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COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA.

India's Curse.

One of the great perils of India is the danger from serpents and wild beasts, which annually cause enormous loss of life in that part of the world.

Plea for Enlisting.

No man who will look carefully into the work of the army of the navy can fail to realize that a career in either branch of our military service is one to which any man may give himself with the fullest devotion and with the highest ideals.

A Consumptive Flood.

The flocking of consumptives from all parts of the country to the southwest has created problems in the latter region with which the various states are dealing in different ways.

Vanishing Forests.

The old forests of Kentucky are vanishing. In all the good farming regions men saved fine bits of forest, set with old beeches, oaks, ashes, poplars, hickories, elms and walnuts.

Smokers who have been longing to break themselves of the tobacco habit will rejoice to know that a French doctor has invented a fluid called nicotyl, one drop of which will cause a man to have nausea at the mere thought of tobacco.

By a process of kite flying the weather men of the country are going to promulgate new rules for weather forecasting. Prognostications concerning the weather are usually a little "up in the air," anyhow.

An Englishman claims to have gone around the world in 40 days and a few hours, and yet some persons now living, even if they didn't fight with Garibaldi, remember when Jules Verne made up an 80-day story that was supposed to be just inside the impossible.

They say that a Jap wrestler about to come to this country weighs 360 pounds. What a target a Japanese stry would make if its soldiers were all of that style of architecture!

The State Capital

Matters of General Interest FROM Nebraska's Seat of Government

State Levy Seven Mills.

The state board of assessment completed its work, with the exception of entering a final order, by ordering an increase of 15 per cent in the valuation of merchandise in Douglas county and a reduction of 5 per cent on merchandise in Lancaster county and levying a total state tax of 7 mills on the dollar valuation.

This is the same levy that was made last year, but under the increased valuation of all property in the state will produce a larger revenue. The 1 mill tax for the redemption of outstanding state warrants and the 1 mill tax for the support of the university are levies required by law and the board cannot change them.

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State Treasurer's Report.

State Treasurer L. G. Brian's report for the month of July shows a balance of \$439,175.23 on hand, of which \$433,671.35 is cash on deposit in state depositories and \$5,503.88 cash on hand. The redemption fund, derived from a one-mill tax levy, amounted to \$23,109.69 during the month and about the same amount was paid out for the redemption of outstanding state warrants.

Jones Owns Traction Stock.

Mr. Jones of the State Journal was a witness in the suit filed before the state railway commission by the city to compel the Lincoln Traction company to sell six fares for 25 cents. Jones said he owned some stock in the traction company, but it never had influenced him in the least when writing editorials for his paper.

Railroads Stop Discrimination.

The complaint of the poultry dealer at Aurora that the railroads discriminated against him by charging him local rates when he filled a car with poultry en route to San Francisco and allowed the packing companies the benefit of the through rates, has had results. All are now charged the same rate.

Seward Wants Track Scales.

A number of citizens of Seward have petitioned the state railway commission to compel the railroads entering that town to put in track scales for the weighing of coal, grain and merchandise in carload lots, as provided by law.

Checking Up Express Reports.

The state railway commission is going to investigate on its own account the finances of the various express companies doing business in this state. An expert will be sent out to check up the receipts and expenditures at some of the stations and the original entries looked into. These will be used in connection with the reports filed with the commission by the express companies.

Terminal Company Files Statement.

Outstanding bonds amounting to \$1,750,000 at 5 per cent interest are listed in the annual report of the Omaha Bridge and Terminal company filed with the state railway commission. The company says that the Illinois Central operates its trains, but falls to state the amount of traffic it has handled during the year. Its roadbed, one and one-half miles long, and its bridge across the Missouri river are listed at \$1,500,000. The expenses and taxes of the bridge and terminals last year were \$20,240.95.

Railroads Turned Down.

The official record of the board of equalization, much debated, has at last been adopted. The state board disavowed former resolutions introduced by the Union Pacific attorneys and adopted the following, after consulting with Attorney General Thompson:

Whereas, The board having had under consideration and investigation abstracts of the property assessed for taxation in the several counties in the state returned to this board, and having heard all the testimony adduced by the Union Pacific and Burlington railroad companies reduced to writing, as well as other evidence considered by the board and not reduced to writing, and having knowledge concerning the valuation of the different classes of property within the several counties of this state, and after hearing the argument of counsel and being fully advised in the premises therefore be it

Resolved, That the classes of property designated below in the counties hereinafter named shall be increased and decreased by a per centum as follows: Be it further

Resolved, adjudged and ordered by said board of equalization and assessment of the state of Nebraska, That the classes of property indicated in the above named counties be increased and decreased by the per centum hereinbefore named, and that the assessments in all counties not increased or decreased be adjudged to be the proper, fair, true and equitable assessment and equalization in such counties; that the assessments made in the several counties of this state and returned to this board by the county boards of this state, as equalized by this board and as set forth in this resolution, is a fair, true and equitable assessment and equalization of all the property within this state; and that the protest, petition and remonstrance of the Union Pacific Railroad company be overruled and denied; to which the Union Pacific Railroad company excepts.

The Anti-Bucket Shop Bill.

Attorney General Thompson has given County Attorney Tyrrell, of Lancaster county an opinion in regard to the meaning of the anti-bucket shop bill. Mr. Tyrrell has received the opinion, but has not announced what course he intends to pursue in regard to prosecution of persons who may be operating in violation of the law.

The attorney general lays stress on the terms of the bill which make it unlawful for any person to keep an office for the pretended buying or selling of grain or stocks or bonds without any intention of receiving and paying for the property so bought or without any intention of delivering the property. This is the offense condemned by the statute. The fact that the buyer has the means of carrying does not alter the case if he keeps a place with the intention stated.

"In my opinion, therefore," says the attorney general, "it would be a violation of the act quoted for one having bona fide connections with the Chicago board of trade or a board of like organization, and to carry on within this state brokerage commission business, take orders that are transmitted to the board of trade without the state, the members of the board of trade having grain storage elevators and guarantees and is at all times prepared to make actual deliveries of the commodities contracted for, which such a business involves pretended sales without any intention of delivery. Otherwise, storage and delivery facilities could be mere devices to evade the law."

Thrashing Machine Center.

Lincoln is a center of the thrashing machine industry. This year it will stand second as a distributing center for thrashing machines in the United States, being exceeded only by Minneapolis. Heretofore Kansas City has been ahead of Lincoln, but the poor crop in the south has cut down their sales materially. Conservative estimates put the sale of thrashing machines from Lincoln at \$1,000,000 this year, and say that this is a drop from last year. That means that 200 complete outfits and more than that many separators will be shipped from that city this season.

Assessment of Interurbans.

Values corresponding with the assessments of the various county assessors were fixed by the state board of assessment and equalization on the interurban railroads of Nebraska. The Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice road was valued at about \$90,000, the Omaha & Southern Interurban at \$90,000 and the Sioux City, Crystal Lake & Homer road at \$10,000.

First Arrest Under New Law.

County Attorney McChahan of Boyd county has reported the arrest of a butcher of that county charged with selling diseased meat. This is the first arrest under the new pure food law. Food Commissioner Johnson ordered a vigorous prosecution of the case. A fine of \$100 is provided for the offense.

Sheldon and McBrien at Normal.

The visit of Governor Sheldon and State Superintendent McBrien to the McCook Junior normal school was a notable event. The governor and state superintendent both addressed the normal and the third annual graduating exercises of the eighth grade of the Red Willow county schools. In the evening a reception was tendered the governor at the McCook commercial club rooms, where hundreds of citizens and members of the junior normal paid their respects to the chief executive of the state.

Last of Assessors' Reports.

The last of the abstracts of county assessors has been received and the grand assessment roll as fixed by the county assessors is \$328,700,337.29. In 1906 it was \$313,090,301.02, making the increase this year \$15,640,036.27. As the increase in the personal property assessment is practically \$10,000,000 and the increase in the assessment of railroads practically \$5,000,000, it is thought the state board of equalization will change the returns of the county assessors very little. There probably will be some changes.

THE PARABLE HE LIKED.

Darky Would Have Had Trouble Picking It from Sacred Book.

An old darky, anxious to be a minister, went to be ordained. He was questioned thus: "Can you write?" "No, sah!" "Read?" "No, sah!" "How do you know about the Bible?" "Ma niece reads it to me!" "Know about the Ten commandments?" "No, sah!" "The Twenty-third Psalm?" "Nebber heard of him, sah!" "Know the Beatitudes?" "No, sah!" "Well, what part of the Bible do you like best?" "Parbles, sah!" "Can you give us one?" "Deed, yes, sah!" "Let us have it, then." "Once w'en the queen of Sheba was gwine down to Jerusalem she fell among thieves. First they passed her by on de oddah side den dey come ovah an dey say unto her, 'Fro down Jezebel!' but she wouldn't fro her down; and again dey say unto her, 'Fro down Jezebel!' but she wouldn't fro her down; and again dey say unto her for de frd and last time, for I ain't gwine to ax yo no mo', 'Fro down Jezebel!' and dey trod her down for 70 times and 7, till de remains were 'leven baskets; and I say unto yo, whose wife was she at de resurrection?"—Bystander.

