THE ALAMANCE GLEANER.

DOWN YOWN IN THE MORNING

WEARING A BIG SCOWL MEETS

WHILE EVERYBODY SMILES AN

THE CHEERY CHAP! "

CHAPLES SUGUEDE

for Shasta Forest

A tract of land situated within the

William' Giles Brittan, now decease

The forest service, United States

Department of Agriculture plans to make the donated tract attractive to

campers and will encourage its use for

Turkeys, Ducks and Geese

most serious of them all.

FOLKS WHO SCOWL BACK,

Accept Gift of Land

acres

her brother.

this lake.

GRAHAM, N. C., THURSDAY. APRIL 17, 1924

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Shaker Village for Sale The Shaker village on Lake Ma-comy at Enfield, N. H., is for sale. comy at Enfield, N. H., is for sale. Seven white-haired survivors of the original colony have moved to Can-terbury and settled under the leades-ship of another dwindling community of Shaker folk. The correct name of the Shakers is "The United Society of True Believers in Christ's Second Appearance." The name "Shaker" was derived from a peculiar cere-monial dance in which the dancers shake their shoulders.

The "Holy Alliance?"

In the early part of the Ninetcenth century the rulers of Austria, Prussia and Russia, on the suggestion of Casr Alexander I, formed an alliance ac-cording to which the three rulers were to view each other as brothers and indicates of Providence to graver "delegates of Providence to govern three branches of the same family." They were to base their policies on "the sublime truths which are taught by the ternal religion of God our Savior." This agreement was called the "holy alliance."

Utilize Winter Days in

Making Concrete Blocks Those situated near a good supply of sand can utilize the winter days profitably in making concrete blocks, posts and other similar products. The new blocks should be protected against freezing for several days. Some of those concrete floors may also be constructed during cold weather, if properly protected.

***************************** FARM HINTS

******* The reading farmer is usually the successful farmer. ...

There is no excuse for letting the pig pen look like a pig pen. . . .

The feed of the sow largely deter mines the success of her pigs.

Better farm products at less cost mean greater profits with less work.

The fact that ice water is excellent for cooling milk is no excuse for make for cooling mink it.

Leaving stable manure exposed in the lots is one way some farmers have of throwing away money.

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HUMAN LETTER **OPENER FOR U.S.**

Ira Smith Reads All Mail Sent to White House.

VOL. L

About the only prominent man whose autograph one may be absolute sure of any more is that of the President. There is an inviolate rule at the White House in Washington that no one may imitate the President's signature, no matter how close ly one might be able to do it, or how inconsequential the letter to which the signature múst be attached.

If the answer is sent in his name, the signature is genuine. If you have a letter from the White House with Calvin Coolidge's signature, you may feel certain that the autograph," at least, is real.

Human Letter Opener.

Whether the President ever saw your letter to him or dictated the answer, however, is something else again. Oftentimes, more than one thousand letters reach the executive offices in a day-to say nothing of several hundred telegrams which come over the White House wire. On an average day, the mail contains something like four hundred letters. By the time these have been sifted and hand-picked, there are not more than two dozen letters laid on the President's desk for him to read and answer personally.

The opening and sorting of this mail is a man-sized job. The human letter opener who holds it is Ira Smith. who has done nothing else day in and day out-year in and year out-for the last decade or more.

He opens everything that comes to the White House sealed up or tied up—by mail, express or messenger. If a crank were to ship a bomb or an infernal machine to the President, the man blown up would be Ira Smith and not President Coolidge.

Reads Even Personal Letters.

Mr. Smith can read the English language perfectly, with the exception of three phrases, "Personal," "Strictly Confidential," "Slemp, Do Not Open." He does not know what these mean.

In other words, "Very Private" on a letter to the President has much the same effect as to hand a nut to a squirrel with the suggestion, "Do not open until Christmas."

"Supposing I wanted to write and tell the President something that I wouldn't want anybody else to see and that I knew he, himself, wouldn't want anybody else to see—something, maybe, that really oughtn't to be known except by him and me-how would I go about it?" I heard asked recently.

