THE PRIMARY LAWS

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE HEAR AR-QUMENT PRO AND CON.

ONE BILL IS RECOMMENDED

A Measure From Reagan of Douglas for Setting Aside the Daylight Saloon Law.

The house committee on privileges and elections heard arguments on the open and closed primary system and one bill was recommended for passage. The bill to be reported for passage is a minor measure by Skeen of Nemaha, providing that polls in country districts shall remain open to 9 o'clock to give farmers a chance to come in late and vote.

The speeches made to the committee were by the author of two of the bilis and P. L. Hall and John M. Devine, interested democrats. Mr. Devine spoke of the wide-open primary, urging it as a fair and wise measure. Evans of Adams, who has the closed primary bill, spoke at length for his own measure.

"A party cannot maintain its party Integrity if outsiders are allowed to come in and choose a candidate for it," said he.

"There have been frequent situations where the members of one party, having no need to vote in their own primaries, because there was no contest, could go into the other party's primary and vote to nominate the weakest man. They could not be accused of anything wrong from their standpoint because they believed that by ruining the chances of the other party and alding their own man, they were belping the state. But such things are absolutely against the principle of party government,"

Setting Aside Daylight Law.

For the purpose of setting aside the daylight saloon law in all cities over 5,000 inhabitants, Reagan, of Douglas county, introduced S. F. 287. The bill provides that in all cities having over 5,000 inhabitants the licensing authorities may extend the closing hour beyond 8 o'clock, not to failing to supply water for their exceed the hour of midnight, when needs and that the land will not be petitioned by over 50 per cent of the voters of the city. The bill would apply to all the "third" cities in the state and to Lincoln, South Omaha and Omaha, but would not apply to any other towns or villages. In many of the places it would apply to it is not believed a petition of over 50 per cent of the voters could be obtained. The bill does not call for an election nor does it go into details as to how the names of voters shall be obtained or presented to the licensing boards.

Stock Yards Bill.

The Ollis stock yards bill was reported to the house, the principal ance agents to get a license to do amendments made in committee following: The imprisonment penalty the companies are better qualified to violation of the act is omitted. For the first violation a fine up to \$500 may be imposed and up to \$1,000 for the second violation. Stock must be unloaded within an hour and a half after reaching the vards or the yardage will be forfeited. For every hour that stock is delayed beyond this time the stock yards company shall, within 24 hours pay the shipper a penalty of \$5 per car. If the claim is contested reasonable attorney's fees must be allowed the shipper.

Salaries of Superintendents.

After debate the senate recommended the Tibbetts bill, increasing the salaries of county superintendents, for third reading. Two amendments tary of state is directed specifically were made.

Thanks of Bassett.

Representative S. C. Bassett tendered his thanks publicly to his fellow members for the vote of confidence they gave him last Monday. "For this public expression of your confidence," he said, "I am more grateful than words can express. Always a man has need of the heip of his friends, but occasionally there is pressing need and, such a crists having come in my life, you came to my support with a zeal, a loyalty, a unanimity which I can never repay.

For Statewide Prohibition.

Statewide prohibition is contemplated in a bill introduced by Representative Galt of Clay. The bill prohibits all dealing in intoxicating liquors of all kinds, exempting the home manufacture of wine and cider and the making of wine for sacramental purposes.

Clings to Capital Punishment. Two bills abolishing capital punishment were killed in the house af- ing for a \$50,000 appropriation for ter a spirited debate.

For Governor's Signature.

The joint committee on engrossed an enrolled bills reported that house rolls No. 111, 70, 59, 3 and 26 had been presented to Governor Aldrich for his signature.

Attorneys Salary Bill. In committee of the whole the house killed the county attorneys' salary increase bill and also the assessor per schedule bill. The bill exempting wages of heads of families up to \$500 was recommended for pas-SBEC.

The Omaha Investigation. The joint committee appointed to look into registration frauds in Omaha concluded their labors and will

make a report some time this week. Insurance Reserve Funds.

Kotouc's bill, introduced at recommendation of State Auditor Barton, to require insurance companies to deposit with the state the securities for reserve funds, was put on general file. The measure has been much opposed by state insurance organizaPASSED IN THE SEATE.

