

NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

WASHINGTON.

A prohibition amendment to the constitution has been offered in the senate.

The president is studying the question of government ownership of telegraphs and telephones.

The average pay of every man, woman and child in the United States who works for wages or a salary will this year be close to \$610.

There will be a community Christmas tree on the broad plaza at the east front of the capitol Christmas eve, with high government officials participating in the festivities and the United States Marine band furnishing music.

Under the new tariff act, which went into effect December 1 and which allows wool to be imported free, there has been released 468,000 pounds. It is estimated that 4,680,000 pounds were held awaiting the change in the tariff.

Representative Steenerson of Minnesota, before interstate commerce committee, urged legislation to prohibit postal transmission of newspapers and periodicals publishing advertisements of falsely represented articles.

Postmaster General Burleson's proposals to increase the weight limits of parcel post packages in the first and second zones from twenty to fifty pounds, to admit books to the parcel post and to reduce rates in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth zones were approved by the interstate commerce commission.

In order to facilitate the handling of bulky parcels during the holiday season, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Elakessle authorized postmasters at second class postoffices, having both city and rural delivery service, to use rural carriers in the delivery of parcel post mail within city limits wherever possible.

Secretary of War Garrison told the house committee on military affairs that the total authorized strength of the army was \$5,000 against a total population of 100,000,000 people under the American flag, and that he could not see how the government could get along with less than that number of soldiers in times of peace.

Amendments to the interstate commerce law, prepared by the Live Stock exchange of Kansas City, after consultation with other similar bodies, were proposed by the house of representatives by Representative Boreland of Missouri. They would make it unlawful for railroads to limit the time for filing claims for live stock and have United States courts take jurisdiction of interstate commerce cases only where \$5,000 or more was claimed.

DOMESTIC.

Denver is debating the appointment of policemen.

New York has bought and will maintain as a museum of relics of the poet the cottage in that city once the home of Edgar Allen Poe.

Ben F. Moffatt, a promoter of Chicago was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to one year and a day in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., by the United States district court at St. Louis.

Cruelty to animals by vivisection and needless infliction of pain in any other form were denounced at the opening session at Washington of the International Anti-Vivisection and Animal Protective congress.

Bankers of Nebraska and other business interests that are giving their support to the propaganda for better agricultural methods in Nebraska, will try to raise \$25,000 a year for two years to help pay the expenses of farm demonstrators in counties welcoming them.

Mrs. Mina Finger of Santa Barbara, Cal., said to have been the only woman in the United States pensioned for personal services during the Mexican war, has died. She was 87 years old.

It has been announced that the case of President John P. White of the United Mine Workers of America and seventeen other officials of the organization under indictment for alleged conspiracy in restraint of trade would be called in the federal court of Charleston, W. Va.

Dr. Henry Wishard, through whose efforts the first order for the removal of sick and wounded soldiers to northern homes was issued by President Lincoln during the civil war, died at Indianapolis. He was 97 years old.

A wave of "purity" such as was western college athletics in 1906, resigned again in the conference faculty meeting in Chicago. The delegates decided it was inexpedient to enlarge the conference, thus disposing of the ambition of Nebraska and Notre Dame to get into it.

No woman who works in the state of Utah receives less than 90 cents a day, and even one learning new work must be paid 90 cents daily, and after an apprenticeship of six months her wages must be raised to \$1.25, otherwise be reached.

On the grounds of cleanliness alone the English sparrow ought to be exterminated.

United States consumers buy \$239,887,000 worth of furniture yearly.

A state of lawlessness is declared to exist in the Michigan copper country.

Approximately 333,000 people are employed in the cotton, wood and silk industries in this country.

An inventory of the estate of Michael Elias Rice, the wholesale dry goods merchant who died at St. Louis recently, showed its value to be \$1,125,000.

Adoption of resolutions calling upon congress to appoint a joint committee to investigate vivisection and various other forms of cruelty to animals brought to a conclusion the annual meeting of the International Anti-Vivisection and Animal Protection congress.

A whirlwind of fire, bursting from a partly drilled oil well, blew five drillers into the air at Taft, Cal., and scattered their tortured bodies about like chips. All are in a hospital, critically injured. F. L. Brittan the man worst hurt, has no ears or finger nails and his face and hands are frightfully seared.

