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MATCH AND GASOLINE

Cause of Frightful Burns on Body of Marengo Farmer

Gus Swanson, a farmer living near Marengo, was the victim of a sad accident a few days ago. He is now in a Chicago hospital and recovery is doubtful.

Mr. Swanson was driving home from town. In the back of his wagon he had a five-gallon gasoline can. Taking a match from his pocket he proceeded to light a cigar, flinging the match aside. Unfortunately the match was blown toward the gasoline can, igniting the gasoline and causing an explosion. Frightened at the sound the horses started to run away, throwing Mr. Swanson out. The horses ran home driverless and a search was at once instituted for Swanson. He is reported to have been found in a cornfield, whither it is supposed he had crawled while fighting the flames about his person, unconscious, with practically all his clothes burned off of him. He was terribly burned about the body.

The injured man was taken to a hospital where he lies in a critical condition. He has been unconscious much of the time.

KILLED AT FAIRDALE

Floyd Cunningham Tries to "Flip" Moving Engine and Falls Beneath Wheels

Floyd Cunningham of Fairdale received fatal injuries Friday shortly before noon when he fell beneath the wheels of a freight train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. He was hurried to St. Josephs Hospital at Elgin where he died on the operating table at 3:20 o'clock.

He lived on a farm four miles northeast of Fairdale and was trying to get on the engine of a train when the accident occurred.

One arm was cut off and one leg slashed and bruised. He remained conscious and was taken abroad a fast train, which was halted at Fairdale at 1 o'clock, to Elgin to be placed in the hospital.

It seems that a brother of Cunningham, "Jap" Cunningham, is the fireman on the first train and that Floyd was intending to ride with him to Chicago on the engine. In attempting to get on the engine he slipped and fell under the wheels of the tender. The train does not come to a full stop at Fairdale, merely slowing down, and it was under motion when the unfortunate man made the attempt to climb on the engine.

The injured man has a wife and two children, both young girls.

MILLER APPOINTED

Superintendent of Highways to Receive Salary of \$1500.00 and \$300 Expense Money

The DeKalb County Board of Supervisors at its regular December session last week appointed William C. Miller of Sycamore to the new office of County Superintendent of Highways, and added \$300 for expenses to the \$1,500 agreed upon at a previous meeting of the board.

The matter of the appointment was brought before the board on a motion of Mr. Jarboe of DeKalb to reconsider the action of the board of September 10 last when the salary of superintendent of highways was fixed at \$1,500. It was referred to the committee on fees and salaries who recommended the salary as above and the appointment of Mr. Miller. The report was adopted. The name of the only other candidate, of several who passed the examination, A. R. Russell of DeKalb, was not presented to the board, as it is understood he would not accept at that salary.

PRIZES AWARDED

Sidney Burroughs Wins First in Corn Contest Put on by Brown & Brown

AT THE INSTITUTE AND FAIR

Genoa Farmers Make Good Showing in Exhibits Ladies Do Themselves Proud in Fancy Work and Kitchen Products Products

The institute and fair held under the auspices of the Genoa Farmers' Club on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week was one of the most successful in the history of the organization, a fact which is evidence that the farmers are taking more interest in the scientific methods taught at the institutes and by the county agriculturist, W. G. Eckhardt.

The most gratifying feature of the institutes, not only in Genoa, but other parts of the county, is the evident interest being taken by the boys. They are beginning to see the great possibilities before them if they stick to the soil. There is not a farmer's boy in the county that does not envy Mr. Eckhardt, and still he is "just a farmer." Mr. Eckhardt glories in the fact that he is a farmer, not only from the fact that he draws a good salary for the knowledge he has gained along that line, but from the satisfaction of seeing results of his labor. The boys of Genoa farms realize that the chances for them are just as good as they were when Mr. Eckhardt started and that they can accomplish their share of work in conserving the soil by giving their attention to one farm. Some of them may become experts working for the public, but the expert on the farm is just as essential.

The first thing on the program Tuesday was the reading of papers by the boys who took part in the corn contest, the awarding of prizes by D. S. Brown and a talk by Mr. Gurler of DeKalb. Sidney Burroughs captured the first prize, his showing of corn for one acre (field weight) being 101 60 bushels. The other winners in order of prizes awarded were Floyd Brown, Leroy Anderson and Alvin Peterson. Next week The Republican-Journal will publish in full the results of the ten contestants.

There was a good display of farm produce as compared with that of last year and the year before, some very fine samples being in evidence. The display of pastry, etc. and fancy work by the ladies was excellent. In fact it looks as tho the ladies were just a little more interested than the men themselves as far as exhibits were concerned. The stage was filled with fancy work of every description, some of the pieces being wonderful creations.

INSTITUTE NOTES

Fred Hatch of Spring Grove gave one of his characteristic and interesting talks on alfalfa Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Hatch was one of the first men in Illinois to see the writing on the wall regarding the soil of Illinois and was one of the men instrumental in getting things started at the state university. He is an "alfalfa king" and knows what he is talking about when he talks alfalfa.

B. F. Abbott's talk on "The Livestock Situation in Illinois" was interesting to those who are trying to make money in that branch of farming. Mr. Abbott is a feeder himself and talks from practical knowledge of the game. Mr. Gurler's tribute to Henry Parke was not out of the way in the least. Parke is the father of the "soil doctor" plan in the United States, and as stated by Gurler his picture should and

THE STROLLERS QUARTET

Will Appear at the M. E. Church on Friday Evening of this Week, Dec. 12

The "Strollers Quartet" will appear at the M. E. church on Friday evening of this week, being one of the best attractions of the course which is being put on by the young people of the church. The press throughout the country comments favorably on the work of this organization, the following being a sample, from the Daily Sentinel of Grand Junction, Colo.:

"The Strollers" proved to be one of the greatest numbers of the local lecture course last night when for nearly two hours they entertained the audience which crowded the Auditorium.

"Two numbers, widely different in character, which probably made the greatest impressions on the audience, were 'My Hero,' that wonderful aria from 'The Chocolate Soldier' opera and 'Nearer My God to Thee.'"

"The quartette of young men composing this party well deserve to be designated by their bureau under their own names rather than be hidden under a group name that carries little advertising of the real merit of the singers.

"Mr. Longstreet's work as reader was also highly appreciated."

Out School Directors

School directors of Kane county townships, in which there are no high schools, now face removal if they refuse to pay the tuition of students from their townships at nearby high schools. County Superintendent of Schools Edward A. Ellis received word from State Superintendent of Schools Blair to remove all directors who refuse to pay such tuitions.

The word from the state officer will probably force the issue. While it is not believed Ellis will be inclined to remove any of the present directors, Blair's statement is expected to bring them into line.—Courier.

Your Mistakes

Suppose all your mistakes were in the newspaper, and be lenient toward printers, reporters and proof-readers.—Chicago Press Scoop.

will be hung in the hall of fame at Springfield.

It does beat all how that man Eckhardt does take with the people. He knows 'em all throughout the county, having a happy faculty of remembering faces.

The lecture by Doctor A. H. Baker, dean of the Chicago Veterinary College, was of great interest to the farmers and owners of stock in the city as well. His principal plea for the prevention of disease in stock was "cleanliness." Not only clean stables and yards, but clean water, clean food and pure air. He particularly emphasized the fact that stagnant pools and ponds, where any kind of stock is kept, should be drained.

The hall was packed to the doors on Tuesday evening to hear Mrs. Bunch give her lecture on "Homes in Other Lands." The stereopticon views lent considerable interest to the lecture.

The hall was well filled by women Wednesday afternoon to hear Mrs. Jennie Barlow of Bloomington, Ill., who gave an interesting address on "Food Values." Mrs. Barlow is one of the best domestic science lecturers in the state and she had the satisfaction of holding her audience until the last minute of her lecture.

NEW SIGNAL SYSTEM

C. M. & St. P. Road Will Soon Be Using New Safety Device

The electric light and signal system which the C. M. & St. P. railroad has been installing along this division for some time has just been placed in operation over a part of the division and before very long will control all trains from Elgin to Savanna, says the Stillman Valley Graphic. At present the Byron tower is as far east as it is in working order.

The object of the the new system is to operate all block signals, interlocking crossings by high voltage electric power and to furnish the same for lighting the company's buildings. The power comes from central plant at Freeport and is taken to another plant the company has built at Forreton, where it is reduced from 4460 volts to 2300, from there it is fed into the signal circuit and reduced in each individual signal to 110 volts, which is the usual power for operating incandescent lights, and after being reduced again to 6 volts is fed into the track circuit and where it is the power which operates all the automatic signals and lights them.

These signals are placed two miles apart along the track and as soon as a train passes they show danger until the train has passed into the control of the next one. There is also a small signal placed at each switch and crossover, to show whether it is safe for a train to run through it. This is a very complete system and largely eliminates the human factor in the operation of trains. Whenever anything is out of order with any part of the mechanism the signals show danger until repairs are made.

The Byron tower has also been changed from manual operation to electric, and when the tower man gives a train the right-of-way through his crossing the tracks remain locked in that position until that train passes through, or until a releasing device has been operated and this takes two minutes. An electric annunciator informs the tower man when a train is two miles from the tower in either direction and another device notifies him when the train has left his interlocking block.

The power is all ready for the lighting the different stations and as soon as they can be wired they will all be electric lighted. The Byron tower will be one of the first to be thus equipped.

The automatic system has been in operation between Byron and Savanna for about three weeks and inside of the next week it is expected to be working as far east as Kirkland. Fourteen operators at stations west of here have been layed off on account of the installing of the new automatic system.

Judge Slusser Collapses

Judge Mazzini Slusser of the circuit bench, collapsed at the hearing of arguments on the report of Master in Chancery J. S. Sears in the J. & S. railway suit at the courthouse in Geneva recently and was assisted to his home where he has been since confined. Fatigue from the strain of the Spencer trial is given as the cause of the judge's illness.

West Chicago's Luck

A copy of the will of Charles Gates, filed for probate at Beaumont, Texas, provides for the carrying out of his father's plans for the use of a \$3,000,000 fund left by John W. Gates for the building of the Gates Old People's Home at West Chicago.

THE ROLLO SCHOOL

Consolidation at Rollo, this County, Makes Good

PEOPLE ARE ALL SATISFIED

Six Thousand Dollar House Built for Teachers—School Has All Modern Equipments—Seven Teachers

The Rollo consolidated school, which takes in seven districts and two half districts in Paw Paw township in the southwest corner of DeKalb county, has a good record in its fall work. The school house has been occupied less than a year and the enrollment up to the middle of October was 20 per cent in advance of last year; there are ten more tuition pupils, and the attendance shows an increase of 18 per cent over that of the separate schools. There is much industrial work and the pupils are greatly interested in the school. Principal S. H. Dadisman says that "the hard boy to discipline in the one-room school is not at all a problem in a consolidated school. With the amount of interesting work which the boy has to do no time is left for mischief."

All the pupils who have the time are glad to take the work in domestic science or manual training. There is a four years' course in agriculture which secures the attendance of boys beyond the grades. Every boy in school elects agriculture. The class in animal husbandry has visited neighboring stock farms; it went to the county fair and will attend the International Show in Chicago to study the animals. Mr. Dadisman says the close connection of the school work with the practical farm problems is one of the strongest points in this school and the work that is done in it.

The people of Paw Paw township, becoming dissatisfied with the limitations of the one-room school, after discussing the matter, voted to consolidate and then they voted to issue \$25,000 in bonds and buy ten acres of ground at \$200 per acre. They have spent \$36,000 in the new project, putting up an 84x67 foot building of buff brick with terra cotta cornice. An assembly hall, 32 by 56 feet; a library room, 17 by 25 feet, with tables, office desk and sectional book cases, manual training room, domestic science room, separate playrooms and modern toilet rooms for boys and girls, physical and chemical laboratories, a water pressure tank, drinking fountains, oak woodwork finished in the natural grain, plain, beautiful walls and steel adjustable sanitary school desks, are some of the unusual things in this adequate school. It is something great to see this fine building, the equal of any city high school, with its liberal play grounds and room for experiment plats and landscape gardening, set out there in the corn fields. Such a school is worth much to any community.

A great feature is the \$6,000 teachers' house on another part of the school grounds, where every essential of a modern home is provided for the teachers, and the janitor's wife does the housekeeping. This was made possible through the public spirit of four farmers who provided the means. Six wagons convey the pupils to school, and sheds are built on the school grounds for the wagons and horses.

Seven teachers are employed, including a special music teacher. The arithmetic and agriculture in this school are made very practical, working out all the details of

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FRAN

BY
JOHN BRECKENRIDGE ELLIS

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SYNOPSIS.

