

### Raises Skunks.

Ten miles southeast of Albia, Ia., there is the most unique animal industry in Iowa—a skunk farm—conducted by C. H. Hunt, a prosperous farmer, who now makes his home in Moravia and employs a man to care for the little animals which have the reputation of being the greatest smell producers in the country.

The farm was established two years ago when Mr. Hunt began the purchase of such polecats as were caught in his neighborhood. At the end of that season, says the Chicago Farmers' and Drivers' Journal, he had fifty in the pen and it was too small to properly care for them. Last year he built a pen that incloses six acres and now has on hand 300 animals. To feed them he purchases all the dead and diseased animals in that region, and hauling them to the pen the skunks wax fat.

One peculiar feature of the farm is that the men who care for the skunks daily can pick them up and handle them at any time without danger of being perfumed. When strangers go into the pen the animals seem to know the fact and begin a rapid stamping of the feet. Then the strangers are told by the man who looks after the animals that it is time to leave unless they care to bury their clothes.

The 300 polecats represent a neat sum of money and they have been raised from almost nothing. The fur is now worth from 60 cents to \$2 per pelt, and besides this every fat skunk will yield a pint of oil and there is always market for this at 50 cents per pint. The entire expense of the farm has been met so far with the sale of hides and oil that has come from the male skunks that have been killed.

It is the intention to allow the animals to propagate until there shall be 1,500 of them, and then the slaughter will be commenced for the market. There are many people who visit the farm and take pleasure in watching the polecats either while eating or at play. As for Mr. Hunt, he is satisfied that the much despised animal will yield him a handsome profit.

The finest Coffee Substitute ever made, has recently been produced by Dr. Shoop of Racine, Wis. You don't have to boil it twenty or thirty minutes. "Made in a minute" says the doctor. "Health Coffee" is really the closest Coffee Imitation ever yet produced. Not a grain of real Coffee in it either. Health Coffee Imitation is made from pure toasted cereals or gratus, with malt, nuts, etc. Really it would fool an expert—were he to unknowingly drink it for Coffee. Harrison & Co.

### Confederate Veteran's Reunion.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 6.—General William E. Mickie, adjutant general, United Confederate Veterans, today made the following official announcement:

"The eighteenth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held in Birmingham, Ala., on June 9th, 10th and 11th, next. The people of that city promise that the gathering will be in every respect all that the wearers of the gray could wish. Committees are already actively at work to insure a most enjoyable gathering."

It may be within the rules, but is not generous or even fair for a young woman during leap year to propose by phone, postal card or letter.—Charleston News and Courier.

"Do you think," asked the fair damsel on the other end of the sofa, "that it is unmaidenly for a girl to propose to a man during leap year?" "Certainly not," he replied, "if she has money enough for two."—Chicago News.

### Sugar for Vicious Horses.

A Pennsylvanian contributes the following to an exchange:

"About thirty years ago one of my neighbors had a cross stallion. He began to give sugar to the stallion right out of his hand; very soon the man could do most anything with him.

"Twenty-five years ago I bought a highspirited mare; she was so restless that I could hardly hitch her up in the buggy, I coaxed and petted her, fed her on apples; but I had to jump on the buggy while she started off. I went to using granulated sugar. I put some sugar in my coat pocket and whenever I hitched her up or untied her from a hitching post I would take a handful of sugar and let her eat it out of my hand. If you hold the sugar in your hand till it gets warm so much the better. While she was licking off the sugar I would talk to her, and also pat her on the neck, or scratch her lightly right behind the ear, and in a short time I could hang the line over the dashboard, help my wife and daughter into the buggy, tuck in the blankets, get in myself at leisure and when I took up the lines and gave the word to go she would walk off, and not start on a run as she formerly did.

"It was the same with her when I hitched her to a plow. She wanted to start by jumps, but by giving her sugar and kind talking, I soon had her gentle. A pound of sugar is better than a dozen whips. Many horses have been spoiled by the cruel and generally inconsiderate treatment to which they have been subjected by ignorant and brutal owners and drivers.

"Very often a bad tempered or spoiled horse can be bought very cheap and by feeding him sugar as above described he can be made very docile in a short time and can be sold at a large profit. With kindness you can do wonderful things.

"When I was a boy my father gave me a colt. I trained him so he would follow me up a pair of steps, would come and put his head through a collar, or would come and take the bridle bit into his mouth and slip his head into the bridle, and besides this would do many other tricks. At the age of 2½ years I was offered \$250 for him. Kindness does a great deal with all stock on the farm."

### Scores Burned to Death.

Boyetown, Pa., Jan. 13.—Between 50 and 75 persons were burned to death to-night in a fire which completely destroyed Rhoad's Opera House in this place.

The opera house was crowded with members of St. John's Lutheran Sunday school, who were attending a benefit given for that church. While the show was in progress, a tank exploded. The actors endeavored to quiet the audience but in their anxiety to make themselves heard and to avoid the awful stampede of the women and children, the coal oil lamps which were used as the footlights were overturned, setting the place on fire. The flames, fed by the oil, shot almost to the ceiling and there was a wild rush of the seven hundred persons to escape from the burning building. Scores of women and children were trampled upon and several who escaped being burned to death, died after being dragged from the opera house.

