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GOVERNMENT EGG STATION

Three Men to be Located in Kansas
to Figure Out Profits.
Topeka, Kan., May 4.—The federal
government will establish an "egg ex-

NATIONAL CONTROL.

The Supreme court of the United
States having denied the states the
right to regulate grazing privileges on
government lands within their borders,
the question resolves into one for
congress alone to handle in the future.

QUESTION OF MARKETING.

The Atchison man will demonstrate
the idea of an egg business. His
business will be to market them in the
most economical manner and to get
the most possible out of them.

GROWTH OF FEW YEARS.

Seven Years Ago Cotton Was Un-
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Kingsville, Tex., May 3.—Statistics
that have just been compiled by the
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Daddy Was Greedy
Himself—Once
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daddy one evening, "is very businesslike, and I don't want to disturb
it, but I want you to remember all the greedy stories I have told you
whenever your stomach asks you to take more than your brain tells
you is wise."

DOUBLE CORN ACREAGE.

President of Dakota College Sees Big
Increase with More Pedigreed Grain.
Fargo, N. D., May 4.—That the
stimulus given to corn raising in this
state by the banks and the general
tendencies toward diversified farming
and the raising of stock will suffice to
double the corn acreage in North Dako-
ta this year, is the belief of Dwight
Simmons, manager of a seed house
of this city.

GIRL GETS MAIL CONTRACT

Woman Homesteader Proves Her
Ability in Test.
Carter, S. D., May 2.—A contract
for carrying the mail between this
place and Shoemaker has been awarded
to Miss Tillie Smith, a young homestead-
er, who will do the work in addition
to her farming.

OKLAHOMA CITY PLOW FACTORY

Oklahoma City, Ok., May 2.—For
the manufacture of a motor plow, re-
cently invented, known as the "Alli-
vator," the Wood-Knight-Hawk Com-
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formed, the factory, costing fully
equipped \$250,000, to be located in
Oklahoma City. Articles of incorpora-
tion will be taken out this week. It
is the announced intention of the
company to be manufacturing plows
within ninety days. H. D. Knight, a
wealthy capitalist, will be president of
the concern. Other stockholders are
J. B. Wood, Homer H. Dunlap and
F. J. Hawk. All are Oklahoma City
men.

FARM MACHINERY

Farmers Lose Money by Not
Providing Shelter for Ma-
chines and Accessories.

IS POOR BUSINESS POLICY
Needs Care Same as Livestock
—Life of Average Farm
Implement Short.

How often, in passing along the
public highway, do we observe, lying
in the corners of the fences, and out
under the friendly trees, or in the
corn fields, the tools of the farmer
neglected and abandoned?
The farmer writes J. W. Criswell in the
Kansas Farmer. If we stop to con-
template, we will be astonished at this
almost universal practice on the part
of the farmer. Do we ever stop to
figure the losses sustained by the
farmer because of this? It takes
money to operate the farm, no mat-
ter what its size. And it takes money
to care for these things. It is the
machinery with which to operate this
farm.

GROSS CARELESSNESS NOTED.

A threshing outfit consisting of a 16
or 18 horse-power engine and separa-
tor, and with water tank, costs from
\$2,000 to \$2,500, and should last for
many seasons. Yet there have been
seen these valuable units of machinery
standing in the open air, exposed to the
storms, and through the heat of sum-
mer, out of doors absolutely void of
shelter and cover, slowly going to
decay, mute examples of the careless
way in which men will contemplate
their property.

WIFE LIVED IN SADDLE AND WAS NOT
Adapted to the Hog.

San Antonio, Texas, May 2.—For a
number of years, those who had a
broad view of conditions in Texas
have been saying to the farmer:
"Plant more hogs." But the nation
farmer of Texas is not a hog produc-
er. He has farmed in the saddle for
years and liked it. But the prospects
of profit in hog-raising were so evi-
dent that the more progressive look
to it and have met with success. Per-
haps the most successful hog farmer
in Texas is Colonel H. P. Singleton,
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for hog-raising, Col. Singleton is estab-
lishing all parts of Texas in a special
train instructing the farmers on how
to grow hogs profitably and is preach-
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person in a family can enter.

