MUCH COMMENT ABOUT COWIE

Alleged School Board Bodler the Subject of General Discussion.

L K R MAKES EXPLANATORY REMARKS

Court Declares that in Commenting Upon the So-Called "Trapping" of Cowie He Had No Reference to the School Board.

Arthur M. Cowie, the alleged school board boodler, who was set free in Judge Baker's court Friday morning because no Nebraska law could be found to fit the alleged crime, is perhaps the most talked about man in Omaha today.

The name of "Cowie" is handled everywhere, and some very uncomplimentary things are being said. A rumor gained currency yesterday to the effect that Cowie is to be re-arraigned on a new information covering another feature of the alleged bribery, but inquiry failed to trace this report to any official source. The county attorney said he would not take any further action in the matter just now, preferring to wait until after some of the other alleged school board boodlers have been tried. It is expected that ex-Member George H. Hess will be the next one to appear for trial. Cowie was turned loose because it appeared, according to the prosecution, that he made his bribery deal in Chicago and the court held that he could not, therefore, be tried in Omaha. The prosecution declares this technicality will not hold good in the other cases, it being alleged that the other school board defendants accepted their bribes in this city. The easy manner in which Cowie escaped trial and thereby saved himself from the possibility of adverse jury decision, does not, therefore, hold out a ray of hope to his besmirched brethren, if the assertions of the county attorney can be established as facts.

Judge Baker Explains.

The county attorney appeared in criminal court in the morning and Judge Baker took occasion to make a few explanatory remarks relative to his action in the Cowie case. Judge Baker said:

"Mr. County Attorney: I want to say that there seems to be a misapprehension as I glean from the outside, relative to the effect of the decision in the Cowie case. I neither intended (possibly the words might warrant such a construction) nor have I passed upon the question whether or not the detective testimony was proper to introduce in order to secure a conviction. I had no reference to it. The only point I had was from a moral standpoint. I took it from what was said that when Cowie went to Chicago and met Mr. Dodge, that Mr. Dodge was then possessed of intention, either formally made or concocted by himself at the time, to trap Cowie. I had no reference to the transactions in any other case, either against him or anybody else. The only point I decided was that the entire transaction was in Chicago after he was there; anything that might have followed thereafter could not bind Cowie.

"I want to say to you now that if you have any case against Mr. Cowie, where it is necessary to use detective testimony, or any other member of the school board for violation of the law, it is your duty to prosecute them, and whatever I may have said was from a moral standpoint, about someone trapping a beginner. If they did, it was wicked. As I said yesterday, I think in the case of an old offender that you are justified in using almost anything to secure a conviction. And so I want to say to you that if you have such a case against Mr. Cowie for any other transaction for a violation of his duties as officer, I think it is your duty to prosecute him.

"Of course, the rumors that we catch in the newspapers I do not rely on, save only as a pointer. I take it from what one paper said that I had said or decided, you did not know whether it was proper to go further with the other cases, because detective testimony, where it forms a trap for one to get in, is not sufficient to convict. I did not so hold and never have so held and I did not intend any such meaning to what I did say.

Goes After Dodge.

"Mr. Dodge changed his offer or his price from 9 cents to 15 cents. He either did it intentionally to beat the district or was doing it for the purpose of making a trap to catch Cowie, and for that reason I concluded that Mr. Dodge was the one acting at that time for the purpose of trapping him.

"Then another reason was that when the question of the necessity of stating in the information that the party offering the bribe intended to, you did state you could not prove it if you had alleged it, and didn't think it was necessary to allege it. I do not think it is necessary to have alleged that, at least I so decided and I think that is the law in the case.

"I had no reference to the other cases. I care not when they come. When the propositions of law are made, then I will decide them as I understand the law, but to have any preconceived notions that you cannot convict a man by using the testimony of detectives, I have never held that. It seems to be sometimes the only thing you can do, the only thing left frequently to do. As to the operations of the local school board and detective work here, I made no reference.

"If, as a matter of fact, there was a case against Cowie by means of which promises were made in the jurisdiction of this court, there is no reason [illegible] to exempt any more than anybody else."

H. Clark, Chauncey, Ga., says DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured him of piles that had afflicted him for twenty years. It is also a speedy cure for skin diseases. Beware of dangerous counterfeits.

New City Directory.

