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PAINFUL END TO JOY RIDE

Unfortunate Happening Caused Driver to Think of Resigning From the Optimists' Club.

How a member of the Optimists' club got into most disagreeable company which made him feel the reverse of optimistic, is being quietly told. The optimist has an automobile and invited his best girl out for a ride. It was a most pleasant ride for a time on the roads south of city limits. A cool breeze was blowing, the auto seemed to be the only one traveling in those parts. It was dark and the optimist had plenty of opportunity to squeeze the hand of his girl and to bestow a gentle kiss now and then when the road was straight. Sometimes there would be a sharp curve, however, and then the optimist would have to devote his whole attention to the machine. On one occasion the optimist divided his attention, with dire results. His subconsciousness told him that there was a curve ahead. He guided the machine gracefully around the curve when he noticed he had passed a fence post on either side where a farm gate was ajar. Before he could put on the emergency brake, there was a crash, and then a most alarming chorus of squeals. The auto had run squarely into a pipe, and the porkers cried aloud in their alarm. The fat swine jolted and rubbed against the machine in their fright, and when the commotion was at its height an angry farmer reached the scene and wanted to know "what in the heck" the optimist was doing in his pipe. As he silently drove back to town with a battered machine and a lightened pocketbook, a furrowed look of pessimism could have been seen on the face of the optimist if it had not been so dark.—Indianapolis News.

MANY BIRDS UNABLE TO FLY

Having No Necessity to Use Wings to Escape Enemies, Those Members Ceased to Develop.

Of the 70 kinds of birds existing in New Zealand, 30 are found nowhere else, and of this number by far the larger portion is flightless; this, no doubt, owing to the fact that for ages, ever since the sea allowed up a continent, leaving only the islands comprising the present Dominion of New Zealand, there have been no destructive carnivora in the land, except those small ones imported recently to aid in abating the rabbit pest, and, having no enemies, the birds also had no use for wings, which ceased to develop, and as years rolled by left many species with only little nubbins for wings and absolutely without power of flight. Centuries ago there were in existence at least three varieties of gigantic birds, two of which were as large in body as the fabled roc, the rescuer of Sinbad the sailor. These included the Hapagornis, the Dinornis or Moa and the Cnemidornis, which was a gigantic goose. The Moa became extinct some 500 years ago. It was a flightless bird, said by tradition to have been a hunter of humans, a man eater, was of varying size and extremely plentiful.

Had to Have "Atmosphere."

That actors cannot labor without atmosphere was demonstrated the other day, when a man went amidst of a hundred or more idle thespians who were holding down the curbstone on the Rialto, and said aloud: "I want to hire about 20 men on contract. If any of you men want work, follow me." Eighty-seven disengaged thespians followed the mysterious stranger to his sumptuous suite of offices on Forty-second street, according to the New York correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch. There the mysterious stranger faced the multitude and said: "Three and a half a day for you. Will you take it?" "What kind of a show is this?" several actors demanded. "All you've got to do is to push a wheelbarrow across a plank eight hours a day and get three-fifty." And then they all walked away, muttering grievously and wondering where, as artists, they were at. The mysterious stranger was a building contractor. And because he could not get wheelbarrow men and sand shovellers he was compelled to stop work on a skyscraper.

Beware Deadly Nightshade Berries.

The berries of the deadly nightshade (atropa belladonna), now ripe, are such a tempting fruit for children that they and their parents ought to know the plant and the terrible danger of eating its berries. These are the source from which the poisons atropine and belladonna are made. The deadly nightshade grows from three to five feet high on strong, branched, purple-colored stems. Its pointed, oval leaves vary in size and stand in pairs on short foot stalks. The flowers are purple, pendent and bell-shaped. These appear in June and July, and give place to shining black berries in August and September. This poisonous herb is of the same family as the tomato and potato.

Arbitration of Arms.

Charles was in high spirits after an afternoon's play at one of the neighbors. "You seem satisfied with your visit," his father remarked. "Yes, but Jimmy refused to let me touch any of his playthings. But I played with them, all the same." "How could you do that if he objected?" asked his father. "Why, we had a fight to settle it."

Seals Help Patients at Sanatorium.

