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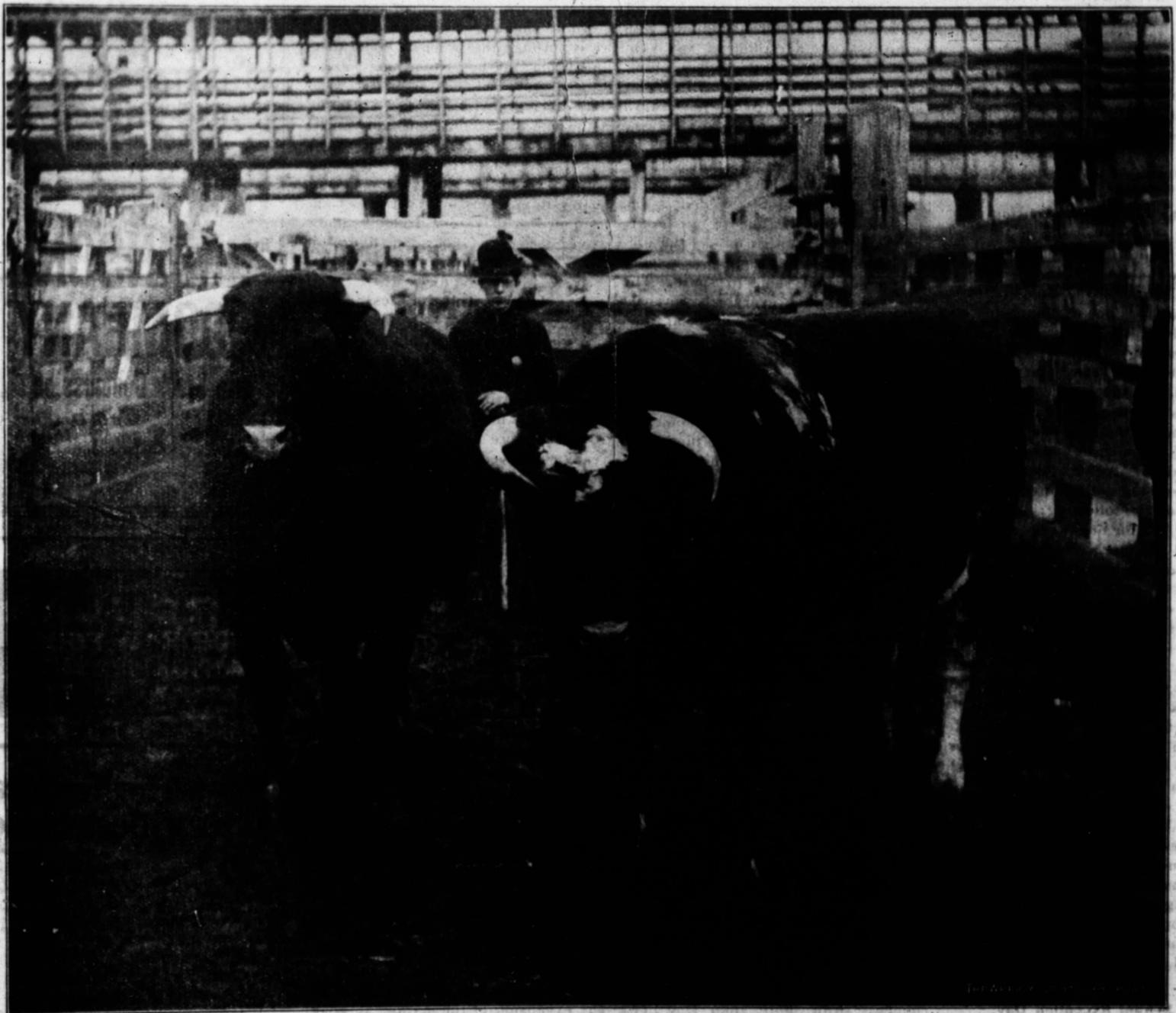
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SHORTHORN MARKET TOPPERS.

A pair of steers marketed on April 11th by the University of Wisconsin and sold for \$7.15, that price being 15c higher than and previous sale this year.

Get Your Dues

Most men fail in business, not because they don't do enough business, but because they don't get paid for what they do. Slovenliness in collecting is the source of more failures than anything else. When a man keeps his collections up, he is not only doing his duty to himself, but to society. It is only fair to the civilized world that everyone should row his weight in the boat. The deadbeat, by letting collections go, is making it harder for others to pull the boat.

The Gazette admires men who get their dues, and take no chances. A few weeks ago a deadbeat tried to slip out of town, and a merchant nabbed him. That was right. It taught the beat a lesson. Whenever you hear a man abused by loafers, listen and learn if he does not insist on making loafers pay their bills. If he does—respect that man. The Gazette has an admiration for Ed Peters, because he insists on having all that is coming to him. Major Hood is another who takes his dues. So do D. W. Morris and Colonel Whitley and Isaac Jones and the best men in Emporia. The world is full of good fellows whose widows live on their relations, and when a man comes along who is fair and honest, and insists on the point of a row on other men being equally fair and honest, he has done the world a service. There are too many scoundrels in the world.—Ex.

The Value Of Advertising

Up in Smith Center there is a merchant by the name of Henry Ahlborn.

There are three newspapers in the town and he is one of their most constant advertisers.

In speaking of his advertising lately Mr. Ahlborn said that it costs him just ten cents on the hundred dollars of business that he did during the past year, and he would have considered it cheap if it had cost him a dollar on the hundred. As an example of what his advertising did for him Mr. Ahlborn cited the following:

"Last fall for one week only, I advertised Farmer's Handy wagons at \$25.00 equal to any \$30.00 wagon, as a result I sold 15 of them in 30 days, besides cleaning up some old stock on hand. Ordinarily I would have sold 5 or 6 of these wagons, but the advertisement and the fact that these wagons were just as represented sold the bulk of them, and here is the point. Goods must be as represented or all of the advertising in the world will not sell them. It may do it once but won't do it for keeps."

The successful modern merchant realizes that one of the great secrets of success is in advertising, and an abundance of it. If you have anything that people want, judicious advertising will sell it, whereas the public might never know about it if it were not advertised.—Popoka State Journal.

School Reception Day.

May first, was a day of pleasure and satisfaction to those who visited our city schools on that day and observed the excellent work on exhibition there.

Not only in the regular school work was there great improvement over previous years but also in manual training work, which was introduced this year, we see remarkable results. When we realize that the true object of teaching is to make an American citizen worthy of the name, we can readily see the value of any work that will develop him physically, mentally and spiritually. Heretofore all work has been directed to the mental training but this exhibit shows work that has made the child more perfectly balanced in his activities. Much is due to the teachers of Woodward, for only by patience, energy and untiring devotion can such a work be accomplished. And in observing this exhibit we must not forget the men who so generously and wisely made provision for the school needs and remember that schools only succeed when teacher, board and patrons cooperate in the great work of making the future generation a noble race of men and women.

Odd Fellows Anniversary.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was the Odd Fellows 86th anniversary entertainment and supper at their hall last Friday night. Of all the anniversaries of the Order since it was instituted at Woodward this was the best. The anniversary ceremonies were fine, the statistics by H. B. Beach did credit to himself and Lodge. That talk on Old Fellowship by S. B. Laune was excellent. The entertainment was fine from start to finish, everybody that missed the dinner missed a treat, there was plenty of supper and some to spare. The hall was full and everybody enjoyed themselves and had a good social time. Mrs. Sackett furnished music the entire evening.

There are many people in the states east of us who want to get a home but who can never do so where they are. They know, many of them, that the west offers them many opportunities. But where to go; that is the question. There are many others who are in total ignorance of the possibilities and advantages of the west. They know nothing of it and think it almost a fairy tale when told of it. They have only to come west to find out. Oklahoma offers them more possibilities than any other state or territory. It is the place for the poor man as well as the rich. What can't be grown here can't be grown at all. And further than that Woodward county offers more advantages than any other county in the territory. Have you ever told your eastern friends about our county? Have you ever stopped to think that the easiest way to tell them about it is to send them your home paper for a time? It saves you in that it would require to write letters and is more complete. THE NEWS is always printing something about our county and more than that THE NEWS has more local and county news than any other weekly paper in Oklahoma. Still, more than that THE NEWS is preparing for something in the near future which will be a great help to Woodward county and to your friends in the east. Why not send them THE NEWS for one year and

help them to get a home in the best county in the United States. Notice our liberal offer elsewhere.

The Rockefeller Way.

The donations offered by John D. Rockefeller call forth a story from Congressman Campbell, of the Third District in brief, is as follows: Years ago when Jesse James was riding through Missouri on horseback, he stopped for dinner with a widow. She gave him the best she had, but seemed very sad and Jesse inquired the cause. After some weeping she informed him that an old skinflint had a mortgage on her place for \$2,000, it was due and he would be after it that day, but she had not the money to pay it. She was sure he would dispossess her. After some further questioning Jesse went down in his pocket and from a roll counted out \$2,000, and gave it to the woman to meet the debt. He waved aside the widow's thanks and after asking her which way the rich man would likely come and the way he would return, Jesse rode away. The creditor came in due time and was surprised to receive his money, took it and rode away through the woods. Some distance from the home he met Jesse James, who in his characteristic way, not only collected back the \$2,000 he had given the widow, but got \$5,000 in addition. "For some reason or other," says Mr. Campbell, whenever I hear of John D. Rockefeller giving money to missions or to colleges I am reminded of that story, I don't know why, but perhaps you can figure it out.—Meade Globe.

Figures Tell No Lies

A glance at the monthly statement of the Stockyards Company, showing the official receipts and shipments at the Fort Worth Stockyards for April, is all that is needed to convince one, if indeed there are any who were already convinced, that this market is not only growing in size and importance but that it is growing at an astonishingly rapid rate.

The aggregate receipts of all kinds of live stock at these yards for the single month of April are officially shown to have reached a total of 141,038 head. Of this number, cattle comprised 73,139 head or more than half of the total receipts of live stock, while hogs came in a close second with 50,597 received. While this is a good showing for hog receipts, considering the few short years that the Texas farmer has been raising hogs for the market it will undoubtedly look very small in months and years to come, for the industry is yet in its infancy in this state, whose people will certainly not be slow to recognize the advantage and profit in supplying at least its own consumptive demand for pork. Last month's supply of hogs on the Fort Worth market if trebled would have come nearer the demands of Fort Worth packers.