McAvoy's new city directory for 1900, published by the Omaha Directory company, is just out. It is the twenty-sixth annual volume of this very popular publication and it contains 54,392 names, an increase over the 1899 edition of 2,800 names, from which the publishers figure a population of 149,656. The volume is handsomely printed and bound and a cursory examination would indicate that it is a thorough showing of the population and business interests of Omaha and South Omaha. It is a book of over 1,100 pages.

FREE TO STRICTURED MEN.

A Free Trial Package of a Famous Remedy to Show Men that it Actually Cures Stricture.

Men Can Now Cure Themselves at Home Without Pain, Danger, Operation or Loss of Time.

Free trial packages of a most successful remedy for the cure of stricture are being mailed to all who write the Empire Medical Co. They have cured so many strictured men that the company has decided to send free sample packages to all who write in good faith. It is a home treatment for stricture, enlargement and irritation of the prostrate gland, urethral inflammation and chronic mucous discharges.

Do not hesitate to write for a free sample. It will cost nothing, and will enable you to see how easy it is to obtain a cure without a particle of pain or suffering. The company wants to reach every man who is able to personally visit their office, as well as those who are unable to leave their home, and prove to them that stricture and all other urethral troubles can be cured without operation or the use of instruments. A request to the Empire Medical Co., 404 Atlantic avenue, Dept. 59, Boston, Mass., stating that you desire a free trial package will be promptly complied with. It will be mailed in a plain wrapper so that it may be examined privately at home.

AGED SINNER HEARTBROKEN

Michael Merrill is Overcome by Emotion in Judge Baker's Court.

The anomaly of a prosecuting attorney pleading for mercy on behalf of a prisoner he has just convicted of burglary was witnessed in Judge Baker's court yesterday morning.

Michael Merrill, an aged resident of Omaha, who has lived here continuously for thirty years, and who was never before accused of crime, stood before the bar to receive sentence. He was convicted a few days ago on the charge of breaking into George W. Ryan's jewelry store and stealing therefrom a valuable lot of rings, watches and other stock property.

Deputy County Attorney Lee Helsley conducted the case against Merrill, and he was present when the aged offender was arraigned for sentence. The old man trembled from head to foot when he was commanded to stand up before Judge Baker.

"What have you to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon you?" asked the court.

Merrill tried to answer, but a sob choked his utterance.

Judge Baker turned to Deputy Helsley and inquired: "What do you know about this man?"

"I have been acquainted with him for many years," replied the deputy, "and this is the first time I have ever heard of anything wrong. I desire to impress upon your honor that this man has heretofore borne a good reputation—in fact, he is a good man. This is simply an unfortunate incident in a life that is otherwise unsullied."

The pathetic appeal made by the prosecutor so overcome Merril that he cried aloud. Tears streamed from his eyes, and he leaned upon the judge's bench for support.

"I will give you the lightest sentence possible," said Judge Baker in a kindly tone, "you must serve one year in the penitentiary at hard labor, dating from February 24."

A deputy sheriff led the white-haired convict back to the jail.

Merrill has a highly respectable family. He has been a working man, and was for over ten years continuously employed by one manufacturing firm in this city, up to a few months before the burglary of Ryan's store. He denied the charge, but the proof was against him, for a part of the stolen property was found in his possession. It is said that the old man was prompted to do wrong by the fact that after losing his employment he found himself and family in financial straits. Through his long years of employment he had made no provision for the proverbial rainy day.

Other sentences pronounced by Judge Baker were as follows: Matt Garner, highway robbery, twelve years; Frank Jones, horse stealing, five years; William Jones, robbery, ten years; Chris Thompson, larceny, one year; Charles Barnett, assault, one year; W. Taylor, larceny, one year and six months.

Wants Demand Reduced.

The defendants in the case of Emma Walker against John Moser and others, now pending in the United States court, have filed a motion to compel the plaintiff to reduce the amount of damages demanded to $5,000. The suit grows out of the death of the husband of the plaintiff at Ashland last winter. Walker, while drunk, was thrown from a buggy and killed. The defendants in this action are the keeper of the saloon where Walker drank and his bondsmen. In their motion they allege that the demand for $15,000 made by the plaintiff is for the purpose of prejudicing the case in the eyes of the jury, as under the facts in the case she can hope to recover but $5,000.

