

FARMERS HUNT HOBO

General Nuisance At Over Agricultural Portion of State.

Pestiferous Transients Are Forced to Hike Through Corn and Grain Fields to Escape Angry South Dakota Citizens

South Dakota is the only state in the union where the hobo is a pest.

At this time of the year thousands of hobos are drawn to the state with the great influx of honest harvest hands.

The tourists of the road are usually bold and think nothing of virtually taking possession of freight trains entering the state.

They then take possession of shady woods adjacent to the smaller towns and prove themselves a great annoyance to housewives by their frequent trips in search of "handouts."

Patience sometimes ceases to be a virtue, and then the angry male residents of the towns set out on a hobo chase.

One of the most exciting chases of the season took place at Lesterville, a small town in Yankton county.

To meet the situation the Commercial club was called in special session to consider the matter.

As soon as the word could be passed around town the forces were marshaled together and a forward movement commenced all along the line.

So enthusiastic were the hunters and so exciting the sport that the chase was continued far into the surrounding country.

By nightfall there were no hobos within miles of Lesterville.

The man hunt was so successful that it has been decided by the male residents of Lesterville to repeat it twice a week during the remainder of the season.

GASOLINE ENGINE FOR PLOW

Scarcity of Labor Causes Introduction of Innovation That May Revolutionize Farming.

Salina, Kan.—The first rain in Kansas will be a signal for farmers to begin plowing their ground for the next crop of wheat.

Owing to the scarcity of labor, Bruce Blair, a farmer near this city, has equipped his farm with a gasoline engine and a six disk plow.

With this plow Mr. Blair can turn 12 to 15 acres of ground in a day of ten hours, at less expense than employing men and teams.

Unique Pact Ends Strike. Washington.—The right of the laborer to quit work and of the employer to discharge an employe without advance notice is granted in an agreement reached after a 12 weeks' strike of carpenters and joiners in Nuremberg, Germany.

FARMERS NEGLECT BABIES?

Pay More Attention to Rearing Corn and Hops Than They Do to That of Children

Top-Notch Farmers in the world are westwardly wrapped up in the production of wheat and corn.

Prof. M. K. Keever is sending his bulletins broadcast from Manhattan, Kan., where they are printed monthly through subscriptions of business men of the state.

We have special courses in poultry raising, pig raising and horse breeding, he said in one of these bulletins.

Prof. McKeever believes in the doctrine of work for children, coupled with parental attention.

He feels that appreciation is lacking of the true dignity of quiet home life.

South Norwalk, Conn.—Thaddeus Tietze, the Austrian scientist, who stirred the world by declaring that he had at last discovered an elixir of life.

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JEST RELEASES A PRISONER

Culprit Tells Magistrate Witty Story When Arraigned for Violating City Ordinance.

San Francisco.—"White Hat" McCarthy cracked a joke before Police Judge Conlan that not only tickled the judge and those who lingered in his courtroom, but perhaps earned for him a dismissal of the charge of violating an ordinance relating to the hitching of horses.

Horses left standing in the street must be tied, and hitching blocks are provided for this purpose.

"You know, do you not, McCarthy," questioned Judge Conlan, "that an ordinance provides for the hitching of horses left standing in the street?"

"Now, let me tell you," answered McCarthy, "I tied the horse, all right, but some one stole the hitching block and that's the reason he was not tied."

"Some one stole the block," repeated McCarthy.

"Ha! ha!" laughed the judge. "Case dismissed."

In Prison for Another. New York.—Henry Greenberg, now serving sentence of 20 years in Dannemora prison for burglary in this city, has made a statement in which he confesses to having committed the crime for which Louis Goldberg is now serving a life sentence in Sing Sing.

Kaiser Watches Swiss Army. Vienna.—Conversing with the Swiss military attache at the conclusion of the Austro-Hungarian maneuvers at Gross-Meseritz, Emperor William of Germany expressed a desire to attend the Swiss maneuvers, saying that he had heard interesting innovations had been made in the Swiss army.

FIRE LOSS HEAVY

No Shrinkage Noted in Latest Figures from Over Country.

United States Shows \$1,000,000,000 More Waste by Fire Than on Basis of Germany and Other European Countries.

Chicago.—Fire losses reported for the seven months ending August 31, 1909, amount to \$1,000,000,000, a total fire loss for the year nearly as great as in 1907 and greater than in 1906 and 1908, and probably to exceed \$2,000,000,000.

The fire losses of 1906—year of the San Francisco disaster—reached a total of \$459,710,000, and no adequate steps have been taken by any city to thoroughly eliminate the conflagration hazard, which in Chicago is said by an authority to be now as great as when the great fire of 1873 broke out.

The efforts which are being made to secure a high pressure water system for the lower districts of Chicago is a sign of the times, however, business interests having come to see their share in the country's fire losses as insurance companies necessarily must attempt to make their losses.

Official note has not yet been taken of the annual annihilation of property to the value of \$200,000,000 and more.

Reports show that in Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Great Britain the average annual fire loss per capita, the average rate paid for fire insurance and the average annual loss of life by fire are each about one-tenth of the same averages in this country.

Farmer Wins in This Test. Long Island Men Outwit Machine Men and Get Two Acres of Spuds Dug and Bagged Free.

New York.—When Ira Young, a farmer of Southampton, L. I., was informed that two rival potato-digging machines were being exploited by their owners as the best in the market, he chewed a straw, thought things over, and decided the next move was his.

Almost 500 farmers gathered to see the demonstration in Ira's potato patch. Young urged each owner to do his level best with his device and not let his rival outdo him.