In the matter of the car receipts, the expansion of the market is strikingly shown. During the month 2,270 cars of cattle, 55 cars of calves, 610 cars of hogs, 71 cars of sheep and 48 cars of horses arrived, a good gain over carlot receipts for April in 1904

in every branch of the industry save in sheep receipts. Total carlot receipts for the month were 3,054, compared with 2,033 for April 1904, an increase for the month of 1,021 cars. If this rate of increase should be maintained throughout the year the increase over 1904 receipts will show the magnificent gain of 12,252 carloads of live stock. Of the month's receipts of cattle, Fort Worth packers purchased 21,800 head, outside packers, butchers, county buyers and speculators bought 11,738. Cattle received in the yards and shipped out on through billing totaled 29,971. Of the calf supply, 3,907 were sold to local packers and 3,761 to outside packers, butchers and others. Local packers bought practically all of the hogs that were received, getting 49,601 and leaving but 995 for all other buyers. Of the p, packers purchased 8,493 during the month and 7,413 were shipped out on through billing.—Ft. Worth Live Stock Report.

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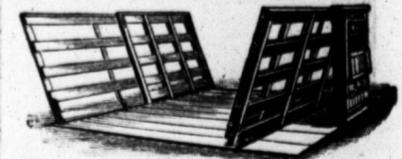
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MEXICAN HERDERS AT THEIR NOONDAY LUNCH.

Away Back East.

Regarding the opinion eastern people have of the west Edgar Marchant, of Aline, gives the following as his observation of the opinion held by our eastern relatives:

"The Chronoscope's editor returned Tuesday from a two thousand mile trip in Eastern states. He saw farms that were held at \$200 per acre and learned upon inquiry that the rental value was but six dollars per acre per annum. When he expressed surprise and told of land in sight of Aline from which the owner derived \$70 per acre per annum in certain crops, the editor's hearers applauded him as an entertaining, unique and original liar.

In some of the country visited the Western man can establish a reputation for veracity only by becoming a liar. If he tells the whole story of the wealth, resistless push and conquering advance of the empire builders of the southwest he is esteemed a colossal liar.

The average schoolboy fifteen years old, in Oklahoma, knows more of the East than the average man of thirty years in the East knows of the West.

Some of the land that is held at \$100 per acre is too poor to raise an umbrella on. There are mills standing idle because there is no wheat grown to supply them. One of the stock questions is "What do you use for a fertilizer in Oklahoma?"

The general conclusion of the Okla-

homa man who travels in the East is that Oklahoma has the East skinned successfully and completely in easy running time.—Renfrews Record.

Laugh.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn how to tell a story. A well told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sickroom.

Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself. The world is too busy too care for your ills and sorrows. Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in the world keep the bad to yourself. Learn to hide your pains and aches under a pleasant smile.

No one cares to hear whether you have the earache or headache or rheumatism. Don't cry. Tears do well enough in novels, but they are out of place in real life. Learn to meet your friends with a smile.

The good humored man or woman is always welcome, but the dyspeptic or hypochondriac is not wanted anywhere and is a nuisance as well.—Farmer's Call.

Land Office Report.

The following contest decisions have been made during the past week

The joint case of Michael Sawyer vs. Bessie Sawyer, Isaac D. Taylor vs. Bessie Sawyer and Michael C. Sawyer, Chas. M. Graves vs. Michael C.

Sawyer, Geo. F. Marston vs. Chas. M. Graves. Applicants, the decision being made in favor of Graves and that he be allowed to perfect his entry on the land; Taylor be restrained.

In the case of W. A. Berkey vs. Harry Wells, the decision was made in favor of Wells, and it was recommended that the defendant, A. Wells, be allowed to enter the tract of land in dispute providing it shall be made that said Wells at the time he made his application was qualified to make homestead entry.

The following case has been decided in the commissioners court; the case of Catlett vs. Lawson, the contest was remanded for new trial and the officers were instructed to set the new date.

Report of business for the month of April: Entries made, 365; proofs 97; amount of land included in these entries about 53,000 acres; total receipts for month \$10,700.

The contest case of Lowe vs. Dixon was a hard fought case before the officials Friday.

The following contests have been filed during the past week: Fred Stevens vs. Frank M. Hitchcock; Elizabeth McDermott vs. Arba D. Long; Mattie J. Beasley vs. Stella M. Fuller; Richard S. Foley vs. Geo. E. Davidson; Denver L. Wiley vs. Samuel J. Riekner; Jas. a Rafter vs. Chas. E. Hall; Frank B. Bresh vs. Nellie

Ward; Henry P. Alsup vs. Eli. M. Allsup; Noah L. Chenoweth vs. Josepa Brennan; Wm. Harkreader vs. Bessie Olson; John Konig vs. David Schippelbut; Chas. O. McLain vs. Chas. W. Hebert. Besides these there were twenty-seven contests filed on land in Beaver county.

Pat O'Neal.

Left Alva, Nov 23, 1904; last seen in Wichita, and it was reported that he was going to Sherman's Ranch west of Alva; weight 170 lbs., height 5 feet 10 inches, dark complexioned, dark hair and eyes, dark mustache, Irish descent, and about 25 years old. Anyone having information as to his whereabouts, please inform D. W. Harrington, Alva, Okla., Rfd. No. 6.—Alva Pioneer.

Persons living along the rural free delivery routes should take notice that it costs 2 cents to send any letter, no matter whether to your next door neighbor or to any point farther away this coming under the same head as towns which have special delivery. Always put a 2-cent stamp on your letters and thus insure prompt and safe delivery.

Lake Ivanhoe is getting to be quite a popular place for young people to visit while on their wedding trips.

THE Veterinary

DEPARTMENT

EDITED BY DR. PINK HOWARD

WOODWARD, O. T. OFFICE AT CATTLE KING HOTEL. PHONE 60.

All correspondence answered in their turn by the editor of this department. Anyone desiring answer by return mail and not waiting for answer through the columns of this paper, will please send \$1.00. Address all correspondence to editor of this department.

Mr. J. P. H., Waynoka, O. T.

Please send more particulars about your case.

E. F., Grand, O. T. To send you a direct treatment by mail you need to send \$1 as a proper fee for my service. Your question will be answered free in the next issue of this paper.

Wind Galls.

E. P., Chaney, O. T., want to know what to do for a wind gall.

ANSWER: Apply to the wind gall the following: tincture iodine 8 ozs., pulv. camphor 1 oz., mix and apply with swab once a day.

Diseased Teeth.

TO EDITOR VETERINARY DEPARTMENT:

My horse holds his head sideways white eating hard corn; seems to be doing well. What would you advise me to do with him?

I. J. H., Buile, O. T.

ANSWER: Have a competent man to examine his teeth.

M. R. H., Shallick, O. T., wants to know if Rough on Rats would kill chickens and other fowls if they would happen to get it.

ANSWER: Rough on Rats would kill chickens in from 10 to 30 hours. The ones not dosed sufficient to kill them should not be put on the market for one month.

Disease from Dry Feed.

During the fall and early winter trouble was experienced by feeders in Kansas from caked starch in cattle. It is not immediately dangerous but if allowed is likely to prove fatal.

TREATMENT: Wet the dry feed with salt water and give doses of linseed oil.

Colic.

I have a horse that gets sick about every four weeks, lays down, gets up rolls, has cold ears and legs.

ANSWER: Please write what you feed; regulate the diet and give sodium bicarbonate 8 ozs., gentian pulv. 3 ozs., ferri sulphate 1 oz., nucis vomica pulv. 2 ozs., mix and give one tablespoonful in feed three times daily.

W. A. H., Gage, O. T.

Fistulo.

M. R. G., Ceiling, O. T. wants to know what a fistulo is and the treatment for one running eighteen months.

ANSWER: The latest theory is that a fistulo is a germ that enters the system of a horse and is infectious; that is contracted from one horse to the

other, and the direct fistulo is developed by a bruise. The treatment of fistulous tracts lies in getting to the bottom of the wound and giving it free drainage.

Salivary Calculus

TO EDITOR VETERINARY DEPARTMENT:

I have a horse with a hard lump on upper jaw about even with the third back tooth. It feels like two large pieces of gravel for you can grip them together. How can I remove them and what is it?

Mr. S., Woodward, O. T.

ANSWER: You have a case of salivary calculus formed in the salivary duct, that leads from the salivary glands to the mouth. You had better employ a competent veterinarian to open the duct and remove the calculus.

Broken Leg

TO EDITOR VETERINARY DEPARTMENT:

My bay mare nine years old got kicked one year ago next month at the elbow joint, about even with the lower line of the body. It swelled considerably, has never been able to bear weight of body since. What can I do for her.

F. E. Supply, O. T.

ANSWER: Please describe the case more thoroughly with regard to any cut or opening through the skin whether inflamed, hard formation or soft.

From your description you have a broken bone or an open joint, either case is serious and after that time would not respond to treatment.

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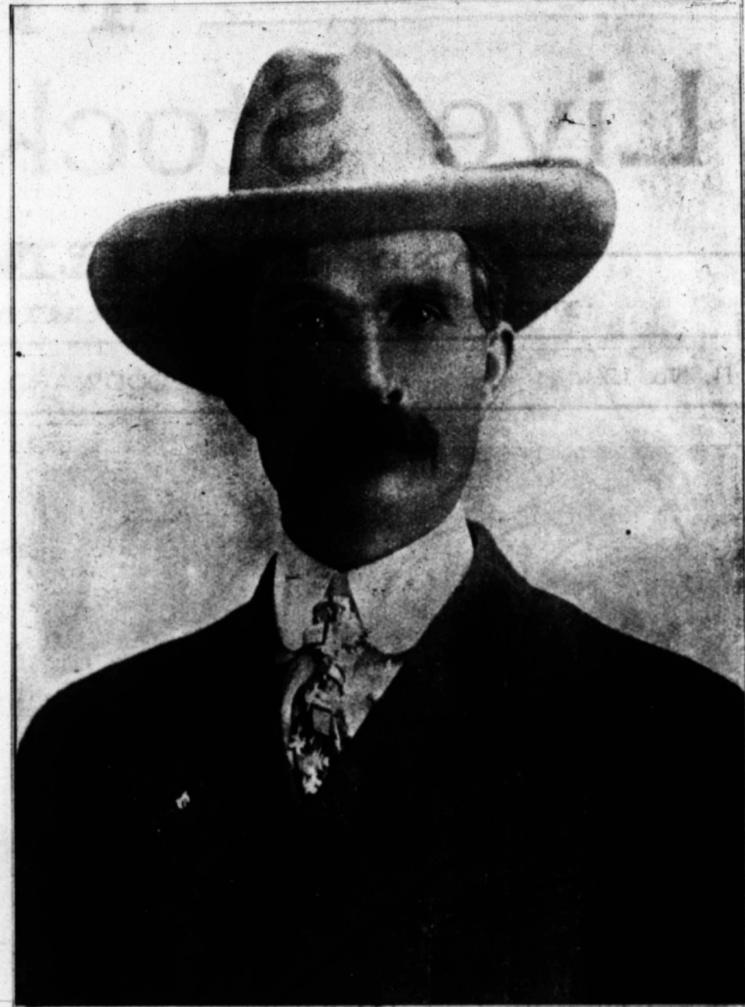
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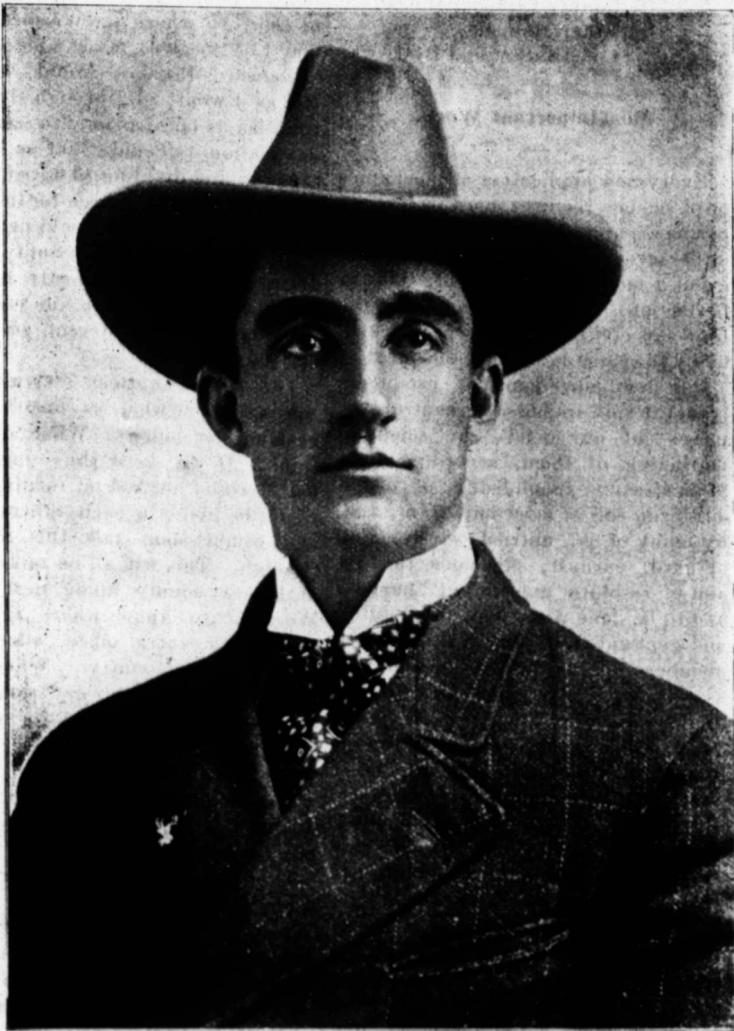
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OUR
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Poultry Notes.

"The hen stood on the garden lot,
Whence all but she had fled;
And didn't leave a planted spot
In the early onion bed.
With vim she worked both feet and legs
And the gardener says he bets
She was trying to find the kind of eggs
On which the onion—sets."
Over fed hens never lay eggs.
Scaly legs are caused by parasites.
Use coal oil and lard.
Remember that hens that are fat and baggy are not worth keeping.
Where fowls are kept in confinement they need a variety of feeds.
Tobacco stems covered with straw in the nests will prevent insect breeding.
An egg is never in better condition for setting than on the day that it is laid.
It is a good plan to sow rye in the spring, summer and autumn for grain food.
The hen may not be called a mortgage lifter, but give her a chance and she will scratch one badly.
When whitewash is used in the poultry house use two tablespoons full

of carbolic acid to a bucket full of whitewash.
To have the best results with chickens and produce a good spring growth it is necessary to see that the chicks are fed regularly from shell to finish.
For large fowls low roosts are best as the birds have difficulty in reaching high roosts without a ladder, and are likely to be injured in trying to reach the roosts.
If there is a pile of old house-plaster anywhere on the premises, dump some of it in a corner of the poultry house. It will not be necessary to explain to the hens what it is for.
Don't wash the eggs in water. It opens the pores and hastens their decay. If your conscience is against marketing dirty eggs, clean them with a soft cloth dipped in whiting.
Do not be discouraged if your first year in poultry raising is not a success. Our successful poultry raisers are those who have learned their lessons by experience. There is plenty of room at the top.
Raising capons is coming to great favor. We recently saw a flock of capons six months old that sold for \$1.75 apiece. The price paid for capons ranges from twenty to twenty-

five cents per pound at this time of the year.

Use china nest eggs. An egg to be fit to eat or for sale must be fresh beyond a doubt. For this reason it is a most untidy thing to use natural nest eggs. The nest egg, after a time is almost sure to be gathered and of course is "off" in quality.

The largest and finest hen in the flock is not the best layer. Indeed, as a layer, the chickens are true to one that she is well down towards the foot of the class. The best layers have something else to do besides grow big and fat.

Examine the hen house and see if it

does not need a good cleaning out. Sprinkle the roosts with coal oil or lye and thereby many lice may be killed. There will be no success in poultry raising without labor. The best plan for killing lice in the hen house is to use boiling water.

If the hens fall into the bad habit of eating eggs, break them off by feeding them egg-shells—a lot of them that they can be induced to eat. In the meantime it will not be a bad plan to be saving up the egg-shells in anticipation of a possible outbreak of that kind. This is the most satisfactory way of dealing with the egg eating vice.

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or, **The Witch of Monte Carlo.**
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Author of "Dr. Jack," "Miss Pauline, of New York," "A Captain o' the Kaiser," "Miss Caprice," "The Spider's Web," Etc., Etc.
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CHAPTER I.

The Only and Original Jones.

A sudden lively commotion, accompanied by shouts of alarm, attracted the attention of a sun-browned weather-beaten individual in the garb of a tourist, who had been seated upon the pinnacle of a picturesque rock in the famous Bois de Boulogne of Paris occasionally using a gigantic pair of American field glasses for distant views, and anon calmly surveying the stream of stylish turnouts that dribbled past.

"A novelty at last—something I've never witnessed before—a runaway automobile, and heading this way lickety-split as sure as my name is Jones. "What's that in the car—thunder! A woman, as I live, and a devilish handsome one at that. Seems to me I should know that face and figure—yes, she stands there steering the bolting machine with the same bravery I saw her show when she faced the Nihilist plotters in Warsaw, and defied them in the name of the Czar. I shall never forget it. But the Princess Irene Olgavitch is in a worse scrape than that now. Faster whirls the car, as though possessed of seven devils. Once it strikes some obstacle and I fear me that famous beauty will thrill the hearts of Parisian dandies and diplomats no more, and Nicholas will have to look far and wide to fill the place of so clever a secret agent."

As yet fortune had given the flashing vehicle a clear field, but it was going at the rate of twenty miles an hour, and at any moment might plunge into some drag or coach that had been dilatory in giving way, when an awful spill and smash must follow.

The man on the rock was deeply interested, and made as though he would leap down and run to the road with the hope of lending some assistance, when his attention was arrested by the appearance of a bicyclist on the scene, coming like mad from the rear and adding to his pace with every revolution of his sprocket wheel.

Eagerly Jones bent forward to watch, but was never able to see just how it had been accomplished—the bicycle lay upon the park drive a complete wreck, but the intrepid rider had somehow thrown himself upon the lurching motor and appeared at the

side of the way, crouched upon the seat, clinging with both fragile hands to the steering wheel.

Apparently the adventurous individual quickly grasped the situation, and realized that with the machinery in rebellion heroic measures must be taken in order to bring the runaway to a stand—at least Jones judged this when he saw him laying vigorously about with an iron bar he had secured, evidently bent on severing certain connections by means of which the propelling power was communicated to the wheels.

The thing was done; shorn of its incentive for speed the lumbering wreck soon came to a stand directly before Jones' rocky pulpit, and of course was quickly surrounded by a crowd of curious persons, eager to look upon those who had been actors in the recent little drama.

Presently a figure left the chattering crowd that watched the transfer of the lady to another vehicle, and headed directly for the rock upon which Jones held forth.

Another minute and they were shaking hands with exceeding gusto—as only men do who meet on a foreign strand amid surroundings not altogether congenial.

"It was well done, my boy; remarkably well done, permit me to say," declared Jones, while he pumped away at the other's hand. "Was the lady injured?"

"Not in the least, and she recovered from her fright very quickly."

"Your wheel—"

"A complete wreck. I gave orders to have it carted to a repair shop."

"Do you know the lady you rescued from disaster?" Jones asked, quietly, watching the face of his companion closely to see what effect her charms might have had upon him.

"Never saw her—before, to tell the truth. She gave me her card, but I have not yet taken the trouble to look at it."

"Suppose you do, my dear boy." Merrick whistled softly upon reading the name, and then looked at his companion inquiringly.

"I have heard much of this Russian princess, and can well believe some of the wonderful stories told about her. She is a beauty without question, and

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AMERICAN SOCIETY

OF EQUITY DEPARTMENT

E. R. WILLIAMS, EDITOR.

A COMBINE OR THE RIGHTS OF LIBERTY.

The greatest lecturer and scientist of the present age said: "When you find yourself in a mental fog, attend to the duty of definition." This seems fitting in this article as many ignorant and prejudicial men are calling our movement a "combine" of the farmers. It is a combination but not a "combine" as the term is used now, to designate secret conspiracies against healthful competition, against law—in fact where they exist there is criminality of many kinds. By this so-called modern "combine" corporate and private greed have been able to absolutely control both the buying and selling price of nearly all commodities, thus becoming absolute monarchs in this land of statutes where we are supposed to have government; while the victims, which, alas, constitute the great mass, are reduced to a perfectly helpless condition.

The organization of a "combine" is, of necessity, secret. Their heartless and gigantic plunder of the people are not yet fully suspected by the people. Only the most commonplace of their acts of crime have reached the public ear. Thanks to reform bureaus and a few statesmen such as J. B. Folk these mushrooms of social and commercial pestilence are being discovered and the wrath of a pilfered public is being aroused. Look, for example, at the disregard for courts of law, the perjury and stealth everywhere practiced by the "Beef-Trust" and the "Standard Oil Company." Have you noticed any self-respect, any vestige of the sacred thing we call "honor" in any of the conduct of their managers?

The "Beef Trust" secretly put the prices of gross meats up to induce us to ship, and then when we do ship it is agreed by them to put the price down when our stuff does reach the market. They agreed, again, to put the price of dressed meats up, boycotting those retail dealers who did not join in their scheme of robbery. How much more they may be guilty of violating the "natural rights", even, of men we do know, for criminals do not commit their crimes before the public gaze.

The purpose of "Combines" generally, is to absolutely control the markets and that means absolute dependence or financial slavery for the masses.