Notes of the Courts.

The trustee in bankruptcy has declared a dividend of 30 per cent in the matter of the bankruptcy of A. C. Riddell of Omaha.

Edward Pyle of Alliance, Neb., has filed application in the United States district court to be declared a bankrupt. He owes $1,641.85, with no assets.

In Judge Baxter's court yesterday Mrs. Sarah Stanwood won her case against the Union Pacific railroad, wherein she sought to have increased appraisement of real estate at Tenth and Leavenworth streets, said property having been taken by the railroad company by right of eminent domain. The appraisers valued the lots at $15,000. Mrs. Stanwood's judgment increases that figure to $37,818.

CHILDREN TO PLANT TREES

Nebraska Department of Instruction Issues Directions for Observance of Arbor Day.

Each teacher in the Omaha public schools has received a neat pamphlet of fifty pages issued by the state department of public instruction entitled the "Bird and Arbor Day Manual." The publication contains a large quantity of material appropriate for Arbor day programs and Omaha children have already begun to prepare for the occasion. In addition to the customary recitations and songs an unusual number of trees will be planted this year by the school children of the city. The Board of Education has set apart $50 for the purchase of trees, so that each class desiring to do so will be able to commemorate itself in the fashion conceived by J. Sterling Morton.

The origin of the day is referred to as follows in the pamphlet by State Superintendent W. R. Jackson: "Nebraska was the pioneer state in inaugurating Arbor day and among the first to recommend a bird day. Let us strive to maintain the position which the state occupies in this regard and continue to lead in educational matters."

On the cover is an artistic sketch done in colors of two sprays of golden rod, the Nebraska floral emblem. On the first page is printed the proclamation of Governor Poynter describing Nebraska as the "Tree Planters' State" and setting apart April 23 as Arbor day. The book also contains an introductory by State Superintendent Jackson, addresses by J. Sterling Morton, Prof. J. M. Coulter of the department of botany, University of Chicago; L. Bruner, author of "Notes on Nebraska Birds," and others.

After Lagrippe—What?

Usually a racking cough and a general feeling of weakness. Foley's Honey and Tar is guaranteed to cure the "grippe cough" and make you strong and well. For sale by Myers-Dillon Drug Co., Omaha; Dillon's Drug Store, South Omaha.

LOCAL BEET SUGAR CULTURE

Douglas County Will Probably Raise Three Hundred Acres this Year.

The Douglas County Sugar Beet association met at the Commercial club rooms at noon yesterday and authorized the executive committee to lease sufficient land to enable the association to cultivate 200 acres of beets during the coming summer, to purchase the necessary seed and machinery and to employ such help as may be necessary, including a foreman for three months at a salary not to exceed $75 per month. It was stated by John E. Utt that the merchants of South Omaha have decided to cultivate fifty acres, that other parties in that vicinity have contracted to put in about forty acres, that one man named Forbes north of the city is going to raise seventy acres on his own account and that it looks as if about 300 acres will be raised this year in the vicinity of Omaha.

W. H. Baird, who is at the head of the Norfolk factory, was present and in response to questions propounded gave much useful information in regard to beet culture. Mr. Baird is a young man who became interested in beet sugar affairs several years ago at Grand Island and who has manifested such aptitude for the work that he has recently been advanced to a position at the head of the Norfolk institution.

IOWA MAN BLOWS OUT GAS

Lawrence Rogers of Oxford Junction Breathes the Noxious Vapor and is Now Unconscious.

Lawrence Rogers, a business man and member of the school board of Oxford Junction, Ia., blew out the gas in his room at the St. James hotel early this morning and narrowly escaped death by asphyxiation. He is now at St. Joseph's hospital and at last accounts was unconscious.

Rogers entered the office of the hotel at 1:30, signed the register with a steady hand and asked for a room. He was assigned to an inner appartment without windows, which receives its ventilation through a skylight communicating with the areaway. Both this opening and the transom were closed.

Six hours later Mrs. A. J. Hattery, wife of the proprietor, while passing through the hall, detected the odor of gas. This was finally traced to room No. 7, occupied by Rogers. As the door was unlocked she entered and found the Iowa man lying on the bed partially dressed and unconscious. The gas jet was turned on full force.

