

**WORD BLINDNESS.**

**A Curious Occasional Broken Function Of The Mind.**  
(From the Scientific American.)

It is scarcely open to question that all education should be individual, but unfortunately this requirement cannot be met in our crowded schools. The state is compelled to require a definite amount of knowledge from all engaged in the same course. The difficulties to which this may give rise are illustrated by the following stories of pupils who, despite earnest endeavor, could never learn to write correctly or to read fluently, or to pass the examinations provided for the lowest classes, although some of them are able to accomplish important scientific work.

A perfectly healthy 15-year-old girl, one of the best pupils of the highest class of a German school, could not spell correctly either German or foreign words, either from dictation or from memory. She could write single characters perfectly she could also read a single series of musical notes and play the violin by note but she could not read piano music. The difficulty was that she was unable to impress the picture of the word in her memory. By the employment of a great number of aids to memory she succeeded in making much progress, but she continued to make the most incredible errors in writing, which sharply contrasted with the general excellence of her work at school. She could not read fluently because the image of the word was not present to her memory. The girl's grandmother, a highly educated woman, her great-uncle and a son of the latter exhibited the same defects. Each of the men wrote a number of scientific works, but the spelling had to be corrected by others.

In this case, therefore, this same defect, which the English call "word blindness," appeared in four members of one family. As we know that the brain contains a special center for the memory of words, we must conclude that the entire absence of this elementary faculty in persons otherwise of good mental equipment must be caused by a defect in this small part of the brain. As such persons cannot satisfy the requirements exacted in the lowest classes. They are in danger of never reaching the higher ones. In London one case of word blindness was found among each 1,000 school children. With proper appreciation of the conditions, it should be possible to carry on the education of such a child if otherwise intelligent. This, however, cannot be done by the school; it must be accomplished by the parents, or by benevolent societies.

**The Senator Confesses.**

(From Lippincott's.)

As every lawyer knows, Senator Daniel is the author of a comprehensive treatise on negotiable instruments, which is generally considered to be the leading authority on the subject. A friend one day inquired how it was that in the midst of his arduous political duties, which must have demanded his constant attention, he found the time to write two such exhaustive volumes.

"Well," replied the Senator, "it happened this way: A young fellow I knew came up to me one day and said, 'Say Mr. Daniel, does a sight draft bear interest?' And—would you believe it?—I couldn't answer that simple question. So I determined then and there to find out all about it. It took me a long time, but I did it."

"Well, Senator," observed the friend after a short pause, "does a sight draft bear interest?" There was a moment's silence. "Hanged if I know!" was the abrupt reply.

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South Carolina can never be considered civilized until the law of distress for rent and that under which young Ben Tillman deeded his two children away from their good mother are abolished.—Spartanburg Journal.

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**SALARY FOR MASTER.**

**Text of Bill Introduced in House By Mr. Fraser To Fix Salary of Master at \$1,500.**

A Bill To Fix the Compensation of the Master of Sumter County:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Section 1. That the Master of Sumter County shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, in lieu of the costs and fees now allowed by the law, to be paid as the salaries of other county officers.

Section 2. That the said Master shall continue to collect the costs, commissions and fees as now provided by law and pay the same to the County Treasurer of the County on the first day of each month. Provided, that in case the fees, costs and commissions so paid to the County Treasurer shall exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the year ending the thirty-first day of December of each year, such excess shall be divided equally between the Master and the County.

Section 3. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

**MAY CHANGE FERTILIZER ACT.**

**Notice of Hearing on Proposed Amendment Given.**

Columbia, Feb. 2.—Senator Laney, of Chesterfield, stated this evening that he wished to give notice of a proposed amendment to the fertilizer Act of 1909, so that those interested may appear Friday. The amendment is as follows:

"Provided, further, that if any of the ingredients or fertilizer material or cotton seed meal sold in this State falls short of the guaranteed analysis appearing on the sack tag or vessel holding the same as follows:

"In available phosphoric acid more than twenty-five points which shall mean one-fourth of one unit, on goods guaranteed over ten per cent of available phosphoric acid.

"In ammonia on goods more than twenty-five points which shall mean one-fourth of one unit, on goods guaranteed up to 4 per cent; and more than thirty points, which shall mean three-tenths of one unit on goods guaranteed over 4 per cent, in ammonia.

"In potash more than 25 points, which shall mean one-fourth of one unit, on goods guaranteed up to 4 per cent, and more than 20 points, which shall mean three-tenths of one unit on goods guaranteed over four per cent in potash.

That the manufacturer or seller shall be liable to the purchaser for one-fifth of the selling value of the entire lot or shipment to be deducted from the buyer's indebtedness, and if the buyer has paid for said goods then the buyer can collect the same from the manufacturer or seller by due process of law.

The amendment reduces the margin for mixture of fertilizers and changes the penalty for violation. The amendment is printed in advance so that all interests may be informed, and appear before the agricultural committee Friday afternoon.