Probably the most direct benefit realized from selling Red Cross Christmas seals is that it helps numbers of young men and women, who would otherwise not be able to do so, take treatment at the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, and there learn how to fight their way back to health and usefulness. Dr. L. B. McBrayer, who is executive secretary of the Red Cross Seal Commission of this State and superintendent of the Sanatorium, writes: "Just this morning we had a letter from a minister in Zebulon, asking for 2,000 seals which he expects to have sold to pay the expenses of a patient here at the Sanatorium." "The Red Cross Christmas seal," says the Board of Health, "offers any town or community an opportunity to care for its indigent tuberculous patients. The sale of seals is as much a business proposition as any belonging to this progressive age. Its methods are highly endorsed by all business men and women, and its permanency assured by its past record. Red Cross Seals and their work have come to say."

Constipation Causes Bad Skin.

A dull and pimply skin is due to a sluggish bowel movement. Correct this condition and clear your complexion with Dr. King's New Life Pills. This mild laxative taken at bedtime will assure you a full, free, non-gripping movement in the morning. Drive out the dull, listless feeling resulting from overloaded intestines and sluggish liver. Get a bottle to-day. At all Druggists, 25c.

Civil Service Examinations.

Below are given the list of some examinations as announced by the Civil Service Commission to be held on January 3rd, 1917:

Scientific assistant in drug-plant.
Translator.
Sub-inspector of cloth.
Laboratorian, qualified in strength of materials.
Timber cruiser.
Lar inspector.
Junior petroleum technologist.
Transitman.
Apprentice plate cleaner.
Stenographer and typewriter.
For application blanks and information as to the above announced apply at the Salisbury postoffice.

Sloan's Liniment Eases Pain.

Sloan's Liniment is first thought of mothers for bumps, bruises and sprains that are continually happening to children. It quickly penetrates and soothes with oil rubbing. Cleaner and more effective than musky plasters or ointments. For rheumatic aches, neuralgia pain and that grippy soreness after colds, Sloan's Liniment gives prompt relief. Have a bottle handy for bruises, strains, sprains and all external pain. For the thousands whose work calls them outdoors, the pains and aches following exposure are relieved by Sloan's Liniment. At all Druggists, 25c.

Mrs. P. O. Stuchell Tells How She Cured Her Son of a Cold.

"When my son Ellis was sick with a cold last winter I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It helped him at once and quickly broke up his cold," writes Mrs. P. O. Stuchell, Homer City, Pa. This remedy has been in use for many years. Its good qualities have been fully proven by many thousands of people. It is pleasant and safe to take.

An Old Man's Stomach.

As we grow older and less active, less and less food is required to meet the demands of our bodies. If too much is habitually taken, the stomach will rebel. When a man reaches the advanced age of 85 or 90, you will find that he is a light eater. Be as careful as you will, however, you will occasionally eat more than you should and will feel the need of Chamberlain's Tablets to correct the disorder. These tablets do not contain poison, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels.

FARMERS' UNION TO MEET.

Will Hold Two Days' Session With Gold Knob Local December 29-30th.

The program for the Rowan County Farmers' Union to be held with Gold Knob Local, No. 578, Friday and Saturday, December 29-30, is as follows: Meeting called to order by President, Orlin Cruse, 10:30 a. m. Devotional exercises by Chaplain F. B. Brown. Address of Welcome, O. H. Phillips. Response, S. A. Earnhardt. Roll Call of Officers. Roll Call of locals and seating of delegates. (Each local is expected to make a brief report as to condition of the local.) Reading of minutes of previous meeting. Report of secretary and treasurer. Report of county business agent. Announcements. Appointment of committees. Dinner.

Afternoon session. Meeting opens at 2 o'clock.

President's report. Election of officers. Report from delegates to State meeting.

Unfinished business. New business. Report of committees on good of the order.

Report of Resolution committee. Adjournment.

Night session, Friday night, at 7 o'clock.

Subject for discussion, What benefits are to be derived from a small dairy in connection with your farm? J. E. Sloop, Miranda local and Sydney S. Stabler, county demonstrator.

Discussion number two, "Equalization in Taxation," H. M. L. Agner, Faith local and Rev. J. H. Keller, China Grove local.

Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Devotional by F. B. Brown.

Business session. Report of committees.

Subject: The importance of every farmer belonging to the farmers' union will be discussed by prominent members of the Union. Friday night and Saturday morning meetings open to the public.

Far a Weak Stomach.

As a general rule all you need to do is to adopt a diet suited to your age and occupation and to keep your bowels regular. When you feel that you have eaten too much and when constipated, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets.