Initiative and Referendum Gets Unan-

Without a dissenting vote the initiative and referendum bill, E. F. No. 1, introduced by Skiles of Butler, was passed by the senate and has now gone to the house for the approval of that branch of the legislature. Every one of the twenty-six senators present voted for the measure. Six members of the senate, Albert of Platte, Hoagland of Lincoln, Kemp of Dawes and Tibbets of Adams were absent on committee work in Omaha. Placek of Saunders county was the

seventh senator absent. The bill as amended in the senate The same provisions in the bill as to the initiative and referendum applies to the constitution and to laws. Straight party votes are not to be counted for or against propositions submitted under the votes cast at an election is all that is necessary to carry a proposition submitted under the bill, provided a proposition receives 35 per cent of the total vote cast at the election.

While no senator voted against the bill, Jansen of Gage and Varner of Johnson, said the measure did not meet their approval. Mr. Jansen said: While this measure does not meet with my full approval, opening in my opinion, the floodgates for obnoxious and unnecessary law-making, still obeying the demand of my constituents and the platform of the grand

old republican party, I vote aye. Mr. Varner said that, while the bill has been much improved by the last amendment by its author, he was still opposed to some of the provisions of the bill and believed that its enactment as a part of the constitution, in its present form, will prove of greater burden than benefit to the great masses of the people of the state.

More Time for Homesteaders.

Hoagland of Lincoln secured the adoption of a resolution asking congress to pass the Kinkaid bill which seeks to extend the time in which homesteaders will have to pay for the lands they hold under the government reclamation act. The resolution recites that settlers on the land under the government irrigation project in western Nebraska have had poor crops, the government first productive until alfalfa has been grown upon it for three years.

Senate Must Hurry,

Lieutenant Hopewell took occasion to remind the senate that longer and more frequent sessions would have to be held if the senate expected to get very much work done before the usual time for adjournment. Over forty bills are now on general file in the senate waiting consideration.

Relief for Insurance Agents. Senator Reynolds has attracted at tention by introducing a bill repeal ing the act that now requires insurbusiness in this state. He says that pick and retain agents than the insurance department.

No Raise for Employes. Senator Bartos was defeated in effort to raise the salaries of senate employes and his bill for the purpose was defeated and shelved. Senator Brown's bill prohibiting marriages between persons incapable of a legal contract was slated for passage.

Cobbey Statutes Bill. The senate passed the house roll 62, for the purchase of 400 sets of Cobbey's statutes at \$9 the set, only amending the bill so that the secreto whom the statutes shall be given.

New Reapportionment Bill. A new reapportionment bill appeared in the senate. It divides the state into twenty-eight senatorial districts. Douglas county "ets five senators and fourteen representatives. Lancaster county is left with two senators as now and gets one more other districts get one senator each and all one representative, excepting

and Custer, which have two each. Good Roads Measure.

Saunders, Dodge, Gage, Hall, Adams

The joint committee, appointed sometime ago to draft a comprehensive system of good roads legislation, plunged into the problem. A joint meeting was held with members of the Nebraska Good Road association, at which the views of that or ganization were presented. Senator Volpp is chairman of the joint committee.

For Farm Institutes.

university extension work.

Senate Is for Reciprocity. The resolution of Jansen of Cage in favor of the Canadian reciprocity

treaty was passed by the senate.

Favorably Recommended. After a decided opposition from some of the farmer members of the house Representative McKelvie succeeded in securing favorable recommendation by the house for his bill appropriating \$50,000 for farmers' institutes and the so-called "movable school" of the state schoool for agriculture.

Legalizing Indian Marriages. The house judiciary committee has found that the job of attempting to legalize Indian marriages isn't going to be an easy one. Before passing upon a bill which proposes to do that the committee will send a subcommittee to the Omaha and Winnebago reservations to investigate Indian marriages. Permission to do this was granted by the house. Indians on the reservation are possessors of considerable property, and the proper administration of it in the case of dead Indians is in something of a tangle



Clara's Questions. my cards engraved: "Miss Clara Helen | ited and the requests are many. Mischler?" My sister is the older. I suppose hers should be just "Miss Mischler. Can you give me an idea of how a progressive dinner is conducted-how many courses and what terms of the bill. A majority of the is served with each? For instance, for the soup course, is just one kind of soup served? CLARA.