The answer is it couldn't be done. The only way yet discovered for a man not in the habit of writing to the President to get a letter into his hands without its first being opened and glanced through by some one else is to give it to the President himself.

Tricks Only Cause Delay. While the White House letter open er ordinarily pays no attention to "Personal," there are a few letters to the President that he does not openthose written by members of the Pres-ident's family and by intimate friends. Mr. Smith is clever at recognizing handwriting.

writer incloses his let ometimes a

Reward for Jesters Who Repair Shade and **Ornamental Trees**

ods to Follow in Mending Damage of Winter.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The extensive injury and destruction of trees of all kinds during the winter amateurs. When a good story comes season has brought many inquiries to the United States Department of Agri-culture regarding the proper methods mouth in every office and factory till to be followed in repairing the damage it wears thin with handling. Obvious-The following suggestions are ly the market is undersupplied, and done. made by the department:

The first thing that should be done is to remove such large broken branches as are now, or may become, a menace to life and property; this is deserve at the least congressional recusually best done by cutting at the ognitions and pensions from the pub-point where broken. Attention should lic treasury. They are in line of then be given to injuries on the main descent from Will Kemp, Shakespeare's trunk. If limbs may been split, or clown; Grimaldi, whose memoirs were partially split, from the main trunk, edited by Charles Dickens, and all the all splintered wood about the wound harlequins of history. should be removed with a sharp gouge and mallet, if not so situated .that it can be sawed off. The scar should in be smoothed in the manner indicated in Farmers' Bulletin 1178, Tree Surg- medals easily convertible into cash. ery, and treated as an open cavity,

or as a large surface wound, as the case may necessitate. Repair Larger Branches, Attention should next be given to repairing the injuries on the larger the succ branches in a similar manner, and at him? last of all to the smaller branches Sometimes when a limb is broken away the tree is so weakened at the point of breakage that it may again break in a severe wind, and to obvi-

ate this the top must be pruned back more or less severely. In case of split crotches, the advice given in Farmers' Bulletin 1178 should be followed regarding the general treatment, including bolting through and above the crack

In cases of estates where a great amount of injury has occurred, and only a comparatively small force is available for repairing the damage, the final cutting of long stubs can be conveniently left for a time, but wounds or breaks on the main trunk, or close to it, should be attended to promptly, in any case before warm weather arrives. Leave Cavities Open. It is not dicessary to fill cavities.

season

It is better in most cases to leave them open. All final cuts should be im-mediately covered with some good antiseptic and waterproof paint. It will not be necessary to specially treat the ends of long stubs that are to be removed close to the trunk later in the

In no part of repair work should climbing spurs be used on a tree. Spur marks cause injuries through which it is possible for disease and decay germ to enter and cause damage, in some cases more severe than would have developed from the original simple break. For details of treatment of all scars and wounds send for a copy of Farmers' Bulletin 1178, which can be obtained from the Office of Publications, Department of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C. Remember that prevention is better than cure. The open wound of today becomes the decayed spot of next year and the deep rotten cavity of ten years from now. It is better to

Lighten Life's Burdens England knights her playwrights and her men of wealth, and so does France, but France has gone a long Suggestions on Proper Methbrothers, for their beneficial effect on the public morale.

No task is harder than finding new jokes or making old ones appear funny, the New York World states. There is a continuing dearth of merriment,

only occasionally relieved by obliging to light the city pounces on it like a the art of eliciting smiles should be subsidized as well as honored. The better comedians of the revues, who receive but a shame-faced fame,

Since there are no orders of nobil-

ity in this country, those who succeed being particularly excruciating should receive cash prizes or gold As a nation we are too serious, not as a matter of choice, but because there is so little first-rate wit to be found. And we deserve our fate What have we ever done to encourage the successful clown except to laugh

College Instructor Finds

Mixer Earns More Money Who has the greater income after college years—the scholar or the mixer? How rates the student of chemistry? One answer is given by an instructor in the University of Michigan. He has prepared a sort of alumni who's who and for how much.