Sale of Ancient Personal Property.

Col. John Harkey of the Salem neighborhood was in the city yesterday and as administrator upon the estate of the late Margaret Goodman, had circulars printed for a sale of the personal property of the deceased. Among the items to be sold are some ancient dishes, beds, and other household articles, relics, etc. The sale will take place at Col. Harkey's residence Wednesday, January 10th, and Venus is notified to be present.

Neglected Colds Grow Worse.

A cough that racks and irritates the throat may lead to a serious chronic cough, if neglected. The healing pine balsams in Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey—Nature's own remedy—will soothe and relieve the irritation, breathing will be easier, and the antiseptic properties will kill the germ which retarded healing. Have it handy for croup, sore throat and chronic bronchial affections. Get a bottle today. Pleasant to take. At all Druggists, 25c.

Immigration Bill Passes.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The immigration bill containing the restrictive literacy test for admission of aliens to United States which caused two Presidents to veto such a measure passed the Senate today by a vote of 64 to 7. The bill passed the House last season.

The Southern Puts on Extra Trains.

Atlanta, Ga., December 15.—In order to take care of the increased travel incident to the Christmas holiday season and also to provide adequate facilities for handling the large volume of mail and express, the Southern Railway has arranged to operate trains 37 and 38 in two sections between Washington and Atlanta, December 15th to 25th inclusive, and trains 35 and 36 in two sections between Washington and Atlanta December 17th to 24th inclusive. The first sections of these trains will carry passengers exclusively and will be operated on the regular schedules down in effect, the second sections to follow fifteen minutes later with the baggage and mail. Extra equipment will be provided on these trains and arrangements also have been made to handle additional equipment in trains 29 and 30 between Atlanta and Washington, trains 42 and 43 between Atlanta and Charlotte, trains 23 and 24 between Atlanta and Jacksonville, and on other trains additional sleeping cars and coaches will be added as the travel may demand.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear, there is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness caused by Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Stop That Cough.

A hacking cough weakens the whole system, drains your energy and gets worse if neglected; your throat is raw, your chest aches and you feel sore all over. Relieve that cold at once with Dr. King's New Discovery. The soothing pine balsams heal the irritated membranes, and the anti-cough and laxative qualities kill the germs and break up your cold. Don't let a cold linger. Get Dr. King's New Discovery to-day at your Druggist, 50c.

Notice to Rowan County Members of the Farmers' Union.

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Rowan County Farmers' Union will be held with Gold Knob Local No. 758, 9 1/2 miles east of Salisbury, on Friday and Saturday, December 29th and 30th, 1916, at 10:30 a. m. This will be a very important meeting and each local union in Rowan county should be represented. Local secretaries should take notice that their credentials should reach the county secretary not later than December 26th.

Fraternally yours,
ARTHUR L. KLUTZ,
County Secretary and Treasurer.

Weather Forecast for December, 1916.

From 1 to 9, fair with slight threatenings along, some cool.
From 9 to 17, wind, rains and slightly stormy, near snow.
From 17 to 24, rain with slight snow, but heavy north.
From 24 to 31, snow north, changeable here and mild with some cool along.
From 31 to Jan. 7, rain and wind, some stormy along, some snow.
Not so much rain 'till about the 17th to 25th and first week in January.

HENRY REID,
R-3, Box 167, Salisbury, N. C.

FRENCH DRIVE IN VERDUN NETS GAINS.

Berlin Asserts War Losses of British and French Total Are Now 5,100,000.

Dec. 19.—The British Prime Minister will reply Tuesday afternoon in the House of Commons to the German peace note which has been transmitted by the American Ambassadors to the British and French foreign offices, and also will outline the policy of the new Government, a pronouncement that will have a far reaching effect on the world war.

French troops have regained the entire occupancy of the Chambray farm, northeast of Verdun and about the center of their advance of last week. Prisoners taken in the latest French thrust on the Verdun front now total more than 11,000, in addition to 115 cannon and 107 machine guns captured or destroyed. Paris reports the repulse of several German offensive attempts in the Somme region.

Unofficial estimates made in Berlin place the losses of the French army to date at 3,900,000 men, and the British losses at 1,300,000.

The Anglo-French losses on the Somme to the end of November are estimated at 800,000. The British share being 550,000. The German losses on the Somme are declared by the Germans to have been less than 500,000.

