# THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

The State Railway Commission Has Authorized a Reduction on the Same.

## Reduced Rates.

The state railway commission has authorized the reduction in rates on immigrant goods of 1 to 6 cents a hundred, the cut to take effect on the Northwestern from Omaha west. Practically the same rate is established from Omaha west on the Burlington. This affords practically a blanket rate to the Black Hills and is a cut of from 4 to 20 per cent. The following minor orders were ground out:

The rate on cooperage from Omaha to Sioux Falls has been reduced from 9.5 cent per hundred to 6.17.

The Burlington was allowed to put in a rate of 3 cents on brick from Hastings to Fairfield to meet competition on the St. J. & G. I. This applies as a maximum to intermediate stations.

The Union Pacific and Burlington will be allowed to absorb a \$2 switching chafge on meat peddler cars out of Omaha. This has long been the rule of the road, but has not been enforced.

The Union Pacific will extend its territory on coal distribution by the absorption of a \$3.50 switching charge Instead of the old charge of \$3 per

The Northwestern will be permitted to charge 5 cents per ton for the storage of goeds held beyond the 24-hour limit, less than 2,000 pounds to be regarded as a ton and a fraction of 24 hours as a day. The following exceptions are made for consignees living some distance from the point of destination: Within ten miles, five days; within twenty miles and over ten, sevtwenty, ten days; over forty miles, fifteen days. The railroad may, after the time limit, also order the removal of goods to private storage houses.

The Burlington was authorized to make a reduction of 1/2 cent per hundred on brick from Humboldt to Fremont and other points.

### Great Fair in Prospect.

Secretary Mellor's face assumes a broad smile whenever the coming state fair. August 31 to September 4. is mentioned. He says the exhibitors are coming in all departments in such numbers that he can now assert positively that the 1908 fair will eclipse all former great fairs held in Nebraska. Applications in the horse and swine departments are now up to the present accommodations. The large new cattle barn just completed will hold 636 head of the finest show cattle in the United States. Application for space for county exhibits in Agricultural hall is being received. The educational department will occupy a new-building and will be the best educational exhibit shown in any state in tne union during the year 1908. The great machinery exhibit of last year promises to be surpassed. The State Board of Herticulture, in charge of the horticultural exhibit, is predicting a better show than ever.

## Wants Fisher to Pay Cost.

In his brief in the disbarment proceedings against Allen G. Fisher, brought by the request of the legislature by the legal department of state, Attorney General Thompson insists that the costs of the case should be taxed against the defendant. He contends that because he filed a claim with the legislature in the matter of the Goedde estate, out of which grew the disbarment proceedings, Captain Fisher forced the state to make three different investigations of the matter, the last at great cost; that a commission was appointed and the state forced to spend a large sum of money to take evidence in the disbarment proceedings, which Captain Fisher should pay. The brief winds up by stating that from a pecuniary standpoint the state would have been just as well off had Captain Fisher succeeded in getting the \$8,000 for which he filed a claim, but failed to press the collection.

Campaign Stimulates Business. The comin of the campaign has proved a stimulant to the business of telegraph companies in Lincoln. Mr. Bryan's criticisms of the republican platform have added a great many thousand words every night for several days to the business carried from Lincoln. Several eastern papers have correspondents here, and special stories concerning the democratic candidate have added considerably to the number of words carried by wire each

State Cattle Have Tuberculosis. Under supervision of the state veterinarian, Dr. McKimm, three cows were killed at the Insane hospital here because they were afflicted with tuberculosis. Out of fifty-eight head inspected twenty two head were discovered to be infected, but only the three were so far gone as to require killing. The meat of two of the animals killed passed the test required by the government and will be used for meat, while the third was destroyed. The state will investigate

the cattle of the other institutions.

