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ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

Subscribers failing to get their paper on time, will confer a favor by reporting same to us.

Good roads are a sign of prosperity, Christianity and civilization.

The late rains have put a smile on our people's faces that are good to look at.

There is enough water going down the North Concho today to water all its fertile valleys. Some day we will go to work and save this waste of good sky juice and put ourselves to the good with it.

If the road and bridge measure carries, it will not only give us good roads and bridges but it will put \$30,000 in the pockets of the working people of Sterling without raising your taxes one cent higher than they are now.

They say that a hundred pounds of coffee in Brazil only costs \$2.50 and that it costs about 30 cents freight to lay it down in Galveston. But by the time that it reaches here, it costs us about \$30. At this rate somebody ought to get rich.

When you vote for the road and bridge bond proposition you vote for progress and economy. If the issue carries, it will give us \$20,000 ready money for the improvement of our roads and \$10,000 with which to build bridges. Don't let anybody humbug you into the belief that the measure will raise your taxes, for it won't do it. Of course there will be those who will be against it and they will put up some sort of an argument to support their objections, but you ought to consider those counties where they are building good roads and you will find that they are not back numbers.

Commissioners Jeff Copeland, E. F. Atkinson, B. F. Roberts, and J. S. Johnston left for Colorado, Sweetwater, Abilene and other points where good roads are being built to study the road question. They will not only study the construction of roads, but will study the latest improved machinery and methods of road building. It is the intention of the court to buy a good team and an improved road grader for use on our public roads in the near future. We commend this action of our Court as most wise and economical, for if the Court is to spend our money, it is wise for the commissioners to inform themselves on the subject.

GONE AND FORGOTTEN

William Fixem Ramsey Born Politically Aug. 1, 1919; Died Politically July 27, 1912

The following was handed us by a friend:

The Socialists, Radical Prohibitionists, and politicians of Texas are in deep mourning. The death of William Fixem Ramsey has cast a gloom of sadness in the ranks of the above parties and mud slingers. With his untimely, but expected death, one of the brightest stars in the constellation of politicians and chronic office seekers has gone out. He was stricken some few weeks ago with a serious case of political fever (generally conceded to have contracted same from a too intimate association with Thomas M. Campbell) and his condition from the beginning was of such a nature that the politicians called to his bedside the physicians from all parts of the State. The physicians who responded and who prescribed (most of whom were quacks) were unable to combat the dreadful disease, but by administering opiates they were able to relieve him of his intense suffering which enabled him to pass out from this life of political strife with ease and his last words were, "Boys I hope I have done some good, I have made it possible for Sunday baseball and men and boys to secure drinks at clubs on any day in the week that they may desire." His smiling friends from Hunt County have made arrangements for

a small monument to be raised above his mortal remains with the following inscription: Here lies William Fixem Ramsey. Long may his ashes rest. He died by the vote of the people. And not by his own request.

Funeral services will be conducted at Niwot by Rev. Thomas M. Campbell and Cyclone Davis, July 30, 1912.

ACTIVE PALL BEARERS: Tom Ball, Thomas M. Campbell, S. P. Brooks, George Rankin, Cyclone Davis, and Harry Tracy.

HONORARY PALL BEARERS: J. O. Woodward, F. M. Bowen, A. D. Dunn and J. F. Gordon.

OLDEST MAN IN THE WORLD.

Austin, Texas, July 30.—Further substantiation of the report from Tuxpan, Mexico, of the death a few days ago at that place of Jose Calvario, at an age lacking 15 years of the two century mark, was contained in a letter received here from Frank L. Watson, an American mining man at Colima, Mexico. "I was at Tuxpan the day Calvario died," he writes. "I had seen the old man walking about the streets of the town many times and he was often pointed out to me as being nearly two hundred years old. So interested were the state officials in the report of the great age of the man that a special commission was appointed to investigate the claim. The records of the parish church show that he was born in 1727. He left 7,000 descendants.

"He often told his friends in a joking manner that he had the largest family of any man in the world. No one knows how many times he was married, but it is commonly reported that he married his last wife when he was past the age of 150 years and that they had several children.

"Calvario was an Aztec Indian. His rules of living were simple in fact, he observed no set rules. He ate whatever he liked and, of course, his poverty prevented him from faring very sumptuously. He was a moderate drinker of native liquors for 165 years, according to his own statement made many times to friends and his memory did not go back to the times when he began smoking the Mexican hand-made cigarettes."

SAVING THE BOYS.