The Brazos flood, the crest of which was passing Columbia, in Brazoria county, threatened to sweep 300 refugees, who had found shelter in box cars, out into the Gulf of Mexico. They were saved from that peril by a special train sent from here which removed them to safety.

Officers and directors of the Roseville Trust company of Newark, N. J., wrecked to the extent of \$200,000, and even depositors who knowingly and persistently overdraw their accounts, may be indicted by the Essex county grand jury under the ruling by Chief Justice Gummere of the state supreme court.

Warrants for the arrest of the United Mine Workers' officers and members indicted by the federal grand jury at Pueblo have been placed in the hands of United States Deputy Marshal Dewey C. Bailey at Denver. Mr. Bailey said that the warrants would be served as soon as the usual clerical formalities were gone through.

Vesting of authority to pass on the issue of railway securities in the federal Interstate Commerce commission, rather than in state commissions, was urged as a means of restoring financial health to railways by Governor James M. Cox of Ohio in an address at New York recently before the Railway Business association.

Speaking on the general topic of the regulation of food and drugs before the fourteenth annual meeting of the National Civic Federation of New York, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former chief of the United States bureau of chemistry, declared that of the opponents to the making of efficient laws, governing pure food and drugs, to help health, some are religious, some dogmatic, some ignorant and some ridiculous.

FOREIGN. The German government parties in the reichstag have agreed to appropriate \$25,000 for German participation in the Panama American exposition at San Francisco in 1915.

Seventy per cent of the world's cork is produced in Spain and Portugal. According to the best information obtainable there were produced in Spain during 1912 approximately 8,900 short tons of cork.

Plantation rubber experiments in the island of Mindanao show encouraging results, while wrappings of 4 and 5-year-old trees on Basilian island, adjoining Mindanao, compare favorably with results in North Borneo.

Mexican interest in Washington centered upon the military operations. Confidential reports indicate the victorious march southward of the constitutional army has received a check the extent of which it not known.

The prospect of a strike of 100,000 employes of the British postoffice during the Christmas season increases daily. A national committee of the employes' unions will meet to decide the question. The general sentiment among the men appears to be in favor of giving the postmaster general an ultimatum immediately, demanding a 15 per cent increase of salary for all employes.

Franz Bachmann, a blacksmith who still works in the locomotive shops at Cassel, Germany, has been chosen to fill the leading bass role in "The Magic Flute" to be given at the Court opera house on December 16.

A contract for the construction of 5,000 miles of railway by a Belgian syndicate was finally approved in Mexico City by the chamber of deputies. It is expected the act will be ratified by the senate next week. Congress has taken no action as yet on the presidential election.

The production of potato flour in Holland increases rapidly from year to year and the product is also steadily finding markets abroad. The total production is now not less than 275,000,000 pounds annually.

An official proclamation prohibiting the importation of arms and ammunition into Ireland has been issued in London. This step is taken to counteract the activities of the Ulster volunteers, who have for some time been drilling with a view of opposing the Irish government.

The government of Premier Barthelemy was defeated by a vote of 230 to 265 in the chamber of deputies on the question whether the loan of \$200,000,000 should be subject to taxation or immune, like the existing rents.

A report prepared by the Vienna Chamber of Commerce on the traffic of the municipal street railways in 1912 shows 165 miles of route, 153 of which were electrically equipped and twelve miles operated by steam. The electric lines carried 309,484,129 passengers, the revenue being \$9,863,074.

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U. S. STOPS BATTLE

MEXICANS OBEY ORDERS OF REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER.

FRIGHTENED BY HIS THREATS

Declared He Would Shell Both Armies From Ships if Fighting Did Not Cease.

Mexico City.—Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander of the American naval forces in Mexican waters, ordered the rebels and federalists fighting at Tampico to cease firing, threatening to open upon them with the guns of the gunboat Wheeling if his order was not obeyed. Both sides complied with the order.

This information is contained in a dispatch received by Sir Liepel Carden, the British ambassador, from Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Craddock of the British cruiser Berwick, which is lying off Tampico. The federalists hold the center of the town of Tampico and the water front. Rear Admiral Fletcher has ordered foreigners to take refuge on board ship or to congregate on the water front, where they will be under the protection of his guns.

How many rebels are engaged in the attack on Tampico is not known, but it is estimated that their number is at least twice that of the federalists, and their operations indicate that they expect more men from Tampico, capital of the state of Tamaulipas, which lies half way between Tampico and Monterey.

