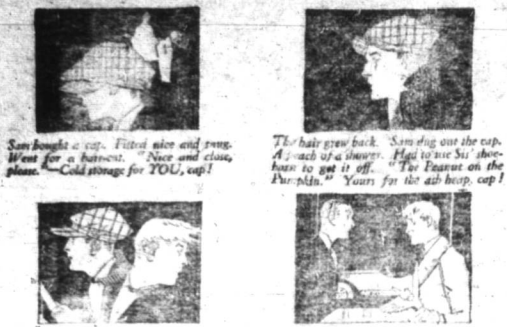


THE TROUBLES OF SAM



Sam bought a cap. Fitted nice and snug. Went for a haircut. "Nice and clean, please." "Cold change for YOU, cap!"

"SURE-FIT" CAP

The simple adjusting strap works on the same principle as a belt. A slight pull, and your "SURE-FIT" is tighter or looser, as you prefer.

All the new Fifth Avenue styles in the latest pattern from American and overseas. In fact, the same as you'd pay for any other cap—and you get \$200-\$300 unvalued comfort.

MARGOLIS BROS. & BROOKS

PLOW LANDS SHOW DECREASE IN VALUE

Iowa Makes Largest Drop, According to Survey.

Gains Have Occurred in Early Truck Crop States North of South Carolina and Generally in Cotton States.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) A drop of 26 per cent in the value of plow lands during the past three years is shown in a statistical survey made by the United States Department of Agriculture. Plow lands in the United States had an average value of \$66.53 per acre March 1, 1923, as compared with \$89.89 on March 1, 1922, with \$88.78 March 1, 1921, and with \$90.01 March 1, 1920.

By States, Iowa shows the largest drop over the three-year period, registering a decrease of \$66 an acre. Illinois is next with a drop of \$44 an acre; Indiana third with a drop of \$37; South Dakota fourth with a drop of \$29 an acre. The smallest decrease, \$2 an acre over the three-year period, is shown in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Connecticut shows a drop of \$3; Alabama \$4, New York and Florida \$5, Virginia and West Virginia \$6. An increase of \$3 per acre is shown in New Jersey, and of \$2 in Rhode Island.

From 1922 to 1923 gains in plow land prices have occurred in early truck crop states north of South Carolina and generally in the cotton states. Continued depreciation is shown in states in the corn and wheat belts, and in the mountain and Pacific regions. Prices were above \$100 per acre on March 1, 1923 in only three states, \$133 in Iowa, \$125 in Illinois, and \$113 in California. Low prices were \$22 in Montana, and \$26 in Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi.

LIVE STOCK LANTERN SLIDE

Series of Illustrations Has Been Prepared by the Department of Agriculture.

A series of 40 lantern slides illustrating the United States Department of Agriculture exhibit at the International Live Stock exposition, last December, has been prepared by the department, and is now available. The slides are reproductions of photographs of various portions of the exhibit. They include discussions of breeding and feeding of animals, facts and figures on extent of live stock industry, equipment of live stock farms, results of experimental work, market grades and standards, market news service, and selection and use of meats. A brief outline which points out topics of special interest in connection with each slide accompanies the series.

The set of slides was prepared by the bureau of animal industry and the states relations service, largely in response to requests from extension workers. The purpose is to make available to lantern slides the current recommendations and work of the department with respect to the live stock industry. Requests for the slides should be addressed to the Office of Cooperative Extension Work, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, through state directors of extension.

COVERING FOR POTATO PATCH

Cow Manure is Best, as it Will Not Burn Crop if Weather is Dry and Hot in Spring.

In the spring cover the potato ground with good cow manure, not horse manure, as it will burn the crop if the weather is dry and hot, then disk the ground good and deep. Break the patch, sow the fertilizer with the wheat drill and then harrow and drag it. Mark off the ground and plant one piece of potato to a hill, each piece containing one eye, the hills about twelve inches apart. As soon as the potatoes come up harrow with a section harrow and in about three or four days plow with a shovel plow. The potatoes should be plowed every week as long as the vines are green. When the vines begin to die, hill up but not too high.

Why Purebreds Pay

Just how much better, from the actual dollars and cents standpoint, are purebreds than common animals? Thousands of farmers have pondered the question. In a study covering 55,000 head of breeding stock in various parts of the United States, the federal Department of Agriculture finds purebreds worth forty cents above par or common. And why can the farmer get as large a return with ten purebreds as with fourteen dung hills? The purebred makes better use of the feed, the meat is of better quality and brings a higher price, there is less loss when the animal is dressed, and the young have a greater selling value. Since it takes fewer animals to return the same income, the owner has less money tied up in housing space and labor, hence his annual overhead charge is less per head.