Most any old girl is as good as the best of boys, and yet you hear from every pulpit, stump and rostrum in the land the cry: "Save my boy!" The statute book is full of protection and restrictions to save the boys.

For fear that the boy will get into some devilment, booze, pistols, tobacco and girls of a certain variety are supposed to be removed beyond his reach. If a man sells a boy some booze, he is in trouble right now. If he sells Freddie Adolphus a pistol, he is pinched to the limit. If he sells him a package of tobacco or cigarettes, he violates the law and commits a heinous crime for which he may be made to suffer.

If the girl of evil reputation seeks to entice Freddie Adolphus into the scarlet retreats of her ostracized home, she is informed by the minions of the law to move on or go to jail, for no matter who suffers, Freddie Adolphus must be saved at all hazards, or his dotting mamma will be warbling on the front porch, "O where is my wandering boy tonight."

No matter what Freddie Adolphus does, some one else is to blame for it. If Freddie buys a bottle of bug-juice from a bootlegger, gets drunk and raises unshirred shiel, the bootlegger is to blame for it. If Freddie buys a six-pistol and puts on a fourth of July opera, the man who sold him the pistol is responsible for the devilment—not Freddie. If Freddie Adolphus buys a package of tobacco with the picture of a gentleman cow on it and proceeds to smoke himself to death, the tobacco man did it—not Freddie. If Freddie Adolphus steals away from his dear mamma some dark night and visits the home of the red light girl and through his nasty conduct brings the blush of mortal shame to the cheeks of his mother and sisters, the girl is altogether to blame for it and not Freddie.

Thus from one blame thing to another Freddie goes on through life, never once through his teaching is he made to realize any responsibility for his acts. He is taught both by precept and practice that some one else is responsible for his evil deeds. It never occurs to the parents that

Freddie is just as much of a criminal as the bootlegger, pistol vendor, tobaccoist, or red light girl. In fact Freddie is brought up under the impression that some one else must account for all his misdeeds instead of himself, and by the time he arrives at the age of manhood, he is not fit to be a referee of the morals of a barnyard.

How would I remedy it? Why, I would remedy it in a holy minute. I would place the guilt where it belongs. I would not only punish the bootlegger, the pistol vendor, the tobacco man and red light girl, but every time I caught Freddie Adolphus doing business with any of these evil minded people, I would jerk a wet caltrops off of Freddie's trousers in such a manner that the memory thereof would be present for quite awhile when he assumed his "chair near the table when evening's home pleasures are nigh." I would repeat the performance until Freddie Adolphus lost his taste for such things and I would teach him that it was his business to keep out of devilment and let those things alone. He would never hear me shifting his faults to others, and when he became a man, he would understand me as well as himself and would feel the responsibility that is incumbent upon every unit of society.

While men are shouting "Save my boy" until their eyes bug out like a pair of goose eggs, might we not put in a good word for the girl? As was stated at the beginning, most any girl is as good as the best of boys. Girls don't drink, smoke or tote guns. She is too decent minded. She is better by nature than her brothers and deserves all the adoration we can bestow on her. But let that girl go wrong. Let her do the things which the boys do, and we had as well drown her. There is no come back for her. She is past forgiveness. Society turns its back on her. The church closes its doors against her and she is driven from home and friends to perish by the double rule of morals which we have set against her.

Let the boy go wrong—not only once, but every time opportunity presents itself, and society receives him with open arms, the church admits him with a glad song while his home is always open to his unholy presence. It is not right. It is not just. Let the boy and girl have equal rights along this line and let the girls be saved as well as the boys.

RAIN.

Wednesday night at about 9:30 it began raining here and continued slowly at intervals until 5 a. m. A homemade gauge shows a total rainfall during the night of one and a half inches. This breaks a long and distressing drouth which has prevailed here for many weeks. If followed with anything like fair showers, a bountiful crop of grass and feedstuff is assured. We learn that Colorado, Big Springs, Midland, and Garden City were all visited by a good rain.

The Glass ranch has had practically no rain this year received a liberal downpour. The swollen condition of the North Concho indicates that rain was heavy in places.

Moon Blindness.

A naval correspondent of the London Standard has written from Port of Spain, Trinidad, stating that in his travels he had come across many cases of moon blindness, caused by men sleeping with the moon shining upon them, such cases occurring principally in the tropics and the Mediterranean.

Strange to say, adds the Trinidad correspondent, men so affected can see in daylight, but cannot do so when dusk sets in. Mr. Edie further quotes from a communication made by a New Zealand correspondent to a weekly scientific journal. This correspondent was, many years ago, an apprentice on the Liverpool ship Langdale, an East India trader. "Once when the ship was between St. Helena and the line some of the crew slept on deck, fully exposed to the glare of the brilliant moon. When they awoke three of them were quite moon blind. They had to be led about at night and the ropes put into their hands.

Daffodil Poison.

The poison of the daffodil is the plant's means of defense. How effective it is may be judged by the fact that rabbits, rats and other small pests which devour hyacinths and crocuses with gusto, leave the daffodil severely alone. Nurserymen, too, will tell you that the men employed in gathering Lent lilies suffer from poisoned hands. After working a little while their hands become sore, and painful gatherings form under the finger nails and wherever the skin is broken. Despite all this, however, west country housewives brew from the flowers a decoction warranted to cure all human ailments—possible by killing the patient.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Providing that Members of the Board of Regents of the State University and Boards of Trustees and Managers of the Educational, Eleemosynary and Penal Institutions Shall Be Elected or Appointed for the Term of Six Years.

An Act proposing an amendment to Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding a new section thereto, to be entitled "Section 30a"; providing that the members of the Board of Regents of the State University, and the boards of trustees or managers of educational, eleemosynary and penal institutions of the State and such other boards as have been, or may hereafter be established by law, may be elected or appointed for terms of six (6) years, one-third of the members of said boards to be elected or appointed every two (2) years in the manner provided by law, fixing the time for holding the election, and making the appropriation therefor.

Section 1. That Article 16 of the Constitution be amended by adding a new section thereto, to be known and designated as "30a," and to read as follows: Section 30a. The Legislature may provide by law that the members of the Board of Regents of the State University and Boards of Trustees or Managers of the educational, eleemosynary, and penal institutions of the State, and such boards as have been, or may hereafter be established by law, may hold their respective offices for the term of six (6) years, one-third of the members of such boards to be elected or appointed every two (2) years in such manner as the Legislature may determine; vacancies in such offices to be filled as may be provided by law, and the Legislature may enact suitable laws to give effect to this section.

Section 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for the members of the Legislature, at the next general election to be held in this State, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall have printed or written on their ballots: "For the amendment of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, regulating the term of office of the Board of Regents of the State University, and other Boards of Trustees, or Managers, heretofore or hereafter established by law." And all voters opposed to said amendment shall have printed or written on their ballots the words: "Against the amendment of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, regulating the term of office of the Board of Regents of the State University, and other Boards of Trustees, or Managers, heretofore or hereafter established by law."

Section 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and to cause to be published as required by the law of this State.

Section 4. The sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury, otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of said proclamation, publication, and election.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Authorizing Cities of More Than 5000 Inhabitants to Adopt Their Charters by Vote of the People.

House Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5, of Article II, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for cities of more than five thousand (5000) inhabitants to adopt their charter by a vote of the people.

Section 1. That Section 5, of Article II, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows: Section 5. Cities having more than five thousand (5000) inhabitants may, by a majority vote of the qualified voters of said city, at an election held for that purpose, adopt or amend their charters, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by the Legislature, and providing that no charter or any ordinance passed under said charter shall contain any provision inconsistent with the Constitution of the State, or of the general laws enacted by the Legislature of this State; said cities may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law or by their charters; but no tax for any purpose shall ever be lawful for any one year, which shall exceed two and one-half per cent. of the taxable property of such city, and no debt shall ever be created by any city, unless at the same time provision be made to assess and collect annually a sufficient sum to pay the interest thereon and creating a sinking fund of at least two per cent thereon; and provided further, that no city charter shall be altered, amended or repealed oftener than every two years.

Section 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas at the next general election held in this State, or in case any previous election shall be held in this State for other purposes, then this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State. At such election, those favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "For amendment to section 5, Article II, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing cities of more than five thousand inhabitants to adopt their charters by a vote of the people." Those opposing said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against amendment to section 5, Article II, of the Constitution, authorizing cities of more than five thousand inhabitants to adopt their charters by a vote of the people." The sum of five thousand dollars, or so much as is necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the Treasury of the State of Texas out of moneys not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of the publication of this amendment and the proclamation for the election.

Section 1. That Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding a new section which shall be known as Section 58 and shall read as follows: Section 58. (Article XVI.) The Board of Prison Commissioners charged by law with the control and management of the State prisons, shall be composed of three members appointed by the Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate, and whose terms of office shall be six years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified; provided that the terms of office of the Board of Prison Commissioners first appointed after the adoption of this amendment shall begin on January 20th of the year following the adoption of this amendment and shall hold office as follows: One shall serve two years, one four years, and one six years. Their terms to be decided by lot after they shall have qualified, and one Prison Commissioner shall be appointed every two years thereafter. In case of a vacancy in said office the Governor of this State shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term thereof.