What you have heard does not apply to visiting cards for young wom-The prefix "Miss" is always used, to omit it is very bad form. A progresrive dinner is arranged by each hostess assuming the responsibility of one course, how many to be decided by those who give it. I think four or other course; then the meat course, the salad and dessert. After dinner offee with bonbons or cheese and yours. crackers may be still another course.

"Nemo's" Questions.

(1) What would you suggest for a wedding breakfast for, say, just the immediate family? (2) What is the best form of acknowledging wedding gifts when no invitations, but announcement cards only, are issued? NEMO.

For the wedding breakfast have chicken croquettes, hot finger rolls, olives, celery, an aspic salad with hot cheese balls, ice cream, cake, coffee. It makes no difference in the acknowledgment of wedding gifts whether one Polite, cordial notes on one's very person who sends a gift and these notes should go immediately after the

gift is received. If you send me s My sister and I wish to have some self-addressed stamped envelope in raling cards engraved. I used to hear care of the paper I will be glad to quite frequently the saying: "Never forward you the name and address of provides for a 10 per cent petition to give yourself a title." Is that still a book that will answer your letter initiate and a 5 per cent petition to in force, or is it proper for me to have at greater length, as my space is lim-

"A Reader's" Queries. I have been corresponding with a oung man whom I met last summer while on a visit in Canada. He has asked me twice in letters if I would sená him my photograph. Not knowing what to do, I write you to advise me. I am not engaged to the young man, but would very much like to win A READER. his attention.

If you know the young man to be worthy in every way I see no harm in exchanging photographs with him. Tell him it is something you rarely five ample. Only one soup is served, do and make him understand you are but oysters may precede it, adding an. conferring an honor upon him by granting his request. Tell him when he sends you his, you will return with

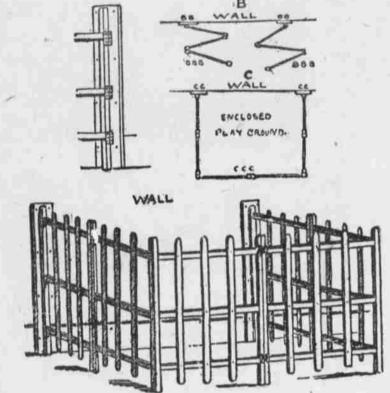
> Regarding Party Calls. If one accepts an invitation to a party from a lady who has not called on you is it necessary and proper to

> make the usual party call? I have attended a number of parties where the hostess has not called on me, and I am undecided as to whether I owe a party call, in such cases. MRS. G. F.

If the hostess enclosed her card with her invitation, that is equal to a personal call; also if she explains to you that she intended to call before her party, that is sufficient, and you pay has invitations or announcements. the call. If neither of these apologies were made I would accept the inbest stationery should be sent each vitation, and you do not owe an after call if you go.

MADAME MERRI.

Baby's Playground



PO portion off a part of the nursery in which King Baby may be left in position, and here again "CC" indifor short periods to amuse him- cates the board on the wall, and self unattended, is a very desirable "CCC" the horses. thing, but to achieve this object satis-

factorily is no easy matter. In our pleted, all the woodwork can be paint sketch and diagrams one practical solution of this difficulty will be found, and it can be carried out with little trouble and at no great expense. In the first place, two three-fold clothes horses should be obtained and representative, making six. All the thin bars of wood nailed in upright

positions to the parallel bars of the horses. A glance at the sketch will explain this. Next, two pieces of board should be firmly nailed to the nursery wall, at a distance apart equal to the width of two of the divisions then be fastened with hinges to these pieces of wood fixed to the wall, and diagram "A" illustrates this.

Tapes should be attached to the posts at further sides of the horses, and it is an easy matter to place them in the position shown in the sketch and tie the posts together.

McKelvie of Lancaster pushed diagram "B" shows a ground plan of selves also in a similar playground on through committee his measure call this, "BB" representing the board a larger scale, and with the help of wall.

When the playground has been com ed a nice dark green or, perhaps, a color to match the wallpaper, and

when folded back against the wall, bition when she had the pleasure of will practically take up no space in the nursery and will be almost in- hands, fly across the Garden City visible. The playground can, of course, be

Diagram "C" illustrates the horses

being hinged firmly to the wall, can four months ago, announced that she not possibly fall over. It is not neces- had a biplane which she thought sary that the space enclosed should would fly. She then tried to get an be of the square shape illustrated, and engine, but met with repeated defeat, the horses can be easily placed in oth- as the engines which she tried were of one of the horses. The horses can er positions if desired, and yet effect not satisfactory. Finally she secured from which the little prisoner cannot tory. escape and go too near the fire and get into mischief in other ways. With a few toys spread out on the

prove a paradise for a small child. be folded flat against the wall, and Older children might amuse them- Todd and the crowd also. made.