Argument on Pass Question. Attorney General Thompson in his brief in the case of the state against David T. Martyn of Columbus, a physician charged with using a Union Pacific pass, contends that the Nebraska anti-pass law prohibits the use of passes by all persons except railroad employes who devote a major portion of their time to the work of the railrad. For that reason he contends the law has been violated by the railroad and also Dr. Martyn, who is employed as a local surgeon, and who used a pass issued by that road.

Honesdy iss ids own revart, but dere iss nod many claimers.

Der laborer iss vorty of hiss higher vages, ef he can get dem. Some fadders sharpen deir chilt-

ren's vits mit a razor strop.

No debating sossissity can seddle der mutty vater kivestion.

Ven der bill collegtor comes in ad der door der deadbeat flies ouid ad der

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY.

A good prejudice is better than a

There are just as good fish in the sea, but the sea is large.

A virtue that no one tries to cul-

Many men are convinced that they are geniuses, but can not show it because they are too busy earning a living.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

tivate is staying at home.

TOMMY AS GOOD AS A CHART.

Nurse Had No Trouble Remembering Time for His Medicine.

A Boston physician tells a story of a youngster of his own that an overstrenuous vacation had put on the sick list. The father had an appropriate prescription filled, and left the bottle with the child's mother. As she, however, is very forgetful, he gave her a chart, and suggested that she set down the hours when the medicine should be given, checking off each dose as taken. Upon returning from his evening calls, however, he found the chart blank.

"Good gracious, Mary," he exclaimed; 'surely you haven't failed to give Tom his medicine?"

"Oh. no. I did not miss a single time," his wife assured him. "How in the world did you remember it without the chart?" he asked.

She smiled. "That was easy. I just told Tom this morning at what hours he was to have it, and half an hour before each time en days; within forty miles and over he would begin hallooing that he wouldn't take it."

> HERE'S REAL SAFETY ENVELOPE. Ingenious Device for Double Locking a Letter.

A new envelope made in Paris is proof against the thief or the meddler who opens a letter to extract or to so cleverly as to hide any sign of it having been tampered with.

The new envelope is really two envelopes. Each is of thin paper, one a pronounced blue, the other lighter in color and different in texture. Each has a gummed flap.

The letter is first placed in the blue envelope, which is slightly smaller than the other. Instead of sealing this it is placed in the outer envelope and the inner flap brought outside and gummed down on to the larger en-

The outer flap is still unsealed. It is much larger than the inner flap and reaches down to a good-sized starshaped opening which shows through to the inner envelope, so that when the outer flap is sealed it sticks not only to the outer envelope but also through this opening to the inner one. The letter is thus practically locked and double locked.

WANTED COMPANY IN MISERY.

Stranger Asked for Directions at Unfortunate Moment.

"I beg your pardon," said the stranger on the bicycle, riding slowly up to the sidewalk and steadying himself by putting his foot on the curb, "but I am looking for a restaurant where I me to one?"

The man whom he addressed was standing in front of a store, trying to rub a grain of sand out of his eye with one hand and holding his hat on with the other, for it was a windy day, and at first he made no response. But presently he spoke.

"Go to the next block," he said, "and turn to the right. Four doors down you will find a restaurant."

The stranger thanked him and rode on. About an hour later they accidentally met again. The stranger was on his way out of town. He stopped and spoke.

"My friend," he said, "I followed your directions. I went to the restaurant you directed me to, and I got the worst meal I ever had in my life."

"I thought you would," answered the other. "If you had waited till I got that grain of sand out of my eye I should have sent you to a good restaurant, but you didn't. I just had to divide my misery with somebody, and you happened to be handy."-Youth's Companion.



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The best breed of cows for the dairy is that breed which will most nearly meet the special purposes and needs of the owner.

Three trees which are peculiarly the birds. adapted for fence posts are the catalpa speciosa, the osage orange and the Russian mulberry.

Keep your plans ahead of your work. It is the farmer who thinks out his work in advance who raises the biggest crops and has the easiest time.

Sunlight is essential to success in chicken raising. See that the henhouse is constructed with a view to as possible.