THE NEW YORK LIFE'S PROGRAM.

Economy, Publicity and the Paramount Interest of Policyholders.

President Kingsley, of the New York Life Insurance Company, says, in an address to the policyholders, that his plan of administration involves these points:

"First: Strict economy; second, the widest, fairest and fullest publicity; third, the continuance of the New York Life as a world-wide institution; fourth, such an amount of new business under the law as we can secure while practicing intelligent economy, and enforcing the idea that the interest of the policy-holder is paramount."

The Tell Tale Voice.

"If you want to tell whether or not the man you are talking to is telling the truth don't look him in the eyes," said a Denver bank teller to some friends. "It is the voice, when you don't look at the eyes, that tells you whether the other fellow is lying. We use the system frequently in the bank. A man will come in to tell us some business tale. We look at his feet or his hands or his knees, but never in his eyes. If he's telling the truth his voice will be firm and straightforward, and the absence of your gaze in his eyes will not affect it. But if he's lying he'll be confused by your action, and his voice will tremble; he'll hem and haw, and clear his throat. You may rest assured then that he's stringing you."

Always in the Way.

Recently a country doctor in the north of Ireland, a bachelor, who was locally noted for his brusqueness and irascibility, was driving along a narrow lane, or "boreen," when his passage was effectively barred by an old woman, who was returning from the bog leading an ass whose panniers were filled with peats. The woman led the ass to the side of the lane as quickly as she could, but not quickly enough to please the short-tempered doctor. "Faugh!" he exclaimed, with a snort of disgust. "Women and asses are always in the way." "I'm glad ye have the manners to put yourself last," said the old woman, calmly. The doctor drove on without another word.

All in Cold Storage.

An Oregon attorney, representing a client whose title to a certain cold storage plant was under fire, closed an able argument before the Oregon supreme court recently with the following bit of pathos: "Your honor, there is more resting upon your decision than this cold storage plant; a human life is at stake. My client's life's efforts are in this cold storage; his life's blood is in this cold storage; his body and soul are wrapped up in this cold storage."—Law Notes.

Took Exception.

"Remember, brothers!" shouted the orator of the strenuous life, "I haven't any use for mollicoddees." The very old gentleman who was sitting in the last row removed his pipe and retorted: "Wal, by heck, mister, even if you haven't any use for Molly Coddies you needn't to stand thar and talk behind her back, seen' that she is not present to defend herself."

BOAKED IN COFFEE.

Until Too Stiff to Bend Over.

"When I drank coffee I often had sick headaches, nervousness and biliousness much of the time, but when I went to visit a friend I got in the habit of drinking Postum. It gave up coffee entirely and the result has been that I have been entirely relieved of all my stomach and nervous trouble. My mother was just the same way. We all drink Postum now, and with out coffee in the house for 2 years, we are all well. A neighbor of mine, a great coffee drinker, was troubled with pains in her side for years and was an invalid. She was not able to do her work and could not even mend clothes or do anything at all where she would have to bend forward. If she tried to do a little hard work she would get such pains that she would have to lie down for the rest of the day. At last I persuaded her to stop drinking coffee and try Postum Food Coffee and she did so and has used Postum ever since; the result has been that she can now do her work, can sit for a whole day and mend and can sew on the machine and she never feels the least bit of pain in her side, in fact, she has got well and it shows coffee was the cause of the whole trouble. I could also tell you about several other neighbors who have been cured by quitting coffee and using Postum in its place. There's a Reason. Look in pkg. for the famous little book, 'The Road to Wellville.'"

MAKING BRITISH SAILORS



Instructing a cadet in the use of machine tools at Osborne college, the English naval school.

A MODEL CITY IN WILDS

GLADSTONE, MICH., A THRIVING INDIAN COMMUNITY.

Town Owned by Lumber Company Is Full of Industrious, Happy Redskins Who Have a Government That Is Ideal.

