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## THE POLICY

OF THE

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## Sonora Mercantile Co.

#### CORMORANT FISHING.

How the Voracious Bird is Utilized by the Japanese.

Catching fish by means of that voracious, web footed, hook billed bird, the cormorant, is practiced in Japan. Philip Reade describes the process in the Army and Navy Journal: "Cormorant fishing is kept up on the river Nagoya. First a cormorant is caught by covering the twigs on which the birds are accustomed to alight with birdlime, on settling upon which they stick fast. Cormorant fishing always takes place at night and by torch-light. Each cormorant wears at the base of his neck a ring, made tight enough to prevent marketable fish passing below it, at the same time made loose enough to admit the smaller fish, which serve as food for the cormorant. The natives of Gifu train cormorants to catch fish. "The birds are lowered from a boat, one by one, into a stream. Each great, awkward bird has around its body a cord, having attached to it at the middle of the back a short strip of stiffish whalebone, to which is looped a thin rein of spruce fiber twelve feet long and so far wanting in pliancy as to minimize the chance of entanglement. The bird is manipulated when in the water by this rein. The cormorant goes to fishing in the most energetic manner, diving and ducking, but is restrained from gulping down the fish.

"When the fish cormorant is gorged he swims about in a foolish, helpless way, with his head and swollen neck erect. Thereupon the Japanese lifts the bird aboard, forces his bill open with his left hand, squeezes out the fish with his right and starts the tethered creature off on a fresh foray—all this with such dexterity and quickness that one expert Japanese can keep as many as a dozen of these trained cormorants in hand at once."

#### He Used the Dye.

Queen Margherita of Italy was anxious that her husband, King Humbert, should follow the example of his father and the fashion common among elderly Piedmontese officers and dye his hair. Her pleadings were in vain. Seeing entreaty was in vain, the queen had recourse to stratagem. She caused a quantity of fine hair dye to be sent from Paris and put in the king's dressing room, together with directions for its use, making, however, no allusion to the subject. The king, too, said nothing, though he could not fail to see the pigments.

#### Not Competence, and Yet Not Want.

Whittier, in that incomparable American winter idyl, "Snow-Bound," introduces a young man as one of the homo fireside group during a period of storm isolation in this wise: "Born the wild northern hills among, From whence his peoniam father wrung, By patient toil subsistence scant, Not competence and yet not want, His savings gained the power to pay His cheerful, self-reliant way."

The secret of family happiness and individual independence, even though the income is small, is found in these lines. It is a fact of our state and national history that from homes and conditions represented by the words "not competence and yet not want" the men who have done things and the women who have helped them in the doing have sprung.—Portland Oregonian.

#### Unrecorded History.

Brutus was haranguing the citizens. "Upon what meat," he cried—"upon what meat doth this our Caesar feed that he is grown so great?"

Pausing for a moment for a reply, he was about to continue, when a man with a loud voice and flushed countenance arose in the front row and observed: "He eats Quincius & Polonius' sugar cured hams and bacon, now on sale at all first class markets."

This, being a bald advertising scheme, was not given any prominence whatever in the reports of the occasion.—Chicago Post.

#### Her Opportunity.

Jose, a bright six-year-old boy, listened very intently while his mamma, on showing him his new Norfolk suit which she had just finished, explained that she had never bought him a suit she had made them. Jose was very quiet for a few moments, and said: "It's a great thing for a woman to have children, she can sew."—Delineator.

#### A SUBMARINE GARDEN.

Gorgeous and Cruel Living Flowers of the Tropical Seas.

In the world's vast submarine garden, especially in the tropics, are thousands of organisms which the botanist would naturally call plants. The tulip has been reproduced by what the naturalist says is the hydroid polyp, an ugly name for one of the most exquisite things to which the sea has given birth. Like the tulip, it is found in clusters. The lily of the valley has life in the ocean's depths, where its delicate stem also bends with the weight of the snowy bells.

Besides the microscopic forms, however, are others which are huge in contrast to them because they may be large enough to catch the eye. In the flower garden of the ocean the anemone is even more artistic in shape and gorgeous in coloring than its namesake so familiar in the dooryard. This living flower of the sea has been found in scores of shapes. At times it is a pedestal of pure white or of a grayish tint, bearing a wonderful resemblance to a marble column. It shapes itself into the rose, ready to hold the plant or blossom. Like a bell, it hangs suspended in the waters or again takes a fancy to become the modest but succulent tomato, not only in form, but in color, while the anemone as a salad has indeed an appetizing appearance.

Looking at the various models of this mysterious creation of nature, only the man of science would believe it to be a thing of life. It is a voracious animal, too, for those beautiful fringes and edgings with which it is adorned are tentacles and stringers, with which it captures the unlucky prey that comes within reach. Its ornate coloring, yellow, purple, pink, green, sometimes a harmonious blend of several tints, is merely a device to lure its victims to destruction. It is a very cruel specimen of sea flower. There are giants in the family also, some of which are as wide as a man's hand. These devour shrimp and small fish.—Day Allen Willey in Van Norden's.

#### Hands and Pockets.

He was an English tourist, and when the train stopped at a highland station he regarded the lounging natives with a curious interest. Beckoning one of them to him, he said:

"Good gracious, Donald—I suppose your name is Donald or Macdonald—you don't tell me that the misfortune of unemployment has reached so far north?"

"Och, no," said Donald. "It's no so bad as that whatever."

"Well, but," said the investigator, "why is it I see a number of stalwart young men like you standing about with their hands in their pockets?"

"Oh," replied Donald, "it's perhaps because we have na been far enough south to learn to put them in other people's pockets."—Dundee Advertiser.

#### Plenty of Ribs.

Ostend had often said he wanted to be a surgeon when he grew up, and his mother was boasting about his knowledge of anatomy. "My son," she exclaimed before a party of visitors, "a man has how many ribs?"

"Ostend looked solemn. "Well, ma," he replied after a pause, "it just depends on the man. Now, a man called here today who had 129 ribs."

"Ostend," said the mother sternly, "don't fib."

"I'm not fibbing, ma." "And you mean to say the man had 129 ribs?"

"Yessum. He was an umbrella mender."—Kansas City Independent.

#### Books to Read.

The remark as to Macaulay being "a very common sort of book buyer, who always bought books to read," which, Sir George Trevelyan tells us, emanated from the late Bernard Quaritch, recalls an anecdote related by Locker-Lampson in "My Confidences." "Bedford, emperor of morocco, once sent me home a little binding which I considered unsatisfactory—the volume did not shut properly; it gaped. When I pointed out this grievous defect, his only remark was, 'Why, bless me, sir, you've been reading it!'"—London Chronicle.

#### An Editorial Indorsement.

From a serious minded jester the editor received this note, together with a consignment of humor that was heavy enough to go by freight: "Dear Sir—I read all these jokes to my wife, and she laughed heartily. Now, I have it on good authority that when a man's wife will laugh at his jokes they are bound to be very good—or she is. Yours, etc."

The editor slipped them into the return envelope with the letter after writing on the margin, "She is."—Lippincott's.

