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STATE NEWS

Ree Heights.—One hundred and twenty acres of land near this place was recently sold for a price averaging \$120 per acre. This is one of the highest amounts on record and is a good indication of the land boom in this vicinity.

Lead.—Robbers, who entered the J. H. Keuster Hardware store in this city escaped with \$32 in cash which they secured from the cash register, and a six-shooter. A number of checks in the cash drawer were left untouched.

Sisseton.—The business men of this city have presented the Edward Otto post, American Legion, with a beautiful flag and standard. Many of the business and professional men attended the presentation ceremonies and addresses were made by each.

Egan.—Preparations are being completed for a harvest festival to be held in Egan Thursday and Friday, Aug. 16 and 27. There will be ball games and other sports, in addition to many other features. It is expected thousands of persons will attend.

Hot Springs.—Unknown thieves made a raid on the basement of the Lutheran hospital in this city and escaped with one-third of a barrel of grain alcohol. The robbers are believed to be moonshiners, who will utilize the alcohol in the manufacture of booze.

Redfield.—The 14-year-old son of a farmer named Leonard, living near Mellette, was the victim of an accident which may cause his death. He was riding a pony at a gallop when the animal stepped into a hole throwing the boy over his head, he striking the ground on his head. He was rushed to a hospital, where many hours later he had not recovered consciousness.

Mansfield.—Robert Erdman, aged 30 years, was the victim of the first threshing machine accident reported this year. Erdman was making repairs on his own machine when it became noticed that the water in the boiler was low. He filled it with cold water, causing an explosion. Erdman was badly scalded and died a few hours later. The engine was completely wrecked and a new separator was burned beyond repair.

GIRLS PUT TO TEST

Juvenile Laboratory Latest Court Innovation in Denver.

Decisions Based on Manner in Which Juveniles Pass Mental and Physical Tests.

Denver, Colo.—A juvenile laboratory is a new addition to the machinery of the courts of Denver, through which wayward boys and girls pass before Judge Ben R. Lindsey. Upon the manner in which the boy or girl passes the mental and physical tests depends the ultimate disposal of his or her case.

Judge Lindsey asserts that a wayward girl has three ages. He explains it in this manner: A girl may be thirteen years old, have the physical development of a girl of eighteen and the mental development of a child of ten years.

The judge says that whenever a girl appears in his court, the first procedure is to obtain her three ages, through methods developed by medical men and psychologists. He declared he intends to make the juvenile laboratory available to the mothers of Denver so they can obtain the three ages of their children and use this information in providing against indiscretion and possible criminality.

An appropriation has been granted for the conduct of the proposed laboratory and the judge is seeking to obtain the services of expert psychologists to take charge of the work.

The judge describes in this fashion how the department already has aided one mother:

"A mother came to me the other day and complained that she had a daughter of nineteen who gave her no trouble and a daughter of fifteen who desired social privileges that no mother could give a girl of her age. I told her that her fifteen-year-old daughter was nineteen biologically and had all the impulses and emotions of the older girl without any of the good judgment that comes with later years.

"The younger girl is the one who, obeying nature impulses without mature judgment, gets into trouble on automobile parties and at dances.

"We have been accustomed to classifying girls as good and bad. Sometimes the difference is merely that one who came into mature life when she was possessed of good judgment is the good girl and the other who came into mature physical development when she was young and foolish is the bad girl."

A Forfeited Distinction.

"Why don't you write another letter to the paper and sign it 'Taxpayer'?" "I can't conscientiously assume the title. I'm on the delinquent list."

FEAR IMPURE WATER

Supply of Many Cities in United States Menaced.

Impossibility of Getting Necessary Purifying Chemicals Alarms Federal Health Officers.

Washington, D. C.—The water supply of more than 30,000,000 city residents is in imminent danger of becoming disease infected, because of the impossibility of obtaining the necessary purifying chemicals, the public health service announced.