It fills the arteries with rich, red blood, makes new flesh, and healthy men, women and children. Nothing can take its place; no remedy has done so much good as Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35c. Tea or Tablets. Dr. Kent and Granite Falls Drug Co.

### Newspapers and the Panic.

Portland Oregonian.

In discussing the financial flurry, a Chicago magazine of politics remarks that "the newspapers did some noble lying, all with the best of motives, of course—that of restoring confidence." Results do not indicate that the newspapers did so much lying after all. It is true that the newspapers took the brightest view of a dismal situation and perhaps they were more hopeful in public utterance than their editors were in private consultation. Their declaration, oft repeated in varying form, was that industrial and financial conditions presented no occasion for alarm and that the banks in general were sound. The newspapers did everything in their power to quiet the people, dispel the fears of depositors and restore confidence. Subsequent events show that this course was entirely in accordance with facts and warranted by conditions as they really existed. Beyond doubt, if the newspapers had thrown open their columns to the publication of every discouraging bit of news or had even left matters to drift as unreliable street rumors might direct, there would have been serious consequences. By suppressing the cries of fear and counseling calm and considerate action, the newspapers of the country prevented a disastrous financial panic just as public speakers sometimes prevent calamities when fear seizes an audience in a crowded hall. So far as they told anything, the newspapers told the truth. If they did not tell the whole truth it was because no good was to be accomplished by telling it. If the newspapers should tell all the truth they learn every day about the affairs and acts of the people there would be a great many panics, not only in business, but in home circles. There are few people in this world who want all the truth told about them and their affairs. The newspapers have not been lying and there is no occasion for the public to lose confidence in them. On the contrary, events have demonstrated that the newspapers are worthy of confidence, for their counsel has been found to be wise.

Trial Catarrh treatments are being mailed out free, on request, by Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. These tests are proving to the people—without a penny's cost—the great value of this scientific prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Remedy. Sold by J. E. Shell's Drug Store.

### Kings Creek Items.

We are having lots of rain and cold weather. The roads are terrible. Not much lumber hauling going on at the present and we don't know whether it is the roads or the panic and we hope the panic is not as bad as it is reported.

Mr. N. Forester, of W. Va., is visiting at Mr. I. T. Parlier's.

Miss Sadie Allen and her brother and Miss Heffner, of Lenoir, are visiting at Mr. Walter Ernest's this week.

The witnesses in the Walker case from this place have returned home from Wilkesboro and report the Walker boys bound over to Superior court.

There are lots of sickness in our settlement at the present time. A FRIEND.

Mr. Bryan announces that Cannon will be the Republican nominee for the presidency. If our memory is not at fault, the same gentleman confidently prophesied in 96 and 1906 that he himself would be the next President. Mr. Bryan should confine himself to this subject: "The Things That Ought to Be." In the role of prophet the eloquent gentleman doesn't shine.—Observer.

### Delinquent Subscribers.

Industrial News.

Newspaper readers will probably recall that, by reason of a new order promulgated by the postoffice department, daily papers will not be permitted to send papers to subscribers who owe more than for three months, while weekly papers cannot send a paper to subscribers who are behind with their subscription more than a year. The order was to have become effective on the first of the year, but after representation had been made to him by President Varner, of the National Editorial Association, the postmaster-general made the statement that postmasters could deal leniently with the newspapers until after the first of April. After that date, we take it, the order will be strictly enforced. At all events, we know nothing to the contrary.

While we do not like the idea of having our business, or any part of it, looked after from Washington, nevertheless, we are inclined to think that, ultimately, the new postal regulation will prove a very good thing for publishers, particularly in this section. The newspapers of this state have always done too much of a credit business, and they have made it a practice to carry subscribers indefinitely, when such subscribers are fully able to pay up promptly, and would no doubt do so were it not for the fact that publishers have permitted them to feel that it is all right to pay all their other accounts, and then, if they have a dollar or so left, for which they have no particular need, they can use that to pay for their daily or weekly paper, as the case may be. We venture to say that there are scores of newspaper publishers in North Carolina today who would be better off by a good many thousands of dollars if all their regular subscribers were paid up to date. As for us, we are ready to take our chances under a rigid enforcement of the new postal regulation.

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### Elkville and Blackstone.

Plenty of rainy weather and muddy roads are all the go now.

Miss Kate Smith returned home last week from a visit to her grand parents near Lenoir.

Messrs. J. C. Blankenship and E. C. Shuford have completed their corn mill, near Mr. Shuford's home, and are ready for work.

Master Norman Smith and sister Miss Edna, spent last Sunday night with their brother, Mr. F. C. Smith. SANDY.  
January 13th, 1908.

It depends upon the pill you take. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills known for constipation and sick headache. Sold by J. E. Shell, Kent and Granite Falls Drug Co.

The Seaboard and the Atlantic Coast Line railways follow the Southern in agreeing to put into effect a lower passenger rate in South Carolina, to wit: a 2½ cent rate, with mileage books at a lower rate. This they say is in appreciation of the state's conservative attitude toward the railroads.

Let's talk less about the heathens in foreign lands and do more to civilize the rowdies at home.—Waxahachie Light.

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