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HERE'S TO THE BOY!

WONDERFUL POSSIBILITIES IN EVERY ONE OF HIM.

Just a Few Items Recorded in One Day's News Prove the Good Qualities in the American Lad's Makeup.

Boys, just ordinary, everyday boys. They don't seem to amount to so much. Big sisters would like to have them kept out of the way when their callers are in the parlor, and mother often feels like inviting them to transfer their operations of Indian scalping and building dams and railroads to some other boy's mother's backyard, and father seems to be the only one that really believes in the boys.

But watch them carefully and you will see that there are wonderful possibilities in every one of them, writes Carolyn Prescott in the Chicago American. See how carefully the boy plans his actions, and watch him in case of an emergency, and I tell you the boy is always there—or as he says, he is "Johnny on the spot."

In just one issue of a daily paper I happened to find enough news regarding boys to convince me that the world would be a pretty poor place to live in were it not for them.

Just one day of 24 hours, and here are a few things that one Pittsburgh paper had to say about the boys of western Pennsylvania:

"A boy has just returned from Oxford university, where he received honors in the legal department, six of the eight honor men being from the United States, which fact, by the way, is being widely commented upon by the educators of the British Isles."

But there's nothing surprising in the fact that the American boys outstrip their English cousins, is there? In a neighboring Ohio town a boy, and a colored boy at that, held his father at bay after he had pounded his wife into insensibility, and finally shot him, this being the only way in which he could save his mother's life.

A small boy, aged ten years, jumped from a boat to recover a bucket that had fallen overboard, and was not seen. The river was dragged for his body, but he made his appearance an hour later, none the worse for a swim of more than a mile against a swift current.

Here's another: A Newcastle lad, who showed his Spartan courage by hiding from his sick mother three days the fact that he carried a bullet imbedded in his neck. Fearing it might alarm her and make her worse he kept his painful secret until blood poison set in and the secret was made known. He will probably die.

Turning the page we find a picture of a dozen sturdy lads who are bending eagerly over bits of cloth. If we look closer we see that the cloth is made into shirts, and these boys made their shirts themselves, under the direction of their teachers in the vacation schools—made them, buttonholes and all—so there will be really no necessity for those boys to get married so that they may have a wife to do their mending and sewing for them.

Scattered here and there through the pages that teem with news of the world's doings, we find, if we look, news about the boys, mostly good news, for the average up-to-date American boy is a pretty good sort of fellow after all. He is wideawake and full of ginger and energy and enthusiasm and all the other characteristics which make him a pretty good fellow to know.

Yes, this would be a pretty lonesome world if it were not for the boys, even though they do get in the way once in awhile and have a fashion of messing things up. They will get over these habits soon enough, so give them all the encouragement they deserve.

Umbrella Saved Them.
While the gastronomic feats are in your mind, listen to this tale of a French cook. She was Mme. Dubrat of the Rue du Dragon who was walking one day near the Seine when Mme. Jallini, a dressmaker, fell into the river from the Quai Malaquais. In jumped a man, but he came near to drowning himself as the current bore them away, when Mme. Dubrat, the cook, came to the spot. Mme. Dubrat carried a big green umbrella and opening it, in she jumped. She went bobbing off on the river, holding the green umbrella above her as a float or parachute and grasping the man, and he the girl, she pulled the whole clammy caravan to the bank. Mme. Dubrat's green umbrella saved the day, and the cook of the Rue du Dragon is the heroine of Paris. She is to get a medal from the prefect of police.

Playing with a Boy.
Last summer the cyclone that passed over a portion of Alabama found a 15-year-old boy named Albert Horsford driving along the highway in a buggy. He heard and saw the storm coming, but could not get out of its way. He remembers being picked up and whirled round and round, and the next thing he knew he was in the river and hanging to the horse's tail.

The horse and boy landed on the bank, but when the buggy and the groceries in it were searched for they could not be found. The harness had been blown off the horse, and the boy's hat and coat were gone, and he says he doesn't like that sort of playmate. The same rush of wind landed a cow in a treetop, and in struggling to get down and see what it was all about she fell and broke her back.

County Commissioners' Proceedings.

