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A QUESTION OF PERSONAL LIBERTY

The town of Jesup, Georgia, was greatly wrought up over the question of allowing cows to ramble through the streets without hindrance.

On the other hand the citizens whose gardens were invaded and whose flowers were killed by the cows contended that cow prohibition was as just and reasonable as Mr. Volstead's law against the use of liquor.

A question similar to this one came up in a Florida town and the editor of the local paper not wishing to offend either of the contending factions made this wise suggestion:

FROM DOG SLEDS TO AIR PLANES

Where is this flying business going to stop? Amundson is now arranging to fly over the arctic regions even to the poles.

BANK BANDITS SACKED

When a new bank was opened in Washington City it was thought that the proper thing to do was to rob it. So the yeggmen got to work on it but were not quite as successful as some of the bank wreckers have been.

OUR REPUBLICAN CONGRESS

The Republican Congress is coming in for more criticism than any congress for a long time. As the Constitution suggests the criticism is by Republicans as well as Democrats.

MERRIMAN'S MILL (Delayed Letter)

The farmers of this section are very busy preparing to plant another crop. Misses Ruth and Esther Sowell spent Sunday night with Miss Leo Davidson.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

Republicans are urging Harding to get out in the forefront and lead his party in the coming campaign—he declines to exert himself to save a lot of Representatives who have neglected every way to aid the country to get back on its feet.

The country is slowly and naturally recovering from its industrial stagnation. The Republican Congress elected in the middle of President Wilson's term would render him no aid in his efforts to get the country back on a sound basis; they thought it good politics to follow Penrose's suggestions to "let the people sweat."

Miss Alice Robertson, Republican Representative from Oklahoma, says she favors the present administration because Harding "recognizes God." Very nice of Harding, but only the fool does not. But is that the real reason why Miss Robertson favors the administration? No, it is the simple old reason that she is a Republican who votes at the crack of the party whip, though she is a nice, amiable old lady, who always ran a good restaurant, at which humanitarian employment she shines better than in Congress.

The Democratic Senators, in voting for the Four-power Treaty, gave the country an example of broad statesmanship, that shows a fine contrast to the attitude of the Republican Senators on the Versailles Treaty. After all is said and done, the two treaties are very similar—they are blood-brothers.

Palmafesta Program Completed

Columbia, April 3.—The programme committee in charge of the plans for the big state-wide festival and gala week here April 17 to 22 has today given out the following programme: Monday, April 17th, arrival of County Queens, fireworks and opening of Palmafesta at 8:30 P. M.

APRIL SURPRISE FROM "THE LADIES' AID"

The Friendship Ladies' Aid Society gave their pastor and family a very pleasant surprise on last Saturday morning. About 10:30 these good ladies called at the parsonage and pretended to be calling on the family as and April Fool joke, but after about an hour of pleasant conversation two of the ladies who had secretly entered the dining room came to the parlor and announced that dinner was waiting. We all retired to the dining room and there was a table loaded with all kinds of good things to eat, so much that one would not recognize it as a parsonage table at all.

GROW SOME CELERY

Clemson College, April 5.—While celery is not grown to any great extent in this State, it can be grown very profitably both for home use and local markets. The Giant Pascal is one of the best winter varieties. The seed may be sown in a well prepared bed. It will be necessary to shade the bed for 3 or 4 weeks until the plants have become well established.

In August the plants should be transplanted to the field in rows 6 feet wide and 8 inches apart in the row. Celery should be planted in very rich soil, and heavy applications of commercial fertilizer as well as barnyard manure should be applied in the fall and thoroughly mixed with the soil a week to ten days before the plants are transplanted.

WEXFORD (Delayed Letter)

Small grain is looking fine in this section. Judging from the fertilizer being hauled not all of the farmers fear the boll weevil.

Mr. W. A. Sullivan was in Rockingham Saturday. He was accompanied by Mrs. James Sullivan of Ruby, who has come to spend a few days with her sister who is quite ill.

Prof. W. E. Wilson of Polkton, N. C., was the guest of Mr. P. A. Gullledge last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Paul Melton was visiting in the Friendship section Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. S. M. Jackson of Chesterfield president of the W. M. U., of Chesterfield county, met with the ladies of Thompson Creek Church Sunday afternoon and after an interesting talk by Mrs. Jackson, the W. M. U. of Thompson Creek was reorganized and the following officers elected: Mrs. G. L. Moore, president; Mrs. I. R. Melton, vice-pres.; Miss Marie Smith, secretary.

Mr. J. G. Lowery was Charlotte one day last week.

Our school came to a close Monday quite sudden for the lack of funds to run the last month.

Mr. Gilfred Gullledge of Mt. Croghan has some fine work done on our roads in the Wexford section.

The little infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gullledge has been quite sick, but glad to say is some better at this writing.

