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School Makes Good Start

The opening of the 1912-13 term of the McLean public schools was held at the tabernacle Monday morning and was attended not only by teachers, trustees and pupils, but by many of the patrons who felt a sufficient interest in the launching of this important session to lend their presence to the occasion.

The meeting was called to order ten minutes after nine by Prof. W. E. O'Neal, superintendent, and he delivered a splendid lecture, touching every phase of the school work. He laid especial stress upon the necessity of co-operation of the parent or guardian with the teacher in accomplishing the best results from the pupils and extended to every patron an urgent invitation to visit the schools and avail themselves of any opportunity to point out a weak point in the discipline or studentship, assuring all that any suggestions would be received kindly and courteously and if considered wise would be acted upon.

Dr. C. E. Donnell, A. B. Gardenhire and other members of the board of trustees made short talks, pledging themselves, individually and collectively, to devote their best efforts towards promoting and maintaining the school to the highest possible state of efficiency.

Both Donnell and Gardenhire laid stress upon the fact that the district is at present poorly financed and pointed out the necessity for raising the rendered valuations from about \$750,000 to \$1,000,000, in order that sufficient funds could be raised to employ more teachers and at the same time conduct a nine months' term. It was stated that an effort would be made to make this raise if it could be done without putting the values at more than sixty per cent of

their actual cash worth. Rev. R. E. L. Farmer of Canadian Baptist Academy, was called upon and made a splendid talk to the pupils. In the course of his remarks he congratulated the trustees upon their selection of teachers at home and concurred with Prof. O'Neal in the declaration that pupils should finish the course in the home school before going to some distant place to pursue their studies.

Other short talks by different ones present were enjoyed before the meeting adjourned at eleven-thirty.

In the afternoon the school was finally opened at the school building and all preliminary arrangements made for getting down to work.

At a meeting of the school board Friday afternoon T. McClain was appointed assessor and collector for the district with instructions to begin work immediately. After the assessments have been made a board of equalization will be appointed and the matter of raising the valuations gone into thoroughly. In cases where practical raises will be made and it is hoped the desired amount will be reached in order that the school can be maintained in an adequate and thorough manner.

A Parable On Boys.

Verily in this day and generation the father raiseth up his son on the streets and side walks.

He layeth around the soda fount and imbibeth slop and hookworms.

He groweth in knowledge of nothing save cigarettes and cuss words.

When he attaineth the age of 16 he acquirith a suit of clothing turned up at the bottom above his feet.

He displayeth a pair of noisy sox, with purple background and violets on the front.

He wearith low cut shoes and a green tie.

ASE OF HEMORRHOIDS

...a, Ark.—"I had a bad case of hemorrhoids, and tried many remedies without relief. I could not rest at night. The affected parts were irritated, also inflamed. My family physician said I would undergo an operation. I was cured with Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I only weighed about fifteen minutes. I applied the Cuticura Ointment four times a day for two weeks, and in the space of three weeks I was cured sound and well. I was cured with Cuticura Soap and Ointment with a Soap cured my case of piles years' standing. When I come to use the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, I only weighed about twenty-eight pounds. I weigh one hundred and eighty pounds." (Signed) Floyd Welch, 1911.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each with 22-p. Skin Book. Address: "Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston."

Accorded Full Title. The New York representative of the social club on the East Side, whereat McClain acted as master of ceremonies.

chairman was very busy introducing the newly-arrived members of the club, who included a number of municipal officers. The tentative mentioned was prepared in a way to have his official name on the program.

with his wife, as "The Honorable and Mrs. Congressman Blank," after receiving the correct name from the master of ceremonies.

and Miss Inspector of Hygiene and Shopwork, California.

The Other Way 'Round. A little story, long current in the land, is just now gaining American circulation. It has for leading characters Rudyard Kipling and Dorothy, Mr. Gladstone's little granddaughter, being fond of children, deprecating to little Miss Dorothy.

He looketh like a banana merchant on the streets of Cairo. The inside of his head resembles the inside of a pumpkin.

He falleth in love with a spindle shanked girl with pink ribbon in her hair, and craveth for an automobile that he may ride her forth in the springtime.

He thinketh work is sinful. He scattereth his mother's pin money like a cyclone scattereth a rail fence.

He sitteth up late at night to write poetry and giveth no thought to the multiplication table.

His mind tuneth to the vanities of life and not to the high cost of corn bread.

Verily, verily, he needeth a board applied to the southwest corner of his anatomy.

He thinketh his father a plodder and his mother a back number.

He pictureth himself great riches suddenly acquired. He dreameth of steam yachts and private cars.

Yes he thinketh himself the real stuff. He butteth in where he is not wanted; he criticises his elders; he buyeth cheap perfume and smelleth louder than a billy goat.

When he groweth up he getteth a job as clerk in a store at \$1.00 a day and swipeth extra from his boss until he is caught.

—Ex.

Inferior Melons.

The local watermelon market was badly cut up this week on account of reports received from cars recently shipped to the effect that the melons were not

Ideals.

"What is your idea of a perfect husband?" "One with about a million, who would lose no time in making me a merry widow."

Two Epigrams.

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

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM

Take the old standard GILVER'S FEVER-CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a palatable form, and the most effective form. For grown people and children. 50 cents.

Reservations.

She—Let me be the first aid to the injured. He—If you're sure it won't be lemonade.—Baltimore American.

Regular practicing physicians recommend and prescribe OXIDINE for Malaria, because it is a proven remedy by years of experience. Keep a bottle in the medicine chest and administer at first sign of Chills and Fever.

There are lots of funny things to be seen in this world, and among them is a fat woman sitting on a little piano stool.

Many have smoked LEWIS' Single Binder cigar for the past sixteen years. Always found it reliable quality.

Even the man who is his own worst enemy is always ready to forgive himself.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 50c a bottle.

A man knows more at 21 than he can unlearn between that and 60.

Jack—crobles it. Gwen—

only in many instances green, but that the ripe ones were woody and of a coarse and grassy fibre, not saleable to any extent.

Just who is to blame for these conditions we are not prepared to say but it is an evident fact that the shipping of this class of melons will not only ruin the sale of this year's crop but will tend to tear down the excellent reputation already built up by the McLean country for superior melons.

It is thought that many of the inferior melons had taken the second growth, which is responsible for the woody and grassy nature of the fibre and that the crop now beginning to ripen will not be thus affected. As soon as the crop gets back to normal conditions shipping activities will be resumed and it is yet hoped that the five hundred car mark will have been reached before the close of the season.

Some Fine Calves. ✓

Cooper and Crabtree shipped two cars of fat cattle to the Kansas City market last Saturday, the shipment being accompanied by J. H. Crabtree.

