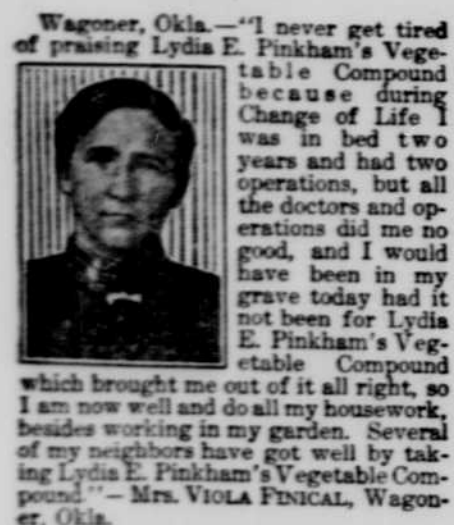


CRISIS OF WOMAN'S LIFE

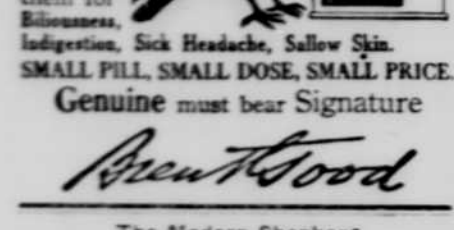
Change Safely Passed by Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



Wagoner, Okla.—"I never get tired of praising Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound because during Change of Life I was in bed two years and had two operations, but all the doctors and operations did me no good, and I would have been in my grave today had it not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

The Army of Constipation

is Growing Smaller Every Day. CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are responsible—they not only give relief—they permanently cure Constipation. Millions use them for Biliousness, Indigestion, Sick Headache, Sallow Skin. SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE. Genuine must bear Signature.



Now an American shepherd rides an airplane in looking after his large flock of sheep. He says he can cover five times as much territory in a day with a flying machine as an automobile driver without regard for rough places and speed in looking after his business. The change emphasizes two important points. An American is the first shepherd to fly over his flocks. In contrast with the slow methods of the shepherds of the old world, who have afforded much material for the poets and the makers of pictures. And it means that sheep-keeping pays. The aerial shepherd is J. Stanley Smith of Martinsdale, Mont., and he has more sheep than any man has personal use for, nearly 100,000 of them, and he employs many men and dogs to take care of the wool growers. All these need superintending and the owning shepherd has been driving over the hills for some years in his motorcar for that purpose. Now he has enlarged his flock and his pasturing area so much that he must fly to look after the business. Some men still believe there is no money in sheep-keeping in this country, and millions of words of encouragement are put out for them annually by the federal government and the newspapers. The one flyer has them all beaten to a standstill, and is getting so rich that he may have a wireless boat to ride in before long.—Wireless (Mass.) Telegram.

Fates of Queens. Why do we think enviously of those who are "born to the purple," and consider them happy and fortunate when their lives are shadowed by sorrows and perils that those of humbler station never know? Eugenie, once queen of fashion and empress of France; Carlotta, hopelessly mad; Elizabeth of Belgium, an exile in England; Natalie, one-time queen of Serbia, discovered last summer doing menial tasks in a French hospital; Alexandra of Russia, at the mercy of an unfriendly people—surely these are not women to be envied. Upon the leaves of the ages we find countless other tragedies that have been associated with queenship—Mary Stuart and Marie Antoinette come at once into mind.—Detroit Free Press.

South America has the largest known unexplored area. United States contains 200,000 steamers.

Grape Nuts contains the rich supplies of phosphate of potash grown in wheat and barley. Its mission is therefore clear and plain—it supplies what ordinary food lacks. And it does its work in a sturdy, straightforward, dependable way, as tens of thousands of its users can testify.

"There's a Reason"

OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

LAND COMMISSIONER WANTS GOVERNMENT TO MAKE GOOD

Items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the State House

Western Newspaper Union News Service. After a prolonged discussion the house decided to join with the senate in asking for government ownership of railroads and in approving the movement to have the government take over all other public utilities. Beal's S. F. 67 relates that the failure of the railroads to furnish a sufficient number of cars to move last year's crops and other products is but another evidence that privately owned system cannot be depended upon to give adequate service when the people need it most. Congress is "earnestly memorialized" to take immediate steps leading to government ownership, all the roads to be operated under strict civil service rules "for the convenience and accommodation of the public rather than for the convenience and aggrandizement of private corporations."

