The Land Cut by Gulches and "Draws." The Valleys and "Bottoms."

East Nebraska is a prairie; west Nebraska, with its alkali streams and sand hills, begins to take somewhat of the character of this country, with its strange unevenness. But in Wyoming we reach the consummation of roughness, in what may have once been prairie. To be sure, as we look from a car window, if in the spring, we may see the strange munument-like sandstones and the crater-like knobs about a "plain," so seems it, of thousands of acres of verdure. The land, as a rule, is an alkali, soft limestone and sandone formation, the home of the nutritions buffalo grass and sagebrush. Attempt to ride across one of the plains and you find how great the disparity. The land is cut in every conceivable direction by abrupt guiches and "draws," with perpendicular sides from thirty to one hundred feet deep, entirely concealed by their character until you are right upon

There is no water in these in this season. They usually follow the natural watershed, but head anywhere and everywhere upon the plain, and, strangest of all, are as deep and abrupt in their head as anywhere. You find the valleys but a repetition of what you see on a larger scale from a point of eminencean apparent plain, and youder a crater-like bluff—but upon ascending its steep side you are surprised to find its summit but the boundary of another plateau, with gulches deeper and wider. I spoke of valleys a moment age; this country has none after the fashion of any eastern conceptions. The streams are few and far between, usually from twelve to twenty miles and more, and then the merest rivulets, at this season, after sinking for miles in their course, and occasionally breaking out spring-like and flowing a short distance. These rivulets have narrow "bottoms" often quite fertile, but scarcely more than garden spots, with a few scrubby cottonwoods and box-elders, entirely hidden from view by the proximity of the neighboring bluffs. When wider and more like valleys, as is the bottom of the Platte, they are too sandy for cultivation. It is only by irrigation that even the "bottoms" are made productive. It is along these bottoms that the cattle have been accustomed to water and that the ranches have been built. All this - beautiful country to look upon is utterly beyond the reach of the plow or any agricultural crop, and is only saved from utter desert by the spring rains, which grow the grass in a short month or so.

Just break the sod for any purpose and the soil is the sport of the winds. The only possible hope would be in artesian wells, but they could not be reached for thousands of feet, and possibly not then, without great expense, but with success probably scarce enough to supply man and beast. There are at present four ways by which men can acquire land in the territory—homestead (160) acres), pre-emption (160), timber culture (160) and desert reclaiming (640). Now none of these rights can be exercised except along the streams, and then the very loosest construction must be made of the conditions applicable only to an unbroken prairie.—Wyoming Letter in Detroit Free Press.

Memory of Faces.

There are as few people who can remember faces as there are who can remember and recall facts, though people generally think it is very easy. I have had some amusing examples of the success of some of these people in these undertakings. Now on 'change we have 3,313 members, and complimentaries to bring the total up to 4,400 people. Of course a large number of thes, people are not on 'change once a year, but when they do come a person must know them and not stop them, as when they do visit the floor they generally have visiting friends with them, and to stop them would be embarrassing. To assist mo in remembering these people I have made a study of faces, and now I rarely see a stranger that I do not note some peculiarity about him by which I can identify him. The habit has grown so that I often register in my memory men with whom I have no connection, and who I will probably never see again.

So you see this is a study, whether one has a faculty for it or not, and when a person talks about being able to do so offiand, he is talking about something he don't know any-thing about. The other day a friend of mine came up to me at the door on 'change, and said he would like to bet me the dinners he could pick out as they passed each one of forty men on the floor, whom I was to name as they came in. I had the satisfaction of eating a very good dinner at his expense. I picked out forty men, of course not those who live in the bull pit, but men whose names he knew, and whose faces he had also seen. How many do you think he secured out of the forty? Just eleven.—Cor. Globe-Demo-

Work of the Telegraph Operators.

I presume there is a more appreciable difference in telegraph operators than in any other class of workers in the world. The old timers delight in talking of receiving fifty words a minute, and sigh wearily as they refer to auld lang syne and the decadence of speed in the present generation. This is all very well, but thirty-five words per minute is considered far above the average, and when an operator is receiving even that numher he is pushed, and frequently resorts to abbreviation. Lady operators as a rule are nocurate, but are physically incapable of the heavy work entailed by press reports for city papers. Put a lady operator at the instru-ment in a small city where pony reports are ceived and she will take twenty words a min-ute and do it well. But when it comes to using the styles on manifold, where a large number of copies is to be taken, a lady does not possess the requisite physical strength to accomplish the task. Operators are eccentric, and their style of work differs greatly. Once they become set in a certain channel they never change, and while experience gives them better control of their work, there is no perceptible improvement in permanship. Telegraph operators who can carry on a convenetion and receive at the same time are very sence. -- Cor. Globe-Democrat.

A War Is Needed.

My recent tour through Texas convinced me that that state is rips and thirsting for war. Almost every business man in Texas is of the opinion that the state could spare at least 20,000 uscless fellows, adventurers and sharpers, and the easiest way would be to have them killed in war; so when that Mexican imbroglio came up they were elated over can imbroglio came up they were elated over the prespects of such an opportunity, and were willing to drop money into the hats of every tramp that came along to help to ex-cite the people. They attribute the vast and rapid growth of northern cities since the war to this riddance of unsavory material, and expect that the time is not far distant when they will be called upon to said some of these they will be called upon to send some of those bullet stoppers beyond the Mexican borders to try and civilize the knights of the lasso.—

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