The newest skirt is the aeroplane

Almost all dress hats are of exaggerated size. Slippers and hose must match the gown exactly.

Dress the bair in puff-curl effects and bandeau decorations. Handsome moire bags are sometimes trimmed with gilt.

Shaded feather trimmings islatest Paris sensation in fashions. Sleeves of different lengths and different colors are worn in the same

gowns. The broad ceinture or girdle seems o be appearing again on the latest

trocks. Dainty undermusiins in the advance ambroidery.

Broom Pincushion.

A very dainty novelty is the broom pineushion. For this you will require large flat cork, a meat skewer (a usual places rarely startles us. Not ew one, of course) and a few yards of baby ribbon in some bright shade. ringing of a bell on a tree or a post Cut a small hole in the cork and inthe ribbon until they are entirely covered. Two bows on the skewer will hold the ribbon tight so far.

The broom effect you will gain by the pins; they must be driven thickly into the under side of the cork, holding the ribbon at that point, and at the same time giving a very good imitation of a tiny metal broom. These make very nice favors at informal parties, club meetings, etc.

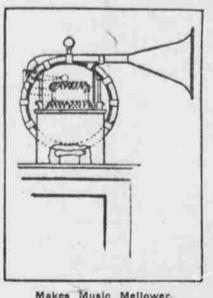
To Remove Rain Spots.

It is said that if any fabric becomes rain spotted the spots can be removed by ironing the material on the wrong side, placing a piece of clean white muslin between the iron and the garment to be pressed. I have never spring styles are richer than ever with tried the experiment, but pass on the information.

MAKES THE MUSIC MELLOWER

Tones Strained Through Gas-Filled Pipe Subdued-Particularly Adapted to Phonographs.

For years violinists have been using rosin on their bows to prevent squeaking. It took a long while for some genius to apply the same principle to wind instruments, but at last it has been done by a New York man, and the apparatus here shown is the re The process is particularly adaptable to phonographs. A volatile solution of resinous materials is stored in a tank connected with the horn, which describes a complete circle, so that the tones of the phonograph proper must filter through a great quantity of the vapor before it reaches the ear. This vapor is of a nonaqueous nature, so that it will not rust in the pipe, but is heavy enough to "strain" the music, as it were, and make the ones much mellower than those which



Makes Music Mellower.

are brayed forth from the ordinary horn. This process is also said to reduce the vibration caused by the sound waves in the horn, and the tones float out on the air.

WIND SHIELD IS ADJUSTABLE

Can Be Arranged to Protect Face Without Completely Blocking Cool, Refreshing Air.

An automobile wind shield that can he adjusted so as to protect the face without completely blocking the draft



Improved Wind-Shield.

which is so pleasant in warm weather. has been designed by a Philadelphia inventor. It consists of two portions. the upper being adjustable to any angle, while the lower is rigid, says the Popular Mechanics. When adjusted as shown in the illustration, it effectively shields the faces of the occupants from the wind and flying particles, yet a cooling breeze is permitted to pass between the two sections.

BIPLANE BUILT BY A WOMAN

Miss Todd of New York Realizes Ambition After Years of Effort-Machine Is Success.

After years of effort Miss Lillian E. Todd, of New York, realized her am- cardo, knew 8,551 species. seeing a biplane, the work of her aviation field, says the Racine Journal. After having the machine built arranged in a moment, and the horses, numberless times Miss Todd, about tually apportion a part of the floor a motor that was declared satisfac-

A good-sized crowd was present to witness the first attempt to fly the biplane. D. Masson was the aviator. He floor, a little place of this kind will ran the machine across the ground, then went into the air for 20 feet and who can "make believe" to any extent | made a turn at the far end, returning in this little house of his own, where to the starting place, where he was When not required, the horses can he cannot possibly come to any harm. enthusiastically received by Miss

The upper planes of the biplane are shaped somewhat like a bird's wing nailed to the wall, and "BBB" the some old curtains, or a shawl, or rug, when in flight, while the lower planes horses partly folded back towards the wonderful tents and houses can be are level. The chassis is about five feet high

> So familiar have electric bells become to most of us that even their sound at unexpected times or in unso with birds, to whom the sudden

An Electric Scarecrow.

means something far more uncanny sert the skewer firmly through it. Now than any scarecrow flapping in the wind skewer and cork together with wind. Knowing this, the head master of an Austrian school has patented an electric scarecrow system in which a clock makes the connections at irregu- more than ten miles away. lar intervals to electric bells scatter-Bd over the orchard. This unexpected ringing of the bells, now here, now there, is said to be quite effective in driving off the birds.