Wants Government to Make Good

Land Commissioner G. L. Shumway is taking an inventory of lands due the state of Nebraska for government right of way grants and by reason of re-surveys.

Several thousand acres are due the state from shortage found by re-surveys running through a period of nearly thirty-five years. This is the first time the matter has been checked up. The department of the interior at Washington has reserved from entry four farms in Grant county pending the checking of claims by the United States department. Indemnity has been requested by the state.

The land commissioner is interested in getting the government to cede land from forest reserve for the purpose, since few choice selections remain outside these acres. Any land acquired by the state will be transferred to school land.

Land Commissioner Kendall made the last selection on November 21, 1882. Since then the Alt survey re-allocating many 640-acre sections to 500 acres, and other surveys have never been checked up and no request has been made for indemnity, and no selection of lieu lands has ever been made. No action has ever been taken as to lands occupied by the Union Pacific right of way prior to surveys.

To Employ Convicts as See Fit

The house staged a warm debate over the question of what to do with the convicts at the state penitentiary. The matter came before it in S. F. 300, Oberlies' bill primarily intended to provide for the employment of the state's prisoners on the roads of the various counties, as amended the board of control was given power to do with them as they pleased.

The grave point of difference was whether to prohibit the men from being placed also on work that brought them into competition with skilled mechanics. The farmers generally insisted that this restriction be eliminated on the ground that no matter what they are put at they come into competition with somebody's labor and the mechanic should not be picked out for special exemption from competition. They also insisted that the health of the men demanded they be employed at something.

Thanks Governor Neville for Support

President Wilson, in spite of the stress of preparation for active warfare, has not overlooked the profers of support which Governor Neville made to him and which was unanimously approved in resolutions passed by both houses of the Nebraska legislature.

In a letter to Governor Neville the president says: "Accept my warmest thanks for your telegram of April 4. I am very grateful to you and to the members of the Nebraska legislature for this reassuring pledge of loyal support."

"Cordially and sincerely yours, WOODROW WILSON."

"Obey the law; keep your mouth shut."

The United States district attorney's office has received the following message from the department: "No German alien enemy in this country who has not hitherto been implicated in plots against the interests of the United States, need have any fear of action by the department of justice so long as he observes the following warning: "Obey the law; keep your mouth shut."

Files Bill for Expenses

Woodruff Ball of Valentine, Neb., chairman of the temporary state forestation commission for the last two years, has filed a claim with State Auditor Smith for \$94.32, which will be allowed. It is for expenses in connection with his trip to the capitol, where he spent ten days—March 19 to 29—in lobbying in the legislature for his bills to create the commission and make the temporary one permanent.

For Vocational Education.

One of the governor's bills, appropriating \$18,000 for vocational education to match a federal allotment of \$200,000 and \$2,500 additional for expense was reported out by the finance committee. It has been amended so as to limit the distribution of the money to public schools. The administration of the act is placed in the hands of a special board consisting of the governor, state treasurer and state superintendent, with the last named official as secretary.

REQUESTS ENLISTMENT

Governor Urges Young Men to Offer Services

Young men of Nebraska are urged by Governor Neville, in a proclamation just issued to enlist for service in the war with Germany, in response to President Wilson's call. The governor also calls attention of the people generally to the need of practicing economies and guarding against waste, so that all the resources of the nation may be conserved for the impending conflict at arms. He says: "Congress has declared that a state of war exists between our country and the imperial German government."

"The members of the legislature of the state of Nebraska have renewed allegiance to country and president, and have pledged Nebraska's manhood and resources to the end that the nation's honor may be maintained and its prestige undiminished."

"Untold sacrifices may be demanded of our people for, having entered the great struggle, we can be assured that no stone will be left unturned, and regardless of what our previous views may have been, to bring the war to a successful conclusion must, from this day, be the single purpose of a united people."

