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SAYS HE IS HIS BROTHER

Also Tells Wife She Is His Sister-in-Law and Treats Her as if She Were. Tacoma, Wash.—Discharged Monday from the Pierce County hospital, where for months he had been unable to remember his own name, Edward C. Cooper went to Seattle with his wife, who had just discovered his presence in Tacoma.

FERDINAND PINNEY EARLE



The man who drew "affinity" from the pages of the dictionary is now living at the home of his brother at Alenhurst, N. J. His latest soulmate is Miss Charlotte Herman.

SENT CUSTER STORY

Telegrapher Who Flashd News of Massacre Just Retired.

After Fifty Years of Active Service John M. Carnahan Receives a Pension—Ticks off 80,000 Words in Two Shifts.

Missoula, Mont.—The news of the Custer massacre was first told to the world in 1876 by John M. Carnahan, then manager and operator in the Western Union office in Bismarck, North Dakota. After an active service of more than fifty years Mr. Carnahan has just been retired on a pension.

Mr. Carnahan began his career as a telegrapher in 1861. In the fall of 1872 the Northern Pacific railway line had been completed as far west as Bismarck, N. D.

NOTHING NEW IN JOKE LINE

Foolish is the Humorist Who Would Insist That This "Has Never Been Sprung Before."

A reader of the Docket in New York City cut out the item relating to the dissolution of partnership in which one partner makes the statement that "those who owe the firm will settle with him, and those that the firm owes it back to us with this notation: 'This was an old chestnut when I lived in —, which was in 1855.'"

To this charge we enter a plea of confession and avoidance. We contend that the courts will take judicial notice of the fact that there is nothing new under the sun, and in our judgment the jokesmith is well within his rights in resurrecting a joke which was old in 1855.

The incident brings to mind the following story: "The editor of a Minnesota newspaper back in the '80s concocted the following: 'Yon Yonson put four sticks of dynamite in the stove last Sunday to thaw them out. The handles were nickel plated and only cost \$10.'"

For two days the eastern newspapers had been clamoring for news, and there was no one to send it. Mr. Carnahan could not leave his official work and there was no other telegraph operator within two hundred miles.

To the New York Herald, the Chicago Inter Ocean and the St. Paul Pioneer Press he sent as much of the news as he had strength to prepare. And that was the way the news of the Custer battle was sent out.

This was the big news article in the career of John Carnahan. But in the professional secrets of 53 years at a telegraph key there must be many incidents stored up which would startle the world if they were told.

BERLIN HAS MANY MAIMED

Soldiers Swathed in Bandages Are Seen Everywhere in the German Capital.

Berlin.—No fair picture could be drawn of the Berlin of war time that did not include mention of the thousands of wounded in the streets. In motor cars, in wheel chairs and in the crowds on the streets, they are everywhere. Limping, maimed and swathed in bandages. At one dinner table in the Hotel Adlon were four officers, every one of whom had his arm in a sling, and two of whom had their heads in bandages. One, a captain, had lost his right hand, but he had the iron cross of the first class and he seemed the happiest of the party. Indeed, the cheerfulness of the wounded contrasted strikingly with the sad eyes of the many women in mourning.

FRANCE HAS NEW AIR BOMB

Liquid Missile Can Be Used Three Hours After Filling—Guarded With Secrecy.

Paris.—A liquid air bomb has been perfected which can be used in three hours after it has been filled. Considerable secrecy has been observed in regard to the bomb, which M. Painley, the academician, made practical from the inventor's design.

Shot Carried Gold Coins. Paris.—Three gold pieces have been extracted from the skin of Private Boissey in France. A piece of shrapnel pierced the pocket of another soldier, who had coins, and who was marching ahead of Boissey. The shrapnel and the coins lodged in the leg of Boissey, who didn't have a cent before he was wounded.

BLOW TO HORSE BREEDERS

European War Seems to Make Prospect of American Thoroughbred Gloomy.

"It will take years for the thoroughbred of America to get back to the high state of perfection it occupied ten years ago, now that the only hope of improving the strain has been cut off by the war in Europe," remarked J. P. Mayberry, a well known horseman of Sheepshead Bay, at the Raleigh, the Washington Post states. "The financial laws enacted in the various states, particularly in New York, in the last ten years checked the improvement of the breed, and the American thoroughbred has been steadily going backward ever since. Any one who knows anything about the thoroughbred type knows that the American thoroughbred of today does not compare with the racer of five years ago. When the antitracing laws of New York drove the sport out of the Empire state in 1910 many of the breeders of thoroughbreds—those who had helped largely to build up the horse in America—began to dispose of their horses. Many were shipped abroad, and in four years more than fifty per cent of the best thoroughbred stock has gone back to Europe.