Now, how about the American Society of Equity? By our very name we have announced our purpose to be "equity" or "justice". The toleration of the "trust" by our government and state legislatures have made our organization necessary. We are not given justice and therefore demand it. The difference between our society and a "combine" is as wide as light and darkness, robbery and obedient citizenship, willful murder and the sacrifice of life according to law by a sheriff or hangman. All

good citizens and good government should be in sympathy with our object. As a class we should have the sacred right allowed to all, of taking care of our own business. We naturally suspect that those who depreciate our organization are now profiting by our helpless unorganized state. Few of our own ranks but see and feel the crying need of united effort.

When understood, this society will be honored as no other society ever was for its benefits for it will bring the farmer into a union and fellowship like other business men and bring the good day of "plenty" that has always eluded his honest and earnest effort. It will give him good houses, good implements and plenty of them, education for his family instead of overwork, it will give him plenty of literature and recreation in fact this solid union of farmers, and such it will be, promises the jubilee year of good things for him and it promises ill to no man. If the farmer is not entitled to these things we call good, we want to know who is? He furnishes the world food and raiment, who, pray tell us, does as much?

"Tom foolery" best characterizes the cry of some that if we do secure living prices for farm products that it would be an injustice, as some poor laborers here and there would have to pay more for their "bread." This is equal in reason to our selling our beef cheap enough to permit the New York consumers of beef-steak to buy it for 15 or 26c a lb., instead of 40 to 48c the present price. How cheap would that be?

The farmers business has been run almost devoid of profits but it is not a benevolent institution exactly, and we can require a fair price for our stuff, that is chiefly used by those reveling in luxuries and pleasure, and gain enough by the change to take care of all the paupers in the country.

The American Society of Equity proposes justice in all its business, but it proposes to organize together and bring to the front the most numerous and most downtrodden and financially the most important class of people—the farmers.

And we make the prophecy that no matter who kicks we are sure to succeed as effect follows cause. The means have been instituted and like men of sense we will employ them and reach the end.

NOTICE TO A. S. OF E.

A draft of the order of business to be followed by the President at next County Union of Woodward county to be held at the Court House in Woodward, May 17, at 10 o'clock a. m.

1. Call to order by the chair.
2. Roll call of officers, president filling any vacancies.
3. Roll call of members.
4. Reading and disposition of minutes of previous meeting.
5. Reports of Committees:
 - a. Press Committee.
 - b. Organization.
 - c. Programme.
7. Appointment of Committees.
 - a. Credentials.
 - b. Press.
 - c. Organization.
 - d. Programme.
 - e. Home Exchange.

- f. County Clearing House.
- g. Entertainment.
- h. Constitution and By Laws.

Most Important Work.

Every new application of mechanics or of science requires more or less experiment, and always a large quantity of persevering determination to reach even a moderate degree of skill or perfection. The evolution of all the forces of civilization have been marked by the same law of advancement.

Our new movement, as producers from the soil, intended to control the prices of our goods, by scientific marketing of them, according to a plan already expounded, is of necessity brim full of most important, and, by many of us, untried work. Full of hard, earnest, sagacious thought and of resolute unchanging purpose and to be done with such an affability and gentleness of temper as becomes members of a life long cooperative association. The time has arrived for energetic action, and we have done so little in the commercial world to maintain or secure our own interests, that many regard us as practically extinct. But we trust the slumbering volcano has "come alive" and will belch forth such tremendous organized power as will startle the world and bury in oblivion the "board of trade" gambling and all other false manipulations of prices.

We are coming together, like the valley of dry bones, meeting one another in school houses and halls, greeting each other, with new zest, on the streets and highways and recognizing more fully a community of interests.

Our splendid official paper draws us more closely together and is all we could desire and all we need as a printed organ of communication, but we still lack the utility given by the social proximity and speed of the electric wire. This means of personal communication with one another and with the great markets of trade is a part of the original plan to bring the farmers to the front. It is now to be considered and be put in its place to assist in the consummation of our great plan.

Our national board of directors of the A. S. of E. are now drafting plans and seeking means to locate about four great business clearing houses and man them by our own members, connecting these with county clearing houses, and these again to be connected by telephone with each farmers home. The four main clearing houses will be connected in the same way with all the great markets, thus giving each farmer at home, any your a knowledge of the markets that he may rely upon. This will save us the humility and loss of being "gagged" by a middle man, on market conditions and prices. These facts will be our own secrets as they should be.

Is not this important work? Does it not look like taking charge of our own business? Are you thinking of the cost? What of that when it is not 1% of the loss you sustain each year by not handling your own business. Let's see. There are probably 8000 farmers in Woodward county. Suppose that \$24,000 were required to

build a telephone line to Kansas City or Denver where our Western house may be located. \$3.00 apiece from Woodward farmers would build it. But as it would go through 10 more counties as large as ours to reach its destination we could count on help all the way and dividing \$3.00 per capital by 10 we have 30c apiece for the line—that is supposing all should help.

Our home lines to the county central office can be supplied mostly by wire fences except at section line crossings many of us from different parts can use the same line.

This is the shortest statement we can make of what is on our programme at once. What do you think? If we were thus united the battle would not last a month. We would be living in each others yards and would soon talk this business through. This will all be talked over at the next county union next week. We want to know where to locate our county central office, whether in town or in the county. Whether at Woodward, Supply or somewhere else. Whether it would be wise to put it in a town unfriendly to us? What would friendliness imply? Whom do you want for a board of directors to attend to this most important business?

These and a hundred other questions are now upon us. Come to the Woodward court house next Wednesday, May 17th, at 10 a. m. and council with us. If you are not a member join, but come anyway. We need the best talent and influence of the county.

You will see a programme and the order of business in the papers.

An Interesting Bit of Experience

George Miller of Ranch "101" lately made a stage coach trip inland fifty-five miles from Ravalli, Mont. When he asked the driver what the fare would be the latter said: "First class is \$7, second class \$3, and third class \$1.50." Miller bought a first class passage and climbed aboard. A moment or two later a stranger came up and after counting his money carefully bought a \$3 seat. Then came a native with holes in his shoes and his wearing apparel tied up in a red bandana handkerchief. He managed to shake \$1.50 out of his pockets and seemed glad to ride anywhere. There was no difference, however, in the desirability of seats, whereupon Miller raised his voice in protest and upbraided the driver for making him pay \$7 for a seat that was no better than one for which the tramp had paid \$1.50.

"Keep yer shirt on, pardner," replied the stage driver, "and don't begin kickin' before anybody's rolled the steel into you. Yer gettin' a square deal." After traveling ten or twelve miles the road started up the perpendicular side of a mountain.

The driver halted his horses, turned in his seat, and in a voice that sounded like a station agent calling the departure of trains, exclaimed: "First class passengers, keep yer seats; second class passengers, git down and walk; third class passengers, git out an' push, an' push like hell."

An ad. in THE LIVE STOCK INSPECTOR brings good results.

The Closing Scenes

The passing of the wild west will be marked in Oklahoma this coming summer in a manner alike historical and impressive. The wild west has been growing tamer these many years, but some semblance of it exists in odd corners and a few prominent figures are still to be found in the western states. The celebration of the passing is to be fittingly held in Oklahoma—the last frontier to give way before the onward sweep of progress.

The occasion of this review of the past and comparison with the present is to be the meeting of the National Editorial Association in Guthrie next June. After the meeting adjourns the entire party will go to the

GREAT 101 RANCH

on the Ponca Reservation, June 11th, and witness the last act. Miller Bros., who own the ranch, will present the spectacle. It is expected that thirty-five thousands will be witnesses to the last wild buffalo hunt, the last Indian fight, the last roping contest of importance and the last roundup of as many as five-thousand range cattle. And in the same arena where this reminder of the wilder days will be represented, will be seen the newest things; even automobiles, while upon a track at the side of the show grounds will stand trains of Pullman cars and on the benches built to seat thirty thousand people will sit fashionably attired women and men to whom the scenes that are spread before them will be as foreign as if from another land and clime.

The program announced by Miller Bros. would be impossible of accomplishment at a later date. The reservation where it is to be presented will all have been allotted before the end of another year. The cowboys are scattering and forgetting their cunning with the rope. The wild cattle are now difficult to locate while the trained cow pony is fast becoming a curiosity. The wild horses for the bronco busting contests are difficult to secure in the light of modern methods of this section of the country. There will never be another wild west celebration like that to be presented on the 101 Ranch, June 11. Following is the program:

Grand Parade

Indians and Cowboys in native dress. 2000 Indians, 450 Cowboys.

Buffalo Hunt and Killing

Herd of Thirty-five Genuine Buffalo.

Speech by Indian Chief.

Cattle Roundup and Branding

Herd of Five Thousand Range Cattle.

Roping Contest for Championship of Southwest

Largest Prize Ever Offered, Gold Medals and Cash.

Cowboy Sports and Pastimes

Valuable Prizes Offered for All Events.

Lucile Mulhall

Champion Lady Rider and Roper of the World in daring feats of Horsemanship with her horse, Governor. She will rope, throw and tie a wild steer.

Pickett, the Noted Texas Negro

Will jump from the back of a running horse onto the back of a wild Texas steer, catch the steer by the nose with his teeth and throw the animal to the ground. The most wonderful feat ever attempted by man.

Grand Sham Battle

Between United States Regulars, Cowboys and Indians and ending with the burning of an Immigrant Wagon Train.

Grand Spectacular Entertainment

Illustrating the Rush at the Opening of the Cherokee Strip.

Indian Dances, Games and Pastimes

With contests for Valuable Prizes.

Music will be furnished by the Best Bands in Oklahoma.

Excursion Trains Will Stop at the Grounds.

Special arrangements for serving refreshments are now being perfected and will be on a mammoth scale. An expert caterer will have charge of this department and will be prepared to feed 35,000 people comfortably and quickly.

Dairy Department

DAIRY DOTS.

If you have a good cow see that she has a good manger.

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The cows have no business in the orchard in winter—or any other time.

Cattle can thrive only by good feeding, and without thrift there can be no profit.

Feed of any kind that is likely to limit the milk should be fed after milking, not before.

Do not overwork the butter. If this is done the natural gain is destroyed and a greasy product is the result.

Small potatoes can be profitably fed to cows before they freshen, and small feeds occasionally in place of the grain ration.

The hand separator saves labor and the milk may be fed sweet and warm, like the mother's milk to calves and pigs.

The milker should be on friendly terms with the cows. Abundance of good feed and kind treatment mean increased profits.

In selecting a dairy cow, see that the teats are all set apart, and are of good size. A short, small-teated cow is a nuisance to milk.

Where the cow's teats become chapped it is a good plan to have a can of lard handy to apply to affected parts just after milking.

Keep the dairy cow warm in winter. A cold cow is worse than a cold cook stove. A good stable temperature of 40 degrees will remain sweet 36 to 48 hours without and special treatment.