Vermin on the hens will keep them from laying. With the coming of warm weather, clean and whitewash the henhouse, and provide a good dust

milk from butter is when it has reached that granular state. Dairying has this advantage over other branches of farming in that the farmer has a continuous income.

When fresh whole milk is not available the little pigs you have to raise by hand will thrive on boiled milk over six inches high without clipping. which has been thickened with a cup of flaxseed to each gallon. Add half or dew. Don't let alfalfa stand; if turna pound of brown sugar and a little ing yellow, cut it.

A farmer in central Michigan faces

It may be very interesting speculation as to why weeds came to be, but the practical question for the farmer is not interested in any scienany practical purpose.

farm is measured by the humus and given with good results. nitrogen content of the surface soil. can get a good meal. Can you direct | and if these cannot be fully supplied by the manure made on the farm, then legumes should be grown to supplement the manure, and for this purpose and a profitable seed crop mammoth clover, over a large part of our country, heads the list.

> A good way to char cobs for the hogs is to dig a round hole, say three feet across, build a good fire with wood in the bottom of this, fill in with corncobs, and when they are properly charred through but not burned to ashes that may be convenient, and salt When the mass is cool put it in a box with a self-feed, where the hogs can reach it, and let them eat what they want.

It is so easy to neglect the grooming of the horse during these rush days, but it is not good for the horse. Too bad to let the dirt and dust, dried with sweat, remain upon the horse's his appearance. Look after his feet when evening comes, and see that there is no gravel or sand to torment him. You know how trying it is to wear a shoe that hurts your foot. You more comfortable in footwear. But the poor horse can't tell you when the harness chafes or the collar bruises his shoulder. It is your place to see that the harness is well fitted. Think of the horse as of yourself.

Go slow in double cropping the orchard land. A good crop of apples or other fruit removes about as much oor policy to try to get both. The especially suffer from their presence. reference.

Too much salt in the butter destroys the flavor.

Regularity in feed and milking has much to do with the milk yield.

Some men are like cows, they think the best grass is on the other side of

It is the fresh manure that has the highest value. Get it out on the land as soon as possible.

and the yolk of one egg will often check scours in the lambs. In fattening fowls feed corn princi-

ety and to keep up the appetite. In dealing with a man who has a cow to sell keep in mind the fact that it is generally the poor cow that is

offered for sale.

Most of the states report large graduating classes from the agricultural colleges this year It means more and better agriculture.

The farmer who thinks out the day's work and plans how it can best be done is the farmer who is not pessing around with chores after dark.

It is the wise farmer who plants only what he can properly care for. He will reap more dollars than the farmer who spreads himself thin over too many acres.

Plant a few mulberry trees in your cherry orchard, then cock robin and his mistress will let the cherries alone as long as the mulberry lasts. A cheap and easy way of buying off

Some farmers still cling to the old

idea that they must have slop of some sort if they are to grow good pigs, but it has been repeatedly shown by experiment that usually there is no advantage in foods that are sloppy. Forestry has done great things for

Switzerland, preventing floods and making available all lands fit for crops. What are you doing to furadmitting as much air and sunshine ther the efforts of the government agricultural department toward more tree growing?

Be sure that you have a good corn stand. As soon as the corn is an inch high replant every hill that contains bath, if hens are kept confined in a no plants. This may be a little later than the first planting and some of it may not get out of the way of frost, The time to wash out the butter- but it will make good cattle feed if nothing more.