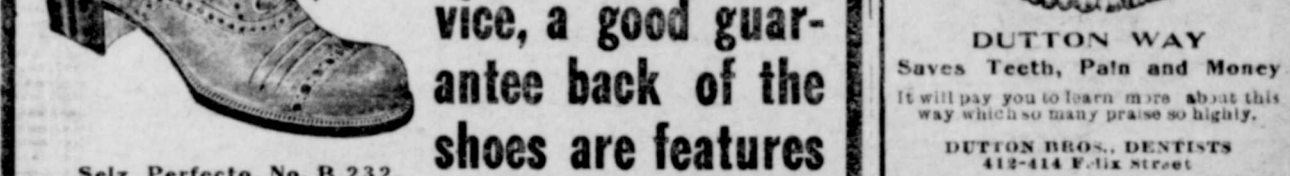
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Corralling a Quarter Section

By M. J. Phillips

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Arthur Brant was conscious of an undercurrent of hostility in the sod cabin of the Pentons.

Brant was a shy young man where women were concerned, and though he felt acutely that for some reason Hilda Penton, her parents and her ten-year-old brother had turned against him, he could not bring himself to ask why, or to worm the reason out of them by indirection.

They had moved onto the quarter section adjoining his own fine farm a few weeks before. He had not learned to know them well, though he had formed the habit of dropping in on them during the evening.

Mrs. Penton knitted without looking up, and little Jim, who usually hung adoringly about Brant's knees, was huddled in a corner, though he peered stealthily at his friend as often as he dared.

As for Hilda herself, beyond the mereat monosyllabic replies to Brant's efforts to make conversation, she was ominously quiet. The constraint grew as she washed the supper dishes and tidied the three tiny rooms of the cabin.

When her work was completed and she sat down opposite him, her blue eyes were sparkling, and her voice reminded Brant of the crackle of frosty snow under foot.

"I understand, Mr. Brant, that you were down at the county seat Friday looking up the title of our quarter section."

"Yes," replied Brant; "that's one reason I came over. The land's been advertised for unpaid taxes. It's to be sold Tuesday."

"And you're going to buy it?" The contemptuous tone cut like a lash.

"Well, we can't redeem it. We had barely enough to get it. And that miserable Sim Brockway cheated us. He said the title was all right. Now we're to have another sample of Dakota friendship!"

"Anger swept away Brant's shyness. He rose. 'You mean I'd try to get your property on a tax-title?'"

"We were told that's how you came by your last two quarter sections."

"Whoever told you that lied," said Brant, quietly. "The owners hadn't paid taxes, I'll admit. But I gave fair value for every acre, just the same."

He knew who told the falsehood—Peter Snyder, fat-faced, shifty-eyed Pete, who had elected himself first friend to shiftless Jim Penton and pretty, blue-eyed Hilda. And Peter was notorious as a tax-title shark. He was getting rich by taking advantage of the land poor.

Brant opened his mouth to denounce Peter—and closed it again without speaking. He couldn't fight the wily scoundrel with such weapons. The bald truth would easily convince them of Peter's crookedness; but tale-bearing was out of his line.

"Our hundred and sixty would complete your section," drawled old Jim; "I don't wonder you want it."

Brant turned on him. "I don't want your land," he said. "But if you don't raise a hundred and forty dollars by Tuesday some one'll get it; that's sure."

He strode out and closed the door behind him. Perhaps his musings would have been less bitter had he known that Hilda had cried silently for an hour after going to bed—and her tears were not altogether for the coming loss of the farm.

Tuesday dawned cloudy, cold, a storm was in store. An Hilda looked out on the broad plain of undulating white, treeless and stark, sudden hot resentment welled up within her. For there, muffled to his eyes in a tur coat

HORSES AND MULES WANTED TO BUY

Behind a swiftly jogging horse, was Arthur Brant. He was headed for the county seat, 22 miles away.

She had nourished a secret hope that Peter Snyder lied; that Brant would not seize their land. But Peter, whom she distrusted despite his plausible tongue, had told the truth.

The storm came apace. There was a wind that flew with the speed of a bullet. It tore the snow into needle-like atoms and hurled the stinging particles restlessly before it.

A score of times during the day an unconfessed anxiety drew the girl to the window. There, melting a hole in the frost with her breath, she peered into the storm. It was a bad day even for an enemy to be out. She found herself late in the afternoon praying that Brant would stay in Carlin till the storm abated.

