BILL ARP ON THE DOG DAYS.

Answers Inquiries About the Present Season.

GIVES LESSON IN ASTRONOMY

Then Branches Off and Talks Politics and Criticises Miss Jewett, Who wats To Do So Much.

It seems to me that I had better answer some of these interesting questions through the far-reaching medium of the press. Here are three inquiries from among your readers who wish to know something difinite about these scoalled dog days. Of course, I know only what I get from books, but a vast multitude have not the books nor access to them. Whether the advent and the influence of dog days be a superstition or a fact, all that is known should be disseminated.

Pliny and Herodotus both wrote about dog days 100 years before Christ. Ancient astronomers and modern ones agree in ascribing to Sirius a very malignant influence when it arises in conjunction with the sun, for it is the brightest star in the heavens and its great heat added to the heat of the sun increases and intensifies the temperature as long as this conjunction continues. But this rising with the sun is not a fixed day. It varies from the 3rd of July to the 15th of August and hence the almanac makers take an average day and set down July 20th as the first dog day. Some date it July 24th, but these dates may miss it two or three weeks. It is gnerally believed that these dog days continue for forty days, but in fact that is an indefinite period, for the conjunction of Sirius with the sun sometimes lasts for fifty four days. The sum of the whole matter is that about time of the year we may look for very hot weather and showers almost every day, and to call it fodder pulling weather would be as good a name as any. Wether Sirius has anything to do with it or not we can only surmise, but Sirius is the dog star and gave the name. Sirius is the very brightest star in the heavens, and is in the month of a big dog—a constellation that the ancient astronomers named canis major. The ancient Egyptians mapped off the starry heavens with imaginary animals and men, such as dogs, bears, dragons, bulls Hercules, Orions, etc., and the names they gave to groups of stars have never been changed. There is a bid dog and a little dog a big bear and a little bear, a big dipper and a little dipper. Right in the tip of the tail of the little bear is a very notable star called the Polo star, or North star that navigators used to sail by and they called it Cynosoure, which in Greek means a dogtail. From this name we have the word cynosure and so when we say of a beautiful woman in an assembly that she was the cynosure of all eyes it is equivalent to saying that she was the dog tail of the concern. Just how the sailors got to calling this star the dogtail is not known, for it is really in ursa minor, the little bear's tail. The ancients gave many names to the stars to define the things in nature that they to embled. The word comet comes from cometus which means a mared tail. The word lunatic comes from luna the moon, for the ancients believed that the mind was affected by changes in the moon. Those old Egyptians were very imaginative and superstitious, but they were very learned. How they got so far ahead of the Hebrews, God's favorite people, we do not know. Their astronomy, mathematics and architecture have never been improved. The Scriptures tell us that Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. Job asks "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades or loose the bands of Orion?" Amos calls them the seven stars and mythology names them the seven sisters, but modern astronomers say there never were but six and there are only six now. Then the same Amos talks about the Dog Plead. The influence [illegible] the dog days [illegible] safe [illegible] plain [illegible] pretty [illegible] means [illegible] duck [illegible] cellis by the sea until pleasant weather comes to stay for the season. Hence the saying as the cock and cow an egg.