> Coburn the Kansas farm expert gives this quintet of don'ts for the alfalfa raiser: Don't sow any nurse crop. Don't sow on freshly plowed land, no matter how carefully prepared. Don't let weeds or grass grow Don't clip or mow when wet with rain

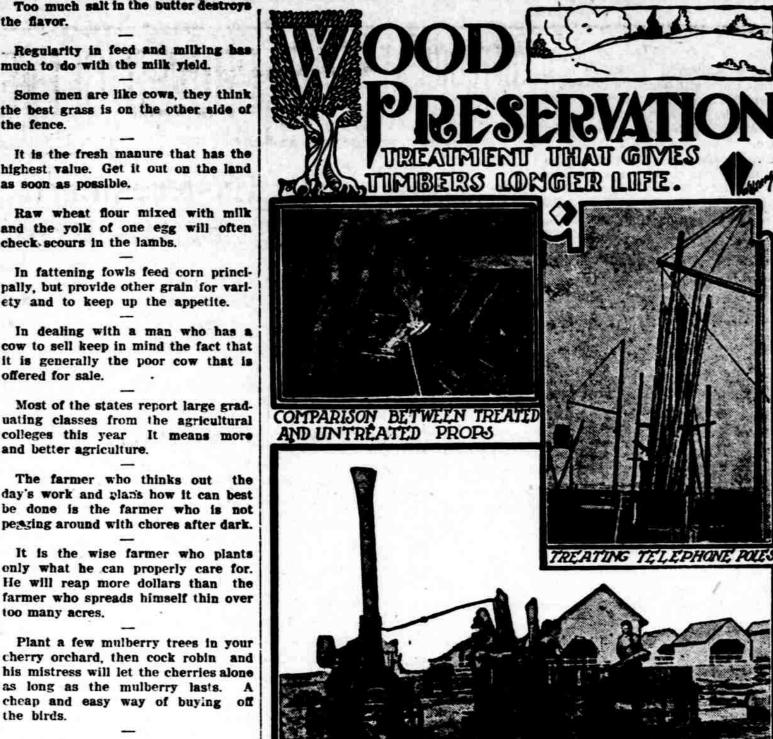
Few farmers realize the damage which weeds do to the corn. They the problem of making four-cent pork | not only take the fertility which the and three-cent beef out of 60-cent corn needs, but worse still the moistcorn, with common farm labor \$30 ure. By cultivation you kill the a month with board; hay \$16, and | weeds, conserve the moisture, make \$20 a ton and corn stalks five cents the fertility of the soil more available. a bundle. Can you figure out his and loosen the soil so that air may get at the roots, an essential condition in corn growing.

Linseed meal is valuable in horse feeding for its laxative properties and farmer is how quickest and most ef- for putting a nice gloss on the hair. fectually to be rid of them. The At that, very little of it should be fed and if carrots or other sound roots can tific discussions which will not serve be obtained they are better for the which are strong enough and abundant horse than any oilmeal. A usual amount is a handful a day with other tion purposes, were it not for one The producing capacity of the feed, or a double handful may be single defect which has prevented

A very good method of capturing the chicken hawk is to set steel traps about the carcass of the chicken last caught and partly devoured, or to the chicken yard, placing a trap at against by all constructing engineers the top. He will be most sure to and contractors. As a matter of fact, alight on the pole, awaiting an oppor- | the dead timber, provided it is sound, tunity to pounce down upon the un. is just as good as green timber of the suspecting fowls, and consequently same species; and indeed, in some gets into the trap.

To tan a sheep's skin stretch and nail on smooth board surface, wool ashes, put on a lid of some kind to side down. Scrape carefully, getting exclude the air. Then add any wood off all bits of flesh. Now mix one pound of pulverized alum and one pound common salt, sprinkle the mixture evenly over the skin and rub in with a corn cob all it will absorb; then sprinkle it over with a little more and leave it for a few days. A second application will render it thoroughly cured. Leave it until dry. Pinch the surface, and by the feeling and sound you can tell if all parts are evenly tanned. The next process is coat, clogging the pores and spoiling the hardest for a woman-washing. It will take several washings and good rinsings in clean, cold water. Squeeze the water from it and hang it fleece down to drip. It will dry beautifully in the sun on a stout clotheslose no time in hunting up something line or wire fence, shaking it occa-