McCook, Neb., June 8, 1908. The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present F. S. Lofton, S. Premer and C. B. Gray, commissioners; and Charles Skalla, clerk.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and on motion approved. On motion F. M. Pennington and M. C. Stephens were appointed justices of the peace for Lebanon precinct to fill vacancy. On motion Robert L. Cathcart was appointed constable for Beaver precinct to fill vacancy. The following official bonds were examined and on motion approved.

E. F. Crouse, overseer of highways, district 7, F. M. Pennington, justice of the peace, Lebanon precinct. M. C. Stephens, justice of the peace, Lebanon precinct. On motion the county treasurer was instructed to refund to J. A. Streif, the amount of \$5.00 illegally assessed to him in 1907, on the east half of lot 1, block 27, Indianola City, said lot being assessed as improved, while it is unimproved.

The following claims were audited and allowed and the clerk was instructed to draw warrants on the road funds of the respective commissioner districts:

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| Frank Hill, road work, district No. 2..... | \$10.00 |
| Curt Hoagland, same..... | 3.00 |
| Earl Savage, same..... | 3.00 |
| Clint Hoagland, same..... | 12.00 |
| Earnest Hoagland, same..... | 3.00 |
| M. Fosser, same..... | 15.00 |
| Herman Reiners, same, district 1..... | 45.00 |
| Gustav Schultz, same..... | 12.00 |
| R. E. Divine, same, district 3..... | 6.00 |
| Frank Cain, same..... | 1.50 |
| Oscar Schmitz, same, district 1..... | 3.00 |
| Milus Cope, same, district 2..... | 3.00 |

The petition of U. S. G. Chandler, W. E. McKillip and others, asking for the establishment of a public road was read and considered. The board finds that all owners of land along the proposed line of road have given consent thereto in writing, on motion same was granted, establishing a public road as follows:

Commencing at a point on the north line of the south half of the south west quarter of section 33, township 4, north, range 26, west, where the present county road No. 1 intersects with said north line, running thence west on said north line of the south half of the southwest quarter of section 33, intersecting with the public road running north and south between sections 32 and 33, said new road to be located 66 feet wide, entirely upon the south half of the southwest quarter of section 33, the north line of said parcel of land also to be the north line of the new road, and further vacating that part of road No. 1, running in a southwestward direction on the south half of the southwest quarter of section 33-4-26, from the point where said road intersects with the north line of this land to the southwest corner of section 33, and clerk was instructed to notify overseer of highways to open said new road.

On motion board adjourned to meet June 13, 1908. F. S. LOFTON, Chairman. Attest: CHARLES SKALLA, Clerk.

McCook, Nebraska, June 9, 1908. The county board of equalization and assessment met in regular session. Present F. S. Lofton, S. Premer and C. B. Gray, commissioners; T. A. Endsley, assessor; Chas. Skalla, clerk and P. E. Reyder, attorney.

The board commenced the equalization of the personal and real estate assessment of 1908 and continued the same throughout the day. In the matter of the assessment of lots 1 and 2, block 8, original town of McCook, presented to the board by I. M. Smith, agent, a motion was made by Gray, seconded by Premer, that the valuation of said lots be reduced from \$1,200 to \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of lot 2, block 9, 2nd addition to McCook, presented to the board by Howe Smith, a motion was made by Gray, seconded by Premer, that the valuation of the improvements be reduced from \$1,000 to \$800. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of lots 8 and 9, block 29, second addition to McCook, presented to the board by J. F. Cordeau, a motion was made by Gray, and seconded by Premer, that the valuation of \$1,200 on lot 8, on improvements be cancelled as there are no improvements on said lot and the valuation of the improvements on lot 9 be reduced from \$500 to \$300. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of lots 2 and 3, block 9, original town of McCook, presented to the board by N. J. Johnson, a motion was made by Gray and seconded by Premer, that the assessment of said lots stand as returned by the assessor. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of parts of lots 13, 14, 15, block 21, original town of McCook, presented to the board by David Diamond, a motion was made by Gray, seconded by Premer, that the assessment of said lots stand as returned by the assessor. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of the horses of A. M. Anderson in Fritsch precinct, presented to the board by A. M. Anderson, a motion was made by Premer, seconded by Endsley, to strike two horses valued at \$50 from the assessment list, and reduce the assessment of another horse from \$100 to \$90. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of the northeast quarter of 24-4-27, presented to the board by Geo. W. Wyrick, a motion was made by Premer, seconded by Skalla, that the valuation of said lands be reduced from \$3,929 to \$3,129. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of blocks 28, 29, 30 and 31, in the original town of Bartley, presented to the board by J. V. Carnahan, a motion was made by Premer, seconded by Skalla, to reduce the valuation of the 48 lots on said four blocks from \$50 to \$40. Motion declared carried.

