

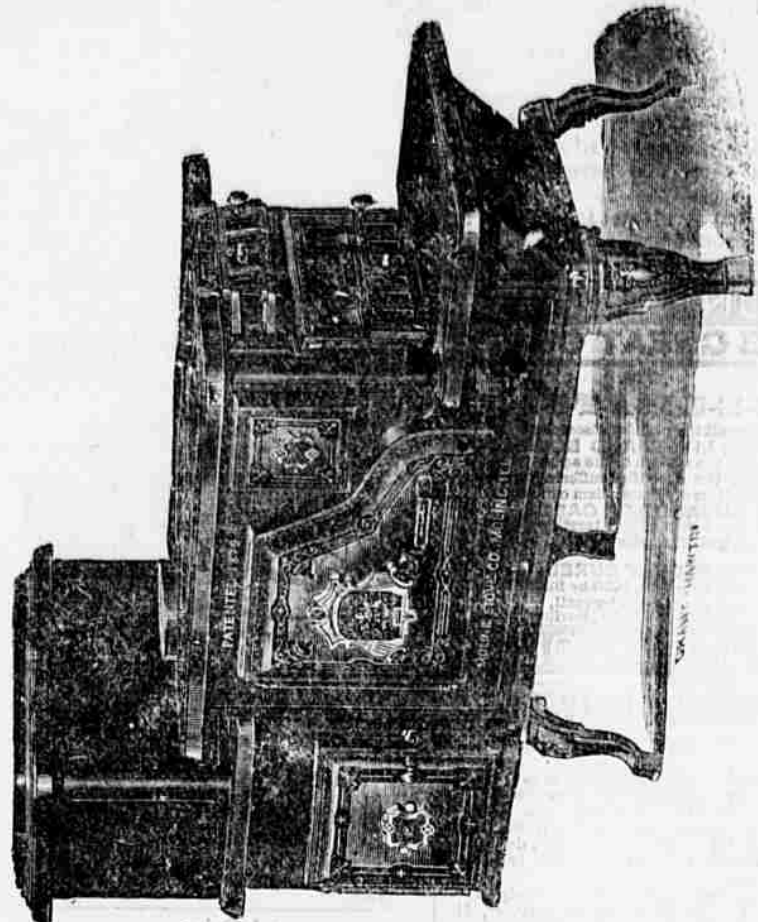
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Society in the West—Social and Business Interests.

Correspondence of THE BEE.

It is a noticeable truth that the people of our locality always look down upon the society of a locality that is farther west. Go as far east as the Atlantic and the same thing holds true. Boston flatters herself that she is the center of the social and scientific world—a city of schools and scholars. Even her women have solved the question of sex, and are men so far as intellect goes. New York on the other hand appears to her as a city of brokers and bankers whose whole life is spent within the narrow limits of Wall street and the Exchange. Hence blind to all scholarly research and aesthetic pursuits, New York, though she may at times dispute Boston's claims, feels above Chicago, and like the Pharisee of old thanks God that she is not like that city of publicans and sinners. Chicago in a sort of patronizing tone that ill conceals the feeling of superiority, mentions the young and growing cities of the west. The same thing will be noticed among the smaller towns and communities. Let a person start from Omaha and travel westward in Nebraska, stopping at each town, and inquire concerning the town next west, and invariably the answer will be, "Well, it is quite a town, about as large as our place, perhaps a little larger, and I presume they do some business there." This is said in such a deprecatory tone of voice that one would naturally be led to believe that the place spoken of must be a very inferior town, when quite opposite may be the truth. When a reporter of THE BEE mentioned to a resident of the central portion of Nebraska that he was going to Culbertson, the worthy citizen opened his eyes wider than usual and stared at the speaker as if he regarded him a fit candidate for admission to a lunatic asylum. "What in the world are you going there for? there is no one there except a lot of cowboys, and you won't find any news for THE BEE unless it is a report of a shooting match, and perhaps your own funeral."

Let us now forget for once old ideas and prejudices and take a view of the most westerly town in Nebraska, south of the Platte. Culbertson is the county seat of Hitchcock county and is the principal shipping point for stock in this portion of the state. It is also the main trading point for the ranchmen. Its population is small during a greater part of the time owing to the large portion of the men being absent superintending their stock interests. For all that business is lively with the merchants, as there is a constant stream of stock men coming in to purchase supplies.

W. Z. Taylor keeps a very large stock of general merchandise. Mr. Taylor is county clerk, and one of the most influential business men in the county. His store is very commodious and is better stocked than the majority of stores even in large cities. The hotel is also owned by Mr. Taylor, who keeps a first class house for a place of the size of Culbertson.

G. W. Mowery keeps a stock of general merchandise and does a very extensive business. Mr. Daniels, formerly manager of the business, has gone to McCook where he will engage in business. He is succeeded by Mr. R. L. Perry, a young man of sterling qualities fully capable of managing the business entrusted to him.