#### Chinese Weddings.

The chief incident in a Chinese marriage is the arrival of the bride in her bridal clothes before the house of her chosen one. This is a de facto fulfillment of the contract. The wedding day is determined by the parents of the groom. The imperial calendar names the lucky days, and on such days the so called "red celebrations" take place, both in the city and country. The same bridal clothes may be used several times. That the chief part of a Chinese marriage is the arrival of the bride at the house of the groom is illustrated by the fact that the sons are often married without being present at their own weddings. It is not believed to be fortunate to change the wedding day when once decided. If the future husband therefore happens to be called away on the wedding day the marriage takes place by sending the bride to his house.

#### The Devilfish.

The devilfishes are inhabitants of warm water seas and, as a rule, do not venture from the shore very far out on the high seas. Once in awhile one is seen as far north as New York or in the Mediterranean. In United States waters they have been more frequently reported from South Carolina and the gulf states and from Lower California. They often swim in schools or shoals and have a curious habit of turning somersaults near the surface, sometimes leaping as high as ten feet out of the water and churning the sea into foam. If the devilfishes could live and move in the air in their mode of progression, they would probably be said to fly, for a sort of submarine flight is really what is accomplished. It is by flaps of the long, winglelike fins that they speed themselves along.

#### Hair Structure.

Some women's hair is naturally curly or wavy, to the envy of their friends of the same sex. Others have straight hair, which can only be made to wave or curl by artificial means. The difference between the two is easily explained. Straight hairs are oval in section. A negro's hairs kink because they are flat in places. The heat of the curling tongs when applied to straight hairs causes each of them to contract on one side and to curl in that direction, whence the beautiful effect obtained, which is necessarily temporary.

#### THE WORD "STAR."

It is One of the Oldest in the English Language.

There is no older word in the English language than "star," for it is not only from the tongue of our earliest known ancestors, the Aryans, a united people many thousands of years ago, but it is an Aryan root that has been preserved to us through the ages that have no history excepting that which comes from a scientific study of the languages.

None of our sister languages has preserved this root so much unchanged as has the English, though it is found in all of the family. The Dutch come nearly as close with their "ster," and the old High German is a little further off with "sterra." The Anglo-Saxon has "steorra," the Sanskrit "stara," the Icelandic "stjarna," the Latin "stella" and the Greek "aster."

The other branches of the language have their "star" words nearly as close to the root, and they all use the word, not in the sense of brightness, but in the sense of strewn or spread, that which spreads out or dispenses, a star being a dispenser of light.

When our ancestors had intelligence sufficient to thoughtfully observe the stars and began to be able to speak of them they used the word "star" as conveying the idea of a something which scatters light. From this same root has grown scores of words which contain the idea of scattering, dispensing, spreading out and strewn. The careful reader of the dictionary will notice them in many places. "Straws" that "show which way the wind blows" are from the same root, because in the word is the idea of that which is scattered or strewn.

"Strew" and "stratum" are among the many children of "star," and even such words as "consternation" and "street" come from it. The idea is in "consternation" through the Latin "consternere," to bestrew, throw down, prostrate. Consternation metaphorically throws you down, and street conveys the same thought of something spread out, strewn with protecting substances or paved.

It is such little words as "star" appearing in so many different languages, always having the same underlying meaning, that tell us of the union that must have existed between the peoples whose descendants have preserved the words.—New York Herald.

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#### Wasp and Its Prey.

As Dr. Darwin was walking one day in his garden he perceived a wasp upon the gravel walk with a large fly nearly as big as itself, which it had caught. Kneeling down, he distinctly saw it cut off the head and then, taking up with its feet the trunk or middle portion of the body, to which the wings remained attached, fly away. But a breeze of wind acting on the wings of the fly turned around the wasp with its burden and impeded its progress. Upon this it alighted again on the gravel walk, deliberately sawed off first one wing and then the other, and, having thus removed the cause of its embarrassment, flew off with its booty.—London Globe.

#### Not the Gardener.

When in 1883 Professor Freeman was examining Battle abbey he found himself dogged by a person who, as he thought, somewhat officiously obtruded his offers of assistance. After vainly trying to shake him off he broke forth with: "I don't want your assistance. The Duke of Cleveland promised that I should not be interfered with by the gardeners."

"Exactly so," was the reply. "I hope they have obeyed my orders. I am the Duke of Cleveland."

#### Inconsistent.

"What an inconsistent fellow Jack is?"

"How so?"

"He wrote in Blanche's autograph album that he wished her a life of happiness."

"Wasn't that all right?"

"I suppose it would have been if he hadn't turned around and within three months married her."—Kansas City Independent.

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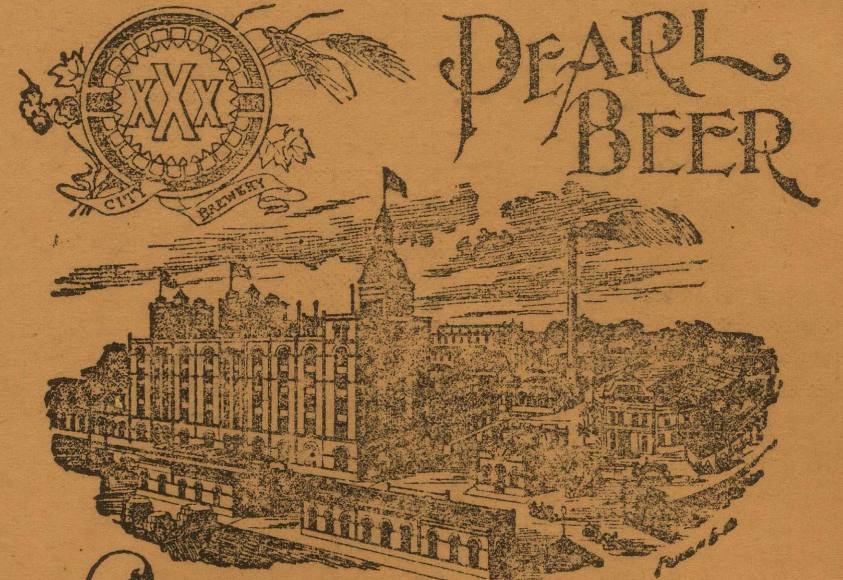
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#### DISTRICT COURT.

The Honorable District Court of Sutton county, was convened in regular spring term at the Court House in Sonora on Monday March 29, with Hon. J. W. Timmins, Judge of the 51st Judicial District, presiding; L. H. Brightman, District Attorney; J. D. Lowrey, Clerk and J. S. Allison, Sheriff being in attendance.

The Grand Jury was empaneled as follows: C. J. Lewis, R. B. Maddox, W. C. Mabray, J. J. North, W. C. Strackbein, E. E. Steen, I. N. Brooks, E. S. Briant, Newt Burris, J. T. Evans, Carl Gutzler, R. T. Baser. The court delivered his customary charge and appointed E. S. Briant foreman.

J. A. Glasscock and John Adams were appointed bailiffs to the Grand Jury.

The Petit Jury empaneled was as follows: T. B. Adams, W. L. Aldwell, W. C. Bryson, H. L. Bridge, G. E. Clements, Louis Kirkpatrick, W. R. Orenden, E. I. Fowler, Ed Mayfield, J. P. Reiley, G. W. Stephenson, Lem Stokes, Theo. Savell, R. E. Taylor, Joe Trainer, J. W. Wilson, Dud Yaws, W. J. Fields, C. S. Holcomb, J. A. Hagerlund, Sam Luckie, G. A. Kellis, J. F. Logan, J. F. Merck, T. J. Stuart.

