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What Northwestern Ne-

braska Offers in Way

of Free Lands

STEYN, THE BOER GAMBETTA

Man Transformed by the Struggle for Liberty in South Africa.

LEADER AND COUNSELLOR OF THE ALLIES

Reviled Two Years Ago, a Great Figure Now-His Wife's Patriotism Like that of a Roman

Matron.

A writer in the New York Sun, who has seen service in South Africa, traces the career of President Steyn of the Orange Free State in the present war and pays the following tribute to his leadership:

One chief figure has stood out, then another, in the successive stages of the South African trouble. Today the attention of both sides is turned to Martinus Thaunus

One delegation of Transvaalers has been escorted by the British to consuit with him Their principal labor is in harvesting their near Kroonstad. From another that in- hay and looking after the stock that they cluded Coneral Delarey he received an ad- do not stray away. dress draw, up a month ago in which he is Scores of ranches have changed hands called "leader and counsellor," in which in this territory during the last six months these western Transvanl allies say to him: at figures ranging from \$1,500 to \$25,000,

head and leader of United South Africa." treated by all sides with very serious reof the English troops, and for months afterexecuations which were not confined to the British section.

He will be more than human if he feels and notes what the two years have brought. Eurrender outright, disarmament of his occupation was all that was openly offered then; but now the negotiations are conducted more as between equals.

A Critical Time.

As Lord Roberts' victorious army pressed en to Bloemfentein, flushed with the achievement of Cronje's capture, many voices called on President Steyn to surrender his capital and the Orange Free State, to walt and hand over the keys to Lord Roberts. In its origin, they said, it was a quarrel of the Transvaal and England, and the first duty of the Orange Free State was to save the blood of its burghers.

Steyn's opponent at the previous presidential election, his uncle by marriage, J. G. Fraser, pleaded with him to remain in his capital and surrender it. Steyn remained for days in his presidency and kept his own counsel. He had not been in arms on commando in the first stages of the

Day followed day and the English troops drew nearer from the west and south. On the night before they entered he was still first and foremost comes drink. in his capital. No siege defences had been attempted, for neither the nature of the surrounding country nor the water supply ing than from any or all the other tempta- self. allowed the idea of resistance.

Lord Roberts' main column was camped fifteen miles out. One of his divisions was and reform, but from the insane thirst for thrown across the railway on the south; and a few miles outside the town on the north an officer of engineers and a handful of volunteers had slipped past the Boer rear guard and had blown up the track and tainly not an instance of a speculator who thereby blocked a score of locomotives and has lived a life creditable to himself or admuch rolling stock in the station, completely isolating the place.

Again Mr. Fraser, as member for Bloemfontein in the Orange Free State legisla- all the more dangerous, masmuch as it asture, begged the president to accompany him and the mayor, Dr. Kellner, to meet ship." Lord Roberts outside the capital with the keys the next day. They could not persuade him, but were to try again that night, their last opportunity.

No Surrender.

They crossed over that night to the hand- claims will not bear strong analysis, yet it some presidency among the trees to see the is written in a strain which is calculated to the outskirts of the town on the north. liberately misleading nor dangerous. To be There his necessary papers, the instruments able to say things which are not quite true of his office required to give presidential in a way to make them impressive is a authority to his decrees, in the eyes of his valuable talent. Here is an example: burghers, were waiting him in a coach, guarded by a handful of followers. With two of his secretaries he rode out with degree which renders it necessary they Mauser and bandolier, joined the little should devote themselves to hard work. A new capital at Brandfort.

From that time Steyn seemed a changed gets to staggering under it." man. Previously industrious and methodical he had devoted himself to the work of his office, and had been an energetic chief of state to his republic, but had not seemed a ble tendency of our age, which draws manufacturing into immense establishments, redominant personality.

Once out on the veldt among his burghers he developed the spirit of a Gambetta. When weariness or small numbers seemed near to obtain that intimate acquaintance to dampsen their spirits he exhorted them | with employes which, under the old system that they turned and fought again. The present writer was in Kroonstad

within a few hours of the Boer evacuation in May, 1900. One of the first things he saw was a young neutral hawking photographs called "Steyn Flogging His Burghers." He asked as many responsible residents as he met. Was the story of the picture true? No, it was absolutely untrue. What had happened was that the previous

day Steyn had stood at the head of the



The human heart, that most wonderful of engines, is scarcely larger than a man's Yet in each twenty-four hours the dual heart moves approximately six tons of blood, equivalent to about two barrels of blood per hour. And this continues without ceasing from the first breath of infancy to the last sigh of age. Is it any wonder that when continued extra strain is put upon so delicate and busy an or-gan, it should break down? Is it any wonder that in this age of overwork there should be an increasing number of deaths attributed to heart failure?

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Homes for the Homeless

NELIGH, Neb. April 18.-To the Editor of The Bee: The past and prevailing high prices of beef and mutton has greatly stimulated the stock industry in Nebraska and is encouraging many persons to embark into the profitable business of stockraising. The stimulating of the stock industry has had the effect of greatly increasing the population of this state, and no place to any more marked extent than in northwestern Nebraska. No better stock country, for raising cattle and sheep, lies under the sun than is the northwestern part of this state. The territory covered by the O'Nelll, Valentine and Alliance land districts has been the scene of great activity in real estate exchanges during the

last eighteen months. tle and sheep. These people make their money much easier and faster than do the farmers of the eastern and central states.

"We thank God for your manful and and at this time eastern buyers are to be steadfast attitude. We pray also that it seen in every locality almost every day that may be granted to you to come forward as passes. Aside from this, the official records show that in the territory covered Whatever his fate may be Steyn is now by the three land districts mentioned above there were during the last fiscal year 2,641 spect. It was not always thus. Two years homestead filings made by heads of families, ego, when he hastened by night from appropriating thereby 389,221 acres of the Bloemfontein a few hours before the entry public lands to private ownership. Many of these new settlers are locating and ward as he carried a movable capital with blocking out just as good ranches as those him from place to place, he was followed by that have been sold for thousands of dollars.

That Uncle Sam is still able to give us all no triumph as he compares now with then a farm is shown by the following table, which is approximately correct, giving the public land by counties that are open to race, docile obedience to a foreign military settlement in the three land districts here-

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tions likely to assail you," he says.

liquor escape is almost impossible."

vantageous to the community."

may lead to almost any other temptation

The second danger, he says, is specula-

"Gamesters die poor, and there is cer-

sails one generally in the garb of friend-

ever, is taken to be the least of the trinity

"I congratulate poor young men upon

being born to that ancient and honorable

Other excerpts from the book follow:

It is very unfortunate that the irresisti-

quiring the work of thousands of men, ren-

ders it impossible for employers who reside

bank facing the river drift beseeching

and urying his burghers to return to the

got rid of his wares to the credulous or to

sick bed weak with fever. Delarey fell

in the remote east of his country. As they grasped hands in the square at Krponstad

Transvaal ally the motto of the Orange

But for a long time it hardly seemed

that all would come right. For nearly

wo years now Steyn has been with Dewet,

helping most actively in drawing recruits

In appearance he is a big, bearded man

of strong physique, with a round face. In

former days, though it may have altered

now, his expression was a good deal more

genial and sanguine than that shown by

the faces of his grave-featured compatricts.

He was a progressive president, and the

Bloemfontein's best public buildings bear

the legend that their cornerstones were

A Roman Matron.

His wife is a woman of remarkably hand-

some appearance and her patriotism is as

that of the Roman matron. The typical

story of a Free State wife might be hers.

A husband whose sons were on commando

was willing to stay at home if his wife

can never get another Orange Free State."

in Transvani politics before the war.

The Transvaal delegation that has gone

nature of the Boer organization of its com-

"Go. I can get another husband, but I Merer.

At its outbreak they were, except Reitz, tion in favor of Louis Botha.

laid by Martinus Thaunus Steyn,

wished it. Her answer was:

postoffice, new schoolhouse and other of

from Cape Colony for the great raider.

"Alles Sall Recht Kommen!"

Free State:

carries-was uplifted in the air.

the hide switch which every riding Boer coroner.

from Delarey, who had just risen from a net embodied the law.

and went their ways Steyn cried out to his intelligence officer to his commandant.

The indorsement of others' notes.

other topics.

of dangers.

VALENTINE DISTRICT Keya Paha.

ALLIANCE DISTRICT. Acres Public Land It will be noted that Brown, Keya Paha

The foregoing table is made up from the official figures of the last fiscal year, with estimates from the close of the fiscal year to the present time. While the official figures show that during the last fiscal year there were 2,641 homesteads taken in the three land districts named, appropriating to private ownership 389,221 acres, the most conservative estimates are that the same territory will this year show at least 2,000 filings, and if the present movement toward this part of the state continues, and there is every reason to believe it will, the num ber of filings may reach 3,500 or 4,000. All of this part of the state has splendid railroad facilities, furnished by two competing lines, the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri

Valley railway and the B. & M.

While the public land laws are very plain there is in the minds of the average home hunter more or less confusion about they seek the land office the first place they ground. A person can well afford to spend filing before the district court clerk or brasks.

76.000 county judge of the county in which the land desired is located. District court clerks and county judges in counties where public land is situated are ex-officio officers in their respective land districts and empowered to act in all ordinary matters pertaining to the taking of a homestead. Such county officers are more or less familiar with the quality and value of the public lands in their respective counties, and are better prepared to give accurate information than any one else as a rule. The filing fee on 160 acres is \$14 and within six months after a filing is made the applicant must establish a residence upon the land. It must be the applicant's home exclusive of any other home, and there is no difference and Rock counties are each divided between in the time of residence required of mar-Many people in this territory have grown the O'Neill and Valentine districts, the ried or single persons. After a residence of rich during the last few years raising cat- eastern and southern part of each being in fourteen months a commutation proof can be made and patent issued upon the payment of \$1.25 per acre.

> Soldiers are allowed for time served in the army, that is, the time served in the army, not to exceed four years, will apply upon making five-year proof. Widows of soldiers are not required to reside upon their homestead and the time of service of their husbands in the army is credited, not to exceed four years, upon making final proof. The homestead must be cultivated to such an extent that good faith is apparent. Where the land is best adapted to grazing, it is held that grazing is cultiva-The above conditions apply only when the husband had never taken a homestead or having taken one, never made final proof and abandoned the same prior to June 5, 1900. Minor children of a soldier have, through their guardian, the same rights as a widow of a soldier.

Very little satisfactory information regarding a future home can be had by writhow to proceed to find a home. As a rule ing. The better way is to go onto the go and entertain a vague idea that at the a few days in selecting a location for a land office all the information desired can home. The territory embraced in the be secured, when in fact the land office is three land districts mentioned was never the last place they should ordinarily seek, in as prosperous a condition as today and when they are ready to make a filing, or all signs point to many more years of good many times more convenient to make the prices and prosperity for northwestern Ne-

Andrew Carnegie's Book

"The Empire of Business" is the striking of manufacturing in very small establish- as co-operative stores, and I hope, in retitle of a new book by Andrew Carnegie, the ments, made the relation of master and turn, that the employes are to show by the steel king, now on the press of Doubleday, man more pleasing to both. Page & Co. It is a handsome volume of

economic essays, dealing with thrift, the road to fortune, the uses of wealth and the assistance of a few men and apprentices it may be found. the employer had opportunities to know By such means as these we may hope to Mr. Carnegie does not attempt to tell how to amass a huge fortune, such as he has, but he gives good advice to young men by telling of his own success, and how they the workman, being brought into closer con- relations between the employer and his may succeed as he has. Three things in tact with his employer, inevitably knew men. particular he warns the youth against, and more of his business, of his cares and troubles, of his efforts to succeed and, more "You are more likely to fall in your important than all, he came to know some-

All this is changed.

Thus, the employes become more like human machines, as it were, to the em- to grasp, to utilize the man that can do ployer, and the employer becomes almost a something that is valuable. Every foremyth to his men. From every point of view man wants to have under him in his de this is a most regrettable result, yet it is partment able men, upon whom he can one for which I see no remedy.

The free play of economic laws is forcing for, because the greatest of ability in a the manufacture of all articles of general manager is not the man himself, but the consumption more and more into the hands men with whom he is able to surround him-The third danger he warns young men of a few enormous concerns, that their cost self against is the "perilous habit of indorsing, to the consumer may be less.

the amount per ton or per yard of what that have ruled the destinies of the world. we call "fixed charges" is so great a factor The book is full of anecdote and pleasan- in the total cost that, whether a concern try, and, while some of Mr. Carnegie's can run successfully or not, in many cases, depends upon whether it divides these fixed charges-which may be said to be pracchief executive; but Steyn's answer was in inspire ambition. Mr. Carnegie is not de- tically the same in a large establishment of the poor, as in a smaller-by 1,000 tons per day or by 500 tons per day of product.

Hence, the reason for the continual increase year by year in the product of your primarily to increase his product, but that the strain of competition forces him into extensions that he may thereby reduce more envalcade and rode through the night to his basketful of bonds is the heaviest basket a and more per ton or per yard these fixed young man ever had to carry. He generally charges, upon which the safety of his cap-

It being, therefore, impossible for the employers of thousands to become acquainted with their men, if we are not to lose all feeling of mutuality between us, the emthrough other forms, to express his care part of his earnings for institutions, such which so much is written.

Schalkburger, the leader of the present

envoys, was a field cornet as far back as

his roll. He thus came to be a territorial

Schalkburger and Meyer.

He is a sparely built man of mediun

height, with the usual black beard and pale

features of the older Boer. His manner is

very sympathetic and recalls the more

Lucas Meyer is a man of the same school

It was the men on his commando who

fired the first shot in the Natal campaign.

The foreign military attaches with the

British armies, when they inspected the

Boer trenches in the Biggarsberg months

afterward, marveled that a man who had

not been taught the art of war could have

planned such splendid defences. They were

designed and the position selected by Lucas

Yet the Boers do not include him among

their front-rank fighting generals. If there

time of Joubert's death decided the ques-

dently attached to her Boer nationality,

during Joubert's last illness.

tolerant type of predicant.

the eastern Transvaal.

use which they make of such benefactions When articles were manufactured in that they in turn respond to this sentiment small shops by employers who required only upon the part of the employers wherever

New Volume by the

Steel King Soon to

every one, to become well acquainted with maintain to some extent the old feeling of each and to know his merits, both as a man kindliness, mutual confidence, respect and and as a workman; and, on the other hand, esteem which formerly distinguished the

Every employer of labor is studying the young men around him, most anxious to career from acquiring the habit of drink- thing of the characteristics of the man him- find one of exceptional ability. Nothing in the world is so desirable for him and so profitable for him as such a man.

Every manager in the works stands ready rely and whose merits he obtains credit

These books on the shelves will tell you There is no longer any room for con- the story of the rise of many men from ducting the manufacture of such articles our own ranks. It is not the educated, or upon a small scale; expensive works and so-called classically educated, man; it is ons are required as not the existocracy either in camp, council, laboratory or work-

> The great inventions, the improvements the discoveries in science, the great works in literature, have sprung from the ranks records. You can scarcely name a great invention

or a great discovery, you can scarcely name a great picture or a great statue, a great song or a great story, nor anything great mills-not that the manufacturer wishes that has not been the product of men who started, like yourselves, to earn an honest living by honest work.

The importance of the subject is suggested by the fact that the habit of thrift constitutes one of the greatest differences between the savage and the civilized man. One of the fundamental differences be tween savage and civilized life is the absence of thrift in the one and the presence ployer must seek their acquaintance of it in the other. When millions of men each save a little of their daily earnings. for the well-being of those upon whose la- these petty sums combined make an enorbor he depends for success, by devoting mous amount, which is called capital, about

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

positions they had been defending outside the Anglo-Boer war of 1879-81. The office The Board of Education in New York City has asked \$5,500,000 for new public schools, and Mayor Low advises that the amount be raised to \$8,000,000. the town. In his oratorical gestures his of field cornet is not as such a military arms were thrown up and the sjambok- one. Literally it used to mean a country

President Harris of Amherst college points with pride to the fact that there are proportionately more college professors who are graduates of his institution than can be found among the graduates of any other college in the country. A man of good standing among his neigh And so the kodak man had snapped him bors became field cornet for his district. and labeled him as described. He easily If anyone were killed and the cause of death had to be considered he started the the anscrupulous, who saw their market inquiry. Legal machinery was almost nonvalue to the illustrated papers in England. existent in the outlying thinly-peopled dis-It was at Kroonstad that Steyn parted | tricts and to adjust matters the field cor-

Friends of Barnard college railied so handsomely at last to match Mr. Rocketeners saw,000 that they went saw,000 over the mark. Mr. Rocketeller, with praiseworthy liberality, promptly met the "raise" and the college today rejoices in a productive fund aggregating \$555,000. For the purposes of his office he had the back across the Vaal with his western roll of burghers in his district. When the Transvaalers, and Steyn turned east to set government called on a district to furnish up another temporary capital at Vrede an armed commando for the service of the

Harvard observatory has received an anonymous girt of \$20,000, with no conzitions as to the manner in which it shall be expended. It is proposed to take \$10,000 and build an extension to the photographic library, in which are kept the Ha,000 negatives belonging to the observatory. state the field cornet enlisted them from

The Eliza Davison house, the gift of John D. Rockefeller to Vassar college, has been opened. This is the fourth residence hall at Vassar, besides the main building. There are a greater number of single rooms than in any other of the buildings. Although not yet entirely innished severity-three rooms are occupied. Schalkburger belongs to the eastern Transvaal. He was for many years on the executive council and from his post of president of the Pirst Rand he was nominally commander-in-chief of the Boer army

Walter A. Payne, instructor and secre-tary of the university extension depart-ment at the University of Chicago, has been promoted to the rank of associate pro-fessor, and given charge of the extension department of which Prof. James was for-merly the chief.

The Duc de Loubet recently endowed a chair devoted to the history and antiquities of the United States in the College de France in Paris, and provided for the establishment of a library for the department. In spite of his title, which was conferred upon him by the pope, he is an American citizen. of politics as Schalkburger, but is several years his junior. For the few years of its existence he was president of the tiny republic of Vryheld until it was absorbed in

American citizen.

C. L. Babcock of the department of Latin in Cornell has been appointed to the iclowship in the American school at Rome recently created by the bureau of university travel. Mr. Babcock will spend two years with Prof. H. M. Powers, president of the bureau, and with different parties sent out by him, visiting the cities of Italy.

In the block bounded by Manhattan, East Houston, Lewis and East Third streets. New York City, alles are now being drivan for the foundations of what will be the largest public school in the world. It will accommodate 3,915 children and every one of them will have a desk and a seat. In addition there will be in the neighborhood of 150 teachers and assistants, so that under its roof there will be gathered every school day of the year a population of more than 4,000.

Beginning with the Lext academic year

to consult with him is verily composed of was any doubt as to who would succeed "grave and reverend seigniors." Next to Joubert in command of the Natal Boer army President Kruger they were the chief men the fact that Lucas Meyer was ill at the more than 4,000.

Beginning with the Lext academic year no student will be admitted to Columbia university college of physicians and surgeons with conditions, and the full forty-eight count regents diploma will be the minimum requirement. The following year all students asking to be admitted will be required to pass an examination identical with that required by the college. At present medicine will be a purely post-graduate course, owing to the large percentage of nongraduate students in the school. who is an old man, leaders from the very In appearance Meyer is a very prosperous citizen, stout, and looks as though he slept munities. But such men as Delarey and well of nights. He has the ample flowing Louis Botha by their proved aptitude as beard of the man whose face has never felt fighting generals soon made it clear that a razor. His wife is a woman of political the Boer cause in the field was to be in ambition and force of character and ar-

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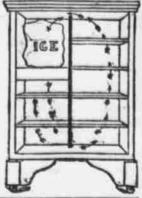
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QUAINT FEATURES OF LIFE.

The following ambiguous advertisement ecently appeared in a Detroit paper: "Notice-If-, who is supposed to be in Chicago, will communicate with his friends at home he will hear of something to his advantage. His wife is dead."

John Quincy Adams has just completed is half-century of service as town clerk of Canaan, Me., and his friends there claim that in all the fifty years he has never missed attending the annual and special town meetings and no hand but his has ever recorded the proceedings in the official

A man the other day went to a Boston dentist to have a tooth extracted, and decided to take gas. The doctor administered the hypnotic and the man soon appeared to be under its influence, but he continued to keep one eye open. This worried the doctor, and he gave the man more gas; still the eye remained open. "Shut that eye," said the doctor, finally, losing patience. "Can't," said the man in a drowsy voice; 'it's glass."

A well known apothecary of the City of Mexico has been the voitim of a curlous deceit. The other day he bought a lottery ticket from a girl in the street. One morning the same girl called at the apothecary's house before he had arisen and sent word to him that he had won the \$10,000 prize. in confirmation of which she also showed the list of winning numbers. The apothecary fully believed the good news and gave the girl \$20 for a present. On going to the offices of the lottery company, however, he discovered that the list was an old one, doctored by the wily girl for the occasion, and that his ticket had won nothing.

Maine is one of the few states that still observes more or less seriously an annual fast day, and Governor John F. Hill has this year selected Thursday, April 24, as the date. In his proclamation, which is very brief, he says: "This day, revered by the fathers, come to us consecrated by observance for many generations. It is appropriate that we should continue to respect a custom so deeply enshrined in the hearts of the people, and I carnestly recommend that the day be observed in a manner consistent with the purposes for which it has been set apart."

Wings and webbed feet were the weapons used in a battle to the death between two water fowle in the Lincoln park "zoo," Chicago, the other day. One of the flock of wild geese was killed by a swan. White Prize, the largest of the swans, wielded his powerful wings with such force as to break the neck of his feathered opponent. The noise of the battle was like that of a large washing hung out in a windstorm. Blow after blow fell upon the swan and on the wild goose as the powerful wings of each swept together. Again and again they separated and then came together with a rush. In one of these clashes the swan landed a right uppercut, winging his opponent in the neck. Then the wild goose fell and White Prize swatted his fallen enemy a few more sweeping blows and strutted away a conqueror.

Perhaps the most curious town in all the United States is Quarry Sloss, Ventura county, Cal. There are just two dozen dwelling houses besides one general store and a barber shop. In the matter of inhabitants there are close to 300 brawny men, two women and one dog. The little town is neither graced by a church nor disgraced by a saloon and is altogether a wellbehaved settlement. The stone quarries there are run by a railroad company, the general management being in the hands of C. Bruckman, Daniel Ogden being superintendent. Mrs. Ogden is one of the two women, the barber's wife the other. The dog, an animal of the Mexican hairless variety, belongs to everybody. Mr. and Mrs. Ogden live in a freight car whose outward appearance is not different from the ordinary conveyance of that kind. Inside to in fitted up very cosily, showing the handiwork of a tasteful woman.

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