In the lot was forty calves which they purchased from R. S. Thompson and which was a very pretty bunch of stuff as was ever raised in this vicinity. While they were a year old, most of them had never been weaned and they were in excellent flesh.

Mr. Thompson raises several hundred calves each year and is continually building up the grade of his cattle, which accounts for excellence of the bunch mentioned.

When the singing convention was held at the tabernacle and every citizen of McLean is requested to attend and help in making the stay of the visiting singers a pleasant one.

It has been the custom for the community entertaining the convention to furnish homes for the visiting delegates and likely a committee will make a canvass of the town in the very near future for the purpose of securing homes to this end.

There will be a big crowd of visitors and delegates and our little city should make all reasonable efforts to see that their stay among us is both pleasant and profitable.

Special arrangements have been made for the Sunday sessions, including the plan for a dinner on the ground—one of the old fashioned basket dinners that we have all learned to love. At the preaching hour in the morning the different churches will hold their regular services.

The first thing after dinner there will be an hour devoted to the old folks and singing of many of the beautiful old hymns that we of the younger generations have not learned. In this connection we are requested to ask every one having a copy of any old song book, like the "Sacred Harp," "Christian Harmony," "Temple Star," etc., to

Singing Convention.

On next Friday, September 13th, the Wheeler County District Singing Convention will meet in this city in regular quarterly session and continue over Sunday. The convention meeting will probably be held at the tabernacle and every citizen of McLean is requested to attend and help in making the stay of the visiting singers a pleasant one.

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be sure to bring them along for use at the old people's service. With reference to entertaining the visitors, any family that will take one or more visitors to their homes during the convention will please make that fact known at the News office as soon as possible in order that a list can be made and all confusion avoided. This is important and we hope that all who can do so will act in this matter at their earliest convenience.

The Time Problem. What time of day is it when one-half of the time past noon equals one-third of the time to midnight? The Bowie Commercial College will gladly answer all letters in regard to this problem.

Statistics show the following: The average lawyer's income is \$750; the average doctor's income is \$1,400; the average dentist's income is \$1,000. Another, that, too, after an investment of \$2,000 to \$4,000 in college education and at a cost of four of the best years of life. Now think of this! It is a poor business man who is not enjoying an annual income in excess of \$2,000, \$5,000 is a very common thing. \$10,000, \$25,000, yet \$50,000 are such common incomes in the business world that the mention of the fact causes no surprise or comment. You will succeed with the stamp of the Bowie Commercial College upon you.

"THERE IS NO CALAMITY LIKE IGNORANCE." Bowie Commercial College, Bowie, Texas.



Privacy and Safety

All of the affairs of this bank are conducted with careful privacy. Next to the matter of safety, the officers of this bank regard business confidences as being of the greatest importance. We cordially invite persons who are contemplating the opening of a bank account to confer with our officers.

Citizens State Bank

McLEAN, TEXAS

D. N. Massey, Pres. Earl S. Hurst, Cashier.
Roy Rice, Asst. Cashier

Office Hours: 9 to 12 a. m., 2 to 5 p. m.

1:04 p. m.
4:26 a. m.
12:15 a. m.
10:25 p. m.

Some things have got to be good or you don't want them at any price.

A bank is one of those things.

It must be exactly right—good through and through, before YOUR money can get in.

The fact that it costs you nothing is no reason why you should not insist on perfection of quality.

Good banking laws, together with good management, are the best protection the depositor can have.

If you are a depositor in this bank, you have both—good management obeying good laws, and if such an evidence of protection and service appeals to you, we shall be glad to have you deposit here.

American State

McLean, Texas

FEW RECRUITS FOR LIFE-SAVERS

Small Wages and Lack of Pension Fund Are Driving the Surfmen Into Less Hazardous Callings.



HE United States life-saving service is finding it increasingly difficult to fill gaps in its crews caused by death and resignation. The younger men of the coast do not seem as willing to accept the small salary and great dangers of the service as were their forefathers. It is still possible to find father and son serving in the same crew, and there are Long Island families that can boast of having every male member a coast guard; but these instances are by no means as frequent as they used to be. The surfmen are beginning to doubt the value of a service that pays, at most, a salary of \$1,104 a year, with no prospect of pension or indemnification if a man dies in the performance of his duty. Why should a man adopt such a life when he can do better and live safely as fisherman or oysterman, or combination carpenter and yacht-skipper in the summer months? Why, indeed?

Along the 10,000 miles of coast line there is no stretch that is so uniformly dangerous as the tenuous sand spit that runs along the south side of Long Island, projecting 120 miles into the Atlantic. The Great South beach, it is called, or Fire Island beach; but to men of the sea it is known as "the Graveyard of the Atlantic" because of the ships that have broken their backs on the shifting bars that dot its length.

Since the white man first sailed these seas, the Great South beach has taken its toll. Bluff-bowed Dutchmen out of Rotterdam; Spanish galleons from Cuba; high-pooped English merchantmen that traded to the loyal colony of New York; king's ships and fishing boats of the old days; stout clippers and ocean liners—all these and many more have driven in with the flying scud, setting their stems deep in the clinging sand that has so seldom let loose its prey.

You find evidences of them in the shattered timbers that line the beach from Fire Island to the Hamptons and beyond—stout spars, sections of planking, water-soaked timbers of many shapes and ages; and off shore, sometimes one catches a glimpse of a shattered hull, draped with the green seaweed or a sunken mass of engines and boilers and twisted pipes.

The government long ago recognized the peculiar dangers of the Long Island shore, with its menace to the liners that ply between New York and European ports, and measures to safeguard it were taken. At intervals of five miles along the most dangerous section, tiny stations are planted. There are 13 of them, each manned by eight men from the first of August to the first of June. Between these dates all the crews, except captains or keepers, go off duty—without pay. These are the stations at New York's door. They are also the stations which do the greatest amount of work and bear the heaviest responsibility—a statement that casts no reflection on the remainder of the 300 stations.

Some of the men in these stations have performed noteworthy deeds of valor, but the most they have ever received in recognition has been a few medals, and in one instance the thanks of the New York legislature. Despite the undoubted hardship of their work, and the fact that they are called upon to risk their lives more often than soldiers or sailors, or even firemen probably, the government has not seen fit to raise their pay or increase the comforts of their surroundings. One wonders how long such an attitude will be preserved. It seems unfair and unwise, inasmuch as it has already begun to react by curtailing the supply of recruits.

It should be borne in mind that in all the history of the life-saving service there has never been an instance of cowardice—not once. There has never been a time when a captain had any difficulty in getting his men to follow him into the surf. There has never been a time when it was necessary for the captain to repeat an order. Now and then, men have been known to drink and neglect patrol duty, but even these have never showed themselves to be cowards. And perhaps, after all, that is the thing the service is most proud of.

