



SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Judge C. M. Parker has been ill for several days.

Prof. S. L. Lyon left Thursday for a ten days trip in Minnesota.

Tobias Castor has returned from Deadwood, S. D.

Rev. C. C. Lasby delivered his lecture on the "Passion Play at Oberammergau" in the Second Presbyterian church Tuesday night.

Miss Olive Latta is society reporter for the Sunday Tribune.

Ralph Winger left Thursday for Chicago, where he has accepted a position in a bank.

Mrs. Richardson and daughter, Miss Florence, and the Misses Guilmette, left Thursday for the Black Hills, where they will remain several weeks.

D. B. Welch, of Cadiz, O., who has been in the city visiting his daughter, Mrs. John B. Cunningham, returned home Thursday.

Miss Lulu M. Allen left for Bloomington, Ill., Thursday.

Rev. H. Percy Silver has returned from Philadelphia where he went in the interest of Holy Trinity church. He will preach Sunday.

Mrs. W. Q. Bell and daughter are visiting in Monmouth, Ill.

John P. Maule has returned from Hot Springs, S. D., where he established his family for the summer.

Miss Helen Welch has gone to Creston, Ia., to visit friends.

Mrs. W. S. Summers and son have gone to Spirit Lake, Ia.

Mrs. J. S. Leonhardt and daughter are visiting friends in Rulo.

Tuesday a number of the lady teachers of Lancaster county gave a leap year picnic at the state farm grounds, the gentlemen teachers of the county being the invited participants. The party entertained themselves by means of swings, games and social chat till about 8 o'clock, when the tables were spread with viands, such as only a leap year picnicker ever witnessed, and the gentlemen showed their appreciation of this excellent repast by the use of appetites of no small dimensions. The climax of the evening's enjoyment was an hour's ride over the city in a car chartered by the ladies for the occasion. The gentlemen of this trolley party were highly pleased with their entertainment and announce themselves as ready to receive a similar invitation at any time. The members of the party were Misses Post, Pierce and Mr. Anderson, Waverly; Mrs. Davison, Miss Knowlton and Mr. Ray Cushman, Emerald; Misses Mollie Green, Nina Green, Flora Smith, Mattie Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Hursley, University Place; Professor Condram and Misses Lynch and Cady, and Mr. Sams, Normal; W. L. Locke, Roca; Misses Le Hew, Randolph; May Hyland, Lida Hyland, Messrs. Swisher, J. S. Baer, J. N. Baer, A. A. Baer, Ludlam and Hawes, Lincoln.

Ernest R. Holmes, who has been a member of the editorial staff of the Journal for nearly four years, was married to Miss Kittie Shackleton of Indianola, Neb., at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. R. Knox, rector of the Episcopal church of McCook, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Shackleton. The Episcopal ring service was used. The bride was dressed in cream silk serge with chiffon trimmings. The parlors

were handsomely decorated with flowers. All of the guests remained for the wedding supper, which was served at tables profusely furnished with sweet peas and pansies. At 8:30 Mr. and Mrs. Holmes departed for Denver. They will remain two or three weeks in the mountains and then return to Lincoln. This is another "university march." Mr. Holmes graduated from the university in 1890, and is now taking some post graduate studies there in connection with his work on the Journal. The bride was a member of the sophomore class in the university last year.

SCIENCE TOO SLOW.

Discovery of Cat Language Not Likely to Be of Much Use.

"We live and learn," said the ordinary man, according to Black and White. "I always thought that a cat could either mew or purr or spit or leave it alone. It now seems that I've done an injustice to the beast's vocabulary. Prof. Marvin Clark, I'm told, has been studying the language of cats and has discovered 600 'primitive words.'"

"Of which," the mere boy said, "59 are either blasphemous or improper." "The professor doesn't say so and I don't see how you found it out."

"I see this professor says that cat language bears a resemblance to Chinese. It's rather rough to insult a fallen and vanquished nation that way."

"Well, if there's anything in it," the ordinary man remarked, "it would account for the Chino-Japanese war in a novel and perfectly satisfactory way. But really, when one comes to think of it, it is much easier to believe that cats talk than that monkeys talk. Cats and owls both make sounds exactly like the sound of a human voice. Given a churchyard, a dark night and a white cat and you have all the materials of a ghost story."

"It's a pity," the journalist said, "that discoveries of this kind cannot be turned to some practical use. Why don't they discover the language of the horse? It would make driving much easier if you could tell the animal exactly what was wanted and explain to it verbally the perfectly innocuous character of any object at which it might be likely to shy."

"Ah!" said the eminent person. "Before that discovery arrives we shall have the auto-cars and no horses at all."

An English Snip at the Dutch.

The Boers are no doubt puffed up with their constant good luck when resisting British attacks, but they must be well aware that they have nothing to gain by war and that their position just as it is is one of the most fortunate in history. At least, we can recall no other republic in which every man was for his wants well off, in which all taxes were paid by foreign immigrants and foreign toll and in which the whole community, without ever submitting to a conscription or entering a barrack, had acquired a high military reputation. We cannot believe that these advantages will be willfully thrown away and do not see wherein, if peace is maintained for the next ten years, Great Britain will suffer except from a few taunts, and what do taunts matter to a people with our history?

If it amuses Dirk Cloete to consider John Bull cowardly or soft, let him consider it; he will reconsider that opinion before the end arrives. England is not in a hurry if the capitalists are. She survived Napoleon and she will survive Krueger, not to mention the very memory that there ever was a Dutchman between the Zambesi and the Cape. What proportion of all those who can read now know that New York was once a possession and a settlement of the Dutch?—The Spectator.

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HINTS FOR AMERICANS.

Advice to English Manufacturers That Is Worth Heeding Here.

In an elaborate report on Japanese railways Mr. Lowther of the British legation in Tokio says that on March 1, 1895, the total mileage of railways open to the public was 2,118, of which government lines amounted to 580 and private lines to 1,538 miles, says the London Times. In addition there were 1,072 miles uncompleted, while apparently about 1,000 miles of line are contemplated, excluding Formosa. Mr. Lowther specially calls attention to the vital necessity for British manufacturers of railway material to take every possible measure to advance their interests in Japan. Hitherto Great Britain has practically had a monopoly in furnishing rails, engines, rolling stock, etc.; whether her manufacturers are still to enjoy this privilege must depend on themselves and on the exertions they make. The railways of Japan have been built under foreign, it might also be said British, advisers. Hence it was convenient that the materials required for carrying out designs made by English engineers should be obtained in England. The influence of English engineers could not fail to make itself felt in that direction; but the tendency of the Japanese government is to dispense with all foreign advice, and the time may not be remote when all Japanese lines, whether government or private, will be built and managed without any assistance from the foreigner in Japan and the material alone will be purchased abroad. In Great Britain the leading firms order from designs made by their own engineers and manufacturers have nothing to do with the preparation of the designs. In America, on the other hand, there exists a system under which the railway companies state their requirements and the manufacturers send in competitive projects based on their own designs. The English engineer who has been the designer of railway bridges in Japan since 1882 is leaving the country. On his departure, if the Japanese engineers have structures with which they are unable to deal, it will be most easy for them to adopt the American system and get both design and bridge from the manufacturers, thus transferring the business to America. American firms are careful to be represented in Japan, while only some of the most important British firms have agents there. Hence Mr. Lowther thinks that British manufacturers of railway material would find it advantageous to be properly represented in Japan, as large shipbuilding firms have been with success and, as there are evident signs of a "boom" in railway enterprise in Japan, it is important that the matter

should be attended to without delay. It is easier to keep the Japanese as customers in the British market, where they have always obtained a satisfactory return for their outlay, than to bring them back to the market when they have gone to another. It is estimated that a third of the total expenditure of Japanese railways goes abroad for the purchase of materials and hence the matter is one well worth looking after.

NOTICE.

Water consumers will take due notice that the penalty for non-payment of water rent will take effect on Monday, June 1. Saturday, May 30, is a legal holiday and the office will be closed. Hence time to avoid the penalty will expire Friday next. L. J. BYER, Water Commissioner.

HALF FARE EXCURSION TO HOT SPRINGS, S. D.

If you want to travel cheap, note the following round trip excursions at half rates this summer via the North-Western line:
June 12 and July 3 to Hot Springs, S. D.
June 14 and 15 and July 5 and 6 to Denver, Colo.
June 15, 16, 23 and 24 to San Francisco.
July 4, 5, 6, to Chicago.
July 4 and 5 to Buffalo, N. E. A.
July 2, 3, 4, 5, to Washington, D. C.
July 14, 15, 16, to Milwaukee, Wis.
Get information and tickets at city ticket office, 117 South Tenth street, Lincoln, Neb.

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I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for county treasurer, subject to the action of the county convention. W. J. Crandall, Firth, Neb.