Reports from the warring nations are to the effect that the countries that have been foremost in improving the thoroughbred, England, France, Germany and Austria—the seat of the war—in all probability will commandeer most of the racers of the European turf. If this be so it will remove almost the last hope the turf has to rebuild the rapidly diminishing quality of the American thoroughbred.

The horses that are parading around the race tracks of this country are mere ghosts of what we had five years ago. There is not a real good horse on the American turf at this time, whereas a dozen years ago there were scores.

MONSTER FLEET NOW ASSEMBLED FOR MANEUVERS

United States Warships in for Month of Hardest Kind of Drilling.

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Largest and Most Powerful Fleet Ever Assembled Under the Stars and Stripes—May Solve Efficiency of Our Navy.

Washington.—The largest and most powerful fleet ever assembled under the Stars and Stripes is now gathered off Guantanamo on the North coast of Cuba, for a month of the hardest kind of drilling. It will be a great spectacle for the few civilians who will see it, but for the more than one thousand officers and 25,000 enlisted men it means work, unceasing labor, to fit the American navy for battle.

Every Jack Tar is glad he is there. Great fascination surrounds the maneuvers, the orderly marching and counter-marching over the parade ground of the ocean, dreadnaughts and cruisers taking the place of individual soldiers, but obeying the orders sent by wireless and wigwag just as implicitly and readily as a squadron of well-drilled cavalry.

The fring of the great guns is fun for officer and man, too. Target practice is a great game. Every nerve is strained to make the enormous rifles do their best, and hot rivalry is exhibited by the gun crews. Business is pleasure when the heart is in it.

The eyes of the whole United States are directed to Rear Admiral Frank Friday Fletcher and his ships today. A great wave of criticism has swept over the country. The European war has created interest in the army and navy; and every patriot feels that if not the greatest we should have the best navy in the world.

Is the navy up to scratch? This is the question the maneuvers may solve and at the same time do a great deal toward making it possible to answer in the affirmative. The navy needs maneuvers, just as an army needs drills. A fleet will be awkward in forming in battle line in time of war if the superior officers have not performed all the evolutions often in time of peace.

Much Practicing Necessary. Partly due to the use of the big ships of the coast of Mexico, the maneuvers have been neglected. This is the first time in three years that the entire fleet will be assembled for battle practice. Three years means a long while when one considers how fast the art of naval warfare is developing. Just to mention one item: Naval guns of 14-inch caliber were carried on no ship in the world three years ago. Now the Texas and the New York carry these mammoth rifles, and it is currently reported that Great Britain's new Queen Elizabeth class, now building, will have 15-inch guns.

When one considers that the fleets of Great Britain, Germany, France, Austria, Russia and Japan are now engaged in actual war work every day in the year, it is easy to see that the United States must do a lot of practicing even to approximate the degree of efficiency to which the fighting navies of the world are arriving.

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The armored fleet (the biggest ships) will be in four divisions of 21 vessels. Ten will be of the so-called "dreadnaught" class and 11 of the pre-dreadnaught type. Besides these, two of the four armored cruisers of the fleet and all of the torpedo flotillas, except those in reserve, will be present.

Never before did the fleet contain practically two complete divisions of the dreadnaught class. The first division consists of dreadnaughts of the most powerful type and the second division is made up of these powerful vessels except one battleship.

In addition to the battleships, five of the seven divisions of torpedo-boat destroyers will have a part in the exercises. This means 21 more craft. There will be ten auxiliary and the scout cruiser Birmingham, which is the flagship of the torpedo flotilla.

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have ten 14-inch guns. The projectiles fired from these guns weigh 1,400 pounds each, and it costs the American people \$777 every time one is fired, not counting the deterioration in the gun.

Fletcher has five rear admirals under him, one to command each division of the fleet. There are 25 captains, more than 1,000 officers of lesser rank, and about 25,000 enlisted men.

The total money value of the fleet is \$240,000,000. The New York, with its sister ship the Texas the most powerful ship in the American navy is ordinarily the flagship of Rear Admiral Fletcher but his flag has been transferred to the Wyoming. The New York has been fitted up with luxurious quarters to receive President Wilson and his party at New York after the maneuvers, and carry them to the canal. It has been informally christened "The Boudoir Ship."