NOTICE

To S. J. Everett, Billy Dawson and Ned Ehorn and all others interested: Notice is hereby given that we have purchased (140) one hundred and forty acres of land listed in Goose Nest township for taxes by Billy Dawson, Ned Ehorn and S. J. Everett, in the amount of one hundred and thirty and



MR. GOOD SALESMAN SAYS: WE SELL GOOD GOODS: WE PRICE THEM RIGHT. W. F. ORLEANS, Williamston, N. C.

seventy one hundredths (\$190.70) dollars, at a sheriff's sale for taxes at the court house door of Martin county at Williamston, N. C., on the 5th day of June, 1923, and we shall demand a deed for same one year from that date unless redeemed before. This the 6th day of March, 1923. R. W. SALSBUURY, AND BROTHER

NOTICE

Alice Brown vs. Herbert Brown. The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Martin county, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the clerk of the superior court, on the 4th day of May, 1923, at the court house of said county, in Williamston, N. C., to answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 4th day of April, 1923. R. J. PEEL, Clerk of the Superior Court.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred in me by a certain deed of trust, executed by Julius S. Peel on the 3rd day of May, 1922, and of record in the public registry of Martin county in book G-2 at page 55, to secure the payment of certain notes of even date therewith; and the stipulations in said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the parties interested, the undersigned trustee will on Monday the 7th day of May, 1923, at 2 o'clock, m., at the court house door of Martin county, Williamston,

DR. CHARLES J. SAWYER Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Williamston, N. C. Every Thursday and Friday, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Office York Building

N. C., offer at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate: Three (3) brick stores in the town of Williamston, N. C., and the lot on which the same are situated, lying and being on the northwest side of Main street, in Williamston, N. C., and bounded on the northwest by F. U. Barnes and the Baptist parsonage lots, and on the northeast by the lands of G. W. Blount and Mrs.

HUNGER TAMES DEER



A deer in the vicinity of Yellowstone National park driven to the very doorstep for food because of one of the most severe winters that section of the country has known.

CIRCLE GLOBE BY AIR



Five planes piloted by French aviators will leave Paris shortly for an aerial tour in an attempt to circle the globe in fifteen flying days. The world-tour by air has been organized by the undersecretary of state for air. This photograph shows Captain Marcel Madon, famous war pilot, who will command the escadrille.

Martha Leggett, on the southeast by Main street, on the southwest by the alleyway between the lands of the Peoples Bank and the lands of J. I. Hassell and wife, Mary Hassell, and facing on Main street 83 feet, and running back a varying depth of

67 feet and 210 feet, and being the same property now occupied by Anderson, Crawford and company, and J. O. Manning and Brother. This the 4th day of April, 1923. W. G. MANNING, Trustee.

Advertisement for Ford Truck Chassis. Features an illustration of a truck and the text: 'Ford TRUCK CHASSIS \$380 F. O. S. DETROIT Still Lower Hauling Costs are open to every line of business because of the present price on the Ford One-ton Truck. This dependable form of motor delivery is in general use wherever hauling at low cost and good speed is essential. Original installation in your service costs so little and the subsequent saving in delivery cost is so great that further delay in putting a Ford One-ton Truck to work is needless extravagance. List your order at once—a small down payment—convenient, easy terms. Ford trucks have never been so low. Ford quality has never been so high. B. R. Barnhill FORD AND LINCOLN DEALER Authorized Sales and Service'

PROFIT IN LOW-GRADE ORE

Mining Engineers See the Possibility, but Enormous Capital Will Have to Be Employed.

Radium-bearing pegmatites in various districts in Ontario, Canada, will eventually be profitably exploited, according to a writer in the Engineering and Mining Journal Press of New York. He states that the pegmatites of the province undoubtedly contain in the aggregate a relatively enormous amount of these occur in a widely disseminated condition. Low grade ore containing a pound or two of uranium oxide to the ton might, under certain conditions prove workable, the tailings constituting a refined ground feldspar product, for the pottery industries, that would be the main source of revenue, while the uranium minerals would be a by-product obtainable probably at a little extra expense. The application of a concentration process would remove not only the radium minerals but also various impurities such as barium, lithium, potash, and borax, thus improving the quality of the feldspar product and enabling it to be worked on a large scale. Such operations, however, could probably be successfully carried on only by a company with sufficient capital to produce and market ground feldspar in large quantities, mine mill and receiver and refine the rare mineral by products.

NAME NOT HOUSEHOLD WORD

When Governor Parker of Louisiana Realized How Unknown a Prominent Man Can Be.

Gov. John M. Parker of Louisiana relates this incident, in the New York Herald: "Pride goes before a fall. Sometimes it is a real good thing to realize what an infinitesimal molecule a man is. Occasionally this fact is brought to the attention of the man in public life.

"In 1912, shortly after my friend the lamented Theodore Roosevelt was shot, it was necessary for some of his loyal friends to keep his belongings, and it fell to my lot to speak in a number of western cities. Of course, no man could really take his place, but the experiences of some of the introductions were real rich.

"In one instance the chairman, after a lengthy introduction in which he practically made a speech with the usual glowing close, 'I now have the honor of presenting that prominent Southerner, excellent citizen, splendid American,' hesitated a moment, turned aside and in a stage whisper said, 'What is your name, quick?'

Threw Girls Into Panic.

One girl swooned and several others, panic-stricken, rushed for exits when a noise which sounded to them like a "message from the dead" penetrated the stillness of the county morgue in

Detroit. The incident occurred when a party of 20 students from the Detroit Normal college was being shown the routine of the morgue.

A low whistle, somewhat similar to a breathing noise, came just as the morgue attendant was explaining how the morgue functioned. Shrieks were grasped and amid shrieks the fair visitors dashed out of the place, one fainting on the way. The noise, it was later developed, was caused by some one blowing an old-fashioned speaking tube connecting the chambers and the office in an effort to get in communication with the morgue attendant.

The Logical Sex.

In the light of the fireplace sat the occasional philosopher, comfortably puffing his pipe as he surveyed as fine an audience as ever a man is blessed with. In another front leather chair lounged the most sympathetic of hosts. A girl like a kitten on the divan was his adoring wife.

"I cannot say," he continued, "that either men's or women's minds are inferior or superior, but undoubtedly, they are different. For instance, it seems to me a trait of the feminine mind is that it cannot keep a discussion on an impersonal basis."

"The subject" inquired with a snip, "John dear, you know that isn't true. I never took a conversation personal."

Forest Land Unprotected.

Approximately 100,000,000 acres of privately owned forest land are wholly unprotected from fire, says the forest service, United States Department of Agriculture. On many other areas the protection is incomplete and inadequate. Based on a six-year average, the annual loss of property from forest fires is \$10,421,000. Yet a yearly expenditure of \$9,200,000 would fairly protect all the privately owned timber lands in the United States.

Tornado's Freaks.

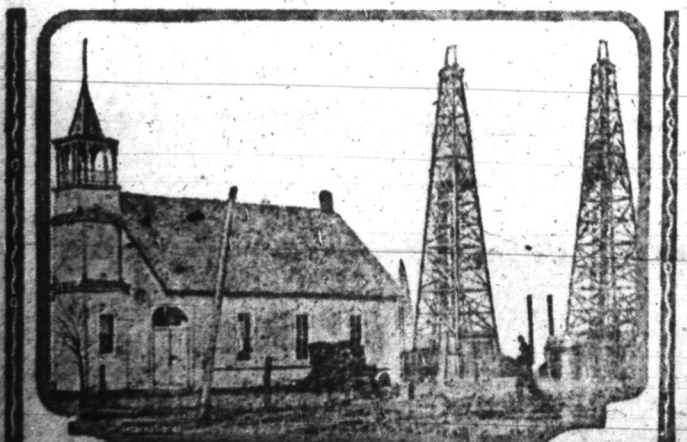
A tornado swept our section of the country one night. Just imagine our amazement upon waking from our peaceful slumber to find straws from a nearby straw stack driven like nails into the sides of a new barn. Our 25-gallon watering tank, which was 20 feet long and 15 feet wide, which had been set into the ground one foot and was half full of water, had been carried one-fourth of a mile and dropped. —Chicago Journal.

Choice Cargo Reaches Liverpool. Apples, pears, beans, poultry,ysters, frozen meat, bacon, flour and bars for copper-staking helped to make up the 10,000-ton miscellaneous cargo of an Atlantic liner which recently reached Liverpool from New York.—London Answer.

As If It Were Plate.

Great is he who enjoys his earthenware as if it were plate, and not less great is the man to whom all his plate is no more than earthenware. —Seneca.

Church Members Object to Oil Wells



Members of the congregation of the little country church at Tonkawa, Okla., are up in arms against oil prospectors who have drilled wells in the yard of the church property, as pictured. The oil well operators assert their lease on the property permits them to drill wells in the churchyard and cemetery, and seek to have the courts sustain their claims. Members of the congregation are on guard all times, and seek to prevent the operators from drilling. They have refused thousands of dollars offered for the property, which is one of the richest oil centers in the state of Oklahoma.

Condensed Statement of the Farmers and Merchants Bank

WILLIAMSTON, N. C., April 3, 1923.

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Loans and discounts (\$548,893.75), Overdrafts secured (90.99), Stocks and bonds (10,150.00), Real estate owned (9,157.18), Banking house and fixtures (16,075.51), Cash and due from banks (94,517.81), Total \$678,885.24. Liabilities include Capital stock (\$100,000.00), Surplus (50,000.00), Undivided profits (5,553.44), Deposits (523,331.80), Total \$678,885.24.

Deposits Compared

Table comparing deposits for April 3, 1921 (\$446,005.48), April 3, 1922 (444,876.26), and April 3, 1923 (523,331.80).

DEPOSITORY FOR THE UNITED STATES, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, THE COUNTY OF MARTIN, TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON, AND MORE THAN 2,000 INDIVIDUALS. WHY NOT YOU?

Farmers and Merchants Bank

WILLIAMSTON, NORTH CAROLINA