"Yes, they do say it's a hard life," said old Capt. George Goodard of Lone Hill, when some one asked him why he was still stuck to his job at seventy. "Yes, it may be a hard life," he mused. "But I like it. Thirty-odd years I've been on the beach, for I was a middle-aged man when I joined the service. But I'm good for a spell yet, and then I've said aside a little, so's I can be comfortable. They don't give me a pension, you know."

This had not been a complaint, but a fact. It was spoken, too, by a man who had reached three-score years and was a reporter, a kicking steering-wheel and Draught's a kicking steering-wheel. Because they are plying in higher North German. To the young wife, fast on the and be patient, he cannot dressed a

complaint. In fact, no member of the service complains about his lot, even when he resigns.

A man went to the captain of his crew not long ago—last summer, to be exact—and remarked: "I'm going to quit, Cap. Too much work, too little pay. The folks home, now we've er baby."

The captain took his pipe in his mouth and grunted. That he knew perfectly well, as a man in front of him, that many of young children to be and educated in these days of expensive living, it was impossible to get along on the coast guard's \$65 a month and \$9 extra if the coast guards are rough and uncouth outside are as gentle and courteous. The visitor will find a

class and calling—broad-shouldered, strong-limbed, with deep chests that have been developed by hours of tugging at oars that had to meet the undertow and bite of the surf. In a way one is sorry to see them go, like this crop of all kinds. At the same

time the grass in the pastures is just a little thicker and taller than has ever been before the case in recent years. As for vegetables, fruit and melons, the like was never before seen. I counted 129 cars of watermelons on the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad, and I met trains loaded with peaches all the way from Jericho down to Bowie. And cantaloupes, the country is slippery with them. The cattle are so puffed out with overeating in the luxuriant pastures that they can hardly pull in their sides far enough for respiratory purposes. The Panhandle is a garden this year. Another thing, the climate up there is very pleasant. At Jericho Aug. 17 it was so cool that I wore my overcoat all day. —D. L. News.



WELLMAN

good for him. When you sit down to eat with them you are expected to forage for yourself. They take it for granted that every one does that at any table. Every man knows how to reach for the condensed milk can, according to the coast guard's viewpoint. But if they once get it into their heads that a visitor is not faring properly they will make amends. Any stranger who goes to a life-saving station and appears to be a decent citizen can have board and lodging and he isn't asked to pay, either. That part of the bargain is left to himself. Even if he does pay he won't be allowed to tax himself more than the cost price of everything. This is not said unknowingly; it is a fact. The life-savers of the Long Island coast have a code of hospitality as rigid as the American Indians.

They are of the purest American stock, often with a strong vein of old Dutch blood from the colony at West Sayville. In most cases they have followed the sea from father to son for from four to six generations. One is almost inclined to believe that they are born leather-skinned and able to pull the heavy fourteen-foot ash sweeps that row the surfboats and "self-bailers." Some of the Long Island fishing families have established enviable reputations for themselves in the service. Take the Rhodes family, the Bakers, the Reynolds, the Raynors, the Seamans and many others. They have all furnished at least one hero.

Captain Baker of the Point o' Woods station has two sons in the service. The oldest, Eddy, is No. 1 man at Point o' Woods; the second, Wally, is at Blue Point, and the youngest, Jimmy, is already on the eligible list for appointment at Lone Hill. They are fine, buxky, strapping boys, the best type of young Americans of their

four rugs had unexpectedly dislodged her from the sand bar.

"I'd like to be aboard her," said a man, wistfully, as he thought of the long trip back to the city by boat and train.

"Why?" asked a child.

"To be aboard in children. What do you think of it?"

sent by mail on receipt of money had One small bottle is two treatment and seldom perfect a cure. Dr. E. W. 2920 Olive street, St. Louis. Send for testimonials, druggists.

ANNOUNCEMENT
Our rates for announcements are as follows, cash in advance:
District, county and state cities, \$10.00.
City and Precinct of \$5.00.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR:
J. B. PASCHALL.
FOR COUNTY JUDGE:
SILER FAULKNER.
FOR TREASURER:
HENRY THUT.
FOR COUNTY CLERK:
C. L. UPHAM.
FOR SHERIFF:
J. S. DENSON.
FOR COMMISSIONER:
J. L. CRABTREE.

Gray County Valuations.
We are indebted to County Tax Assessor Paschall for the following information concerning the number of livestock and their total valuation in Gray county for the present year:
Total number of horses and mules, 4,741, valued at \$182,095.
Total number of cattle, 25,949, valued at \$340,865.
Total number of Jacks (not including the tax assessor) 41, valued at \$3,300.
Total number of sheep, 6, valued \$15.
Total number of hogs, 4,470, valued at \$12,889.
Total number of dogs, 11, valued at \$1.150.
Total valuation all property in County, \$3,257,860.

New Mexico nut coal, ten pounds or tons—whatever amount you want—from the bin at \$6.00 per ton. Western Lumber Co.
Citation for unknown heirs: The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray County.

Small Girl's Excellent Reasons for Wishing She Might Be a Hen, if Only on Occasional Sunday.
Out back of the house, on a grassy bank overlooking the chicken yard, sat Miss Thung and Margaret last Sunday. They were absorbed, especially Margaret, in watching the chickens.
"They scratch just the same on Sunday," observed Margaret reflectively, "as they do on weekdays. It's wicked, I s'pose."
"Oh, no, it isn't wicked," objected Miss Thung.
"My mother says that 'musment on Sunday is bad for the soul,'" remarked Margaret. "But chickens are not like little boys and girls, are they?" she questioned with a baby sigh.
"No, they are quite different."
"They haven't got a soul, have they?" pursued the child.
"No."
Margaret paused long and reflectively. "I wish I was a hen," she said at last with decision.

Man—Vain Man.
He will give his seat in the street car to a feeble old woman—and be proud in the thought that the other passengers consider him the pink of gallantry.
He will give his seat in the street car to a pretty girl and wonder if she doesn't believe in love at first sight.
He will sit up until 1 a. m. at a penny ante-game and rejoice more over a winning of 40 cents than he will next day over a business deal that nets him a thousand dollars.
He will lose 60 cents in the same poker game and be angrier with the other players than he would be with a man who sold him a \$40 horse for \$150.
He jibes at woman because of her vanity and spends an hour before the mirror when he is preparing to call on one of the fair sex.
He tells his wife just how the government should settle the canal question, and has to hire a laborer to map out a drain through his back yard.
He prates about the foolishness of courting public notice, but he never drives through vacant streets.
He preaches punctuality to his office boy—and misses a business engagement because of a game of billiards.
He cannot see a brass band march down the street without wishing he were the drum major.
He sneers at the automobile coats of the women—and wears a golf suit when he doesn't know a cleft from a caddy.
He names his horses after fairies and statesmen—and his children after the women-folks have decided the matter.
He derides false pride in others, but wears his hat over his eyes and struts when someone says that he looks like Napoleon.
He weeps at the sentimental songs of home and mother at the theater—and only shows up at home for his meals.