The contest, under the eyes of the farmers perched on the rail fences, was keen. One machine not only dug the potatoes, but picked them up and bagged them.

Millville, N. J.—Can a husband kiss his wife against her will? That was the question propounded to Justice W. Fred Ware and the magistrate decided in the negative.

George Shute was arrested when charged by his wife with choking her. Upon cross-examination the wife admitted to the justice that he only tried to embrace her, but that she told him to stop and he "didn't mind."

Rape Roosevelt Idea. Washington.—The Roosevelt riding test for officers of the army is a detriment to the service, says Gen. Albert L. Myer, commanding the department of Texas, in his annual report.

KING'S VINE TAKES NEW LIFE

Grapes for Royal Table Grow on Stalks 150 Years Old—Quality Fine This Year.

London.—The old vine in the royal vineyard near Cumberland lodge, in Windsor Great park, where the black Hambro grapes are grown for the royal table, is this year in better condition than ever, and the grapes, too, are of finer quality than usual.

When his majesty came to the throne it was no uncommon thing for the vine to yield 1,000 or 2,000 bunches per year.

The consequence is that fresh shoots are pushing out in all directions, for, despite its wonderful age, the vine has renewed its youth.

"I am always anxious about it," he remarked. "I live close to it, and I watch it year out and year in, by night as well as day."

"The stem and branches I have to constantly cleanse and the vine has to be kept at an even temperature of 65 degrees."

MOSQUITOES CAUSE SUICIDE. Sheriff Finds Evidence of Battle Between Insects and Man Who Killed Himself.

Vancouver, Wash.—Sheriff Sappington, after investigating the case of an unidentified man who was found hanged, believes that the stranger rendered desperate by mosquitoes, chose that means of escaping them.

On the last evening that the dead man was seen alive he passed a number of people on the river, road and spoke to some of them, fighting mosquitoes the while.

In that part of the county the river is receding, leaving large pools of water and marsh land, which is veritably alive with insects.

Having spent a long time smoking in an effort to drive away the mosquitoes, an he left two empty tobacco sacks.

Unable to endure longer their bites and stings, he took a heavy line from the cabin and went to the foot of a large apple tree leaning far out over the water. Then he took off his coat and hat and folded them neatly and laid them down.

CRAB MOVE ON PHILADELPHIA

For the First Time on Record Big Catches Are Made Within the City Limits.

Philadelphia.—Millions of crabs are moving up the Delaware river from the sea. Their coming is due to the protracted drought, which has reduced the downward strength of the current in the Atlantic to reach the harbor.

For the first time in many years the Delaware river is brackish as far as Gloucester, the result of which is that mullet, sea bass and porpoises may be seen every day above Chester.

The crabs, which are the kind generally caught off the coast, are to be found everywhere from the Delaware breakwater to Philadelphia. For the first time on record a big catch was made the other day off the Point House piers, below Greenwich point, in the lower section of the city.

Bollers in the river steamboats have to be carefully watched, as the salt in the water causes constant foaming and more than ordinary diligence is required by marine engineers to prevent serious results to vessels which they are responsible for.

Tying Packages for Mailing. Washington.—The postoffice department will give inventors an opportunity to test methods of tying packages of letters in the mails.

Protect the Carrier. Washington.—As a protection to mail carriers, the following regulation has been adopted by the postoffice department.

Quail Join Turkeys. Danville, Ind.—On the farm of Leah Hilland in Middle township a covey of quail has annexed itself to a flock of young turkeys.

CURED FOODS SAFER

Less Liability of Germs Than in Mild-Treated Articles.

Medical Authorities Find Tendency Toward Mild Preservative Treatment Not Without Danger in Ham, Bacon and Butter.

New York.—For some time past the public taste has been growing in favor of mild cured articles with the result that at the present moment strong salted or smoked foods are not in evidence as they used to be and are rarely called for.

This preference for the so-called mild-cured article has undoubtedly furnished an excuse on the part of the caterers for the use of stronger antiseptics, salt and smoke.

We have heard that a "smoke essence" is employed to impart the kind of palatability associated with properly smoked food, but such practice, coupled with the use of antiseptics, would really account for the regrettable fact that cured articles of diet are not now up to their former standard.

Assuming that the mild-cured article and as a particular example we may choose butter, because it is an indispensable article of the dietary, is free from objectionable antiseptics, it is still left more helpless against the attacks of microorganisms than were the old-fashioned cured food stuffs.

Experiments have, in fact, shown that the addition of salt to butter is a factor of great importance from the point of view of germs.

The quality of butter appears to be improved by a small percentage of salt (say 2 1/2); it encourages the development of flavor which makes butter an attractive article of food and it acts as a safeguard.

Animals Know Safety Line. Protection of the Yellowstone National Park is Fully Recognized by Wild Beasts.

COURT GIVES MAN TWO WIVES

Lawyer Sets Aside Divorce Decree on Complaint of First Spouse Who Charged Fraud.

Lewiston, Mont.—C. E. Gander of Straw, Mont., has two wives, to both of whom he is legally married. Three years ago he was married at Greenfield, Ia., and took his bride to Montana. Shortly afterward she went home for a visit and failed to return.

Import German Pig Iron. Dusseldorf, Germany.—More than 40,000 tons of high grade pig iron for steel-making has been ordered in Germany for export to the United States.

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Air Omnibus is Latest. Paris.—Francis Laur, French engineer and inventor, announces the invention of a flying omnibus capable of transporting merchandise and passengers. He has asked the municipal council to grant him a franchise for the city of Paris.