The following proceedings were had:

291. State vs H. Murphy, continued by defendant.

301. T. P. Gillespie vs A. J. & C. D. Smith. Dismissed.

302. Sol Kelley vs Roy Hudspeth. Continued by agreement.

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307. State vs Boone Kilpatrick. Continued by defendant.

322. State vs —, alias capias and continued.

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323. State vs A. J. Smith plea of guilty to aggravated assault and a fine of \$25 and costs imposed.

Application for the removal of disabilities as miners was granted the following persons: Jasper S. Holman; Miss Willie Carter Crouch; Roy V. Glasscock.

Ex parte Charles Gunzer, final naturalization papers granted.

304 John N. Swinburn vs Rachael Swinburn, suit for divorce granted.

D. T. Yaws, Mat Karnes and W. L. Aldwell were appointed jury commissioners.

309. Mrs. J. A. Parker vs Tom Dean et al. Continued by plaintiff.

292. W. L. Wheddon vs Mrs. F. M. Sparks. Continued by agreement.

288. E. F. Vander Stucken Co. and E. F. Vander Stucken vs A. J. Owens et al. Amended motion granted plaintiff. Judgment for plaintiff against A. J. Owens and F. E. Bihl, R. J. Owens and J. R. Robbins his sureties. Defendants gave notice of appeal.

308. E. E. Jackson vs A. J. Smith. Judgment for plaintiff.

The petit jury was dismissed at noon on Monday.

The grand jury adjourned Tuesday evening. No bills being returned.

Court adjourned Tuesday night.

James L. Storey, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, died at his home in Austin Sunday morning, March 28, from heart failure.

Jim Miller a well known cattleman and real estate dealer is under arrest at Fort Worth for the murder of A. A. Babbitt near Ada, Ok. on Feb. 27. Babbitt was shot from ambush and Miller denies his guilt.

The San Angelo Standard has received an official telegram to the effect that work will be resumed on the Orient between San Angelo and Sweetwater. The report is to the effect that Mr. Stillwell has sold bonds in England and interested English capital to complete the work.

Come right into town and buy a home; make Sonora your headquarters. There is no better town on or off the map.

R. J. Owens postmaster and merchant of Owenville, was in Sonora Wednesday on business.

Miss Luella Robbins was in Sonora Saturday accompanied by her friend Miss Leboe of McK. West.

W. H. Black and Geo. Logan, who are drilling wells in the Eldorado country, were in Sonora Tuesday on business.

Clyde Mills of J. A. Cope Co., John Adams and Mrs. B. F. Mogford, returned from attending court at Menardville, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Yaws of the Middle Valley country, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken this week.

Jim O'Brien has placed a forfeit of \$250 to throw Sid Slate of Fort Worth in 15 minutes at Fort Worth on April 5.

Will Smith who is now with the T. L. Beason Co., of Eldorado, was in Sonora Sunday, visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Yaws the hospitable host and hostess of the ranch in the Middle Valley country, were in Sonora this week the guests at the Commercial.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Baptist church at a recent meeting elected Mrs. E. S. Briant, president; Miss Myrtle Davis, secretary; Mrs. J. A. Cope, treasurer.

The Box Supper given Monday night by the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church, netted \$34. The supper was given at the parsonage and the event was a social and financial success.

Claude and Alvin Keene formerly of Sonora, now attending school in San Angelo, were the battery for the Collegiate Institute in the game at Brownwood. The Bulletin says the boys played good ball.

Big Jim Moore the popular deputy sheriff of Crockett county was in Sonora Wednesday at ending court. Jim is very popular wherever he goes especially among the ladies.

The ball game Sunday, between the Reds and the Buffs, was a good one being a tie at the end of nine innings. Both sides made wild throws and errors but the prospect for good local ball this season is bright.

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W. T. O. Holman and son Jasper, were in Sonora this week from the ranch in Edwards county.

The B. M. Halbert and T. B. Adams wolf proof fence is about completed. While the fencing has been going on they have found trails from other pastures made by the wolves. Some time after their pastures are enclosed they will have a grand wolf hunt and barbecue. They will let the public know later on the date.

#### A Peculiarity of English.

Still another peculiarity in our English language has been pointed out by a foreign linguist. This time it concerns the use of the pronoun "I." He says:

"If a Frenchman writes with reference to himself, he makes 'je' (the French equivalent of 'I') with a small 'j.' So with the German, who may use capitals to begin every noun, but he always uses the small 'I' in writing 'ich.' The Spaniard avoids, so far as possible, the use of the personal pronoun when writing in the first person, but he always writes it 'yo,' taking pains, however, to begin the Spanish equivalent of our 'you' with a capital. In English it is surely big 'I' and little 'you.'"

The Navigating Jellyfish. Scientifically, of course, the popular idea of the jellyfish is wholly mistaken. But it is perhaps only in tropical waters that he is found in the perfection of intelligence. In the south Pacific, around the islands of Polynesia, and as far south as the upper portion of the north island of New Zealand, there is a jellyfish that not only knows where he wants to go, but is even provided with a sail, which he can and does hoist or lower at will. The sail, like the rest of this curious animal, is almost transparent, but, unlike the body of the fish, which is of the usual gelatinous construction, the sail is a membrane almost as hard as shell.—London Standard.

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Bigger changes than that have come over the world. Devco has the lead; why shouldn't it have it to somebody else?

Yours truly

F. W. DEVCO & CO.  
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The survey for the Orient railroad is through Sonora on a seventh grade and Sonora is bound to get it if we put up, and that's what we always do. Sonora is noted for that spirit of progress.

#### Actual Facts.

For upwards of fifteen years Hunt's Cure has been sold under a strict guarantee to cure any form of itching skin troubles known. No matter the name—less than one per cent. of the purchasers have requested their money back. Why? It simply does the work.

The rain fall in Sonora for the year 1908, was just three points more than 22 inches. This is the lowest total in six years in the Sonora Country with the exception of 1904 when the rainfall was 21 1/2 inches.

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#### THE FAITHFUL DOG.

George Graham Vest's Tribute to Man's Unselfish Friend.

The following tribute to man's unselfish friend was delivered by George G. Vest before a Missouri jury in a dog case:

"Gentlemen of the jury, the best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The one absolute, unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

"Gentlemen of the jury, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he can be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies, and when the last scene of all comes and death takes the master in its embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad, but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even unto death."

#### Courtship in Spain.

When a Spanish young man wants to pay his attentions to a girl he must get notes smuggled to her or "play the bear"—that is, stand under the window of her room and try to attract her attention either by serenading her with some musical instrument or, if he has no gift that way, by simply waiting patiently until she chances to look out and cast him an encouraging glance. In spite, however, of all difficulties and obstacles, Cupid contrives to find a way, and young people fall in love and marry just as in lands where etiquette is less strict and opportunities for tete-a-tete conversations are more frequent. — Wide World Magazine.

#### Doubtless the Reason.

Professor Searchem was engrossed in the study of all things that crawled. To him a pin had but one purpose—to impale insects; tin cans but one use—to house worms.