A. B. Young handles flour and a stranger who might chance to see him sending out loads of flour to the ranges, would be led to believe that he was doing a wholesale business and stocking all the stores in the country. The Sun is a sprightly sheet, issued weekly, that is a credit to the town. Red C. Wilson turns the editorial crank with a will, and parties who are on the wrong side of the fence will be apt to find it out.

In addition to the branches of business mentioned, there is a hardware store and one or two smaller grocery stores.

The stock business is the main branch and is what gives life to all other kinds of business. As a rule the stock men in this part of the country appear to have been very successful and have realized large profits for their investments. The third round-up of this season commenced in Colorado on the 25th of this month.

We have now given a brief review of the business interests of Culbertson, and let us take a glance at society. In the evening after our arrival in town a party was given which was attended by all the young people in the town, the ladies being somewhat in the majority. The elegant costumes of the ladies, the graceful movements of the dancers and the gentlemanly conduct of the young men all bespoke a cultivated and refined society. A further acquaintance proved that appearances were not deceiving, but that education and culture had done her work there as well as elsewhere. We do not hesitate in pronouncing the society equal to that existing in any of the small towns in the state. So much for the external view of Nebraska which has been represented as a sort of barren county with nothing to recommend it.

A very interesting law case has just been decided before the county court in which a party sued another to recover the payment of a note of \$400. The defendant claimed the note was forged and the jury brought in a verdict in his favor. If it was a case of forgery it was certainly a very peculiar one.

It is very seldom that a note is forged and the forger remains in the place and uses the note. A man who could do that must certainly be possessed of more cheek than is allotted to most mortals. The country surrounding Culbertson can not be called good land for agricultural purposes. In places there is some sand but the chief objection is the hot and scorching summer weather and the frequency of storms and other destroying agents. It is best adapted to grazing and can, in that way, be made to yield much more than if placed under the plow. It is capable of supporting at least twice as many cattle as there are now. Culbertson is still the end of the

division, though the railroad company signifies their intention of removing it to McCook some time ago. It is now said that the change will take place in about sixty days.

There are many other items that we would be pleased to mention but space forbids our doing so. We hope that the towns farther east may in the course of time come to appreciate their western sister and accord to her the merit she deserves. A. C. D.

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**American Crocodiles.**  
Recent investigations have shown that the crocodile is to be found in the less frequented parts of Florida, where it has long been confounded with the alligator, and a single specimen is now among the collection of reptiles at the Smithsonian Institution. The great point of difference between crocodiles and alligators is that the former live in salt water bays or creeks near the sea, while the latter are to be found only in the fresh water streams. The crocodile, cayman, gavial and alligator are all types of one group, the crocodylia. In these reptiles the heart resembles that of birds more than that of any cold-blooded animals. The ventricle is completely divided by a septum into two chambers, the venous and arterial blood join outside of the heart, and the brain is bird-like. The muzzle of the alligator is in a straight line, but that of the crocodile is much narrower behind the nostrils. There are also other anatomical differences. The crocodile is known among the Indians as the "long-nosed alligator." The Florida crocodile is the crocodylus acutus of Cuvier, and is entirely identical with the Jamaica species, but entirely different from the cayman of Guiana, South America. One of the most interesting characteristics of the American crocodile is the care that it takes of its offspring. During the breeding season especially the reptiles utter loud cries or shrieks that have been compared to the yelping of hounds or puppies.

After the eggs have been buried by the female she frequently visits the nests, and when the young are about to come out she has been seen to move about the nest in clumsy tenderness, something and pawing the shells and uttering a curious bark like sound that seems to excite the half hatched young to renewed exertions to extricate themselves from the broken eggs. This accomplished, the mother lends her young from the river to the marshy pools, safe from predatory visits of the male. If hunted at this time the female crocodile exhibits the utmost ferocity and shows great cunning in guiding her young to places of safety. The young are fed by the mother, as are many of the young sea birds, by regurgitated food disgorged for the purpose. The movements of the crocodile on land, when in danger, are totally different from those of the alligator, whose clumsy gait is so well known. The crocodiles stand with their bodies off the ground, erect upon their legs, and make their tracks by successive jumps. The American crocodile is not so savage as those of the Old World, yet numbers of instances are known where their attacks have resulted in the loss of life.

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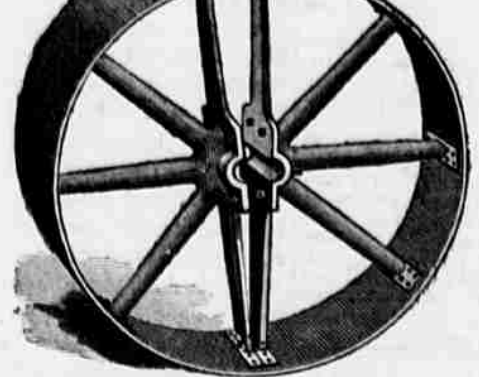
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