Minute Jellyfish.

In the northern seas there exists an extremely minute jellyfish, termed Limie Koelikeri, which are so transparent that a single individual can scatcely be seen in clear water, and so small that a "wine glass of water genius. contain 3,000 of them." Yet this jellyfish occurs in such numbers off the coast of Greenland that the sea is the city's places of amusement is 1,imes tinged brown by its presence. 600 more than it was one year ago.

HEAD REST FOR BATH TUBS

Hooks Arranged Over End of Receptacle Affords Comfortable Support-Made of Wire.

While bath tubs are not designed be slept in, people have been cnown to take naps therein, someimes with fatal results. For the most part, however, they have been report-



Head Rest for Bath Tubs.

ed as rather uncomfortable for that purpose. A California man has come to the rescue of those who like to take their ease in the bath by providing a head rest for the tub. This head rest is made of a piece of heavy wire bent and twisted about so as to form a spring support for the back of the head and leaving hooks by which the device may be hooked over the end of Cascade, on the ground that diverof the tub. Often persons taking a bath for the stimulation given their tired bodies by the hot water wish to lie at ease, but have no place to put their head but the cold enamel of the tub. The rest here described solves this problem and shows that modern genius has caught up with ancient Rome at last.

MODERN BALLOON GAS BAGS

Made of Cotton Fabric Coated With India Rubber to Assure Perfect Impermeability.

The gas bags of modern balloons

are made of a cotton fabric coated with India rubber in the most careful manner, in order to assure perfect impermeability without sacrificing lightness. For all large balloons, and especially for dirigibles, two layers of cloth are superposed and cemented together. The outer skin is covered with India rubber on one side only, but the inner skin is coated on both sides. In German balloons the inner canvas is cut straight and the outer canvas is cut bias. In this construction. gores with angles of 45 degrees are used and the seams are covered which causes a slight increase in weight. French balloon makers prefer to cut both canvases straight. Experiments show that the tensile strength of the envelopes thus made is approximately equal in all directions. Each method of construction has its advantages and its defects. As India rubber, even when vulcanized, is altered by exposure to light, the canvas is colored yellow in order to arrest the violet and ultro violet rays, which are the most active. The pigment used in France is chromate of lead, which unfortunately must be applied to the canvas before it is coated with rubber, and which consequently prevents the vulcanization of the rubber, because the chromate of lead is blackened by heat. Picric acid is free from this objection, but its employment is too dangerous.

Number of Plant Species.

The number of plant species now known is estimated by Prof. Charles E. Bessey at 210,000. He points out that about 18 years ago Saccardo found the number known to be 174,000, and concluded that it would reach 400,000-including 250,000 fungi-in 150 years, by which time botanists may be expected to find all species in existence. Linne, 150 years before Sac-

Benefits of X-Ray. Whether X-rays benefit or harm may depend on the dose. H. E. Schmidt finds that a mild application may stimulate a sluggish ulcer to heal, but the mild treatment would stimulate also the undesirable growth of cancer, which needs a powerful dose to destroy the affected tissue.

NOTES OF

States as a cotton producing nation. A noninflammable moving picture film has been brought out in Germany. An average of three new comets a year are discovered by astronomers.

tally.

India now ranks next to the United

In the amount of its shipping Singapore is the eighth greatest port in the world. A single spider has been known to

miles of web. In the British museum library there are more than thirty-two miles of shelves filled with books

yield more than two and a quarter

At an elevation of ten feet above the sen the apparent horizon is slightly Lead glass, it has been found by English experts, is almost as impervi-

ous to X-rays as lead itself.

The wind gauge on shipboard registers up to 105 miles an hour, which is much speed as anyone expects. On an average a man requires 1,600 pounds of food per annum; a woman 1,200 pounds, and a child 900 pounds.

