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**HUMPHREY & SLEDGE**  
HARDWARE

**You Irrigation Men and Alfalfa Raisers, Fruit Tree Folks and Gardeners, why not fence your fields with Union Fence before the rabbits entirely destroy the results of your year's labor.**

**HUMPHREY & SLEDGE**  
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## SUFFICIENT LAND IS SIGNED UP

### To Insure Going Ahead With the Sugar Factory.

The report now is that the beet sugar factory is just as good as cinched, and that something in the neighborhood of twenty thousand acres have been signed up. Mr. and Mrs. MounDay, F. E. Chapman and Will Faggard left Wednesday morning in Mr. MounDay's auto bound for Melrose, Tolar and Tajban to finish signing up a lot of land in that part of the country. They are expected back here Friday night. We understand that Mr. MounDay expects to leave Saturday for Topeka, Kansas, to attend a meeting of the board of directors of his company at that place on the 15th. As far as we can learn it is deemed that sufficient contracts have been signed up so that Mr. MounDay will continue to push the enterprise, and most everybody think the sugar mill is a sure thing for Portales.

## Equipment for National Guards.

The uniforms, guns, swords, leggins, hats, pistols and ammunition for the Portales company of National Guards arrived this week and have been installed in the Armory which is now ready for the occupancy by the Portales soldiers. We hope to soon see the soldiers out in uniform on dress parade. The Armory is being very nicely fixed up, it is cleared out so the original building is all one large room for drill purposes, the floor having been mostly made new and the building will be papered on the inside. Lockers are also to be built on each side of the room.

## C. O. Leach Reappointed Postmaster

Notice was received the latter part of last week from Washington that Charles O. Leach had been reappointed postmaster at Portales by the president. The papers stated there were other applicants but Mr. Leach's record had been good and he was worthy of reappointment. Mr. Leach certainly has made a good postmaster, and has been faithful and courteous in the discharge of his duties. He has received many congratulations from his friends on his reappointment.

## Bear Grass Being Harvested.

Quite a number of people are now cutting bear grass around Portales and the indications are that inside of sixty days twenty-five or thirty car loads of this product will be shipped out from Portales. This will bring about \$2,500 into the pockets of the laboring men and will help considerably in buying the winter's supply of food, clothing and fuel to the comparatively small number of men who are working at it. The bear grass that was cut on the Yoakum place has all been split and is now drying out getting ready to be baled. J. E. Deen took charge of this bear grass and employed men to split it so it would dry out, and as soon as it is ready he will have it marketed. The bear grass that was cut on the Yoakum place is estimated all the way from fifty to one hundred and fifty tons. Besides this Mr. Deen has about fifty tons cut on other land.

Will Adams, who used to be a painter in Portales, has gone into the business and has secured the grass on the McMinn place west of town. He has several hands out there at work and has several car loads already cut and is still at work. J. S. Yates and Earl Landers are cutting on their land east of town. J. W. Graves, Sam Hukel and Jacob Schweikhard are cutting in the Bethel neighborhood. A. J. Smith has some hands cutting on his land near town and some others in that neighborhood are also cutting this product. S. L. Ison, who lives near the old D Z headquarters southeast of town, has the grass cut on forty or forty-five acres of ground. W. G. Bussey and several others are cutting near Floyd, and the Holland Brothers of Rodgers are going to commence.

We believe when people get started at this work they will find they can make very good wages, and in the future there will be lots of bear grass cut and marketed at Portales. Some believe that in the no far distant future it will be cultivated. If it could be got into rows and a good stand, by cultivation it would grow bigger, and then probably some machine could be

## New Mexico Now a Sovereign State



### Final Statehood Proclamation Signed by President Taft Saturday, January 6th, Bringing the Forty-Seventh State Into the Union.

The last act to make New Mexico a sovereign state of the Union was consummated last Saturday, January 6, 1912, at 1:35 p. m., when President Taft signed the final proclamation. It was reported the day before that there would likely be a delay in issuing this proclamation on account of some litigation pending regarding cutting timber from public lands in which the United States was a party, but this matter was adjusted. The proclamation was signed in duplicate, one set to be kept in Washington and the other set to be preserved by the New Mexico Historical society.

The inauguration of W. C. McDonald as the first governor of the State of New Mexico, and the other state officers, has been set for next Monday, January 15th. Preparation has been made to make this quite an elaborate affair, and tickets for the inaugural ball will be \$10 each. The quaint old town of Santa Fe expects to fittingly entertain a large number of people from all parts of the state and from other states on this occasion.

As to the county officers it seems to be a little uncertain just what is the proper date for the new officers to take their seat. Sheriff Bain, having other matters to engage his attention was willing to give up the office as soon as possible, so his successor, George Deen, took charge of the sheriff's office Monday. All the county officers have had their bond approved and filed except two of the county commissioners. It has been taken as proper, as the state officers are to take their seat next Monday that will be the proper day for the new county officers to take their seat. As "Uncle Josh" Morrison left Wednesday for Santa Fe he turned the office of tax assessor over to his successor, J. E. McCall that morning.

Previous to statehood New Mexico has had 100 governors as a principality of Mexico and Spain and a territory of the United States. It has been a territory since March, 1851, although it was declared United States territory by Gen. Kearney in a proclamation issued at Santa Fe, August 1, 1846. A part of what is now New Mexico had already come into the Union with the admission of Texas in 1845. Almost all the rest of the new state came into the Union as American territory February 2, 1848, following the Mexican war when Mexico ceded all of Arizona and what is now the western part of New Mexico.

devised to do the cutting so it could be harvested more easily. It would certainly be a sure crop and a drouth resister, and if the market price would increase a little it would be about as valuable as alfalfa. Even if it dont bring as much as alfalfa it certainly grows without irrigation.

## The Weather in New Mexico.

While the north and east has been in the throes of blizzards lately and the thermometer has been reported down to twenty degrees below, Portales has been having some winter weather but it has not got down to zero yet this year. Mr. Connally, our local weather observer, says the coldest recorded this year is two degrees above, which was a couple weeks ago. Last Saturday morning was nearly as cold, being four degrees above zero.

W. M. Bruce and daughter, Miss Maud, left Tuesday for Oklahoma where they will visit relatives. Mr. Bruce will go to Houston and other points in Texas before returning.

## Art Exhibit.

Be sure and see the splendid collection of pictures on exhibition at the Commercial club rooms, January 16 to 21, admission ten cents, season ticket twenty five cents. Mrs. E. P. Alldredge and Mrs. W. O. Oldham at at different times during this exhibition deliver lectures which will be worth more than the sum charged for a season ticket.

Dr. Bailey and Joe Sherman of Tajban and J. H. Latham of Tolar arrived Wednesday, on business. They are looking after matters relative to the possibility of forming a new county out of the northwest part of Roosevelt county and parts of Guadalupe and Chaves counties at the coming session of the state legislature. Fort Sumner will make an effort to get a county seat and likewise other towns on the cut-off in this country.

Married, Mr. Ray C. Shartran and Miss Lillian Stuckey, both of Clovis, by Judge H. F. Jones at the court house Monday morning. This couple came from Clovis on the local early Monday morning and returned on the regular passenger train.

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

### Ask Assistance of Citizens Regarding Sewer Connections.

A mass meeting was held at the Commercial club rooms Monday forenoon to consider matters concerning the town sewer system. The Public Service company, which is running the town plant under lease, are not satisfied as the town has not performed its part of the contract in the way of taking the sewer service, and they claim their revenue for the operation of the plant is not meeting the expense of operation. This is a question that has been brought before the board of town trustees several times and owing to conflicting opinions, the question of law, the lack of means on the part of the people and the question of determining the best method of procedure, the board so far has not taken action in the matter.

The meeting at the Commercial club was called to order by A. T. Monroe, secretary of the club, and W. E. Lindsey was elected chairman, and W. I. Luikart was elected secretary of the meeting. Attorney T. E. Mears spoke at some length reciting the facts of the installment of the town light, water works and sewer systems and the making of the lease of the plant. He called attention to the fact that the plant has been run in good shape, with no delays or accidents, and that the plant is being kept up, being practically in as good shape as it was when started. He explained in behalf of the Public Service company that it could not continue as at present and run the plant at a loss. If the town would enforce the sewer connection it would mean an additional revenue for the company that would meet this deficiency.