Section 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue and have published the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas to the qualified voters for members of the Legislature of the State of Texas at the next general election to be held in this State. All persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots "For a six year term for Prison Commissioners" and those opposed to the adoption of this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots "Against a six year term for Prison Commissioners."

Section 3. The sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of publication of the Governor's proclamation and printing this proposed amendment.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution so as to Authorize the Grant of Aid to Indigent and Disabled Soldiers and Sailors and Their Widows.

Senate Joint Resolution to amend Section 51, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize the grant of aid to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows, and to soldiers who served in the militia and in organizations for the protection of the frontier and their indigent widows, and to grant aid for the establishment and maintenance of a home for the indigent and dependent wives and widows of Confederate soldiers and sailors, and such women as aided the Confederacy, and authorize a special aid-volunteer pension tax, and making appropriations for same.

Powdering Glasses.

When capricious fashion ruled that ladies should wear only white hair—the color supplied by nature being of no importance—the operation of putting on the powder made special arrangements necessary.

These took the form of a special room or cabinet, and in every house of any pretension a small chamber was set aside for the exclusive use of powdering the hair.

A curtain divided in the middle, a powdering stand to hold the bowl of powder, and possibly a stool, were all that the clearest contained, and through this curtain the lady whose head was to be powdered protruded her head, the maid standing on the other side and "throwing" the powder at her head by means of a powder puff. To powder the eyes and complexion a mask was held to the face—Courier de Londres.

"She plays a splendid game of bridge."

"That so?"

"Yes, I don't believe she's cost her husband a dollar this year."

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Creating the Office of Prison Commissioner and Making the Term of Office of the Board of Prison Commissioners Six Years.

A Joint Resolution proposing to amend Article XVI of the State Constitution by adding thereto Section 58, creating the office of Prison Commissioner, and making the term of office of the members of the Board of Prison Commissioners six years, and making an appropriation.

Section 1. That Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section which shall be known as Section 58 and shall read as follows: Section 58. (Article XVI.) The Board of Prison Commissioners charged by law with the control and management of the State prisons, shall be composed of three members appointed by the Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate, and whose terms of office shall be six years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified; provided that the terms of office of the Board of Prison Commissioners first appointed after the adoption of this amendment shall begin on January 20th of the year following the adoption of this amendment and shall hold office as follows: One shall serve two years, one four years, and one six years. Their terms to be decided by lot after they shall have qualified, and one Prison Commissioner shall be appointed every two years thereafter. In case of a vacancy in said office the Governor of this State shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term thereof.

Section 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue and have published the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas to the qualified voters for members of the Legislature of the State of Texas at the next general election to be held in this State. All persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots "For a six year term for Prison Commissioners" and those opposed to the adoption of this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots "Against a six year term for Prison Commissioners."

Section 3. The sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of publication of the Governor's proclamation and printing this proposed amendment.

Section 1. That Section 51, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows: Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporation whatsoever; provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1861, and their widows in indigent circumstances, and who have been bona fide residents of the State of Texas since January 1, 1861, and who were married to such soldiers and sailors prior to or on January 1, 1861; to indigent and disabled soldiers and sailors who served in the militia and in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raids or Mexican marauders, and to indigent and disabled soldiers of the militia of the State of Texas who were in active service for a period of at least six months during the war between the States, and the widows of such soldiers who are in indigent circumstances, and who were married to such soldiers prior to January 1, 1861, provided that the word "widows" in the preceding lines of this section shall not apply to women born since 1861, and also to grant aid for the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, their wives and widows, and women who aided in the Confederacy, and such regulations and limitations as may be provided for by law; provided,

the Legislature may provide for the husband and wife to remain together in the home.

The Legislature shall have the power to levy and collect, in addition to all other taxes heretofore permitted by the Constitution of Texas, a State aid-volunteer tax on property not exceeding five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation for the purpose of creating a special fund for the payment of pensions for services in the Confederate Army and Navy, frontier organizations and the militia of the State of Texas, and for the widows of such soldiers serving in said armies, navies, organizations, or militia.

Section 2. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas at the next general election to be held in this State, and to cause to be published as required by the law of this State.

Section 3. The sum of \$5,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of carrying out the provisions of this resolution.