"Professor," complained his young wife one evening, "how the prices of vegetables are soaring! Just think of it! Two dollars for this bushel of apples, and half have worms in them!"

"Perhaps, darling," commented the professor as he strove to part the few remaining hairs on his shining head, "they are of a very rare species." — Harper's Weekly.

#### The Floral Decorations.

The housekeeping bride was particular to keep a flower or two in a vase on the dining room table. One afternoon she came in late and started to arrange some roses, when her colored maid exclaimed:

"Oh, you got some, did you? I was afraid you'd forget, seeing it was so late, and I knowed we had to have something green, so I just now fixed it."

The bride went into the dining room. In the center of the mahogany table stood one of her handsomest vases full of rosiest salad leaves. — New York Press.

#### Foresight.

The melancholy visitor peered about the grocery store.

"You keep the only commercial emporium in the place, do you not?" he asked of the proprietor.

"I do. What can I do for you?"

"Sell me all the stale eggs you have."

"How, haw! Must be going to the show tonight."

"I am billed to play Hamlet in this benighted village this evening," replied the caller, with dignity. — Philadelphia Ledger.

#### THE CIRCUS

acrobat finds it necessary at all times to keep his muscles and joints supple. That is the reason that hundreds of them keep a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment always on hand. A cure cure for rheumatism, cuts, sprains, sore throat, lame back, contracted muscles, corns, bunions and all pains. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

## TIFFANY.

I have the best assurance that he is a

### THOROUGHBRED

That he is a good one you can judge for yourself or ask those who have seen him. That he is

### FOR SALE

Is due solely to the reason that having sold my mares I have no use for him. If interested see or write

## PAYNE ROUNTREE,

at Sonora Mercantile Co.

## DOUBLE SALE FINE CATTLE

April 12 and April 13 To Be Two Big Days to Leading Cattlemen.

## A Gross of Cattle

To Be Sold Under the Hammer—A Couple of Grand Barbucos to Be Followed By sales That Ought to Bring 'Em Here.

There will occur in San Angelo on April 12th and April 13th a two big auction sales of thoroughbred cattle, to be conducted by prize winning breeders whose names are synonyms for success in cattle raising in Texas.

April 12th 65 head of Durhams, Poli Durhams and Herefords belonging to the well known breeders, William Ans. T. D. Yaws and Lee Brothers, will be sold under the hammer. Some of these thoroughbred cattle will also come from pictureque Bismarck Farm.

This sale of April 12 will be held at the San Angelo Fair Grounds. It will begin promptly at 12 o'clock on the day mentioned. Proceeding it, however, there will be a grand barbecue which begins at 11 o'clock. Tallyhos will be furnished gratis to all who wish to attend the sale. These tallyhos will gather the crowds at the London Hotel and N. Metz House.

There will be another sale the next day, April 13th, when 75 head of thoroughbred, aristocratic Herefords will be sold under the hammer. At this sale, J. L. Ely will disperse his entire herd of high class Herefords including his Benjamin Wilton cows, his premier bull and champion steers.

C. H. and J. C. Powell will also contribute to this sale four thoroughbred Hereford bulls, and Lee Brothers, the well known proprietors of Leedale Stock Farm, will sell eight bulls. All of these cattle are registered, and come from the ribbon winning herds of the Southwest. This sale of April 13 will be conducted at the Ely farm, known as the old J. M. Cox place, and located six miles east of San Angelo. This sale will also begin at noon, April 13, and will be preceded by a grand free barbecue.

Transportation in tallyhos from the London Hotel and N. Metz House will be furnished free. It is hardly necessary to dwell at any length upon the manifold advantages of this double sale of thoroughbred cattle. All of the offerings will be in the best condition and ready for immediate use. Buyers who are needing bulls at this time, will find that these two sales of April 12th and 13th will afford them just what they want. Be sure to be in San Angelo on those days and attend the two sales.

WANTED—From owners only some small ranches to trade for farms in Central Texas.

F. M. LONG,  
Goldthwaite, Texas.



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GLASS, PAINTS, PUTTY, ETC. A CHOICE LINE OF

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## Ranchmen Attention.

We have several enquiries for Ranches of from 4 to 50  
Sections, both for purchase and lease, and if you have  
anything to offer along these lines, send us full particulars,  
as to location, price and terms, and we will make a sale  
for you.

Geo. L. Abbott and Sid Martin,  
Land, Loan and Live Stock Commission Agents,  
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

### Devil's River News.

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second-class matter.  
"Words spoken are light as air;  
Words printed are always there."  
SONORA, TEXAS. - April 3, 1909.

W. R. Herral of Free was at-  
tending court this week.

Paul Perner, Rudy Hover and  
Lou Rutledge of Ozona were in  
Sonora this week attending court.

De Witt's Little Early Bitters,  
genuine, easy, pleasant, little liver  
pills. Sold by the Allison Phar-  
macy.

Will Lacey was over from the  
7D ranch on the Pecos, this week  
on a visit to Mrs. Lacey and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Murrah of  
San Angelo, were in Sonora Satur-  
day on their way their ranch on  
Devil's River.

De Witt's Carbolic Witch Hazel  
salve is especially good for piles.  
Sold by the Allison Pharmacy.

A. C. Lohman who is drilling  
for Bill Lee Babb west of the Pecos  
was in Sonora this week attending  
court. He says Mr. Babb and  
family are enjoying good health.

August Schalte formerly a well-  
known ranchman of Sutton county  
but now a resident of San Angelo,  
was a visitor in Sonora Tuesday.  
He was accompanied by J. B.  
Hicks.

For kidney trouble, inflammation  
of the bladder, rheumatism,  
and rheumatic pains, get De Witt's  
Kidney and Bladder Pills. They  
set promptly and are sure. Sold  
by the Allison Pharmacy.

The following were among the  
Sheffield citizens who attended  
court this week: D. B. and Felix  
Kilpatrick, Sam McCain, Wedge  
Turner, J. B. Scott, Jesse Melone,  
D. B. Dunlap. Some of them are  
getting mighty tired of attending  
court.

Kodol gives the stomach a  
chance to regain its lost strength  
and health, and after a little while  
you need not take Kodol longer,  
but take it while you do need it  
and if it fails to benefit you your  
money will be refunded. Sold by  
the Allison Pharmacy.

M. S. Middlemiss the painter,  
left for Tom Bond's ranch Monday  
to do some painting.

Bring your hides and furs to us  
we will pay highest price for them  
E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

R. C. Ferguson of the sheep firm  
of McKenzia & Ferguson of San  
Angelo, was in Sonora this week  
attending court.

Kodol for Dyspepsia and Indi-  
gestion taken occasionally will  
soon relieve you of the simple  
stomach ailments that you now  
have, but which may be more seri-  
ous later. Sold by the Allison  
Pharmacy.

Geo. B. Black representing the  
King Caudy Company of Brown-  
wood, was in Sonora, Saturday on  
business for his house.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup  
is free from all opiates and it cures  
the cold by gentle moving the  
bowels. It is especially recom-  
mended for children, as it tastes  
nearly as good as maple sugar.  
We sell and recommend it. Allison  
Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kallis were  
in from the ranch Monday. Mrs.  
Kallis was visiting her mother Mrs.  
W. A. Glascock and Mr. Kallis  
was serving his country as a jury  
man.