That 25,344,000 soap bubbles can be produced from a pound of soap has been figured out by a mathematical New York theater managers estimate that the nightly attendance at

BEAUTY AS A TOWN ASSET

is So Declared in Decision Handed Down by Colorado United States District Court.

Within a few weeks, for the first time in this country, the scenic setting of a town has been adjudged an asset, and as such, given the protection of the United States district court. It was in the case of the Empire Water and Power company versus the Cascade Town company, says Franklin Clarkin in Success Magazine. The decision, rendered by Judge R. E. Lewis, at Pueblo, Col., prohibited the Empire Water and Power company "from using, for the purpose of generating power, water which forms the chief scenic attraction of the mountain canyon at the mouth of which the town of Cascade is situated."

There have been tumults about Niagara, but they were sentimental. In this case there was the clear-cut issue as to whether the cascades at the foot of Pile's Peak, giving the town name and character, could be put to "beneficial use" by harnessing them to electric motors. Condemnation proceedings to divert the water for power were resisted by the town sion of the water would mean "de-

struction of the town's chief asset." It was put forward that, in making for scenic beauty, the water was already being put to "beneficial use" within the meaning of the law, since it drew many people to the city, therefore was not subject to condemnation proceedings for mechanical power. This was the view upheld by the United States district court.

SOCIETY MEETS REAL NEED

Plenty of Opportunities for Active Wark In Every Town, However Small.

Every community now without one should organize a civic improvement society at this time, for during the winter the most active and effective work is done. At the outset, or indeed at all times, it is best not to cumber the organization with many rules, else the restrictions will be so many and so hard to live up to that many members become discouraged at the start. But one rale is really needed, and that is every member agrees to devote some time personally to the work of the society. either in gathering funds, superintending work or other active committee duties. There are plenty of opporities for active work in every small town, and no resident need go out of his own premises to note some surrounding spot that merits more or less attention in order to elevate the general tone of the neighborhood, Has your community a live society? If not, cannot you be the organizer of one? Our best communities, those that prove most atractive to home seekers, have each had a live society for years. Without at least one no place makes a healthful growth .-Los Angeles Times.

SCORE THE AMERICAN CITY Writers in Success Magazine Assert They Are Rich in All Things

Save Beauty.

In the last hundred years the growth of American cities has been marvelous says Franklin Clarkin in Success Magazine. More than one-sixth of the number of the largest cities of the earth are now American cities. Philadelphia is more impressive, as to population, than Constantinople. Boston outranks Madrid, as Cleveland does Hong Kong. Chicago arose from a name to a place all but equaling ancient Tokyo in numbers of people assembled. They are rich, these young cities, rich beyond the capitals of kingdoms-in every way save that which

wins the best of the senses. "Most of our seaboard cities," declares E. H. Blashfield, an artist, "are practically far older than Athens or Florence or Venice when they began to clothe themselves with beauty as with a garment. We are richer, more prosperous, more peaceful; we have no soldiers to pay, no enemies to fear, no princes to bribe, no factions to watch; and yet we are not beautiful. We are not even picturesquely and grimly ugly, like London; we are only shoddy and commonplace and lacking in individuality."

To Beautify Black Country.

It was resolved at a meeting in Birmingham of the South Staffs and Warwickshire Institute of Mining Engineers to support an application by the Midland Reforesting association to the development commissioners for Of the offspring of insane persons a grant toward the cost of acquiring only about 60 per cent. are sound men- and planting thirty-six and one-half acres of land at Morley and 144 acres at Brentley, near Walsall, says the London Chronicle. The association believed that the planting of old colliery sites would help to transform into beauty what were now serious eyesores, would erender productive lands now useless and find work for the unemployed.

Rubber Eraser In Laundry.

One instrument of cleanliness found in a first-class laundry is a rubber eraser. "That is needed to rub the pencil marks from cuffs," said the manager. "We used to throw that kind of correspondence into soap water and try to wash it clean, but marks made by some pencils soaked in instead of washing out, and left the cuffs splotched and streaked, so they are now treated to a preliminary dry

To Attach Paper Label to Iron.

Rub the iron at the desired spot thoroughly with an onion cut in half and then stick the label, previously smeared with paste, gum or glue, to the spot -Scientific Ameri

scrub with an ersser."