Cause and Effect.

Deacon A.—What our people need is sermons that will wake them up.

Deacon B.—No, brother; what they need is sermons that won't let 'em go to sleep.—Stray Stories.

Quot for a while.

The noise and dust of the streets are unnecessary nuisances in many places, where they now invade the work of teachers and pupils, and the school committee is justified, therefore, in asking that when pavements in the neighborhood of school buildings are to be renewed material which is easily cleaned and comparatively noiseless shall be substituted. Even in the city proper there is hardly a schoolhouse so situated that this reasonable request would be difficult of fulfillment. So long as it remains unheeded we shall continue to worry along with certain structures in which, in the hottest weather, the opening of a window involves annoyances that are almost equivalent to the torment of a hot and arid atmosphere.—Boston Transcript.

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Legs raw with itching, burning eczema

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 23, 1912.—"A friend of mine had big red blotches form all over his legs, body and arms. It was pronounced a very bad case of eczema. After two months' treatment he was suffering untold tortures, and would awake at night and find himself scratching, with hands all over blood. His legs were like a piece of raw meat, itching and burning. For two months he slept scarcely any, but would get up and walk the floor. He says he simply felt as if he were burning up. After the case had lasted six months he began the use of Resinol Soap and Ointment. He was cured, and his skin was as clear as crystal."

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His Reason.

He—Dearest—During the first dance I have with you to be sure and say some things to me.

She—Why?

He—Because you're so light, if you don't speak I will not know I have you in my arms.—Princeton Tiger.

Births in the Air.

The International Congress on Aerial Legislation, sitting at Geneva, Switzerland, is evolving a very detailed code of laws. One of its suggested paragraphs reads: "In the event of a birth occurring in an air craft the pilot is to enter the event in his log book and must notify the fact to the authorities at the first place at which he descends."

Moving Pictures Popular.

In a recent number of the Daily Consular Reports are collected memoranda from cities and towns in various distant parts of the world showing the universal quality of the popular interest which the moving pictures excite. England, Japan, Turkey, Mexico, India, Australia and the islands of the sea all have the same story to tell; wherever the cinematograph goes it finds an instant and sustained welcome.

Case of Mistaken Identity.

President Taft was out for his afternoon walk in Washington one day when a flaxen-haired little girl ran out in front of him, held up her finger, and exclaimed, in a shrill voice: "I know who you are!"

The president, thinking it not at all unusual that she should possess this information, but willing to gratify her, asked:

"Well, who am I?"

"Ah," she said teasingly, "you're Humpty Dumpty."—Popular Magazine.

Really Had Best of It.

John Burroughs is well known as one of the foremost nature writers in this country. Some time ago he visited his brother, Eden Burroughs, who lives in the Catskills, at a place called Hobart. The two brothers went for hunting together. The honor of the hunt came to Eden, who shot the only fox. So it happened that fox-skins were worth five dollars at that time, and the successful Nimrod took much pride in telling how he got the better of the sage of Slabside. Later, in boasting to a few friends about it in the presence of his brother John, he was interrupted by, "You have bragged about that fox hunt long enough. You shot the fox, sold the skin and got five dollars. I wrote a little account of the hunt, and got \$75 from the magazine which published it. So there you are!"

WELL PEOPLE TOO

Wise Doctor Gives Postum to Convalescents.

A wise doctor tries to give nature its best chance by saving the little strength of the already exhausted patient, and building up wasted energy with simple but powerful nourishment.

"Five years ago," writes a doctor "I commenced to use Postum in my own family instead of coffee." (It's a well-known fact that tea is just as injurious as coffee because it contains caffeine, the same drug found in coffee.) "I was so well pleased with the results that I had two grocers place it in stock, guaranteeing its sale."

"I then commenced to recommend it to my patients in place of coffee, as a nutritious beverage. The consequence is, every store in town is now selling it, as it has become a household necessity in many homes."

"I'm sure I prescribe Postum as often as any one remedy in the Materia Medica—in almost every case of indigestion and nervousness I treat, and with the best results."

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"In convalescence from pneumonia, typhoid fever and other cases I give it as a liquid, easily absorbed diet. You may use my letter as a reference any way you see fit." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Read "The Road to Wellville," in Pops.

"There's a reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

SOUTHERN PLUM APHIS

Trees Infested Every Year by Dark Colored Louse.

Crop is Practically Destroyed if Pest Not Subjected to Natural or Artificial Enemies—How Presence of Insect is Noted.

(OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.)