**We Reiterate.**  
That for more than fifteen years  
Hunt's Cure has been working on  
the afflicted. Its mission is to  
cure skin troubles, particularly  
those of an itching character. Its  
success is not on account of adver-  
tising, but because it sure y does  
the work. One box is guaranteed  
to cure any case.

Ship your "broom tail mares"  
to France where they make auto-  
mobiles and eat horses, but bred  
your good mares to the best horses  
you can read about in the News'  
advertising columns.

The News has a few blanks on  
which cattlemen may make appli-  
cation for Government Black Leg  
Vaccine.

**Eminent Authorities Say**  
that outdoor exercise is needed  
by the American People. That's  
all very well, but, how can people  
with rheumatism follow that ad-  
vice? The answer is very simple  
— use Halli's Snow Liment and  
the rheumatism will go; leaving  
you as spry as a colt. Clear,  
quick and permanent relief from  
rheumatism, neuralgia, lame back  
and all pains. Sold by J. Lewen-  
thal.

### Stock News.

Hides and furs bought by E. F.  
Vander Stucken Co.

The highest price paid for hides  
and furs at  
E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

R. H. Martin of Sonora, bought  
from J. O. Taylor of Juna 370 two  
year old steers at \$21.

E. F. and A. Fred Vander Stucken  
of Sonora, sold 150 steers, 3 years  
olds, to Miles B. Smith of Rock  
Springs at \$26.

T. D. Newell states that he has  
lost several head of fat goats this  
winter. He does not know if it is  
a disease among them or some-  
thing they have eaten. The hides  
turns yellow and death ensues in a  
few days, although all cases are  
not fatal.

We will buy your hides and furs  
E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

R. H. Martin returned from Del  
Rio, Wednesday, where he had  
been shipping the 533 three and 4  
year old steers for R. L. Russell &  
Co., of Menardville, to the T. R. I-  
tory. These steers were bought  
from G. W. Whitehead & Sons some-  
time ago.

Lice on goats retard the  
and threaten the health of the  
sheep on the range.

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Ranch for lease, Cattle and  
horses for sale. For further  
particulars address,  
C. A. YOGAS,  
Mayer, Texas.

On Friday, March 26th, Bevans  
Bros. of Menardville, sold to Ed  
D. Zier of Paint Rock. 1100 steers,  
2s and 3s, at \$22.75. Everything  
in the lot counted, nothing cut.  
Ranch delivery. These steers are  
in the Molloy pasture near Etan  
— San Angelo Standard.

Now as the days are beginning  
to get long, get in the habit of  
shopping early and then when the  
hot days come the tired clerks and  
business people will have an op-  
portunity of enjoying this delight-  
ful climate.

**The Entire Family.**  
Grand Pop used it for Pneuma-  
tism. Dad for Cuts, Sprains and  
Bruises. Mamy for Burns, Scalds  
and Aches. Sis for Catarrh and  
Chills. I use it for every-  
thing, and it never disappoints any  
of us. It easily yanks any old  
pain out by the roots. Hunt's  
Lightning Oil is what I am telling  
you about.

Sonora is in a class by itself as  
an inland town. Representatives  
of commercial concerns make So-  
nora and no other town of the  
railroad in this part of the State.

**5000 POSTS WANTED**  
We want 5000 cedar fence posts,  
6 1/2 feet long. None but good  
ones will be bought.  
E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

**HEREFORD BULL.**  
I will sell at a bargain one coming  
three-year-old bull raised by Lee  
Bros. of San Angelo. I bought  
this bull recently for my own use  
but have changed my plans. Come  
quick if you want him.  
D. T. YAWS,  
Mayer, Texas.

**\$4.00  
FOR  
2.75**

For a short time only  
we will sell you the best  
Live Stock Weekly  
**THE BREEDER'S GAZETTE**  
add the News both for  
one year for \$2.75.

**FOR  
GOOD WOOD  
PHONE 96**

Easter Sunday will be on April  
11th this year.

Read what the News' advertisees  
can do to help welcome Spring.

April showers will bring May  
flowers and all will be smiles again.  
J. J. Ford the goat and cattle  
raiser left for Brownwood Thurs-  
day to attend the Bryan lecture.

Mrs. J. L. Davis and daughter  
Ruth and R. Y., left for Mineral  
Wells Thursday, to spend a few  
weeks with Mr. Davis, who, at last  
accounts, was improving in health.

Mrs. Henning suffered from a  
stroke of paralysis Sunday at the  
home of her daughter Mrs. G. G.  
Stephenson 12 miles west of Sono-  
ra. The stroke was not very eri-  
ous and the sufferer is improving.

G. C. Earwood, the Edward  
county goat raiser, was in Sonora  
Wednesday trading. Mr. Earwood  
through the Sonora Mercantile Co.  
is consigning his mohair to the  
San Angelo Storage Co.

Ernest Abbott of the Finlander  
Hardware Co. of San Angelo, was  
in Sonora Thursday, he was ac-  
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Geo. E. Clements who ranches  
about 20 south of Sonora, was in  
town this week on the jury. Geo.  
says things look a little better  
down his way and that stock is  
doing as well as could be expected.

Sp. Mayer of the T. half circle  
ranch and manager of the Val  
Verde Land & Live Stock Company  
was in Sonora Thursday. Sol says  
cattle are holding their own and  
sheep doing as well as could be  
expected.

**1-4 of Pound a Week**  
at least, is what a young baby  
ought to gain in weight. Does  
your? If not there is something  
wrong with its digestion. Give it  
McGee's Baby Elixir and it will  
begin gaining at once. Cures stom-  
ach and bowel troubles, aids diges-  
tion, stops fretfulness, good for  
teething babies. Price 25c and 50c.  
Sold by J. Lewenthal.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Fields, of  
Austin, were in Sonora the pas-  
t week on a visit to their son W. J.  
Fields and family. Doctor Fields  
is recovering slowly from an op-  
eration performed on him some  
time ago for kidney and bladder  
trouble. They returned to Austin  
Friday as in the Doctors delicate  
condition he did not think it ad-  
visable to be so far off the rail-  
road.

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In the Cope building  
SONORA, TEXAS.

## UNITED EFFORT BEING MADE TO HAVE MR. W. J. BRYAN COME TO SONORA.

An enthusiastic meeting of the  
Men's Business Club of Sonora,  
was held at the First National  
Bank Wednesday night.

The President W. L. Aldwell in  
the chair, stated the special object  
of the meeting was to consider the  
ways and means of assisting in  
securing the presence to Sonora of  
the Hon. William Jennings Bryan,  
in the near future.

The Club was a unit on the propo-  
sition and James Cornell was  
delegated to extend the invitation  
to Mr. Bryan at Brownwood on  
April 2.

The invitation was also extend-  
ed to Governor Hon. F. M. Camp-  
bell to be present in Sonora on the  
occasion of Mr. Bryan's visit.

E. S. Briant, chairman of the  
Democratic Executive Committee,  
was requested by the Club to at-  
tend the speaking at Brownwood  
and use his influence in securing  
Mr. Bryan's acceptance of Sonora's  
invitation.

