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Light lamb are in eager demand as substitutes for the real spring lamb to fill Easter orders.

Veal calves hit a record notch for the local market yesterday when tops sold at \$11.25.

Mrs. Julius Klans of Clyde is one of the "poultry queens" of Missouri.

Can He Be a Farmer? A single member of the Missouri delegation in congress had ever heard of Secretary Houston before.

Chance for the Landless. Still another chance for the landless to acquire a farm.

It Was a Flash Run. Chicago Live Stock World: When 79,000 hogs were bulletined at Chicago Monday packers said "I told you so."

Reclaimed Lands. Missouri has reclaimed approximately 3,464,185 acres of land through drainage.

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Daddy's Bedtime Story

When Mr. Pig Tried to Get Weighed

"EVELYN got weighed today," Jack told daddy as they came up to go to bed. "That reminds me of a funny story that I read about Mr. Pig."

"Many complaints have been received by this department protesting against the operation of the law against Nebraska-grown seed."

FOR RACES IN INDIANA. Commission Bill Passed by the State Legislature.

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LOT AS BIG AS A HAT

Tabulation in New York Discloses Odd Corner.

Has a Frontage on One Street of One Foot Four Inches, on Another of One Foot Two Inches and Back of One Foot.

New York.—As a result of the tabulation of the city's most unusual pieces of property, what is probably the most freakish bit of real estate in the world has just been discovered here.

The corner in question, however, is valued at only \$50. The low valuation is partly explained by its size, or rather, lack of size, since it is believed to be the smallest corner lot in the world.

A derby hat would almost cover the property in question, which is so small that a baby could not stand on it without encroaching on city property.

According to the records of the tax department, this tiny property has a frontage on one street of one foot and four inches, on the other of one foot and two inches and a rear line of just one foot.

The mite of land, which is within half a mile of the center of the world's greatest financial district, is what was left as the result of street extensions put through by the city.

Directly across from this corner is another, on which is located what is probably the smallest building in the city, built on a lot 11 by 14 feet and capable of holding only two persons.

WOMAN FAINTS SAVING DOG. On Way to Hospital She Collapses While Begging That Her Pet Receive Kindly Attention.

New York.—Despite the fact that she was nearly starved and had to be taken to a hospital, Mrs. Mary McEnroy of 160 Jersey street, Paterson, N. J., walked a mile to the dog pound.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Fleeing with his wife and children to escape the wrath of M. W. Magee, A. C. Lawhorn was shot and killed by him in the Texas & Pacific passenger station.

KILLS FLEEING LOVE BANDIT. Irrate Husband Shoots Man After Chasing Him Across State of Texas.

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BABY FORTUNE CASE TANGLED

Witnesses at Hearing Offer Astonishing Contradictions in Testimony.

San Francisco.—Conflicting testimony given here before the district attorney deepened the mystery in the Slingsby baby institution case, which hinges on the question of whether Mrs. Dorothy Slingsby, wife of Lieutenant Charles Slingsby of the British navy, substituted the illegitimate child of Lillian Anderson for her own son, which died at birth.

So varied are the statements of witnesses that it would have been difficult to gather, from the testimony, whether the present Slingsbys bear relationship to his putative mother, or even whether Mrs. Slingsby ever gave birth to a son.

Mrs. Amanda Koch, who was living with Mrs. Slingsby in the fall of 1910, swore that no child was born to Mrs. Slingsby on Sept. 1, the date of the announced birth.

Word came to the officials later that the Slingsbys had taken steps to be represented in the present hearing, and in the arraignment of Dr. W. E. Fraser, who is charged with having falsified the birth certificate of the baby alleged to have been substituted.

Local officials frankly admit inability to determine whether Lieutenant Slingsby and his wife are the victims of a well-planned conspiracy, designed to deprive their child of his rightful inheritance, or are themselves the conspirators.

Lieutenant Slingsby has already come into the possession of his own inheritance, a large English estate, but the disposition of property valued at about a half-million dollars, vested in their supposed son, depends upon the success of their attempt to establish his legitimacy.