The rebels, who are in possession of the railroad yards and shops and large stores of material and equipment, have detached from their lines sufficient men to undertake repairing the railroad north and west from Tampico toward Victoria. The damage that has been done this line, while enough to prevent the operation of trains, is not so great that it will long delay a resumption of traffic. Most of the destroyed bridges are small and can be easily replaced. Repairs to the roads southward from Victoria also are being rushed, and it is not improbable that the rebels will be able to transport fresh troops and additional artillery supplies in time to use them at Tampico before the government can send reinforcements to the port.

Hire Men to Serve Their Time.

New York.—The police have discovered a system whereby they believe minor criminals sentenced to short terms have been able to hire others to take their places in prison. An investigation was begun when a pickpocket who had been started on his way to Blackwell's Island December 1 was found walking about this city. It is said that many young men out of work during the winter are willing to sell their time as prison substitutes. Thus far the police have not found where the substitutions are made.

Mexicans Buying Arms.

Kansas City, Mo.—That Mexican laborers here are buying revolvers in great numbers and large quantities of ammunition for smuggling across the border into Mexico is the belief of the police. These supplies the police say are being obtained from pawn brokers, mail order and sporting goods houses. Police records show that Mexicans when arrested seldom are armed and this fact is given by the police as a basis for their belief that the arms being gathered are for shipment out of Kansas City.

Approves Gov. Glynn's Measures.

Albany, N. Y.—A bill calling a convention for the revision of the state constitution was the first of Governor Glynn's measures to receive the approval of both houses of the legislature. It passed the assembly by a vote of 86 to 21. Later the bill for the direct nomination of United States senators was passed, 109 to 1.

Fields Found Guilty.

Cairo, Ill.—After three hours' deliberation a jury found Harvey E. Fields guilty of the murder of Dr. E. E. Gordon and fixed his punishment at twenty years in the penitentiary.

Cost of Texas Floods.

Houston, Tex.—One hundred and sixty-five persons perished, 20,000 people were driven from home and property was damaged to the extent of \$6,000,000 by floods that have torn through several sections of Texas during the last ten days.

Two Hundred and Fifty Drowned.

Freestown, Sierra Leone, West Africa.—Over 250 natives perished recently when a terrific tornado blew twenty canoes with some 600 natives on board out to sea.

Hopes to Swim Canal.

Colon.—Miss Elaine Golding of Bath Beach, N. Y., who hopes to swim the Panama canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific, started in the morning from the five-mile buoy opposite Cristobal and reached the lower lock at Gatun early in the afternoon.

Noted Organist Dead.

Reading, Mass.—William Horatio Clarke, organ builder and author, is dead. He was born in 1840, and was the author of many books on organ playing and organ building.

Dr. Lyman Convicted.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Dr. John Grant Lyman, promoter of Panama land schemes, which brought him into collision with the postal laws, was convicted by a jury in the United States district court of having used the mails to defraud.

Nine Hundred Men Laid Off.

Cleveland, O.—Orders have been received at the Collingwood shops of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company to lay off 900 men indefinitely, effective December 31.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

The home rule charter for Lincoln was defeated.

Stockville suffered a disastrous fire Monday morning.

Sixty fair dates are announced for September 7 to 12.

The Omaha Woman's club has declared a boycott on eggs.

The Nebraska State Veterinary Medical association is in session at Lincoln.

The old Union State Bank building at Beatrice is being converted into an eight-story hotel.

An ice and cold storage plant to cost \$12,000 will be erected by citizens of Tecumseh.

Long Pine will hold a special election to vote bonds for extending her waterworks system.

A compressed air tank exploded at Omaha, killing Frank Kriz and seriously injuring several others.

Farmers around Tobias have organized a Society of Equity, with a membership of forty on the charter.

The body of Otto Guss, a German farm hand 60 years old, was found floating in the Blue river at Seward.

David Croft, said to be the oldest Odd Fellow in the state, having joined the order in 1853, is dead at Superior.

The Stanton militia football team defeated the West Point High on the Stanton grounds by a score of 17 to 0.

The Fremont Gun club has reorganized and leased acreage adjoining the Country club grounds, south of the city.

Superintendent J. L. Fulk, who has been at the head of the Seward schools for the past four years, has resigned.