The scope of his inquiry is not known, but his compilation points to the conclusion that in the ten-year period since graduation, high scholarship men have reached an average annual income of \$3,000, with men prominent in extra-curriculum activities placed at an average of \$10,000 a year. A word of explanation goes along with the figures. Says the instructor:

The statistics do not prove that the men of the highest grade are incapable of earning big money-they mere-ly show these men do not prefer lines of work which are most lucrative. So we conclude that those who wooed the lamp in college are reward-

ed in the measure set by their choice of career, and that those who wooed other flames have come to a more golden fortune. Scholars er mixersyoung men in college all have their oll cans. Some there be who burn their oil, and some there be who mere-ly spread it, but oll's well that ends vell.-Nation's Business.

Age of the Sun

The age of the sun has been fixed at something between two billion and three billion years by Prof. Walter Nernst, after researches announced at a meeting in Berlin of the Society for Industrial Progress. The estimates are based in part on the rate of decomposition of radio-active elements, and in part on deductions from Ein- should be kept in a warm place for a

BILL BOOSTER SAYS SALT LAKE WATER LEVEL ANTE FOLKS GEVERALLY **IS GRADUALLY RISING** GET AS GOOD AS THEY GIVE. THE FELLOW WHO COME

Depth That Pioneers Found in 1847 May Be Reached, U. S. Expert Asserts

Contrary to the belief that Great Salt lake was drying up, the water in the lake is gradually rising and, in the opinion of J. Cecil Alter, in charge of the United States weather bureau at Salt Lake City, Utah, it will reach the level it was at when the Mormon pioneers first came in 1847.

Government statistics show that the ake, which is 100 miles long and 40 miles wide, had an average depth of 15 feet 10 inches in 1868. From that time until 1903 the water gradually lowered until it reached only a few inches. However, it has been steadily rising since reaching its low level and now the average depth is 6 feet 4 inches.

Great Salt lake is said to be what is left of ancient Lake Bonneville, which at one time covered most of what is now Utah and part of Né vada. The old shore lines of Lake Bonneville are still visible on the hills around Salt Lake City.

The gradual rise of the lake is caus ing considerable trouble to railroads and farmers. The former have been obliged to raise their tracks and farmers who settled on the shores of the lake when the water was down have had to desert some of their land which is being gradually submerged.

Shasta national forest of California The water of Great Salt lake is about 20 per cent salt, and it is estiand owned by Miss Mary Burt Brittan, of San Francisco, has been given to the federal government and accepted mated that should all the water be by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace evaporated for the salt content about 100,000,000 tons of the product would under authority given by congress. It be obtainable. The lake is popular for bathing because the water is so will form a part of the Shasta forest. The tract involved comprises 300 and was a favorite camping buoyant that it is possible to stay afloat without effort. There is no maafloat without effort. place of Miss Brittan's brother, Judge rine life in the lake because of the Notwithstanding the land's high mar-ket value, Miss Brittan preferred to salty condition of the water and the suggestion that fish be planted there donate it to the national forest syshas been discarded by experts. tem for public use as a memorial to

*********************** Twice Divorced in One

Day, Her Experience



A divorce decree and an annulment were obtained on the same day by content, 22.5 per cent of the phos Clo Mrs. m

Greatest Factor in Retarding Development of Our Cultivated Plants.

Given Small Pay

Plant Breeder Is

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) The small and uncertain rewards which come to plant breeders, often after a lifetime of arduous work, the greatest factor in retarding the development of our cultivated plants to-day, says David Fairchild, in charge of agricultural exploration for the United States Department of Agriculture. The department is continually, bringing in new plants and seeds from

all parts of the world, growing them-in trial gardens, and distributing the surplus of promising kinds to thousands of amateur plant breeders in all parts of the country, but there are too few skillful breeders to carry on the work at the rate which its importance demands.

"As we look over the long list of plant immigrants," says Doctor Fairchild, "we are struck with the fact that most of them will need a long period of acclimatization and many of them will need to be bred with those varieties which we already have before they will prove their full value to the country. Just as the human immi-grants which arrive at Ellis Island are amalgamating slowly but surely with the descendants of those who came years ago, so these plant immigrants, many of them at least, will be known by the particular characters which they have contributed to the cultivated plants already here; for like all other living things, the cultivated plants on which we subsist are continually

changing under the hands of the plant breeders and through the unconscious process of selection which is always going on. The fact that these plants which are introduced need to be selected and bred simply emphasizes the lamentable circumstance that there are too few plant breeders in America

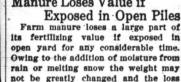
and too little encouragement is given to those few to carry on the painstak-ing long-time work of breeding and selecting plants.