**THE MISSISSIPPI DEADLOCK.**

One of Anti-Vardaman Candidates Withdraws and He Received 78 Out of 174 Votes.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 4.—Following the withdrawal of C. H. Alexander, one of the principal anti-Vardaman candidates, the legislative caucus came within ten votes of selecting a successor to the late Senator McLaurin today. Vardaman received 78 votes out of a total of 174.

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The Insurgents seem to have given up the war dance for the party coalition.—Washington Post.

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**STOCK PRICES DOWN.**

**Aggressive Operations Had Violent Effects.**

New York, Feb. 3.—The onslaughts of an aggressive bear party, together with gathering distrust of the industrial, business and political outlook, brought about violent declines on the New York stock exchange today with United States Steel heading the down-ward movement. In all sales totaled 1,872,000 shares with a fourth of this aggregate in steel shares, which early in the afternoon broke to 78, the lowest level reached since September last. The price today represented a break of 30 points from yesterday of 13 1-4 of January 3, when the high record of this year was touched, and 17 1-8 from the price of October 2.

Chief interest centered in the decline of steel, but there was violent liquidation of nearly every stock in the list, carrying prices downward from 6 to 8 points, with sensational breaks between sales.

Because of the nervousness of the market, brokers called on their clients to remain within call ready to put up additional margins if necessary and many whose accounts were on the "ragged edge" closed out, taking their loss rather than risk further declines.

The net price changes do not register the full effect on prices, owing to the effective rally which occurred in the closing hour, when the bears bought freely to garner the day's handsome profits on the short side. At the low point, which came early in the final hour, declines ran all the way to 8 points.

The violence of the movement and the volume of the market, following so prolonged and extensive a decline as has occurred, caused the day to be regarded as a probable culmination of the decline with a reversal likely to follow.

The declines were violent, running to between 1 and 4 in all of the active stocks, United States Steel seemed to be the pivot of the market and when it fell to 78 during the noon hour, the whole market took on an appearance of demoralization. At that time some of the notable losses were: Vulcan preferred 7 3-8; Allis-Chalmers and Wells-Fargo 7; American Smelting 6 5-8; United States Rubber, Metropolitan Street railway 5; American Hide and Leather, American Car, American Cotton Oil, American Locomotive and Utah Copper 4 3-4; Federal Mining and Wabash preferred 4 1-4; Chesapeake & Ohio, Denver & Rio Grande, Reading second preferred and Bethlehem steel preferred 4.

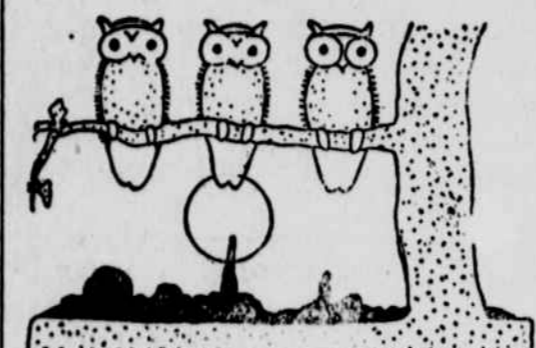
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Sure, Mr. Taft! A factional fight for the purpose of keeping Mr. Cannon on the rules committee is a mighty good one not to get mixed up in while the present state of public sentiment exists.—Indianapolis News.

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**STOCK EXCHANGE FIRM FAILS.**

**Fisk & Robinson Forced to the Wall.**

New York, Feb. 2.—Fisk & Robinson, bond dealers and members of the New York Stock Exchange, failed for a million dollars today. An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed by creditors in the United States District Court late this afternoon, and Erinson Winthrop was appointed receiver with a bond of \$10,000. Shrinkage in the value of railroad bonds held by the firm caused the failure.

An honest man does not make himself a dog for the sake of a bone.—Danish.

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OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR SUMTER CO., SUMTER, S. C., Dec. 3, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that I will attend, in person or by deputy, at the following places on the days indicated, respectively, for the purpose of receiving returns of real estate, personal property, and poll taxes for the fiscal year commencing January 1st, 1910.

- Tindalls, Tuesday, Jan. 4th.
- Privateer, (Jenkins' store,) Wednesday, Jan. 5th.
- Manchester, Levi's, Thursday, Jan. 6th.
- Wedgfield, Friday, Jan. 7th.
- Claremont Depot, Monday, Jan. 10th.
- Hagood, Tuesday, Jan. 11th.
- Remberts, Wednesday, Jan. 12th.
- Dalsell, Thursday, Jan. 13th.
- W. T. Brogdon's Store, Friday, Jan. 14th.
- Mayesville, Tuesday, Jan. 18th.
- Shiloh, Wednesday, Jan. 19th.
- Norwood's X Roads, Thursday, Jan. 20th.
- Oswego, Friday, Jan. 21st.

All persons whose duty it is to make returns should be prompt to meet me at these appointments. All returns must be made before Feb. 26th, 1910.

J. DIGGS WILDER,  
Auditor for Sumter Co.

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