With an exclamation she waded through the snow to the cutter. There was a huddled, fur-clad heap in the bottom of the vehicle.

As her cry brought the others out bareheaded into the storm, a shape detached itself from the rushing white gloom—Frank Oleson, Brant's hired man. The Swede had been searching, stoof, for his master.

"He bane freezing!" he cried, and fell upon Brant like a bear, cuffing, shaking and worrying him back from the verge of the dreaded sleep which has no waking.

Brant roused reluctantly and looked about him, at the faithful Oleson, at the Pentons, scarcely less concerned, at the cabin beyond, warm and light and cozy. His face changed as at an unpleasant memory.

"Take me home, Frank," he said, in a tone that brooked no disobedience. And for the second time within a week Hilda Penton cried herself to sleep.

It was three days before little Jim could go to the postoffice, two miles away. He came back with a letter—an official looking article from the county seat, and a budget of news that kept him jumping up and down in excitement.

The envelope was addressed to her father, but Hilda tore it open, caught the sense at a glance, and dropped weakly into a chair.

"Mother—father!" she gasped; "it's all right. We won't lose our farm. Mr. Brant has loaned us the money."

Mr. and Mrs. Penton, graying heads bent together, laboriously gathered that James Penton, by his agent, Arthur Brant, had paid the sum of \$142.75, being the full amount due for back taxes and penalties on the southeast one-quarter of section—Oh, it was all there, to the last letter and figure of the description!

Meanwhile, little Jim, by the expedient of whooping at regular intervals, at last attracted the family's attention.

"Listen to me, listen to me!" he yelled. "Lemme tell you about the fight over to Carlin Tuesday, Bill Samuelson, he saw it."

"Hey?" said his father, raising his eyes at last from the magic paper. "A fight—who?"

"Arthur Brant and Peter Snyder," chattered little Jim. "That mean old Pete was there to get our land, and he had a check all made out. But Mr. Brant came in and said he was your agent, pa, an' had the money ready. An' Pete called him a liar, an' Mr. Brant told him he was a tax-title shark, so Pete struck at him."

"And then they fought and knocked over chairs, an' the clerk climbed up onto the desk, and Mr. Brant blacked Pete's eyes and bloodied his nose. An'—"

Little Jim stopped, the breath squeezed out of his body. For his sister, her eyes shining like twin stars, was hugging him to her breast and laughing and crying at the same time.

"Jim," she said, "go on and tell Arthur to come over here. I—we—we want to thank him, and beg his pardon."

"Tain't ne'ssary," replied Jim, wriggling free. "I asked him myself. An' he said he'd come."

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One-Fifth of Total Area of State of Minnesota Is to Be Reclaimed, According to Report of Drainage Commission.

—St. Paul, Minn.—Reports of the state drainage commission on work done in Minnesota from August 1, 1898, to August 1, 1910, have been placed in the hands of the legislature.

The commission estimates that Minnesota had originally 10,000,000 acres of swamp lands, too wet in their natural condition for agricultural purposes. This vast area, comprising about one-fifth of the land of the state, is fast being transformed from swamp lands to productive farms. Conservative estimates place the total area reclaimed during 1909 and 1910 at 1,500,000 acres.

Ditches are constructed by the state and by the various counties. These are made by the drainage commission only where such ditches will benefit state lands. Incidentally private lands are also benefited, and in such cases the cost is defrayed in part by assessing private lands according to the benefits. Lands owned by railroad companies are assessed like private lands.

During 1909 and 1910 the commission has constructed or has had under construction 15 state ditches, having an aggregate length of 460 miles, requiring an excavation of 6,828,278 cubic yards, costing \$606,873.30, or an average of 8.8 cents per cubic yard. These ditches will drain and reclaim 141,144.63 acres of state land and 403,640.81 acres of private lands at an average cost of \$1.25 per acre.

The policy of the commission has been to drain only such lands as immediately will become available for agricultural uses and lands requiring little clearing or other expense to bring under cultivation. The work to a large extent has been confined to localities in the proximity of railroads and trade centers and open meadows and marsh lands, the commission avoiding as far as practicable the drainage of lands where life of valuable growing timber would be endangered.