Explosion of a tank of gasoline caused the destruction of the fine poultry yards of Charles Bartz at Kearney.

J. S. Griffin of Barnestown was stricken with paralysis, dying from its effects without regaining consciousness.

The Tecumseh military band netted over \$200 from the presentation of the "Ticklers," a concert and minstrel performance.

Frank Howe, a bridge carpenter was struck by a Missouri Pacific train while at work near Auburn, and instantly killed.

Rev. J. W. Sapp, pastor of the Christian church at Nemaha for a number of years, has been called to Smith Center, Kansas.

Some miscreant stole the glass contribution box of the Children's Home society from the lobby of the post-office at Seward.

The flour mill being built by the Farmers' Elevator company at Aurora will be ready for operation in the early spring.

Dr. J. W. E. K. Davis, aged 64, died suddenly on a street car while on his way home at Omaha. Death was caused by heart trouble.

Clifford Goff, a 16-year-old Gage county boy, raised 140 bushels of corn on five acres of ground, and won a handsome gold watch thereby.

Miss Edith Liston of Fremont came near losing her life when she took a spoonful of iodine instead of the liquid she had been using to relieve a severe headache.

Dan Heine of Beatrice is under arrest charged with the theft of a lot of brass castings, on which it is alleged he expected to realize money for the purchase of Christmas gifts.

Forty-six years ago Joseph Minor came to Saline county and located on a homestead. Today he is living in a house constructed of lumber obtained from walnut trees which he planted on his claim.

Jesse Correll of Frontier county is the champion boy corn grower in Nebraska, according to the decision of the judges in the contest at the agricultural fair at Lincoln. He harvested eighty-eight bushels from one acre.

Appearance of a case of smallpox at the Lincoln city jail caused three doctors to get busy at once and begin a vaccination crusade. Before it was concluded twenty of the twenty-nine prisoners were given the virus and released from confinement.

The Mount Vernon Cemetery association at Peru has just completed a neat little chapel near the center of the cemetery grounds.

Gil Reynolds, a Gage county man, had radishes, lettuce and onions for Sunday dinner a week ago that were fresh from his own garden.

Twelve-year-old Alice Bjorkman of Lincoln may lose her eyesight as the result of a wound from a lead pencil discharged from a toy spring gun.

Several cases of incendiarism at Kearney have resulted in the city council offering a \$200 reward for the capture of any one caught in the act.

An epidemic of hog cholera in the neighborhood of Fontanelle in Washington county has caused the farmers of that vicinity to lose several hundred head of hogs.

While Evangelist Vawter was holding revival services at York, a short time ago, someone stole a rifle from him. The theft was traced to two boys, who confessed.

A physician announced dead by physicians at Omaha, Andrew Acker, a North Bend horse dealer, changed his mind, got up from his cot and started for home. Says he gets that way often.

Mrs. Johanna Peterson celebrated her ninety-fifth birthday at Fremont last week, and then journeyed to Havelock to spend the winter with relatives and friends.

Sam P. Hays, janitor of the First Methodist church of University Place, was slugged and robbed at 11 o'clock, Wednesday night, in the rear of the church, about ten steps from his home.

Mrs. Dora Fowler-Downing, Dooxy-Erder-Whitney, the former Columbus woman found guilty of bigamy by a St. Louis court, is said to be almost a physical and mental wreck from morphine.

Mrs. J. R. Cox, a poultry raiser at Pawnee City, suffered a loss of 132 fowls by theft in one night recently. They were all thoroughbreds.

Rev. H. W. Robbert, who has been pastor of the Tecumseh German Lutheran church for the past few years, has resigned the charge and accepted a call to the church at Campbell.

Frank O'Connor, at Harrison, was badly hurt from the caving of the walls of a cistern when the cement gave way, crushing him beneath it. No bones were broken, but he is suffering from bruises.

Visits of state weights and measures inspectors to a North Platte mill disclosed that sacks there had been filled with half a pound overweight during full-day runs for an estimated twenty-six week period. On the basis of the 600-sack daily production six sacks a day have been given away, or \$26 sacks in the entire time. At \$1.20 a sack the miller therefore donated more than \$1,120 to his customers. "And that's why I haven't been able to buy an automobile," the miller is said to have asserted when the finding was made known to him.

NEW SCHOOL LAWS

FARMERS WILL MANUFACTURE DENATURED ALCOHOL.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Revision of School Laws.