Gladstone, Mich.—Few if any communities in the lumber districts of the north country can boast of conditions more ideal than the village of Nahma, Delta county. The town possesses an electric lighting system, a water-works plant, a well-equipped fire department, an opera house, a first class hotel, schools, churches, wide, well-graded streets that are lined with shade trees, a natural park of picturesque beauty and a fine water front. Nahma and the country for 40 miles back are owned by the Bay de Noquet Lumber company. This concern is one of the largest and most successful in the upper peninsula, and it shares its prosperity with its employes. During the busy season the mills of the company employ over 300 men, and the logging camps use 400 more. To transport the timber from forest to town a private railroad is operated. It possesses 40 miles of trackage, its own telegraph system and 100 cars and four locomotives.

POPULATION OF NEW STATE.

More Than 1,000 Census Enumerators Start Work in Oklahoma.

Washington.—The actual work of enumeration for the special census of Oklahoma and Indian territory has begun. The work is being done by 1,050 enumerators. The census bureau here has been notified by its representatives, who have been on the ground for some time making preliminary arrangements, that the intermediate details have been completed and that everything is in readiness for receiving the returns. The compilation and the tabulation will be done in Washington. The constitution convention, which was reconvened shortly after the president directed that the census be taken, is cooperating with the representatives of the government and has appointed a committee for this purpose.

Many errors were found in the new boundary, which required a great deal of hard work to straighten out, and the Washington officials have been able to render the local authorities much valuable assistance in the matter.

Several clerks have been sent out to the proposed state for office work in connection with the enumeration, but the enumerators have been selected from among the inhabitants. The supervisors are under strict orders from Director North to make a complete and careful record of every inhabitant that should properly be enumerated.

Biggest Kansas Baby.

Kansas City, Mo.—A baby boy that weighed 15½ pounds arrived at the farm of Cecil Van Berger, near Shawnee, in Johnson county, Kansas, on the sixth child born to Mrs. Van Berger. None of the others weighed more than eight or ten pounds at birth. "The child is healthy and well developed," said Dr. E. P. Chace. "It is, I think, the largest baby in the state of Kansas, without a doubt." The mother is a native of Belgium.

Says We Think with Our Toes.

Another Sensational Theory Set Afloat by Dr. Joseph Simms.

Boston.—The scientific world, through Dr. Joseph Simms, of New York, who arrived here recently from Europe, is to be treated to another sensational theory concerning the seat of thought in human beings. "We think with our toes and with our fingers just as much as we think with any portion of our brain," says the scientist, who is about to write a book. He contends that the heart has more to do with the function of thinking than the brain. Dr. Simms points out that the brains of many idiots are large, yet their brains are very small, whereas the brains of many geniuses have been below the normal, while their hearts have been abnormal. "We think literally all over our bodies," says the doctor, who has made a life study of the chemistry of thought. "Thought is in the soul, which permeates the entire physical being. The brain is a great heat producer, but it has little to do with the function of thinking. We think with our fingers or with our toes whenever we use them." Dr. Simms declares that such world-renowned scientists as Sir William Hamilton, of Edinburgh University, and Professor von Hartmann, of Berlin, agree with him in his theory.

Fined for Burying Friend.

Danville, Ill.—Because he buried the body of his friend, Jake Jerokibo, in consecrated ground during the absence of the priest from the neighborhood, Dominick Journo was fined \$10 and costs in a local court and ordered to remove the body at once. The burial took place in the Catholic cemetery at Westville, near here.

One is Glad to Note that Diamonds Have Been Reduced in Price.

As yet, however, the only reduction in meat is the size of the steaks.

stances permit. Big feasts and big spreads are their chief forms of pleasure.

After spending in a riotous "jam-boree" the money they have made in the woods in winter they sober down and wait for the first boat to come in. Then they work like beavers, and when the vessel is loaded another orgy is held. Hard work and jubilee, in fact, alternate until navigation closes in the fall. The squaws can imbibe as much as the bucks when they get the chance. Chief Kissis has never taken a drink, used tobacco or uttered an oath in his life. He labors industriously in the endeavor to teach thrift and sobriety to his followers, but his efforts thus far have been almost futile.

The residents of Nahma, instead of finding life lonely and irksome, have many amusements, and are a happy lot. They have literary and dancing clubs, theatrical entertainments, snow-shoeing and tobogganing during the winter, while in the summer recreation is found in baseball and boating and picnic parties. The day of the heavy drinking, gambling mill worker is gone; in his place is to be found a well-dressed, intelligent man of good habits.

