

# Today

In Big Kansas.  
Oxen, Motors, Airplanes,  
Here They Work.  
The Slow Oil Wells.  
By ARTHUR BRISBANE.

Going through Kansas, west-bound, from Chicago, over the Santa Fe. You ride over a perfect roadbed, with perfect equipment. The Pullman cars, admirable in comfort and simplicity of decoration, solid steel from end to end, represent the highest achievement of scientific transportation. Your stateroom is large, ventilation perfect. This world is comfortable for those that have money and live on the top of the wave.

Through the car window you see a solid part of America, where hard work produces substantial wealth. The cities fly past, Topeka, Emporia, Newton, Hutchinson. The early workers came there, crawling slowly, in wagons drawn by mules, oxen, horses. Their children roll along the smooth, well-paved streets in automobiles. You look in vain for horses in these cities.

The children of these automobile riders will travel through the air, and in a day go west to the Pacific, east to New York, or southeast to Florida.

Mark this prediction. Within 20 years a million Americans that now ride in automobiles labeled "Ford" will fly in airplanes also labeled Ford, and go 100 miles on a gallon of gasoline and no tire wear.

Between the towns you see the real hard-working America, broad lands to which the farmers give their lives, feeding the nation.

In an open field, dark-brown steers stand, in long rows at feeding troughs, fattening their heavy bodies for the meat eaters.

In another field, men are husking corn cobs over from last year's crop, safe from mould, in the shock outdoors. The cribs are half empty now and will hold the rest of the corn.

In the next field, a man walks the long rows behind three powerful horses, plowing. The frost has not gone deep, apparently. Many fields are plowed.

Try that work, 12 hours a day, with one foot in the furrow, and one on the high ground, and reins around your shoulders, steadying the plow and plowing straight.

Only to look at it for three minutes makes the man from the city want to lie down and rest.

On one side of the track, a rounded pile of stones, twice as tall as a big willow tree growing near. Shows where moving ice dropped part of its burden ages ago. Scientists may find some bones underneath those stones in future excavations.

On the other side of the track science has already found something of greater financial value than any dinosaur. There a hundred primitive wells, their long arms jutting up and down, are slowly pumping the oil out of the ground. The engine that pumps uses a small part of the oil that the ground yields. And so the farmer, working in the fields, uses for himself a small part of what he gets out of the earth, the rest goes off to be spent by others, the railroad owners, the middlemen, the retailers.

James C. Dayton, with one possible exception, the best newspaper publisher in the country, says those oil wells remind him of the hideous monster, philosophizing, in "The Tempest," as he pulls the legs and big pincers from some crabs, and allows others to go free, remarking that he is treating the crabs as Cretaceous, the omnipotent ruler above, treats human beings.

Strange, says Dayton, that on one side of the track the farmer still soils for a hard living. On the other side, slowly moving oil pumps tell you that one farmer has gone to Palm Beach and is now sitting on the edge of the surf in a fancy bathing suit, paid for with one barrel of that oil. Providence might say that the farmer at work is happier than the oil farmer at Palm Beach, although neither would believe it.

This is a great and a wonderful country. If you could concentrate in one brain the imagination of Poe, Heine, Coleridge, Michael Angelo and Swift, that composite imagination could not even dimly foresee what this nation is to be when the residences are on the mountain tops.

In that day on these level plains machinery will do the work precisely as machinery now does the work in the great rolling mill at Gary. There ore from the great range is changed into steel rails, and no part of the steel is touched by a human hand or influenced by human labor, until the very last; then the clear, steady eye of a young master workman looks along the rail, seizing it with his long iron pincers, as he makes sure that it is straight, before the electric magnet, dropping down, lifts the blue-gray steel rails to the waiting flat-car.

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## FRED PARKS GIVES 10 MONTHS TO PAY

"Paper and paint today, and have 10 months to pay." This slogan, originated by the Fred Parks Paint store, 4708 South Twenty-fourth street, contractors in painting, papering and decorating, is merely an example of one of the many services offered to the public by this concern. With the advent of the spring season many are thinking of re-decorating their homes. Often times people decide to put this off from month to month for lack of ready cash. Under this plan of "Ten months to pay," postponement is unnecessary," says Mr. Parks. A call on the telephone will bring representative out to figure any job, and explain the "Ten months payment plan," Mr. Parks added.

# A Wife's Confessional

by Adele Garrison



## What Does Marion See as Madge Enters the Farm Yard

As Katherine turned to go up the hospital stairs after her suitcase, I detained her long enough to relay Lillian's message concerning Dr. Pettit's coming to the farm as soon as he could manage it. "Yes, he's here," she said, "and I'll tell him. I wonder—thoughtfully—"whether it might not be a good idea to have him step out to the car and look this mysterious patient over. No, on second and sober thought, it would be anything but. Lillian can override my opinion if she wishes. Dr. Pettit's detour would have that of the old Medes and Persians tied to the mast and yelling for help. And he has the idea that there's no place but a hospital for any variety of illness—a theory with which I generally agree."

She gave me a merry little wink and hurried away down the corridor. She returned in the "jiffy" she had promised, arrayed in outdoor costume and carrying her suitcase. With a brief word at the office, she hurried with me out of the door and down to the street where we had parked the car.

Lillian Clears the Way. As we approached it, I saw Marion hurdle the back of the front seat, flipping down beside Junior with an

and deposited the suitcase in the luggage carrier with the others. "Sit with Auntie Madge, now, and take care of Junior." Marion skipped back to her seat, and I started the engine for the last lap of the journey, Katherine crouching in front of the girl, and watching her steadily.