But I reckon this is enough about dog days. It is a relief in these troubled times to have something to write about besides the Philippines and war scandals and mobs up North and lynchings down South and Kentucky politics. There are good people everywhere who would love to live in peace with their neighbors and the rest of mankind, but some folks are possessed with a devil nowadays, just like they used to be. There is such a to exercise him out. The people feed upon excitement more than they used to do. Newspapers want sensations and politicians and preachers can be found who will feed them up. Governor Northen had hardly got the Boston fans cooled down before that Miss Jewett gets up a counter irritant and wants to raise a thousand dollars to come to Charleston and move the Baker family to Boston. Why, it won't take more than a hundred. They can be sent without her coming if they are willing to go. There's a nigger in that woodpile sure. She either wants to marry one or put $900 of that money in her pocket. Wonder if she wouldent like to come to Early county and take away a few more orphans. The way they do things down in Early suits our people generally. Suppose lynching does not stop these outrages. If a rattlesnake bites a man we kill the snake. If a tiger carries off a child to the jungle the brute is pursued and killed. These negro brutes are infinitely worse than snakes or tigers and have more sense. Suppose they are not identified according to law, no good negro is in danger and the bad ones are of no consequence. The devil gets them a little sooner, that's all. Let the North howl. They have howled before. Let Thurber issue his ipse dixit. He has made millions out of the South and I hope our people will boycott him. The impudent, impertinent, conceited swell. Such utterances of his don't jostle the wagon. The South is just rolling along as usual. The North is having their bloody strikes and rows and riots and we have a lynching for every outrage, so lets the procession proceed. The difference is that with us no good citizen, white or black is in danger, but up North everybody is in danger. Life and property at Cleveland have been wantonly destroyed and the innocent have suffered more than the guilty. What does Thurber care so he can keep his government contracts to furnish the army with canned goods? Injured! I never painted a more pitiful picture than the iniquity, the horrors and the tears of that Philippine war. It was enough to convince even him that there is obliged to be another world, a judgment to even up things. Of course, the professional military men are for war. Blood and tears are nothing with them. Victory, fame and promotion are their sole ambition, and like Satan in "Paradise Lost," they exclaim, "My voice is still for war."

We are long suffering people. Another London paper has been sent to me called The Christian. Almost all of it is good orthodox reading, but an American correspondent gives a long catalogue of our recent horrible lynchings in the South and among them is a negro man from Griffin for asking for a drink of soda water and a white girl eight years old lynched at Hampton, Ga., for no known cause. An Englishman traveled from Atlanta with one of our townsmen and said, "Why, these negurros seem to be quite happy and very well clad. I hear them laughing merrily around the depos. I had supposed they were very miserable indeed. Did you ever kill a negurro?". "No, sir, no, sir. Why do you ask me that question?" "Well, I had supposed that almost every man in the South killed one or more negurros every day or two."

Now there it is. The man was in earnest. Ida Wells and her sort made them believe those lies of this man. Thurber is backing them up the very paper that published his speech and had in big head lines, "The Inequity of Life and Property at the South," had in the next column More Troops for Cleveland," and the Catholic bishop says "Anarchy reigns. Riot prevails! Visitors fear to enter our portals. Our citizens are in danger of their lives," etc. Thurber can't see that. Never mind, we will give them Early county now for chewing gum.—Bill Arp in Atlanta Constitution.

THE PRINCE AND THE SINGER.

How "the Student Prince" and Jenny Lind Sang Together.

On a occasion when the prince was returning with a few personal friends from a trouble near Rolandseck, says Macmillan's Magazine, some one suggested a stopper at the local inn. "All right," said the prince, "so long as you drop his royal highness and remember that my name is Fritz." On entering the inn the strains of a voice of a clear hold the young men in thrall. Time had pressed not to know the singer's name. Once more the liquid notes thrilled into the night. The student Fritz arose from his seat. "It is Jenny Lind," he cried, "it can only be Jenny Lind." He dashed into the adjoining room. It was Jenny Lind. The great concourse felt that it ought to be angry at the intrusion, but it is difficult to be angry on a summer night at Rolandseck. The end of it was that she found herself at the piano singing national songs in a [illegible] London and Paris [illegible] audiences. "It fell in a moment like the lightning of a Gaelic [illegible] and the spell [illegible] Rolle. I could sing the song of Bincher's Hut, [illegible] and Jenny Lind. I [illegible] all German and [illegible] Fritz [illegible] nothing back, all the [illegible] of [illegible] Prince Fritz [illegible] seated himself at the piano to reach the greatest singer of her time the song to the music of which he was to lead his troops to victory at Wetzenburg and Worth. She was not long learning it. "Like the roll of an organ and the clash of bells" rang the chorus of the magnificent voice ran out over the whispering river. Which her new friends were taking their leave Jenny Lind asked her teacher to tell her his name. At that moment the door was thrown open and a tall white haired figure entered the room. "Ernst Moritz Arndt," whispered the students in reverential welcome. "Yes," Ernst Moritz Arndt," he in wonder "and if you fair singer ask for my name, I will answer you in [illegible] he called his royal highness Prince Frederick William of Prussia."