FATE OF CENTRAL BOULEVARD

City Attorney Will Have Cases of Dissatisfied Freeholders Placed at Head of the Docket.

In accordance with instructions of the Board of Park Commissioners City Attorney Connell is making every effort to have the fate of the Central boulevard settled at once. He has notified all the dissatisfied property owners that their cases will be placed at the head of the district docket with the consent of the court and they will come up for trial at once.

The park board is anxious that the claims be adjudicated without delay in order that it may go forward with the improvement. It realizes, however, that the proposed boulevard is in jeopardy and that the chances are small for its construction. There are thirty dissatisfied freeholders who believe that their awards of damages are insufficient, and only $400 remains with which to satisfy all claims. The board hopes to effect a compromise, as it appreciates that the boulevard joining, as it does, the north and south park systems along Thirty-first street will be an invaluable addition to Omaha's thoroughfares.

FALL MAY RESULT FATALLY

Insecure Iron Railing at Boyd's Theater Building Precipitates a Victim Into Cellar.

A man whose name is said to be E Richards was seriously injured by falling into the basement stairway on the west side of Boyd's theater yesterday shortly before 3 o'clock. Richards was leisurely leaning against the iron railing that surrounds the stairway entrance when the iron snapped at a section joint, precipitating him to the bottom of the opening. He fell with great force, he being somewhat corpulent, and the back of his head struck upon the rough walls. A physician said the victim was suffering from a serious skull fracture and the accident may cost him his life.

The victim was unconscious when picked up. An ambulance conveyed him to Clarkson hospital. He was unable to talk and no one in the crowd that gathered knew his name, but papers found on his person indicate that his name is Richards.

COUNTY RECEIVES AN OFFER

Omaha Mercantile Company Proposes to Buy Claim Against the Defunct Savings Bank.

The feature of the regular weekly meeting of the county board yesterday was the receipt of a communication from the Omaha Mercantile company offering to buy the county's claim against the defunct German Savings bank. The company offers to pay $11,907.14 for the county's claim, the face value of which is $28,000. It is stipulated that the cash will be paid within thirty days after acceptance of the offer. The communication was referred to committee of the whole and will be thoroughly discussed, it is stated, before definite action is taken.

Other proceedings were of an interesting routine nature and the session was much shorter than usual.

A Horrible Outbreak.

"Of large sores on my little daughter's head developed into a case of scald head" writes C. D. Isbill of Morganton, Tenn., but Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured her. It's a guaranteed cure for Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Pimples, Sores, Ulcers and Piles. Only 25c at Kuhn & Co.

RELIGIOUS.

Over 200 applications are on file for the vacant pulpit of the Presbyterian church at Atchison, Kan.

Descendants of the missionaries in the Hawaiian islands constitute about one-twentieth of the white population, exclusive of the Portuguese.

Rev. Judson Titsworth, pastor of Plymouth Congressional church, Milwaukee, is reading a novel of his own production to his evening congregations. It aims to preach the gospel in the story of a young man's conversion.

A bill has been introduced in the Ohio legislature providing that ruling bodies of religious denominations shall be empowered to name the trustees of denominational institutions. Its object is to give the control of Lane Theological Seminary to the Presbyterian church.

Rev. Dr. Curtis, pastor of Mount Auburn Presbyterian church at Cincinnati, has been devoting his church services to the especial interest of street railway employes. The Cincinnati street railway companies grant free transportation to employes and their families to and from the church.

Of thirty-three bishops of the Church of England, three are the sons of temporal peers, two of bishops, eleven of clergymen, three of lawyers, one of a doctor, two of bankers, five of country squires, one of a tradesman, three of farmers and two, the archbishops of Canterbury and of York, of army officers.

The will of the late Rev. Dr. George Leon Walker of Hartford, Conn., contains the following public bequests, in addition to $5,000 divided among Connecticut church societies: American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, $1,000; American Missionary association, $500; Brooks library of Brattleboro, Vt., $500.

At a meeting of the friends and admirers of the late Rev. Dr. McGlynn, held in Worcester, Mass., it was decided to hold a memorial service in that city on April 28. It is understood that the speakers will be William Lloyd Garrison of Boston and the Rev. Fathers Ducey and Burtsell of New York. The memorial will be in the nature of a tribute from the single tax men and not from a Catholic standpoint.