"Make Time, Madge!" "Make all the time you can, with safety, Madge," she said, the road being comparatively clear and but one small village to delay us, it was but a few minutes before we turned into the driveway of the farm. As we did so, I noticed Marion lean out of the seat and look back.

"What is it, Marion?" I asked in a low voice. "Forgive me, Auntie Madge," she said, "but I can't tell you until I've spoken to mother. She told me I must wait, you know."

"Yes, I know," I returned mechanically, pleading together the young girl's startled exclamation as the sedan passed us, with her odd behavior now. But Lillian's voice put a temporary end to all conjecture.

"Marion, get out and run to the barn for Jim," she said. "Yes, you may take Junior with you if you wish. Tell him we want him to come right away. Stop at the kitchen and tell Mrs. Ticer if she is here—no, you've saved that task. Here she is now, bless her efficient soul."

The side door had opened, revealing Mrs. Ticer with her plump figure encased in an old-fashioned, high and stiffly-boned tight corset, with her neat dress and blue apron, her smoothly banded hair and her

## FISH DINNERS THROUGH LENT

For the duration of Lent the Welch restaurants are specializing on fish dinners. "Each Wednesday fresh water fish will be served and each Friday sea fish will be on the menu," said Mr. Welch.

The sea fish are shipped direct from the Boston fish wharves to the Welch restaurants in Omaha. It is very interesting to know that Omahans ordering sea fish on Friday, in the Welch restaurants, are eating just as fresh a product as Bostonians do on the same day. The catch of Tuesday, which is served on the tables of Boston on Friday, is shipped Tuesday evening to Omaha, arriving in time to be served here on Friday.

Marvin Hagelbach, a minor, admitted stealing from Antholz after Antholz had laid a trap for him and caught him in his house. Antholz is charged with having given young Hagelbach a severe beating, the plaintiff claiming that he has suffered permanent personal injuries. He asked \$10,000 damages.

## New Trial of Damage Case.

TCUMSEH, Neb., March 1.—Following argument for a new trial in the damage case of Melvin Hagelbach versus Martin Antholz in the district court here, Judge J. B. Raper granted the motion.

Bricks Bought for Church. TCUMSEH, Neb., March 1.—The building committee for the new \$10,000 church the German Lutheran congregation will build in Tecumseh has bought the brick and tile for the building.

Additional contracts have just been let as follows: Mason work, R. E. Weber, Lincoln; lumber, Olson Lumber company, Tecumseh; plumbing, C. W. Jones, Tecumseh; electrical equipment, city of Tecumseh; carpenter work, T. B. Nichols, Tecumseh.

## MOTORCYCLISTS STAGE PARTY

A real hard time party and dance was enjoyed Thursday evening by members of the Omaha Motorcycle club and their friends. A 42-pound squealing pig was won by Mrs. A. L. Biven and a live duck by Charles Kirkpatrick. Prizes were won by Charles Kirkpatrick, Ben Worcester, Arthur Hughes, Private Moore of Fort Omaha, Mrs. Fred Sutton and Miss Gaughran. These prizes were donated by the Harley-Davidson Motor company and Victor Roos, local Harley-Davidson dealer.

Keep on using apples. If you haven't tried an apple cheese betty or a rye and apple pudding, send to the state college of agriculture at Ithaca for bulletin E 88 right now.

## HOME BUILDERS TAKE INTEREST

Now that spring and the building seasons are here, people are thinking more and more about building. "Each year," says Mr. Charles Haberstroh, of W. A. Haberstroh and Sons, 1402 Military avenue, "we notice that the home builder is taking more interest in the details of the construction of his home. In the past the details were, to a great extent, left up to the contractor. This has changed. Now he has his own ideas on all branches that go to make up the completed home.

The heating system is an important feature of the home, and conse-

## Bob Cat Haunts Vicinity of Center

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Bloomfield, Neb., March 1.—It is reported that citizens of Center are being terrorized by a large bob cat which has taken up an abode in that vicinity.

Whether this is the same animal that terrorized the Devil's Nest country a year or so ago is not known. Those who claim to have seen the animal insist that it is a monster.

Rumors are that a big hunt is to be staged and that all of the county officials (who constitute the main part of the town's population) will participate in the foray. Tidings from that section are awaited with interest.

## Mrs. M. C. Brott Dies.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., March 1.—Mrs. Mary Catherine Brott, old resident of Plymouth, died at that place after a lingering illness. She was the wife of Christ Brott and is survived by her husband and nine children. She was 75 years of age.

## Gage County Pioneer Dies.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., March 1.—Mrs. Christina Peterson, for 55 years a resident of Gage county, died at the home of her son, Archie, near Filley, aged 86 years. She had been in failing health for a long time.



# MARCH 1st Unsettled!

Stormy or Clear? It's Up to You

WILL March 1st be clear or unsettled? Are the reports on your credit "past due, slow and unsettled?" You cannot govern the elements, but fortunately, you can bring sunshine into your credit reports.

It makes no difference how dark it was yesterday, yesterday is gone forever. You can bring happiness into your life--to your family--and to those to whom you are indebted by starting today. Settle up your accounts, or see the credit man.

## Clear Weather Ahead

Delinquent accounts mean stormy periods---lightning flashes from righteous creditors and thunderous voices of collectors.

Careful buying, conservative spending and systematic paying will soon bring clear weather reports on your credit records.

The merchants, the tradesmen and professional men of Omaha extending credit for your convenience want you to get the fullest possible benefit from it. However, out of fairness to them, as well as protection to you, they ask that you meet the payments in the manner that you agreed.

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