Emergency appeals have been received by the service from ten state and numerous city boards of health. It was said, for railroad priority on the movement of alum and chlorine, the chemicals largely used in ridding water of dangerous disease germs. Due to the congested traffic situation, the announcement said, an acute shortage of these chemicals has existed for several months, and at one of the largest chemical plants only eight cars of raw material for the manufacture of alum are being received a month, although 120 cars monthly are required. "Officers of the United States public health service view the situation with alarm, as do health officers throughout the country," said Surgeon General Cummings. "The summer is always a critical time in dealing with water-borne diseases, for the demands on municipal water systems are then so great that usually every available source of water has to be utilized."

JUMPS AHEAD QUICKLY



To be made assistant secretary after being with a banking house for only six months is the record of Mrs. Nathalie Schenck Laimbeer, former social leader, who has been promoted with the U. S. Mortgage and Trust Co. of New York. This position places Mrs. Laimbeer at the head of a number of women managers of various branches of the bank. Her duties will be much the same as those of any junior officer.

SAILOR WHIPPED TWO KINGS

Capt. John Johncox's Death at Vancouver, B. C., Recalls Unusual Incident.

London, England.—The recent death in Vancouver, B. C., of Capt. John Johncox, once a well-known English yacht skipper, has recalled here the story of two encounters the skipper had with the late King Edward when he was prince of Wales.

The German crown prince, afterward Emperor William, and the prince of Wales had disagreed and were settling the argument with fists on the sands at Cowes when Johncox separated them and stopped the fight. The crown prince was said to have been so enraged that he boarded his yacht and returned to Germany.

On another occasion the prince of Wales playfully tripped up Johncox at dusk on the royal yacht squadron green, and the skipper used his fists freely against the future king. It was said Johncox failed to recognize the prince.

Flyer With Summons Overhauls Fast Train

Denver, Colo.—Harry G. Saunders, attorney, chased a Union Pacific train in an airplane to serve a summons on J. D. Bird, who Saunders says, was feeling jurisdiction of the Denver courts.

Learning that Bird was to leave the state, he hurried to the Union station, but missed the train. In a friend's airplane he chased the train, speeding 120 miles an hour. They reached Hudson ahead of the train and served the summons.

The Perils of Cherry Picking.

Lawrenceburg, Ind.—The buzzing of a honey bee about his head resulted in serious injury to Anthony Steinmetz, aged 64, a retired farmer. Steinmetz was picking cherries, standing on a stepladder, when the bee resented his presence. While trying to fight the bee off his nose, Steinmetz fell twelve feet. His injuries consist of a cut head, both wrists broken and three ribs fractured.

4,000 WAR MEN STUDY FARMING

Disabled Ex-service Men Placed in Agricultural Training in Various Institutions.

1,500 READY FOR COURSE

Many of the Men Are Illiterate and Must Be Given a Course in Elementary Work to Fit Them for the Farm Course.

Washington.—More than 4,000 disabled ex-service men have been directed placed in agricultural training and in addition there are probably 500 engaged in pre-vocational work preparatory to a course in agricultural training. Perhaps 1,500 more have been approved for the course.

Special placement has been suggested and is being sought for tuberculous men in hospitals and sanatoria.

The men approved for agricultural training may be classed into three general groups:

(a) Men who went into the war from college or high school, and, returning, have entered the agricultural colleges.

(b) Men with an eighth grade preparation who are admitted into sub-college two-year courses, Smith-Hughes or other schools of agriculture.

(c) Men of elementary grade, ranging from illiterate to the seventh or eighth grade, who of necessity must have pre-vocational instruction in order that they may receive scientific training intelligently and benefit to the greatest degree.

The first and second groups have given the federal board and the institutions to which they have been recommended very little trouble, as they enter the classes if sent to the institution at the beginning of the school year or a term, and if not they frequently can be brought up to class work by coaching.

Third Class Troublesome.

The third group has given the federal farm board and all the institutions great trouble. Insurmountable difficulties seem to have arisen. In varying numbers they form the problem at every state agricultural college and school, and they constitute from 25 to as high as 50 per cent of the men approved for agricultural training.

This large percentage is due to the fact that these men for the most part are from isolated country districts where the opportunities have not been so great for early education.

Farmer parents have been unwilling to allow the boys more than a very ordinary education, for fear of losing them from the farm. Many have had no opportunity. Such are usually older men, 15 or 20 years past country school age. Many of the men are therefore practically illiterate, and to this number must be added the foreign illiterates; that is, foreigners who are illiterate from the English standpoint.