Make the bulk of the butter in the winter. Prices are universally better. Hot weather is trying on the cows and on the patience of the butter maker as well as his skill.

Among the attractive forms of butter prints is the one pound size, wrapped in parchment paper. These parchment papers labeled with name of farm, owner, etc., can be obtained of dairy supply houses.

Dairy tests to last one month and commencing September 1, 1905, will be conducted at the Lewis and Clark Centennial at Portland, Ore., and will be along similar lines as the World's Fair demonstration.

Dairying requires one to put in 365 days of the year. This is too steady a job for some persons, but the time has come when the man who gets a start must have something to keep him profitably and continually employed.

CULTIVATE THE COW.

Dairying is an occupation of the farm which does more towards building it up to a high state of fertility than any other one branch of agriculture. It is far more confining

than stock raising for gain farming, and should only be engaged in by those who have a great liking for the work. The man behind the gun in the dairy must be behind the gun at all times. He must superintend the care, feeding, skimming, butter making, management of calves, field work and the breeding for efficient results. We know a few of this kind of men, and they are making money, making friends at every turn, and have good cause for living. Humanity welcomes more of this brand of husbandmen. There is a wealth of cheap lands that may be devoted to this work; good breeding and dairy cattle are easily procured and good schools are open for the thorough education of the young men who desire to study the work.

BUTTER FAT IN CHEESE.

It used to be an old idea that four or five per cent of fat in the milk out of which cheese was made spoiled it. We know better now. Before the means were at hand for analysis of milk on every farm a cheesemaker that had milk showing four or five per cent imagined that the solids with which he was working were about the same as in the milk having three per cent of fat, which is about the standard. Therefore, he eased his conscience and skimmed off part of the fat to make into butter, thereby turning an honest penny and reducing the amount of fat in the milk to about the supposed normal. What he really did make was a skim cheese, for the proportions of solids in relation to the butter fat being about constant the rich milk, being skimmed was reduced below the normal in butter fat. The general run of milk is never too rich for cheesemaking. Here and there a cow gives very rich milk, but the number of such cows is not large enough to keep any cheese factory running. The rich must go in with the poor milk and the general average is not much above three per cent. So no man can afford to skim his cheese milk.

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A postal card, addressed to the Secretary of the Oklahoma Live Stock Association, Woodward, Okla., will bring by return mail a full set of blanks necessary for becoming a member of the Association, also full information pertaining to the same.

There is an opening in Woodward for a good republican newspaper. The honest element in that party do not hesitate to condemn Jay Smith and his mercenary looting of the public which brings shame upon the party he claims to represent. A good republican newspaper here would secure four-fifths of the party support and there is no better opportunity anywhere in Oklahoma for such a newspaper.

Of course some business men in it, if nonsense to advertise, but they will learn their mistake though perhaps some of them will not learn this until they have "lost out." A publication is to be started in Kansas City this winter, the building for which has already been erected which will be devoted exclusively to advertising mail order houses among farmers of the west. Unless the merchant keeps his name before the public by advertising in the local papers, and thereby keeps in touch with the people from whom he gets his trade, he will find that he will soon have more cause for growling than he now has because the people send away for their goods. It is a fact that the local paper is not held properly appreciated by the business man.—The Safford Courier.

Oklahoma is "Professor-Ridden."

Oklahoma Farm Journal: "Higher education" comes high in Oklahoma. The legislature appropriated \$525,500 for the territorial educational institutions for two years. Of this the Agricultural college will receive 135,500, about one dollar out of five. The amount appropriated for the running expenses of schools is \$385,000. The territory will spend one dollar to educate our young folks for farm life and ten dollars to educate them away from the business in which more than three-fourths of the people of Oklahoma are engaged. We may not be a priest-ridden people, but we certainly are pretty near to being professor-ridden. The sums appropriated for education are not too large.

But the proposition should be ten dollars for agriculture to one dollar for teaching dead languages and music and foot-ball.

GRAND HISTORICAL CELEBRATION AT 101 RANCH.

The greatest historical event in the records of Oklahoma from its first settlement until it commemorates the first one hundred years of statehood, will be the reproduction of the famous run in the settlement of the country; the aggregation of Indian Chiefs warriors, the renaissance of the cow puncher and the sight of farming on the largest individual farm in the world, all of which is scheduled to occur on June 11th at the 101 Ranch in eastern Oklahoma.

The idea originated in a plan to entertain the National Editor-

ial Association which will convene in Guthrie on June 6th where it will hold sessions for three days. A visit will follow to Oklahoma City and several other towns of prominence after which their special train will be taken to the 101 ranch near Bliss and there they will be feasted on real Buffalo meat.

As the idea expanded the demand by others to witness the entertainment provided has grown until the Miller Bros. who own the 101 Ranch acceded to it and began preparations on a phenomenal scale to take care of all visitors and a general invitation was and is extended to everyone who so desires to come.

Arrangements are therefore progressing to feed 40,000 people on the great pasture lands of the ranch on that day, and special numbers are being prepared at enormous expense for the entertainment of everyone who may attend.

The story about Geromino scalping anyone, is of course most absurd and ridiculous, and the writer in mentioning it in an interview with the Kansas City Star some weeks ago is not doubted but the broad intelligence of the people of the west would instantly recognize the absurdity of the matter. It seems however that a few narrow minded souls, among them the negro editor of an El Reno newspaper, bit into it and swallowed it whole. But as a rule it was regarded just as the writer intended it, simply a suggestion that no bald heads need apply.

Taken seriously, the event approaching will mark an epoch in the history of Oklahoma. It means good-bye forever to the nomads whom Fenimore Cooper and Longfellow immortalized in story and song; it means vale and farewell to the free and easy kingdom of range cattle and the attendant cow puncher and marks the onward sweep of a new era for Oklahoma in productive farms, domestic breeds of cattle, schools on every hill and churches in every valley; it marks the last appearance forever of the pure blood bison which formerly grazed in countless herds over the vast rolling prairies of our own beautiful Oklahoma; it records on history's page in ineffaceable carving the passing of the old, the advent of the new order of growth and development of a land settled in an hour by thousands, builded by sturdy brawn and brain from every

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For this purpose all agents will be provided with tickets ten days or two weeks in advance of the date, June 11th, so that all may be accommodated in the best possible manner.

Train service from Woodward and all towns on this line will be provided by extra through coaches attached to the train going east at 2:00 a. m. on the morning of June 11th and will run without change or lay over, direct to the grounds about three miles north of Bliss. Watch for announcement of special now to go! See program in this paper.

About Sugar-Cured Hams.

At a recent Kansas Farmers' Institute the subject discussed was the best method of curing and keeping hams E. J. Cannady, who reported the result for the Farmers' Tribune, says that all the members agreed that the quality of the meat depended in a great measure on the kind of hogs and the way they were cured for. Much better meat is obtained from the thorough bred hog than the common scrub. In order to be perfectly healthy hogs need plenty of range with as great a variety of feed as pos-

sible and plenty of fresh, clear water. They should be killed in cold, frosty weather, and after scalding and cleaning; hang up to cool over night. Several methods of salting and smoking were presented but the following, which was given by a farmer who has gained the reputation of having the the best sugar-cured hams in the county, was accepted as the most satisfactory:

Put the meat up and shape the hams nicely. Salt neatly to bring out the blood, allow it to remain a day or two. Prepare a brine using ten pounds of salt, two ounces saltpeter, two pounds of brown sugar, one ounce of red pepper and five gallons of water for each 100 pounds of meat. Let this brine, which will be strong enough to float a fresh egg, stand until the ingredients have dissolved, then place the hams in a tight barrel and pour the brine over and cover with fresh brine prepared as the first was. When they have been in the brine a month, take them out, wipe with a cloth, and while still damp sprinkle powdered borax over the flesh side, using a tablespoonful to fifteen pounds of meat. A large pepper box is a great help in applying it. Hang the hams up and smoke with hickory chips for two or three weeks.

Slip each ham in a flour sack and hang them up in a cool, dry place until you wish to use them. The preservative qualities of borax are recognized by all who have tried it, and it is now in use in all the large packing houses. The best meat is made of hogs weighing 180 to 200 pounds. It has long been a question among progressive farmers as to whether it pays to produce hogs weighing over 300 pounds, and we are quite certain that when the object is to obtain meat of superior quality, it does not.

A Many-Sided President.

What President of the United States could or would have taken part in the outdoor mountain service near Glenwood Springs as President Roosevelt did on last Sunday? The story of that day reads like an old "king" story from German fairy lore in which the king comes riding by and stops at the peasant's house for a drink of water, quite as a matter of course. And the peasant gives the water with the kindest of feeling and without the least embarrassment.

Standing on the front porch of the little school house whose lack of capacity had forced the meeting out of doors, the President spoke briefly and then shook hands with everybody. There was a good deal of a crowd and the president exhorted them "not to stampede or get to milling." They were cattle-folk and they understood that speech. And they neither stampeded or "milled." It was one side of our many-sided executive speaking to a rough, simple people in their own vernacular—the speech of the mountainous cattle country.

Fancy George Washington, Thomas Jefferson of latter-day "simplicity" fame, "Old-Tip" Harrison, Garfield, Grant, McKinley, Cleveland or any other of the many Presidents taking part in such a scene under such circumstances and doing it so simply



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and naturally. Of all the roll, but two—Lincoln and Jackson—were men of such temperament as to mix with pleasure with common folk like that. And neither of them would have been equally at home with aristocrats and kings.

For Roosevelt is not only at home on the plains and in the mountains. His is a nature which mixes on terms of frank equality with all sorts and conditions of men. At an executive reception, entertaining Prince Henry of Prussia, arraigning the senate addressing the semi-formal public of the middle west as he did here in Topeka, two years ago; whirling across country making twenty political speeches a day, hunting bears in the cane breaks of Mississippi or the mountains of Colorado, at ease in the drawing rooms of Gotham—where is there a situation in all the earth in which our many-sided President would not be quite as much "at home" as are those who frequent the place? Perhaps we are but half conscious of the fact, but half our pride in our President is based on this very versatility—the fact that he is many many-sided—and square on all sides.—Coldwater Talisman.

Knowing.

How do I know that I love you?
Why does the earth still her tongue
At the eve when the God of her sunshine
Ceases the song he has sung?
How do I know that I love you?
Why do the stars of the sky,

Rapt with the radiance of Luna,
Droop at her going and die!

How do I know that I love you?
Why does the rose lift her head
With grace at the dawn of the morning,
And sink in despair when it's fled?

How do I know that I love you?
Robbed of the smile of your eyes,
Hushed were the night of my being,
Stilled were my life's rhapsodies.

