

# THE GAB BAG

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### NEW KIND OF CHAIN LETTER

Carl Goerch, editor of The State, has turned up a new kind of chain letter, which he published in a recent issue and which we with our usual wild abandon, lift from his columns for the benefit of our nine readers. It goes like this:

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Dear Friend:

This chain was started in Reno with the hope of bringing happiness to all. Unlike most chains, this does not cost you any money.

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When your name works up to the top you will receive 15,175 women.

There was a group of names signed to the letter, but none of you know them, so we're leaving them off. If you want to start something, you might make up a letter of your own and start it out. But be sure to enclose your wife.

### ANCESTORS

We don't know whether you know it or not, but we have a sister living here now, and the other night we got together to

compare notes on some of our ancestors.

Of course you have heard about a lot of our ancestors, but our sis knew of some we were not familiar with, and inasmuch as all self-respecting people have ancestors, we thought perhaps it

might be interesting to you to learn more about ours so you won't feel so ashamed of yours.

We sort of started out discussing Uncle Culpepper and his folks, and thanks to Nancy (our sister), we figured out why Uncle Culpepper is like he is.

For instance, he was never one to waste water, especially for bathing purposes, but always in the spring Aunt Frousy has tricked him into getting near enough the watering trough to be pushed in. This trait, we find, came from Uncle Culpepper's grandfather.

His grandfather, known throughout the length and width of Orange county as Squire "Washless" Culpepper, was never exposed to water but twice. Once was when he joined the army during the war of 1812 and fell in a creek, and the other was when he was laid up with water on the knee. They do say that the creek he fell into has been muddy ever since. To this day it's known as "Muddy Creek."

Then there was Uncle Culpepper's great uncle on his mother's side, known far and wide as "Moanin' Mose" Moch. This old gentleman probably left his sorrowful nature to our Uncle Cul, who himself is so sorrowful looking Aunt Frousy does a land office business renting him out for funerals.

It has been said of "Moanin' Mose" that he looked so sad on his wedding day that the preacher became confused and started reading the burial service.

From what we've heard of the woman he married, he was absolutely within his rights.

It seems a pity, though, that our Uncle Culpepper should have inherited all these traits. Seems like he was handed down all the failings and none of the good points of his ancestors. Why even to this day he has a hard time passing a horse, or anything else, without being followed home. Aunt Frousy said she could understand a horse following him home, but when a couple of hams and a side of bacon arrived with him one night, she began to really feel sorry for him.

And she felt much sorer when a neighbor followed the hams and bacon.

Uncle Culpepper was as far as our sis and us got during our last visit, but if we stumble over any more ancestors in the future whom we think you might be in-

## STOCKHOLDERS HOLD MEETING

### Boonville Bank Issues Report of a Prosperous Year; Pay Dividends

### OFFICERS ARE NAMED

The Commercial and Savings Bank of Boonville held its annual stockholders' meeting Tuesday, January 9, 1940, and reported a prosperous year. The directors declared a 6 per cent dividend and added \$1,000.00 to the surplus. The following directors were elected for the coming year: Dr. T. W. Shore, M. V. Fleming and J. W. Shore of the old board were re-elected. The new members elected to the board of directors were R. C. Day, R. W. Reece and Joseph A. Fleming. Dr. T. W. Shore, who was vice-president, was elected president of the board of directors to succeed F. W. Day, who had been president of the bank from the time it was organized until his death, which occurred a short time ago; M. V. Fleming, vice-president; J. W. Shore, cashier and R. W. Reece, assistant cashier.

On January 31st this institution will close its twenty-ninth year, opening for business on February 1, 1911, with J. Wade Shore as cashier, who has had charge

of the management of this bank through all these years. On opening the Commercial and Savings bank had a paid in capital stock of \$10,000.00, in 1925 the capital stock was increased to \$20,000.00 by paying a 100 per cent stock dividend to the stockholders. At the present time this bank has a capital stock of \$20,000.00, a surplus of \$4,000.00 and undivided profits of over \$12,000.00 making capital assets of more than \$36,000.00, all being earned except the first \$10,000.00 paid in when the bank was opened in 1911.

Interested in, we'll let you know. Who knows, we might be able to trace some of ours back to the same limb yours are hanging on. Wouldn't that be just too, too interesting?

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