These difficulties constitute a real problem to the federal board and the institutions to which these men are sent. State institutions are not always prepared to do the elementary work necessary to advance the men to a knowledge of English and mathematics where they can receive and be benefited by the agricultural training.

However, without exception, the state institutions are convinced it is their patriotic duty to assist the federal board in making preparation to extend the necessary pre-vocational training, and have changed wonderfully in favor of training disabled men in spite of their educational handicaps. As students the institutions are beginning to appreciate them.

Forms a "Guidance School."

Dr. Walter J. Quick, training officer, worked out an elementary school, which he termed a "guidance school," where such men were collected and instructed in the elementary common branches and in elementary agriculture. The school has been made prerequisite to certain courses that Dr. Quick has designed as agricultural unit courses. They are divided into units of one month each, cover one year continuously from month to month and may be entered any month. A man may take one or several unit courses, one as a major and others as minors related to the major, while at the same time he continues in the common branches of the guidance school.

Nearly all the state institutions will allow the men credits for the work done in the unit agricultural courses, which now include a two-year course, as well as the one-year.

These plans of the guidance school and agricultural unit courses were reduced to definite form and mimeographed for the benefit of all institutions offering agricultural training to the disabled class.

Stops Court for Farmer.

Anderson, Ind.—The Madison county circuit court has a judge who appreciates that production should come before litigation if there is to be plenty of honey for buckwheat cakes next winter. He proved it when he ordered a recess in a jury trial so that James M. Forkner, one of the jurors, could go back to the farm. Forkner got a telephone call from his wife that his bees were hiving and urging him to hurry home. The bees were hived before the case was resumed.

PROUD OF THEIR CLIMATE

Residents of Eastern Shore of Maryland Relate Pretty Legend in Connection With It.

I went over to Baltimore to speak to a Methodist conference some time ago. I met there a splendid-looking man, with a long, flowing, white beard, and I said to him, "Do you preach in this section of the country?" He said, "Yes, sir; I come from the eastern shore of Maryland. Have you ever been on the eastern shore?"

I said, "No; I am sorry to say that I have seen every other beauty spot in this country, I believe, but I never have seen that."

"Well," he said to me, "we love that country. I have been preaching there for sixty-six years. We are a strange people and we have some strange legends, and one of them is that a long, long time ago when Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden, they fell sick, and the Lord was very much disturbed about them, and he called a council of his angels and wanted to know where they should be taken for a change of air, so that they might improve."

"The angel Gabriel suggested that they should be taken to the eastern shore of Maryland, and the Lord said, 'No, no; that would not be sufficient change.'"—Franklin K. Lane in the National Geographic Magazine.

NAPKINS NOT JUST SUITABLE

But Man Meant Well, and Fortunately the Teachers Had a Sense of Humor.

The parents of the pupils of a large Indiana ward school decided to give the teachers a surprise dinner party. Accordingly they took charge of the building one evening, herded the teachers in one room and made ready the table for the dinner. But just as everybody was about ready they found that they had forgotten napkins. One of the hostesses accordingly telephoned her husband who worked in a department store. "The colors are pink and white so bring something appropriate," she told him.

He bought them—pink and white. But when they were opened they displayed storks holding in their mouths the time-honored new babies. The hostesses were horror stricken but the teachers, ready to grasp the awkwardness of the situation, led in laughter. But that man says that he will move out of that school district before there is another banquet for teachers.—Indianapolis News.

Didn't Look Like Police.

Sport is making great strides in France, but the police occasionally make strange mistakes when they see a long line of runners sprinting along the roads and across country.

Not long ago at Vincennes a number of young athletes from the military school of sport were indulging in a paper chase through the woods when they were arrested by gendarmes for being improperly dressed. They were all in white vests and running shorts. The gendarmes, however, had apparently not heard of such articles of attire or of the military school of sport. Protests made by the colonel in command had no effect.

A few days later, however, when the local gendarmes made a fresh haul of a dozen athletes, they realized their error, for the leader explained that he was an inspector of police and that the runners behind him were all Paris policemen enjoying a fortnight's training.—From the Continental Edition of the London Mail.