How do I know that I love you?
Forbid me the joy of thy thrall,
And the rose of my life ceases blooming,
Living is dying, that's all.—Walter Neff.

A Cowboy's Rambling Thoughts.

They haven't got much use for us,
them lightened city fellers,
Togged out in tailor fashioned cloths
almighty slick an' fine.

With bokays in their buttonholes and
blossoms on their smellers
That shows familiarity with some-
thin' wuss'n wine.

They seem to tunk the riders from the
ranges an' the ranches
Are sort o' loco weeds among the
flowers o' the land;

Jes, harum-scarum renegades an' wild-
er 'n Comanches,
An' in a gup preceedin' allus keen
to play a hand.

Aristycrats is good enough, I reckon,
in their places,
The same a bein' well inside the
ristycartic pen;

The feminines I will admit are purty
in their faces.

But haven't no mo' muscle than a
settin' prairie hen.

Give me the little rancher gals with
faces like the roses

An, build that dūdless Venus 'd be
mighty proud to own;

Built solidier than three-years olds
from hoofs clear up to noses,

With Injy rubber sinews an an a
spring in every bone.

Far me refined society hain't got the
least attraction,

The pinch of a claw hammer coat
'd keep me in a fret,

An' I could never glide around with
fashionable action

Too easy-go'in' in its style to even
raise a sweat.

Give me the jolly country dance where
fun is jes' a poppin',

Where boys an' gals is full o' snap
an' makin' pleasure climb.

An' keep it up the hull night long
without a thought o' stoppin

Until we hear the singin' o' the bell
at breakfas' time

There ain't no jealousy in me about
the city dandy,

I wasn't built to ornament a suit o'
tailor clothes

An' feed the upper-tenner gals on taffy
talk and candy

An' bow an' smile an' smirk an,
grin all sich things as those.

Give me the free an' easy life among
the herds of cattle

Aboard a lively broncho that is
techy to the quirt

An' I've a sort o' idee at the closin'
o' life's battle

I, ll stand as squar a show as if I
wore a varnished shirt.

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Make your arrangements to go to Bliss, Okla. on Sunday June 11 and see the buffaloes.

George Gerlach was in town from Canadian, Texas, Saturday night on business and to visit relatives.

R. H. Hahn was in town from Alva Monday on business connected with his office of territorial inspector.

L. F. Gaskill, wife and son came in from the ranch yesterday and went to Woodward last night.—Alva Pioneer

H. C. Thompson, a prominent citizen of Woodward county, is in the city. He was shown over town today by J. W. McNeal.—Guthrie Leader.

R. H. Ross, the prominent ranchman near Laverne, spent several days the past week in Woodward. He took home a fine driving team with him.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Darden and two children have returned from Philadelphia, Pa., where they went for medical treatment for Mr. Darden. They have leased the new hotel at Mooreland and will take possession soon.

W. J. Herod, an old time resident of this county but now making his home in Tulsa, I. T., has been visiting old friends here and looking over old scenes.

Dick Cooper came down from Kansas with his father, S. J. Cooper Saturday night. John Irish also accompanied them and both went out to the ranch Sunday.

Howard Patton returned Tuesday night from a several weeks' stay in Texas and New Mexico where he has been doing clerical work. He leaves today for Clayton, New Mexico where he will follow that line of work.

There is something doing in this man's town! Dad Yoakum and Mrs. Yoakum have been for the past three years sleeping in a wagon box on the ground outside their house, have now abandoned their "airish" bedroom and taken quarters in a neat little room on their grounds. Don't see how Dad can stand it!

Fred Hardy returned from Woodward county, where he had been on the trail of his mare and buggy which were stolen Tuesday night; the seat cushion was lost out of the buggy, in C. W. Fulton's pasture, 25 miles west of Alva, and officers are on a warm trail of the outfit. Fred thinks the thief will be caught with the goods.—Alva Pioneer.

Judge Gard was in the city from Shadeland Wednesday and made us a pleasant call. The Judge said: "This winter has demonstrated to me that a man cannot profitably look after and feed three or four hundred cattle. I intend to cut my herd down to a small number of good cattle, raise a large crop of blue maize and stock my ranch with hogs. There is more real money and less slavery in raising hogs than cattle."—Higgins (Texas) News.

J. M. Sherpy returned Monday night from Sawtelle, Cal., where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Roll Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay W. Hawkins arrived Tuesday night from Callao, Mo., to visit their sisters, Miss Laura Estep and Mrs. Sherman Smith.

J. L. Barwick of the Barwick Lumber Co. has bought the lumber yard at Waynoka of W. H. Olmstead. It will be known hereafter as the Barwick Lumber Co.

J. Hollard and Mr. Brooks of Caldwell, Kan., were in town Friday and in company with G. W. Spencer of Kansas City drove into the country to look at some cattle.

Mrs. J. A. Smith passed through Lenora last Monday evening on her way from Woodward to Taloga to be present at her husband's bedside, who is quite ill.—Lenora Leader.

O. C. Hackney was in town from Wellington the latter part of last week looking after the trade in connection with their mills and buying cattle. He shipped seventeen cars of cattle back from this south country.

Miss Mary Talbert of this office has recovered sufficiently to go home to her claim north of Gage where she will rest and recuperate in health. She was accompanied by our niece, Miss Fannie Bolten, as nurse and director-general of the agricultural operations on the farm.

W. B. Tipton, editor of the Quinlan Mirror, accompanied by Mrs. Tipton came over from their city Thursday evening to take in the carnival, visit friends but principally to attend the I. O. O. F. Anniversary Celebrated Friday evening. They returned home Saturday morning.

James Birmingham who came here from near Lenora a few weeks ago to run a feed and livery stable became mentally deranged several days ago and on the advice of the physicians was later taken to the hospital at Norman. It is to be hoped this trouble is only temporary and that he will soon recover.

Chas. Hills, who is a member of the standing army, has been off duty on a furlough on account of sickness. He has been visiting home folks out near Kibby and came in Sunday night and took the night train east to visit his mother at Ponca City before joining his regiment in San Francisco.

Ed. Claunch sold his farm just west of town last Friday to J. J. Gerlach and B. W. Key. The consideration paid was \$10,000 cash. How's that for Oklahoma? Few states anywhere near can do any better, and Oklahoma is only a few years old too. This is only one case in many. Another place near sold recently for \$6000 and another still for \$5000 and this year's crops.

On Tuesday evening while driving to Woodward from the northwest part of the county, R. H. Ross and R. S. Foley, two of the substantial farmers living near Laverne drove into a washing on the section line four miles north west of town which resulted in serious injury to Ross and the death of one of the horses. Damage suit against the county will be filed.

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L. A. Wilhite, our efficient foreman of this office, is laid up with a very painful felon on his right forefinger and is unable to work this week. Miss Talbert, compositor, is still off duty but is reported some better. This makes extra work for the balance of the office force in printing and publishing this issue.

According to latest information, the vacancy caused by the death of Postmaster John McGrath has been filled by the appointment of G. O. Brophy. While this selection is satisfactory it is well known that nearly everyone here, including the new appointee, favored the retention of Mrs. McGrath to fill the unexpired term of her deceased husband.

Reception for Gov. Ferguson.

Upon his arrival from Fort Supply last Thursday night in company with his party, Gov. Ferguson was tendered a reception at The Delta hotel. A very enjoyable time was spent and the banquet supper laid for sixteen persons was all that could have been desired. Fine speeches interspersed the luxurious repast and the flow of eloquence mingled with the sparkling city.

Wedded.

On Wednesday evening May 10, at the home of the bride's parents, Col. and Mrs. A. H. Tandy,

in this city, Miss Mary Tandy and Mr. Lucien Morrison by Rev. Netherton, Pastor of the First Baptist church.

Miss Tandy is one of Woodward's favorites, beautiful and highly accomplished. Born on a big Texas ranch she grew to maidenhood with the grace and freedom of the plains and has gladdened the hearts of all in Woodward since coming here with her parents, by her sunshiny manner and pleasant smiles. She will be missed by a large circle of intimate friends and companions here.

Mr. Morrison was formerly a resident of Woodward but for several years past has been engaged in business in St. Louis where they will make their home.

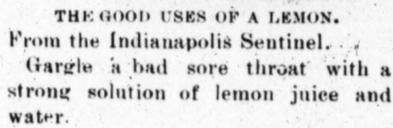
They left on the night train of the date of marriage carrying with them best wishes of many friends including the WOODWARD NEWS.

A charter has been granted to the Gage Telephone company which has been incorporated with a capital of \$5000, by Dr. G. E. Irwin, R. J. Bishop, J. H. Pryor, E. Leonard, Dr. Cole and C. H. Holmes.

A farmer says sausage made from pork killed in the dark of the moon will shrink up 22 per cent. If made from light-of-the-moon pork he says will expand one-third.—Ex.



FOR WOMEN
IN BATH AND STOCK-FARM HOMES



THE GOOD USES OF A LEMON.
From the Indianapolis Sentinel.

Gargle a bad sore throat with a strong solution of lemon juice and water.

The juice of a lemon in a cup of black coffee without any sugar will cure sick headache.

Lemon juice and salt will remove iron-rust.

A strong unsweetened lemonade taken before breakfast will prevent and cure a bilious attack.

Lemon juice added to milk until it curds and these curds then bound upon parts swollen from rheumatism will bring relief.

Lemon juice mixed very thick with sugar will relieve that tickling cough that is so annoying.

A hot lemonade taken before going to bed will cure a cold on the lungs.

A cloth saturated in lemon juice and bound about a cut or wound will stop its bleeding.

Lemon juice added to fruit juices that do not jell readily, such as cherry, strawberry, etc., will cause them to jell.

THE SEASON'S NOVELTIES.
The war between long coats and short jackets still goes merrily on.

Light tea green is to be one of the most favored spring and summer colors.

Shaded silks have stepped out of the ballroom into the street procession.

There are new and pretty cream mohairs printed in small colored figures.

Any fabric does for coats this season, from sheerest lace and linen to cloth and leather.

Some of the most modish walking skirts clear the ground by fully five inches.

On the new hats are tulips and other spring flowers and tender green grasses.

The short ostrich scarf, going just around the neck and no further is back again in favor.

Those so called hand painted organ-dies are being made up into frocks for Easter bridesmaids.

Green girdles and green hats with white dresses are going to be quite the thing. The combination is cool and summery.

Never has there been such a season for numerous and artistic lace designs.

A lovely novelty is wide chiffon cloth bordered with liberty satin.

There is no great change in shirt-waists except for more than fullness at the sleeve tops.

Those frilled, plaited "baby" hats with drooping ruffles appear in green, champagne and other colors.

Some of the prettiest summer negli-

ges shown are of lawn over a colored lining of china silk.