Mr. T. G. Lomax next made a statement in behalf of the Public

Service company. He is manager for this company which was organized at Portales with a capital stock of \$3,000 and several of the business men of town are stockholders. He explained that his company had to go to considerable expense in making some changes before the plant could be started and this consumed their capital stock. He told what was the expense of operation and the income of the plant. This varied from month to month somewhat, and we did not take down the exact figures but the cost of operation was a little over \$300 per month and the revenue derived from running the plant was \$25 or more less than that amount. He showed by comparing the cost of operating this plant with published reports of the operation of other similar plants that he evidently has the operation cost reduced to a minimum.

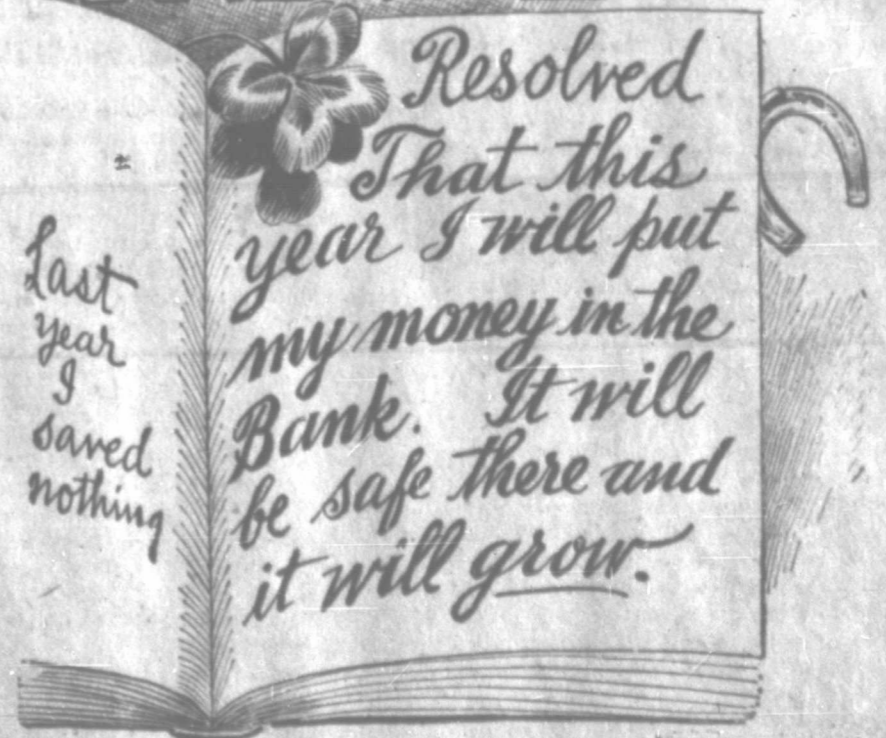
Several citizens of the town expressed their opinion on the matter and all were in favor of devising some plan by which the revenue for the Public Service company could be increased. A motion was made to adjourn till 2 p. m. which carried. At the meeting in the afternoon the matter was further discussed, and a motion was passed to appoint a committee to confer with the board of town trustees and try and devise ways and means to relieve the situation. The committee appointed consisted of N. Connally, H. F. Jones, T. G. Lomax, Q. A. Kaune and A. T. Monroe.

In addition to the statements above, it was shown that there are only twenty-two sewer connections at the present time in Portales, when there ought to be one hundred and fifty. In the opinion of the Times, the people of Portales should take sufficient interest in the sanitary condition of their town and the public welfare to put in their sewer connections without further ado. They should not wait to be forced to do this by the town board.

G. M. Williamson, President. T. E. Mears, Vice-President.  
A. F. Jones, Cashier.

Directors—G. M. Williamson, T. E. Mears, A. F. Jones,  
R. M. Sanders, C. V. Harris

## A NEW LEAF



PETER COOPER, who when yet alive, gave \$630,000 to found Cooper Union in New York City, earned only \$25 a year for the first two years he was in that city. He was an apprentice to a coachmaker. He SAVED \$20 the first year and put it in the bank. Make OUR Bank YOUR Bank. We pay interest on time deposits.

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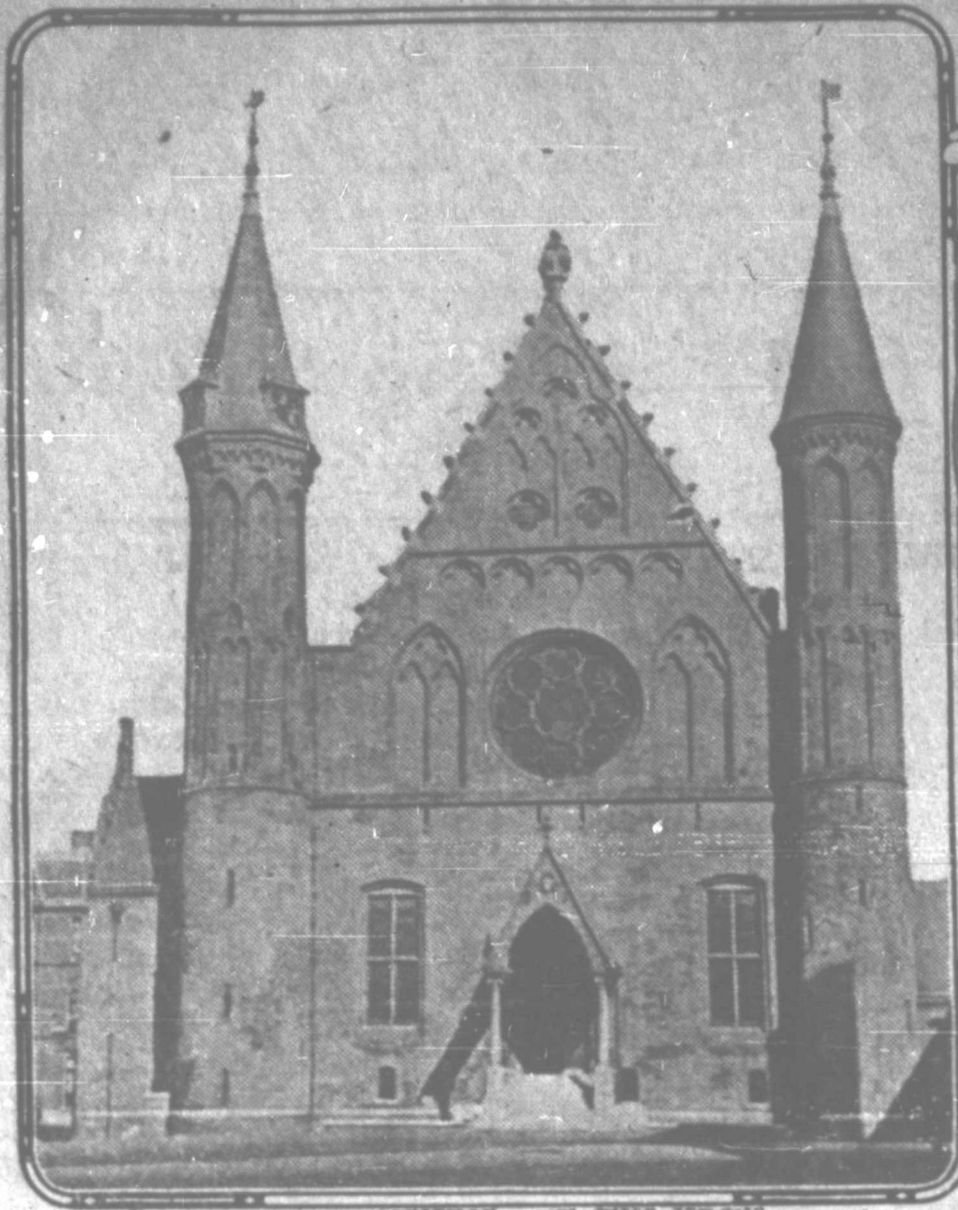
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**OPIUM CONFERENCE AT THE HAGUE**



THE BINNENHOF AT THE HAGUE



DR. YEN

To study means to regulate the opium traffic, the international conference for the suppression of the trade has just met at The Hague, with the American government well represented. The conference will try to complete the work begun at Shanghai in 1909, all delegates having power from their governments to make agreements as to opium regulations. Dr. Yen represents the Chinese government.

The Americans at the conference are Dr. Hamilton Wright, state department; Bishop Brent of the Philippine Islands, H. J. Finger of California, and F. I. Hundekoper and Wallace J. Young. The sessions are held in the Binnenhof.

**BOY HOLDS RECORD**

Six-Year-Old Child Climbs a Stack 250 Feet in Air.

