employed with caution at first, for otherwise they will tire the muscles and bring on dizziness or headaches. The fact may be hard to realize, but the whole practice is exactly the same in character and effect as the exercising of the muscles of the arm or leg, and it is just as certain that the muscles of the eye will be strengthened and developed by the movements described.

Persons who are troubled with weak eyes may often secure considerable benefit from the use of the eye cup. This is a small receptacle of thick blue glass and so constructed that when inverted it fits tightly over the eye. It costs 15 or 20 cents at the drug stores and should be used night and morning. The eye cup is employed for the purpose of applying salt and water to the eye as a tonic. The proportions should be a level teaspoonful of salt to a pint of water. The latter should have been warmed to about the heat of the body. Fill the cup with the solution and place it over the eye. Then turn the head backward and open the lids. It will be found that there is no unpleasant feeling whatever from the contact of the salt solution with the eye. As a matter of fact, this solution is almost identical with the saline fluids of the eye. Should the water be used without the salt it would cause the eye to smart painfully.

Slight attacks of granulation of the eyelids may be cured by the use of absolutely pure olive oil, one drop being allowed to enter the eye twice a day. In dropping medications into the eye place the finger just under the lower lid and draw that lid out a trifle, all owing the remedy to fall upon it. This is a simple way of accomplishing what many people consider a difficult proceeding.

Above all, in dealing with the eye it should be remembered that much depends upon the condition of the general health. A debilitated state of the system is very apt to show itself in the



to a period of hard times, wouldn't it be better to have a friend in a bank? Begin now to get in touch with one and cultivate a closer acquaintance. Some day you will be glad that you have done so.

The profits of a banking business must be mutual. Both sides to the transaction should gain by the business transacted.

Columbus State Bank

A QUEER FISH.

The New Senner Dugong is the Remnant of Fabled Lore.

The strangest of all strange fish must surely be the manatee and the dugong. The latter is the mermaid of fabled lore. The dugong lives in flocks along the shores of the Indian ocean, the Red sea and the gulf of Manaar, where they browse on seaweed and river vegetation. They are very affectionate in disposition, and especially is this shown in the love of the mother for her offspring, which is much stronger than the instinct of self preservation. Neither will the male leave the female if she be attacked, and instances are on record where the companions of the manatee gathered round and made an effort to withdraw the deadly harpoon. It is supposed that the male approach to the human outline observed in the shape of the head of the dugong, the attitude of the mother in clasping her young to her breast with one flipper while swimming with the other, holding both above water, and suddenly diving and showing her fishlike tail when alarmed, gave rise to the mermaid myth, first told by the Arab seamen. Jules Verne gives a thrilling description of the capture of a dugong in the Red sea, when its flesh was desired as food. Naturalists tell us that the flesh of the manatee and the dugong much resembles well fattened pork, of pleasant flavor, and is highly esteemed as food. For this reason they were much hunted and are fast becoming extinct.—Field and Stream.

When the Negro was Created.

The Mexican Indians, as well as those of most of the Central American republics, have a superstition to the effect that the negro was made before either the white man or the Indian or even before the sun was created. They account for his color by declaring that he was made and dried in the dark. Their own race, they say, was made in the morning of the first day between daylight and sunup. On this account they delight in a term which signifies "dawn people." The white man, "who fears darkness and cannot stand heat," was made, according to their belief, at noon on the first day of creation.

Mme. de Renouart.

Mme. de Renouart had features so perfect that her contemporaries said she was worthy to sit as a model for a Greek goddess. The flesh of her face closely resembled alabaster, and yet she was not pale and did not give the impression of being in delicate health. Her beauty attracted universal attention to her, no matter where she went, and even in old age she retained most of her good looks.

No Chance For Enaut.

Aunt Ann—How do you girls get along at your club? Miss Mandly—Well, of course, we don't get along at all, but we have a good deal better time than I did.—Chicago Tribune.

It Didn't Work.

Jackson—Some time ago my wife and I agreed that it would be best to tell each other our faults. Waxton—How did it work? Jackson—She hasn't spoken to me for six weeks.

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