The frequency of a pale blue plume on a black hat is noticeable and suggestive of Paris.

Some of the lace gowns are made with so wide a girdle that only sleeve, yoke and lace bertha remain.

An ostrich feather stretched perfectly straight like a quill and curled to carry out the suggestion is novel.

Long tunic effects, 15 inches above the skirt hem, prevail in the spring gowns bearing the stamp of foreign maker.

A black velvet girdle and suspenders such as can be worn with almost any gown are among the necessary acquisitions.

Huge thistles in heavy work on a delicate background of Chantilly make one of the most striking lace patterns of the year.

That the waistcoat is to be an important feature of the spring fashions is a foregone conclusion.

Housecleaning the Kitchen.

(Mary Annable Fanton.)

Of course it has to be done last, because the kitchen is more or less involved in the cleaning of all the rest of the house. And naturally the housewife is tired when she reaches this last piece of difficult Spring work.

Things from all over the home have accumulated there. There is a basket of lace curtains to wash and pack, a box of silver to be brightened, a hamper of winter flannels to be stored away from moth and roach.

And besides these left-overs from the rest of housecleaning the whole kitchen and cellar have to be made fresh and pretty and hygienically clean.

The old way of just plenty of soap and water and "elbow grease" has become deservedly unpopular. Home makers of this generation expect to keep beauty and health as well as to keep house. They want their homes charming and wholesome but they don't approve of domestic drudgery.

And there are new ways of working in a kitchen as well as new business methods in this progressive country and century.

First clear out the kitchen, shake the flannels in the sunshine and pack away in borax powder to discourage moth visits. Next do up the curtains.

If they are very dusty they should be thrown into cold water and rinsed out. Handle them gently if they are frail. Put into a second water, warm, and let soak for twenty minutes or half an hour. During this time have heated a boilerful of water, to each gallon of which has been added a

tablespoonful of borax and a half bar of white soap, shaved fine. Squeeze the curtains out of the cold water. Lay them in a tub and pour on the boiling suds. With in another half hour they will be white and clean. Rinse in two waters, and then add a little bluing to the third. If the curtains are cream colored, a little coffee in the last water will keep the creamy tint. When washed in this manner there is absolutely no need of rubbing. To rub curtains on a board is to destroy them utterly. To

attach them to frames is oftentimes equally disastrous. The best way is to squeeze them gently and pin on to a sheet laid on a large rug.

Where table linen has grown yellow and dingy with winter use, do it all up at the same time the curtains are freshened.

Table linen can be hopelessly ruined by an incompetent laundress.

Make the first suds as suggested for washing blankets, only have the water warmer. If you do not starch your linen and yet wish it to have a firmer body and a delicate, linen gloss, add a tablespoonful of borax to the last rinsing water. You will be surprised to see what rich firmness this will give. Fruit stains can be removed by pouring boiling water through the cloth before it has been wet. Embroidered monogram should be ironed on the wrong side, first being laid upon a piece of heavy flannel. Center pieces, embroidered in colors, should be washed themselves, and never boiled. Launder in tepid water as you would table linen.

Rinse with water of the same temperature, dry partially, and iron on the wrong side.

With these small incumbrances out of the way, start in to regularly clean the kitchen. Begin right after breakfast and you can easily have it ship shape by dinner time, unless it is to be freshly kalsomined or painted.

These two difficult tasks, if necessary, should be undertaken first.

If not necessary, then begin with the pantry shelves, next wood work and lastly furniture and floor. Prepare a bucket of hot borax suds. To a pail of water add half a cup of borax and half a cake of shaved castile soap.

Three or four pails should do the kitchen to perfection, no brush is necessary and no hard rubbing. Just a careful wiping and drying. And every stain and spot will disappear.

If walls are painted they should be treated the same way, and if there are any old rusty pots and pans dip them in a similar solution, also your silver and porcelain dishes and your brasses, vases and jars. This solution, will not injure any sort of fabric, and is actually beneficial to the hands.

The day following the cleaning, put up fresh sash curtains of cheap white or blue and white dotted swiss, and make sure there are plants of some sort in the window. Have a rocking chair handy to rest in while watching baking or preparing vegetables.

Have table oil cloth for all tables and shelves and if your floor is rough and old cover it with stout table oil cloth, and paint it in some dull tone.

Have the kitchen suggest comfort as well as energy.

Must Farm The Leases.

GUTHRIE, O. T., May 6.—(Special.) The school land leasing board today issued an order limiting the preference right of lessees to one quarter section of land in all parts of the territory. Heretofore in the western half of the territory speculators have been leasing much larger tracts for grazing purposes. The ruling will put a stop to this and reserve the farms for persons who actually do the farming, and cut out the profits for the middle man. The order becomes effective at once and effects lands upon which leases expired January 1, 1905.

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I have no doubt to console for many a broken heart."

"Look out for your own, my boy," warningly.

"Never fear," laughed Merrick; "I am proof against all her charms."

Jones was unable to decide on the spot whether his companion intended to convey the meaning that he was already in love with another, and that his heart held no room for two, or else that he considered himself one of those inveterate bachelors who have sworn to live a life of celibacy, and laugh to scorn all efforts of the gentler sex to fascinate and ensnare.

Plainly Merrick would do to study.

The more Jones saw of him the better he was pleased at the prospect of enlisting such a cool customer in his plan of campaign.

"Let me see, it is how many moons since we said good-by in Buenos Ayres in South America—about two years, I guess?" said Jones, reflectively.

"How time does fly. I have never forgotten the adventure we had with the river pirates of the Plata—it was lucky we were armed and able to hold our own. I believe you sailed for London, intending to go to South Africa."

"Yes, I spent most of my time there and saw some adventures, of which more anon. What brings you to Paris this time? Still playing Don Quixote to distressed humanity, and, as usual, paying the freight?"

Jones laughed heartily.

"You will have your joke, my dear boy, I see. Perhaps I have managed to be of some assistance to my fellows, for as I journey on I see cases of distress occasionally that appeal to my heart. But I have now settled down to a determined policy. In fact, I have found an object in life unworthy as it may seem in the eyes of the majority. I am determined to redress the wrongs of thousands who have fallen before the worst Moloch of destruction existing upon European soil to-day. Tell me, have you ever been to Monte Carlo, my boy?"

"Oh, yes for a day or two, carelessly."

"Then you never studied life in that princely gaming palace as I have done. I assure you it is a fearful sight, the despair of those who have lost their all. I have seen men destroy themselves with pistol or poison—I have seen wretched women go stark crazy over their disasters, and deep down in my heart I swore, sir, that should the chance ever come to me I would do all that lay in my feeble power to break the iniquitous chain that binds these thousands to this glittering palace which, in my mind, is more of a plague to Europe than the cholera could ever be."

"How do you propose to do it?"

"Listen. In ten years only, once has the bank of Monte Carlo been broken by a regular system."

"Ah! I had not heard of it."

"A man—let us call him Darragh, came on, and pursuing an intricate method, smashed the concern in three days. The wildest excitement ensued. It was understood that if he allowed his system to become known the day of reckoning was at hand, and Monte Carlo's glory was at an end. But Darragh disappeared in a most mysterious manner, and the event has been almost forgotten."

"His story interested me, intensely, and I set myself to work, endeavoring to discover just what became of this lucky, yet at the same time, unfortunate devil. I ran down each story in turn, and finally I got on a warm trail, and my presence in Paris at this hour is really to secure the magical paper that contains Darragh's prescription to cure the disease of gaming. I expect before another day dawn to have

possession of the magical paper."

"Let me congratulate you. It will be a big thing."

"Too big to handle alone. Truth to tell, I want a partner in the deal, and when I saw you laud on that runaway automobile I said to myself, 'There's a man of nerve to stand in with me in the biggest speculation ever known. The Joneses ain't stingy a bit. What do you say, Merrick, my boy?'"

At another time Merrick might have shaken his head and denied himself the pleasure of participating in these expected orgies.

Somehow it struck him just at the hour when he seemed primed for any harum-scarum venture—whether the chase of the runaway vehicle had aroused this feeling or it lay slumbering in his system before that exciting event was on the tapis mattered little, so long as it was there.

And Jones, with his usual luck, had put his finger on the trigger at just the right time—he had a happy faculty for doing that.

"By jove! do you know I've half a mind to accept, just for the novelty of the thing. What you've told me has aroused a deep curiosity so that I'd like to see more of you and your strange game. I'm in the humor for it."

"Consider it settled, my boy. Something tells me there's luck in our union of forces. Let's shake upon it—there's my hand—take that with my compliments, and Jones, he pays the freight."

The strange compact was duly sealed by an Anglo-Saxon grip.

"There goes your rescued beauty beyond the trees yonder. Take the glass and have another last look at her. This may be a wretched day for many gallants, who will come on their knee to that fair enchantress. I hope it won't have any evil effect on your future."

"Please don't worry about me," said Mark, jauntily, yet the other noticed that he seized upon the glasses eagerly and leveled them.

Soon with a sigh he lowered them.

"Pardon me, my friend, but I have just had quite a shock. Perhaps you know what it is to look upon the face of one you had reason to believe was dead? That has just been my experience," he said, sadly.

"Meaning Little Miss Millions, I suppose?"

"The young lady in the carriage. Her face caught my eye and gave me a shock. It is so like one I knew, and yet the possibility of such a thing is

absurd. She was the daughter of a poor farmer in the bush, and this girl seems born to the purple. Still, it has given me quite a surprise. Dismiss the whole thing from your mind, I beg. Now, tell me more about your great plan to startle the old habits of Monte Carlo as they have been shocked only once before."

"You shall by degrees know everything that I have discovered, down to the smallest details. For the present I shall deal only in generalities. In the first place, know that I am not the only one madly possessed with the idea of discovering this lost system by means of which Darragh broke the bank at Monte Carlo."

"Depend upon it, I'm in this game for keeps, and don't intend to be bluffed out of my honest rights by any Frenchman, be he prince or peasant, hero of Algiers or any other man, Count Leon Villabois and I have already made each other's acquaintance. He knows I'm hot after that same paper, and we cherish a mutual respect for each other after indulging in a little bout that the alguazils of old Seville put a stop to. One thing is certain, if this French count and his Russian ally push me against the wall too hard, they may take a sudden

up Salt River—and Jones, he pays the freight."

Merrick confessed that his interest had deepened and that he felt more desirous than ever to be the comrade of Jones in the search for the Golden Fleece, for such the valuable document, if ever found, would be to those lucky enough to possess it.

"You are curious to hear about Darragh, and how evil fortune befel him after he seemed to hold the world in his grasp."

"The night he broke the bank his wealth was utterly unknown, but that was not the worst. Had it been an accident they would have raked it all in again and much more with the turn of the cards, but they knew as well as others that Darragh had a complex system that had actually proven infallible, and that the whole of Monte Carlo was at his mercy."