For caked udder no better advice can be given than that offered by Valancey R. Fuller, who says that first of all, all heating grain feed must be cut off. At the beginning of the trouble give a drench consisting of one pound of Epsom salts, two heaping tablespoons of common Jamaica sinplant food as a crop of wheat. It is ger, and one quart of molasses, all dissolved in two quarts of boiling water, orchard should be cultivated if pos- making three quarts in all. Give this sible up to bearing age. If the site is so hilly that cultivation is liable to cause serious washing of the soil, the young trees should be mulched. A bottle for that purpose. Bathe the affected quarter three times a day first good mulch of straw or grass serves much the same purpose as clean cultibear it. Dissolve a pint of lard, add vation, in keeping the ground moist. to it three tablespoons of spirits of There is danger from mice, which are turpentine, and apply that hot to the liable to shelter in such a mulch, how. udder three times a day, rubbing it ever, unless measures are taken to in thoroughly. The turpentine is very protect the trees. For this purpose, penetrating and will help to break wire netting is very satisfactory or up the caked bag, and the lard pretree protectors of veneer. If the or. vents it burning. If the udder does chard is on comparatively level not respond to this treatment, give. ground, the raising of some low-grow. three times a day, 15 grains of iodide ing hoed crops is often of advantage. of potassium, dissolved in hot. water, Hay or grain, however, are out of and add to it 30 grains of pokeroot. place in the orchard, and young trees Cut this out and keep it for future



proper preservatives will last almost tions. indefinitely," says a government expert who is an authority on wood preservation. "Engineers have known for years that this is true." he conleast in America, complicated and expensive plants have been necessary for the work and wood preservation has often been too expensive an operation to allow treated timber to come

TREATING PLANT FOR FENCE POSTS 18

into general use." Methods in wood preservation have the method is to immerse the thorundergone a marked change in the oughly seasoned wood in a hot bath of last few years, however, and the work | the liquid, leave it in for a few hours, which a few years ago was limited to a few experiments carried on in scat- bath of a preservative, or else run out tered parts of the United States has the hot liquid from the treating tank, grown with such rapidity that wood and fill it up again with liquid of a preservation has become a business lower temperature. This requires only which figures most prominently in the the simplest kind of machinery, and industrial life of this country.

Each year railroads are treating an increasing portion of their cross ties, miners their mine props, farmers their average farmer of small means. fence posts and the men of many other industries are bringing preservatives into play to close the pores and prepare the timber they use to resist the fungi which cause decay. The work points the way to one of the chief means of the conservation of the nation's forest resources, for as the length of the life of timber is increased the drain upon the forests is lessened, and more wood made avail-

in nearly all localities in the Rocky mountain and Pacific states is found an abundant supply of certain kinds of timber which have only a slight commercial importance. Engelmann spruce, lodgepole and other kinds of pine, aspen, and cottonwood are only a partial list of the kinds of wood enough to win high value for constructheir general adoption. When exposed to the soil and weather they decay so rapidly that they have to be renewed too often to justify their use.

Dead timber of lodgepole pine and other species also is found in large erect a tall pole in an open field near tracts, but is sharply discriminated ways, is even more valuable. For it is well known that thoroughly sea soned timber is both stronger and more durable than the same timber when green. Timber which was killed by fire or insects, and which is still in a sound condition, differs from green timber chiefly in being thoroughly seasoned-that is to say, it is stronger, more durable and lighter. And so not only are the freight rates considerably reduced, but a better grade of timber is secured.

Even in a thoroughly seasoned condition, lodgepole pine, Engelmann spruce, and the other species mentioned above, are by no means durable woods when compared with Douglower price, they must be made to habits.-Amiel.