The commission named by Governor Morehead to submit a proposed revision of the school laws met with the state superintendent's office with the following members present: President, James E. Deitzel, Lincoln; secretary, Edith A. Lathrop, Clay Center; Supt. N. M. Graham, South Omaha; Supt. P. M. Whitehead, Gothenburg; Supt. Charles Annot, Schuyler; Supt. E. M. Cline, Geneva, and William Ritchie, Jr., Lincoln. Addison E. Sheldon of the legislative reference bureau appeared before the commission by special request, and was asked to present statistics which he had gathered from every state in the union regarding the general trend of new school legislation. The commission decided to issue invitations to farmers, labor organizations and other interested citizens and school people throughout the state, asking for suggestions relative to the revision of the school code.

Wins Trip to Washington.

Eighty-eight bushels of corn per acre, grown entirely by a boy, is not such a bad record for the dry season just passed. Master Jess J. Correll of Cambridge, age sixteen, is the boy, and he lives in a western county, too. He left for Washington, December 8th. Twenty other boys in the corn-growing contest grew over fifty bushels per acre, and these boys were from fourteen different counties. Jess has won a total of \$160 in prizes with his acre of 109 bushels. Walter Pflug, age seventeen, of Sarpy county, has won first in the Eastern district with a yield of eighty-four bushels. He has won a total of \$60, and will make the trip to Washington with Jess Correll. The other prizes will be announced at Organized Agriculture next January.

Farmers to Make Denatured Alcohol.

According to information received by the state board of agriculture, farmers in Arthur county are preparing to prevent waste on the farms in that region by utilizing potatoes that cannot be marketed. Many of the producers of Arthur county are far removed from a suitable market. For this reason thousands of bushels of potatoes are wasted each year. The farmers have conceived the idea of manufacturing denatured alcohol from the waste. Twenty-five farmers have banded themselves together to erect a denatured alcohol factory. A change has been made in the denatured alcohol law and after January, 1914, farmers are allowed the privilege of manufacturing the product from the waste of the farm.

Governor Feels "Frisky" as Ever.

Governor Morehead stripped off his coat and vest, rolled up his sleeves and skinned up a gymnasium climbing pole, hand-over-hand, at the Young Men's Christian association at Lincoln, Thursday. No one else in the crowd could duplicate the trick and there were several old athletes present, including Superintendent R. V. Clark of the Kearney Industrial school, Dr. George E. Condra of the university and Clarence Harman, state food commissioner. The latter three, it is said, will pay for the governor's dinner at some future time because of the feat. "I feel just as frisky as I ever did," the executive said when he slid down the pole, "but my mind is poor for this kind of exercise."

Will Make Refund.

Products of Nebraska are supposed to be carried from towns of the state to the state fair free of charge, according to the railway commission's ruling on a \$12 item complained of by William Loneragan of Florence, The Northwestern, it is said, will make the refund at once. It was prevented from doing so before because of the transfer of agents and the misreading of the papers in the case to the road's auditing offices.

Soil Saturated for Six Feet.

Tests to ascertain the depth to which the recent heavy rains have saturated the soil in fields planted in various kinds of crops, were concluded at the state farm recently by Prof. P. B. Barker of the agronomy department. The extraordinary depletion of the stores of water in the sub-soil due to last summer's drought, makes the matter of deep interest to farmers of the state. Professor Barker found that corn lands are now saturated at almost fully to the depth of six feet.

Upon Complaint of Food Commissioner Harman.

The matter of having test weights of 100 pounds or more carried as baggage on trains has been taken up by the state railway commission with the different railroads. Inspectors for the food commission have been subjected to annoyance and expense recently by being compelled to send their cases of test weights as express. The Union Pacific and Burlington have agreed to handle them hereafter as baggage, and it is thought other lines will consent to do the same.

Wife of the Mayor of Chicago Declines Position in Service of United States.

Washington.—Mrs. Carter H. Harrison, wife of the mayor of Chicago, recently declined an appointment as a member of the commission on industrial relations. The reason given is that Mayor Harrison opposed it on the ground that Mrs. Harrison has certain duties as wife of the mayor of such a large city which cannot be neglected.

TUNNY IN BRITISH WATERS

Large Specimen of the Fish Weighing 715 Pounds Is Caught and Put on Exhibition.

