

A PARTY LINE.

The Pleasures Enjoyed By Patrons of Party Line Telephone Service.

Mr. Editor:
How many of your subscribers I wonder, enjoy being on a "party line," one of the rare joys and conveniences granted country people who own telephones. The day starts like this: Some one at the breakfast table says, "I wonder if I can get Central? I want to make an appointment with Dr. Dick; my tooth is aching." An optimistic member says: "Why, yes; I got her easily last week, I'll try." Then away he goes—ting-er-ling-ling-ling. "Hello, Central." "Hello, who's that? Oh, is that you Mr. Jones? How are you? I was ringing Central, won't you ring for me? Thanks." Then away goes Mr. Jones? Oh, it's Mr. Brown; have you got Central lately? You can? Well, please." (then the bell) "Much obliged Mr. Brown, how are you? Who's that? Hello, Central! Oh, you trying to get her too? Let's both ring. (Here two women begin across the line.) Hello, Belle, how's Susie's ear this morning?" What, no child; I had a time last night; Tommie had colic.

(Optimistic member says to the transmitter: "Devil take 'em.")
Then a shrill voice, "How disgusting these people on this line are anyhow. So rude."
Then optimistic member tries frantically for Mr. Myers; and if that kindly gentleman is at home he will cheerfully ring Central and most wonderful of all get her, to have her say. "The line is busy now, you can't get Dr. Dick."

How much we should enjoy and appreciate these great blessings. So convenient. So civilized. Mail which may be delivered if the weather permits and a telephone which enables us to hear of Susie's and Tommie's condition. If the tooth grows worse and the "O. M." tries for one of our good doctors everybody on the line says to him or herself: "Now, somebody is sick; I wonder who it is. Then click, click, click, down the line go the receivers; and next day at church each kindly neighbor greets the other with the news that "Mrs. M. had a frightful tooth ache yesterday," only to be met with the disappointing answer: "So I heard."

A Badly Burned Girl.

*or boy, man or woman, is quickly out of pain if Bucklen's Arnica Salve is applied promptly. G. J. Welch, of Tekonsha, Mich., says: "I use it in my family for cuts, sores and all skin injuries, and find it perfect." Quickest pile cure known. Best healing salve made. 25c by all druggists.

The Newspapers.

There seems to be a feeling with a certain class of business men that a newspaper man has no right to make money. Why not? It is the most exacting business in the world, the most trying in every way. It means long hours and the greatest care in its conduct. The newspaper has the entire public to deal with. It is criticized on every hand. It has to deal with all cranks in a community and to do this successfully requires judgment and patience. It has power and that power, to the credit of journalism, is nearly always wielded for the public good. No question of vital concern to the people fails to find a strong support from the paper; and this, too, without remuneration. The publisher spends his money to further these projects and the community never gives a thought to the matter of cost to him. It is not paid out of the public pocket. The newspaper wants every concern to prosper. Why should not this good will be mutual? To make a profit a newspaper must have living rates for both subscription and advertising space.

Blood Poisoning

*Results from chronic constipation which is quickly cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. They remove all poisonous germs from the system and infuse new life and vigor; cure sour stomach, nausea, headache, dizziness and colic, without griping or discomfort. 25c. Guaranteed by all druggists.

*Keep the bowels open when you have a cold and use a good remedy to allay the inflammation of the mucous membranes. The best is Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar. It contains no opiates, moves the bowels, drives out the cold. Is reliable and tastes good. Sold by all druggists.

Wounds, Bruises and Burns.

*By applying an antiseptic dressing to wounds, bruises, burns and like injuries before inflammation sets in, they may be healed without maturation and in about one-third the time required by the old treatment. This is the greatest discovery and triumph of modern surgery. Chamberlain's Pain Balm acts on this same principle. It is an antiseptic and when applied to such injuries, causes them to heal very rapidly. It also allays the pain and soreness and prevents any danger of blood poisoning. Keep a bottle of Pain Balm in your home and it will save you time and money, not to mention the inconvenience and suffering such injuries entail. For sale by all druggists.

TOO MANY NEGROES NOW

John Sharp Williams States His Objections to Annexation of Cuba

Hon. John Sharpe Williams of Mississippi, Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, at the request of the New York Times, made the following statement of his views on the annexation of Cuba:

You ask me if we would, under present circumstances be justified in interfering in Cuba. No, I think not. We might be justified in mediating between the two factions there and in bringing order out of chaos by that mediation, and then we ought to get out of Cuba.

In answer to your second question, whether I regard "the annexation of Cuba by the United States as immediately likely," I reply that I am afraid it is. I am afraid, though I may be mistaken, that the president or some of his advisers are "itching" to get into Cuba and to stay there.

In reply to the question whether I regard "such annexation favorably or not," I reply that, if the people of Cuba, of their own free will, at a fair and free election, were to express a desire to become part of the domain of the United States, I would not so seriously object to it, because while I see many—with me—prevailing objections to it, I can also see many plausible reasons—geographical, naval and commercial—in favor of it. I do not think that any densely populated country ought to be annexed to the United States against the wishes of the inhabitants of the country. I believe in a republic of free, equal, and willing citizens, and not of unwilling subjects. The main objection to my mind, to the annexation of Cuba would be that we would be adding to the heterogeneity of our population. We have enough people of the negro race in the United States now. We do not want under our flag any population which we neither can nor will assimilate. The white man will never admit the negro as his equal, (where the two races are thrown together in any considerable numbers) either politically or socially, and in behalf of the preservation of rare integrity and of the dearly bought gains of his civilization he ought not to. It follows from this that it ought to be his object, as far as possible, to avoid any unnecessary annexation of colored peoples. Not only that, but he ought to discourage by law and otherwise as far as he can their coming into the United States, even of their own accord.

You ask me if I "regard the annexation of Cuba as an ultimate probability," I reply that I am afraid it is.—New York Times.

A FORM OF TAX DODGING.

Some People Make False Record of Purchase Price.

Columbia, Oct. 3.—The attention of Comptroller General Jones has been directed to the fact that many people who have been dealing in real estate as an investment or otherwise have been falsely entering the purchase price in the deed as a means of escaping taxation on a lawful percent basis. Now this is a form of tax dodging, and as such is specially provided for in a very clear and particularly severe statute passed in 1902.

A case of this kind came up in Columbia recently in which the purchaser was cautious enough to get legal advice before making an entry of this kind. He was advised that it would not be either right or safe to make the entry for anything less than the price paid. Of course, the law allows deeds to be made out "for one dollar and love and affection," but this is another matter.

Any deed in which the purchase price of the property is falsely entered with a view to dodging taxes may be upset by proceedings in the court. In fact, the act specifically declares all such deeds null and void.

Following is a copy of the act in question:

"Section 1.—That all contracts that are entered into to evade payment of taxes or in fraud of the tax laws of this state, be and they are hereby declared against public policy.

Sec. 2.—That no court in this state shall lend its aid in enforcement of such contract whether the same has been heretofore entered into or may hereafter be entered into.

Sec. 3.—That the courts of this state shall not lend their aid to enforce any contract entered into as a substitute for, or having as its consideration a previous contract of the nature or class of contracts hereinbefore declared against public policy.

An Awful Cough Cured.

"Two years ago our little girl had a touch of pneumonia, which left her with an awful cough. She had spells of coughing, just like one with the whooping cough and some thought she would not get well at all. We got a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which acted like a charm. She stopped coughing and got stout and fat," writes Mrs. Ora Bussard, Brubaker, Ill. This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

TILLMAN'S EARNINGS

In Lecture Field Amounted to \$25,000 for This Season

The New York Sun in its Sunday issue has an interesting article on "New Use for Our Statesmen" in which the great demand for them as lecturers in Chautauqua field is pointed out. There is "great money" in it if a statesman happens to be in demand, judging from the estimate that Senator Tillman has taken in \$25,000 this season.

As to him the writer says: Some men have made snug fortunes from their work in the Chautauqua field. More public men are going into the work every year. Most of them admit that they like it.

The Chautauqua season is rapidly drawing to a close, and it has been the most prosperous of any yet held. Senator Tillman has been the great drawing card.

He has made more money out of it than any other Chautauqua attraction. He had a fairly good reputation before the season began, but the railroad rate bill in congress last winter brought him into such notoriety that every farmer in the land wanted to get a look at him and all of them were willing to pay the admission fee.

Tillman saw the humor in the whole thing, but at the same time he did not overlook the money. He told a South Carolina political audience that he made the Yankees pay him for the privilege of hearing him call them a lot of hypocrites on the negro question.

Mr. Tillman could not begin to fill the engagements offered to him this season. Three lecture bureaus competed for his time and his price was \$250 a lecture.

For a few special engagements he received a higher price. At one place in Iowa he received \$500. At another in Illinois he received \$300. His season was probably worth \$25,000 to him.

Next to Mr. Tillman, Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin was the greatest attraction. Tillman lectured on the race question purely from the Southern point of view. Senator LaFollette discussed the railroads and defended his course in the senate on rate legislation. For all of this the farmers gladly paid.

THE FALL ARMY WORM

Information About a Pest That Now Commands Attention.

The following from Franklin Sherman, Jr., entomologist of the North Carolina department of agriculture, is published in the current issue of the Progressive Farmer:

If the reader receives and keeps the monthly Bulletin of the North Carolina department of agriculture, he can find a discussion of this pest on pages 38 and 39 of the issue of May, 1905, where it is discussed as a corn pest, though it also attacks many other plants.

These caterpillars are striped in appearance, a black stripe extending along each side of the body. When full grown they are from an inch to an inch and a half long. They are not usually serious pests, but in seasons when weather and the other conditions are just right, they suddenly appear in great numbers, devouring various grains, grasses, cow-peas, clover, alfalfa, sweet potatoes and garden crops. Almost every complaint this season mentions them as attacking crab grass. Mr. Benbow of Guilford county, says they are swarming on his alfalfa, and they have been likewise destructive to alfalfa on the Experiment Station Farm here at Raleigh. Alfalfa is too valuable a plant to lose in this way.

After the worms have become noticeable, it takes them only a week or so to get full grown when they burrow in the earth, change to brown chrysalids or pupae, and from these come out plain, innocent looking grayish moths in another week or ten days. The last brood is thought to pass the winter in the pupae state underground. When they thus suddenly disappear, the farmer often thinks that they have died out, when in reality they are only transforming to the adult moth which will lay eggs for another brood.

If you have a sprayer it is a simple matter to protect most of the garden vegetables by the use of Paris green in water, but the remedy is not to be thought of for fields of alfalfa or crab-grass. But, did you ever think how it would be to run a heavy roller right over the field? Seems to me that it would literally crush the life out of them and it won't hurt the crop either, provided it is not too rank and tall. It is not likely that we will have another destructive brood of this pest this fall, but if we do, use the roller. If you want more detailed information, write to me for it. I want to hear from every person who was troubled by this pest this season.

*A cold is much more easily cured when the bowels are open. Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar opens the bowels and drives the cold out of the system in young or old. Sold by all druggists.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

England's national debt originated in the reign of William III., whose first loan was obtained in 1694.

Benares, the sacred city of India, is visited annually by nearly 2,000,000 pilgrims.

Of the 46,216 employes in the postal and telegraph service of London, 7,557 are women.

Ice melts at 32 degrees, wax at 149 degrees, lead at 626 degrees, and platinum and 3,632 degrees.

The biggest farms in the world are in South Australia, where the average squatter holds 78,000 acres.

It is stated that more than 10,000 children between ten and sixteen years old are working in Maryland factories.