NERO'S FISH POND IS FOUND

In Water Reservoir He Bred Delicacies for Use on the Imperial Table.

Rome.—The most important archaeological discovery yet made was brought out by Professor Boni the other day in his excavations on the Palatine. Beneath the basilica of the Flavian palace he found two narrow stairways leading to the "Piscina," a water reservoir consisting of five large compartments. It is still intact and is covered and well preserved by water-tight cement.

The reservoir dates from the time of Nero, when it was used as a salt water fish pond with the object of artificial breeding of exotic fish for the imperial table.

Rome deplores the gluttony which has secured delicacies by sowing the seas and giving them new inmates.

VIOLIN WINS \$1,000 CHECK

Admirer of Girl Also Promises to Defray All Cost of Her Education.

New York.—The happiest girl in Brooklyn is Miss Josephine Bandos, fourteen years old. She is the proud possessor of a check for \$1,000, which an admirer of her violin playing handed to her after listening by chance to an air she played in the rose room of the Hotel Astor.

The girl violinist is a member of a society, the purpose of which is to procure musical education for talented youngsters who have not means of their own sufficient to develop their talent.

A young man who recently inherited a fortune overheard Miss Bandos playing and was so charmed by her performance that he made inquiries about her, with the result that he drew the \$1,000 check and told the child he would see personally that all expenses were paid so she had the finest musical education obtainable.

FIND CHILD HEIR TO \$12,000

Officers Learn Man Who Died Supposedly Heirless Had Granddaughter.

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IN WOMAN'S REALM

Delicious Apples, Baked.—Wash the apples and halve them from stem to blossom. Do not pare them, but remove the cores and the cavity with current tea. Bake until the apples are tender and serve with sugar and cream.

Fruit Pudding.—Take a pint of granular sugar, half a pound of raisins, one cup of sweet milk, one cup of molasses, one egg, one teaspoonful of salt, and one teaspoonful of soda. Mix well together, pour into a pudding pail and boil constantly for two and a half hours.

Sugared Walnuts.—Shell and skin as many walnuts as desired, separate them into halves, and wash them in an iced made of four ounces of sugar to one egg. Mix well together, pour into a pudding pail and boil constantly for two and a half hours.

Feather Cake.—Four eggs beaten separately, one and one-fourth cups granulated sugar, three-fourths cup butter, one-half cup water, two and one-fourth cups flour, two teaspoons baking powder, flavor to taste. Sift flour once, then measure; add baking powder and sift three times.

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HIS ONE GRIEVANCE

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It began to tinge everything he did with sombre and tragic gloom. He and Mark were cousins. They had both courted pretty Leila Dallas. Certainly the little lady had given Tom no cause to suppose she favored him. When she married the man of her choice, however, Tom felt bitterly wronged. He refused to even notice the happy pair.

MAN IN ICED CAR

Exists on Apples From New York to Iowa.

When Refrigerator Is Finally Opened Passenger Is Unable to Stand Up, and Both Feet Are Frozen. Sioux City, Ia.—Almost dead on account of his sufferings, Andy Gorchitz, a Hungarian, was removed from a refrigerator car in the Sioux City yards. He had been in the car thirteen days, and had traveled from Spencerport, N. Y. He said he had been working at Newburg, N. Y.

MADE OCCASION FOR FEAST Elaborate and Peculiar Ceremonies Always Form Part of Wedding in Armenia. An Armenian wedding is not readily forgotten. It lasts for several days and starts with a general meeting of friends and relatives, who are entertained by a band of minstrels and dancers until the arrival of the groom.

'GATOR IS POOR BEFELLOW

Boy Had to Send Pet to New York Menagerie Because of Prank. New York.—A flat is no place for a gator to grow up in. For that and one other reason the Central Park menagerie saurian collection was enlarged by the gift of a young alligator, recently captured in Florida and brought to this city.

EATS ELECTRIC LIGHT BILL

Arrested Chinese Shocked on Finding It Isn't Lottery Ticket—Held as Agent. Los Angeles, Cal.—Joe Welsh was brought to the city jail suffering from the effects of having eaten an electric light bill by mistake for some lottery tickets.

"DEAD" MAN OBJECTS TO COLD

When About to Be Placed in Coffin in Morgue He Speaks—Mourners Are Terrified. Brussels.—An old man was found apparently dead in the courtyard of an almshouse at Aalre, Flanders, where he lived, and was taken to the morgue. While preparations were being made to put the man into a coffin, he suddenly exclaimed, "How cold it is here!" The people round him were at first terrified. The old man was taken to a hospital.

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BIG SUM FOR ROADS

OVER \$8,000,000 NOW AVAILABLE FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN TEXAS. MANY BOND ISSUES CARRY One County Alone Voted Half a Million to Carry on the Work— Government Aids by Sending Experts.

Fort Worth, Tex.—A record kept by the Texas Commercial Securities and Business Men's Association on good roads bond elections held in Texas during the year 1912 shows that thirty-three bond elections carried in various counties of the state, resulting in a total of \$3,494,246, making a total of \$5,000,000 available for road construction for the year, subsequent to the sale of bonds. Besides the above amount many counties of the state issued scrip for road work during the year, which will be redeemed at some date in the future. In addition to these many counties worked their roads out of a fund raised by voting a special tax, which with their regular road tax was sufficient to keep up their highways. It is estimated that about one-fourth of the highways improvements carried on in the state during 1912 was accomplished in this manner. Information received from county judges, commissioners and commercial clubs throughout the state indicated that over \$5,000,000 was expended in Texas on highways during the year, resulting in the improvement of approximately 1500 miles of roads. Many counties and precincts have spent as high as \$2,000 per mile for road construction during the year, with the result that transportation has been cheapened, land values advanced and the population of the districts served by these high-class highways increased to such an extent that the added valuation of the property thus affected will more than take care of the bond issues. The above amount was expended per mile for good road construction in many counties of the state, it was the exception rather than the rule, the general average running about \$2,000 per mile. Robertson county took the honors for voting the largest sum for highway improvement during 1912, with a total of \$500,000 in good roads bonds voted in four separate sections. El Paso county came second with \$250,000, while Fort Bend county was third with \$200,000 in three sections. Wharton county voted \$300,000 in one election, while Montgomery voted \$250,000. In El Paso county it was necessary to hold two elections before the bonds were carried. The first election, held in August, resulted in a defeat of the issue, while in the December election the district was overwhelmingly two-thirds majority. In practically every election in which bonds were defeated the returns showed a majority in favor of the issue, and the amount is necessary to carry the issues were lost for the time being. However, plans are on foot in nearly every county where the general sentiment is in favor of the issue in the near future, and in many cases the date has already been set for the second ballot upon the issue. Commercial clubs all over the state are endeavoring to create a sentiment among the rural people for good roads, and have in most cases been instrumental in bringing about the successful result in the bond election. While large amounts of bonds were issued by the various counties and districts of the state during the past year for road improvement, and much activity in good roads building has been in vogue for the last several years, the state of Texas has done nothing to aid and encourage the building of good roads, and has so far taken no steps to see that the vast sums being raised for this purpose are being wisely spent. The recent report of O. E. Dunlap of Waxahatchie, Tex., chairman of the Good Roads Committee of the Texas Welfare Commission to the Texas Commercial Securities and Business Men's Association, recommends the creating of a state highway department, and it is likely that several bills are being introduced affecting public highways will be introduced during the session of the Thirty-third legislature as a result. The federal government recently appropriated \$10,000,000 to assist in improving a stretch of Texas highway fifty miles long and this amount will be increased \$20,000 by Tarrant, Palo Pinto and Parker counties, and the total expended upon a highway extending from Fort Worth to Mineral Wells.

SOME SEEDCORN HINTS.

Suggestions as to Grading, Testing and Shelling.

(By C. P. Hartley, Physiologist in Charge of Corn Investigations, United States Department of Agriculture.) Washington, D. C., March 13.—Take time by the ear, the farmer who grows corn and the corn planter ready for operation now before the rush of the other spring work. The soil and the seed are the prime requisites of a profitable corn crop. At this time of the year there are many days when weather or soil conditions prevent planting of the other field work, that can profitably be used in improving the quality of the seed corn. The seed supply can be improved in quality and productiveness by discarding the poor ears and the unusable kernels. The best time to grade seed corn is before shelling. The office of corn investigations of the United States Department of Agriculture has conducted careful experiments that an ear having kernels of undesirable shapes produces ears most of which have kernels of undesirable shapes. All ears are undesirable for one reason or another should be discarded before making germination tests. At this season for several years past a number of satisfactory means have been described for testing the germination of a few kernels from each seed ear. Those who have neglected to take good care of their seed corn may now find "dead" ears among their supply. In such cases it will be profitable to test the germination of each ear separately. Where well adapted varieties are grown that properly mature before frost, poor germination has never been found among ears selected as soon as they are ready for properly. Those who have given their seed proper care should pick out 100 representative ears and make a germination test of each ear separately. Where seed ears germinate well it is not necessary to test the balance of the seed supply. Before shelling the small kernels should be discarded from an inch or more off the tips of the ears. Accurate field tests have proved these small kernels to be unproductive, but the fully developed kernels of the same ears, the thick, irregularly shaped kernels should also be discarded from the butts of the ears. These kernels produce satisfactory ears, but their size or shape prevents the corn planter from dropping them satisfactorily. It is convenient to rub the entire supply of seed corn before the shelling process is begun. Under favorable field conditions 10 or 20 per cent of the kernels or young ears are destroyed. Where extensive plantings are made with first class seed and thinning is impracticable about five kernels should be planted for every desired kernel. Where the crop is obtainable that will attend properly to the thinning, it is more profitable to plant twice as many kernels as stalks desired and thin out the weak plants as soon as they become too large and hard to be destroyed by cutworms. Many farmers who plant twenty to forty acres of corn carefully shell their seed by hand and are profited by so doing. A few remarkable successful extensive corn growers shell hundreds of bushels by hand. Where much seed is required there is a strong temptation to run it through the corn sheller. Hand shelling is profitable for the farmer and the sheller, therefore more profitable for the extensive farmer. The sheller breaks or cracks some of the kernels and there is not the opportunity of examining each ear as in shelling by hand. After being nubbbed the proper way to shell the seed ears is to shell by hand, and at a time, into a sieve that will let the chaff fall through and leave all the kernels from the ear in plain view for inspection. If unsatisfactory, all the kernels can be easily discarded and another ear shelled. The ears should not be shelled directly into the general seed supply, for it would then be difficult to separate and discard the undesirable kernels. If the corn planter gave trouble last spring better order a new one now. A planter that is an expensive implement to use. Even though the planter dropped satisfactorily last year, it should be tested with this year's supply before planting time arrives. The kernels of a variety of corn frequently vary in size from season to season and different plates may be necessary this year from those used satisfactorily last year.

DESTROYING A DERELICT.

How the Government Clears the Sea of a Menace to Ships.