"That night Darragh was kidnaped—I don't say who did it, but they got his money, and failing to find the paper containing a diagram of his wonderful system of play, carried him away far off from France and Italy, on a yacht to Algiers. In succession he was taken to Russia and Austria, Italy and Spain, but they could not force him to tell his secret, and the paper he declared he had destroyed, though there was a copy of it somewhere hidden away."

"Even torture proved unavailing and at last it was decided to dispose of Darragh in order that he might never appear against them."

"He was sunk in the harbor of Seville, but fortune allowed him to break loose from the bag and reach a steamer just leaving for a Mediterranean port. He hovered between life and death, and was put ashore at Naples, where he recovered his bodily health, but never his mind until an accident in the streets laid him up for good."

"It was I who picked him up and had him taken care of. For weeks he lingered. His memory returned in full, and knowing that his time had come, he told me the wonderful story of his life."

"Before Darragh died he gave me all the information he possessed concerning the duplicate of his system, and a legal document by means of which I could claim it when found. My hunt has since been widespread, for the document was on the person of one who little knew what a treasure he carried. At last I have traced it here to Paris, and this night you shall go with me to secure it, despite the count and such Russian assistance as he may figure on. Is that a bargain, my boy?"

"If it's good enough for the Joneses it's good enough for me," said Merrick, promptly.

CHAPTER II.

The Last Resort.

At just nine o'clock that same night a cab came to a halt in front of a sombre pile of masonry known to Parisians as a Capuchian monastery.

This vehicle contained our two adventurers. Jones gave the heavy old-style knocker a few bangs that resounded harshly among the lofty corridors within.

This summons brought a lay brother at once to the door, for no appeal can ever be slighted by those whose vows have made them brothers to the poor of their faith.

Jones announced that he had a most important communication for the reverend father which could not possibly be postponed until another day—that he had come over land and sea for this one purpose, and gray results might follow further delay.

The doorkeeper's hesitation seemed quite swept away by such logical reasoning, and he asked the two gentle-

men to enter, where they did with considerable readiness.

The brother led them into an apartment and begged them to be patient, as the head of the order was engaged at the time with other visitors who had, strange to say, also come upon very important business.

When they were alone Merrick suggested the possibility of the good father's other callers being those persons whom they least desired to meet at such a critical time, and somehow this idea gave Jones so much uneasiness that he jumped to his feet.

Just as Jones gained his feet he heard a sneeze twice repeated, a sneeze that seemed to possess an individuality, as is frequently the case.

The effect upon Jones was magical, for his companion saw him give a sudden start while his jaws came together with a snap.

"That is the time you struck the nail squarely upon the head, my boy. The count is here in this building—

after all, he has gained a point on us, since he even now talks with the holy father, seeking to present enough influence to secure possession of the secret dossier. You can hear the murmur of their voices in yonder library," was what Jones said, impressively. "Come, my friend, we must shy our castors into the ring, and remember, Jones, he pays the freight."

Merrick was close upon the heels of the redoubtable Jones when the latter pushed the door wide open and thus unceremoniously entered the adjoining apartment.

Neither Jones nor his companion gave more than a passing glance at the room, their whole attention being taken up with the little party gathered near the center at the moment when they so suddenly forced an entrance.

These were three in number, the patriarchal good father, a tall, bronzed man in the fatigue dress of a French infantry captain, and a yellow-bearded giant just back of him.

In these two Merrick recognized the count and his faithful Russian colleague.

Jones should have been called to the bar, for he had all the clever attributes of a successful advocate, and could present so plausible a case that

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few men might hold out against his specious plea.

As he advanced in the direction of the trio he raised his hand in a dramatic as well as supplicating manner, and first of all sincerely begged pardon for disturbing the peace and sanctity of so sacred a place.

Then he told how he had come to see Father Anselmo upon very important business, and hearing the voice of his rival in the adjoining room, he had even dared profane it with his presence, for which he would always be profoundly sorry, hoping to have the good and gracious father hear his side of the case before delivering up the documents, which, sealed in a packet, he had held long in trust, waiting for some one to come bearing a message from Father Jean.

"Good father," said the suave American, producing a paper from his pocket, "there is the claim I make. Upon your judgment I stand ready to stake my all. There you will find substantial evidence to also prove my identity."

And while the venerable prelate was reading, the four men surveyed each other as mortal enemies might do—Jones calm and scornful, filled with the keen pleasure of coming triumph, the others frowning.

Ah! Father Anselmo had finished reading, and looked from one to another of the rival claimants ere rendering his decision.

"Father, I have your word to deliver the packet to me, your solemn promise," said the count, in a hoarse voice, reading his defeat in the face of the venerable recluse, and holding desperately to this last chance, as a drowning man will cling to a straw.

"That was given before. I had looked upon this document bearing the signature of one I once knew well. It is my solemn duty to deliver this trust to the one who has the stronger claim, otherwise I would be false to my vow."

"You have decided, then, against me?" asked the count, between his teeth, his eyes blazing as when he faced the lion upon African deserts.

"I cannot resist overwhelming force of circumstances, and his claim comes first," steadily replied the aged father, handing over the packet.

"Then there is but one resource left us, Stromboloff, and that is to take by force from this rascally American what we are refused peaceably. Draw and stand by me, comrade," snarled the count, as he noisily rattled his sword from its steel scabbard and prepared for war.

Evidently the big Russian attache had been half expecting some such appeal to arms, if one might judge from the celerity with which he, too, whipped out a shining blade, which he was privileged to carry on account of his connection, unworthily enough, with the legation.

Jones, seeing what lay in the wind, was not slow to reach back to the pocket where he carried a seven-shooter, and Merrick followed suit with a swing, proving that if the fracas actually came to a crisis he would not be found wanting.

Eye looked into eye, and the count saw a lurking devil in the skyblue orbs of the Yankee that somehow he did not fancy—Jones was one of those peculiar men who could smile exasperatingly even when committing hari kari.

So the count, having mentally computed his chances of surviving an encounter, and finding them next to nil, decided to defer the reckoning until a more opportune time, when he would be able to bring more powerful factors to bear.

Father Anselmo touched a bell. Almost immediately half a dozen

strapping big monks entered the apartment, proving that this body-guard could not have been far away at any time.

The count had thrust his sword back in its sheath with an angry movement, and stood there with his arms folded, looking defiance.

"Before we quit these walls, reverend father, I demand once more that you place in my hands the packet you solemnly promised to deliver, if I could prove my position. This I have done, and you have it on the honor of a name Frenchmen are at present pleased to particularly honor."

There was no change in the old monk's demeanor; he had weighed his chances and decided upon his own action, nor could threats or cajoleries have any further influence upon him.

and in order that you may have no doubts as to what my action in the premises might be, I have here in your presence solemnly delivered to the accredited agent of M. Darragh the packet that was committed to my care when Father Jean passed to immortality."

Jones smiled broadly as his hands eagerly fondled the little sealed package, while the count glared his unspeakable rage.

"Now, depart from under this roof, ungodly men, and pray you come here no more. But for the honor in which all true Frenchmen hold your name, Count Villebois, I would be tempted to complain of your desperate action to those high in authority, who know how to punish as well as reward. With the passing of this legacy into the hands of this worthy man my interest in the matter entirely ceases."

"And mine only takes a renewed lease of life," roared the baffled African explorer, as he turned and accompanied the doorkeeper out of the room.

Neither of our friends had any desire to linger within those gloomy walls, and lost no time in saying farewell to the venerable father who had proved so good a friend in time of need.

It had ceased raining, but gloom hung heavy all around them, a gloom and fog better suited to old London than the gay French capital.

Perhaps it was an accident, but neither of them were of a mind to believe so. Rather were our friends ready to suspect that the count and his Muscovite ally had something to do with the cab's disappearance, since such men never lose an opportunity to harass an enemy when the opportunity arises.

Nor did their suspicions arise in vain. Without the least warning the two friends suddenly found themselves set upon by a squad of roughs, such as may be recruited at small expense from the slums of any great city.

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HOGS FOR HOME USE.

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These things are but signs of the times, possibly signs of effeminacy from more artificial ways of living but they have their effect and the farmer is no longer satisfied to select a few of his market hogs, the fat and heavy ones to kill for his home use. These animals in the old days were extremely coarse and lardy in meat and fat. They were much older than those of the present time and fed on coarser foods, hence were anything but a delicacy. Improvement was needed in the quality of meat and fat furnished by these hogs, and every farmer is seeing to it that his family has a better quality than heretofore, and the improvement is a good one. The hogs to be slaughtered are now set apart for special feeding, or ought to be thus treated.

Instead of taking the hogs that have grown faster and become fatter the farmer now selects the choicest pigs of comparatively light weight and commences feeding them a special ration to make their meat tender, lean and juicy. This feeding consists in providing slop made of meals and milk along with such succulent food as can be furnished and to which is added broken food and slop from the kitchen. This class of food fed to a hog that has been allowed free range and fed nitrogenous food from weaning time soon produces sufficient size and it is at this stage that a common error is made by many feeders. They think it will now be best to pile on the fat. They do this most where the hogs have to go to market but sometimes do not make any difference in the feeding of hogs intended for the farm table. On the contrary they should let up in the stuffing process and especially in the generous feeding of fattening food like corn and

should substitute food that will make lean meat and give it a flavor. If all such hogs could be put upon a ration of barley meal and boiled potatoes for a couple of weeks before slaughter the quality and flavor of the meat would be vastly improved, but where these foods cannot conveniently be given, middlings, bran and pea meal, along with some milk and vegetables have much the same effect.

There is a still better plan, and that is to feed the pigs solely on peas for a couple of weeks before killing, and after having brought them to the right size and weight by use of the other foods we have mentioned. There is nothing that we know of, unless it be sweet beech mast that will give a finer flavor to hams than peas. This food is much used in Canada, and the British also employ it largely for the same purpose. It is somewhat expensive feeding in many localities, but that does not matter so much when the meat is to be used for home use, and we would advise our readers to give the plan a trial on a small scale when they have an opportunity. The ideal hog for home use should weigh not over two hundred pounds and when he has been killed and hung up to cool it is a mistake to chill the meat at once and more so to freeze it at this time of year. It should hang for a day or two in a medium temperature just above freezing and may then undergo the sweet curing and smoking process. Where needed for immediate use it is a good plan to cut the salted hams into slices and then pan-fry them, pack them into crocks and pour in boiling lard. So treated the meat keeps perfectly for some time and need only be fully fried for instant use on the table. A. S. Alexander.

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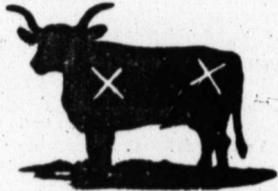
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