In the matter of the assessment of the northeast quarter of 10-3-27, presented to the board by Frank Untiedt, a motion was made by Premer, seconded by Skalla, that the valuation of said land be reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of the east half of the northeast quarter of section 20, Willow Grove precinct, C. H. Boyle, owner, being present, a motion was made by Gray, seconded by Premer, to add \$300 for improvements on said land. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of the first addition to the town of Marion, presented to the board by Martin Nilsson, a motion was made by Gray, seconded by Skalla, that all lots in blocks 1, 2, and 4, first addition to Marion be reduced to \$20 a lot, and that all lots in blocks 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, being south of the railroad track, be reduced to \$10 a lot. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion board adjourned to meet June 11, 1908. F. S. LOFTON, Chairman. Attest: CHAS. SKALLA, County Clerk.

THE QUADRANT.

How the Idea of the Device Came to Thomas Godfrey.

Concerning Thomas Godfrey, a famous American mathematician, there is an interesting account in the "Literary History of Philadelphia."

Thomas Godfrey was a glazier. He seemed to be one of the most singular phenomena that ever appeared in the learned world.

One day while at work at his trade a young girl came to a pump and filled a pail with water, which was left upon the sidewalk. The sun's rays were reflected from Godfrey's glass to the pail of water and then to his eye, thus completing a triangle. This is said to have suggested to the glazier's mind the idea which in 1730 became the basis for the double reflecting sea quadrant.

Prior to this time English mariners had been using Davis' bow to ascertain their latitude at sea, but it could not be adjusted, in a storm, Godfrey gave the subject careful study, taught himself Latin in order to read Newton's "Principia" and endeavored to have the value of his invention recognized in England. While thus engaged he determined to have the device tested on a ship bound for the West Indies.

In Jamaica the quadrant was exhibited, or presented, to an English sea captain. Thus the important discovery came into the possession of Hadley, a mathematical instrument maker in London, whose name it usually bears in spite of the long exertions of industrial Americans of the eighteenth century to have Godfrey's claims established and honored.

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"Do we ever test drugs on ourselves? Oh, yes, indeed, often. Chemists have lost their lives, chemists have gone incurably insane, through too rash a bravery in testing drugs on their own persons."—Los Angeles Times.

The Raven.
Writing on "Birds in Christian Legend and Symbol" in the National Review, Rev. R. L. Giles says:
"The raven is looked upon with divided feelings. He is the 'bird of ill omen' par excellence. 'Corvo di mal augurio' is indeed the Italian equivalent of the phrase and 'Engelbuck-srabe' the German one. According to the fathers, he is the emblem of prostration, with his cry of 'Cras, cras,' 'Tomorrow, tomorrow.' His not having returned to the ark has always been remembered against him. Yet he, too, is a pious bird. He played his part in the Christmas mystery. It was said that at the hour of the great birth the raven croaked 'Quando?' the rook cawed 'Hac nocte,' the ox moored 'Ubi?' the sheep bleated 'Bethlehem,' and the ass brayed 'Eunus.' This is found as early as the fourth century."

Time She Began.
It was on a Sixth avenue surface car. A woman sat with her little daughter, who to all appearances was seven or eight years old. The conductor came for the fares, and the woman gave him a five cent piece.

"Is the little girl with you, madam?" asked the conductor.
"Yes," assented the woman.
"Her fare, please," said the man.
"But I never have paid for her," began the woman.
"And does that prove that you're never going to?" asked the conductor, taking the fare reluctantly tendered.—New York Press.

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