Fran arrives at Hamilton, Gregory's home in Littleburg, but finds him absent conducting the choir at a camp meeting. She repairs further in search of him, laughs during the service and is asked to leave. Abbott, superintendent of schools, escorts Fran from the tent. He tells her Gregory is a wealthy man, deeply interested in charity work, and a pillar of the church. Fran becomes greatly interested in him and while taking leave of her, holds her hand and is seen by Sapphira Clinton, sister of Robert Clinton, chairman of the school board. Fran tells Gregory she wants a home with him. Grace Noir, Gregory's private secretary, takes a violent dislike to Fran and advises her to go away at once. Fran hints at a twenty-year-old secret, and Gregory in agitation asks Grace to leave the room. Fran relates the story of how Gregory married a young girl at Springfield while attending college and then deserted her. Fran is the child of that marriage. Gregory had married his present wife three years before the death of Fran's mother. Fran takes a liking to Mrs. Gregory. Gregory explains that Fran is the daughter of a very dear friend who is dead. Fran agrees to the story. Mrs. Gregory insists on her making her home with them and takes her to her arms. It is decided that Fran must go to school. Grace shows persistent interest in Gregory's story of his dead friend and hints that Fran may be an impostor. Fran declares that the secretary must go. Grace begins nagging tactics in an effort to drive Fran from the Gregory home, but Mrs. Gregory remains staunch in her friendship. Fran is ordered before Superintendent Ashton to be punished for insubordination in school. Chairman Clinton is present. The affair ends in Fran leaving the school in company of the two men to the amazement of the scandal-mongers of the town. Abbott, while taking a walk alone at night, finds Fran on a bridge telling her fortune by cards. She tells Abbott that she is the famous lion tamer, Fran Nonpareil. She tried to elude him and sought a home. Grace tells of seeing Fran come home after midnight with a man. She guesses from the story and surprises the rest from Abbott. She decides to ask Bob Clinton to go to Springfield to investigate Fran's story. Fran enlists Abbott in her battle against Grace.

CHAPTER XIII.—Continued.
"I don't understand how you mean that. I know Mr. Gregory's work would be seriously crippled. And it would be a great blow to Walnut Street church—she's always there."
"Still, you see she can't stay."
"No, I don't see. You and Miss Grace must be reconciled."
"Oh, Abbott, can't you understand, or is it that you just won't? It isn't on my account that Miss Noir must leave this house. She's going to bring trouble—she's already done it. I've had lots of experience, and when I see people hurrying down hill, I expect to find them at the bottom, not because it's in the people, but because it's in the direction. I believe some mighty good-intentioned men are stumbling down hill, carrying their religion right into hell."
"Fresh, little friend! You don't understand what religion is."
"If I can't find out from its fruits, I don't want to know."
"Of course. But consider how Miss Grace's labors are blessing the helpless."
"Abbott, unless the fruits of religion are flavored by love, they're no more account than apples taken with bitter-rot—not worth fifty cents a barrel."
Abbott asked slyly, "What about your fruit, out there in the world?"
"Oh," Fran confessed, with a gleam, "we're not in the orchard-business at all, out here."
Abbott laid his hand earnestly upon her arm. "Fran! Come in and help us spray."
"You dear old prosy, preachy professor!" she exclaimed affectionately, "I have been thinking of it. I've half a mind to try, really. Wouldn't Grace Noir just die? . . . O Lord, there she comes now!"
Fran left the disconsolate young man in wild precipitation, and flew into the house. He turned off in another direction, and Gregory and Grace came slowly toward the house, having, without much difficulty, eliminated Simon Jefferson from their company. In truth, Simon, rather than be imposed by their conversation, had dived down a back alley, and found entrance through the side door. Hamilton Gregory and his secretary came into the reception hall, the old bachelor lay upon a divan thinking of his weak heart—Fran's flight from

the choir loft had reminded him of it—and Mrs. Jefferson was fanning him, as if he were never to be a grown man. Mrs. Gregory sat near the group, silently embroidering in white silk. Fran had hastily thrown herself upon the stairway, and, with half-closed eyes, looked as if she had been there a long time.
"Fran," said Mrs. Gregory coldly, "you left the choir practice before we were two-thirds done. Of course I could hardly expect you—he looked at his wife—to stay, although your presence would certainly have kept Fran there; and it does look as if we should be willing to resort to any expedient to keep her there!"
"How would a lock and chain do?" Fran inquired meekly.
"I don't think she came straight home, either," remarked Grace Noir significantly. "Did you, Fran?"
"Miss Noir," said Fran, smiling at her through the banisters-lata, "you are so satisfactory; you always say just about what I expect. Yes, I came straight home. I'm glad it's your business, so you could ask."
Hamilton Gregory turned to his wife again, with restraint more marked. "Next Sunday is roll-call day, Mrs. Gregory. The board has decided to revise the lists. We've been carrying so many names that it's a burden to the church. The world reproaches us, saying, 'Isn't So-and-so a member? He never attends, does he? I do hope you will go next Sunday!'"
Mrs. Gregory looked down at her work thoughtfully, then said, "Mother would be left."
"It's just this way," her husband interposed abruptly. "If no excuses, such as sickness, are sent, and if the people haven't been coming for months, and don't intend coming, we are simply determined to drop the names—strike 'em out. We believe church members should show where they stand. And—if you—"
Mrs. Gregory looked up quietly. Her voice seemed woven of the silk threads she was stitching in the white pattern. "If I am not a member of the church, sitting an hour in the building couldn't make me one."
Simon Jefferson cried out, "Is that your sister Lucy? Blessed if I thought she had so much spirit!"
"Do you call that spirit?" returned Gregory, with displeasure.
"Well!" snorted Simon, "what do you call it, then?"
"Perhaps," responded Gregory, with marked disapprobation, "perhaps it was spirit."
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Fran shook back her hair, and watched with gleaming eyes from behind the slats, not unlike a small wild creature peering from its cage.
"Oh," cried Fran, "Miss Noir feels so bad!"
Grace swept from the hall, her rounded figure instinct with the sufferings of a martyr.
Fran murmured, "That killed her!"
"And you!" cried Gregory, turning suddenly in blind anger upon the other—"you don't care whose heart you break!"
"I haven't any power over hearts," retorted Fran, gripping her fingers till her hands were little white balls. "Oh, if I only had! I'd get at 'em if I could—like this . . ."
She leaped to her feet.
"Am I always to be defied by you?" he exclaimed; "is there to be no end to it? But suppose I put an end to it, myself—tell you that this is no place for you—"
"You shall never say that!" Mrs. Gregory spoke up, distinctly, but not in his loud tones. She dropped her work in some agitation, and drew Fran to her heart. "I have a friend here, Hamilton—one friend—and she must stay."
"Don't be uneasy, dear one," Fran looked up lovingly into the frightened face. "He won't tell me to go. He won't put an end to it. He won't tell me anything!"
"Listen to me, Lucy," said Gregory, his tone altering, "yes, she must stay—that's settled—she must stay. Of course. But you—why will you refuse what I ask, when for years you were one of the most faithful attendants at the Walnut Street church? I am asking you to go next Sunday because—well, you know how people judge by appearances. I'm not asking it for my sake—of course I know your real character—but go for Miss Grace's sake—go to show her where you stand."
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CHAPTER XIV.
Fighting for Her Life.
The next day found Fran the bluest of the blue. No laughing now, as she sat alone, half-way up the ladder leading to Gregory's barn-loft. She meant to be just as miserable as she pleased, since there was no observer to be deceived by sowing cheat-seed of meritment.
"The battle's on now, to a finish," muttered Fran despondently, "yet here I sit, and here I scrooch." Fran's thoughts were at the abysmal stage of discouragement. For a time, there seemed in her heart not the tiniest taper alight, and in this blackness, both hope and failure were alike indistinguishable.
"But we'll see," she cried, at last coming down the ladder, "we'll see!" and she clenched her fists, flung open the barn-door and marched upon the house with battle in her eyes. Girding up her loins—that is, smoothing her hair—and sharpening her weapons for instant use, she opened the library door.
She knew Grace Noir had gone to the city with Robert Clinton, and yet her feeling on seeing Hamilton Gregory alone, was akin to surprise. How queerly lonesome he looked, and don't intend coming, we are simply determined to drop the names—strike 'em out. We believe church members should show where they stand. And—if you—"
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intensity: "I'm well enough educated. I can take dictation and make good copy."
He allowed his tone to sound defiant—"I already have a secretary."
Fran continued with an effort, "Mother didn't like studying, very well, but she was determined to get me out of the condition I was born in; she taught me all she knew. Wasn't she splendid! So patient—!" Fran paused, and stared straight before her, straight into the memory of her mother's eyes.
Gregory reflected—"If this child had not come, had not intruded herself upon my life! Haven't I suffered enough for my follies?"
"When mother died," Fran resumed, "she thought maybe Uncle Ephraim had mellowed, so I went to him, because I thought I couldn't get along without love. She shook her head, with a pathetic little smile. 'But I could! Uncle Ephraim didn't mellow, he dried up. He blamed me for being born—I think, myself, it was a mistake. He turned me out, but I was so tough I just couldn't be winter-killed. After that I went back to the show and stocked up in experience. I mention it to point out that a mild job like being your private secretary wouldn't strain a muscle.'
Gregory's voice cut across hers. "My secretary must be in sympathy with my work. To exercise such talents as I have, is my religion, and I need a helper whose eyes are fixed upon the higher life. This is final, and the subject must never be reopened. I find it very painful."
Fran's discovery that he had not heard her plea, crimsoned her face. She jumped from the arm-chair, breathing rapidly. "Then," she cried, "if you won't have me, get another. The one you have must go."
"She shall do nothing of the sort," he coldly responded.
"Yes," Fran retorted violently, "I tell you she must go!"
He struck the table with his palm. "Never!"
"Shall I use my last resource?" Fran's eyes gleamed ominously.
The hand upon the table became a fist. That was his only reply.
"I would entreat you," said Fran, faltering, "and with tears—but what good would it do? None. There's no good for one woman to weep if another woman is smiling. Dismiss your secretary."
He leaned toward her from over the table, and spoke in a low, level tone: "I am going to appeal to your better nature. Think of the girls of the street who need rescue, and the women of the cities who are dying from neglect and vice. If you hinder my work, let the souls of these outcasts be upon your soul! You can ruin me, but not without ruining my good works. I don't ask you to keep silent on my account—what am I but an instrument in the hands of Providence?—but for the sake of the homeless thousands. I have atoned for my past, but the world, always ready to crucify the divine, would rejoice to point the finger of scorn at me, as if I were still the fool of twenty years ago."
"But your secretary—"
"She is a vital factor in my work. It would be impossible to replace her."
Fran made a step toward him—"My mother was replaced."

He started up. "You shall not speak of that. She lived her life, and I demand the right to live mine. I tell you, the past is ended."
"But I am here," returned Fran. "I have not ended. Can't you look into my face and see my mother living? She paid for her secret marriage, wandering over the face of the earth with her baby, trying to find you. I don't deny that you've paid for all—yes, even for your desertion and your living a hidden life in this town. Maybe you've suffered enough. But that isn't the question. Look at me. I am here. I have come as truly out of your past as out of the past of my darling, uncompensating—what do you call her?—'friend.' And being here I



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"I Am Going to Appeal to Your Better Nature."
ask, 'What will you do with me?' All I want is—just a little love."
The long loneliness of her life found expression in the eager voice, in the yearning eyes. As he stared at her, half-stupefied, he imagined she was holding out her arms to him in pleading.

Fran thought his covered face a token of weakening. "You must have loved my mother once. Is it all dead and forgotten that there is none left for your child?"
But she was seeking to play upon strings that had long since ceased to vibrate. He could not bring back, even in retrospect, the emotions inspired by Josephine Derry. Those strings had been tuned to other love harmonies. To remember Fran's mother was to bring back not the rapture of a first passion, but the garish days of disillusionment. He could not tell Fran that he had never loved her mother. The dead must not be reproached; the living could not be denied—so he was silent.
His silence inspired Fran with hope. "I am so lonely, so lonely!" she murmured plaintively, "so very lonely! There seems a reason for everybody but me—I can't be explained. That's why I am disliked. If there could be one heart for me to claim—whose heart should it be? Does no sort of feeling tell you whose heart it should be?"
(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Paint which sticks to glass can be removed with vinegar.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN WESTERN CANADA

THE LATEST METHODS ADOPTED BY THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES.

Scientific farming can be pursued with more profit and advantage in Western Canada, probably than in any other portion of the continent. What may be achieved by it may be ascertained when it is known that has been accomplished by the thousands who have been following the occupation for some time and made a success of it with not even a theoretical knowledge. They "have tickled the land with a hoe" and become rich. But the question is how long could that continue. The soil and the climate and every other condition favor great results by a pursuit of such methods as a technical and practical knowledge will bring. There is in the writer's opinion no possibility of failure. Fully aware of this and also of the great potentialities that exist in Western Canada for the following of the profession of farming, as it could be developed and carried on in Western Canada, the various governments have established the machinery, that there may be developed a class of farmers, who in the possession of the rich soil of that country, with its abundant humus and its phosphates and other properties with which it is so largely endowed, will make of the country, the greatest farming portion of the known world.

The Dominion government showed its paternalism years ago when it established experimental farms in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The benefits of these in the matter of practical education have been widespread, but the greatest benefit is to be observed in the immediate vicinity of these farms, where the occupants have brought their holdings into a high state of cultivation, and year after year sees an added value.
The Province of Manitoba is supplementing this work by its excellent agricultural college, manned by professors of the highest standing in their various branches. That this work is appreciated is shown by the large attendance, not only of the farmer's sons, but by the farmer himself and also by the sons of business men and professors who intend following farming as a profession, and that is what it is fast becoming.

The Province of Saskatchewan, alive to the necessity of a higher and a better system of farming, has in connection with its university an agricultural college and what it is doing today in the matter of education will be felt for all time to come, and it will not be long before it will be an easy matter to pick out the farms manned by graduates of this college, or the farms owned by those who have gained from the experience taught by their neighbors.

The same may be said of Alberta. The university at Edmonton has a complete agricultural college. Full advantage of this is taken by hundreds of students anxious to better their agricultural knowledge, and fit them to take hold successfully of the lands that they expect to occupy. This province has also added demonstration farms in various parts, which are very successful, inasmuch as farmers visit them from all parts, and take advantage of educating themselves for short periods during each winter.

Dean Curtiss of Ames Agricultural College, Iowa, says:
"We of the United States think that we know how to get behind agriculture and push, but the Canadians dare to do even more than we do in some respects. They have wonderful faith in the future; they hesitate at no undertaking that offers prospects of results. More significant still is the wide co-operation for agricultural promotion, including the government, private individuals and corporations and the railroads."

"Canadians are putting great faith in education for the development of their resources—not the old education, but vocational and technical. Provinces that have less than half the population of Iowa and much less wealth are appropriating more liberally for colleges and schools. Manitoba, for instance, has in the last two years provided about as much money for the building of an agricultural plant as Iowa has appropriated in half a century. It has given in two years \$2,500,000 for buildings and grounds for its agricultural institutions."
"Saskatchewan is building a plant for its university and agricultural college on a broader and more substantial plan than has been applied to any similar institution in this country. Yet neither province has more than half a million population."
"For public schools equally generous provision is made. They are being built up to give vocational and technical training as well as cultural. They fit the needs of the country excellently and should turn out fine types of boys and girls. They do this with a remarkable faith in the value of right education."

"Dean Curtiss was much interested in the many other ways the Canadian government aids agriculture, aside from appropriations for educational purposes. They are aiding in solving marketing problems; they are encouraging better breeding of livestock by buying sires and reselling them at cost, and they are doing many other things of like character."
"I found that the government is advancing from 50 to 85 per cent. of the money necessary to build co-operative creameries and elevators," said Dean Curtiss, "and it is doing it at a low rate of interest and on long time payments. Where cattle need breeding up, the government buys bulls of

dairy, Shorthorn, or special dairy breeds and sends them in at cost price and on long time payments."

The yield of grain in Western Canada in 1913 was excellent but not abnormal, wheat going from 30 to 45 bushels per acre, and other small grain with equally good averages—Advertisement.

HAD HIS PRAYER ANSWERED

Butcher's Only Regret Was That the Idea Had Not Been Suggested to Him Before.

A butcher whose business had been steadily declining, owing chiefly to a rival having set up on the opposite side of the street, confided to his minister that he saw nothing for it but to close his shop and leave the town. The clergyman suggested that perhaps he had not made any serious effort to retain the trade; but the butcher replied that he had done all he knew without success.
"But," said the minister, "have you tried the effect of prayer?"
No, he had not thought of trying prayer, but he would do so before putting up the shutters.
A week elapsed, when the minister, chancing to pass the butcher's shop, found him radiant with delight.
"Well," the cleric asked, "did you try the power of prayer?"
"Oh, yes," was the reply, "and I only wish I had tried it before. I prayed the very night you left me, and on the following morning the beggar over the road broke his neck."

CASE OF MAN'S INGRATITUDE

Woman Certainly Had Poor Reward for Her Act of Generous Self-Sacrifice.

George B. McClellan, former mayor of New York, was talking about Thanksgiving.
"The day," he said, "is a good one for a holiday—a good one, for a visit to the seashore."
"I was once walking the Boardwalk in the brilliant sunshine of an Atlantic City Thanksgiving day afternoon, when I saw an over-dressed couple come forth from a cafe."
"They were quarreling. Their voices grew louder and fiercer. Finally the man gave the woman a push that actually knocked her down."
"As she struggled to her feet the woman shook her fist at the man, and shrieked:
"And this is what I get, is it, for pawnin' the fly screens to give you a day off!"

He Was Real Nasty.

A ducky employed as an office-boy came to work one morning with a face that looked as though it had been run through a meat-grinder.
"Henry," demanded his surprised employer, "what in the world happened to you?"
"Well, suh, boss," explained Henry, "I got into a lile argument las' night wif another nigger, and one thing led to another twell I up and hat at him. Well, suh, it seemed lak dat irritated him. He took and blacked both of mah eyes and bit both of mah years mighty nigh off, and split mah lip and den he throwed me down and stamped me in de stomach. Honest, boss, I never did get so sick of a nigger in mah life!"

The Knocker.
After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad and the vampire, he had some awful substance left, with which he made a knocker. A knocker is a two-legged animal with a cork-screw soul, a water-logged brain and a combination backbone made of jelly and glue. Where other people have their hearts he carries a tumor of rotten principles, when the knocker comes down the street honest men turn their backs, the angels in heaven take precipitate refuge behind their harps and the devil bar-locks the gates of hell—Missouri Brunswicker.

Hard to Understand Woman.
"O, you can't please a woman," he said, disgustedly; "it's no use trying."
"What's happened now?"
"I met that pretty Miss Sweet in a dark hallway and kissed her. I didn't think she'd mind, you know."
"And she did mind?"
"Well, she pretended to be very angry, so I thought I'd smooth things down by telling her that it was all a mistake; that I thought she was somebody else."
"And then?"
"Why, then she really was very angry."

Short Division.

"Puppl L'Harcicot, if I cut a beef-steak in two, and then the halves again in two, what do I get?"
"Quarters, sir."
"Good! And then again?"
"Eighths."
"All right! And then again?"
"Sixteenths."
"Exactly! And then?"
"Thirty-seconds."
"And then?"
The Boy (out of patience)—Hush.

Almost Too Considerate.
A corporal was drilling a stupid squad, with whose drilling the colonel had just found fault. The corporal said: "I tell you fellows this much, if you don't do any better we shall drill all day, have field practice at night, bivouac afterwards, without fire, without cooking, without straw and with the temperature down at zero."
"Why don't you let it rain, too?" asked a voice from the ranks.

Nothing is more satisfying to the heart of a woman than the knowledge that she is looking her best.



Grace Looked Down Upon Mrs. Gregory as If Turned to Stone.

either direction, and Gregory and Grace came slowly toward the house, having, without much difficulty, eliminated Simon Jefferson from their company. In truth, Simon, rather than be imposed by their conversation, had dived down a back alley, and found entrance through the side door. Hamilton Gregory and his secretary came into the reception hall, the old bachelor lay upon a divan thinking of his weak heart—Fran's flight from



"MOVIES" FOR THE FAMILY

Time Not Far Off When Provision Will Be Made in Home for Picture Shows.

A prediction may safely be made that in the very near future provision will be made for moving pictures in the home. When a man decides to build a house to cost, say, \$25,000 or more, the architect will plan the picture room in which the family and their guests can enjoy a select program of latest productions. It may be in connection with a dancing room or it can be accommodated in much less space. A projecting machine suitable for the home will not be very costly, and the films will doubtless be delivered each week by companies organized for that special purpose. Travelers returning from abroad will find pictures of cities and scenes they had visited a wonderful help in reciting to friends and relatives incidents of the places they have visited.

Another new industry which will soon come into existence in all the larger cities will be film photography. Children's birthdays, garden parties, weddings and other functions which will later days or years recall pleasant memories will be thus perpetuated by the film photographer. He will eventually be considered as much a necessity as the orchestra. Undoubtedly one of the most acceptable wedding presents in days to come from parents to bride and bridegroom will be a set of progressive films showing the children as they advanced from infancy to high school days. As a feature of the wedding festivities these pictures would afford both amusement and entertainment.—Popular Mechanics.

Verbatim.

This, from my Cambridge messenger boy friends, is reproduced verbatim: "The old bridge works field is getting a foundation laid for a new building which is getting built by the Boston bridge work and company. When the boys of East Cambridge used to get chased away from the Sixth street bridge where they used to go swimming they used to run into this field and get there cloths on before the policeman caught them. So they will lose a good place to get away from the police when they get chased next summer."—Boston Post.



OLD and NEW CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

HERE are two days of supreme importance to all Christendom when, no matter what the difference in creeds, the whole Christian world unites in the observance of what are rightly regarded as the most significant anniversaries in the year. On Easter and Christmas all the churches are at one.

The story of the first Christmas is so universally known that it needs no repetition, and one hesitates to repeat it for fear of mar- ring the beauty and simplicity of the original narrative. The story of the origin of the observance of Christmas is quite another thing, however, and may be approached in a more mundane spirit. We take part in the time honored customs which are so intimately associated with the day without stopping to consider whether they had their inception in the Christmas idea or whether they ever had any other significance than they now have. We trim the Christmas tree, distribute our presents, decorate with holly and mistletoe and sit down to a big dinner, and if we ever stop to think why we do these things (and it is more than likely that we don't) why, it is just the Christmas custom and that's all there is to it.

But it is very far from being all. The customs which seem such an integral part of the festival are inextricably tangled up with Roman, Scandinavian, German and Celtic ceremonies, in which very many of them had their origin. Our Christmas, when we investigate it, is found to be a melting pot of pagan traditions and practices without number, purged of their old significance and adapted to the higher faith.

The observer halts before the contemplation of the countless variety of customs associated with Christmas in all lands, both in the past and the present day. To describe them all would fill a good sized book, so we can only refer briefly here to some of the most prominent of them.

The early fathers of the church, however much they might have desired to banish all pagan practices from the exercises of religion, were perforce obliged to allow their converts to retain part of the old usages. It was an impossibility to put an end to them, so they wisely decided that it was better to let the people follow their bent along certain lines rather than to antagonize them by insisting too strongly on a course which they were bound to oppose. The more glaringly heathenish rites were eradicated, and those which remained were purged of their more objectionable features and infused with a new spirit.

Christmas was not observed at all, so far as we can find any record, for 200 or 300 years after the birth of Christ, and as the event had occurred in such a humble fashion men were quite unable to determine its date when they began to interest themselves in keeping the anniversary. There is not a month in the year for which some authority has not claimed the honor of the nativity. One thing is certain, and that is that it could not have occurred on the 25th of December, as this date is the height of the rainy season in Judea, as in California, and it is quite unlikely that the shepherds could have been watching their flocks by night under those conditions.

The first attempt on record to assign any date for the nativity was made in Egypt about 200 A. D., when May 20 was the date mentioned. From that time forward claims were made for various dates, January 6 and December 25 being the most in favor up to the time of Chrysostom in the fourth century, when the latter gained the preference.

This date was not chosen entirely without reason. The celebration of the winter solstice was one of the chief festivals of Rome, and among the Celts and Germans it was regarded with even greater significance. The sun, as the giver of light and heat, and consequently of life, has been an object of worship and adoration from the remotest times down to the present day; therefore the period of the winter solstice as marking the renewal of the power of the sun was a time of rejoicing among all peoples who either worshipped the sun directly or who regarded it as a manifestation of one of their deities. The 12 days between December 25 and January 6 were regarded as extremely important by the Teutonic races, who believed that at that time the influence of the gods was more powerfully directed toward the earth than at any other. Nothing could be more natural, therefore, than that these peoples, on turning to Christianity, should fix the commemoration of the appearance of the Saviour on the earth at the same time of year they had been accustomed to acknowledge the glory of the sun. The significance of the two events is parallel; the one heralds new life to the physical world and the other the deliverance of the human race from the powers of evil.

It has been pointed out that in the early period of the church it was considered wise to allow the converts to retain some of the old customs. The observance of Christmas was therefore encouraged as a substitute for the pagan festivals, in particular for the Roman saturnalia, which occurred in December and which was so popular that while it originally lasted for one day only (the 17th), it was first extended to three days and later, under the Emperor Claudius, to seven. The festival was opened by public sacrifice before the temple of Saturn, followed by great public banquets, in which all classes participated. From this time all the people seemed to go mad; the completest liberty prevailed and it was a time of universal festivity and merry making. Crowds swarmed through the streets shouting "To Saturnalia," a form of greeting similar to the modern "Merry Christmas." It was a holiday time in the widest sense; schools and law courts were closed and the senate adjourned; no criminal was executed and no war was proclaimed. The slaves enjoyed an equality with their masters, and even served them at the table. The people occupied themselves in calling on one another, in exchanging presents and attending banquets. There was always one day especially devoted to the children, a custom to which we may trace the particular significance of Christmas to children down to the present time.

Certain other practices of the Saturnalia which Christmas has preserved related to candles, images and cakes. Candles were always in evidence at this time, as were small images made either of baked clay or dough. The Germans today always make a practice of baking great quantities of all kinds of Christmas cakes, which are an important and indispensable adjunct to the occasion.

The custom of decorating with evergreens at Christmas has the tradition of ages back of it. As far back as history goes people have been in the habit of using flowers and greens in all sorts of festivals. The use of the mistletoe, however, is a survival from the ancient Celts and Scandinavians, to whom it was an object of particular veneration at all times and especially when it grew on an oak. When found growing on this tree the Druids cut it with solemn ceremonies and used it in their sacrificial rites. It was believed to possess magic qualities of potent power. It is still potent, but only in the matter of conferring privileges.

The first historic mention of a Christmas tree was made in Strasburg in 1605, but the Danes go farther back than that. They have a sweet old legend relating to the time when Ansgar first preached Christianity to the Danes, wherein is told how the Lord sent his three messengers, Faith, Hope and Charity, to help light the first Christmas tree. They sought for one that should be as high as hope and wide as love, and that bore the sign of the cross on every bough, and they finally found it in the balsam fir.

Beliefs which have been cherished for ages generally die hard, and the church, realizing this, introduced other practices into the old customs which survived from paganism. Such were the miracle plays and dramatic representations of early events in Christ's life, which received great attention during the middle ages and of which the Christmas carols may be considered an offshoot. These enjoyed great popularity throughout all Europe, but particularly in England, where in many villages today it is customary for troops of men and boys, called the waits, to go from door to door singing



carols for several nights before Christmas.

Similarly in some of the country districts in France the children make the rounds of the village, carrying a little cradle on their backs and singing carols for pennies.

Santa Claus is not as familiar a figure in France as he is among us. There, instead of hanging up their stockings to be filled by him, they place their shoes in front of the fireplace on Christmas eve so that the Christchild may leave their presents in them.

In north Germany, however, it is not the Christchild who gives the presents, but his servant, Knecht Ruprecht. This individual is usually represented by a man who clothes himself in a white robe and high buskins, a mask and an enormous wig. So attired he presents himself at the door and announces that he is sent by the Christchild to distribute gifts among the children. The parents receive him ceremoniously, and he inquires whether each child has been good, and if the answer is in the affirmative the child receives his presents; but if not, Knecht Ruprecht gives the parents a stick with the advice to use it often.

In Belgium, the children go about carrying paper stars with a lighted candle in the center from Christmas to Epiphany, to commemorate the appearance of the star of Bethlehem. There is a similar practice among some of the natives of Alaska belonging to the Greek church. A procession of men, women and children is formed, at the head of which is carried a large figure of a star covered with brightly colored paper. Two men also march at the head, carrying lanterns on long poles. The procession makes the rounds of the village stopping at each house, where the marchers are invited to come in and take refreshments. They always accept and after singing a carol or two they march on to the next house. This performance is kept up through Christmas week, but after the second night it is varied by the introduction of a new feature. The star bearers are pursued by men and boys, who try to catch them and destroy their stars, and while the significance of the game is supposed to lie in the fact that it is a representation of the soldiers of Herod killing the children of Bethlehem, the players are mainly concerned in the opportunities for a frolic which it affords and bother themselves little about the event it is supposed to commemorate.

The old custom of burning the yule log still endures in certain parts of Europe. It is an outgrowth of the feast of Jul among the ancient Scandinavians, when every winter at the solstice they kindled enormous fires in honor of the god Thor. Among the Slavonians of southeastern Europe the bringing in and burning of the yule log is an elaborate ceremony. Some time during the week before Christmas, or on the day before, an oak or beech tree is selected, but on account of the superstition that such trees are endowed with souls it is necessary to observe certain precautions while cutting it down. The hewers must wear gloves throughout the whole proceeding and before they dare lay an ax to the tree they must face the east and cross themselves three times, and in felling it they must take care that it falls toward the east. Evil consequences will follow if they do not chop off a chicken's head on the fresh stump, using the same ax with which they cut down the tree. The first chip is the prize of the housewife, who preserves it to put under the cream dish, so that the cream will be rich and abundant during the year.

After sprinkling the newly hewn log with barley to insure good crops for the coming year it is ready to load on the ox wagon and the homeward journey is so timed that the house is not reached until after twilight falls. The housewife is on the lookout for it and as soon as she sees it coming she hastens to hide the table, the spoons, the fire shovel and the dining chairs, which are not brought to light again until the log has been kindled. It is received at the doorway by the father, who wishes his family a "Good morning and merry Christmas" three times. They, on greeting him in turn, shake over him some barley and this ceremonial having been observed, he drags the log up to the hearth by means of a chain wound around it. In case the log is brought into the house before evening three sticks are cut from it and leaned against the eastern wall, where they remain, crowned with ivy, until the log is burned out.

The log must be paid marked respect by everybody up to the very last if good luck is to be enjoyed during the year, and no one had better approach it barefooted unless he wants to condemn himself to a whole year's suffering with sore feet.

Christmas eve is distinguished by feasting and if a visitor appears he is sprinkled with grain from a sieve by the master of the house, in return for which greeting he places three candles wound around with gold and silver thread in the bottom of the sieve. These are lit at the beginning of the meal and when everybody has had his fill the master of the house extinguishes them with a bit of bread dipped in wine.

Much more could be told concerning the way Christmas is observed in different localities and many curious beliefs and practices would thus be brought to light. Some can be traced directly to a purely Christian source; the origin of others is unexplainable, and very many prove to be relics of the ages preceding the introduction of Christianity. The features briefly touched upon above are only the skimmings of innumerable usages relating to this one day. There is no other day in the year about which such a great variety of traditions and observances cluster, for there is no other day which people so delight to commemorate and none which is regarded with such deep and universal veneration.

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"Well, give me the money, then."

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"Now, come across!" the man demanded when the coast was clear. Miss Lilley tossed him \$2.25 in silver. He threw it on the floor in disgust and flourished his revolver menacingly.

"Give me those bills. I know you have got a lot of them. Hurry or I'll shoot you. I mean what I say."

"If you shoot me you will hang for it," the young woman argued. "You can't have the money. It doesn't belong to me."

So the argument proceeded, the robber becoming more and more enraged and the young woman more and more insistent. Several times they were interrupted by patrons entering and buying tickets.

"You can't have the money and if you shoot me you will be caught, for there are hundreds of people around here," Miss Lilley finally said. The robber, convinced, pocketed his re-

WOMAN AGENT OUT-ARGUES A ROBBER

Probably After This He Made Some Inquiries Before He Gave Up His Money.

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olver and walked out. As soon as he was gone Miss Lilley called up the police, but by the time they arrived the disappointed holdup man had disappeared.

"I don't know how I managed to keep from screaming," Miss Lilley said later at her home at 5021 Lake Park avenue. "I just knew I had to keep my nerve, I guess."

RATS HOLD SWAY ON ISLAND

Entire Population is Threatened With Extirmination—Rodents Even Attack Cattle.

Tokio.—The entire population of the small island of Nakashima of the Ten Islands group in southern Japan has been threatened with extermination by a veritable plague of rats.

Nakashima is inhabited by a dozen families, all engaged in agriculture. The rodents increased there at such an enormous rate that they absolutely took possession of the island, ravaging the farms and devastating the crops, and actually attacking cattle and other live stock.

The inhabitants killed or captured 5,000 of them, but not before they had lost all their provisions. The authorities were forced to save them from starvation. Meantime a campaign was organized from without to exterminate the rodents. This was a difficult matter, as they had burrowed retreats in all parts of the island.

Overdose of Peanuts Fatal. Greene, Me.—William Philbrooke, a farmer and prominent citizen of this town, dropped dead on a street in Lewiston, from acute indigestion brought on by eating peanuts while attending a football game.

LEFT THE COLONEL THINKING

Probably After This He Made Some Inquiries Before He Gave Up His Money.

A certain old colonel was noted for his great generosity. He had lost an arm during one of the engagements in which he had seen service, and this made him very sympathetic toward all who had experienced similar losses.

While walking on his estate one day he met an old one-legged man, evidently in abject poverty.

"Ah, you have met with a great misfortune, like myself, I see," remarked the colonel.

"Ah," replied the old man, "and, like yersel', colonel, I have spent a great part of my life in government's service, and seen a lot of hard work."

"My poor man!" exclaimed the kind hearted colonel, as he pushed a half dollar into the old man's hand. "I fear you have received but a poor reward for your services."

"Ye may well say that, colonel," replied the veteran as he hobbled away.

"But," added the colonel, "you didn't tell me where you served."

"Well, if it comes to that," the old reprobate answered, with a sly chuckle, "I served my time in J-Jail, where they gived me 15 years for stealing jewelry!"

SCALY PSORIASIS ON LIMBS

Troop H, 6th U. S. Cavalry, Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wis.—"I was troubled with psoriasis for nearly two years. Portions of my arms and limbs were affected mostly with it. It appeared in scaly form, breaking out in very small dots and gradually grew larger and white scales formed when about the size of an ordinary match-head. The looks of it was horrible, which made it very unpleasant for me. It itched a little at times.

"I tried several treatments which cured me for a month, but it always broke out again. One day a friend saw the advertisement of Cuticura Soap and Ointment in the paper and I sent for a sample. They helped me, so I purchased two more boxes of Cuticura Ointment and some Cuticura Soap and they completely cured me. It took three months for Cuticura Soap and Ointment to complete my cure." (Signed) Walter Mahony, Oct. 22, 1912.

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The Limit. After standing by for 15 minutes listening to the stream of questions put to a policeman at a busy corner, the woman said:

"Don't you get awfully tired of answering all these fool questions that are put to you hour after hour?"

"Well, rather," said he. "Still, I've got so used to it that there is only one of the lot that makes me actually boil."

"Which one is that?" she inquired.

"Don't I get awfully tired of answering all the fool questions that other folks ask?"

"Oh!" said the woman, and hurried on.

Will Grow Up to Be a Lawyer. Little Charles is trying to learn to control his naturally violent temper, and every adult member of the family is eager to help him. The other children, too, have been urged not to do anything to render a fall easy. Charles is an observant and quick-witted youngster, and the other day, when his mother proposed condign punishment for some act of serious disobedience, he advanced a novel plea for mercy.

"Please don't punish me, mamma," he pleaded. "It makes me so angry to be punished, and I'm trying so hard to keep my temper today."

Oversight. The steamboat came splashing along her course at full speed, and the first thing the passengers knew when it stopped was that it had crashed head on into the pier.

"Mercy!" cried a passenger. "I wonder what is the matter?"

"Nothin'," said Pat, one of the deck hands. "Nothin' ma'am—ut looks to me as if the captain just forgot that we stop here."

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"And now?"

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As Far as He Got. "Did your barber do anything on your head with that hair restorer?"

"Well, he made a bald pretense."

Its Place.

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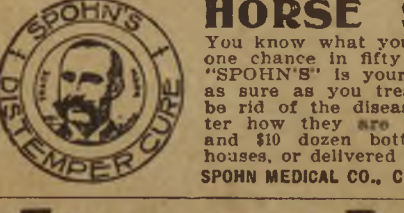
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We the undersigned, being desirous of forming a LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, hereby make and execute the following:

"CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION"

FIRST. The name of the partnership shall be "EXCHANGE BANK."

SECOND. The nature of the business to be transacted shall be that of general banking, and the capital stock shall be Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars, divided into shares of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars each, and the place of business shall be at Genoa, DeKalb County, Illinois.

THIRD. The names and residences of the GENERAL PARTNERS are: Christopher H. Awe, Genoa, Illinois; James R. Kierman, Genoa, Illinois; Dillon S. Brown, Genoa, Illinois; Louis F. Knief, Burlington, Illinois; Carl J. Bevan, Genoa, Illinois; A. G. Stewart, Genoa, Illinois; Almond M. Hill, Genoa, Illinois; J. L. Kelley, Bartlett, Illinois; E. W. Brown, Genoa, Illinois.

FOURTH. The names and residence of the SPECIAL PARTNERS, and the amount of Capital Stock contributed by each are:

A. G. Stewart, Genoa, Illinois, Three shares; H. A. Perkins, Genoa, Illinois, Five shares; C. A. Stewart, Genoa, Illinois, Two shares; James J. Hammond, Genoa, Illinois, One share; A. B. Stray, Colvin Park, Illinois, One share; H. C. Hattendorf, Burlington, Illinois, One share; J. W. Brown, Genoa, Illinois, one share; L. E. Carnichael, Genoa, Illinois, One share; Asa R. Atchison, Atlanta, Illinois, Twenty shares; John L. Bevan, Atlanta, Illinois, Thirty shares; Logan Holt, Atlanta, Illinois, Ten shares; Albert H. Booker, Atlanta, Illinois, Ten shares; C. H. Turner, Atlanta, Illinois, twenty shares; Horace Critchfield, Atlanta, Illinois, Twenty shares; F. F. Verry, Arrington, Illinois, Ten shares; G. H. Harry, Atlanta, Illinois, Ten shares; George Verry, Atlanta, Illinois, Ten shares.

FIFTH. The period at which said partnership shall commence shall be November 17, A. D. 1913, and the period when it shall terminate shall be November 17, A. D. 1933, unless sooner dissolved by the action of the partners owning two-thirds or more of the capital stock of said partnership, and notice thereof being given as in such case made and provided by statute.

SIXTH. The sale and transfer of stock by, or the death of a general partner, shall not work a dissolution of the said partnership, but the purchaser, or in case of death, the heirs or legal representatives thereof, shall stand in relation to the partnership as a special partner.