"The general public has scarcely be gun to realize the self-sacrifice and lifelong devotion to its study which the successful plant breeder must give to any plant before he brings about any permanent improvement in it or the ease with which years of effort may be wiped out in a single season of unfortunate occurrences. Neither has the public appreciated that the emoluments which come to the plant breeden are rarely sufficient to cover even the expenses of cultivation and the care the plants have required. It is this condition more than any other which is retarding the development of our cul-

Manure Loses Value if

tivated plants today."

in fertility go unnoticed.



open yard from January to April lost

85.6 per cent of the original nitrogen

not be greatly changed and the loss Manure exposed in flat piles in the

tary, Mr. Clark, explaining that the letter is about something that the President wouldn't want even his secretary in on. Not infrequently some-body sends a letter to the President in care of Mrs. Coolidge.

None of these schemes work. The only result is to delay it. Anything addressed to the President's family must go to the White House first and then be sent over to the executive offices. A letter to the President inclosed with one to Mr. Slemp is opened and read by Mr. Slemp and if it were of much consequence it would reach him anyway as he would show it to the President if he thought it worth while.

Finds Ultra-Violet Rays Are Weight Reducers

The ultra-violet ray is equally effective as a weight reducer or producer, according to Doctor Livet and Doctor Vautier, who described to the Acad-emy of Medicine in Paris the excellent results obtained when the rays were applied to a number of obese patients, bringing about a loss of weight of from eight to twenty pounds after thirty applications. The same rays, used to tone up debilitated patients, caused them to put on flesh

Skunks Capture a Town

At least a score of families of tunks have invaded West Chester, Pa., and are housekeeping beneath porches in several sections of the bor-The animals are causing no ble, but control the territory adto their retreats. -

sometimes a writer increased to Sec ters in an envelope addressed to Sec retary Slemp or to his private secre-of dollars for extensive tree surgery in 1930.

> Chinese Wants Divorce From His "Flapper" Wife

The East is east, and the West is west, and the customs of the two should never be mixed. Tom Wing, Chinese businessman, gravely informed Judge Graham at San Francisco in his divorce suit against Tom Mak Shee, who from her husband's testimony, appears to have been a much Americanized Chinese flapper. "I marry her July 15, 1922, Hong-kong," explained Tom Wing. "She

then velly fine China girl. Take her to Amelica, two months she allee sam Melican girl. Step out allee time. She tellee me keep baby, she have good time. Then she go 'way." Ton Wing and infant son live at 1115 Stockton street.

Soviet Coins Appear; First Out Since War

Russians clinked hard money in their pockets at Moscow recently, for the first time since the war, with the issuance of the new soviet silver coinage.

A small amount in fractional ruble coins was put out by the state banks and within a few hours nearly every shop had some of them.

Simultaneously the government fixed the prices of nearly all staple commodities, and to maintain the parity of silver and the new small gold-walue paper, ordered all banks to accept these new issues at par. Transcript.

stein's theory of relativity concerning the relation between mass and energy. Early estimates set the age of the su

as low as ten million years, but geolo gists showed this was too short to al low for the erosion and other changes observed in the crust of the earth since it became solid. The radioactive

decomposition of uranium to lead is a more accurate cosmic clock, and this indicates that the solid crust of the earth has existed for at least one and one-half billion years. According to Nernst, the sun, while getting past middle age, is still good for 400,000,000 years, after which a crust will form on its surface and life such as we know it will cease upon the earth.

Wants 'Em 'Liminated those towers," explained the archi-tect, "we can easily have them eliminated."

Mr. Bullion-Bagge furrowed brows and puffed out his cheeks. Then he looked up from the plans. "H'm!" he grunted. "They look

"H'm!" he grunted. "They look real handsome as they are, but if you think 'liminatin' 'em will make 'em any 'andsomer, then, I sez, let's 'ave 'em 'liminated."