In the Hydrographic office at some report the wireless is sounding a message is coming through the void. It is a message of peril, coming from a steamship. It warns that a derelict has been sighted squarely in the path of ocean travel. For days the men at the station have been waiting for word of this derelict. Its position on the chart has not moved for a week. They have lost track of it. Its driftings are as a mystery. The station men have been unable to wire back to the vessel, warning captains of its whereabouts. Any moment they may hear that it has attacked and wrecked. But now the derelict has come into the light. The light has shined it and sent the warning humming over the seas. Now the men at the station are quick to act. At a word from their chief they relay the message to the commander of the revenue cutter Seneca, laying by. The Seneca has been waiting for this message—waiting for the derelict to whereabouts to be revealed. And now, knowing them, it gets up steam and sails forth—a purger of the seas, on destruction bent. The speed of the Seneca is reduced. It moves slowly toward its quarry. And now the work of harnessing electricity for the destruction it must do begins. From the magazine are brought mines charged with 60-pound burdens of gun cotton. From the storehouse are brought insulated electric cables and a line of small boats is lowered and the mines are taken on board. Then the boat rides over the sea toward the derelict, a risky ride if the swells are running high. And next comes the work of placing the mines where they will create greatest explosions. If the wreck is submerged the work is more difficult. More mines must be used. Exquisite care must be employed in their placing. Finally the explosion charges are connected by means of the insulated electric cables, and the wrecking party draws off to a safe distance. The man with the hand magneto provides the necessary current. The detonators of fulminate of mercury explode. The primers of dry gun cotton are dealt a harsh blow. The explosion is sufficient to loosen all the heavy pieces of the mass of wet gun cotton. And then the derelict flies apart, its back broken, its sides flying through the air—a scragging and rending of planks, a sudden splash as they hit the water and the sound of a vampire dying.—Popular Electricity.

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MARYVILLE FARMER DEAD. Winfield Scott, Prominent in Nodaway County, Succumbs. Maryville, Mo., March 13.—Winfield S. Scott, sixty-two years old, a prominent Nodaway county farmer living about three miles from Maryville, died yesterday morning at the St. Francis Hospital. He had been ill all winter, but was brought to the hospital until last Friday. He is survived by a widow and one daughter, Mrs. John Griffey, living near Maryville, and two brothers, one near Scotts Maryville, and Woods Scott of Michigan. Mr. Scott was born in Ohio in 1851. His mother, Mrs. Mary Scott, one hundred years old, is still living in the old home in Cambridge, Ohio. The funeral will be held today at the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. S. D. Harkness.

PROF. OLSEN IS INDICTED. Minnesota U. Teacher Indifferent When Charged With Murder. St. Paul, Minn., March 13.—An indictment charging murder in the first degree was returned by the grand jury against Professor Oscar N. Olson of the University of Minnesota for the shooting of Clyde N. Darling, a laundry wagon driver, at the Olson home here last Thursday. Professor Olson received the news of his indictment with the indifference he has shown since the murder. His attorneys have declined to state positively whether the "written law" will be the basis of the defense.

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PLAN BIG WOLF HUNT.

Only Dogs Will Be Used in Chase County Drive. Cottonwood Falls, Kan., March 13.—A wolf hunt is being planned here this week by farmers and stockmen which will be the first big hunt of the kind in this county this season. The round-up will be in the Wood pasture, about nine miles southwest of this place, where it is said coyotes have become numerous. Only the best wolf dogs will be taken in the hunt, and firearms will not be used. According to the county treasurer's report, from 300 to 500 coyote scalps are turned in here annually for a change for the bounty money paid by the county.

STOCKHOLDERS TO LOSE.

Properties of Penn-Wyoming Company Go to Bank. Cheyenne, Wyo., March 13.—By a decision of Judge John A. Riner in the United States district court of Wyoming, the properties of the Penn-Wyoming Copper Company will go to satisfy a \$3,263,500 trust deed held by the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago and definitely leaves holders of about \$25,000,000 worth of stock without redress. The property valued at \$10,000,000. On this valuation at least \$25,000,000 worth of stock is believed to have been sold by the promoters to innumerable small investors. Blue or white spruce trees on the lava are attractive now.

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Woman Sent to Minneapolis Workhouse as Boarders Protest Against Howling. Minneapolis, Minn.—Because she frequently sang a song for 36 consecutive hours Mrs. Florence Queen, whose home is said to be in North Dakota, was sentenced to 90 days in the workhouse here. Mrs. Queen was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge, complaint having been made by her fellow boarders at a local hotel. When arrested the woman had \$5,000 in bills of large denomination in her possession. She registered at the hotel November 8.

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