WITNESS our hands and seals this 29th day of October, A. D. 1913.

Asa R. Atchison (SEAL)
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STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
County of Logan,

I, R. F. Quisenberry, a Notary Public, in and for the said County in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Asa R. Atchison, John L. Bevan, Laban Holt, Albert H. Booker, C. H. Turner, Horace Critchfield, E. F. Verry, T. C. Harry and George Verry, who are personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal, this 29th day of October, A. D. 1913.

R. F. QUISENBERRY,
Notary Public.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
County of DeKalb,

I, Bessie Bidwell, a Notary Public in and for the said County in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Christopher H. Awe, James R. Kierman, Dillon S. Brown, Louis F. Knief, Carl J. Bevan, C. A. Stewart, Almond M. Hill, J. L. Kelley, E. W. Brown, A. G. Stewart, H. A. Perkins, C. A. Stewart, James J. Hammond, A. B. Stray, H. C. Hattendorf, J. W. Brown, and L. E. Carnichael, who are personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal, this 7th day of November, A. D. 1913.

BESSIE BIDWELL,
Notary Public.

Filed and recorded in the County Clerk's office of DeKalb County, Illinois, on the 13th day of November, A. D. 1913. Sit

Blue Laws as Marengo

The city council at Marengo has just passed an ordinance which is surely sweeping in its provisions if not exactly to the taste of the average free American citizen. It is also somewhat inconsistent. The ordinance prohibits any man from following his usual vocation on Sunday, unless necessary? Who will determine when the work is necessary. It prohibits the opening of stores, except drug stores, tobacco stores, ice cream parlors, etc. According to the Marengo city council it is perfectly alright to sell cigars, tobacco, ice cream and newspapers on the Sabbath, but a sin to sell a person a pound of coffee or a pair of socks, no matter how much in need one may be of one or another.

We Have Noticed It

One of our exchanges bewails the fact that when a shapely girl is wearing a hobble so tight that she has to hoist it above her knees to get on a street car, a dog gone wagon always drives between you and her just as she gets ready to hoist

Married at Kirkland

Frank Clausen of this city and Miss Golda Lyman of Kirkland were married recently at Rockford. They will make their home in Genoa where the groom is employed in the telephone factory.

Good Taste in Christmas Packages

Good taste in the preparation of a Christmas package adds greatly to the pleasure it confers. The daintily wrapped gift with the seasonable card of address imparts a value which perhaps the intrinsic worth does not warrant, but which the sentiment implied atones for. We wish to help our subscribers this year in the preparation of their Christmas gifts and to their atractive appearance, and for this purpose are offering them a 226 piece Christmas package of handsomely illustrated cards and postals that will please the most critical taste. We are offering this package in connection with our own paper. The Chicago Weekly Inter Ocean and Farmer, and Farm and Home for only \$1.75. You thus get your local paper, the largest metropolitan weekly and the best agricultural paper, for a mere nominal price.

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A NIGHT ALARM.

It Promised Some Excitement, but the Climax Was Tame.

It happened during the Boer war. A small detachment of English infantry was stationed in a blockhouse some considerable distance outside the English lines. In order to insure themselves against a night attack the members of the little garrison had surrounded the blockhouse with a barbed wire fence at a distance of about 150 yards from the blockhouse itself. To make doubly sure that they would not be surprised the men had tied tin cans to the fence in such a position that the minute anything came in contact with the wire the cans would rattle.

It so happened that a certain nervous young private was on guard one fine moonlight night. His duty consisted in making the rounds of the blockhouse at frequent intervals. It was well along past midnight, and the garrison, with the exception of the lone Tommy Atkins on guard, was fast asleep. Fitful breezes blew, and fleecy white clouds scurrying across the sky obscured the moon from time to time. As the guard turned a corner of the blockhouse he heard a faint tinkle. He came to a halt. There was another tinkle, this time somewhat louder than before, and the moon suddenly came out from behind the clouds. Down along the farthest corner of the fence something grayish white moved. The guard brought his gun up to his shoulder and blazed away at the disturber.

In a moment the whole garrison was astir. One after the other the men piled out to assist their comrade. Again the tinkle of cans, and once more the moon shone brightly for a second, and again the grayish white figure darted along the fence. This time a dozen rifles disturbed the still night air. Then all was quiet. The moon shone brightly once more, but there was no sign of life along the fence.

The guard was doubled, and the garrison turned in again. In the morning while the men were at mess everybody still wanted to know what everybody had been shooting at.

"It was my shirt," snapped a sergeant who had seen service in India—"my shirt what I washed and hung out to dry. And you didn't only shoot at it, but you put three holes in it," he continued. "Things 'ave come to a pretty pass when a man has to get up out of bed to shoot his own shirt off a barbed wire fence."—New York Post.

Butter 33 Cents

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er care. Some of the teachers in the public school have had their inning, Miss Barr being the last to give up to the disease. Her place as teacher in the second primary department is being filled by Miss Marjorie Rowen. Thus far there have been no severe cases and it will soon run out owing to a lack of subjects.

Daily Thought.
A grateful mind by owing, owes not, but still pays, at once indebted and discharged.—Milton.



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Come to this store just as soon as you possibly can. Our stocks are extensive and offer unusually large assortments of gift-things for everyone. Stroll through and make notes of the things that appeal to you as appropriate gift-things. Don't feel that you must purchase. We are glad to have you come and get the benefit of the suggestions our extensive Christmas displays will give you. But we advise early selections, for you'll benefit your own self as well as the salespeople who serve you if you do your Christmas shopping early in the month and early in the day. By so doing you avoid the crowds and confusion that are inevitable later on, but you also have the advantage of complete assortments from which to make selection:

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Mrs. H. L. Renn was shopping in Elgin Saturday.

T. G. Sager was visiting in Sycamore Sunday.

Vern Corson was a passenger to Marengo Saturday.

Thomas Ryan was home from Elgin over Sunday.

Mrs. Lizzie Bender was an Elgin visitor Saturday.

Miss Bess Bidewell was shopping in Chicago Saturday.

Prof. Lowman was calling on friends in Elgin Saturday.

J. A. Patterson made a business trip to Chicago Saturday.

W. H. Jackman transacted business in Chicago Saturday.

Ira D. Douglas and wife were buying in Chicago Friday.

Thomas A. Casey made a business trip to Elgin Saturday.

C. A. Godding and family visited in Byron over Sunday.

Irwin Confer and wife were Rockford passengers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Story were buyers in Chicago Saturday.

Lawrence Kiernan made a business trip to Hampshire Saturday.

Miss Lowery is a guest of P. H. Harlow and family this week.

Dr. J. D. Corson attended the Fat Stock Show in Chicago, Friday.

Mrs. Margaret Rose spent a few days the last of the week in Chicago.

Mrs. Dr. Mordoff and Miss Edith Stewart were Elgin shoppers Saturday.

Wm. Nulle and wife went to Michigan to look at a farm which Mr. Nulle intends to buy.

Mrs. Arthur Patterson and daughter, Marjorie and Beula Corson were in Elgin Saturday.

Miss Leta Brown is spending a couple of weeks with her sister, Mrs. James Kirby, at Shabbana.

Joe Patterson left Saturday for Olewein, Iowa, to attend the funeral of his uncle, Will Gregory.

Mrs. L. M. Olmsted and Mrs. Anna Donahue spent a few days the last of the week with Rockford friends.

Don't forget, Young's Home Bakery is the place to get good things to eat. Strict attention paid to children.

Mrs. Fred Anderson of Rockford demonstrated the Free Sewing Machine at the Farmers' Institute Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Miss Helen Zimmerman of Waterman is visiting at the home of her cousin, Wm. Buerer. She expects to return to her home in Nebraska, in a short time.

Full line of electric table lamps at Swanson Bros. in Sycamore, at waiting station. Just the thing for Christmas gifts.

Hat sale at Olmsted's. Coat Sale on at Olmsted's. Go to Olmsted's basement for toys.

See the new fur sets at Olmsted's.

W. J. Prain was in Hampshire Friday.

Meals at all hours at Altenberg's.

A big assortment of books at Olmsted's.

F. W. Olmsted has a big display of holiday gifts.

Oysters in all styles and at all hours at Altenberg's.

Pure buck wheat flour for sale.

JOHN PRATT.

J. D. Morris of Kirkland was a Genoa visitor Wednesday.

Deo Lefevre of Zeating, Iowa, is visiting Genoa relatives.

If you want to buy a fur set or muff, see Olmsted's assortment.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Boetcher, Friday, Dec. 5, a boy.

Special Sale prices on ladies' and children's coats at Olmsted's.

Howard Stanley of the U. of C spent last week with home folks.

Comfortable, stylish Winter Coats at big savings—Wortham's.

Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford Patterson were in Sycamore Friday.

Mrs. F. P. Glass and daughter Dorothy, were Elgin visitors Saturday.

Miss Lina Lord of Belvidere came home Tuesday for a short vacation.

Wortham's Twice-a-Year Sale offers big savings on high grade garments.

Cut prices on new high class women's apparel at Wortham's Rockford, Ill.

Miss Blanche Patterson and Mrs. Laning were Rockford shoppers on Monday.

Miss Lila Chamberlain of Chicago was a week end guest at the home of her mother.

For street and stable blankets see Cooper. He has a big line and prices are right.

Miss Irma Perkins of DeKalb was a week end visitor with friends in Belvidere.

Mrs. L. W. Duval and Mrs. H. A. Lanan of Kingston were DeKalb callers Wednesday.

George Swan of Wyoming, Ill., visited at the home of his brother, F. O., the first of the week.

Genoa women are buying their Winter apparel at Wortham's, 123 W. State St., Rockford, Ill.

Wortham's never before sold Coats at such low prices in December as they are now offering.

For sale or trade, surry as good as new. J. A. PATTERSON, 12-31* Genoa, Ill.

Base Burner for sale, in good condition. Will go cheap. Inquire of Frank Fischbach, Genoa. 12-21*

Harry Lord and son, Raymond, and the former's housekeeper from Elgin spent Sunday with his mother.

Get your Sunday dinner at Altenberg's. Ladies and children will find neatness and the best of service.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jackman Mrs. C. A. Patterson and Miss Bessie Bidewell were Chicago visitors Saturday.

Arthur Patterson and Joe Patterson were in Chicago Friday with a load of hogs.

"SHIPWRECKED"

This the subject of the two-reel feature at the Petey Wales show next Wednesday evening, and it is one of the best of the season. The picture was taken under the greatest difficulties, costing a mint of money and hazarding the lives of the actors. It is full of human interest, thrills, adventure and dramatic situations. Don't miss this one. Then follow the four other good reels of comedy, western, drama, and Pathe Weekly. It's the Petey Wales show every Wednesday night, all for one dime.

Car fare to Rockford and return refunded on a purchase of \$25.00 if you buy your garments at Wortham's.

Don't fail to come to Wortham's Twice-a-Year Sale, now in progress. Store opposite inter-urban station at Rockford.

For sale—round oak stove, in good condition. Will burn anything, and give good heat. Inquire of Glen Bnck 12-11

Dr. Barber, Optician, is in Genoa every two weeks at Dr. Mordoff's office. His next date is December 18. All work guaranteed.

English services will be held in the German Lutheran church on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p. m. All those who affiliate with no church are cordially invited. Visitors are welcome.

I have some choice thoroughbred Durco Jersey and Poland China boars for sale. William H. Graham, Phone 922-14. 8-11

Are you a Mason? Odd Fellow? K. of P.? Redman? Easy money for agents. Address, J. T. MISBACK, Genoa, Ill. 12-21*

Seward & Driver are fully equipped to drill your well, repair wells and do any work along that line on short notice. Phone No. 1225. 11

Houses for rent or sale, all well located in city of Genoa. Now is the time to buy if you want real bargains. Inquire of Exchange Bank of Brown & Brown. 4811

For Sale—A big type, heavy boned Poland China boars of spring farrow, also R. C. Rhode Island Red Cockerels. Phone 907-03. ALBERT F. CORSON. 11-61*

The following named nurses from Sherman Hospital, Elgin, attended the funeral of W. H. Sager: Miss Oberg, superintendent; Miss Matson, night superintendent; Misses Johnson, Jennie Pierce, Jennie Deschner, Hazel DeLancy. They brought a floral offering.

Work on the sewer is progressing rapidly this week, the depth being no greater than can be reached by the machine. The entire depth of eight to ten feet is dry clay and sand, requiring little cribbing and hand work. The work turned onto Second street last Sunday and by the time this paper reaches the majority of readers will have reached a point at the rear of the public school buildings. From three to four hundred feet a day are now being put in.

Eat "Golden Crown Wheat Cereal" King of Food. Makes best porridge, griddle cakes, gems, puddings, bread, cookies, etc. Order a package from your grocer today. Try the different recipes—it you don't like it, take it back and get your money. Every package positively guaranteed. 11

Most everyone in Genoa knows that W. L. Ritter, who resides up on the hill in the Citizens' addition, is a bee fancier, but very few realize to what extent his "fancy" takes him. The bee industry is merely a side line with him, the caring for them being recreation after his labors in the shoe factory. In his case, however, it pays financially to have hours of recreation. This week he sold part of his season's crop of honey, the consideration being a trifle less than \$1000.00. The consignment will aggregate more than 9,000 pounds, about the sweetest bunch that ever left Genoa.

Mr. Edols Decker of Kansas, a nephew of H. Decker deceased, received and accepted a call to the ministry in Brazil, S. A. He will finish his studies at the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. in the near future and then leave for the southern continent.

The story of "The Wolf" which comes to the opera house on Monday, Dec. 15, is laid in the Hudson Bay country, and is a narrative of life, love, and revenge among the early settlers of the great Canadian Northwest. In dealing with these characters who live very close to nature, Mr. Walters, has provided a romance which holds the audience spell-bound from the opening act to finale.

See the window display of electric goods at Swanson Bros. in Sycamore at the waiting station. There would be nothing nicer for a Christmas gift than a table lamp or electric iron. 11-31

**Make This Christmas
HER HAPPIEST**

Surprise her with a gift that carries the Christmas Spirit Every Day of the Year.

THINK of the long, tedious hours your wife, mother or sister spends in sweeping—brushing—dusting. Put yourself in her place. Consider the pleasure your gift of a light, compact, inexpensive **Franz Premier** will bring.

IT WILL FREE HER from those nerve-racking, endless hours of daily cleaning. When you get home at night you'll find her as light-hearted as when you left her in the morning.

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Electric Suction Cleaner

WEIGHS BUT NINE POUNDS—\$30

Does away with dust-scattering brooms, brushes, dusters and dustpans. Makes rug beating unnecessary. Can be carried anywhere in one hand. Won't fatigue a child.

Demonstration in Your Own Home—FREE

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always in the way and unsightly about the premises, but they represent money.

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for junk and the highest prices possible. Call me up any time and I will see you.

SEE MY IRON FENCE BRACE

J. GOODMAN, GENOA, ILL.

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REPORT BY HOUSTON

SUMMARY OF DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR 1913.

EFFORT TO HELP THE PEOPLE

Department's Information to Be Distributed in All Fields—Changes in the Weather Bureau and Estimates of the Year's Crops.

Washington, Dec. 8.—David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture, published his annual report for the year 1913. The report, which contains only 58 pages, differs from previous reports in that, instead of merely reviewing the agricultural situation, it presents in summary many broad economic questions.

The following are summarized statements of the more important subjects and recommendations discussed in this report:

The Problem of Production. Increased tenancy, absentee ownership, soils still depleted and exploited, inadequate business methods, the relative failure to induce a great majority of farmers to apply existing agricultural knowledge, and the suggestions of dependence on foreign nations for food supplies warn us of our shortcomings and invite us to additional efforts to increase production.

The Farm Woman. To gain information that would enable the department better to serve rural women, the secretary addressed letters of inquiry to the women on 55,000 selected farms covering every county. Other surveys and studies were also conducted.

Increases Asked. Increase in the appropriations for the next fiscal year are recommended, as follows:

\$250,860 for extending the work of eradicating animal diseases, feeding and breeding live stock, and for dairying and the enforcement of the meat-inspection law.

\$45,660 for the introduction and breeding of new plants, the control of plant diseases, and for improving the methods of crop production, especially cereals.

\$148,577 for the classification of agricultural lands and the survey of homesteads in the national forests.

\$69,441 for extending investigations of the handling, shipping and storing of poultry, eggs and fish.

\$24,420 for investigating fertilizer resources, soil fertility, and the chemical and physical properties of soils.

\$71,000 for extending investigations of insects attacking crops, and forest trees.

\$90,000 to enforce the migratory-bird law.

\$67,000 for gathering crop forecasts and estimates.

\$113,500 for road mangement and road building and maintenance.

\$144,000 for investigations of the marketing and distribution of farm products.

\$50,000 for live stock and other demonstration work in the sugar-cane and cotton areas in Louisiana.

It is recommended that the congressional seed distribution and that constructive work in securing and distributing new and valuable seeds and plants be substituted.

Changes in Weather Bureau. Changes in the organization, and work of the weather bureau have resulted in increased efficiency and economies which make possible a reduction of \$37,340 in its funds.

Census of Crop Acreage. Changes have been made in the organization and work of the bureau of statistics to effect economies and increase efficiency. It is recommended that the designation of this bureau be changed to bureau of agricultural forecasts, which more accurately defines its functions.

Schmidt Trial Opens. New York, Dec. 9.—Two hundred veniremen jammed Judge Guston's room in general sessions court for the trial of Hans Schmidt, the renegade priest, who confessed killing Anna Amuller, whose dismembered body was found in the Hudson river.

Christmas Rest on Rural Routes. Washington, Dec. 8.—A legal holiday for rural mail carriers at Christmas was proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Young of Texas.

ELECTION IS ILLEGAL

MEXICAN CONGRESS, HOWEVER, URGES DICTATOR TO RETAIN OFFICE UNTIL 1915.

MORE U. S. SHIPS TO TAMPICO

Battle Is Expected at Port Between Federals and Rebels—Zapata Is Repulsed—Huerta Is Ready to Flee From Mexico City.

Mexico City, Dec. 10.—The committee of the chamber of deputies decided that the election of Generals Huerta and Blanquet as president and vice-president respectively, was illegal, but that the vote showed the people wanted them to serve and recommended that the two serve out the term ending in 1916.

Warships Rushed to Tampico. Washington, Dec. 10.—Two more warships rushed to reinforce those under Rear Admiral Fletcher, who has been given carte blanche as to the use of the American forces at Tampico, arrived. They are the Chester and the Wheeling, which gives him a force of two battleships and two cruisers at that storm center.

Americans in Danger. Vera Cruz, Dec. 10.—The surrender of Tampico has been demanded by the rebel leaders, Gens. Lucio Blanco and Pablo Gonzales, according to advices received here from that port. The commander of the federal garrison, Gen. Ignacio Morelos Zaragoza, in reply, dared the rebels to come and take the city.

Zapata Is Repulsed. Mexico City, Dec. 10.—General Zapata has been repulsed by federal troops in his advance on Mexico City. He has been driven back many miles south of Cuernavaca. Fighting is still going on, however, this being the third day of the battle. One hundred and thirty federals were ambushed and massacred.

Huerta Ready to Flee. President Huerta is in readiness to flee Mexico City. He will move the federal seat of government to Iguala, according to a semi-official announcement.

General Huerta's family arrived safely at Manzanillo, whence they are expected to sail for Japan. The special train reached here, carrying five women and two men.

8,000 Refugees on Border. Marfa, Tex., Dec. 9.—Stretching for 35 miles, across the country, towards Chihuahua, the head of the column of 8,000 noncombatant refugees and federal troops from Chihuahua reached Ojanga, on the border.

Among the refugees are included the family of Gen. Luis Terrazas, richest man in Mexico, the Cully family, the Falomir family and others of the most aristocratic of the Mexican state.

Many of these brought all the money they could get in Chihuahua and the federal soldiers, in addition to escorting the refugees, are said to have the task of guarding more than \$5,000,000.

Telegrams came from Villa to the effect that he reached the state capital and was warmly welcomed by the people. He has pardoned the 200 federal soldiers who remained behind to guard the city.

DEAD IN TEXAS REACHES 53 Scores of Others Believed to Have Perished in Brazos and Trinity Floods.

Bryan, Tex., Dec. 8.—Fifty-three persons are known to be dead and scores of others are reported to have lost their lives in the floods which have been sweeping the valleys of the Brazos and Trinity rivers in central and south central Texas since early in the week. Three thousand persons have been driven to the upper floors of their homes by the rising waters or have been compelled to seek refuge in trees, where they remained for hours—in some cases for two days—before being rescued.

Estimates of the damage generally center around \$4,000,000.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 8.—The snowstorm which has isolated Colorado, northern New Mexico and southern Wyoming for 72 hours gave way to hot sunshine, causing snow slides in the mountain districts that are known to have cost three lives. One man, who was carried a full mile down a mountain, escaped alive and virtually uninjured. Two companions were buried beneath tons of snow and ice.

SOLON CONDEMNS U. S. ACT Egg Bulletin Called Cold Storage "Whitewash" by Representative McKellar of Tennessee.

Washington, Dec. 10.—A department of agriculture bulletin announcing a decline in the price of eggs was fought as "an attempt to whitewash the cold storage trust" by Representative McKellar of Tennessee, the father of a bill attacking the cold storage interests.

McKellar questioned the authority of the department for its statement that "pullets throughout the country have at last begun to lay and that the fact that fresh eggs are beginning to reach the markets has reacted on the cold storage prices for this commodity."

St. Louis Suburb Goes Dry. St. Louis, Dec. 8.—Webster Groves, St. Louis' largest suburb, went "dry" by a vote of 999 to 227.

JOSEPH CAILLOUX



Joseph Cailloux, the great French financier and former premier who led the attack of the Radicals which resulted in the overthrow of the cabinet. He is likely to be minister of finance and most influential in the new cabinet.

PRESIDENT WILSON REFUSES DEMANDS OF SUFFRAGISTS

Tells Delegation of Women That He Favors "House Committee" on Suffrage—Won't Write Message.

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Wilson told a delegation from the National American Woman's Suffrage association that he favored a standing woman's suffrage committee in the house of representatives, but he refused their request that he send a special message to congress urging the reform.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the association, summarized briefly their appeal to the president to assist the movement either by sending a special message to congress, by including reference to suffrage in any general message he might deliver or by using his influence to have a special committee of the house appointed to consider the subject.

"I want you, ladies," said the president to the delegation, "to realize just what my present situation is, if I can make it clear to you.

"Whenever I walk abroad I realize I am not a free man; I am under arrest. I am so carefully and admirably guarded that I have not even the privilege of walking the streets. That is, as it were, typical of my present transference from being an individual with his mind on any and every subject, to being an official of a great government and, incidentally, or so it falls out under our system of government, the spokesman of a party.

Doctor Shaw expressed the view that the president's interview was very satisfactory.

MISS PHOEBE COUZINS DIES

Former Champion of Suffrage, and Later Its Foe and Worker for Breweries, Succumbs.

St. Louis, Dec. 8.—Miss Phoebe Couzins, the first woman lawyer in the United States and the only woman who ever served as deputy United States marshal, died here. Miss Couzins was seventy-three years old. Death came as the culmination of a long illness, which she had suffered in poverty in a squalid room in a crowded section of St. Louis.

Miss Couzins made her last public appearance in St. Louis at a meeting in 1906, when she denounced Governor Folk for putting the Sunday law on St. Louis. Long before that time she had parted company with the Woman's Christian Temperance union, with which she was associated in its early campaign for temperance.

Miss Couzins opposed the attitude of the W. C. T. U. on prohibition. Though she was an early advocate of woman's rights, she later became an anti-suffragist.

TWO SLAIN IN MINE STRIKE

Volley of Shots Fired Through Non-union Boarding House at Painesdale, Mich.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 8.—Serious trouble is expected as a result of the murder at Painesdale of two copper miners and the fatal wounding of a third and of a young girl, as they slept. Six suspects are held. The dead: Arthur James, twenty-one years old, Toronto, Ont.; Harry James, twenty-four years old, Toronto, Ont. Both arrived here Saturday. Thomas Dailley, forty-one years old, and Mary Nicholson, fourteen, are wounded.

This was the result of a gun attack on a nonunion boarding house, a score of rifle bullets being fired through this building and two others. Many such attacks have been made lately. The strikers at union meetings were told by the agitators to use force, with arms, against officers who should attempt to arrest them in their homes.

Mrs. Gerard Visits Empress. Berlin, Dec. 8.—Mrs. James W. Gerard, wife of the American ambassador, was received by the empress at the palace.

M'DERMOTT IS GUILTY

HOUSE LOBBY BODY FINDS CONDUCT IMPROPER—MOVE MADE TO OUST HIM.

MANUFACTURERS ARE HIT

Methods of the National Organization in Influencing Laws Held by Committee at Washington Disreputable and Dishonest.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Following the presentation of the lobby investigating committee's report to the house representative Macdonald of Michigan, a Progressive of the committee, introduced two resolutions demanding that the house determine whether or not the finding of the committee warrants action to expel McDermott from the house, and whether the lobby activities of the National Association of Manufacturers were such that the house may proceed against its officials for contempt.

Wilson Lobby Charge Upheld. President Wilson's charge that lobbies existed at the capital to influence legislation were sustained in the report of the house lobby investigation committee, presented to the house. The charges preferred by Martin M. Mulhall against Representative Bartholdt of Missouri, Calder of New York, Sherley of Kentucky, Webb of North Carolina and Fairchild of New York were, however, declared unfounded.

The report also finds that while the American Federation of Labor maintains a lobby here, it does not permit its activities to transgress the law or go beyond the bounds of proper privilege. The report does find that Mulhall and James A. Emery, working for the National Association of Manufacturers, "went beyond the limits of decency in trying to influence legislation."

Says Lobbies Were Mentioned. The National Council for Industrial Defense and the national tariff commission also are found to have maintained lobbies to influence legislation. Other points brought out in the report are:

That the main purpose of the National Association of Manufacturers was to prevent legislation curbing the uses of the injunction against labor unions.

That the tariff commission in 1900 was not improperly influenced by lobbies.

That no improper influences have been exerted in nominating or electing congressmen as far as the committee can ascertain.

That Representative James D. McDermott of Illinois "has been guilty of acts of grave impropriety unbecoming the dignity of the distinguished position he occupies."

That Mulhall and Emery should change their ways or "remain away from the capital forever."

Condemn Loan to McDermott. Representative McDermott's relations with the pawnbrokers and liquor dealers of Washington are gone over by the committee at length. The committee states that a loan of \$500 given McDermott by Hugh F. Harvey, secretary of the Washington Liquor Dealers' association, probably did not "influence his vote," but the transaction is severely condemned.

DR. W. B. CRAIG IS FREED Judge Instructs Jury to Acquit Veterinarian—Verdict Is Cheered by Crowd in Courtroom.

Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 10.—Dr. William B. Craig, dean of the Indiana Veterinary college, was acquitted of the charge of murdering Dr. Helene Knabe, who was found dead in her apartments in Indianapolis with her head nearly severed from her body.

Judge Alonzo Blair of the Shelby circuit court instructed the jury to find for the defendant on the ground that the state had failed to establish a sufficiently strong case to warrant the trial proceeding. The jury remained out but five minutes and returned the verdict as instructed by the court. Applause broke out in the courtroom after the verdict was read.

The indictment against Alonzo M. Ragsdale, indicted as an accessory with Dr. William B. Craig for the murder of Dr. Helene Knabe, was nolle prossed in court here.

THAW CASE TO HIGH COURT

Federal Judge Will Ask Supreme Tribunal to Hand Down Decision.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 10.—Judge Edgar Aldrich ruled that the mental condition of Harry K. Thaw must be determined in the federal courts and that a review of the case by the Supreme court of the United States would be asked at once. The court's announcement was made at the hearing on Thaw's petition to be admitted to bail.

New Bike Record Is Made.

New York, Dec. 9.—The 17 teams that started at midnight in the twenty-first annual six-day bicycle race at Madison Square garden are still in mad race and two miles ahead of last year's record, notwithstanding several accidents.

William Deering Has Stroke.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 8.—William Deering, the harvesting machinery manufacturer, is critically ill from a paralytic stroke at his country home, five miles south of Miami. Mr. Deering is eighty-eight years old. Relatives and friends regard his condition as serious.

LIVE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Five children drank liquor from a half-filled bottle in New York and two of them died. The other three are in a critical condition.

Lieutenant Wachsmuth, making an over sea flight in a hydroaeroplane, fell from a considerable height and was drowned at Libau, Russia.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre are the guests of Ambassador Page in London. They arrived and attended the service in Westminster abbey.

A squadron of nine British warships arrived at Naples, Italy. Their stay is to last five days and many festivities have been arranged in honor of the officers and men.

High cost of living has practically been solved in Alaska by the establishment of co-operative supply stores. The government aided the natives in establishing them.

Two thousand Indianapolis union teamsters who have been on strike returned to work. Several more team owners signed union contracts, it was said at the labor temple.

Two members of the crew were killed and five injured at Schriever, La., when a freight train broke in three pieces. An air brake that was too powerful caused the accident.

William Astor Chamler, African explorer and author, is suffering in Paris, France, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident ten days ago. An operation on one of his legs will be necessary.

Where President Wilson will spend his Christmas vacation, if he takes one, will be left to the "Main House." This is the president's way of saying Mrs. Wilson and the Misses Wilson will make the selection.

The city council of Paris, France, rejected the proposal to restore sisters of charity and the members of other nursing orders to the posts they held in the Paris hospitals prior to the separation of church and state.

An examination of the needle found in a theater at Newark, N. J., with which the police allege Armand Megaro stabbed Mrs. Marjorie Graf in the arm failed to show a sign of poison, according to reports.

The San Francisco Call announced in its final edition that it had bought the good will, circulation and subscription of the Evening Post, which henceforth would be published as the San Francisco Call and Post.

Fire destroyed an interurban car on the Illinois Traction system, five miles south of Edwardsville, Ill. Six passengers asleep were awakened in time to leap down a 20-foot embankment. The fire was started by a broken trolley wire.

Silas Christofferson, aviator, narrowly escaped death in San Francisco bay, when he fell into the water from a height of 2,000 feet. He was tied to the seat of the machine, but unbuckled himself, and life savers came to his rescue.

HETCH HETCHY BILL WINS Measure Passed by Senate Grants San Francisco Water Supply in Yosemite National Park.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The Raker bill, giving San Francisco water supply and power rights in the Hetch Hetchy valley of the Tuolumne river, Yosemite national park, passed the senate by a vote of 43 to 25. The bill had previously passed the house in identical form and goes to the president for signature.

Mrs. Pankhurst to Paris. London, Dec. 10. Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, militant leader, has gone to Paris to pass the remainder of the seven days' leave granted her by the authorities with her daughter. Mrs. Pankhurst arrived from the sanitarium in an ambulance and was carried to her train on a stretcher.

Tener Is National's Head. New York, Dec. 10.—Gov. John K. Tener of Pennsylvania was elected president of the National League of Baseball Clubs. The election came after the retiring president, Thomas J. Lynch, had scored the magnates for their methods and called for reformation on their part.

Deatur.—Hugh White, a veteran jeweler of Niantic, was found dead in his store, and from all appearances he was the victim of a brutal murder. The body was discovered by Thomas Doran and Frank Sweet, who had tried to get into the establishment. It is thought that White was slain by robbers, as he was known to have a considerable amount of wealth in cash and jewels about the store.

Galesburg.—Senior students of Knox college at a special meeting voted to enter a whiskey-growing contest. Representatives of various fraternities and groups were elected to raise specified sorts of facial ornaments. Prizes are offered for the most successful growers, the highest premiums being set on "mutton chops," and gaudy every man must enter the contest and penalties will be imposed upon backsliders. The college authorities were not particularly pleased with the resolution. "But it's all right if they will all shave just before commencement," said Dean Simonds.

Joliet.—There is an insistent demand that a three months' agricultural course be put on at the high school here. The classes at the Illinois state school are now filled, so that there is no opening for ambitious boys who would like to take a winter's course.

Pekin.—Josephine and Gerald Wiseau have filed suit for damages in the sum of \$10,000 against Roy Suman, Eugene and Fred Dreher and William Andrae, saloon keepers. They allege the defendants named sold liquor to their father, Frank Wiseau, on the day he was killed by an Illinois Central train in the Pekin yards.

ILLINOIS NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Wire Reports of Happenings From All Parts of the State.

TRAIN CRASH INJURES THREE

Passenger Runs Into an Open Switch at Mays Station Near Paris—Engineer George Winn May Be Fatally Hurt.

Paris.—Three persons were injured, one perhaps fatally, when passenger train No. 61 on the Peoria division of the Vandalla system ran into an open switch at Mays station, west of Paris. The injured: George Winn, engineer. Peoria, back wrenched, internal injuries—may die; O. F. Ashmore, mail clerk, Peoria, badly bruised; F. C. Shepherd, expressman, Peoria, bruised about head and shoulders. None of the passengers was hurt.

Decatur.—Thomas Gettings, long an official of the Decatur miners' union, died of a broken back received from falling downstairs.

Iola.—The second pair of twins in two years arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Cooper, near Iola. The new arrivals are girls. They are doing fine. The earlier twins are boys.

Pontiac.—Phillip Brady, who says he deserted from the United States army in California last April, is held in the county jail in Pontiac pending the receipt of advices from the war department.

Rockford.—Mrs. Margaret Kellogg, who was a passenger on the first train the Chicago & Northwestern railroad operated out of Chicago, died here. She is eighty-seven years old. She was a cousin of Robert G. Ingersoll.

Mount Vernon.—Rev. W. V. McAdoo, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has resigned. No official action has been taken by the church. He has been in charge for more than two years.

Rockford.—Miss Julia C. Lathrop, chief of the federal children's bureau, and who is recovering from a long and severe illness here, said she will leave soon for the south to remain for a few weeks. She plans to resume work in Washington about January 1.

Springfield.—Kim Haynes, former alderman of this city, arrested on suspicion of being connected with the robbery of Anton Brock's saloon at 824 East Adams street, was released by the police when he established an alibi that could not be shaken by the authorities.

Johnston City.—Angelo Pipia, a Sicilian, was shot seven times as he opened his door. He died. Coroner G. G. Strike, Deputy Sheriff Gentry and Assistant State's Attorney George Stone failed to find his assailant. Several Italians have been killed in a similar manner.

Anna.—The Knights of Pythias lodge of Anna has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Logan Borren, C. C.; C. A. Mangold, V. C.; M. F. Rushing, prelate; Dr. R. E. Brown, K. of R. S.; J. H. Ligon, M. of F. E. N. Vilm, M. of E.; Fred Horn, M. of W.; Walter Smith, M. of A.; Sam Martin, I. G.; John Willis, O. G.

Kewanee.—Dedication of the handsome new edifice of the German Lutheran Church of Redeemer here took place, with Rev. C. A. Decker of Streator and Rev. G. F. Ide of Princeton preaching sermons. Rev. A. G. Weninger is pastor. The Iowa synod, to which this church belongs, was represented by many ministers.

Duquoin.—Mrs. Virginia Bradley, ninety-one years old, for many years a resident of Duquoin, died at the home of relatives in Sparta. She moved from Kentucky to Springfield at the age of eight years, when only two log houses stood on the site of the present capital of the state. Later she was a neighbor of Abraham Lincoln and knew him personally.

Deatur.—Hugh White, a veteran jeweler of Niantic, was found dead in his store, and from all appearances he was the victim of a brutal murder. The body was discovered by Thomas Doran and Frank Sweet, who had tried to get into the establishment. It is thought that White was slain by robbers, as he was known to have a considerable amount of wealth in cash and jewels about the store.

Galesburg.—Senior students of Knox college at a special meeting voted to enter a whiskey-growing contest. Representatives of various fraternities and groups were elected to raise specified sorts of facial ornaments. Prizes are offered for the most successful growers, the highest premiums being set on "mutton chops," and gaudy every man must enter the contest and penalties will be imposed upon backsliders. The college authorities were not particularly pleased with the resolution. "But it's all right if they will all shave just before commencement," said Dean Simonds.

Joliet.—There is an insistent demand that a three months' agricultural course be put on at the high school here. The classes at the Illinois state school are now filled, so that there is no opening for ambitious boys who would like to take a winter's course.

Pekin.—Josephine and Gerald Wiseau have filed suit for damages in the sum of \$10,000 against Roy Suman, Eugene and Fred Dreher and William Andrae, saloon keepers. They allege the defendants named sold liquor to their father, Frank Wiseau, on the day he was killed by an Illinois Central train in the Pekin yards.

THE MARKETS.

Table of market prices for various commodities including live stock, grain, and other goods. Columns list item names and prices per unit.

ADVANCING UNDER PROTECTION OF CANNON FIRE



Some of General Villa's men are here seen advancing under the protection of cannon fire to engage the federals in hand-to-hand fighting.

VILLA DIRECTING THE OPENING SHOT OF THE BATTLE



Here "Pancho" Villa is seen directing the firing of the shot that opened a general engagement. He had 18 cannons at this point and the artillery duel, beginning at 4 o'clock, continued until after dark.

ILLINOIS BREVITIES

De Kalb.—A night school for foreigners has been established at the De Kalb high school. It is in charge of Prof. William F. Martin of Beloit, Wis.

Richview.—Twin boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stonecipher. Nine years ago triplets were born to them. They are the parents of 11 children, all living but one.

Olney.—The annual Richland County Farmers' Institute, in session at Olney, was addressed by C. C. Pervies of Sheffield, Colonel Taylor of Tennessee and Mrs. James of Urbana.

Hillsboro.—Edgar Millard, a Big Four switchman, was caught between two cars while making a "blind" switch here, and crushed to death. He lived here and was twenty-five years old.

Canton.—Sanitary Officer Leonard Smith made a tour of inspection of the boarding houses occupied by foreigners in the alien colony of Canton. He found sanitary conditions to be very bad.

Pekin.—George Petrakis, for two years a resident of Pekin, during which time he was employed at the sugar house, was killed in the war with the Bulgarians, according to word received here.

Rock Island.—The matter of the employment of a county farm expert is being considered. Delegates from the various townships have been appointed to consider the advisability of the plan.

Rockford.—The slit skirt and other present-day modes of dress were denounced by clergymen of the United Brethren church, in special conference here. Immoral wearing apparel among school girls was declared to be alarming.

Litchfield.—Robert McCullough, Jr., a young man residing on a farm south of Farmersville, this county, was found dead on the Illinois Central right of way at the Hurst crossing, one and a half miles south of Farmersville.

Neoga.—Rev. C. W. Estes of Neoga, notified the Presbyterian congregation at Taylorville he would accept the call as pastor of that church at a salary of \$1,800 a year, and would enter upon his duties December 21. Mr. Estes has been in the ministry 12 years.

Christopher.—After a separation of more than twenty years, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Henrick of Colgate, Okla., and Mrs. Rosie Towers of Christopher, have been united. Mrs. Towers has persuaded her sister and husband to move to Christopher.