The pope still refuses to accept the yearly stipend which the Italian government is ready to pay him. Ever since the conquest of Rome by the Italian troops of the king an annual income of $750,000 is yearly laid aside for the pontifex maximus by the government, which the former promptly refuses to accept. Thus for twenty-eight years this sum has been accumulating, and today over $20,000,000, without the accruing interest, may be drawn by the head of the Catholic church.

In the '80s the late Dr. Thomas K. Beecher of Elmira was nominated for congress from his district, and the politicians had about succeeded that he would be elected, when his church people found out that his prospects were good and set out to defeat him. One of the most singular campaigns in the history of American politics resulted. All of Mr. Beecher's personal and church friends worked like beavers against him and voted solidly for his opponent, with the result that he was defeated by a narrow margin. The attitude of the church people was that they could not afford to lose their minister, and they won the fight.

CO-OPERATIVE HOME BUILDING

Transition from Pinching Resources to a Plethora of Money.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF NEBRASKA LEAGUE

Features of Iowa's New Law Governing Building and Loan Associations—Adequate Regulation Deferred in New York.

A barometer peculiarly sensitive to changes in the industrial world is the business of building and loan associations. With a membership largely of wage-earners, their condition reflects every phase of activity and depression. A few years ago the associations in Omaha were pinched to meet the demands of withdrawing shareholders. Last year they could scarcely find money enough to meet the demands of those seeking homes. In three years they have jumped from pinching scarcity to a plethora of money. The phase of business manifested this year constitutes a new experience—an abundance of money and limited demand. Many reasons are advanced by secretaries for this unusual condition, which may radically change as the building season advances, but the principal factor is the increased cost of building. Architects declare that the increased cost of material and labor is not affecting building projects on a large scale. With small homes the experience of local associations proves the opposite. Homes erected by and through them, early last year, costing from $1,000 to $1,500, cannot now be duplicated for less than $1,200 and $1,800 respectively, an increase of from 20 to 25 per cent. The effect of the increased cost is very marked. Numerous modest homes projected by association members during the winter have been abandoned because of the increased cost. Some believe the present high prices of materials cannot last and hold off for an expected reduction. Of that, however, there is little prospect. But the steady cheapening of money will in time offset the increased cost of building and furnish a needed incentive for investment in homes.

State League Convention.

The ninth annual convention of the Nebraska League of Locfl Building and Loan Associations is called to meet at Schuyler on Tuesday evening, April 24. Secretary Bryson has issued a call for the selection of delegates, each association being entitled to two. Several questions of great importance to association managers will be considered and prominent leaguers are booked for papers. The program for the convention is not fully completed and will be published later. Among the members scheduled for addresses are Hon. P. L. Hall, secretary of the state banking board; Hon. C. J. Phelps, president of the league; Hon. C. F. Bentley of Grand Island; T. C. Patterson of North Platte; T. J. Fitzmorris, president of the United States league; J. E. Arnold of Schuyler, and Messrs. Nattinger, Gilmore and Kennedy of Omaha.

The Nebraska league, though small in numbers, has exerted a powerful influence for the betterment of home building co-operation in the state during its existence. No organization of equal numbers has made its influence more effective for the common good. It has fashioned and procured the passage of laws designed to safeguard the interests of legitimate co-operation and to weed out and shut out speculative concerns masquerading as building and loan associations. To its influence and active co-operation with the state banking board is due the freedom the state has enjoyed from disasters common in adjoining states during the past ten years. The league seeks first of all the welfare of mutual home building associations. It was founded for that purpose, has adhered to it consistently and persistently from the beginning and its success is a tribute to the unselfish and broad-gauge aims of the members carried out at no little personal cost in time and money. Such an organization by its record commends itself to the active support of every live association in the state.

Iowa's New Law.

After a struggle extending over several years Iowa has at last enacted what is considered an adequate law governing building and loan associations. Only a scant summary of the law is at hand, but this apparently aims at the principal evils complained of. The law forbids the issuance of any stock drawing fixed dividends or that is preferred in any way, thus eliminating the speculators who dominate many associations under the present system. Full paid stock can be issued for the par value only and dividends in no case may exceed 8 per cent. The expenses of the management are limited and must be paid from the earnings, thus preventing the absorbing of the income by the payment of large salaries. The maximum of fines and penalties is placed at 8 per cent a year and neither premium nor interest paid by borrowers may exceed that amount, while under the present system as much as 100 per cent is said to have been paid. As now constituted members who fall in arrears in their payments frequently lose all that they have invested. The bill provides that members withdrawing shall receive a sum not less than the amount they paid in, unless losses shall have occurred during the time, in which case the member shall be charged with his proportionate share.