Every year, about the time that the plum trees begin to foliate, they seem to become infested with a dark colored louse which has white marked legs and antennae. This infestation generally increases in severity until the time that the young plums are about the size of a cherry. If, meantime, the aphids have not been subjected by their natural enemies, or by artificial remedies, the plum crop is practically destroyed.

The presence of these lice is often first noticed on account of the unthriftiness or "scurvy" appearance of the tree. Its new growth is distorted, the leaves are more or less corrugated and crumpled together on the ventral or lower side. The terminal bud is stunted and its growth is sometimes abruptly terminated. Many of the blossoms are often killed, and in cases where the infestation is severe early in the season, no fruit is set, since the peduncles of the blossoms become colonized to such an extent that the food material in its passage to the young plum is all withdrawn by the sucking process of the lice.

The almost sudden appearance of these innumerable "bugs" early in the spring gives rise to the question, from whence do these lice come and where do they go? In the answer to this question lies the entire seasonal history of this insect, which is as follows:

The form which begins the colonization on the plum tree in the early spring is known as the "stem mother," and hatches from an egg which was placed there the previous fall. These forms being few in number are not often observed. They are, in general appearance, however, very much like the progeny which accrues from them, except that they are more globular in shape, have shorter antennae and honey tubes, and never acquire wings. (See illustration.)

Many are produced by a single stem mother, both directly and indirectly, in a comparatively short interim of time. For instance, she can produce young at the rate of from two to five or six per day for a period of three or four weeks. These young attain their growth in a week or ten days, and so reproduce rapidly.

While colonizing on the grasses

throughout the summer season their bodies are brownish in color and the white markings on their legs and antennae are not as distinct as in colonies on the plum earlier in the season. The colonies are also much smaller and doubtless less prolific. As the fall of the year approaches, i. e., the last of October, there arises from these grass colonies a winged form known as a "migrant," which locates on the plum tree, there to again found a new colony.

The descendants of these migrants, however, differ greatly in function from their spring and summer predecessors, from the fact that they are sexual forms, and the females are oviparous instead of viviparous. From the appearance of the plum trees which have but few straggling, tough leaves at this time, it seems that colonies could not be founded on them by the migrants, but contrary to this idea, the sexes obtain sufficient food material from either side of the leaves near the midvein or from the petiole for development.

Soon after the sexes mature copulation occurs and oviposition is begun. The females, for the latter purpose, disperse, seeking more or less protected places on the tree, such as the lateral and axillary side of the lateral buds. When the oviposition period is finished, which is generally about the middle of November, no live adults can be found. Their existence then lies entirely in the egg stage until March.

The egg when first deposited is light amber colored, but soon turns to a dark, glistening appearance. It is roundish, oblong in shape, and about 24x49 mm. in size. A stage is represented by it in this insect's life cycle, which is the most vulnerable one in any period of its development.

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Child's Fear of the Dark. If mothers notice that the brains of their little ones capture up uncanny sights and thoughts from the shadows of a room more or less dark, let the light burn brightly. To force a child to become accustomed to the darkness is a grave error, if its nervous system is so organized that this forcing is productive of a fright.

The nervous system of a child is a very susceptible organization and the deleterious impressions made upon it will often make their influence felt throughout its whole after life. If the child asks for a light under such circumstances do not refuse it.

Matter of Justice. Where shall justice begin, with those who have power or with those who suffer wrong? If exact and ideal justice were done, the weak would make an effort to give to the strong all that is their due, and the strong would try to put their affairs in order so that no just cause of complaint should exist anywhere. The unhappy element in the relations of the strong and the weak is that both are thinking too much about exacting justice and not enough about doing that which is just and right. "Pay what thou owest" is the cry most often heard. "Give me that which is my due, then I will pay you what I owe."

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It's hard enough to keep house in perfect health, but a woman who is weak, tired and suffering all of the time with an aching back has a heavy burden to carry. Any woman in this condition has good cause to suspect kidney trouble, especially if the kidney action seems disordered at all. Doan's Kidney Pills have cured thousands of women suffering in this way. It is the best recommended special kidney remedy.

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Carrying It Too Far. "Scientific management, like any other good thing, may be carried to excess."

The speaker was R. Marriott Thompson, the San Francisco scientific management expert. He continued, says the New York Tribune: "We scientific managers mustn't go as far as Hussler went."