"All men of military age, physically qualified, who can be spared from the industrial and business life of the nation, and upon whom others are not dependent for subsistence and support, are urged to respond at once to the call to the colors. There can be no place for slackers in Nebraska, if the traditions and honor of our state and people are to be maintained."

"It may be some time before the effects of our participation will be felt, but immediate steps must be taken to meet every possible contingency. Waste of every description must be reduced to the minimum, wealth must be conserved and the production of foodstuffs must be increased to the highest degree. Every acre of tillable land should be placed under cultivation; every available plot of ground in the cities and towns should be utilized for garden purposes."

"With absolute confidence in the patriotism of the people of Nebraska, I urge that they give their undivided support to the president in this emergency."

KEITH NEVILLE, Governor.

New State Banks Chartered

The state banking board granted charters to six new state banks in one day last week, making a total of 891 state banks now in existence in Nebraska. Since February 21, when the supreme court of Nebraska refused to sustain the state board in its attempt to limit the number of banks the board has granted permission to thirty-eight new state banks to go into business. This is more than one new bank a day, excluding Sundays and holidays. As two newly chartered banks at Sutherland merged into one institution, and as one new bank at Thurston did not start in business but bought out a bank already in business, the number of state banks authorized to do business since the supreme court gave its opinion is exactly one daily for the past thirty-eight working days.

Capital National Bank Again.

Five of the six members of the joint senate and house committee appointed to investigate the possibilities of collecting \$194,502.02, the sum the state lost in the failure of the Capital National bank in Lincoln in 1893, are in favor of pressing the matter further with the view of collecting the loss from the directors of the bank. These five are asking the legislature to appropriate \$5,000, of which \$1,000 they ask to be set aside for further investigation of the possibilities of making the collection.

New Man on Hotel Commission

Governor Neville has appointed J. B. Meyer, a Lincoln traveling man, as assistant deputy state hotel commissioner. This is a new office created by the consolidation of the hotel commission with the state pure food department, which became effective Friday, in carrying out the provisions of a legislative bill which just passed with an emergency clause.

Nebraska Second in Automobiles

Approximately 300 more automobile licenses were issued during the first two and a half months of 1917 than were issued during 1916 altogether, according to the records of Secretary of State Charles W. Pool.

The number in 1916, which was 100,534, has already been increased to 100,800, in round numbers, and applications are still pouring in at the rate of 200 to 300 a day. In January as many as 7,000 applications were received in a day.

Having previously amended a senate bill so as to require banks going out of business to pay over their accumulated guaranty fund assessments to the state treasurer to be held by him as a special reserve fund for guaranty purposes, the house adopted the resolution passed by the senate last week which calls upon the attorney general to take the proper steps for collecting about \$1,750 of such assessments from banks at Waterloo, Merna and Callaway which have liquidated without turning the money over.

FAIRY TALE

A short story that will be of interest to all readers of the Northwestern, and especially the little folks. It appears in this section weekly. What's your opinion of it?



CROWING ROOSTERS.

"There were some very wonderful roosters in the barnyard belonging to a farmer," said Daddy. "But it was no surprise to them to hear people talking about their wonderful looks, for they were really most conceited."

"I feel sorry for roosters who haven't fine shoes," said Mr. Fuzzy Black Rooster.

"I never knew roosters of any sort had shoes," exclaimed Nancy.

"Did their master give them the shoes to wear to make them look so fine?" asked Nick.

"No," said Daddy, "their master didn't give them the shoes to wear, but their feet were covered with feathers, lovely long feathers which completely hid their feet. They always called them shoes and were proud indeed of them. Some different colored roosters had different colored shoes and they thought they were about the best-dressed roosters in the land."

"I feel still more badly," said Mr. Long Tail Rooster, "about the roosters who haven't long tails. They have nothing to drag around after them. Long tails are so stylish."

"As they were talking some small children came along.

"Oh, look at the roosters with the long tails!" they exclaimed. "They look like ladies with long skirts trailing behind them."