Classical Cannibal.
"But why," asked the sub-chief of the cannibal isles, "do you insist upon having the man who fell while leading the charge against us served up at the banquet this evening? He seems to be as hard as nails."
"Huh!" answered the chief of the cannibal isles. "I read in a book of poetry left by our last meal that 'the bravest are the tenderest.'"
Fraternal Fractions.
Lodger—My brother is coming on a visit; have you a couple of spare cots?
Landlady—A couple. Is he so big as all that?
Lodger—No, but you see the fact is, he really consists of two half-brothers.

Accessories.
Bacon—A small piece of taping fastened across the handle bars of a motorcycle will hold convenient small accessories for which there is no other place on a machine.
Robert—By accessories I suppose it means arnica, witchhazel and court-plaster.

Unrepentant.
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For the Sake of Novelty
"But don't you like to be mamma's dear little girl?" inquired Miss Thung in surprise.
"Oh, yes, I s'pose so," replied Margaret. "But," she concluded wistfully, "I think I should like to try being a hen for a while."

A Natural Commoner.
"Harold, come right in this minute. I don't want you to play with that Kaddish boy any more. His people are not in our class. They have just bought a \$900 automobile! Goodness! You'll be playing with the washwoman's children next! I can't understand where you get your piebald tastes."

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The ONLOOKER
WILBUR D. NESBIT
"HOW TO KEEP COOL"



Don't walk too fast;
Don't fume and fret;
Don't vow 'twill be
Much hotter yet;
Don't eat too much;
Don't drink at all
Of things composed
Of alcohol.

Don't read about
The sunstruck folks;
Don't read the old
Hot-weather jokes;
Don't work too hard;
Don't try to see
The rising of
The mercury.

Don't fan yourself;
Don't think you're hot;
Just cool off with
"I think I'm not."
And, more than that,
Don't read a rule
Beneath this head;
"How to Keep Cool."

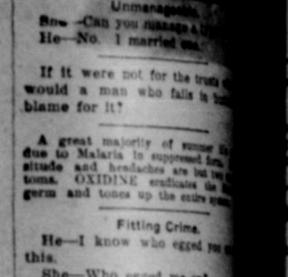
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HARD FOR HOUSEWIVES
It's hard enough to keep in perfect health, but a woman is weak, tired and suffering the time with an aching back, heavy burden to carry. Any suspect, kidney trouble, especially the kidney action seems dimmed at all. Doan's Kidney Pills cured thousands of women in this way. It is the best recommended special kidney remedy.



Get Doan's at any Drug Store, His Doan's Kidney Pills
Unmanagable.
She—Can you manage a woman?
He—No, I married one.

If it were not for the trouble it would a man who fails to blame for it?
A great majority of women due to Malaria in suppressed state and headaches are lost to the germ and tones up the entire system.

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

Accounted For.
"How is it so many people are able to get the money to buy automobiles with?"
"If you only notice, they are the best things in the world will raise the dust."
Job Not Satisfactory.
"I'm a self-made man," said proud individual.
"Well, you are all right except your head," commented the listener.
"How's that?"
"The part you talk with is not for the part you think with."

Instinctive.
"So you took your wife to the ball game?"
"Yes," replied Mr. Meekins.
"Did she enjoy it?"
"Only part of it. She thought it was a great deal of time around the lot, but she thought the arguments with the umpire were interesting."—Washington Star

Moving Pictures Popular.
In a recent number of the Consular Reports are collected from distant parts of the world the universal quality of the interest which the moving picture excites. England, Japan, Turkey, India, Australia and the sea all have the same story; wherever the cinema goes it finds an instant and welcome.

Child's Fear of the Dark.
If mothers notice that their little ones conjure up visions of a room more or less dark, light burn brightly. To force a child to become accustomed to the dark is a grave error, if its nervous system is so organized that this kind of productive of a fright.
The nervous system of a child very susceptible organization and deleterious impressions made up will often make their influence throughout its whole afterlife. A child asks for a light under circumstances do not refuse it.

WELL PEOPLE TOO
Wise Doctor Gives Postum to valentscents.
A wise doctor tries to give the best chance by saving the strength of the already exhausted patient, and building up with simple but powerful means.
"Five years ago," writes a "I commenced to use Postum in my own family instead of coffee, a well-known fact that has been injurious as coffee because it contains caffeine, the same drug found in tea." "I was so well pleased with results that I had two more children in stock, guaranteeing its value." "I then commenced to recommend it to my patients in place of coffee, a nutritious beverage. The coffee is, every store in town is now sold, as it has become a household necessity in many homes." "I'm sure I prescribe Postum as an any one remedy in the medicine—in almost every case of indigestion and nervousness I treat with the best results." "When I once introduce it into a family, it is quite sure to be used in families where I practice." "In convalescence from typhoid fever and other cases it is a liquid, easily absorbed. You may use my letter as a testimonial in any way you see fit." Name Postum Co., Battle Creek, Michigan. Head "The Road to Well-being." "There's a reason."

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A new creation of the handkerchief. Horn straw. A feather. It is good for you.

MBINE BLACK AI
Dressmaker Uses t Advantage.

There is most alluring there is such variety only every taste but violet as regards dress and every afternoon fashionable alliance, and especially in taffetas and while with the big charmeuse and galled with black velvet with black fitting accompaniment the mauve foulard and with success, as a costume of black and party satin.

charming model of coat gathered at the coming high in froquidite black, purg exults. This costume on either side of the bodice portion wide pleats, and the dress reach only a little elbow.

IN OLD ROS
Here is quite an inext old rose casement close a seam up centered with a fold of a row of black buttoned holes.

The bodice, which is checked each side front the sleeves; it fastens where it is trimmed with a collar of the material, and a black bow.

Flat of cream Tagel, and rose.

Materials required: 1 yard wide, one-half yard cross, about four d

The Corsage Bouquet
The corsage bouquet is the latest fancy in dress. On special occasions she the austere to take on a glorified, a modish flower to the coat from a pretty miracle. The table of these artistically arranged of orchids, violets or roses, sprays they must be tucked a

Local Happenings

Items of Interest About Town and County

Hoes, hoe handles and rakes at S. O. Cook's.