W. A. Anderson of San Angelo,  
a former resident of Sonora, was  
present at the meeting and nearly  
endured the movement of bring-  
ing the "Peerless One" to Sonora.  
Mr. Anderson thought it probable  
he would be in Brownwood at the  
speaking and having a large ac-  
quaintance in that city said he  
would assist Sonora in whatever  
way possible.

By motion duly seconded, the  
Club accepted Mr. Anderson's  
friendly offer and requested him  
to use his influence in behalf of  
Sonora.

The meeting a joyous feeling  
of Mr. Cornell's success  
and with the announcement of Mr.  
Bryan's acceptance that the people  
of inland West Texas will be given  
the treat of their lives. In this  
connection it is thought advisable  
to call memory back to the visit of  
Governor Campbell to Sonora last  
year. There were many doubting  
Thomas as to that event and still  
Sonora landed the biggest game in  
the State. Official duties could  
have prevented the coming of Gov.  
Campbell but not so with Mr. Bry-  
an. Mr. Bryan's dates are all ar-  
ranged in advance and if it is found  
possible for Sonora to secure a date  
for the early part of May and Mr.  
Bryan accepts the invitation the  
people of West Texas may rest as-  
sured that when Sonora announces  
to date that there will be so far-  
ure. Now, then, keep your eyes  
open and put it down in the back  
of your head that Mr. Bryan will  
be in Sonora this summer, prefer-  
ably at the Commencement of the  
Sonora High School.

A meeting of the citizens of So-  
nora and surrounding country, was  
held in Sonora, on the night of  
March 31. Dr. L. L. Craddock was  
elected chairman and Geo. J. Tra-  
ner secretary. The object of the  
meeting as stated by W. L. Aldwell  
was to find the sentiment of the  
people with regard to the effort  
being made to have Hon. William  
J. Bryan deliver his address "The  
Prince of Peace" in Sonora at an  
early date. Judge L. J. Wardlaw,  
James Cornell, E. S. Briant, D. B.  
Woodruff, W. A. Anderson, W. T. O.  
Holman addressed the meeting.

It was found to be the unani-  
mous desire of the meeting to have  
Mr. Bryan come and James Cor-  
nell was delegated to present the  
invitation to Mr. Bryan at Brown-  
wood and to use his best endeavors  
to secure Mr. Bryan's acceptance.  
It was also the sentiment of the  
mass meeting that Honorable T. M.  
Campbell, Governor of Texas, be  
invited to accompany Mr. Bryan  
to Sonora in event of his accept-  
ance.

The School Board of the Sonora  
Independent School District, at a  
recent meeting discussed and passed  
a resolution unanimously in  
viting Hon. W. J. Bryan to visit  
Sonora if possible for the Com-  
mencement exercises of the Sonora  
High School and delegated James  
Cornell, secretary of the board, to  
present the invitation to Mr. Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryson who  
ranch 20 miles south of Sonora,  
are the guests of Mr. and Mrs.  
A. N. Ward this week.

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WILL MAKE THE SEASON AT MY RANCH

Thirty miles Southwest of Sonora at Reasonable Charges.  
ELBINE is a grandson of Electioneer and was raised on the  
PALO ALTO farm in California and Listed when a two-  
year-old at \$5,000. He is now 15 years old but I never  
knew a better breeder. Service fee \$15 with return  
privilege. Pasturage 50 cents per month during season.

JOHN R. (MAJOR'S PAROLE) a three-year old son of  
PAROLE, the youngest Champion Sire of Early Speed in the  
United States in 1886. That's enough. JOHN R.  
(MAJOR'S PAROLE) from his mother, MARDELLA, inherits  
the great DELMAR blood being sired by DELMAR the sire  
of MAJOR DELMAR and thus backed on both sides by  
great trotters JOHN R. (MAJOR'S PAROLE) is the equal in  
breeding with any horse in the State. He will make the  
season to a few select mares. Write for terms to

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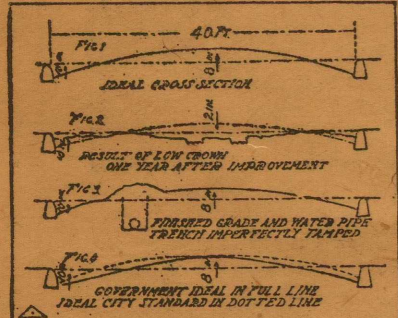
## CAUSE OF MUDDY ROADS.

Value of Good Drainage and Ideal Curvature For Fine Highways.

The following sectional drawings, made by J. D. Sherwood, president of the Spokane County Good Roads club, illustrate the cause of Spokane's muddy streets and country roads.

Fig. 1 shows the ideal curvature, the highest point of which is eight inches above the level of the curbs (indicated by the dotted line) and eighteen inches above the gutters. A glance shows that the crown is raised sufficiently high to afford good drainage to the gutters. This curve is the chief factor of a good road.

In Fig. 2 the dotted line shows the curve that is followed by the city of Spokane, the highest point being only two inches above the level of the



curbs, making the street too flat for good drainage. The ragged line shows the result of a year's wear. The earth sloughs off to the sides, and a depression occurs in the center, creating the muddy conditions.

Fig. 3 shows the familiar hump left after laying water or gas mains, which further prevents drainage to the gutters.

In Fig. 4 the black line shows the ideal curvature of the government specifications, affording the best possible drainage.

A representative of the United States government who lectured at Spokane on this subject remarked that in building roadways the three important points to bear in mind were: First, provide for good drainage; second, provide for good drainage, and, third, provide for good drainage.

## ROADMAKING WITH SAWDUST.

Sand Used as a Mixer by Minnesota Highway Engineer.

A road made from sand and sawdust is the latest style of roadmaking designed by George W. Cooley, state highway engineer in Minnesota. Last spring he made a section of road with clover and rye on a sand foundation. This has been very successful. The road made from sand and sawdust is at Cambridge, in Isanti county, Minn.

Four inches of sawdust were formed on the sand road after being graded. This was worked into the sand by passing teams, and as fast as ruts were formed the sawdust was raked into the ruts, to be further mixed with sand. This is a new roadmaking material and if successful will make an exceedingly profitable means of using the immense quantities of sawdust from the mills of the state.

In those counties where there is nothing but sand in the roads good roads are impossible without the addition of other material. Mr. Cooley is now experimenting with various means of turning the sand into vegetable loam, which can be worked to advantage. The idea is that the sawdust will rot and, mixing with the sand, will form a loam suitable for making good roads with.

Such a small amount of money is appropriated by the state for the construction of roads that the experiments have been on a limited scale and the construction of roads proceeds slowly. Minnesota spends only one-tenth as much on state roads as does New York in relation to the value of the property.

## BETTER WINTER ROADS.

The Best Time to Do Good Work With the Drag.

As soon as summer is over and the ground begins to freeze the farmer pulls the faithful road drag into the barnyard, where it remains through the entire winter unused. Now, I believe if farmers will closely observe conditions they will see that winter road dragging will give us much better roads at the time they are usually the worst, says M. A. Coverdell in Farm and Fireside.

