COURTRY BARRER IS

ONE BUSINESS MAN WHO MUST KNOW EVERYTHING

Learns Husson Nature, and Is in Touch With Neighborhood Comedy and Tragesty.

HAS HAD MANY EXPERIENCES

Not the preacher nor the doctor uncovers as many queer quirks of human nature as the country banker. No professional man lives closer to heart of the community's and to the lives of the individuals of the community Familiacity with bank's books means more than knowing the deposits of its pairons; It means knowing their struggles with adversity, their victories, de-feats, philanthropies. It means rersonal weaknesses and liosyncravies, says the Kansas City

hess in a young mar my deties a some ax index in the country. A young woman from our town saying he had a good evidencer of ours and had spent several months in the city, was commit.

oor to breakfast, there was Captain the Brown waiting.

dollar check?" never drew such an amount." learned that the check was forged.

I sent him to the cashier, and The Prodigal Who Didn't Repres.

there were no more signed checks to

pick up after that. The country banker must be an explois he wanted to untangle in the they expert jack of all business. My duties things that have come to me in the check. n a country bank ranged from agricultural adviser to community fi-bank, hancier and family confidant. I have An you acted as matrimonial agent for a Russian named Heary Petrowsky. a young fellow who came into my He brought a draft for three han- the demands. After things quieted office one day and asked me to write dred dollars to send to his son John. the job, got bim the girl he wanted

hus the fact that nobody was able-

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blank checks before he got a signa- to find out much about him occa- ed old father, and take away his rule, nor draw down a very fat sal- once, to the joy of the new faith and The cashier had expostulated with would cash a check for him, I gladly him in vain. "I will fix him," he agreed. The young woman was said one day, as he filled out a signed check for five hundred dollars, at the into the hundreds, and I was just have brought out both serious same time crediting Captain Brown's reaching for the money when, in a and amusing incidents. A serious account with an equal amount. I was flash, all the cossip that I had heard run was started on the bank in which sleeping in the bank, and the next came back to me, with distinct warn- I began my banking experience by an morning when I started out the front ing power. I handed the check to Irish washerwoman. On a busy Sat-

A Sheriock Holmes could find all the the First National had no money

living aftern miles south of the litthe town of X in British Columbia. Capally Brown, who and mademally, a fifty-cont fee. He asked me to forward this dra-capally Brown. who A some woman from our town saying he had already written that ile asked me to forward this draft, proud of his chinagraphy. When friend, 'He had a good appearance, John had not received the moons. The china was packed in a learner I booked it up and found the draft has been paid and returned. Referecould hear from the bank was back with a letter which he started the rumor that I had de-could not read. Neither could we camped with all the back money, We sent it to Kansas City, but they suld make nothing of it. forwarded it to New York, where it was translated. letter from an old man named Joan isfied Petromsky. (Notice the change of a letter and reflect how easily a "w Henry, who had, apparently, gone to He wrote how glad they were to get he three hungred dollars how hapcom him again. Wouldn't he come etting very feeble. They had spent shich to work the little farm.

> from the bank up there. They had cashed the draft for the old man, who lived fifteen miles north of their He had said it was from his Of course we had to hold them responsible and they, in turn, had to full back on the poor, dis-illusion-

SOCIAL

Mrs. C. W. Scales is visiting Mrs.

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To-night the winds began to rise To-night the winds began to rise and as large a line as any in the go Bombs, Small, Medium and large spirit strikes you right and be in The last red leaf is whirled away.