Herrin.—Women voted in Williamson county for the first time in a village election, at Energy, south of this city. Forty-two turned out and helped pile up a "dry" majority. Heretofore the town has been "wet." Practically all the eligible women cast ballots.

Champaign.—Petitions asking the University of Illinois council of administration to permit the tango, one-step and hesitation waltz at the junior "prom" were signed by 100 students who have bought tickets. The council has requested that the dances be barred.

Pana.—At a reception tendered Rev. John England and his wife of the Ogonee Baptist church, by parishioners and friends, Mr. England was presented with a silk quilt, which represented the work of 565 women in this section of Illinois. Each had embroidered her name into the quilt.

Vandalia.—Relatives of Robert Angel have commenced proceedings in the county court here to declare him legally dead. Angel left the home of his sister, with whom he was residing, when fifteen years old. Nothing has been heard of his whereabouts since 1906. Money belonging to Angel was turned over to the county treasurer of Fayette county by his guardian seven years ago. Angel's relatives are asking that this money be divided among them.

Duquoin.—As a result of the recent election in Perry county 17 saloons closed, ten at Pinckneyville and seven at Willisville. Following the election the "wets" in this and Randolph county took a test case to the Randolph county court, but Judge Schuwerk sustained the election and decided the votes polled by women did not nullify it. Duquoin now is the only oasis in Perry county, and the only "wet" town on the Illinois Central between Christopher and Lenzburg. It has 24 saloons.

Urbana.—President Edmund J. James of the University of Illinois, chairman of the Illinois committee on the selection of Rhodes scholars, received word from Oxford, England, that the following have passed the Rhodes scholarship examinations: Chester V. Easum, Galesburg, a senior at Knox college; Maurice E. Jestosen, Chicago, a senior at the University of Chicago; Cyrus S. Gentry, Lebanon, a graduate of McKendree college and the University of Illinois; William H. Kurzin, Chicago, a senior at Yale.

Canton.—Making his escape following the alleged robbery of Brons Bros.' store in Norris more than a year ago and his connection with the robbery totally unknown, Lloyd Asquith, who has been employed in coal mines throughout Fulton county, surrendered himself to the town marshal of Bureau.

Quincy.—The Big Lake Hunting and Fishing club has purchased forty acres of property joining the southern boundary of its holdings and has sold some of the ground on the northern part of its grounds. The new purchase now gives the club full control of Big Lake.

GEN. VILLA'S CENTER ON MEXICAN CENTRAL RAILROAD



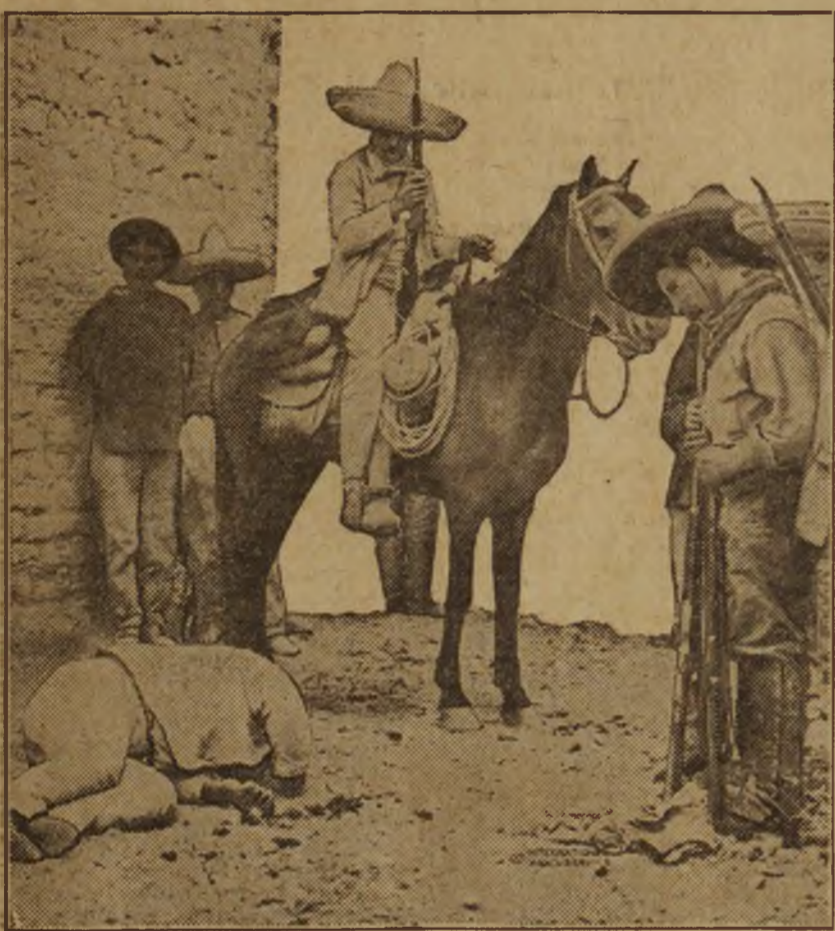
This is a photograph of Villa's center on the line of the Mexican Central during the fighting around Juarez. The lines of battle extended five miles each way from this point. The train was in readiness to carry the wounded to Juarez.

ARTILLERY OF THE CONSTITUTIONALISTS IN ACTION



The artillery of the constitutional army was well served in the fighting that resulted in the repulse of the Federals from the vicinity of Juarez.

FEDERAL OFFICER SHOT DOWN



Death is the usual portion of the federal officers captured by the rebels, and though this one disguised himself as a private he did not escape the vengeance of his enemies.

BEBEL SHARPSHOOTERS NEAR TUXPAM



These are some of the sharpshooters used so effectively by General Aguilar in the important oil district of Tuxpam.

SCOUT TRAIN OF CARRANZA'S FORCES



This is one of the scout trains which have proved so useful to the constitutional armies. On every car are mounted machine guns.

ON THE FIRING LINE AT SUNSET



Federals attempting a flank movement to the right are being held off by this line of fighters extending along the brow of the hill for two miles.

ADVANCING ON THE CITY OF JUAREZ



The photograph shows a part of the rebel army advancing rapidly on the city of Juarez, which the constitutionalists captured and held.

The Boy and the Ant.

"Lawrence S. McCleary, would-be newspaper man," he said bitterly (yes, he was talking to himself), "you take off your hat to that ant, and then get up and follow her example! She's a better man than you are any day in the week! The scrap she wanted was under a mountain of debris; nobody knew whether it was actually there or not. But did she let any one come along and rage at her and say, 'Impossible! It's not there! you can't do it! it can't be done!'"

Not to Be Deceived.

"Look at dat dorg chewing grass." "Wot's de matter wit' him?" "Dunno, but he can't inveigle me inside de fence. I never seen a dorg yet dat wuz a vegetarian."

KINGSTON NEWS

FRED P. SMITH, CORRESPONDENT

Earl Colvin was in Rockford last week.

Mrs. F. H. Wilson was a visitor in Rockford last week Thursday.

Ralph Ortz came home from Rockford to spend Sunday.

Mrs. Emily McCollom was a guest in Sycamore Tuesday.

The diphtheria patients near Colvin Park are recovering nicely.

You can still buy Maribo coffee and Tycoon Tea at Lutter's.

Dr. Henry Wyllys from Fairdale was a Kingston visitor Tuesday.

You can save 20 per cent buying Shoes, Dry Goods, etc., of Lutter.

Arthur Phelps was the guest of relatives in Garden Prairie a few days this week.

Miss Genevieve May of Kirkland visited at the home of D. G. Ottman Sunday.

Mrs. Eyleit of Rock City has been visiting at the home of Ed. Schmeltzer for a few days.

Mrs. Margaret Moore went to Belvidere last Friday to visit with relatives a few days.

All those indebted to me are requested to call and settle before Dec. 25, 1913 E. A. LUTTER.

Mrs. Jack Murphy, who has been visiting relatives and friends here, returned to her home in Douglas, Wyoming.

The text of the sermon at the Kingston Baptist church for next Sunday morning will be "A Great Motive." Everyone welcome.

If you have any Bremner Bros' empty cracker cans belonging to me please return them and oblige.

E. A. LUTTER

A S. Wyllys, a former resident here, now living in Burlington, Colo., has been the guest of his brother, G. D. Wyllys and other relatives and friends here.

The members of the Yoeman of America will hold a meeting at the S. P. Smith home on Monday evening, Dec. 15, and elect officers for the ensuing year.

Miss Edith Arner entertained a number of her friends at her home on East street last week Wednesday evening. It was her birthday and she received many nice gifts. Dainty refreshments were served.

Notice to Farmers—All wishing pulverizers sharpened for spring work—now is the time. I am prepared to do the work satisfactorily. JOHN S. HOWE. 811

John Rubeck and family have moved from their farm north of Kingston to Kingston and are now occupying the house on East street which is owned by Miss Maggie Miller.

A "Sock Social" will be given by the Epworth League of the Kingston M. E. church at the home of Mrs. Emily McCollom on Main St., Friday evening, Dec. 12. Everyone invited.

The two rural carriers from the Kingston postoffice handled a total of 34666 pieces of mail during Oct. and Nov., weighing 3763 lbs and 6 ounces. 32040 pieces were delivered, an average of 8010 pieces for each carrier for each month and an average weight of 912 1/4 lbs for each carrier each month. 2926 pieces were collected, weighing 115 lbs. An average of 626 1/2 pieces for each carrier each month, and an average weight of 28 3/4 lbs for each carrier for each month.

The members of the M. W. of A. Camp No. 208 at Kingston held a meeting last Friday evening, Dec. 5, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: J. W. O'Brien, V. C.; L. H. Branch, W. A.; John F. Howe, Banker; F. P. Smith, Clerk; J. Arthur Phelps, Escort; F. H. Granger, Watchman; F. H. Wilson, Sentry; F. W. Stark, Trustee; Dr. C. E. Burton, Physician.

On last week Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for the year 1914, for the Kingston Methodist Sunday school: Supt., Mrs. Elizabeth Helsdon; Ass't. Supt., F. P. Smith; Secy., Merle Worden;

Ass't. Secy., Nona B. Phelps; Treas., B. F. Uplinger; Pianist, Ada Lilly; Chorister, J. W. O'Brien; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs. C. S. Phelps; Supt. Home Dept., Mrs. H. A. Cross; Supt. S. S. Missionary fund, Mrs. C. A. Briggs.

Miss Edna Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Taylor of Kingston, and Mrs. Roy Jones were united in marriage, Saturday evening, Dec. 6, 1913, at the home of her parents, Rev. Adolph Post, pastor of the Brush Point Congregational church, officiating. The wedding was witnessed only by the immediate relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Jones left Monday morning for Pennsylvania, where they will visit his relatives for several weeks. Both the bride and groom are well known young people in this vicinity and have many friends who wish them years of happiness.

THE ROLLO SCHOOL

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farm buildings, making the drawings and the lumber bill. Other farm problems are studied in a similar way. For instance, a farm of 160 acres is divided into fields for a rotation of crops and each crop studied and many questions of the management of such a place talked out.

The boys and girls in this school know that in the building itself, its equipment and the course of study, and in their games as well, that they are fully equal with the town high schools. All the children have an opportunity to take part in some form of athletics. The Glee Club meets regularly. All the students belong to a literary society which meets twice a month with programs suitable to the occasion.—Arthur J. Bill in Prairie Farmer.

Billig as Salesman

Dr. Hal C. Billig, dentist, formerly of Genoa, is now commercial salesman for the auto truck manufacturing plant at DeKalb, where he has made his home for several years. Dr. Billig has been putting in some time in the auto factory learning as much of the business as possible, but he is now on the road selling auto trucks.

WILLIAM G. GREGORY

Former Resident of Genoa Passes Away at His Home in Oelwein, Iowa

Last Friday evening Joe Patterson received a message announcing the death of his uncle, William G. Gregory, at his home in Oelwein, Iowa, after a long illness of Bright's disease. Mr. Patterson left for Oelwein the next day to attend the funeral.

Mr. Gregory was born May 12, 1845, in the place now occupied by Jas. L. Brown, near the Illinois Central depot, where he grew to manhood, receiving such education as the schools of that day afforded. When the call came for recruits during the civil war he with many other comrades from Genoa answered the call, enlisting in the 8th Illinois cavalry. Some of the number are left here to cherish memory of him while a majority have answered the last roll call. On the 31st of December, 1868, he was married to Miss Margaret Sagville, and to this union two children were born, Mrs. Gertrude Davis and Guy Gregory, both of Oelwein. Mr. Gregory's first wife passed away several years ago. His second wife and son, with two daughters, one brother, Cozier, of Granada, Colo., are left to mourn the loss

of a loving husband and indulgent father.

The deceased was an uncle of Joe and Fred Patterson and Mrs. Caroline Sager of Genoa. The following are cousins: Jas. P. Brown, Wm. D. S. and C. A. Brown of Genoa, George of Sycamore, Miss Henrietta Brown, Mrs. Esther Kelley, Mrs. Abbie Patterson, Mrs. Emma Holmbeak and Mrs. Lizzie Holroyd of this city.

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N. G.

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