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"VAMPS" WHO MADE HISTORY

By JAMES C. YOUNG.

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A WOMAN OF MYSTERY.

THE year 1748 found Elizabeth on the throne of Russia. The story of her love for a choir boy already has been told in this series. But there is a far stranger story, which concerns Genevieve de Beaumont. This young French woman arrived in Russia in the year named and presently became reader for Elizabeth. When ministers dropped in, Genevieve would retire to a distance and immerse herself in a book. And the ministers felt themselves safe to converse with Elizabeth. After they had gone the empress often would comment on what they had said. Genevieve always showed a respectful interest, but remarked that she did not understand such matters. That was her attitude when she went around with officers of the court, although she frequently asked innocent questions about fortifications, armies and many other things. And all of this information was being transmitted to France.

High Russian officials became convinced that an astute spy had obtained entrance to court. They checked over every person there, and suspicion fastened on Genevieve. The empress would hear no word against her. It was even intimated that there was a strange love between the two. But Genevieve, apparently broken-hearted, said that she could remain no longer. In leaving, she implored the favor of the empress for her brother, the Chevalier d'Eon, whom she said would visit Russia the next year. Genevieve left, the spying stopped, and the officials breathed easily. Then came the Chevalier d'Eon, a gallant young Frenchman, who was not long in making his way at court. But he was a very different personality from Genevieve.

FEEDING THE BABY CHICKS

Clemson College, April 5.—"Feeding the young stock is perhaps one of the most important factors in poultry culture, for if we do not properly nourish the chicks we can not expect to develop them into good fash; nor can we expect to keep up their health, vigor and vitality, if we underfeed, overfeed, fed unbalanced rations or feed anything but absolutely clean feed," says N. R. Mehryhof, Extension Poultry Specialist.

Just as soon as the chicks are moved to the brooder there should be some fine chick grit and fine oyster shell on the hover floor. This is used as their first feed because it puts their gizzards and digestive systems in condition to handle the hard, solid feed that they will eat from then on.

The chicks should be fed sour skim milk just as soon as they come in the brooder. This can be put in little vacuum water fountains. Natural sour milk and buttermilk are good, and if they are not at hand semi-solid buttermilk diluted at the rate of one part of milk to 6 or 7 parts of water. The lactic acid in the sour milk acts as an intestinal disinfectant eaching their digestive systems and getting them in good working order. It is also very palatable and appetizing.

A very light feed of rolled oats should be given at noon of the first day, (just what they will eat up in a few minutes); and in the afternoon a feeding of a chick-scratch ration. Perhaps it would help to feed on a shingle or cardboard until they learn what and where the grain is.

First Week in Brooder

It is important to feed the chicks often and in small quantities at a time. Feed the chicken-scratch rations four times a day sparingly to make them clean up what they are given each feeding and to make sure that they are hungry when the next feeding comes around. Continue to feed the sour skim milk, but in addition have a supply of clean fresh water. From the fourth day on, put wheat bran before the chicks in open hoppers. Leave it before them a short time the first day, but as soon as they have become accustomed to it, leave it before them constantly.

When the wheat bran is added reduce the feeding of chick-scratch to three times a day. Scatter the grain in little so that the chicks will be compelled to exercise. Keep only clean litter on the floors. Continue to feed the milk. Have a supply of fine grit and oyster shell.

Another important part of baby chick feeding is the use of green feeds. These can be supplied in the form of lettuce leaves, sprouted oat tops, finely chopped vegetables, beets etc.

JUSTICE—KENNINGTON

Married on Thursday, March 23, 1922, by Rev. F. M. Cannon, Mr. Minus Justice, of Tryon, N. C., and Miss Lillie Kennington, of Pageland, S. C. Many friends in Chesterfield extend congratulations to these young people.

Stories of Great Scouts

By Eimo Scott Watson

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"X" BEIDLER, WHO SENT HIS WIFE TO "ROME"

One day in 1869, when the Nile, one of the old-time wood-burning Missouri steamers, stopped near the mouth of Musselshell river in Montana to take on wood, two "woodhaws" came aboard. "Woodhaws" were men who cut firewood and corded it up on the banks of the river to sell to the steamboats. These two men were famous frontier characters. "X" Beidler and "Liver-Eatin'" Johnson.

Among the passengers on the Nile was a party of eastern tourists, among them several women who were enjoying for the first time the thrills of being in the wildest "Wild West." They were especially delighted at the appearance of Beidler and Johnson and at once began asking questions of these "picturesque characters," as they called them. The woodhaws were not especially pleased to be treated like a pair of Indians, but said nothing about it. Finally one of the women inquired: "Mr. Beidler, are you married?" "Yes," replied "X."

"Oh, I would never have guessed it. Is—Is your wife, ah—a white woman?" "Indian," grunted Beidler. "How delightful! A native of these great plains! Where is she now?" "Oh, I've sent her to Rome," said the woodhawk. "To Rome? To be educated? How romantic! Do you mean Rome, Italy?" "No," answered "X," with a grim smile. "To roam on the prairie!" The woman stopped asking questions.

Beidler served as a scout with General Miles in the Sioux war of 1876, but he was better known as a vigilante leader in the early Montana mining camp. John X. Beidler was his real name, but he was called "X" Beidler because he always signed his warnings to western "bad men" with the single mysterious letter "X." One such warning was usually enough to make the bad man leave camp.

Later "X" was sheriff of Lewis and Clark county. He once invited the governor of Montana and other state officials to visit his jail and inspect a new steel cage of which he was very proud. The officials came and Beidler took them into the cage. "Now, dern ye!" he said to his prisoners. "Ye've been edgin' off lately when I was tellin' my stories of the old days an' not listenin' to 'em. Now, I s'pose you'll listen."

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IN MEMORIAM Miss Ana Thurman died April 2, 1922. There is no death. The stars go down to rise upon some fairer shore; and bright in Heaven's hallowed crown they shine forever more. She came among us in the prime of a useful womanhood. She at once made a place for herself in every heart who knew her. Responsive to every call made in the name of her Lord, helping those who needed help and encouragement in their trials of life, and was always interested in the community. When failing health forced her to relinquish one by one her duties she loved, it grieved her sorely, and was almost a sorrow to those who walked the path with her. After six weeks of suffering whose fires must have burnt from dross, she passed from us in the youth of old age. We mourn our loss and will tenderly cherish beautiful memories of the year of association with her. A Friend.

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True Detective Stories MASTER CRIMINAL. Copyright by The Wheeler Syndicate, Inc. SHORTLY after Allan Pinkerton founded the detective agency which was destined to be feared by so many criminals, a number of banks and financial institutions throughout the country were made victims of a particularly clever gang of crooks headed by Walter Eastman Sheridan, the man whom Pinkerton in his memoirs declares was the cleverest criminal he ever tracked. The operations of the Sheridan organization were marked by a simplicity which was almost startling. Their favorite trick was to plant one of their members in a line leading to the window of the receiving teller of a prominent bank shortly before the closing hour. The man so planted would take up a position behind someone who held in his hands a large roll of bills, and would wait until the depositor had almost reached the window. Then he would tap him on the shoulder, call his attention to a bill which "he had dropped on the floor," and the man would naturally stoop to pick it up, in nine cases out of ten placing his money on the teller's shelf as he bent over. The criminal would then snatch the money and make off. While the hauls secured in this manner were, of course, of varying sizes, Sheridan and his men picked up \$75,000 as the result of less than five minutes' work at a Baltimore bank. After several other coups of a similar nature, Sheridan tried the same game at the First National bank of Springfield, Ill., but was arrested. He promptly skipped his bail, however, and the next that Pinkerton heard of him was when he assisted at the robbery of a Cleveland bank which netted the gang some \$40,000. This was followed by a raid upon the Mechanics' bank of Scranton, Pa., where Sheridan and one of his men got away with \$30,000 worth of negotiable bonds. His next exploit—one which took more than four months of careful planning—was the looting of the Falls City Tobacco bank in Louisville, Ky., when upwards of \$300,000 was secured. As a result of these operations, together with the shrewd manner in which he had invested his money, Sheridan was worth fully \$250,000. Feeling certain that his past exploits had left no clue to his connection with the robberies, and having obtained his acquittal of the only charge on which he had been arrested, Sheridan joined in a series of the most gigantic frauds ever known in America—the issuance of bonds purporting to be worth more than \$5,000,000. These forgeries were so cleverly executed as to deceive even the officers of the companies involved, and the discovery of the swindle ruined scores of Wall street brokers and private investors. On the eve of the day on which the bubble burst, Sheridan quietly cashed all his assets, closed his office at No. 60 Broadway, and sailed for Belgium, which at that time provided a safe refuge from extradition. Had he not to say before him the details of a huge swindle which they were supposed to be planning. "If Stewart is really honest," argued the detective, "he will not listen to such a proposal. But if he is the man I think he is, he will not be able to resist the bait, and will come to New York to participate in the fraud." The plan worked out precisely as Pinkerton had figured. "Stewart" not only agreed to handle some of the more difficult details of the proposed bond forging, but suggested improvements identical with those which had previously proved successful. He balked on coming east, but his "associates" finally persuaded him to do so, with the result that he was arrested the moment he stepped off the ferry at New York. In spite of the fact that the grand jury returned no less than 82 indictments against him, Sheridan escaped with a five-year sentence in Sing Sing, but he died before the expiration of his term.