"Timber thoroughly treated with last longer under unfavorable condi-After several years' study, the

> United States forest service has proved that in many cases the complicated and expensive plants are not necessary for the proper treatment of many kinds of timber; and that many of the timbers which decay most rapthe easiest and cheapest to treat. Many of the species mentioned above offer little resistance to the entrance of the preservative. The principle of

Although the forest service, by extensive experiments in all portions of the country, considers that the practicability of the process has been conclusively proved, more or less difficulty has been encountered in inducing others to adopt the process on a commercial scale. In order to demonstrate beyond any doubt that the process is adapted to commercial treatments, the service has arranged to erect small treating plants-semicommercial in size—on several of the national forests. Tests will be made on the local timbers, and careful record kept of the cost of the work. The treated timber will then be placed in permanent position, where its future durability can be compared with untreated timber of the same or other

the cost of operation is so slight that

even cheap timbers like fence posts

and shingles can be treated by the

kinds. Three such plants will be erected, and it is expected that they will be in successful operation during the summer. According to the present plans one plant will be erected at some locality on or near the Black Hills National forest, South Dakota, another on the Holy Cross National forest in Colorado; and the third on the Henrys Lake National forest, near St. Anthony, Idaho.

The investigations in wood preservation by the use of creosote, which is nothing more than the dead oil of coal tar and zinc chlorid, are considered of such importance by the government that one branch of a bureau in the department of agriculture-the "Office of Wood Preservation" in the forest service—is given over entirely to the work of experiments in co-operation with railroad companies, mining corporations and individuals who desire to prolong the life of the timber which they use. Advice and practical assistance is furnished all who request it of the forester at Washington.

Life a Tissue of Habits.

In the conduct of life, habit counts for more than maxims, because habit is a living maxim, becomes flesh and las fir, Oregon cedar, and the other instinct. To reform one's maxims is kinds of wood which are used so ex- nothing; it is but to change the title tensively in construction work. And of the book. To learn new habits is before they can successfully compete everything, for it is to reach the subwith such timbers, in spite of their stance of life. Life is but a tisue of

SHE KNEW THOSE FRIENDS.



Mistress-You must get dressed early to-day, Jane, for I have friends taste for baseball? coming to see me. Jane-Yus, mum., An' shall I remove the humbrellas?

HEREDITARY TAINT.



Cholly—I suppose you inherited your Johnny-Sure! Dad is a high-ball fond, and ma says she was de beile

of the ball before she was married.

Girls, beware of the man who promises that your life shall be all sunshine. Such talk is generally moonshine.-Exchange.

KIND THOUGHT OF THE BRIDE.

Pessibly Turned Silly Custom Into Something Really Worth While,

"The most considerate girl I ever knew got married yesterday," said the man. "She showed her thoughtfulness in a most unusual way. The day before the wedding she called the attention of the rest of the family to a row of old shoes standing in a down stairs closet.

"'I want you to throw these after the carriage, she said. "They are all mates. I collected them to throw away. I learned some time ago that certain poor souls who have hard work to get clothes of any description keep a lookout for big weddings. They hang around the house at going-away time and pick up the good luck shoes. Meybe they get a fit, and maybe they don't. Anyway, I've done all I could to accommodate them.

"'Here are six pairs of shoes to be fired after me. If somebody doesn's get fitted in that collection, it isn't my fault."

Value of Brief Rests. If overworked homemakers whose nerves are "worn to frazzle edge" would acquire the habit of sitting or lying absolutely still, relaxed and metionless for five or ten minutes twice a day, they would soon see improvement. The mind must be relaxed, worries dropped, thoughts wandering to pleasant things. You will probably try this several times before you get it right, but after a little practice you will find that it yields large returns, far surpassing the sacrifice

Suicides in Natal.

the time it takes to practice it.

The abnormal suicide wave which is passing over this country has been made the subject of very serious thought, and it is well that it should be so. In Natal within the past four weeks there have been three suicides of Europeans, which, on the basis of population, is four times greater than the suicide rate in England and Wales. a deplorable state of affairs indeed. In Durban a few weeks ago it was stated that suicides were taking place idly in the natural state, are among at the rate of one a day.—Natal Wil-

A Simple Remedy. "I tell you we cannot pass a law to keep dogs from barking and disturb ing people." "Won't the ordinary law against

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