"And see the roosters with the feathered feet," said another.

"At this the roosters all began to crow: "Cock-a-doodle-do, We're very glad that you, Admire a pretty shoe, Not only one but two."

"And they kept on repeating as they crowded. 'Not only one but two,' for they evidently thought it was very fine to have both feet covered with feathers."

"The children loved the black roosters and talked to them. Of course the roosters were delighted. They crowed and thanked the children for liking them so much."

"And the children gave them good crumbs and some fine grain, and then started to walk around the barnyard."

"They saw the two white peacocks—all white with beautiful white tails which they spread out. And they saw the green and blue peacocks with all the many colors which are so wonderful."

"There were the pheasants with their lovely-colored feathers and beautiful tails and some of them were arguing and fighting with Mr. Fuzzy Black Rooster. They wanted to see everything first and so did Mr. Fuzzy Black Rooster. After they had pecked each other a little they all became friendly and decided they would look at everything together."

"Well," clucked the Bantams, "the children had better notice us," and they did, but the roosters got most of the attention.

"What are you talking about, Long Tail?" asked Mr. Fuzzy Black Rooster. "You are crowing and crowing for all you are worth and I haven't heard you say a sensible thing."

"Neither have I," said Mr. Long Tail Rooster.

"Then why have you been crowing and cackling so much?" asked Mr. Fuzzy Black Rooster.

"Because," said Mr. Long Tail Rooster, "I know a secret."

"Tell it to me," said Mr. Fuzzy Black Rooster. "I love secrets." And they put their heads together so that their tail crowns looked almost like one.

"We might just as well make a lot of noise and appear talkative and interesting," said Mr. Long Tail Rooster. "That's why they pay so much attention to us. Of course, we're beautiful and unusual. But at the same time we must talk so they will pay attention to us. If we never made a sound they would simply think us strange-looking, but very dull and stupid. They don't understand rooster talk anyway, so we might just as well crow about nothing, rather than try to think up something to say each time."

"That's a good idea," said Mr. Fuzzy Black Rooster.

"And all the other roosters thought it such a good idea that they strutted around, with their heads thrown back crowing and crowing and crowing about absolutely nothing at all!"

Hard Task for Edwin. "Edwin," said the teacher, "write a sentence containing the word 'contents.'" After a few moments' hard labor Edwin submitted the following: "The contents of a cow is milk."

For the Lady Readers

Miss Julia Bottomley, an expert on fashions, is the author of this department. She offers practical suggestions on every day dress that aid materially both country and city folks. Her fashions for women are essentially modest, tasteful, simple, economical and becoming to the wearer.



NEW ARRIVAL IN COAT-DRESS.

Just where and how far the designers of women's clothes are going in their strivings for something new, no one knows, but they are on their way. To prove it, here is a new coat-dress which we can easily forgive for keeping us guessing as to whether it is a dress or not, because it is so pretty and so full of style. There is provocation for a quarrel as to whether it is rightly called a dress or not, but its designers have so named it and we will take their word for it.

It is made of one of the new weaves in silk in a heavy crepe effect and hangs straight from shoulder to hem. There is no definition of the waistline, but its lines depart from their straight and narrow way, a belt of the material holds them so that they cannot flow outward. The belt crosses at the front and fastens to the body of the dress at each side. All the way down the front pearl buttons attend strictly to the business of making the straightness of the frock emphatic.

Everything has real pockets this spring, and this dress is provided with one at each side in the style of a coat.

In shapes. They prove how much we owe to artists who transform the simplest and humblest headwear by interpretations of their own into hats of irresistible charm.

At the right the summery and flowery hat is made of fine black hair braid, set over a cap made also of a narrow black braid. The top crown is covered with tiny forget-me-nots in several colors and the brim edge is softened by little black silk balls, set close together about it. Narrow black velvet ribbon in two long ends have no particular reason for joining forces with the hat, except that the designer chose to put them where they are.

At the left a fascinating coolie shape is made of silk in deep orange color and black, set on a turban of black satin. Silk cords and twin tassels, original and splendid products of China, find themselves very much at home as a decoration for this model. About the edge small orange-colored sticks, make a finish that is unique.