A white diamond, weighing 149 1/2 karats, has been found by a digger at Karreepan, near Kimberley, who sold it for \$14,465.

The river Orinoco has more tributaries than any other river. The total number is put at 2,500, including 436 large streams.

The oldest royal house in Europe is that of Mecklenburg. It traces its descent from Genseric, who sacked Rome in A. D. 455.

Thomas F. Anderson, a Boston newspaper man for twenty years, has been appointed by Mayor Fitzgerald, of that city, head of the newly established publicity bureau.

When a traveler in China desires a passport the palm of his hand is covered with fine oil paint and an impression is taken on thin paper. This paper, officially signed, constitutes his passport.

Senator Warner, of Missouri, who wears a 7-3-4 hat, recently tried in vain in Washington, New York, Cleveland and St. Louis to get a fit; but the first effort in Kansas City was a success.

Frederick Hess, publisher of the "German Demokrat," of San Francisco, has celebrated a half century as an editor. He is said to be the oldest newspaper proprietor in the United States.

King Edward disburses a good deal of money in tips every year. Each visit to one of his subjects costs him from \$1,000 to \$3,000. On the occasion of his recent visit to the Kaiser he gave away nearly \$10,000 in this way.

It is reported that more than 100 Jewish families move into Jerusalem every week. Though most of them are very poor, yet they find means to make a scanty living. Jerusalem is rapidly becoming once more a Jewish city.

Large sardine canneries have been started at Nagasaki, Japan, with a view to exporting the fish to Europe. The flavor, however, is not good, and the prices are too high as yet to compete with the Mediterranean product.

In his Presidential address at the annual meeting of the Library Association at Bradford, England, Sir W. H. Bailey said that novel reading is a silent, restful recreation and one of the best methods of triumphing over life's misfortunes.

Portland, Ore., is said to be the largest lumber port in the world. At one time recently vessels for foreign ports were loading there, or under charter to an aggregate capacity of 20,000,000 feet, and for home ports of 5,000,000 feet more.

A statistical paper on India shows that in 1904 there were killed in that country by snakes and wild beasts 24,034 persons—21,880 by snake bites, 796 by tigers, 399 by leopards, and the rest by other animals. The number of cattle killed was 98,582.

The streets of Nottingham, England, are sprinkled with water in which chloride of calcium has been dissolved, and are, therefore, dustless. One dressing every three or four weeks is enough to keep them so, even in the hottest weather. The cost is very small.

A tree that is a freak of nature is the Asiatic star tree. It grows sixty to eighty feet tall, and for a height of about forty feet the trunk is wholly bare. From that point there spring a number of tangled limbs, and these, grouped together, emit a phosphorescent light.

The Board of Education of Philadelphia has decided to divide the city into five sections, and to establish a high school in each. Although Philadelphia is the third largest city in the United States in point of circulation, it is the twenty-third in number of high school students.

It is calculated that society women at Newport and other fashionable resorts in the East were robbed of over \$300,000 worth of jewels in the season just coming to an end. Very few of them have been like Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, fortunate enough to recover their property.

Torments of Tetter and Eczema Allayed.

*The intense itching characteristic of eczema, tetter and like skin diseases is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve and many severe cases have been permanently cured by its use. For sale by all druggists.

The enrollment at the South Carolina College is 325, the highest for this time in the history of the institution. All available dormitory room has been taken up and the management is pressed for class-room accommodations.

Danger From Plague.

*There's grave danger from the plague of Coughs and Colds that are so prevalent, unless you take Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, Coughs and Colds. Mrs. Geo. Falls, of Forest City, Me., writes: "It's a Godsend to people living in climates where coughs and colds prevail. I find it quickly ends them. It prevents pneumonia, cures LaGrippe, gives wonderful relief in Asthma and Hay Fever, and makes weak lungs strong enough to ward off Consumption, Coughs and Colds. 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by all druggists."

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