Clay Thompson visited with friends in Clarendon the first of the week.

If you have land to sell list it with L. Crabtree.

It rains on the just and the unjust like in this section lately.

Get those cow yokes, calf and colt harnesses at S. O. Cook's.

Bert Mars went to Oklahoma City today for a short business trip.

Good barbers and first class work guaranteed at Luke's shop.

Mrs. J. B. Paschall announces her millinery opening next Saturday morning.

Shutlware—we have just received new lot. McLean Hardware Co.

Miss Cora Cash was in Wellington week to take an examination being the county school board.

If you want a washer you want a man. Get it at S. O. Cook's.

Fred O'Dell and wife left the first of week for a business trip and visit Denver and other Colorado points.

If it's anything in stoneware, we have it. S. O. Cook.

Frank Gardenhire and Dick Hadley attended to business matters in Amarillo the first of the week.

Get your shells, guns and fishing tackle for that outing at S. O. Cook's.

Miss Robbins of Oklahoma City here this week the guest of Miss and other friends.

If you want to buy a farm or ranch property see J. L. Crabtree.

Dear Mathis was among the business visitors to Amarillo the latter part of last week.

If you bath! Luke has 'em.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Collier went up to Amarillo Sunday in their automobile for a visit with friends.

Marcello removes freckles, tan, sunburn, etc. Try it. Palace Drug Store.

P. Homel of Alanreed was among business visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

Band queensware—imported. McLean Hardware Co.

H. Yokley spent a couple of days after part of last week at Adrian, Okla. after cattle interests.

Wheelerkikkin and let Luke send clothes to the Amarillo Steam Laundry.

S. Thompson returned last week on a visit with his mother and sister at Marlow, Oklahoma.

If you can get 500 votes in the Cash contest for every dollar on subscription to the McLean News.

Bill J. Pennington spent Sunday with friends and relatives at Erick.

Marcello Toilet Cream will complement your complexion. It is for sale at Palace Drug Store.

Why peel your fruit by hand when you can get one of those peelers for \$1.25 at S. O. Cook's.

Andrew Bassel left Sunday afternoon for Tucumcari, where he will make his home for the present.

Don't forget that Luke is representing the Amarillo Steam Laundry. They do it right.

Mrs. G. P. Herrmann of Lehigh, Okla., was here this week the guest of her sons, J. D. and Claude Herrmann.

Don't forget that we have the large stone jars for kraut and pickles. McLean Hardware Co.

This section was visited by a hard rain Sunday night and several showers have fallen before and since.

Use Marcello when you have a bad complexion. It is quick and effective. Palace Drug Store.

C. L. Upham and family of LeFors were here the first of the week visiting with friends and shopping.

Have those old clothes cleaned and pressed—it might save you a new suit. Cooke & Cooke.

Miss Viola Cooke returned Sunday from a visit with friends at Wheeler.

Prof. T. N. Holloway left Sunday afternoon for Lela, where he goes to take a school for the coming term.

We still have a good stock of fruit jars, jar rings and jar tops. S. O. Cook.

Sam Hodges of the Bundy-Hodges Co., is in Oklahoma City this week looking after the purchase of goods for his firm and visiting with friends.

Rippy and Rippy keep everything in the fruit lines as well as ice cream and cold drinks.

Alvah Christian and Rhea Faulkner left the first of the week for Clarendon where they will enter school for the coming term.

320 acres of good plains land to trade for an up-to-date stock of merchandise. J. L. Crabtree.

J. S. Fort and family of Hatfield, Arkansas, are in the city for a visit with the family of their daughter, Mrs. J. R. Hindman.

If it's axle grease, harvester, carriage or automobile oil, we have it. S. O. Cook.

James Drake has removed his saddle and harness business from the Hogan building to the Hext building opposite the News office.

We would like to have your confectionery trade and will treat you right. Rippy and Rippy.

Miss Fannie Morgan is here from Amarillo to spend the summer the guest of her brother, A. G. Richardson, and family.

"Studebaker"—don't forget the name—the best wagon made. McLean Hardware Co.

Fred Ledwig of Great Bend, Kansas, was here this week visiting with friends and looking after real interests.

We handle the best wagon and buggy paint on the market. Western Lumber Co.

T. M. Richardson of Oklahoma City, stopped over here Sunday for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. George Woodward.

Take her a box of fine chocolates. We have the prescribed kind. Rippy and Rippy.

Mrs. Byrd Guill left Sunday for Ramsdell where she will teach in public schools during the term just opened.

Bring your orders for fuses, tanks, and in fact anything in that line. Our work guaranteed. McLean Hardware Co.

W. B. Upham has been spending several days in Amarillo this week taking treatment from a specialist for asthmatic troubles.

Start the child's musical education along with its school education. See Prof. Lee at the school building for terms.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hertz and children returned the first of the week from a week's visit with friends at Wheeler.

We handle the Standard central-needle sewing machine. The best regardless of price. McLean Hardware Co.

Mrs. Emma LeFors and little Miss Mollie left Sunday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Doucette, at Pampa.

We represent the famous Crack-a-Jack clothiers and can give you a moderately priced, made to measure suit on short notice. See our sample books. Cooke & Cooke.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Sewing wanted—Eor plain or fancy sewing call Mrs. J. C. Carpenter, Phone 18.

For Sale—Five mares and two colts, household goods and farming implements. C. H. Bostick, 11-2 miles north of Alanreed.

Remember that Dr. W. R. Orr will be here from Wellington the fourth Monday in this month and stay one week to do dental work.

Mrs. J. N. Saye was a pleasant caller at the News office Tuesday and had her subscription renewed another year.

I am prepared to do all kinds of painting and papering work and can save you money. Figure with me. Will H. Langley.

At the school board meeting last Friday Fred O'Dell was elected to membership in that body to succeed J. A. Grundy resigned.

Refresh yourself at our soda fountain as we have all kinds of cold drinks and fruits of every description. Rippy and Rippy.

G. H. Wise has our thanks for subscription favors, having paid for the paper to be sent to Mrs. Bert Johnson at Dalhart.

New Mexico nut coal, ten pounds or ten tons—whatever amount you want—from the bin at \$6.00 per ton. Western Lumber Co.

Paul Machina of the Slavonia neighborhood has paid for the News to be sent to his address for a year, for which he has our thanks.

Cool off these hot days with a cold drink. We serve anything you might want in soft drinks and have a complete line of fresh candies and chewing gum. Rippy & Rippy.

A. A. Callahan has ordered the News sent to the following addresses: Lon Bailey, Cross Plains, Texas; J. W. Pitts, Texas, and T. Stevens, Atwell, Texas.

In ordering patterns through our Pattern Department kindly fill out the coupon below the pattern wanted. Otherwise we cannot order them for you.

Mrs. M. D. Bentley and little son, Enoch, were in Amarillo the first of the week, where they went to have Enoch treated by a specialist for asthma.

We believe in woman's suffrage—the ladies can vote as well as the men. 500 votes in the Cash piano contest for every dollar paid on subscription. Renew now.

Mrs. Sarah Rice, mother of C. S. Rice and Mrs. G. W. Stratton, left yesterday for Howard, Kansas, where she goes to spend the winter with a sister.

It has been determined to hold a 1912 Gray county fair and work has been commenced getting an exhibit together. If you have anything that will show to any advantage bring it to the News office twont.

Mrs. A. E. Gething of the Northfork community was a visitor in the city the latter part of last week and while here renewed her subscription to the McLean-Dallas News.

We have on hand a few carpenter tools, consisting of Dixon saws, Bailey Iron Planes, Braces, Bits, Chisels, Try Squares, Plastering trowels, etc., which will sell at cost for cash. Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

Misses May Davis, Annie Mae Dalrymple, Ruth Paschall, Hattie Thompson, Lucile Horton, Ruby Cook, Ruby Rice and Messrs. Orin Thompson, Orman Horton, Ray Faulkner, Neville Hearne of McLean visited Mobeetie Sunday.—Mobeetie News.

I would like to have a few more pupils on stringed instruments to complete the orchestra now forming. See me for terms. Thos. B. Lee.

Mrs. Jessie Cooke, who has been spending the summer here with the T. Cooke family, returned to her home at Fort Worth the latter part of the week. The lady came here primarily for her health and went away very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Callahan returned the latter part of last week from an extended visit to different points in Texas. Friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Callahan is much improved in health by reason of her visit.

The News force enjoyed some delicious grapes from the John B. Vannoy vineyard the latter part of last week. Mr. Vannoy, while cultivating a very small patch, has several different varieties of this splendid fruit and is clearly demonstrating its productiveness in this particular section.

The Ladies Home Mission entertainment tonight at the tabernacle has been changed somewhat, there being a humorous lecture instead of a program announced. Admission—free. Lecture for children—children being admitted for 15 cents. After the lecture ice cream and cake will be served for ten cents. Everybody is invited.

The editor of the Southwest Trail, a magazine published by the Rock Island Lines, was in the city the first of the week looking after data concerning the watermelon industry in this section.

Again We Say

Texas Industrial Notes.

Denison—The Denison Cotton Mill Company is installing 2,000 spindles and replacing the old machinery in the plant with new, at a cost of \$26,000. The improvements will increase the operating machinery to 14,144 spindles and the daily capacity to 12,000 pounds, consisting of sheeting, duck, drills and yarn.

Tyler—The local canning factory has closed down for the present season after one of the largest runs in the history of the plant. In all about seventy cars of fruit were canned of which peaches were the majority, over sixty cars having been put up. This year's run represents a total of 38,000 cans of berries and 790,000 cans of peaches all of which will find ready market in Texas.

Beeville—The broom-corn growers from this section of the state met in this city recently and announced that this year's price for their product would be \$100 per ton.

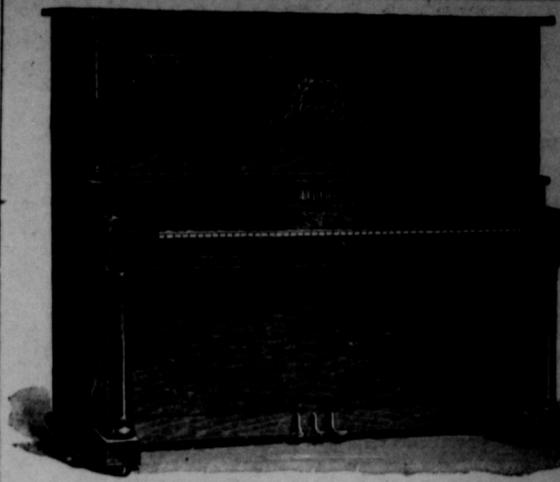
The crop in this vicinity is only half harvested and gives promise of a bumper yield. It is estimated that 1500 tons will be harvested in this and Goliad county.

Gainsville—The Commercial Club is promoting a corn and cotton show to be held next month in which none but members of the boys clubs can participate. This is the first exhibit of this nature ever held in this city. Suitable prizes will be offered for the best specimens.

Dallas—There were \$3,000,000 foreign capital invested in Texas during the month of July, according to conservative estimates. The greater portion of this amount was invested in municipal bonds, although railroad and interurban securities received some consideration from outside capital.

Amarillo—Fifteen hundred head of 3-year-old steers of the Black Polled herd of the X. I. T. Ranch were sold recently. The sale included a lease on approximately 100,000 acres for five years, the consideration amounting to \$250,000. The ranch leased is known as the Buffalo Springs division.

Ennis—The Ennis Booster Club has been organized in this city with an initial membership of 275. The following officers were elected; E. K. Atwood, president; J. R. McMurry, vice president; A. L. Burge, secretary and Sam Feagins, Treasurer.



\$200.00 Every Day

We have been receiving new Dry Goods and Furnishings at the rate of \$200.00 per day for the past few weeks and our shelves are positively full, with more goods arriving continually. Our fall and winter stuff has been receiving our especial attention and it will be a revelation to you to look through the wide range values we have to offer. If we cannot make the prices to suit you that will be our fault—if you fail to look through the stock and learn the prices that will be your loss.

Groceries, Too

We claim to stand pre-eminent in the McLean country when it comes to groceries. Our stock is kept fresh and complete by almost daily shipments and not only do we keep it fresh but we handle only the best in every department.

Another Thing

The beautiful \$400.00 Parlor Grand Piano we are going to give away to some one of our customers on the last day of December has induced quite a number of new customers to investigate the pleasure and profit to be gained by trading at this store and we would like to add you to the list. If you are not running you might have a friend you could help by trading here. We assure you that you can also save money in the operation.

C. A. CASH & SON

Ferris—The election held the 17th to decide on the issuance of \$100,000 in good roads bonds in precinct number nine carried by a large majority. The improvements will make possible a completed highway connecting Ennis with Dallas.

Victoria—The Chamber of Commerce of this city is planning to hold a Harvest Day in connection with the corn show, September 24th. The abundant crops in this vicinity together with the fact that the farmers have realized good profits from the sale of their farm products calls for a celebration of some nature and it is proposed to hold the joy-feast simultaneously.

YOU YOUNG PEOPLE WHO GO TO SCHOOL

It is time for you to consider the place to go this year. Are you content to go to the same old school studying the same old branches and never learning to do what the world wants done?

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SERIAL STORY

No Man's Land A ROMANCE By Louis Joseph Vance

Illustrations by Ray Walters

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SYNOPSIS.

Garrett Coast, a young man of New York City, meets Douglas Blackstock, who is a member of a card party. He accepts, though he dislikes Blackstock, the reason being that both are in love with Katherine Thaxter. Coast falls in love with Blackstock's unworthy friend, Van Turl. At the party Coast meets two men, Dundas and Van Turl. There is a quarrel, and Blackstock shoots Van Turl dead. Coast struggles to wrest the papers from him, thus the police discover them. Coast is arrested for murder, but is convicted, but as he begins his sentence, Dundas names Blackstock as the murderer and kills himself. Coast becomes free, but Blackstock has married Katherine Thaxter and fled. Coast pursues a yacht and while sailing there is thrown from a distant boat. He reaches the place and comes upon some deserted buildings. He discovers a man and a woman. Upon going further and approaching a house he sees Katherine Thaxter. She explains that her husband, under the name of Black, has bought the island. She is blind, a wireless operator and has a station there. Coast informs her that her husband murdered Van Turl. Coast and Blackstock and some Chinamen try to kill him. They fire at him, but he is rescued by Appleyard, who gets him to the Echo in safety, and there he reveals that he is a secret service man and has been watching the crowd on the island, suspecting they are criminals. Coast is anxious to fathom the mystery of No Man's Land, and is determined to save Katherine. Appleyard believes that Black and his gang make a shield of the wireless station to conduct a smuggling business. Coast penetrates to the room of Blackstock's disguise. Katherine enters the room and passes him a note which tells Coast that neither his life nor even his safety is safe. Coast feels that Blackstock suspects him. Appleyard and Echo disappear. Coast assures Katherine of his protection, and she informs him that they are to abandon the island immediately. The blind man and his wife servant overpower Coast, who afterwards escapes and is met by Katherine. She tells him that she is no longer blind. He is overpowered, and Coast and Katherine fly from the spot, and go to a more part of the island and signal a boat which they see in the distance.

CHAPTER XIX.—(Continued.)

Out of the dusk, in which objects are just perceptible, the bungalow seemed up before them. By common consent they paused, Coast looking back toward the beach, Katherine springing up into his face.

"Are they coming, Garrett?"

"Not yet," he said, perplexity in his eyes. "It's as I thought; they know they can lay hands on us at any time. So we can go hang until they're ready to take up our case."

"But," he amended, squaring his shoulders and his jaw and infusing his manner with a confidence and decision he had been glad to feel, "we'll fool 'em. We won't be long now."

"You mean before your friend—Mr. Appleyard?"

"Yes. He's sure to be here at almost any minute—he or the revenue officer."

"But, Garrett, what are we going to do in the meantime?"

"We'll have to stick to the open till Echo comes. Is there a lantern in the house—anything to make a light?"

"Why—yes," she replied in surprise; "there's a kerosene lantern we used at night, when it was necessary to go to the farm-house. But I didn't lead them to us?" Isn't that your surest cover?"

"Absolutely, but I've got to have something to signal Appleyard with. I agreed that I should show a light from the sand pit, in event of any trouble, but he'll be counting on the cutting being here by this time, and it won't do to let him make a landing on the beach near the long-boat."

"Understand. Just a minute—what's the time?"

"Plenty," he said briefly, adding insistently: "But hurry."

She followed her into the house and she disappeared to look for the lantern. He found his way to the divan, and he was just about to take a heavy rug, which he folded and hid beneath one arm before Katherine returned.

"You won't want the light now?"

"No. Give me your hand."

She stepped out into unrelieved darkness, dense and warm and almost tangible by its burden of heat.

The north arose a confusion of voices; and in that quarter, like a freddy show of weaving lights.

And to hand they stole away like a green, not three minutes before the bay was invaded by Blackstock and the crew of the schooner—a loud, raucous, rustling company, making the night with the clamor of their disputations and their curses.

GENERAL NOTE

best ewe lambs to make a first-class pasture orchard grass. Select to castrate the three or four weeks of green feed are selected farmer to produce a sows a fair trial of the sad mistake of m too soon. Sows or calves get into of strong bred soft soap. ble amount of milk to—build a silo. with five cows and a better off than his cows and no making a scarce enough this man who has a few farmers make a pasture lambs into the fall to gather up

without accident out upon the spreading sweep of sand to the east of the long, low-lying spit.

Later they found themselves at the end of this, the northern extremity of the island; and here Coast put down the unlighted lantern and spread the rug in a slight depression between low dunes.

Cimmerian muck encompassed them, abysmal, impassive, penetrated only by dimmed rays of light from the windows of the bungalow, seemingly incalculable miles distant.

Slowly the hours ebbed. They had long since ceased to speak. From the regularity of her breathing Coast believed she slept despite her fears, overcome by thorough exhaustion of every fiber, nerve and faculty. For himself he would not stir for fear of waking her.

The light of a lantern peeped over the ridge, inland, and descended, wavering, through the Cold Lairs to the beach, then became stationary near the edge of the water, over which it shot a long, slender spear of soft radiance.

He understood that a guard had tardily been set over the semi-boat. From the bungalow came thin, far sounds of voices, now and then a husky shout cacophonous in that hour of calm, immutable peace.

They were drinking up there, forgetful alike of danger and their recent disaster.

Abruptly he saw that the lane of lantern light was shattered and dancing. He jumped to his feet, with a glance above that showed him a faint flash of starlight. He held up his hand and a breath of air blew cool against it—a shiver of breeze out of



Some Sort of Order Was Evidently Evolved.

the southwest. All this meant clearing. Swiftly the breeze freshened. Vague forms of mist faded before his straining sight. A musical whisper and clashing of waves echoed through the bush of night. And like a curtain the fog fell back and away, and was not.

About two miles offshore, to the northwest, a green light shone like a colored star, with a white light a little above—at about the height of the Echo's masthead. And while he looked the two moved and swung round, until he saw not only green and white, but the red port light as well, all moving steadily toward the island.

CHAPTER XX.

In his arms Katherine moved with a stifled moan of weariness, a gasp, and then a stiffening of her body which told him that she was now wide awake and mistress of her wits, in full comprehension of their position.

"Katherine—"

"What is it?"

"The Echo—Appleyard, I think—I'm sure. He'll be here in just a few minutes—ten or fifteen; and you must help me show the light."

"Help me up," she said in a dejected voice.

He rose and took her hands, lifting her to her feet. With one thought upmost in both minds, they turned toward the sea.