In the region of Buzen, Berlin states, the soldiers of Field Marshal von Mackensen have been successful in minor engagements. Petrograd asserts that in the region of the Filipevski railroad station east of Buzen, hostile attacks were arrested.

The Badadagh-Pecineaga line, about 40 miles north of the Tchernavoda-Constanza railway, has been crossed by the Teutonic troops, who now have taken virtually all the ground they held during their previous advance in northern Dobruja. The advance in Dobruja brings the forces of the Central Powers near the important railroad and storage centers of Ibraila and Galatz.

On the western Moldavian frontier the Russians have taken two ridges of heights, according to Petrograd. One ridge was in the Uzul valley and the other east of Glushette, where more than 200 prisoners were captured.

Except for the repulse of Russian attacks by the Austro-Germans near Lutsk, in Volynia and near Zboroff, in Galicia, there has been little activity on the other battle fronts.

Berlin announces that a French battleship of the Patrie class was damaged heavily by a torpedo from a German submarine in the Mediterranean Sea on December 12 and that on the previous day a French transport, carrying 1,000 soldiers, was torpedoed southwest of Sicily. The French Admiralty denies the loss of a French warship of the Patrie class.

Seventeen American muleteers were killed on December 14 when the British horse transport Russian was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean Sea, according to an announcement by the British Admiralty. Eleven members of the crew also lost their lives. The Russian is declared to have been empty at the time she was sunk.

Certain Cure for Croup.

Mrs. Rose Middleton, of Greenville, Ill., has had experience in the treatment of this disease. She says, "When my children were small my son had croup frequently. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always broke up these attacks immediately, and I was never without it in the house. I have taken it myself for coughs and colds with good results."

Halter Lost.

A leather re-enforced halter lost in the lot back of N. P. Murphy's grocery store. Finder will please notify W. M. Sloop, Route 2, China Grove, or leave at the Watchman office and receive reward.

Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment.

LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT

Possible Explanation of Why Some Business Enterprises Fail, While Others Succeed.

"It is an axiom that it is the little things that count, and I never had a better illustration of such logic than an incident in a cigar store the other day," said an observing man.

"I wanted to buy a box of cigars, but it was a busy time of day. The store was crowded and there weren't enough clerks to handle the rush. Customers were impatient and complaining, but that didn't help matters a bit for the clerks were hustling their best."

"When my turn came I asked for a box of cigars of a certain brand. The clerk got them and started to wrap them up. As I did not care to buy goods without looking them over, I asked him to open the box. He did, but lost the small brass tack that held down the cover, so when he closed the box he had to look for another tack."

"Finally he took a tack out of another full box of cigars, but bent it so that it could not be used. Then he looked for an empty box with a tack left in it, but there weren't any. Other customers impatiently watched, grumbling all the time. At last the clerk had to open another box of cigars and take the tack from the box, and with it he handed my box."

"Now, why didn't that store have extra tacks on hand?"

LAND VALUES GROW RAPIDLY

Philadelphia Property Worth Ten Times More Than It Was Acquired for in '90s.

Real estate experts are authorities for saying that the value of land just outside of Philadelphia has risen as much in 20 years as the value of land within the city limits.

We shall only use one illustration. A. J. Drexel gave approximately \$2,500 an acre for something more than 170 acres at Overbrook. That was in the early '90s. Today the value is near \$25,000.

Every dollar there has grown to at least ten.

In the central business section of Philadelphia increase in land values has also been tremendous during these two decades, but in other large portions of the town property values have not kept up the same relative speed.

From Frederick A. Riehle it is learned that anthracite lands which his ancestor had purchased for \$700 were held for one century and then sold not long ago for \$225,000. Reminds a war bride, eh, what?—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Pistol Shooting.

At short range an expert will keep a can moving until his gun is empty, either by shooting through it or striking the ground directly underneath it. If the nature of the ground is right this latter method makes the can jump in the air, the effect being quite spectacular. Bottles or cans thrown in the air are not particularly difficult to hit if thrown so as to make it as easy as possible for the shooter, and almost any fair shot can put two bullets through an old hat thrown in the air before it reaches the ground.

In general the secret of hitting objects thrown in the air is to aim the pistol underneath them and fire as the object is falling into the line of sight. One really good at this class of work will throw an object into the air, draw his pistol from the holster with the same hand with which he threw, and hit the object before it reaches the ground. There are few who have the speed to do this, however.—Outing.