Satisfactory

"So you want to marry my daugh ter? What is your financial standing?" "Well, sir, I've figured out every exemption possible; I've had the best legal advice that money would secure; I've done everything I could do to dodge it—and I still find that I cannot escape paying an income tax." "Take her. She's yours."-Boston

couple of hours after this treatm has been given.

few drops of kerosene, carbolic acid or stock dip may be added to the lard, to make it more effective. The bird

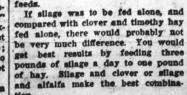
General Repair Work in Winter Months Is Best

Repair work on machines, buildings, fences, and other farm improvements done during the winter months, is our of the way when crops are demanding all of the available time. Such work will interfere with the work on crops if permitted to wait until the crop set son is here. It is one of the charac teristics of a successful farmer that such work is done in slack seasons and before it is urgent. The inefficient farmer lets it go until the last minute and then loses on his crops because he is not working on them. A mem orandum list of things that need to be done helps one to remember these things and helps to get them done at the right time.

No Feed Equals Pasture

for Production of Milk

There is no one feed that can be fed in the barn that is equal to pas-ture for milk production. Cows may ture is short. Sliage gives best reults when fed in connection with other



phorus, and 51 per cent of the pota Vinney of Los Angeles, who had re slum, or about one-third of its fertilizmarried, believing her husband dead, and fater discovered that she had committed bigamy, as No. 1 was still alive. She announces that she will remarry De Vinney as soon as she can obtain a final decree from Cloudman, tains about 11 pounds of ammonia, 4.5 her first husband.

Screen of Smoke Used

Instead of Circus Tent Those who lined their cars up along the Galveston roadside to get a free peep of the "stunts" of the Gates Flying Circus which was repeated at Ellington field, near Houston, Tex., did their gazing through a dense smoke screen. To halt the pastime. of the "nonpayers" a smoke screen three miles long was laid down the Galves-The smoke came from phos-phorus oxide. It is very dense and

has a disagreeable odor. It is the same "screen" used by the army and It falls to the ground and remains there.

An Instance

Patience-Do you believe that love ver files out of the window? Patrice-I know it. Only last night Reginald stayed too late and papa wouldn't take the trouble to open the or.-Yonkers Statesman.

Nothing to Worry About

Speeder-What do you think of that? We are going 65 and she's only half

We as open? Nervous Passenger—Day should lose a wheel? Speeder—Don't let that worry re one on behind. us Passenger-But what If we

ing value in some Ohio tests. This loss is avoided by keeping the manure GRAHAM. N. C. under cover or immediately spread-Associated with John J. Henderson. ing it on the land. Station analyses Office over National Bank of Alamance show that a ton of fresh manure con of phosphoric acid, and 7.5 of potash, S. C. SPOON, Jr., M. D.

Most Ailments of Calves Due to Improper Feeding

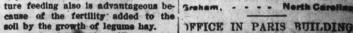
Most calf ailments are due to improper feeding or insanitary conditions or both. Keep the calf out of cold rains as much as possible, and provide a dry, well-bedded stall at night. Provide nature's tonic-exercise, sunshine pure air, abundance of fresh water, and a variety of feeds, and there will

Office Hours: 9 to 11 a. m. Ad by appointment Office Over Acme Drug Co. be little need for medical attention. Telephones: Office 416-Residence 264 Observe the calf closely at all times If it should appear drowsy, -feverish stiff, or sluggish, act quickly. Reduce **JOHN J. HENDERSON**

feed at once and the disorder may be in a large measure prevented. Keep salt before the calf at all times. An abundant supply of fresh water should Office over National Bank of Alas be available always. In case of seri-ous illness consult a competent veterinarian at once.

J. S. COOK Attorney-at-Las Alfalfa Saves Corn In the feeding of pigs an acre of clover or alfalfa pasture will save 1.149 pounds of corn and 468 pounds of

tankage as compared with dry-lot feeding, research in the animal husfeeding, research in the animal hus-bandry division of the United States Department of Agriculture shows. Pas-ture feeding also is advantageous be-cause of the fertility added to the



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