Women Blacksmiths.

There is a blacksmith shop in South Africa run by women. The place is near King William's Town, Cape Colony, and the women are the Sisters of St. Dominic. The Sisters, in their desire to preach the Gospel in new lands, emigrated to South Africa and established a settlement in Cape Colony. Finding laborers scarce, they were obliged to put their hands to the plough and do many other kinds of labor which they had not bargained for.

They sent to Cape Town for a smithy's supply, secured a blacksmith for a tutor, and have learned to do their own work. They surprise visitors by ploughing, pruning and grafting.

GOOD ROADS NOTES.

A Safe Prescription.

Where roads are bad,
A little gravel
Well used will add
To joys of travel.

Roads, Water, Tires, Ruts and Mud.

The proposed automobile race between an American and a French machine has brought the attention of the public to the wretched condition of American roads. The French automobile has shown an average speed of thirty miles an hour for a long distance, while the best the American machine has been capable of is a little over sixteen miles. The difference is ascribed solely to the bad roads over which the American machine was compelled to travel. Referring to this, Chairman Otto Dorner, of the L. A. W. Highway Improvement Committee, speaks of one of the causes for the miserable highways. He says:

"Next to water, the greatest enemy of good roads—yes, of all roads—is the narrow-tired wagon. Narrow tires and water, acting together, have given our country roads a third dimension. They are not only so many miles long and so many rods wide, but they are deep—so deep, alas, at times that travel over, or rather, through them, is next to impossible.

"A heavily loaded wagon always leaves its tracks on the highway, and the depth of these tracks depends upon the material of which the road is built, the weight of the load and the width of the tires. The rut formed by the passing wagon forms a trough for the rain, which, instead of running off to the side, as it should do, remains to sink into the roadway and soften it. The next wagon, finding the ground softer, digs its wheels deeper into the surface, and so the work of demoralization and destruction continues.

"A wide tire, on the other hand, instead of forming a rut, will roll and harden the road surface. By the use of wide tires, every loaded wagon can be turned into an effective road roller and made to improve the roadway instead of helping to destroy it. All that is necessary to make the best road in the world is to make it solid and to give it a hard, smooth surface. Nothing so much needs to accomplish this as the frequent use of road rollers. Wide tires are road rollers, and therefore road makers. Narrow tires are road destroyers. If wide tires could be adopted for general use, every loaded wagon, which to-day helps to cut up and destroy country roads, would become an active factor in their improvement.

"Experience has repeatedly proven that hauling on wide tires requires less tractive force than is needed for the narrow-tired wagon under the same conditions. Director Waters, of the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station, who has made very extensive tests on the subject, characterized especially by their scientific accuracy, declares that six inches is the best width of tire for a combination farm and road wagon and that a large number of tests show, without a single exception, a difference in draft in favor of the broad tires ranging all the way from seventeen to 100 per cent.

"The principle of wide tires is so generally acknowledged in Europe that laws have been passed in each country prescribing their use. Austria requires tires of at least 4½ inches width, increasing as the load to be carried exceeds 3½ tons. In France all freighting and market wagons are turned into road rollers by being required to have tires from three to ten inches wide. Germany requires four-inch tires for all wagons used for heavy loads, and Switzerland requires that they shall be provided with tires of six inches. These regulations have been adopted for the protection of the high-class European roads built during the present century.

"Now that the adoption of State aid has solved the financial problem connected with road improvement in the United States, care should be taken that the roads we build are not destroyed by narrow tires. Country districts receiving financial aid for road purposes out of the State Treasury should do all in their power to encourage the use of wide tires. This has been accomplished in some places by exempting all wide-tired vehicles from taxation."

Decay Along the Dirt Roads.

The Doylestown (Penn.) Intelligencer states that the New Jersey farmers are enthusiastic over their improved highways. Facts show that the suburban localities having hard roads in the greatest number secure by far the largest number of home builders and a noticeable increase in valuations. Where stone roads exist farm are selling high and renting quickly; on the old dirt roads they are fast falling into decay. All the towns that have bereefited by road improvement are applying for more miles of good highways.

Good Roads in Connecticut.

The Connecticut Senate passed unanimously the House bill appropriating $175,000 for good road purposes and increasing the salary of the Highway Commissioners to $3000. The bill provides also for proper inspection of roads. After the State has once built a road it must keep it in good repair. One Senator regretted that more money could not be devoted to the purpose and another was in favor of a grand boulevard from New York to Springfield that would be a source of pride and convenience.

The Anti-Rut Agitation.

Roads are good subjects for criticism.

In good weather prepare the highways to withstand bad weather.

Narrow tires and mud roads should speedily be sent, hand in hand, as it were, "glimmering through the dream of things that were."

New Jersey is said to be building more roads and better roads than any other State in the Union. It is time for other States to be at work.

The packers at some of the potteries of East Liverpool, Penn., have had to stop work because the roads in the vicinity are so bad the farmers are unable to bring any straw for the packing of the pottery. It is probable straw will be shipped in by rail from towns possessing sufficient enterprise to maintain a system of passable highways.

LIKE THE PROVERBIAL CAT.

How the Professor's Desk Came Back at His Own Expense.

The young lawyer has good taste in antiques, and has done much browsing about in search of them. He knows the places in Worcester and the neighboring towns where those who like old furniture and have the money to pay for it may find what will delight their souls. So it was no more than natural when the professor sold his desk which was of ancient design but of doubtful age, and began looking for something better, that he should consult the young lawyer. The man of law was delightfully sympathetic. "I saw just what you want the other day," he said, "but I'm afraid it's gone now. I'll keep my eye out for the next few days." "Well, if you see anything really good," said the professor, "buy it and hold it for me. It is not safe to let a bargain go too long. Only let me know as soon as you can, so that I won't be buying one, too. It would be a great favor." "Not at all," said the lawyer. "It's a pleasure to buy a good thing, even if you are not to keep it yourself." In a day or two the professor received a joyful note. The young lawyer's mother had found just what the professor wanted, a beauty, one of those rare old bits that they cannot counterfeit, and such a bargain, only $10. The professor was charmed. He immediately sent his check to the young lawyer with an enthusiastic note of thanks and a request to send up the desk. He was in the hall when it arrived. He tore off the sacking and inspected his prize. It was his old desk that he had sold a few days before for $8.50.—Worcester Gazette.

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Why One Woman's Face Wore a Look of Scorn.

It was an impromptu little gathering of women, and before they had been seated long together the conversation turned to the subject of expansion, says the Detroit Free Press. Women do not vote, but they discuss politics just the same. The general verdict seemed to go against the taking of the Philippines. "It seems too bad," said one, "that so many of our young men have to be sacrificed just for the sake of adding a little more to our possessions." "Yes, but think what a fine thing it will be for posterity!" exclaimed the only enthusiastic expansionist in the group. There was a note of coldness in the thought that chilled the little group. The woman's eyes flashed, and her head bent haughtily back as though braced up by the pride of exceptional patriotism. But her eyes soon lowered, and a deep crimson flush spread over her face. No one said a word, but the beautiful pale face of another woman looked scornfully at her. She had lost her only son—"for posterity's sake."

"Such a Happy Remark."

Wife of Patient—"I'm so sorry, doctor, to bring you all the way to Hampstead to see my husband!" Doctor (from Mayfair)—"Pray don't mention it, my dear madam. I have another patient in this neighborhood, so I'm killing two birds with one stone."—London Punch.

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Curious Bird Habits.

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Fate.

"You are the third man, Mr. Harkalong," said the young woman, musingly, "who has asked me to marry him." "And if you marry me, Miss Garlinghorn," replied the well-preserved widower, "you will be my third wife! All great events go in threes!" The combination was too strong for her, and she yielded.—Chicago Tribune.

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