State. We have received our Christ- Sparkiers, Dew Drops, Assorted a hurry, for they are selling like 40 The last red leaf is whirled away, The rooks are blown about the skies;

The forest crack'd, the waters curl'd. The cattle huddled on the lea; And wildly dash'd on tower and tree, The raindrops from the clouds un-

But the cloud and gloom of the uside were instantly forgotten up. ntering the lovely, spacious home of Sorosis' charming hostess, Mr. Chas leeman, Wednesday for the orgular meeting of the afternoon. The club levernment," a continuation both members and visitoreatures of the program. Mrs. "Woman's Part in the Church and Mrs. Waiter Crowell, in the amence of one of the members, read of request." Woman's Part in the Community and Industry. Mrs. J. Trank Laney's article, "Why Hardin: Was Elected," was heartly encored after which she sang Gounod's lovels "Le Parlate D'Amour," from Faur. The president of the club, Mrs. James A. Stewart, is being highly complimented for her brilliant "Digest of the World's News" at each meeting. This is an innovation in Monroe club circles and is educational as well as entertaining.

With the good mothers of our town and country awaking to a realization of their responsibility as citizens and guardians of the young, we are reminded at Tennyson's wonderful lines in "The Princess."

in "The Prince s This fine old world of ours is but a

Yet in the go-cart. Patience! Give

it time

To learn its lumbs: There is a hand

that guides. that guides.

After the program, a delicious salad course, followed by block cream, fruit cake and bonbons, was served in the dining room by Missee Jennie Russell, Margaret Iceman and Mrs.

D. L. Middleton. Each guest was presented a lovely Christmas card as souvenir and the Christmas suggestion was further carried out in the decorations of holly and mistletoe. ion was further carried out in the decorations of holly and mistletoe. Red carnations formed the centerpiece for the lace-covered table in the dining room. The following vis-itors added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion: Mrs. R. B. Redwine, Mrs. Walter Crowell, Mrs. F. G. Henderson.-Reporter.

Special Notices

One cent a word each insertion

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FOR RENT—Rooms for light house keeping.—Mrs. L. R. Morris.

NOTICE OF SALE—I will, on Thursday, the 23rd day of Dec., 1920, at 12 occlock, M., at the courthouse door in Monroe, offer for sale at public auction, one Chandler Club Roadster, 1917 model. This sale is made for the purpose of satisfying a lien on said car for repairs, the same being the property of W. E. Bailey. This Dec. 16th, 1920.—R. Sams.

The Queer Start of "Runs," Panies have played no small part

plots he wanted to untangle in the they could not pay a three dollarthings that have come to me in the check. Monday morning the bank and was obliged from the start to ask to deposit or a day's work in a country officers found a long line of anxious himself the question, "How am I to simple gospel of J bank.

Among my farmer customers was forced to run a special train from the a Russian named Henry Petrowsky. The currency to meet the run and the start to ask the property of the property of the religion of Jes things quieted.

Also and was obliged from the start to ask the depositors awaiting them. They were make my daily bread?" and like our old friend, Omar, Paul chose as the means of his livelihood the business. down they were able to trace the

panie to its source. In the panic of '93 I came near having a run on my own bank be-cause, forsooth. I had carried some The china was packed in a leather grip, and my way led past the de-I had brought the grip down to the office at noon, and after banking hours I did the errand. and the next morning a long line awaited the opening of the office The proof was easily available, how-It was a paraetic ever, and the crowd was soon sat of Israel.

> "What is my balance? When can I seet that was beginning to claim so draw it?" I wired back "collect:" large a share of the world's atten-Your balance 14 cents. Draw when

ture that suited. This one he filled sioned some talk, which came to my horse and cow and wagons and chick- ary. Some of us might rise to positive ears. I had met him socially, and on the floor. It became my duty, was pleased was pleased with him, times when minding our P's and ity if we were willing to shut our Christian! when he had gone, to gather and and when he came into the bank with Q's was an unpleasant task for both hearts to the human element in our the young woman and asked if I banks. And where was the prodigal? business, but we consider that a part the tent-maker threw all of the fire

THE APOSTLE PAUL

Paul was a self-made man, writes Irish washerwoman. On a busy Sat-Rev. Thomas B. Gregory. Like near-urday afternoon she presented a ly all of the great ones, whose initia-Thing when I started by the girl and asked her to indorse it urday afternoon she presented a ly all of the great ones, whose mind with him. She hesitated for a month with him. She hesitated for a month but finally signed, and I gave theck was drawn happened to have was, from the ground floor up, the demanded. If him the money, Two days later I nothing to his credit at the time and architect of his own fortune. There ed him, Jesus never for a moment thought of starting a new religion.