The surface of the ground thaws many times during the winter season, and when it begins to freeze again, along some time in the afternoon or evening, the little bumps of dirt and the ruts are neither too deep nor too hard, but just brittle enough to smooth down nicely, filling up the ruts and low places. This is the one and only time during the day that you can do good work with the drag, so keep your eye on the thawing and freezing process and govern your road dragging accordingly. With a little foresight and an hour's judicious dragging now and then there's no reason why we cannot have better roads in winter.

One Needs the Other.

The name split log drag itself implies cheapness, but cheapness doesn't mean an inferior article. Any one can have one, and good roads and split log drags are usually pretty close together.

Six Million Dollar Highway.

Governor Stuart of Pennsylvania will recommend that the legislature, which convenes soon, appropriate \$6,000,000 for the construction of a state highway from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh.

## ROADS ON HILLS.

How They May Be Protected From Being Deeply Gullied.

Where a road is built on a steep grade some provision should be made to prevent the washing of the gutters into deep gullies. This can be done by paving the bottoms and sides of the gutters with brick or field stones. In order to make the flow as small as possible in side ditches it is often advisable to construct frequent outlets into the adjacent fields or streams or, if possible, to lay underground pipes or blind drains with screened openings into side ditches at frequent intervals, says a bulletin from the department of agriculture. The size of side ditches should depend upon the amount of water they are expected to carry. If possible they should be located at least three feet from the edge of the traveled roadway.

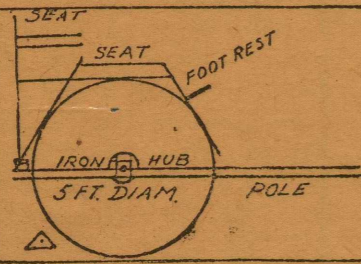
All side ditches should have a gradual fall of at least half a foot in every hundred feet. Their sides, particularly those sloping toward the roadway, should be broad and flaring, so as to prevent accidents as well as the caving in of their banks. Their bottoms should be wide enough to carry the largest amount of water that is likely to flow through them at any one time. Sometimes the only ditches necessary to carry off the surface water are those made with the road machine. The blade of the machine may be set at any desired angle and when drawn along by horses or by a traction engine cuts into the surface and spreads the earth uniformly over the traveled way.

## VERMONT SNOW ROLLER.

Simple Device For Packing Down Roads After a Snowstorm.

R. G. Brock, a Vermont man, tells in the Rural New Yorker how to use and make a snow roller.

"Snow rollers," he says, "are used for rolling the highways after a snowstorm to pack the snow down, which when frozen makes a road ten feet wide. The diagram shows that they are made with two drums four and a half feet long and five feet in di-



ameter, with a two inch steel shaft running through in which the drums turn independently, thus permitting them to turn a corner easily. The drums are made of two inch oak, the heads being double and hooped with two by half inch iron. The drums are hung in a strong frame, the pole goes through between them, and they are about a foot apart. A seat frame is placed on the main frame over the drums, with a place for tools, etc. Four horses are required to haul the snow roller on the level river roads and six on the hill roads.

## AUTOISTS AND GOOD ROADS.

Kansas Club Formed For the Improvement of Public Highways.

The advent of the automobile and its use on country roads have caused an awakened interest in good country roads, and the owners of autos working in conjunction with the farmers should before many years result in greatly improved roads. The auto owners of Newton, Kan., have organized a club, which in Harvey county marks the beginning of an important good roads movement, and the success of this club in the work undertaken will be watched with interest, says the Farmers Advocate. If the plan is practical, state wide organization of a similar character will result.

The Newton club has a permanent roads committee to make frequent trips over the various public highways diverging from the city and make note of such spots as may require improving and confer with the road overseer of the township where these bad places exist and arrange to have the necessary attention given, the automobile club furnishing one-half of the money required to accomplish this.

It is also the purpose of the club to promote harmony among residents who own autos and residents of the rural districts. Naturally the farmers have a feeling of dislike toward automobile drivers. Some of the drivers are careless and take no precaution to avoid scaring teams they pass or meet. It is the intention of the club to dispel this feeling on the part of farmers, so that a better feeling will prevail all around.

A Wise Decision.

After an inspection of the improved roads in Greene county, Pa., State Highway Commissioner Hunter has decided that all state roads built in that county hereafter shall have a brick surface—a wise decision and one that will apply to the roads of many other counties in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, says the National Stockman and Farmer. One macadam road inspected by the commissioner had cost about \$1,300 a mile in maintenance, and experience has shown that most macadam roads are costing too much if not that sum. Recognition of this fact is sure to result in more desirable roads in Pennsylvania. Other states where road legislation will be undertaken this winter should not miss the lesson New York and Pennsylvania have had in the final excessive cost of macadam.

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W. J. FIELDS,  
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## FORAGE CROPS FOR PIGS.

Favorable Results From Experiments Made From Green Crops.

The question of forage crops for pigs is one which is of decided importance, as it is well known that the use of such feed is valuable and profitable.

Cowpeas without grain have so far given better results at the Mississippi station. It is stated, than any other of the crops tested. In one season the cowpeas were grown on thin hill land and produced 350 pounds of pork per acre when pigs were grazed upon them. The next season the crop was grown on good valley land and produced 483 pounds of pork per acre. The pigs were turned on the pasture when the cowpeas were ripe. Alfalfa without grain was found to be little more than a maintenance ration for hogs. The pigs used in the test, which covered two years, ranged from three to twenty-four months in age.

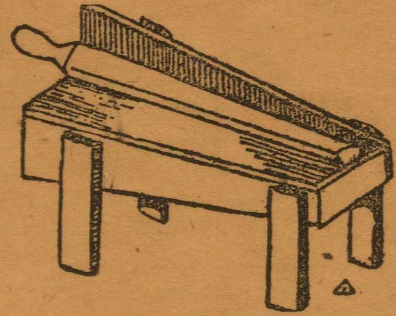
Alfalfa, clover, rape and blue grass supplementing corn were compared with rations of corn and ship stuff and corn and skim milk at the Missouri station. The cornmeal, which was of medium fineness, was mixed with water to the consistency of a thick dough and was fed twice daily in such quantities as would be eaten without waste. In the skim milk ration the meal was wet with milk instead of with water. The green crops were fed twice daily immediately after cutting and were supplied ad libitum. The rape was rather large and coarse, and only the fresh green leaves were used. Some of the alfalfa was rather too mature and coarse to be eaten with relish, but the remainder was considered of fairly satisfactory quality. The red clover and blue grass were for the most part young and tender.

The feeding was continued for 102 days except with the rape fed lot, which was fed for forty days only, the supply of rape being then exhausted. Considering the first forty days, the gains on green feed ranged from 0.58 pound per pig per day on the rape ration to 0.74 pound on cornmeal and alfalfa, the gain on cornmeal and middlings being 0.61 pound and on cornmeal and skim milk 1.53 pounds. Considering the whole test, the average daily gain per pig on the various combinations of green feed was as follows: Cornmeal and blue grass, 0.63 pound; cornmeal and clover, 0.77 pound; cornmeal and alfalfa, 0.83 pound; cornmeal and middlings, 0.68 pound, and on cornmeal and skim milk 1.61 pounds. The smallest amount of grain per pound of gain, 2.83 pounds, was noted with the corn and skim milk ration and the largest amount, 5.31 pounds, with the cornmeal and blue grass. The gain was most cheaply made on cornmeal and skim milk, costing 2.83 cents per pound, and was most expensive on cornmeal and middlings, costing 4.07 cents. On the green feeds it ranged from 3 cents on cornmeal and alfalfa to 3.96 cents on cornmeal and blue grass.