The abolition of expense funds uproots the greatest incentive to rascality that has afflicted building and loan associations. It was and is the main graft of so-called national associations, without which they could not have survived a year. It was a shrewdly devised plucking scheme, by which the managers feathered their own nests and paid the cost of carrying on a nation-wide business. From the nationals it descended to associations doing a state-wide business. But even that did not save some of them from disaster. The wreck of the Union of Des Moines a few years ago was a sample of many others. The lesson taught by these wrecks is that mutuality and safety ceases when an association seeks business beyond the town or county in which it is organized. Legitimate local associations conduct their business for a trifling per cent of the earnings. They do not need expense funds as such and the prohibition of the fund by law is a tribute to local systems, combining mutuality, integrity and simplicity. The effect of the law as a whole can hardly fail to promote the welfare of genuine co-operative associations, "a consummation devoutly to be wished."

Regulation Deferred.

The New York State league made a heroic but futile effort to secure a revision of the law governing building and loan associations. A very complete measure was drafted by the league in conjunction with the state banking department and introduced in the legislature, but failed to receive sufficient support to secure its passage. The measure was designed to eradicate many disreputable methods practiced by associations in the Empire state, particularly real estate speculation. Having no legal check, associations do about as they please. Some of them, pretending to be mutual, are only a shade behind the notorious Miller syndicate—long on promises and short in performance. To protect and promote legitimate associations the proposed bill gave the state banking department complete supervisory control, abolished real estate speculations, expense funds and forfeitures and penned them in a drastic fashion to recognized bounds of genuine associations. The league, however, could not secure for the measure the approval of the political machine which determines legislation in New York state and it was shelved for the present.

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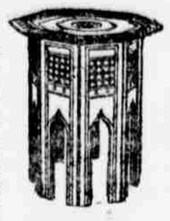

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A large assortment in all woods and coverings. Our Folding Davenport Sofa will interest you. We have a variety for your consideration.

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Special this opening week—large, massive frame, handsomely polished, quarter-sawed golden oak, reversible cushions, upholstered in best velour—opening week price **$10**

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4-6x 7-6	4-0x 7-0	4-0x 4-6
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An elegant assortment of new patterns in Hamburg Nets, Brussels, Irish Points, Battenbergs, novelties in Calais, Swiss, Cluny and other styles—better values have never been offered in Omaha—opening week price—per pair **5.00**

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For $12.50 a pair we show the cream of the market—Renaissance, Saxony Thread Lace, Double Nets, Arabians, Point de Milans, Point de Venice and novelties galore—you will be surprised at the beauty and freshness of the curtains we show at this price—opening week—per pr. **12.50**

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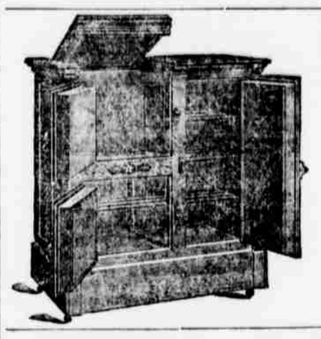

Refrigerators

Advance notice. A carload just received and go on sale Monday. The celebrated North Star Refrigerator—the best, therefore the cheapest—made of best kiln dried oak and ash—cork filling, the best non-conductor of heat known to science—removable ice and provision compartments.

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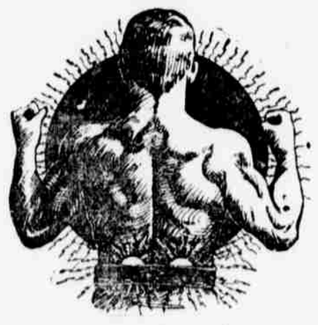

To be strong again! To feel the vim, the ambition and undaunted courage of youthful days! How men wish for it! To awake in the morning without that dull, stupid feeling; to feel energetic; to have bright, sparkling eyes, quick brain, and, above all, confidence.

