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Sheriff Isenhower will be at the city manager's office Saturday from 9 to 4 for the purpose of collecting taxes. 11 7 3t

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LOST - Ladies large fur coat on Horseford road October 29. Return to Record Office. 11 5 3t

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FOR SALE - Ford Touring Car. See A. J. Essex, 1326 Union Square. 11 6 3t

400 acres for sale at auction, Thursday, Nov. 15th, 10.30 a. m. Location in Cleveland county, 5 miles north of Polkville, known as W. J. Morrison estate, 8 miles west of Waxhills. C. T. Morrison, Auctioneer. 11 6 2t

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### NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Joseph L. Murphy, deceased, late of Catawba county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hickory, N. C. on or before the 8th day of October, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will be required to make immediate payment.

This 18th day of October, 1917. MRS. ESSIE MURPHY, Administratrix of J. L. Murphy, deceased. 19 19 4t Fri

### WRITER'S PEN IS FREAKISH

There Have Been Many Instances of Authors Mechanically Saying Something Not Intended.

Many, if not most, writers have had to bewail the occasional freakishness of the pen in putting down on paper something very different from that intended by its author, says a writer in the Westminster Gazette. Readers of Sir George Trevelyan's "Life of Macaulay" will recall the historian's horror when, too late, he discovered that he had written in the Edinburgh Review that "it would be unjust to estimate Goldsmith by 'The Vicar of Wakefield,' or Scott by 'The Life of Napoleon,'" when he really intended to say that it would be unjust to estimate Goldsmith by his "History of Greece." There was, too, an amusing slip of the pen perpetrated by the grave Sir Archibald Alison in including Sir Peregrine Pickle instead of Sir Peregrine Maitland among the pallbearers at the duke of Wellington's funeral.

Another striking instance of the pen mechanically writing something not intended came under notice the other day on the title page of a reprint of a once famous book, Jane Porter's "Scottish Chiefs." This edition, published some years ago by a well-known London house, describes Miss Porter as "author of 'Pride and Prejudice,' 'Sense and Sensibility,' etc., etc!" Doubtless the Christian name of "Jane" induced the slip. All remember, and nearly all - Charlotte Bronte was one notable exception - love Jane Austen; not so many remember Jane Porter.

### GROW POTATOES FROM SEED

Experts of University of Washington Use White Fruiting Berry Which Has Almost Disappeared.

In an effort to restore the old-fashioned potato seed, an experiment is being made in the garden of the University of Washington. The white fruiting berry of the potato, which was found everywhere a generation ago and has now almost disappeared, was used to plant a patch, and the fruiting potato plants are being raised.

With them have been planted a number of potato tubers in the usual way, and the latter have grown much more rapidly than the plants which have developed from the seeds. The object in seeking to produce potato seed again is that crossing of strains can be secured in this way, leading to a more wholesome condition of the plant. When propagation is only by the roots there is no chance for cross-fertilization, and the same strain of potato will in time give out.

The experiment is being conducted under the direction of Assistant Prof. John W. Hotson of the department of botany.

### Boy Builds Locomotive.

A miniature railroad locomotive, complete in every detail, which has attracted the attention of the railroad officials of several Pacific coast lines, is the handiwork of a boy living in Portland, Ore.

tiny locomotive, only 45 inches in length, was built to test a new invention of his on a fire box. It is operated by steam, generated by oil fuel, and is equipped with airbrakes, an inter-throttle and reverse levers and gears.

The engineering department of the Southern Pacific company borrowed the model and figured out its weight, power, and all other statistics in the same manner that they would figure on a full-sized locomotive. To their surprise, they found that the tiny engine developed one-quarter horsepower, and on a level track had a hauling capacity of one and a quarter tons.

### A Nose Like a Hound.

Sheriff Frank Cushman says that if he hadn't a "nose like a hound" he would have lost two of his prisoners, says a Belfast (Me.) dispatch. He is jailer as well as sheriff, and in making the rounds of the jail he smelled fresh paint. He followed the scent to the cell occupied by Leroy Carter, who is serving the last of a jail sentence before beginning a two-year term in state prison for breaking and entering. Carter and Winnie Crocker, sentenced for larceny, occupied the same cell.

He found that the men had sawed off a bar at the window and replaced it with a broom handle painted black, having found some paint in the jail corridor, and another bar was nearly sawed off. They were evidently waiting for a favorable time to make a break.

The prisoners were placed in separate cells.

### Photographs in Air.

The photograph is proving a useful adjunct to observation officers on duty in the air. These officers, forced to keep their field-glasses continually on the positions they are observing, have found considerable difficulty in making notes of details as quickly as they see them. Observation airplanes are now fitted with a registering photograph into which the officers speak through an acoustic tube. Thus all the points the airman have noted are correctly recorded for future use.

### Not Much Impressed.

"You told me you would give me your answer tonight." "Did I really do that?" asked the popular beauty. "Good heavens! Have you forgotten that I asked you to marry me?" "Why - er - while the maid was doing my hair I kept thinking there was something, or other I had promised to tell you tonight, but I couldn't remember what it was."

Mr. Albert Lutz is here for some time from Ayer, Mass., where he is in training with the medical corps of the United States army.

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Lighting Methods Improved. The great development in lighting within the last ten years has been shown in figures. It is shown that the introduction of the incandescent lamp has reduced the consumption of current for lighting purposes of light to one-half or more than what it was before, but there has also been a great improvement in the efficiency of the new lamp. A lamp of the type of A. Bontaric, has improved in its efficiency of 1.234 lamp in its efficiency. In 1908, only 100 incandescent filament lamps were used, and in 1917, 200 hours of usage in the same length of time, and a number of those having a life of 1,000 hours had risen from 31.5 to 81. Besides their carbon lamps, the Groves' were making 30,000,000 metal filament lamps a year as the war began, the prospect being a large increase in the return of peace.

### Marooned on an Island.

David Grootch, a shipographer of Jonesboro, Ark., who was marooned on a small island in the Shoshone river near Cody, Wyo., told a weird story of his being marooned for 22 days on the island within sight of a narrow road over which people were constantly traveling. During that time he and his only nourishment was water. Grootch said he had been marooned on a ranch near Cody and went to Cody for a visit. He set out for a walk toward the river when his money ran out. When he reached the river he found himself on the island, 20 rods below a wagon bridge. He could not swim and the current was too swift for him to wade. Finally, Grootch said, he became so weak he could not stand, and lay helpless in the underbrush until a passerby saw him.

### He Caught Them.

"Tommie, you were absent from school yesterday," said the teacher. "Yes'm," answered Tommie. "Father wanted me to go fishing with him." "But don't you know it would have been more profitable to have come to school?" "Why, we wouldn't have brought home a darn fish if I hadn't gone along."

### What He Would Advise.

"Would you advise me to marry a woman for her money?" "I don't know, but I would advise you never to let a woman know you had married for her money."

### Mildly Cautious.

"Let's price these goods." "You don't want any more?" "True, but I'll like to know if they still keep ahead of everybody in price."

### Sarcasm.

"It's almost impossible to get any nowadays." "Yes; I've noticed you haven't changed the color of your hair for years."

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