In the opinion of Professor Cottrell of the Colorado station, farmers living in the plains region of Colorado will find raising and fattening pigs advanced and Kaffir corn are regarded as the surest grain crops for the dry land farming conditions which there prevail. The importance of supplementing grain is insisted upon.

## Homemade Butter Worker.

The butter worker here described has been in practical use for some time and is said to be superior to the high priced factory butter workers now on the market. The top, or bed, should be of hard wood if possible.



Make the bed about thirty inches long, twenty inches at the wide end and eight at the narrow end. These dimensions are for a small worker, for ten to twenty-five pounds of butter. If you have a larger quantity of butter make the worker correspondingly larger. Make the lever or roller of a three inch square stick at least ten inches longer than the bed of the worker. It is made with six sides, hexagon shape, one end shaped for a hand hold, and the opposite end has a half inch pin placed in it. This pin is inserted in the hole bored in the narrow end, as shown, and the roller, or lever, moved over the butter with a rolling motion, the water and buttermilk escaping at the narrow end through the hole below the end of the roller. A bucket should be placed below the narrow end to catch this drip. Make the small end one or two inches lower than the opposite end to insure the water draining away.

## Highest Degree of Fertility.

Some of the best farms in Pennsylvania have been brought to the highest degree of fertility by the use of clover, lime and manure. The farmers who have accomplished such results have aimed to save every pound of manure and also to preserve it in the best manner. Lime is used extensively by those who know that lime is an essential ingredient of plants and also because it is excellent for increasing the clover crop. Clover enriches the land by promoting the supply of nitrogen in the soil; hence lime and clover make an excellent combination.

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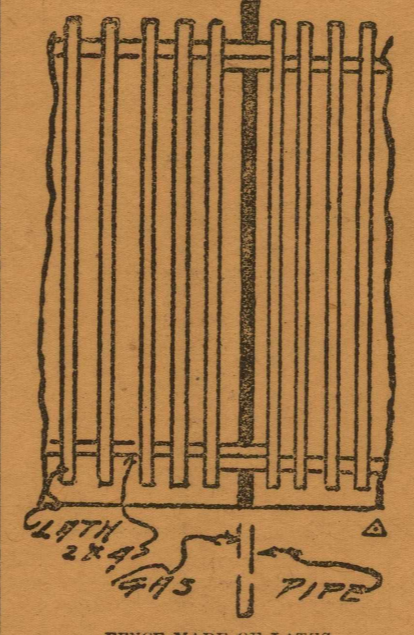
The matter of farm fences is one of the principal improvements of the farm. A farm without good fences never is valued very highly, even though the fields be clean and fertile. On a great many farms the fence proposition is always a serious one with the owner. Too many farmers are indifferent regarding the keeping of their fences in repair. There is usually plenty of work to be done on the farm fences. They are continually getting out of repair, and unless looked after they get into bad order and practice the live stock to cross them. The matter of farm fences has already gone through considerable evolution in the last ten years. Very seldom does one ever see the old rail fence, commonly termed the "worm fence." The rail fence is fast becoming obsolete, even in the lumber districts. They never were a thing of beauty, but their construction lent a quality to many homesteads. Another fence that is passing rapidly is the hedge row. A hedge fence when properly cared for is one of the beautifying acquisitions of a well kept farm. When it is not properly trimmed and cared for it is an eyesore. Hedge has grown unpopular on account of the large amount of work required to keep it in proper condition and also on account of its drawing the soil fertility from the ground for a considerable distance where planted.

Barbed wire is also another thing that is meeting with disfavor with the most progressive farmers. It is a very cheap and durable fence, but if it is not kept in perfect condition it is the most dangerous thing about the farm, especially where live stock is kept. On a great many farms barbed wire fences have cost the owner many times more than what it cost to construct them in the damage done to live stock. Many a valuable colt or horse has been rendered practically worthless by it. The damage done to cattle has not been so great, but there are instances where many valuable dairy cows have had their udders practically ruined by barbed wire.

The coming fence—in fact, it is already here—is the woven wire. It has everything to commend it. It is slightly when properly put up and does not permit of grassy or weedy fence corners. Wire fences take up very little land and permit a very high degree of farming. Crops will grow right up by the side of it, and the keeping of the fence rows clean is little labor. Bad fences are often responsible for bad feeling between neighbors. Woven wire fences are the easiest of all fences to keep in repair. If they are put up right they are nearly always in good condition. A little attention paid to them once in awhile is all that is necessary to keep them in first class order. The best way to maintain a woven wire fence is to have a barbed wire stretched on top of the posts. This prevents the stock, especially horses, from throwing their heads over the fence or breaking down the wire.

## Portable Fence For a Chicken Yard.

A simple portable fence, a good thing for the chicken yard, can be made by nailing laths on the edge of 1 by 3 stringers. Where it is possible to obtain them, lengths of old gas pipes may be driven in the ground the right distances about to pass through the holes boxed in the ends of the



stringers. The height of the fence is governed by the size of chickens to be yarded. Ordinary wooden lath is four feet long, and it may project six inches above the upper stringer and six inches below the lower stringer, which would bring the stringers three feet apart for a fence four feet high. Three-quarter inch gas pipe is one inch outside diameter, which would require one and one-eighths inch holes through the stringers. Cut the gas pipes five or six feet long, according to the soil. It will be necessary to put the fence in place and drive the gas pipes through the holes, because after the stakes are driven one or twice they become battered on top, or you can saw through from the ends of the stringers and mortise out to form an open seat.

## Fertilizing the Orchard.

It might be said that it is always reasonable to fertilize the orchard or garden. Manure placed on this soil this winter will partially decay and its riches soak into the soil for the use of the plants next year. It not only serves as a fertilizer in the orchard, but in winter it acts as a soil protection and regulates sudden freezing and thawing. On hilly land it checks soil erosion.

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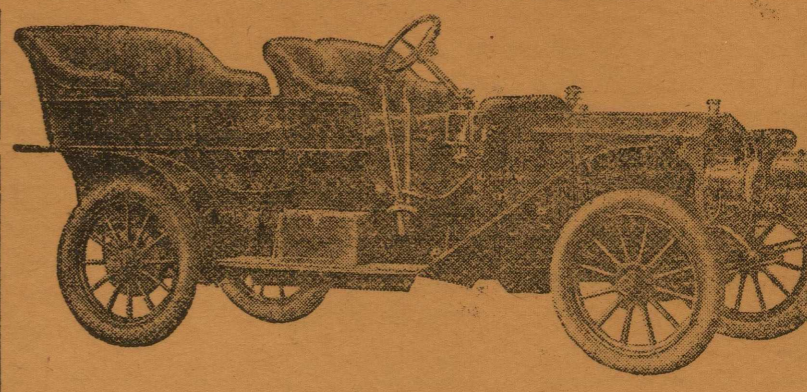
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