"Hussler was the proprietor of a tremendous factory where scientific management had reduced the motions of every hand from 800 to 17. Hussler attended a very fashionable wedding one day, a wedding where the ceremony was performed by a bishop assisted by a dean and a canon, and in the most impressive part of the writ, Hussler, overcome by his scientific management ideas, rushed up to the altar and pushed the bishop and canon rudely back.

"Here, boys," he said, "one's quite enough for a little job like this."

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When a couple is engaged they look at each other's virtue's with magnifying glasses, which are thrown aside on their wedding day.

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Even a homely man is apt to boast of how the women run after him.

WILLING HE SHOULD GO FAR

One Man to Have Kid Transferred, but He May Have Had a Grouch.

"What do you think of this scheme of having the countries exchange children?" asked the Sewickley man.

"I don't think anything about it," said the Wilkinsburg man. "What is the idea?"

"An English family, for instance, exchanges children for a couple of years with a German family. References are first exchanged, and all sorts of things."

"I see."

"Thus both sets of children get a chance to learn another language and get acquainted with another country. It's quite a scheme."

"It's an elegant scheme," declared the Wilkinsburg man. "My neighbors have a kid that I would like to see exchanged with some family in Siberia."

Mother's Lingual Attainment. The mother of a little boy in Kansas City, Kan., recites negro dialect stories charmingly. Her small son is quite proud of her accomplishment and frequently boasts of it. One day recently, when some of his playmates were vaunting the achievements of their several mothers, the little boy braggingly remarked:

"My mother is smarter than any of yours; she can talk two languages."

"What are they?" demanded his companions. "White and colored."

Instinctive. "So you took your wife to the baseball game?" "Yes," replied Mr. Meekton. "Did she enjoy it?"

"Only part of it. She thought they wasted a great deal of time running around the lot, but she thought the arguments with the umpire were quite interesting."—Washington Star.

Job Not Satisfactory. "I'm a self-made man," said the proud individual. "Well, you are all right except as to your head," commented the listener. "How's that?"

"The part you talk with is too big for the part you think with."

In a woman's eye the most attractive thing about a man is her ability to attract him.

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POPULAR SYMBOL OF VALUE

Young Man Evidently Was Lacking in His Appreciation of the Country's Statesmen.

There is plenty of food for cynical thoughts in the national capital, as is shown by the following incident which happened on a Washington street car.

A worldly young man, prone to criticize, was gazing at the advertisements which decorate the interior of the car. One advertised a new kind of collar for men. The dome of the capitol was represented encircled by one of the collars, and on the senate and house wings of the building were placards giving prices and sizes. The placard on the senate end of the capitol read, "Quarter size," and that on the other end said, "Two for a quarter."

The worldly cynical young man turned to his companion.

"That," he remarked, "just about expresses my opinion of some of these here congressmen."

Fitting Crime. He—I know who egged you on to this. She—Who egged me on? He—That old hen.

BAD CASE OF HEMORRHOIDS

Okalona, Ark.—"I had a bad case of itching and burning piles, and tried many remedies without relief. I could not sleep nor rest at night. The affected parts were irritated, also inflamed, and my family physician said I would have to undergo an operation."

"I bathed good with Cuticura Soap in pure water about fifteen minutes, then I applied the Cuticura Ointment. I did this four times a day for two weeks, then three times a day for another week, and in the space of three weeks I was cured sound and well. One box of Cuticura Ointment with Cuticura Soap cured my case of piles of six years' standing. When I commenced to use the Cuticura Soap and the Cuticura Ointment, I only weighed one hundred and twenty-eight pounds. Now I weigh one hundred and eighty-eight pounds." (Signed) Floyd Welch, Dec. 11, 1911.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston."

Two Epigrams. The apple of many a young man's eye is a peach. Harping on a subject will more often suggest a harpy than a harpist.—Lippincott's.

As to Kissing. Jack—Do you believe there's microbes in kisses? Gwen—You can search me.

A great majority of summer ills are due to Malaria in suppressed form. Lassitude and headaches are but two symptoms. OXIDINE eradicates the Malaria germ and tones up the entire system.

In the Hotel Lobby. Mary—That tall man has been divorced five times. Alice—Goodness! Who is he? Mary—He's the man who invented the safety match.

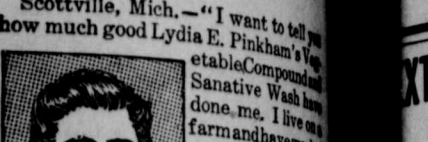
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Lots of people are more anxious to pay their social obligations than their debts.

MOTHER OF LARGE FAMILY

Tells How She Keeps Her Health—Happiness For Those Who Take Her Advice.