Like most of the illustrious ones Monday morning the bank and was obliged from the start to ask of tent-making.

mand in those days, and the good cipte of persecution—a principle tent-maker was pretty sure of a liv. which Jesus never recognized—a

china for my wife across the town Paul studied theology, to which line rational soul. of thought he appears to have been unusually devoted; nor did it take meant well. No soul of man since him long to demonstrate to his con-men have lived ever showed a grandtemporaries that within him was the Cr spirit of self-sacrifice than was exmaking of one of the greatest the biblied in the case of the "Apostle ological doctors of all time." to the Gentiles," but primarily Paul

brains of the first order. In a very mement did the great man ever have brief period, the tent-maker forged the faintest conception of the religion to the front, becoming one of the of Jesus. most zealous defenders of the faith

Bankers are human and enjoy a and fanaticism, of deep pedagogic lore his business of tent-making, leaving chance to get even with exasperating and bitter prejudice, and Paul was in customers. During the panic of 1993 not slow in making it very uncomposition, an out-of-town customer wired in fortable for the Christians—the new beauty and fitness.

and energy that had characterized him while a devotee of the old, and it is now well known to all students of that distant time that Paul was Was a Self Made Man and Had No by all odds the greatest asset of the Christianity of the first and second

But the irony of history is some nothing to his credit at the time and architect of his own forcume.

the cashier returned it, saying crisp—was nobody to say "Up-a-diddy" to ly: "No funds." The washerwordan him, nobody to whose "pull" he could The sole desire was to bring the religion of his fathers back to the complicity and trust of the prophets, but change the whole program. He sub-stituted a theological system for the simple gospel of Jesus, with faith in God and love for each other as its

Furthermore, Paul introduced into the religion of Jesus which rested on Tents were an great and steady de- love and good will, the terrible prinprinciple which He turned from with Wehn not working at his trade all the strength of His gentle and

No one doubts Paul's sincerity. He Brains will tell, and Paul and was a theologian, and never for one

The religion of Jesus would have been infinitely the gainer had Paul It was a time of mingled wisdom never lived, or had he kept close to

at all down in Mexico. General Ob-But we can never tell what a day regon was recently elected president, We country bankers do not accu- may bring forth, especially in the and now the opposition wants to unmulate a great deal of wealth, as a field of religious polemics, and all at seat him before he is seated.

which to work the little farm, some chickens, a wagon, and a few comforts for their old age. It had been originally written in one of the many Russian dialects. In the meantime, we had heard from the bank up there. They had easied the draft for the old man,

Boys, the Christmas holidays will be and Vesuvius Safety Torpedoes, usual, we have, regardless of the fact plete line of

FIREWORKS

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Walk, Small, medium and large Daever offered for sale in the county, Walk, Small, medium and large Da-

with Baby Winkers, two inch, three inch and Thunderbolt Firecrackers, in the city this season, and instead of South Parker Street, two blocks be6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 30 taking advantage of this fact and low the cemetery, back of Shute & ball Roman Candles, Japanese, Jum- making our prices much higher than Broom's gin.

soon be here, and in order to give Pin Wheels, Small, Medium and that we had to pay a \$50.00 license upo a chance to enjoy them more Large Dragon Wheels, Chin Chins, on our fireworks, and also large than ever before we have for you Gee Whiz, Wonder Lights, Diamond freight bills, and on top of all this, the largest, cheapest and most com- Beauties, Silver Dragons, Hot Shots, the fireworks cost us more than ever

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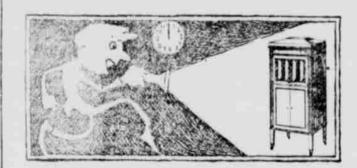
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