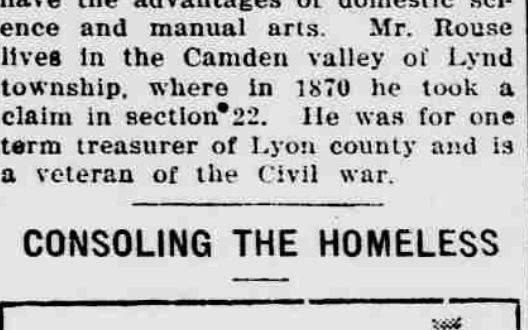
HOLDS OFFICE FOR 44 YEARS

Civil War Veteran Has Continuous Terms as School Board Clerk.

Marshall, Minn.—For 44 years Jacob Rouse has been clerk of the school board of District No. 1 in Lyon county. He was first elected in 1870 and has held the office ever since. He has seen the district grow from a small one-room log schoolhouse with but a few scattering pupils to a four-room consolidated school with four teachers in charge of 135 pupils who have the advantages of domestic science and manual arts. Mr. Rouse lives in the Camden valley of Lyon township, where in 1870 he took a claim in section 22. He was for one term treasurer of Lyon county and is a veteran of the Civil war.

CONSOLING THE HOMELESS

A French general sympathizing with peasants in northern France who have lost their homes.



MEN BECOME MERE MACHINES

Soldiers in the Trenches Get Absolutely Dehumanized Under Continuous Fire.

Paris.—A motorcyclist who has been in front of the army and continually under fire writes as follows: "When they are in the trenches with shells bursting all around, men become mere machines. They get absolutely dehumanized under continuous fire. It is the only alternative to going mad. One has no consciousness of danger, but obeys orders without realizing what they mean. One forgets what death is."

"When first I had to carry a dispatch under fire I used to dismount when I saw a shell burst on the road ahead and wait to see if more were coming. Now I don't notice them. My comrade riding twenty yards behind me was killed by a shell, but the incident had no effect on my mind. We are no better than brutes on the firing line."

JUDGE HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Dumb-Bell Exercises Arouse Suspicion That He Is Communicating With Enemy.

London.—An English judge had a narrow escape from arrest on the ground of signaling to the enemy. He was taking a short holiday on the East coast, and, as is customary with him, was indulging in a little dumb-bell exercise before retiring to rest. The movements of his arms behind the red blind of his bedroom attracted the attention of the sentries on the cliffs. They thought someone was signaling and hastened to the hotel to capture the culprit. For some time they refused to believe the judge's explanations, and it was only on being shown the visitors' book that they withdrew.

COW'S SKELETON SAVED HIM

Arkansas Youth Had Been Convicted in Court of Stealing Animal.

Little Rock, Ark.—The finding of the skeleton of a cow in a woods in Howard county saved William Kennedy, twenty-four, from entering the penitentiary. Kennedy had been convicted of stealing the cow, and sentenced to one year.

He was allowed to come to Little Rock alone, and was about to go to the penitentiary to surrender, when a delegation of friends brought him the good news.

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Executors Notice.

Having qualified as executor of the estate of W. K. Williams, late of Halifax county, N. C., under his last will and testament, this is to notify all persons having claims against his estate to present them to me duly verified on or before the 3rd day of December, 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate will please make immediate payment. This Dec. 2, 1914. E. P. HYMAN, Ex'r. A. Paul Kitchin, Atty.

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Notice--Public Land Sale.

By virtue of power vested in me by that deed of trust executed to me on the 24th day of January, 1914, by Handy Todd and wife, Martha Todd, and duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Halifax county, in Book 255 at Page 333, and given to secure the land below described, I shall sell for cash at public auction in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., in front of the Scotland Neck Bank, on the 2nd day of February, 1915, at 12 o'clock noon, to the highest bidder, the following described tract of real estate, lying, being and situate in the county of Halifax and State of North Carolina, to-wit: Bounded by the lands of Ben Partin, the public road leading from Hill's Cross Roads to Dawson's Cross Roads, the lands of Jim Lawrence and the lands of Frank Moore, being the same land formerly owned by Emmett Bishop, and which was conveyed to the said Handy Todd by Ed. Shields and wife by that deed of record in the office of the register of deeds for Halifax county in Book 178 at Page 33, said land containing 117 acres, more or less.

Also the following described personal property, to-wit: One black horse named Dan, one red mule named Hattie, one black mule named Mattie, one top buggy, one double-horse wagon, one dump cart, one rail cart, one cotton planter, and farming implements. This January 2, 1915. ASHBY DUNN, Trustee.

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