Off to the northwest the red port and white masthead lights of the cat and white masthead lights of the schooner were all blinking briskly shorewards—the green no longer visible—standing in for the beach where the long-boat lay.

A groan escaped Coast.

"Oh, the devil!" he said beneath his breath, exasperated; and aloud, half-frantically: "Hurry! He's taking the other light for my signal. Here—grab the rug from the steamer's rug and thrust it unceremoniously into Katherine's hand—hold this so, to hide it from the beach, while I light the lantern."

With agonizing slowness the minutes sped, and still the boat held on directly for the beach below the Cold Lairs. Then abruptly the watcher by

FEEDER RACKS SAVE FODDER AND LABOR



Self-Feeder Racks Which Save Fodder and Considerable Labor.

Self-feeder racks for supplying roughage to sheep or cattle are not only the means of saving considerable labor, but, according to tests made at the Colorado experiment station, are the means of saving a great deal of hay. One lot of lambs at this station were fed whole hay in a self-feeder rack, and another lot whole hay in racks on the ground, such as are in common use in many sections of the country. The average gain of these two lots was practically the same, the lot feeding from the self-feeder averaging only one pound heavier than the other, says the American Agriculturist. Also, the grain consumed varied but little, being only nine pounds more for a 100-pound gain in the first lot than in the second. The great saving came in the cost of roughage.

The lot eating from the self-feeder consumed 601 pounds of hay for each 100 pounds of gain, and those eating off the ground consumed 733 pounds of hay for each 100 pounds of gain. This indicates a difference of practically 20 per cent, in favor of the



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KEY TO SUCCESS ON DAIRY FARM

More Can be Accomplished When Farmer and Animals are Care-Free and Contented in Mind.

(By B. L. OUTNAM.)

The dairyman who is looking for results will not allow the dog or the small boy to worry his cows. He knows that if he wants a well filled pail they must not be frightened but kept quiet and content.

The grower of beef cattle is sure to weed out the one that is continually bawling, when it should be grazing, for the simple reason that there is more waste than gain of adipose tissue at such a time. The stock content to feed upon the good pasture at hand rather than busy themselves trying to break into forbidden fields, possibly not nearly as good, are the ones that make the most gain in weight.

The hen that is dogged every time she finds a nice soft place to scratch is not the one that makes the best egg record. She may be hard on the garden, but a good fence would easily fix that. Do not discourage her natural efforts and then expect her to do her best for you.

The horse that is compelled to fight flies continually cannot get in a full day's work, or at least if it does there is less in stamina, which eventually tells on the life work of the animal. Neither can it do its best with an ill-fitting harness. The horse that is comfortable and in good spirits is the one which makes the record.

A flock of sheep harassed by dogs soon show the trouble in their general condition as surely as in their manner. Fleetness of foot is not one of the characteristics of the animal and when this is enforced as a means of preservation it is to the detriment of the flock.

The farmer and his family, as well as his stock, accomplish more when care-free and in a happy turn of mind. All nature is fresh and cheerful. It is profitable for us to be likewise!

CULTIVATE IN CELERY PATCH

Work Should Begin After Plants are Well Started in July—Keep Soil Out of Plant.

After the celery plants are well started in July, commence to cultivate. It is much better to give a shallow cultivation rather than deeper ones, as the roots of celery grow quite near the surface, and cultivating two inches deep will accomplish just as much as four inches, provided, of course, that the ground is cultivated often enough to keep a mulch of loose soil. When the plants have attained a height of about ten inches blanching may be started.

Usually the plants will be quite spreading, and they should be first gathered together, and held in place with one hand, while the soil is drawn to them with a hoe in the other hand. Care should be exercised that no soil gets into the heart of the plant. This is likely to cause the plant to rot.

Hilling should not be done when the ground is dry enough to crumble. If done when the soil is wet the plants are liable to rust. On a small scale celery may be blanched by putting boards 1 inch thick and 2 to 14 inches wide on each side of the row and filling the space around the plants with sawdust or soil.

Good Hog Pastures.

A good pasture for hogs is one which is tender and nutritive. Blue grass makes a good pasture during the spring and late fall. Rye and blue grass make a little winter pasture.

BATS OF VALUE TO THE FARMER

Besides Destroying Mosquitoes and Other Noxious Insects Guano Deposits Are Rich.

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There is no doubt of the great value of bats in the destruction of mosquitoes and other noxious insects, especially beetles. For years we have been interested in the subject and have examined many bat stomachs, with a view to finding out the precise species upon which the different bats feed.

The investigation, however, is beset with difficulties owing to the fact that bats habitually seem to thoroughly chew their insect food before swallowing it, with the result that the determination even of general insects taken for food is very difficult, while the identification of soft-bodied insects like mosquitoes is practically impossible. Because they destroy so many insects we advocate the protection of bats wherever they occur.

None of the species that inhabit the United States do any harm, although they sometimes cause annoyance by congregating in large numbers in the attics or under the eaves of country houses, when the noise they make coming and going frequently disturbs the inmates of the house. This trouble, however, can always be easily cured by stopping up the holes and compelling the bats to take up their residence elsewhere.

In connection with the economic importance of bats the value of their guano as a fertilizer is not to be overlooked, as it brings a high price wherever it can be obtained in marketable quantities. In fact, the erection of artificial shelters for bats for the purpose of obtaining the guano has frequently been advocated, as also has an attempt to increase the number of the mammals, having in mind their destruction of noxious insects, especially mosquitoes.

We know of at least one instance, in Mexico, where a small dwelling was given up to the exclusive use of bats for the purpose of annually or semi-annually gathering the guano for sale.

SECURE FERTILE HATCHING EGGS

Time Required After Introduction of Male Into Breeding Pen Varies From Four to Seven Days.

The Maryland station recently made a test to determine the time required for eggs to become fertile after a male has been added to the breeding pen. Twenty single comb White Leghorns, housed without runs, were kept from the male birds for three months. A cockerel of the same variety was added, and on the fourth day following ten eggs were laid, seven of which were fertile.

In another test, using eighteen Rhode Island Red pullets and one White Plymouth Rock cockerel, four eggs were laid on the seventh day, and all were fertile, six laid on the eighth day, three being fertile. In another test, using a pen of the same breeds, eight eggs were laid on the eighth day, all being fertile.

These tests, while not conclusive, seem to indicate that it is safe to save eggs for hatching from a pen of Leghorn hens after the male bird has been in four days. In the case of the larger or the general purpose fowl, the results show that possibly a longer period should be allowed to lapse, seven days being the time in this instance where the Rhode Island Reds are used. It is possible, however, that the crossing of the breeds may have something to do with the longer period.

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