The little turban is of black lisle and against its shiny surface Chinese characters in apple green are applied by means of black stitches. Each



BORROWING HAT STYLES FROM CHINA.

They are square and are buttoned down with a single button to the dress. A cape collar among many cape collars, becomes immediately interesting when its designer thinks of making slashes in it. This one is of soft pique and black velvet ribbon is run through the slashes, forming ties that hold the collar up about the neck. This idea is so good that it bears repetition in the turn-back cuffs also laced through slashes with ribbon.

It takes just these touches to make us concede that this new model is entitled to be called a dress. Taking it all in all it will prove very useful for wear instead of a suit.

Fashion is eliminating distances and the Chinese seem not remote since we have been borrowing hat styles from them. The war in Europe has brought the art of China and Japan, in rugs and furniture, in chinaware and in apparel more forcibly to our notice than it has ever been before.

Two lovely models, inspired by the coolie hat, and a turban, shown in the group above are replicas of originals

SYRUP OF FIGS FOR A CHILD'S BOWELS

It is cruel to force nauseating, harsh physic into a sick child.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Adv.

An Exception.

Johnnie's father had a comfortable income that did not require that he should have any settled occupation, and the only thing in the nature of work that Johnnie had ever seen him do was to write checks. At school Mary announced that her father was a doctor.

"My father is a lawyer," said Edward.

Johnnie thought a moment, and then said: "My father pays his debts."

Druggist's Experience With Kidney Medicine

Ever since Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root has been put on the market, we have enjoyed a splendid demand for it and those who have taken it are very grateful for the beneficial effect produced and they speak very favorably regarding Swamp-Root. We are satisfied that Swamp-Root is a splendid preparation and we would not have to re-order so often.

Very truly yours, C. B. TRUITT, Druggist, Macon, Mo.

Oct. 3, 1916.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention this paper. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

The Soy Bean.

In 1915 the United States imported more than 3,837,000 pounds of soy beans, valued at approximately \$87,000; nearly 6,000,000 pounds of cake, valued at \$64,000; and over 19,000,000 pounds of oil valued at nearly \$900,000.

WOMEN! IT IS MAGIC! LIFT OUT ANY CORN

Apply a few drops then lift corns or calluses off with fingers—no pain.

Just think! You can lift off any corn or callus without pain or soreness. A Cincinnati man discovered this other compound and named it Freezone. Any druggist will sell a tiny bottle of Freezone, like here shown, for very little cost. You apply a few drops directly upon a tender corn or callus. Instantly the soreness disappears, then shortly you will find the corn or callus so loose that you can lift it right off.

Freezone is wonderful. It dries instantly. It doesn't eat away the corn or callus, but shrivels it up without even irritating the surrounding skin.

Hard, soft or corns between the toes, as well as painful calluses, lift right off. There is no pain before or afterwards. If your druggist hasn't Freezone, tell him to order a small bottle for you from his wholesale drug house.—adv.

Not With His Money.

"What are these eminent financiers doing?" "They are planning to mobilize the nation's dollars." "They are, eh? Well, I've got \$18.50 in the bank. I'll just draw it out and show those fellows a thing or two."

CLEAR AWAY PIMPLES

Does Cuticura Ointment—Assisted by Cuticura Soap—Trial Free.

On rising and retiring smear the affected surfaces gently with Cuticura Ointment. Wash off in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water. When the skin is clear keep it so by using Cuticura for every-day toilet and nursery purposes.

Free sample each by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

"Best" Sellers Only.

Father—I'd like to get a good young girl's book like— Clerk—Sorry, sir, but they don't print books for good young girls any more.

Superior, Wis., now has 45 miles of paved streets.

Sore Eyes

Granulated Eyelids. Eyes inflamed by exposure to Sun, Dust and Wind quickly relieved by Marine Eye Remedy. No Smarting, just Eye Comfort. At Druggists or by mail 50c per Bottle. Marine Eye Salve in Tubes 25c. For Book of the Eye FREE ask Marine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago