

People and Things of Public Interest



ONE of the really interesting features at the Louisiana Purchase exposition, which opened at St. Louis yesterday, will be the Nebraska exhibit in the Agricultural buildings. Instead of devoting the funds at its disposal to the erection of a state building on the avenue set apart for the states, the Nebraska commission hit upon the novel idea of giving the public an illustrated exhibit of real life in the Antelope state. A kinoscope was secured, and film after film of pictures has been prepared, showing the different phases of actual existence in Nebraska. Farming in all its ramifications, the industrial life of the cities, the schools, the sports, everything that could possibly be of interest, has been photographed, and will be shown daily to the throngs who will crowd the free theater to be maintained during the entire time of the exposition. In this way better than any other the visitors to the St. Louis fair will be brought into direct touch with the people of Nebraska. Last week a photographer made a film showing the process of spring plowing, and while he was at work The Bee staff photographer made a picture of him. The day was fine and the four teams drawing the plows through the rich, black loam will make a fine scene for the watcher at the fair during the coming summer.

Little Lillian McCain is but 8 years of age, yet she has gained for herself considerable of a reputation as a dancer. She has given a number of exhibitions of her skill, one of the latest being at Chambers' dancing school. Helen Weed, the little tot with her in the picture, is but 18 months old, but gives a comical imitation of the older girl's movements.

The Corona Base Ball club was started as a purely base ball proposition three years ago, but since that time, through the medium of a number of successful social functions, has taken on an added importance and dignity until now it is a permanent organization and will soon open club rooms. They will be supplied with the usual attractions in the line of reading matter, lounging and card rooms, a modestly equipped gymnasium, billiard table and a variety of other things where-with the members may while away the leisure hours at their disposal. But no matter what happens to it in the line of progress and enlargement of scope, the members say, the club will never be allowed to stray from its first love, the great American game of base ball, and a team that will be sure to stand in the first rank of the amateurs in the city will be maintained from season to season. The Corona club is essentially a South End society, composed entirely of boys and young men from that vicinity, and the new club rooms referred to when opened will be near Tenth and Hickory streets. The new Coronas are the old Nationals, and under the latter name they made a good showing last year in the tri-city combination. Now, with their added talent, the daily practice that they are taking and the ambition and pride that is behind it all, the team will bear watching. Manager W. D. Lane has equipped his men with handsome new uniforms of dark green with maroon trimmings and a complete new outfit of base ball ammunition.

Gas in London

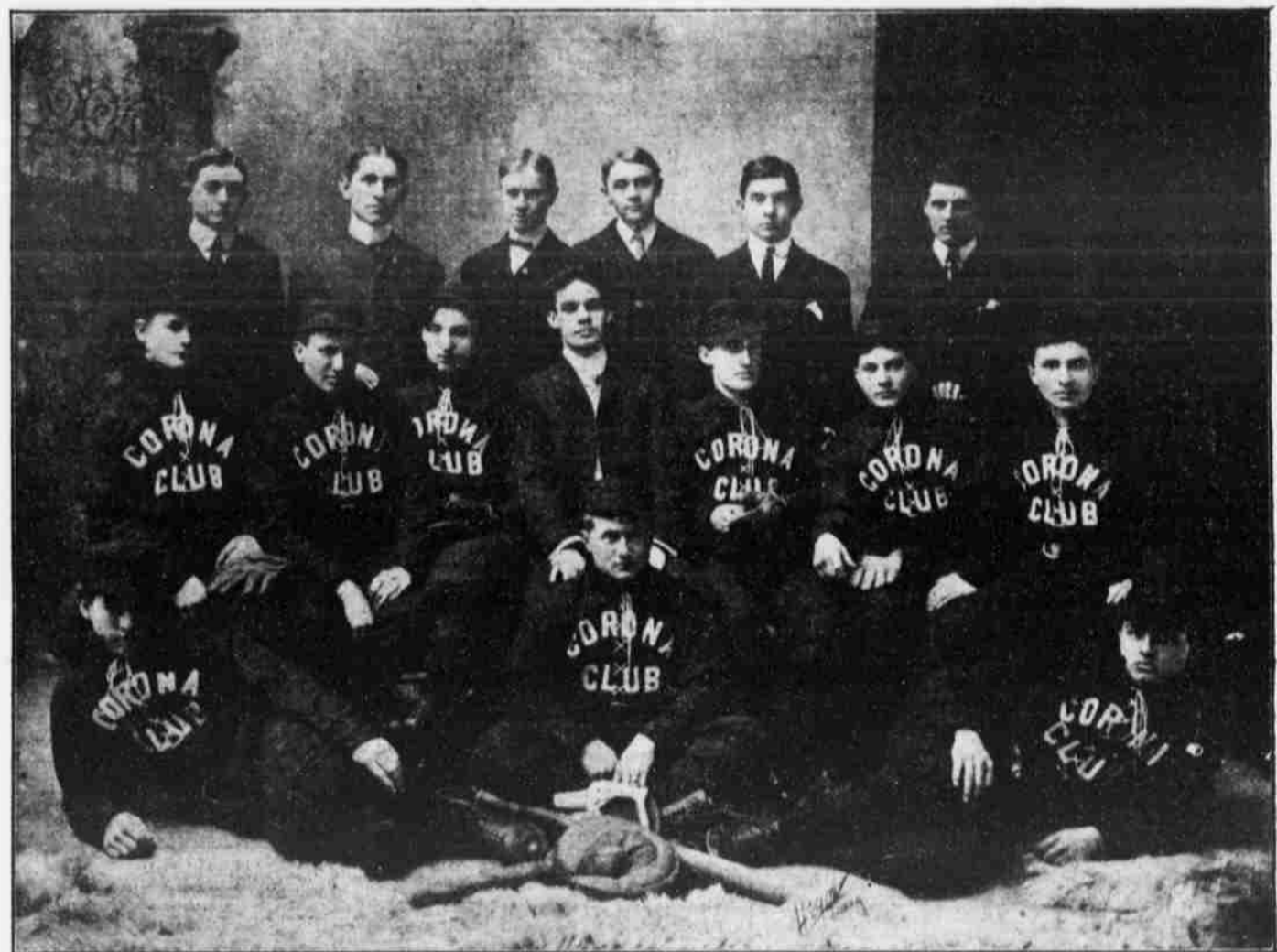
The gas supply of London is now being investigated by a committee of the Board of Trade, and one of the questions on which it will be called to pass is the lowering of the candle-power of the gas and the consequent cheapening of price. It is stated that in London about eight-tenths of the gas is used for heating and cooking, for gas engines and for illumination in connection with incandescent mantles. For such purposes only a blue or heating flame is required, and there is no need of the gas being enriched so as to furnish a luminous flame, upon whose brightness the amount of light emitted by an ordinary burner depends. It has accordingly been suggested that all the old burners should be discarded and the use of incandescent mantles be made compulsory in all cases. In this way it would be possible to reduce materially the cost of gas to the consumer and increase its use still more for power and domestic heating and lighting. In this connection there has been a demand in London for more durable mantles for lights of ordinary size, and for incandescent lamps of smaller candle-power and proportionately diminished consumption of gas.—Collier's Weekly.

The Umbrella Tree

The umbrella tree is found in Ceylon in greater profusion than anywhere else in the world. As a matter of scientific fact, these trees grow to their greatest height and attain to their greatest size in very wet, rainy countries. This growth frequently is due to the fact that the tree requires a great deal of moisture, and not because it is needed to keep off the rain. The tree forms so complete an umbrella that a number of persons might take shelter under its spreading branches. The fol-



MAKING MOVING PICTURES OF NEBRASKA FARM SCENES TO BE EXHIBITED AT THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION. Photo by a Staff Artist.



THE CORONA BASE BALL CLUB.

lage is, as a rule, so thick that it serves to keep off the rain almost perfectly even in a heavy downpour.

Mistaken Identity

Residents of a certain part of Spruce street have often seen two charming old women, twin sisters, who look so much alike that no one ever bothers to distinguish between them, coming out from one of the houses. The fact that they both dress almost alike makes it still harder to tell them apart.

Someone who knows them very well relates that Ann, while making a hurried departure for one of the big department stores last week, put on Susan's bonnet by mistake. In walking through the store she came suddenly in front of a full length mirror, and stepped back in astonishment, saying: "Why, Sue; I didn't know you were coming down town this morning."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Investigating

Johnny was entertaining the young man in the parlor.

"Mr. Spoonmore," he asked, "how long you been comin' to see my sister? Is it two years or three?"

"Two, I think," replied young Spoonmore. "Why, Johnny?"

"'Cause that's what sis says, but paw, he says it seems to him like it was forty years."—Chicago Tribune.

Tabloid Philosophy

Many a good bluff has been called by a better one.

Among other things, the burglar takes chances.

Even the stingy man may tell a story at his own expense.

Physicians advise breathing through the

nose, but the average woman can't keep her mouth shut long enough.

Virtue is often more bitter by contrast with sugar-coated vice.

It stands to reason that when a man loses his hair he can't even have a part.

We never appreciate the greatness and goodness of some men until we read their obituaries.

The fellow who hustles out of the theater between the acts in breathless haute seldom comes back so breathlessly.

When half the characters in a melodrama are killed the voracious press agent announces that it is full of life.

If people would only learn to adapt themselves to circumstances the divorce lawyer would have to shut up shop.—Philadelphia Record.

Nebraska Public Schools

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ing, but these, being considered especially feminine occupations, do not seem to be so pressing needed. There is really no constitutional reason why boys should not like to cook and sew, or why girls should not have the muscle training involved in learning to hammer and saw. The salaries paid to men dressmakers and chefs will make the boys ambitious in these directions before long.

Many Nebraska schools have discovered the pedagogical secret of learning by doing, but physical culture is the weakest point in all school work everywhere below the high school—just where it is most needed. When will we ever learn that the way to have good brains is to have good bodies, and good bodies should be made early, the earlier the better. The good, old-fashioned, leisurely recess of twenty minutes or more has dwindled to ten and five and in many places is omitted altogether in the afternoon. It would be a



LILLIAN MCCAIN AND HELEN WEED, TWO LITTLE DANCERS.

good thing for teachers and scholars to go back to the old way and all go out and play together.

It remains for teachers and parents in close co-operation to see to it that whatever is meet for life's demands, artistic rooms, sanitary contrivances, the best prepared teachers, shall all be secured for the benefit of all, so that, as the ancient Talmud saith, "The breath of the school children shall make the world sweet."

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