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"I will say also that I think there is no better medicine to be found for young girls. My eldest daughter has taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for painful periods and irregularity, and it has helped her."

"I am always ready and willing to speak a good word for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I tell every one I meet that I owe my health and happiness to your wonderful medicine."—Mrs. J. G. JOHNSON, Scottville, Mich., R.F.D. 3.

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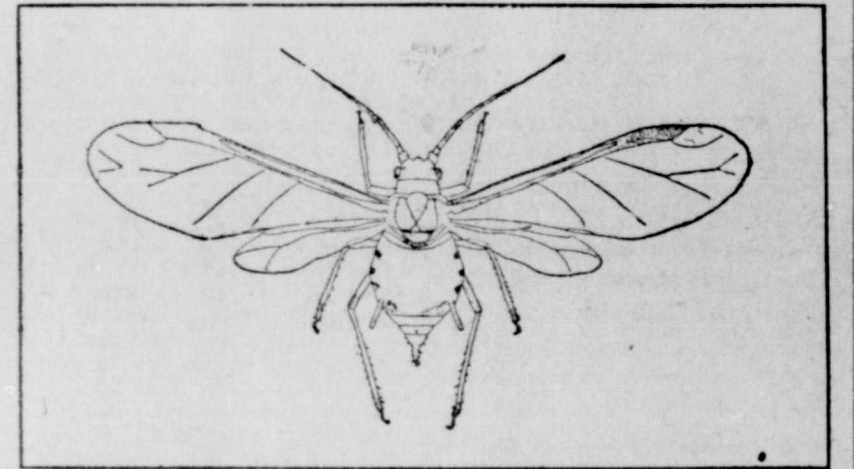
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As a saving of freight by compressing to almost one-fourth of its original size, comes one of the advantages. Those accustomed to buying fodder will appreciate the cheapness of the tubers.

The potatoes are crushed and all possible moisture removed by both mechanical and atmospheric pressure. They are then passed to the drier, a cylindrical chamber with a revolving drum in ten divisions.

As it passes through these successively, a pronged axle crumbles the dried cakes into grains and the finished product is a sort of meal. It is said to resemble fresh bread in odor and taste.

From the liquor removed pure albumen is obtained, so there is really little waste beside placing it in a convenient form and safe from rot.

Profit in Skim-Milk. A man who has made a decided success in swine husbandry in a large way said before a recent farmers' institute that the man who has plenty of skim-milk for his hogs will make a profit if any one can on 60 cent. corn.

Many Colts Lost. Many colts die of navel disease contracted at foaling time. Tie the cord tightly with silk string and cut away the portion below the tie. Wet the rest for a few days with a disinfectant.

Making Denatured Alcohol. The United States department of agriculture has issued a bulletin on the subject of alcohol production from culled potatoes. Denatured alcohol is being extracted from potatoes in other countries.

Excellent for Posts. Black locust is an excellent tree to grow for posts. But it is attacked by the borer in some localities.

Orchard Cover Crops. A number of different plants are used for cover crops in the United States, the most popular being rye, clover or grass, for winter covering, and oats, beans, peas and vetch for summer growth, says the Country Gentleman. Alfalfa is always included with clover. Whether open cultivation, sod or other covers are best for fruit trees of all kinds in all localities has not yet been settled.

There are nearly as many opinions as localities. Some of the most careful tests have been favorable to the sod, while others have demonstrated that loose cover crops, like oats or buckwheat, may be best, and still others favor continued cultivation during the summer months of all the soil between fruit trees. Some orchardists cut the crops both for green food and for hay.

Nothing pays better when handling hay than to store it properly. Especially should clover be spread evenly when delivered from the fork or sling. Allowed to accumulate as dropped, it is almost impossible not to have the hay mold, for moisture will then be forced to the surface by heating, and this causes mold before it evaporates. Hence, an extra head in the mow means sometimes the difference between good and indifferent hay.

COMMON RAT OF SOME VALUE

Quarter of a Million Dollars' Worth of Skins Shipped From Calcutta to England.

No new method of utilizing waste products will be more warmly welcomed than that rat skins have been found of value. The consul at Calcutta states that the traffic from that city to Great-Britain already amounts to about a quarter of a million dollars annually, the skins being adapted to many purposes, such as the manufacture of gloves and purses and book binding.

We would be only too glad to see such an industry started in our own country, the value of the skins being small in comparison to the value to farmers in getting rid of the rats. For where there is a commercial incentive, the hunting of this pest will be much more persistently made by a certain class.

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