Side Whisker Back in London.

The London exquisite is doing his best to cultivate side whiskers, a fashion that was somewhat frowned upon a few years ago when Lord Rockingham attempted its resurrection. But that was in the days before the war and probably it is as a change from the regulation military mustache of the last five or six years that British young men of today are growing tufts of hair in front of their ears with most hideous result.

The earl of Lonsdale and his brother, the Hon. Lancelot Lowther, have always been famous in the fashionable world for wearing "sideboards," but in this hirsute fate fitting they are usually credited with a desire to suggest the "sporting" atmosphere in which they are generally to be found.

A Passing Jest.

We should have thought of this joke before, but even yet, if we hurry, a gentle reader here and there will know what we are talking about.

Riggs—You might not think it to look at him, but there is a great deal in that young man.

Diggs—No; he carries it well, but I smelled it on his breath.

Can't Make Knife Handles.

The scarcity of camphor, the output of which is controlled by Japan, is having a serious effect on the cutlery trade in Sheffield, England. For camphor is an essential ingredient of celluloid, and the cutlers find it impossible to get enough of this for knife handles.

A Paradox.

"It is the vote that does the talking."
"Yes, and they say it is the silent vote, too."—Baltimore American.

Experience Teaches.

Teacher—"Jimmy, give an example of minority ruling." Jimmy—"When there is a baby in the family."—Boys' Life.

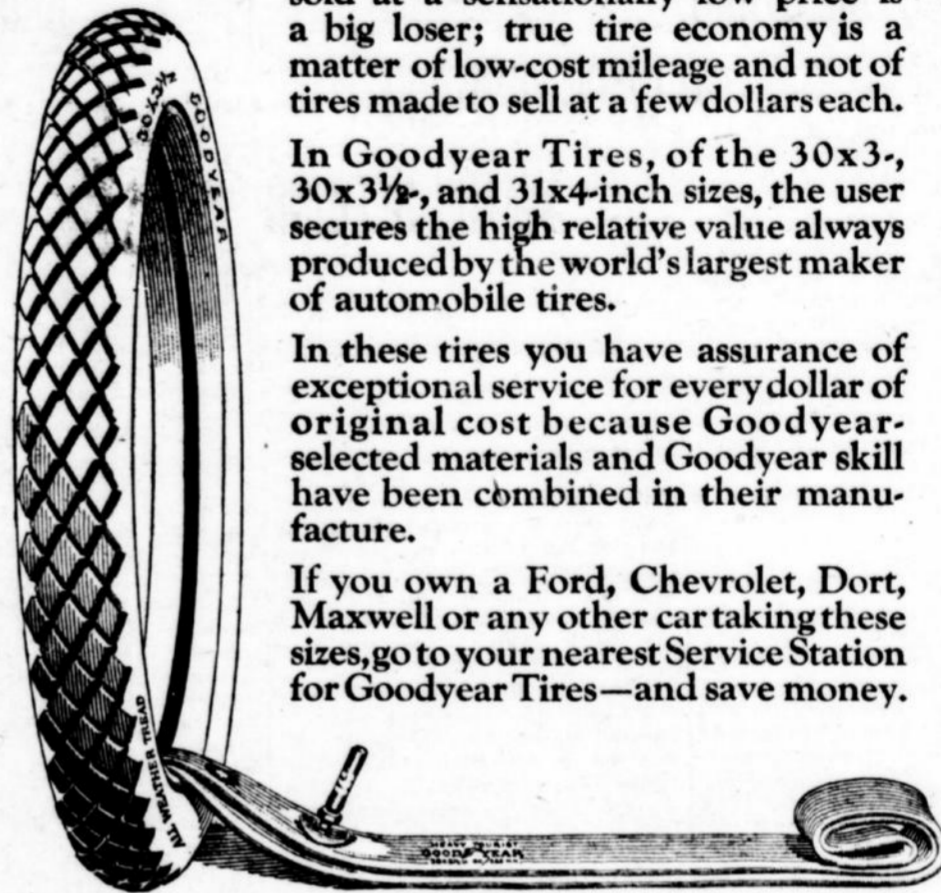
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