London.—A large specimen of the short-finned tunny (crecyus thynnus) was recently captured off the southwest coast of Ireland by one of the Fleetwood trawlers when trawling for hake, who brought it to their home port, and it was afterwards sent, as a show attraction, to Preston, where the writer had the opportunity of examining it. The fish in question weighed 715 pounds and measured six feet six inches in length, and is the largest of



The Tunny Fish.

its species ever brought to Fleetwood. The tunny belongs to the mackerel family, having somewhat the appearance of a gigantic mackerel, and is a rare visitor to British waters. It is a southern fish, particularly abundant in the Mediterranean, where the fisheries are of great antiquity, and is today much in demand for its edible qualities in the countries bordering on that sea. The Phoenicians established extensive fisheries for tunny, and as an indication of their value the tunny appears on the medals of Cadiz and Cartea. Unfortunately, the specimen here shown is wrinkled in the lower portion of the body, owing to its not being hoisted clear of the ground when being photographed, and the fish is leaning on its tail, consequently wrinkling it. A tunny weighing three and a half hundredweight and about eight feet long, and another specimen of the same species said to be "just under 12 feet in length," and weighing six and a half hundredweight, were caught in the North sea and landed at East Coast fishing ports during the month of September this year. The Mediterranean tunny is allied to the tuna of the Californian coast, and both these fish may be obtained in this country preserved in tins.

RATTLER OBJECTED TO PLAN

Refused to Furnish Colorado Girl With a Snake Belt and a Tragedy Nearly Results.

Denver, Colo.—Her anxiety to have a rattlesnake skin belt almost cost the life of Miss Grace Glasspool when a snake she supposed was dead suddenly showed itself very much alive and struck at her. Miss Glasspool was out riding when she came across the rattler sunning itself in the highway. The girl alighted from the buggy and attacked the snake with the whip, apparently killing it. She placed it in the vehicle and drove to town.

ENGLISH TAKE UP DOMINOES

London.—Many society hostesses are experiencing difficulty in providing some new form of entertainment, especially in that difficult period to fill-between afternoon tea and dinner. Consequently there is now a distinct revival of dominoes. Some of the dominoes are extremely elegant, ivory of the finest quality or of mother of pearl, while the boxes to hold them are equally ornate. How completely dominoes had died out is shown by the fact that some hostesses could not find anyone among their parties who could play the game.

DECLARES MONEY IS SCARCE

Missouri Pacific President Denies Road is Buying Electric Line. Kansas City.—"We're not buying anything. Money is so scarce you can't find it with a spyglass. Times will have to change before this road will make any additions." This was the answer B. E. Bush, president of the Missouri Pacific railway, gave recently when asked if the purchase of the Antioch electric line in California had been closed while he was in the west. Mr. Bush did not deny that the Missouri Pacific might purchase it in the future.

MRS. HARRISON REFUSES JOB

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COULDN'T CORNER THE QUACK

Very Evident He Was Used to Getting Into and Squirming Out of Exceedingly Tight Places.

A correspondent of the Lancet tells of a man who, when he went to a "quack" and complained of a sharp pain in the loins after sitting on damp grass for some hours, during which he frequently sucked the point of the lead pencil with which he was writing, was told that he was suffering from "plumbism," and given some pills. The next day he returned to the "quack" and said: "You told me I had 'plumbism,' which is lead poisoning, and I now find there is no lead in lead pencils, only graphite of plumbago."

"Oh," replied the "quack," airily, "did I say plumbism is the cause of your lumbism? I meant to have said plumbago is the cause of your lumbago."

Hard Test.

Fred Poor of the supply department of the postoffice has been commuting this winter between here and a town just north of Lawrence. One day, wearied from a late business engagement the night before, he fell asleep in the seat and was in sound slumber when the train passed the bridge in sight of the falls at Lawrence. An enthusiastic fellow-passenger, going over the road for the first time, was so interested at the sight of the splashing water that he thought it a pity the young man should be deprived of the opportunity to witness the scene. And so he awakened Poor out of sound sleep that he might behold it. Considering that he had seen the falls twice daily for months, it required a rare summoning of amiability to look pleased. But he did so.

Had One Hope.

A little English lad, much impressed by his nature reading, built an amateur nest in a tall tree and confided to an adult friend his hope of finding eggs in it. "But birds build their own nests, dear," it was gently suggested. "They won't lay eggs in nests they haven't