In the construction of ditches, public highways were constructed along the side of the ditch from the earth excavated from the ditch, wherever such construction was practicable. When drainage work contracted for in the years 1909 and 1910 is completed, there will be 400 miles of graded roads along the several ditches, constructed at a small additional cost, the average cost being not more than one-half a cent per cubic yard, or \$75 per mile of road.

The commission, with the co-operation of the United States geological survey, has made a topographical survey of a large area in Ottertail, Douglas, Grant, Traverse, Stevens, Pope, Swift and Big Stone counties. The same two departments have made surveys of the following waters in the state, for the purpose of devising plans for their improvements and preparing estimates of the cost of the work, to the end that disastrous overflows prevented: Parts of the Minnesota, Mustinka, Watwan, Embarras, Redwood, Cedar, Chippewa, Long Prairie and Wild Rice rivers; Stony brook, Benton county; Okabena creek, Jackson county; a channel through Pierce, Clayton, Bright and Turtle lakes, and Millie Lake. Plans, estimates and specifications of these proposed improvements have been prepared and furnished the counties affected thereby.

The legislature of 1909 appropriated \$200,000 for the use of the state drainage commission. The commission says that if it again receives such a fund it will be able to drain practically all undrained state swamp land available at the present time for agricultural purposes. Anticipating further appropriations, the commission has caused surveys to be made and maps, plans and estimates prepared for several systems of ditches, which, if constructed, will drain 100,000 acres of state land and fully double that amount of private lands. All of this will become available immediately for agricultural purposes.

The state drainage commission consists of Governor Eberhart, State Auditor Iverson and Secretary of State Schmahel. George A. Ralph is state drainage engineer.

**RUNS DOWN A DEER ON SKIS**

**Norwegian Overtakes Scared Fugitive Animal and Saves It From Savage Dogs.**

Montville, N. J.—Residents of Undercliff road, which skirts the foot of Hook mountain, saw one of the most exciting races ever run in that section. The participants were Lars Koppang, Norwegian ski runner; a pack of dogs and a pet deer belonging to Harold Rutgers, by whom Koppang is employed. The deer got out of its enclosure by breaking the fence, and a search was made for it by Rutgers and his employees. The barking of dogs caused the men to look out on the Big Piece, a flat meadow land about a mile wide and five miles in length. There they saw the deer, pursued by a score of dogs.

Koppang ran to his employer's home for his skis and soon took up the chase. The deer and the dogs had at least a mile start of the Norwegian, and were headed due north on the five-mile stretch. The snow had a good crust, and Koppang glided along at a fast rate. It was not long before the entire neighborhood had turned out to witness the race. The deer held its own with the dogs, and it was seen that Koppang was fast gaining on the pursuers and pursued. It was a question of whether the Norwegian could overtake the deer before it got to the end of the meadow. If it did not it would be hard for him to keep up the chase, as he would have had to climb fences.

The dogs began to tire, and one by one he passed them. He caught the deer near the end of the meadow. He slipped a rope around its neck and led it to his master's home.

The deer, usually tame, was made wild by the dogs, and the man had much trouble in leading it.

**WILL TRY TENT-GROWN LEAF**

**Connecticut Valley Tobacco Raisers Revive Enthusiasm for It—Recalls Experience.**

Springfield, Mass.—The revival of the tent-grown tobacco proposition on a large scale in the Connecticut valley recalls the disastrous experience of farmers and others seven or eight years ago. The present assertion of promoters of shade-grown tobacco enterprises is that, profiting by the past, experts have succeeded in producing a strain of wrapper leaf that defies competition, that this tobacco is better and cheaper than Sumatra tobacco, that it passes readily for a high grade of Havana leaf and is in great demand for wrapping clear Havana cigars.

The prediction that upward of three thousand acres of tobacco will be raised under cloth in the Connecticut valley this year probably insures a crop of sufficient size to determine in a single season whether the tent-grown tobacco advocates actually have overcome the defects which characterized the crops of 1902 and 1903.

In the last few years the attention of the shade-grown contingent has been concentrated on Cuban tobacco. The Connecticut Tobacco Corporation, of East Granby, has raised 150 acres of the Cuban tobacco under cloth and the leaves have proved A1 wrapper stock. One or two smaller companies have also raised satisfactory crops.