Here's to Laughter.

Here's to laughter, the sunshine of the soul, the happiness of the heart, the leaves of youth, the privilege of purity, the echo of innocence, the treasure of the humble, the wealth of the poor, the head of the cup of pleasure, exclaims a writer in the New York Herald. It dispels dejection, banishes blues and mangles melancholy, for it's the foe of woe, the destroyer of depression, the enemy of grief; it is what makes kings envy peasants, plutocrats envy the poor, the guilty envy the innocent; it's the sheen on the silver of smiles, the ripple on the water's delight; the glint of the gold of gladness; without it humor would be dumb, wit would wither, dimples would disappear and smiles would shrivel, for it's a glow of a clean conscience, the voice of a pure soul, the birth cry of mirth, the swan song of sadness.

Elusive Heliocams.

Little Esther went to visit her aunt Harriet for the first time. When she returned she remarked that her aunt was always busy.

"What does she do, dear?" queried the mother, "to keep her so very busy?" "Why," said the little girl, "she spends all day long in hiding her silver in fifty different places, so the burglars that she is sure are coming can't find it."

"Good!" exclaimed the mother. "And," continued Esther, "she spends all night hunting for it and gathering it into one pile in case of fire."—Youth's Companion.

Human Nature Phase.

"Human nature," says Col. Paul Gruber, "is subject to strange fancies, and every now and then you meet a man of great natural ability who would undoubtedly make a success in life if the Lord had given him half the persistence he gave the lowly mosquito."—Atlanta Constitution.

PEACE OF CENTRAL POWERS REJECTED.

Complete Restitution, Full Reparation and Effectual Guarantees. Peace Considered.

London, Dec. 19.—The announcement in the House of Commons today by David Lloyd-George, the new Prime Minister, that the first act of his Administration, was the rejection of the proposal of the Central Powers for a peace conference constituted one of the most momentous scenes which the oldest Parliamentary veterans had ever witnessed.

The new Premier declared that before the Allies could give favorable consideration to such an invitation they must know that Germany was prepared to accede to the Allies' terms, giving "complete restitution, full reparations and effectual guarantees" and to enter a conference upon the invitation of Germany proclaiming herself victorious without any knowledge of her proposals would be putting our heads into a noose with the end of the rope in Germany's hands."

Mr. Lloyd-George asserted that at the moment Germany was penning the note, assuring her convictions as to the rights of other Nations, she was dragging Belgium into slavery. He announced that the note presented through Washington contained no proposals of terms, but was a paraphrase of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech and that the Allies had separately concluded to reject it, although they had informally exchanged views, and would within a few days present a joint reply.

DON'T WAIT.

Take Advantage of a Salisbury Citizen's Experience.

When the back begins to ache Don't wait until backache becomes chronic; "Till kidney trouble develop; "Till urinary troubles destroy night's rest."

Profit by a Salisbury woman's experience.

Mrs. D. A. Holbrooks, 213 South Lees street, Salisbury, says: "Some years ago I had attacks of lumbago that nearly put me down and out. My back ached constantly. Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended to me by a friend and I began taking them. They helped me at once. Whenever my back causes me any misery now, I use Doan's Kidney Pills, and get prompt relief."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy, get Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mrs. Holbrooks had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Weaver Wins in Court Contest for House Seat

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—A commission as representative in Congress from the Tenth District to succeed James J. Britt, Republican, was issued late today to Zebulon Weaver, Democrat, by Governor Craig.

The commission was issued by the Governor after the State Supreme Court at an hour previously had dismissed Britt's appeal from the action of Judge W. J. Adams, of the Buncombe County Superior Court, in refusing to grant a writ of mandamus to compel the Buncombe county board of canvassers to declare the vote of that county on the face of the returns as they appeared on November 9. The returns of three precincts in the county not officially reported at that time were included when the county canvassing board acted on November 17. Britt still was ahead in the county but Weaver had gained enough in the three precincts in question, to overcome Britt's lead and give him a plurality of nine votes in the district.

Lee-Fox, A Mild, Eff. Ave Laxative & Liver Tonic. Does Not Grip or Disturb the Stomach. In addition to its laxative properties, Lee-Fox contains Cascara, an acceptable form, a stimulating and tonic. Lee-Fox acts effectively, and does not grip nor disturb the stomach. At the same time, it aids digestion, cleanses the liver and secretions and restores the healthy functions. See