Follows in Footsteps of Forefathers and Helps His Parent Win Wager From His Fellow Steeple-Jack.

New York—Six years old, and a steeple-jack!

It was born in Danny Klein, son of William Klein, of Hays street, Newark. His father and grandfather and great-grandfathers followed that line of work, and it is only natural that Danny should take to dizzy heights. When he went to the top of the Gorham laundry in Newark the other day and swung there, 250 feet from the ground, while his little hand plied a paint brush, he earned the title of the youngest steeple-jack in the world.

His going up the stack, however, was the result of a wager between his father and Thomas Breen, a brother "jack." They were talking about the steeples they had climbed, the stacks they had been up, the heights they had surmounted, and how many years they had been in the business.

Klein boasted that his father and his grandfather before him had been steeple-jacks, and that his father went into the work when he was six years old. "I don't believe it," said Breen, candidly. "There ain't any kid of six that's going to go to the top of a stack or anything else."

"There ain't, ain't there?" inquired Klein. "I've got a six-year-old kid that will go up any stack you name. I've got \$25 says so."

"You're on," responded Breen, and the men immediately began making arrangements for little Danny to get up in the world. The agreement was that the youngster was to be securely fastened in the swing and be hauled to the top of the Gorham laundry stack, which towers 250 feet above the ground.

The Newark police were not taken into the confidence of Klein and Breen, for they have a habit of interfering with such ventures. Little Danny, smiling and proud, seated himself in the chair and was carefully strapped in. A minute later he was dangling against the side of the stack, going steadily upward and "fending" with his toes, as his father taught him to do, to keep away from the scorching metal, for there was heat in the stack.

Half way up the hoisters halted and his father called up to the youngster to learn how he was feeling. "Fine, dad," came down the answer. "How's the weather down there?"

Up and up he went until he reached the very top. He dipped his brush in his paint bucket and went to work like a veteran. Breen looked on in stricken silence for a minute and then said: "The money's yours, Klein. It's worth that much to see that a kid can do it. But it's born in him."

A great crowd gathered to watch the juvenile steeple-jack, and when he was finally lowered to the ground again there was a rush of women to hug him and men to shake his hand and congratulations poured in on him and on the father of "such a plucky lad."

"How did you like it?" inquired one of the little fellow.

"Bully," was the prompt reply. "Dad didn't look any bigger's me when I was up there."

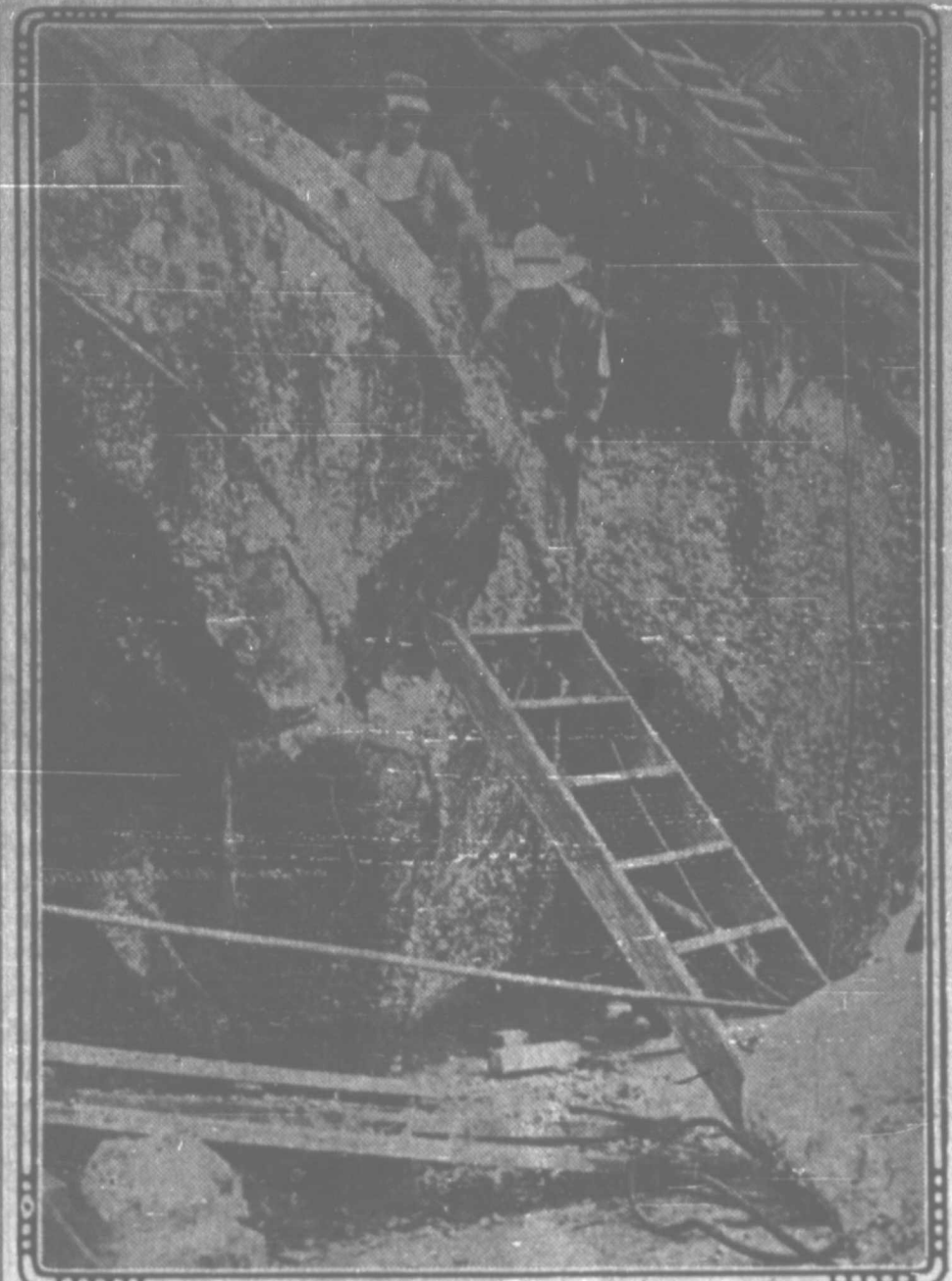
Engine on Rampage.

Lowell, Mass.—Through a strange freak, Boston & Maine engine 1,339 ran amuck, wandered out of the round-house by itself, threw another locomotive from the track and then reversed itself, backed into the round-house and right through a brick rear wall, finally landing on its back in a brook.

Woman as Horse thief.

Boise, Idaho—Marion Kirkpatrick, a young woman of twenty-two, is under arrest on the charge of being a daring and successful horse thief.

**USING THE GAS-TORCH ON THE MAINE**



THE BATTLESHIP COVERED HULL

In the work of cutting up the remains of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor the oxyacetylene gas-torch is being used very effectively. With this device the tangled wreckage is quickly cleared away and openings are easily cut through steel plates.

**CLERK DUPES MANY**

Berlin Youth Loses Cash for Later Profits.

Housewives Were First Victims in "Cheap Living Scheme"—Small Capitalists His Prey—Also Lived Double Life.

Berlin—Hans Miller, a copying clerk in the law courts at \$7.50 a week, has discovered a new high road to fortune, his progress along which has, however, been suddenly stopped by the police. To moneyed acquaintances he told a tale of a friendly high official in the patent office, through whose mediation he was able to do profitable business in the exploitation of marketable inventions.

His stories were supported by plausible manners, remarkable readiness in lying, and a number of ingenious expedients. For instance, he was wont to inform the wives of his intended victims that through some mysterious association of which he was a member he was able to purchase provisions at specially advantageous rates.

If they expressed a desire to share in these benefits he would buy the goods asked for at current rates, pass them on to the delighted housewives at a fraction of the same, and for the time being defray the difference out of his own pocket.

He was also profuse with opera and theater tickets, which he professed to obtain by virtue of his high connection, but which he really bought at the box office, like any ordinary mortal.

By such devices he won the confidence of small capitalists and induced them to intrust him with money for his patent transactions. Their first investments were always prepaid with handsome profits, which increased their avarice, their confidence and their speculations.

This system of Muller proved enormously remunerative, for his takings from it, so far as discovered, amounted to \$100,000 in a year. When he was arrested he had \$25,000 on his person.

A curious feature of the case is that while in the circle of his victims he was under an assumed name, boasting of his important connections, and spending money right and left, and at the same time was living with his mother and sister the careful and modest life of a copying clerk.

CARRIES CELESTIAL ON BACK

So-Called King of Border Smugglers Arraigned at El Paso, Tex., on Serious Charge.

El Paso, Tex.—Thomas Montes, a Mexican known as the king of Chinese smugglers on the border, was arraigned before the United States commissioner on a charge of smuggling Chinese into the United States from Juarez. Montes was captured in the middle of the Rio Grande with a Chinaman complacently mounted upon his back.

Wild Geese in Thousands.

Eltopia, Wash.—Wild geese by the thousands are now coming up from the Columbia river to feed on the stubble and wheat fields.

**POLICE HELP POOR**

Organization Started by London Officers Aided by Cadets.

Will Extend Imperial Service Corps, Now Two Years Old, Which Takes Children in Hand and Helps Necessity.

London—From Brighton town hall an influentially signed appeal has just been issued for funds to extend the imperial service cadet corps, an organization whose origin is bound up with the remarkable and romantic career of the Brighton police scheme for clothing destitute children.

The cadet corps is only two years old, the police charity nearly eight. The story of the latter is one of the most bracing human narratives which could be placed before the public. The police of Brighton have worked the charity themselves, taking note of the destitute children in the streets, visiting their homes to make inquiries and fitting them out with new clothes on certain days when the children attended at the building which had been acquired for a wardrobe.

The public supported the scheme well, the police grew increasingly keen as they saw its good results and the progress of the movement has been such that according to the last annual report 339 boys and 296 girls were clothed in the year 1909-10.

In course of their inquiries the police found that many young girls who were desirous of entering domestic service could not do so because they had no suitable clothes. The same report states that forty-three girls were supplied with complete outfits for entering service, and that the policemen's wives, having formed themselves into a working class at the police institute, made 295 garments.

The question of discipline and employment for the growing lads arose and led to the formation of the Imperial Service Cadet corps by the chief

constable, who is lieutenant colonel of the corps. As stated in the appeal referred to, it aims not only "at taking the boy in hand when he leaves school and helping him in co-operation with the labor exchanges to find employment, but continuing his education in at least some of those habits and industries which the state has already taught him."

King Edward was greatly interested in the movement, and on Feb. 12, 1910, while on a visit to Brighton, he paid a call at the Central police station, Town hall, inspected a number of the lads and the clothing and boots prepared for them, and had the whole scheme explained to him by Lieutenant Colonel Gentle. Afterwards his majesty said: "I have been deeply interested and touched by what I have seen and heard. I think this work a most excellent one. I heartily congratulate you and your committee and wish you continued success."

The cadet corps has now been recognized by the war office as part

of the territorial force. It numbers 250 boys under the direction of 15 officers.

Lieutenant Colonel Gentle says that the police of Brighton are extremely happy in their work for the children, and that the latter grow up to know, respect and even love the police. The scheme has also promoted a better understanding between the police and the public.

The police believe that the cadet corps helping the boy "when the time comes for him to become a wage earner," will not only prevent juvenile crime and exterminate the tramp, but will help to prevent people getting into a state of acute destitution.

The immediate object of the appeal is for funds to erect suitable headquarters for the corps at Brighton. A free site in a central situation has been offered by C. R. Scrase-Dickins, and the building, with its furniture and fittings, will cost £2,000.

Indian as Co-Respondent

Bridgeport, Conn.—Walter Ferguson, Jr. of Stamford, was granted a decree of divorce in the Superior court here by Judge Howard J. Curtis. George Graham, a half-breed Indian guide, was named as the co-respondent. Mrs. Ferguson's cross suit on the ground of cruelty and her application for alimony were denied. Mr. Ferguson is a wealthy manufacturer. Mrs. Ferguson comes from a prominent Philadelphia family. Trips into the Maine woods with the guide as Mrs. Ferguson's companion, furnished the basis for her husband's suit.

Walter Ferguson, Jr., is wealthy and has a handsome home at Strawberry

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Wealthy New Yorker Objected to Wife's Trip into Mountain With Red Skin.

Hill, Stamford. He is in business in New York, where Mrs. Ferguson has been living for sometime. The latter is well known in Philadelphia. Her father is a distiller.

Many stories of a sensational nature helped to enliven the trial, which began at Bridgeport on October 26. Mrs. Ferguson admitted that she was a great admirer of the big, handsome guide, but insisted on the witness stand nevertheless that her husband was the only man she ever really loved. She testified that the fact that Graham was a half-breed Indian only increased her interest in him.

Mrs. Ferguson on the witness stand admitted having bought a pair of gold suspender buckles and a pair of gold garter buckles for the guide, as well as silk shirts and pajamas.

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Wife's Trip into Mountain With Red Skin.

THIS NEGRO TURNS WHITE

Strange Case at Chillicothe, Mo., is to be Reported to National Medical Society.

Chillicothe, Mo.—The case of a negro who turned white is to be reported to the National Medical society with the hope that something may be learned of the peculiar skin disease which has baffled physicians of northwest Missouri for several years.

The negro, who is dead here, was Dudley Payne, coal black and typically African in feature. He came to Chillicothe three years ago. After he had been here a few months he began to turn white in spots. The spots at first appeared on his hands and later spread to the upper part of his body. The change came gradually. At the time of his death Payne's face and the upper part of his body were as white as those of any Caucasian.

**DOG SAVES LIVES, IS SHOT**

Remarkable Illustration of the Fortitudes That Are Never Relaxed in England.

London.—It is no uncommon thing for a dog to save human life, but the case of a dog who saved three persons from being burned to death in a fire at Egham, a village not twenty miles from London, the other day, and that of the dog that had to pay the penalty of death after being rescued from a sinking ship, owing to the amazing English quarantine regulations, serves as a contrast between canine and human kindness.

A Norwegian sailing ship was driven on the rocks at the Lizard. The crew were taken off by means of the rocket apparatus, when suddenly the captain discovered his dog had been left behind. At great risk and amid

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cheers the dog, which was a great favorite with the sailors, was rescued. Then fresh trouble arose.

The quarantine regulations had to be complied with. No dog could be landed on the shores of England without the board of trade certificate, and there was no provision for quarantine at the Lizard. Without the necessary permit the captain had broken the law by bringing his dog ashore, and the poor dog, which had been born and lived all its life on board his master's ship, was shot.

English soil, however, provided the little alien with a grave.

**SOCIETY MAN WEDS NURSE**

A. Cortlandt Van Rensselaer of Stockbridge, Mass., Marries Miss Mabel Watts at Pittsfield.

Pittsfield, Mass.—A Cortlandt Van Rensselaer, a member of the Van Rensselaer family of New York city, was married in this city to Miss Mabel Louise Watts, a trained nurse, of North Adams.

The wedding is the culmination of a romance which began early last summer when Miss Watts was called to Fair Acres, the Van Rensselaer home at Stockbridge, to nurse the groom during a severe illness. While Mr. Van Rensselaer was convalescing he rented a furnished house in this city and Miss Watts remained with him until his complete recovery. Then he proposed to her, according to their friends, and was accepted.

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London.—A dispatch from British Central Africa says that Paul Rainey, the American sportsman, with R. B. Wooman, a game ranger, last Saturday killed twenty-seven lions in the game preserve near Kapiti and a number of others outside the closed area.

The hunters employed Mr. Rainey's pack of Russian bear hounds to find and round up the quarry.

Gets Pay for Maj. De Mer.

Chicago, Ill.—A jury in the United States District court awarded \$11,000 damages to Miss Birdie Lynch for injuries she received on one of the company's steamers during an attack of sea sickness.

**MOTHER FIGHTS WITH CAT**

Williamsburg, N. Y., Woman Found Animal Inhaling Her Baby's Breath.

New York—Mrs. Mary Murass, of Williamsburg, was attacked by a big Maltese cat, which suddenly went wild and was severely bitten and scratched before a policeman went to her aid, and, after knocking out the vicious animal with his club, ended its nine lives with chloroform.

Mrs. Murass has four small children, the youngest ten months old. Some four months ago the cat jumped through a window and proceeded to make itself at home, soon becoming a favorite with the children. It was peaceful until a few days ago, when Mrs. Murass noticed it was continually wandering about the house with its eyes glittering strangely.

The youngest Murass child lay sleeping in its crib until the mother heard a faint cry and discovered the cat lying across the child inhaling its breath. Mrs. Murass got a broom and tried to beat off the cat. It thereupon sprang fiercely at her, fixing its teeth in her right shoulder and chewing savagely.

The woman tried with her left hand to free herself, but the cat bit that hand and continued clawing. Mrs. Murass' screams were heard by the policeman, who clubbed the cat till it released its hold. The woman was assisted to a drug store and her wounds cauterized.

The carcass of the cat will be subjected to examination for possible symptoms of rabies.

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Child Hugs Horse's Legs.

St. Louis—Billy, four-year-old son of William Black of Alton, was thrilled to see a horse in his father's yard. At first the big animal's iron-shod hoofs, flowing mane and flashing eyes frightened the boy. But he gathered courage to approach and then stroked the glossy hide. Finally the child flung his arms about the horse's hind leg.

The animal kicked and Billy alighted unhurt 40 feet away.

The horse galloped to where the boy lay, but the lad's father ran to the rescue and drove the animal off.

**FUR SALES TOTAL MILLIONS**

Trappers and Hunters Make \$2,000,000 on Skins of Wild Animals in Wisconsin.

Madison, Wis.—That trapping of fur-bearing animals is still an industry of much magnitude in Wisconsin is gathered from figures of the state fish and game department. Two million dollars annually represent the sales of pelts.

Seven hundred and fifty thousand muskrats, it is estimated, are trapped in a year, and at 45 cents per "rat" are worth \$337,500. Three hundred thousand skunk skins a year are sold for an average of \$1.50, or a total of \$450,000. One hundred thousand mink are caught annually. These are worth on an average \$4.50 each, or a total of \$450,000.

It is estimated that other fur-bearing animals bring the hunters and trappers at least \$100,000.

**FORTUNE GONE; IS WAITER**

Man Found in New York Dance Hall Was Traced Around the World.

New York.—How a man spent an inheritance of \$50,000, then disappeared and was traced almost around the world was told in the unexpected divorce action of Mrs. Hazel W. R. Ash against Frank Ash, Jr. The case was before Justice Stapleton in the supreme court in Brooklyn. The plaintiff, it was testified, disappeared two years ago and was found in a Chicago dance hall, where, upon arrival, it was asserted, he employed as a waiter.

**LAZY FATHER SENT TO JAIL**

Californian to Work Two Years for County—Money Earned to Be Paid Family.

Sacramento, Cal.—Edward Westlake was sentenced to two years confinement in the county jail by Superior Judge Hayes as a "lazy" father. The sheriff was ordered to put Westlake at work on public roads. The law under which Westlake was sentenced provides that a husband or father who fails to provide for his family shall, upon conviction, be put at work for the county and paid \$1.50 a day, the money to be paid over to his family.

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Grief for Good Samaritan.

Chicago.—Alexander Di Giacomo, a tailor, acted the part of the good Samaritan by paying the bill for lunch for three strangers. They got him outside, shot him down and stole his bankroll.



## Practical Blouse



Photographed by Underwood & Underwood, N. Y.

No pins, no buttons, no hooks and eyes are needed to adjust this little silk waist. You merely slip the arms into the sleeves, cross the fronts, bring ties around to side, and "there you are." The great popularity of this blouse has grown from its easy adjustment and from the fact that it requires so little packing for the week-end trip.

### APPROPRIATE FOR THE NECK BEST COLOR FOR CURTAINS

Pretty Things That Have Been Given the Sanction of Best-Dressed Parisian Women.

The jabots, plisses and rabats are more important than ever in the decoration of separate blouses and bodies of one-piece frocks. Here are some notes taken at a showing in one of the well-known lingerie shops not far from Paquin's.

The larger the better. This seems to be the rule for fashioning frills of either lace or linen.

One-sided effects predominate. A central strip of lace, tucked material or embroidery is flanked on one side by an immense frill. Beading, eyelet embroidery, lace, heavy and fine, may be used at the line of junction, and ball fringe has made its appearance on some novelties.

Platings of net are edged with lace motifs in heavy Oriental weaves or fine valenciennes. Sometimes a pleated frill will be edged with two or three other frills of pleated lace. The possibilities of variety are unlimited.

Jabots or plisses are extremely wide and long. In the majority of cases they extend to the waistline and over as far as the shoulder. The shape is generally broader at the top than at the bottom.

Black buttons of satin or velvet are introduced on lace.

### FOR MANY GOWNS.



Black-and white is the color combination of this becoming turban, with a touch of gilt to enliven it. The hat is covered with black velvet draped on the left side and knotted in irregular loops and one long end. Around the crown a scarf of white satin is draped, the ends of this also knotted and mingling with knotted velvet on the left. Along the bottom edge of the scarf is sewed a narrow white silk fringe and around the top a narrow strip of gilt lace. This is a hat which could be worn with many costumes and be equally pretty with all, owing to its neutrality of color.

Strange That Gray, So Eminently Appropriate, Has Not Been More Largely Made Use Of.

In one of the popular plays of the day the woman who is artistic will get an idea well worth following as to house decoration. In one of the scenes a room is decorated with gray curtains.

Why, says the artistic woman, has she not thought of gray curtains before? Why adhere to blue and brown, rose and white, when gray makes a frame for the outside world that is inimitable? It softens the garish brightness of an azure sky, and drapes the sad day with sympathetic harmony. Moreover, a gray tone with any room is never obtrusive, does not weary the senses, is dignified, charming and picturesque. It is, in short, a perfect choice.

Gray curtains made of chintz, China silk and sheeting, or the sumptuous brocade and satin, are the ideal accompaniment of the house where every color scheme is kept in low tones. The result is a habitation very soothing to the eyes and nerves and one of which nobody wears quickly.

White walls go well with gray curtains and they should be hung with engravings. Steel fenders and fire irons-complete the picture and the electric light fittings match. The mahogany furniture shines and the damask and silver that deck the table at meal times are at once simple and splendid in design. Solid comfort is the motto of the home, and curtains of gray will carry out this motto.

For the Silver Mesh Bag. On account of its durability the silver mesh bag will not go out of existence for some time to come. In fact, as there is a wide sale of them still being made, it is wise to keep them in the highest luster of which you are capable. Where there is nothing but silver in the make-up of your bag the best cleaner is a rather strong solution of ammonia and water, in which the bag can be boiled for the short space of a minute, and then shook about in it so as to dislodge every little particle of dust. You will be surprised how much dust this process will show up.

Juvenile Hairdressing. Is noticeably softer for some time back.

One of the latest ideas in children's hairdressing is the transformation of the Dutch style into a Louis XVI period.

It consists of having the cropped hair curled and falling in long ringlets, completely surrounding the head, from ear to ear, instead of being combed down straight.

The arrangement is decidedly quaint and pretty. It will be becoming to even a greater number of children than was the harsher Dutch style.

Unbecoming Earrings. Never indulge in silver earrings—unless closely studded with colored stones, as the effect of silver against the face is unbecoming.

## Domestic Peace

Mother Can Live With Son's Wife

By JESSIE CARLETON

HERE is so much unnecessary trouble in the world, so much that might be avoided by giving more thought to our own problems and trying a little harder for happiness.

When my son, who was the light of my eyes, in his very early youth ran away and married a girl of whom I couldn't help but disapprove, my heart was broken. It was as if he had died. But I soon, having a little sense and experience, awoke to the fact that if I was not to lose him altogether I must make the best of the girl he had married. Why shouldn't one?

Why must a woman criticize, advise and interfere when she knows, when she is old enough to know, that the advice will not be heeded, and that the criticism and interference will be resented, and when what she risks is—the love of her son! I made up my mind that I was the one who had the sense and the experience; therefore I was the one to overlook and make allowances.

I won't say that it was easy to withhold advice when I saw them going wrong, but I never gave it unless I was asked. They had to learn wisdom of the only teacher—experience. When they made mistakes I sympathized instead of criticized.

Everything that I disapproved of I ignored, and everything that could be praised I praised.

They have been married five years now, and though we have lived together most of the time, there has never once an angry word passed between us.

The faults in her that I most deplored have been cured by association and example.

She is like an own daughter to me, and I am proud of her wherever she goes. They are planning their own home now, and "mother's room" is part of the plan, and they have two lovely children, who seem to love "grandmother" quite as much as either parent.

Now, isn't this worth while? My fellow mothers-in-law, can't you remember how crude, how selfish, how immature you were at the age of this girl, who comes into your family hoping to find love and who finds only criticism?

## Appeal Is Made for Better Morals

By A. E. PATTERSON

## Does It Pay to Strive for Fame?

By ROBERT G. LEE

and security in a secluded walk of life. Which now is the proper path to follow?

These questions make us think of Gray's "Elegy," in which the obscure class is called the "poor." But can it be that they are gifted with greater things than the so-called brilliant class?

## Some Little Creatures That Really Think

By A. H. MUKHITARIAN

lattice window. Once in a while in the night our food disappeared from the window.

So I determined to watch to see who was the culprit. One night I saw a cat come. He turned the handle aside (not by accident, but just as a human being would do), opened the window and carried away the meat. I did not molest him. I rather admired his intelligence.

## The Thankful Life

The Thanksgiving of a nation is an act of grace truly impressive in its significance. The more thoughtful leaders of our people will lay less emphasis upon the material prosperity of the United States than upon its tremendous social and moral opportunities. For bountiful crops and heavy exports, for high wages and increasing values it is well to be thankful so far as these things minister to the life of the spirit, the making of man-

I wonder if the average man or woman often considers the absence or moral convictions of today? Our whole political, social and everyday life is becoming so corrupt and immoral that it is disgusting.

The divorce evil has become so great that some of our most prominent educators and statesmen are trying to find a solution for the problem, for problem it is, and thus preserve the American home.

There is only one remedy, and that is to begin at the root.

It is for us, the living generation of today, to instill into the young men and women of tomorrow the God-fearing courage and qualities which so characterized our grandfathers, who put this country in the foremost ranks of the great nations of the world.

As the days pass into months and the months into years, we pause and look, or rather try to look, into the future. Every normal human being is gifted with a desire to conquer something.

That something may be very great or exceedingly small in its proportions. Sometimes the idea or formation of the distinct desire is long in coming to the surface. But when it does come it is there to stay.

Now, I ask, does it pay to strive and struggle to become one of immortal fame?

Or does it pay more to seek comfort and security in a secluded walk of life. Which now is the proper path to follow?

These questions make us think of Gray's "Elegy," in which the obscure class is called the "poor." But can it be that they are gifted with greater things than the so-called brilliant class?

Do the animals think? I believe they do. As an example for my belief I am going to relate the following two incidents: On a bright summer day I saw an ant trying to drag a little piece of dried meat.

But not being able to carry it, the ant went back into its nest in the ground, and after a second or so three or four of them came out of the hole and carried the thing into their nest.

I believe the little fellow told his fellow creatures to come and help him.

Usually during the night we (in Turkey) keep our left-over food or meat in a lattice window. Once in a while in the night our food disappeared from the window.

So I determined to watch to see who was the culprit. One night I saw a cat come. He turned the handle aside (not by accident, but just as a human being would do), opened the window and carried away the meat. I did not molest him. I rather admired his intelligence.

## EXCELLENT STRUCTURE FOR ALL KINDS OF LIVE STOCK

By Proper Construction of His Barn and Other Outbuildings Farmer Is Enabled to Save Services of One Man—Arrangement as Designed by Missouri Man Is Illustrated.

Good barns cost money, but when the farmer once knows that by the proper construction of his barn, and other outbuildings, he can often save the work of a man, it will readily become clear to him that the investment will pay big interest in the long run.

The barn shown herewith was designed by a Missouri man.

The building will accommodate 14 cows, 12 horses, has box-stalls for



Exterior View.

both the cows and horses, and also a large calf-pen.

Manure and hay-carriers can easily be installed, and these are great labor-savers.

The arrangement of the feed room and silo is excellent. The four-foot chute extends the entire length of the silo. It has small windows for light, a tight door below, separating the same from the feed room, and keeping out dust and odors.

The silage is dropped down this chute, and from there shoveled to the mixing boxes—one for the cows, and one for the horses. There are two bins in the feed room, and two more may be located on the floor above, and connected by a small spout for drawing off the grain. These spouts may be located directly over the mixing boxes.

All hay is supposed to be fed from above, one hay chute being provided for each two stalls.

The milk room is so located that the milk may be taken to it at once, and it contains plenty of clean water, running water, if possible. Here, of course, should be located the separator.

The work shop is one of the necessities of the farm, as with a few tools, many bills for repairs can be saved here.

The harness room is located in the center of the horse barn, and the two box stalls provide room for both male and female animals, as well as sick ones.

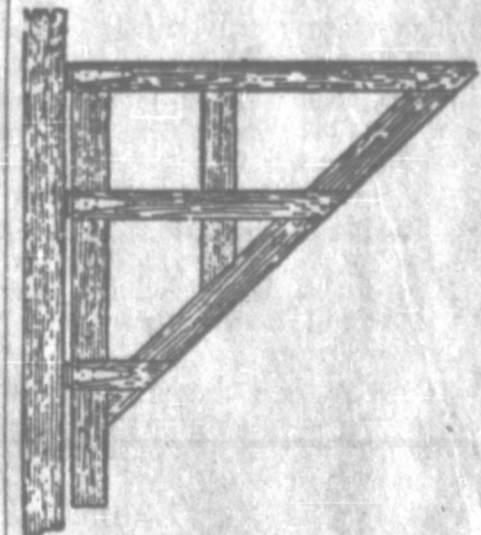
The hay-bay is open to the roof, but this can be arranged differently. The partition separating the cows from the center section is boarded or plastered up tight, except the calf

## GOOD SUPPORT FOR WAGON BOX

Particular Advantage of One Illustrated Is That It Folds Back Out of Way When Not in Use.

The accompanying illustration and this short description will explain how a writer in Michigan Farmer made a wagon box hanger, or support. The particular advantage of this hanger over others is that it folds back out of the way when not in use.

Two-inch by six-inch timbers were used to make the hangers, two of them being used as shown, placed



A Wagon Box Hanger.

eight feet apart, they were fastened to the side wall of the wagon shed, with three large hinges for each hanger.

When not in use they may be held in position by means of two large hooks, and when not in use, they fold back against the wall and occupy only about three inches of wall space. The manner of making same is plainly illustrated.

Protecting Roses in Winter. After a mild summer and fall, a severe winter is very hard on both utility and ornamental vegetation, as the growth is very green and unripe.

Amongst the first to suffer would be varieties of roses, and their protection should be attended to before the slightest frost occurs.

Take a wood rammer and ram the soil as hard as a road all around each plant; then place a forkful or two of stable or cow manure round the stem.

Let this come up a little way under the branches, but not far, as it is the neck or collar that wants wrapping, and if this is protected, there is little danger of the plants being injured.

pen, to keep out any odors, dust or dirt.

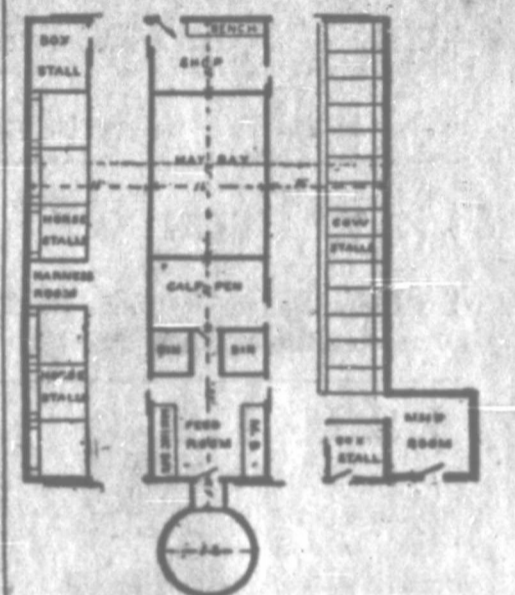
The box stalls in both the cow and horse barn can so constructed that the inmates can have a good view of the other animals. They like company and will do better if they can see their neighbors.

The floors of the cow stable, the milk room, feed room and silo, are of cement, the gutter being formed in the floor, with a four-inch drain at the rear, leading to the manure pit.

The stalls are made to fit both long and short cows. The first stall, in front, is four feet wide and five feet long. The rear stall is three feet six inches wide, and four feet eight inches long. The stalls slope from the front to the rear, each stall being slightly shorter than the one next to it.

The floor of the horse stable may be made of cement or clay; but the writer prefers clay for horses, and we quite agree with him, for horses confined on cement floors are apt to injure the joints of their legs by continual stamping; besides, we do not believe that any animal should be allowed to lie on a cement floor that is not covered with boards.

The barn, as shown in the illustrations, is 60x60 feet, 12 feet to the



Floor Plan of Barn.

eaves, 38 feet to the peak. The silo is 38 feet high.

The construction of the foundation may vary, according to the material, and can be more easily and cheaply secured, but the man who builds any barn, on a poor foundation, is making a bad investment. The foundation should be made to stand for all time.

## KILLING INSECTS DURING WINTER

Nothing Is Quite So Effective as Digging Out Heart of Ant Mound and Flooding With Water.

(By G. H. GLIFZEK)

The common red ants do a great bit of damage to the alfalfa fields in some sections of the country. The spots where they kill the alfalfa are usually only about a square yard or two where they build their mounds, but a great many of these in the field count for quite a large patch where no alfalfa grows.

Some people try to destroy them by sinking bottles into their mounds so that the ants fall into them.

This system is not always effective as it is hard to trap them all and as long as a few remain the trouble will continue.

There is nothing quite as effective as the winter killing which consists in digging out the heart of the mounds in the winter and then pouring water into the excavation thus made so it soaks into the ground and freezes those that may still be living.

This method usually proves very satisfactory. Out of a large field where they were killed in this way during the last winter only a very few of the many ant hills had any ants remaining in them by spring and it is quite evident that if the work had been done more carefully every one of them would have been killed.

The work should be done very thoroughly. It does not take much digging at each mound, but it should be done in the winter time so there is no chance for them to rebuild and the weather is so cold that they must freeze.

Where other methods have failed this has done the work.

Big Yield of Wheat.

A wheat field owned by a Russian farmer comprising 70 acres at Cherokee, Okla., yielded 3,281 bushels, an average of 47 bushels of 63 pounds. The farmer sold this wheat for \$1.02 per bushel, the crop bringing \$3,335, exactly \$335 more than the entire quarter section comprising his farm cost five years ago.

Care of Farrowing Sow.

During the farrowing hour, the sow should be kept quiet and should seldom be approached by any person. She will not need the attention of man and as she is extremely nervous and irritable at this time, all causes of excitement should be removed as far as possible.



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Annual Convention Western Implement and Vehicle Dealers' Association, Kansas City, Mo. Dates of sale January 14, 15, and 16, 1912. Final limit Jan. 20th, 1912. Fare, \$27.45 for round-trip.

National Western Stock Show, Denver, Colo. Dates of sale Jan. 12, 13 and 14. Final limit, Feb. 1, 1912. Fare \$24.50 for round trip.

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**District Court of New Mexico Within and for the County of Roosevelt.**

**Joyce-Fruit Company,** Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**Walter McQueen, John Doe, Richard Roe, and all unknown persons who may claim interest or title to the Southeast Half of Lot Seven in Block Twenty-Two, Town of Portales, Roosevelt County, N. M.,** Defendants.

The persons above named as defendants, and each of them are hereby notified that a complaint has been filed against them in the District Court for the County of Roosevelt, in New Mexico, by the Joyce-Fruit company, Plaintiff. A statement of the general objects of said action is to quiet the title of Plaintiff to the Southeast Half of Lot Numbered Seven 171 in block numbered twenty-two (22) in the town of Portales in Roosevelt County New Mexico and other and additional relief as appears in said complaint. And that unless you and each of you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 2nd day of March, 1912, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you and each of you by default. The name and address of Plaintiff's attorney is W. E. Lindsey, Portales, New Mexico. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, this 19th day of January, A. D. 1912.

**S. I. ROBERTS,** Clerk.  
**By Llewellyn Carter,** Deputy.

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Dr. J. R. Bryan is having a neat cottage erected in the south part of town.

Miss Nelle Carter went to Clovis Monday to attend to some business.

M. F. Snow of California, Mo., was here the first of the week on business.

John W. Ballow of Elida was transacting business in Portales Wednesday.

J. B. Priddy left Wednesday for Nocona, Texas, where he will visit relatives.

Judge G. L. Reese and wife went to Clovis today to attend to some business.

The American Lady the best flour ever in Portales, for sale by C. V. Harris.

H. S. Douthit left Monday for Memphis, Texas, to see about making a land deal.

Rev. S. M. Edwards left Tuesday, for Mills, New Mexico, on church mission work.

Mrs. Minnie Fullerton and son went to Amarillo Friday where they will visit friends.

Barney Ballard, the postmaster of Eliland, New Mexico, went to Clovis Wednesday on business.

Jesse Freeman left Monday for Dallas, Texas, where he will stay with his brother, Slip Freeman.

Mrs. O. D. Bray of Turkey, Texas, who have been here on business, returned home Tuesday.

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Capt. T. J. Molinari left last Saturday for Kansas city, St. Louis, and other points on business.

Misses Viola and Nannie Thurman, nieces of Mrs. W. H. Beck, left Saturday for Gainesville, Texas.

J. A. Barge of Fort Worth, Texas, was here last week prospecting. He said he would return soon and locate.

George E. Johnston left Monday for R. DeGraftenreid's ranch near Buchanan, New Mexico, to erect a wind mill.

Mrs. W. H. Montgomery left Friday for Clovis where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. W. D. McBee, a few days.

Mrs. H. F. Jones and son, Percy, left last week for Hot Springs, Arkansas, with the hopes that it will benefit Percy's health.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pendley and daughter, Miss Elva, who have been at Roswell the past three months, returned Wednesday.

W. M. Twigs went to Elida Tuesday evening to attend the installation of the officers of the Odd Fellows lodge at that place.

Mrs. Henry Ford left Saturday for Fort Worth, Texas, where she will join her husband, and will make their home there.

"Uncle" Jesh Morrison and his son, S. A. Morrison left Wednesday for Santa Fe where they will attend the inauguration of the Governor.

Dr. Gibson, Osteopathic physician and surgeon, Residence and office in the Floyd Stone building one block south west of Presbyterian church, Phone 117.

Mrs. G. V. Brown, who had been visiting in California, stopped off here on her return and visited her daughter, Mrs. D. Hardy, a few days. She left Wednesday for her home at Fort Worth, Texas, and Mrs. Hardy accompanied her to visit there a short time.

Master Miguel Lindsey entertained a few of his friends last Saturday after noon, it being his birthday. Those present were Rupert Larson, Hubert Yates, Paul Johnson, Alvin Tompkins, and Uriel Yates. He was assisted in entertaining by his sister, Miss Helen, and Miss Selma Larson. Various games were played, ice cream and fruits were served and the merry group spent a very pleasant afternoon.

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The Woman's Missionary society met with Mrs. Furgerson January 4, 1912. The society was called to order by the president, after which she read the scripture lesson and led in prayer. The secretary being absent, Mrs. John R. Hopper was asked to call the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. The president then called for a report of the parsonage committee, this being disposed of a motion was made and carried that the new dresser at the parsonage should not be sold. After the reading of leaflets on the subject of foreign missions, Mrs. Goodloe organized a mission study class. Bro. Goodloe, who was present, explained the local work more fully and Mrs. C. V. Harris, fourth vice president, organized the local department. A motion was then made and carried to change the hour of meeting from 3 to 2 p. m. The society adjourned to meet Thursday, January 11th, at the church.

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The Woman's club met at the club rooms Wednesday, January 10th, with a very good attendance. Mrs. McDonald spoke on "Sunday Food Production," followed by Mrs. Hawkins, who discussed "Is Meat Essential." Mrs. Coe Howard and Mrs. Nixon then discussed the results of meat eating, after which a general discussion followed. The president called for a vote as to whether a person could live as well and have as good health without eating meat as with it. The majority voted that we could, but some modified their vote by saying they were not willing to try it. Mrs. York and Mrs. Hightower served meat croquets with white sauce, bisquits, stuffed olives and tea. Everyone enjoyed it despite the previous discussion.

J. L. Elrod and C. C. Elrod have opened a cafe in the building on Main street formerly occupied by Mrs. Hines. The Elrod brothers have claims near Inez and this year they farmed some irrigated land west of town belonging to Mr. Burgess of Amarillo. C. C. Elrod is an experienced cook, having worked for the Fred Harvey eating houses on the Santa Fe railroad several years. They announce they are running a first class restaurant and solicit the patronage of the people.

A New Year social was given at the home of Miss Irma Williams last week at which a merry bunch of young folks gathered and played all kinds of games. At eleven o'clock refreshments were served after which they returned to their respective homes all reporting a delightful time. This social was given in honor of Miss Nettie DuFree who expects to go to Oklahoma City where she will attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wisdom, who live five miles west of town, entertained the young people of their neighborhood at their home a few nights ago. Various games were played, and fruits, candies, nuts and other such delicious eatables were served. The young people enjoyed a most pleasant evening, and wish that Mr. and Mrs. Wisdom would give receptions more often.

W. E. Sweatt of Memphis, Texas, who has a farm near Floyd, was here the first of the week. He said he came back to sell or trade his farm, but the country looked so good to him, he decided not sell and returned to Memphis better satisfied with New Mexico than ever before.

For sale or rent, northeast quarter of section 5, township 2 south, range 33 east in Roosevelt county, 9 miles from Portales. Thirty acres in cultivation, fenced and cross fenced, good well, new house, barn and other out-buildings. Go out, look it over and give me an offer.—Charles J. Seedborg, Havelack, Nebraska.

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Five dollars reward for any information leading to the recovery of two head of cattle, branded on right hip with quarter circle hart. I. R. Greathouse Portales.

**Art Class.**  
Mrs. Oldham has opened a studio for art pupils at the public school building. Hours 1 to 4 p. m. daily. Teachers class 9 to 12 Saturday. Terms per month, drawing \$3.00 painting \$4.00.

**Undergoes Operation.**  
Last Friday E. P. Alldredge took his son, E. P. Jr., to Clovis where Dr. D. D. Swearingner performed a triple operation on the little fellows head and ears, lancing a large rising in the external right ear, opening the tympanum and the middle ear and removing the adenoids which latter were causing the continual inflammation of the ears. The little fellow was under the anaesthetic 45 minutes and came out in good condition. It is hoped that this operation will remove the cause of the trouble. Mr. Alldredge and son returned Sunday.

**Mothers Club**  
The Mothers Club of Portales held a very interesting meeting on the afternoon of Friday, the 5th, inst. "The Relation of Health and Happiness" was ably discussed by Mrs. W. E. Lindsey and Mrs. Dr. Patterson an excellent paper on "Rainy Day Amusements for Children." The dictionaries ordered by the club for the high school have arrived and are very satisfactory. The pupils adopted a very graceful and appreciative resolution of thanks to the club. Let us have another good meeting on January 19th.  
PRESS REPORTER.

**Minco Notes.**  
Tom Fruit made a business trip to Elida this week.

The ring of Henry Jordan's blacksmith hammer can now be heard.

The people of this vicinity are preparing to go to farming as soon as the ground thaws so they can plow.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Herndon, last Saturday, a girl, baby and mother getting along nicely.

The dance given at the Minco hall in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Art Herndon's return was one of the best social events of the season.

The farmers in this vicinity are getting uneasy about fuel as several have made trips to town lately and have come home with empty wagons.

O. C. Duncan traded his farm a half mile south of Minco for land in Oklahoma. It is reported that the man who traded for Mr. Duncan's farm has a large family and is a first class farmer.

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Department of the Interior, U. S. land office at Fort Sumner, N. M., Dec. 9, 1911.  
Notice is hereby given that Eliza Thomas of Portales, N. M., who on Dec. 31, 1906, made homestead entry serial No. 8281, for the southwest quarter section 33, township 3 south, range 35 east, N. M. P. M., has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Portales, N. M., on the 22nd day of January, 1912.  
Claimant names as witnesses:  
John J. Roberts, Otto W. Skorkowsky, George S. Hatch, Albert H. Lewis, all of Portales, N. M., Arthur E. Curren, Register.

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Department of the Interior, U. S. land office at Fort Sumner, N. M., Dec. 9, 1911.  
Notice is hereby given that Hiram K. Bushong of Portales, N. M., who on Nov. 12, 1908, made homestead entry serial No. 8284, for the S. 1-2 E. 1-4 and S. 1-2 W. 1-4 sec. 33, township 3 south, range 35 east, N. M. P. M., has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Portales, N. M., on the 22nd day of January, 1912.  
Claimant names as witnesses:  
John S. Bushong, John Burrows, Robert U. Smith, Lehigh H. Bushong, all of Portales, N. M., Arthur E. Curren, Register.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
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Department of the Interior, U. S. land office at Fort Sumner, N. M., Dec. 9, 1911.  
Notice is hereby given that Lewis King of Rogers, N. M., who on March 20, 1906, made homestead entry serial No. 8266, for the southeast quarter section 33, township 3 south, range 35 east, N. M. P. M., has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Portales, N. M., on the 22nd day of January, 1912.  
Claimant names as witnesses:  
Amos R. Page, Jesse D. Wooten, Walter P. Cox, all of Rogers, N. M., Emerson E. Massey, Arthur E. Curren, Register.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
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Department of the Interior, U. S. land office at Fort Sumner, N. M., Dec. 9, 1911.  
Notice is hereby given that Benjamin P. Townsend of Arch, N. M., who on Aug. 19, 1906, made homestead entry serial No. 8270, for the S. 1-2 E. 1-4 and S. 1-2 W. 1-4 sec. 33, township 3 south, range 35 east, N. M. P. M., has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Portales, N. M., on the 29th day of January, 1912.  
Claimant names as witnesses:  
Robert L. Little, of Causey, N. M., James T. Hansen, of Medland, N. M., Andrew J. Waters, Thomas E. Ruses, both of Causey, N. M., Arthur E. Curren, Register.

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Non coal land  
Department of the Interior, U. S. land office at Fort Sumner, N. M., Dec. 9, 1911.  
Notice is hereby given that Benjamin F. Townsend of Arch, N. M., who on Aug. 19, 1906, made homestead entry serial No. 8270, for the S. 1-2 E. 1-4 and S. 1-2 W. 1-4 sec. 33, township 3 south, range 35 east, N. M. P. M., has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Portales, N. M., on the 29th day of January, 1912.  
Claimant names as witnesses:  
James B. Crawford, John E. Black, both of Eliland, N. M., John W. Buckner, William Haskell, both of Arch, N. M., Arthur E. Curren, Register.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
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Department of the Interior, U. S. land office at Fort Sumner, N. M., Dec. 9, 1911.  
Notice is hereby given that Charles E. Evans of Inez, New Mexico who on Jan. 4th, 1906, made homestead entry serial No. 8136, for southwest quarter section 36, township 4 south, range 36 east, N. M. P. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. M. Rames, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Causey, N. M., on the 28th day of January, 1912. Claimant names as witnesses:  
Shannon A. Clark, Evon P. Williams, Stephen A. Corbin, Otis N. Chamber, all of Inez, N. M., Arthur E. Curren, Register.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
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Department of the Interior, United States land office at Fort Sumner, N. M., Dec. 9, 1911.  
Notice is hereby given that Charles E. Evans of Inez, New Mexico who on Jan. 4th, 1906, made homestead entry serial No. 8136, for southwest quarter section 36, township 4 south, range 36 east, N. M. P. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. M. Rames, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Causey, N. M., on the 28th day of January, 1912. Claimant names as witnesses:  
Shannon A. Clark, Evon P. Williams, Stephen A. Corbin, Otis N. Chamber, all of Inez, N. M., Arthur E. Curren, Register.

**Notice of Contest.**  
No. 065, 536.  
Department of the Interior, U. S. land office at Fort Sumner, N. M., December 29, 1911.  
To John H. Ray of Ada, Oklahoma, contestee:  
You are hereby notified that Jess C. Dodgin, who gives Upton, New Mex. as his post-office address, did on April 29, 1911, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead, serial No. 065 made August 10, 1906, for north-west quarter, Sec. 7, Tp. 3 south, range 31 east, N. M. P. M., and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said John H. Ray has never at any time established his residence on the said land.  
You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations were taken by this office as having been confessed by you and your said entry will be cancelled thereunder without your further right to be heard therein, either before this office, or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the fourth publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations, or contest, or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have received copy of your answer or that you have received notice in person or by registered mail. If this service is made by the deliverer of a copy of your answer to the contestant in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgment of receipt, or the affidavit of the person who delivered the copy, showing the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person who delivered the copy was made stating when and whom the delivery was delivered, if made by registered mail, proof of such service must be either an affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and the post office to which it was mailed, and the affidavit must be accompanied by the postmaster's receipt for the letter. You should state in your answer the name of the post office to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Non coal land  
Department of the Interior, U. S. land office at Fort Sumner, N. M., Dec. 9, 1911.  
Notice is hereby given that John E. Dickson, of Arch, N. M., who, on December 8, 1909, made homestead entry serial No. 8707, for lot 3 and S. 1-2 SW 1-4 sec. 31, township 2 south, range 37 east, N. M. P. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Portales, N. M., on the 22nd day of Jan. 1912.  
Claimant names as witnesses:  
Eugene M. Trammell, Eugene L. Trammell, both of Eliland, N. M., Russell W. B. Vencil, Ira P. Carlisle, both of Arch, N. M., Arthur E. Curren, Register.

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