That is to be happy, and you can. The book of life gets its fire from electricity; nerve life is electricity. Fill your body, especially all weak parts, with electricity every night as you sleep and the vigor of youth will come back.

DR. McLAUGHLIN'S ELECTRIC BELT

is devoted to this purpose. Its power goes into the body in a gentle stream, saturating every nerve and organ with the fire of youth. Its touch is magnetism. It causes the blood to bound in the veins and charges the nerves with its vital element until they are as strong as steel. It renews strength.

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SOME LATE INVENTIONS.

Two westerners have designed a parcel rest and seat annex for bicycles, having auxiliary forks extending vertically from each axle, with broad seats secured to the top bar of the frame, to extend horizontally and meet the upright supports.

A New Yorker has designed a new secret ballot, which is intended to be sealed by the voter before he leaves the booth, the ticket being shaped like an envelope with the blanks inside, one flap being perforated and detached after the voter has written his name thereon.

To provide cool filtered water for drinking purposes a new refrigerator attachment is shaped like a sprinkling pot, with a filtering medium in the spout, which is placed under the ice chamber outlet, allowing the water to filter into the pail and be drawn through a spigot for use.

Photographers can find use for a new device for taking babies' pictures comprising a sofa with a vertical piece attached to the back, the latter being provided with an opening near the center through which persons in the rear can put their hands and hold the baby on the sofa.

To easily adjust new sleeves at any desired height a new attachment consists of a cord or tape looped through two eyelets in the sleeve, with a clamping hook on one end to bind the opposite end as it is drawn through, the loose end being pulled until the sleeve is taken up to the proper height.

Lamps can be lighted without removing the chimney when the latter is provided with a southern man's device, a hole being cut in the bottom of the chimney for the insertion of a short tube flanged at one end and provided with a spring gate through which the match is pushed to touch the wick.

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Piano Prices Forced Still Lower.

The immense stock on which we have made the phenomenal piano sale must be still more reduced to make room for the reconstruction of the piano room.

At no time in the history of piano selling in Omaha have the prices reached the low ebb we are now quoting. Pianos that are selling in Omaha at $250 we have put in this sale at $123, that is a brand new, clean, dry, up-to-date piano. Then there are the $300 pianos which we are forcing down to $134. The next better is the $143 piano; then a wonderful bargain at $163 and still better grade for $174; the higher grades at $193, $214, $243, $263, $294. Think of buying pianos at these prices that have been sold and are being sold in Omaha up to $500.

We will mention a few of the high grade pianos still in stock:

Steinway, Knabe, Chickering, Kranich & Bach, Kimball, Hallet & Davis, "Martin," "Hospe," "Hinze," "Whitney," Smith & Nixon, "Krell," "Royal," the finest pianos the world can produce.

We have them and we are selling them at ridiculously low payments—$10.00 down, $15.00 down, $20.00 down, $25.00 down; monthly payments, $5.00, $6.00, $7.00, $10.00, and so on, and every instrument fully guaranteed as represented and we secure the customer with the factory guarantee as well as our own. Remember these pianos are new, they are clean, they are dry. You are protected in buying them. You take no chances. You are saving in making this investment, as many of these instruments have been handled by us for more than a quarter of a century.

Remember that we have pianos in genuine rosewood, mahogany, quarter-sawed oak, French walnut, American walnut, golden oak and the many other different shades of veneers, in both imported and domestic varieties.

We have some second-hand uprights as low as $87.00, full sized instruments. Some square pianos as low as $30.00.

With our piano sale we include organs. We are offering this week the following organs: "The Kimball," "Hospe," "Story & Clark," "Carpenter," "Western Cottage," "Crown," "Chicago Cottage," and "Smith American" organs. $10.00, $12.00, $23.00, $27.00, $29.00, $32.00, $35.00, $39.00, $42.00 and $52.00. Some are parlor organs, piano-cased organs, chapel organs, new organs and second-hand organs. Terms, from $2.00 to $6.00 cash and $1.00 to $4.00 per month. Every one can afford to have an organ at these prices.

Don't miss this immense cut price sale of pianos and organs, as this is positively the last week that we can hold the sale open. Next week the carpenters and masons will begin their work in reconstructing the wall in our piano room and the partition walls in the new piano floor on the floor above will be torn out.

Therefore, "Make hay while the sun shines."

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