That important interests believe Cuban tobacco is adaptable to the Connecticut valley is evidenced by the entrance of the American Sumatra Tobacco company, and a dozen smaller syndicates have completed arrangements to raise crops of from 50 to 150 acres.

**WOMEN AS CABINET MAKERS**

**Daughter of Well Known Medical Man in Denmark Is Silversmith—Invade Other Trades.**

Copenhagen.—There is hardly a field of employment, hardly a walk of life, in which some members of what used to be known as the weaker sex are not to be found, but hitherto the heavier manufacturing trades have not been invaded by them.

Now, however, the women of Denmark are taking up tasks in which considerable muscular effort is demanded. Several women of good social position, accustomed to lives of comparative ease and luxury, have served apprenticeship in cabinet making and other workshops and have qualified as "masters" of their chosen trades.

Froken Ellen Togh has just qualified as wood carver and Harriet Dtorup, daughter of a well-known medical man, as silversmith, and a trio of women have started in Copenhagen as cabinet makers on a fairly extensive scale.

**FISH THAT LOVE DYNAMITE**

**Winsted (Conn.) Variety That Feed on High Explosive Are Not Wanted by Women.**

Winsted, Conn.—Highlake fish are at a discount owing to the discovery that they dine on dynamite and like it.

Workers who are blasting in the neighborhood made the discovery by accident. Since then they have amused themselves by breaking little bits from dynamite cartridges and throwing these "crumbs" overboard to see the perch grab for them. Housekeepers regard the experiment with disapproval. They fear the dynamite-fed fish would fry too noisily, and instead of reposing quietly on a platter might suddenly decide to serve themselves on the ceiling.

**HIDES STEADY**

**WOOL** Owing to the anticipated tariff revision on wool a large percentage of the eastern manufacturing establishments are closed awaiting developments. There is no established market value on wool today and all quotations are nominal or are based on speculative inclination.

SALT CURED HIDES		No. 1	No. 2
Natives	.....	9 1/2c	8 1/2c
Side brands, over 40 flat	.....	8 1/2c	
Side brands, under 40 flat	.....	8c	
Bulls and stags	.....	8 1/2c	7 1/2c
Bulls, side branded flat	.....	7c	
Green salt cured glue flat	.....	5c	
Green salt cured deacons, each	.....	50c@35c	
Slunks, each	.....	25c@15c	
Green uncured hides 1 1/2c less than same grade cured	.....		
Green half cured 3-4c less than cured	.....		
Horse hides, green, No. 1	.....	\$3.50@35.00	
Horse hides, No. 2	.....	\$2.50@25.00	
Green pony hides and glue	.....	\$1.50@75c	
Sheep pelts, green	.....	\$1.00@25c	
Dry, according to wool, per pound	.....	9c@7c	

DRY HIDES	
Dry flint butcher, heavy	..... 17c
Dry flint fallen, heavy	..... 16
Dry flint, under 16 pounds	..... 16c
Dry salt, heavy	..... 13c
Dry culls	..... 10c

TALLOW	
Tallow, No. 1	..... 5 1/2@6 1/4c
Tallow, No. 2	..... 4 1/2@4 3/4c
Beeswax	..... 15@25c

**WOOL**

**Missouri, Iowa and Similar**

Choice medium combing..... 18@17c

Medium clothing and combing, mixed... 16@15c

Low and braid..... 15@12c

Light fine and fine medium..... 15@12c

Heavy fine..... 13@12c

**Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma**

Bright medium..... 15@13c

Dark medium..... 14@12c

Light fine..... 14@11c

Heavy fine..... 11@10c

**Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Texas**

Light medium..... 15@13c

Light fine..... 14@11c

Heavy fine..... 11@10c

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**OIL PROPERTIES BRING \$3,000,000**

Coalinga, Cal.—A deal involving over \$3,000,000, and in its entirety probably the largest ever consummated in this field, has just been closed with the sale of the Empire Refining and De Lize Oil companies to English capitalists. Bue, in addition, the Zier, Amy, Lucile and Welsh properties have been practically sold to the same people. Negotiations have been in progress for about two months, but facts have just become known. Los Angeles, about sixty days ago, the sale of the first three properties mentioned was made with W. P. Ham- April, 1911, on all the properties.