The government of the village is a model. There is only one saloon allowed to do business of Nahma, and it is under the supervision of the lumber company. Gambling is strictly forbidden. The place closes at nine o'clock at night and does not open until seven o'clock in the morning. All electric lights in the town are extinguished at 9:30 o'clock, and, except when some sort of entertainment is going on, the community retires at a healthful hour. There is one physician in the town, a man of unusual ability, an he is paid for his services on the assessment plan.

ROOSEVELT A HAVING FAKER?

Senator Knox Tells Story on President to Elks' Committee.

Philadelphia.—President Roosevelt is somewhat of a nature faker, according to Senator Philander C. Knox, Pennsylvania's presidential aspirant, who told this story to the Elks' committee at Valley Forge: "President Roosevelt," he said, "was surprised by a Kansas delegation at Oyster Bay not long ago. The president appeared, coat and collar off, trousers hitched by belt, and mopping his forehead. 'Ah, gentlemen,' he said, 'delighted to see you, delighted, but I'm busy putting in my hay, you know. Just come down to the barn with me and we'll talk it over while I work.' 'Down to the barn hustled delegation and president. Mr. Roosevelt seized a pitchfork, but there was no hay on the floor. 'John, John,' shouted the president to sounds in the hayloft, 'where's all the hay?' 'I ain't had time to throw it back, sir, since you threw it up yesterday, sir,' came a man's voice from the loft."

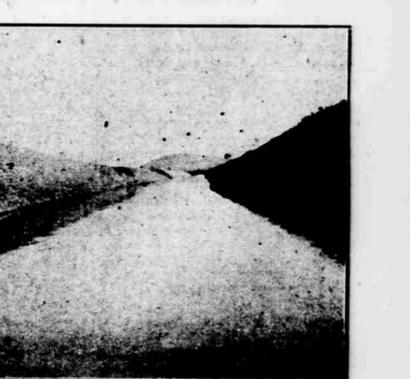
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SECTION OF CANAL



Portion of the Great Carson River Irrigation Project in Nevada.

BILLION LOST ON CRIMINALS.

Caring for Vicious Costs More Yearly Than Nation's Wealth Grows.

Washington.—This country spends \$6,000,000,000 annually on the criminal, pauper and vicious classes, and the annual increase of wealth is only \$5,000,000,000. Does not that look as if the public were bankrupt?

This statement was made in a lecture by Dr. Charles J. Bushnell, who is conducting a model public playground here. He is a graduate of Heidelberg university and an authority on civic matters.

Dr. Bushnell's figures are taken, as he says, from reliable sources and represent years of careful study. He challenges anyone to disprove their accuracy. He and his wife have made a special study of what they call the "social illness" of the United States. Continuing, Dr. Bushnell said: "Why, the \$6,000,000,000 that this nation spends every year on its criminal cases equals the amount spent on all churches, public libraries, the Young Men's Christian association, the Salvation Army, public hospitals, asylums for the insane and all benevolent institutions. The average factory hand earns \$440 a year, while it is estimated that the average criminal costs the public at least \$1,200 a year."

Church Clerk a Character.

Canon Gregory Smith tells the following story of a clerk in Herefordshire, Eng., who flourished half a century ago:

In the west end gallery of the old-fashioned little church were musicians with flutes, etc. Sometimes if they started badly in a hymn, the clerk would say to the congregation, "Beg pardon, gents; we'll try again."

Once or twice, being somnolent, on a hot afternoon he woke up suddenly with a loud "Amen" in the middle of the sermon.

IT WAS HIS WIFE.

The conductor was inclined to seek for sympathy. "Do you see that woman on the left hand side of the car, up near the front?" he asked the thin man on the back platform. "Yes, I see her." "The one with the dizzy hat?" "Yes." "Well, I think she's tryin' to beat me out of a fare. When I went in to collect she never looked around, an' I ain't quite sure that she didn't pay me before—although I'm almost positive about it. She looks to me like a woman who'd be glad to stir up a fuss. I can pick 'em out as far as I can see 'em. You never spot a woman with a face like that who isn't ready to bluff her way anywhere. I wish to thunder I knew whether she had paid her fare or not." "I wouldn't worry about it any more," said the thin man. "I paid the lady's fare some time ago—she's my wife."

We may not be able to get any recipes for preserves from Mars, but perhaps we can obtain some valuable hints on canal digging.