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SLEUTHS DOG FUNK

HARVESTER COMPANY'S MANAGER SAYS HE IS BEING CONSTANTLY SHADOWED.

GETS THREATS OVER PHONE

Declares Detectives Haunt His Steps Even Into Committee Room at Washington—Repeats His Springfield (Ill.) Testimony.

Washington.—A decided sensation was caused in the Lorimer investigation when Clarence S. Funk, whose story precipitated the present inquiry, disclosed just before leaving the stand that since he told the story to the Helm committee he had been followed day and night by private detectives which he intimated were employed by Edward Hines, the Chicago millionaire lumberman.

Funk also said he had received many threats over the telephone and in anonymous letters, and it thereupon developed that the committee of the United States which is conducting the investigation has been annoyed by similar sinister warnings. Consternation was caused among the members of the committee when Mr. Funk declared, upon cross-examination, that the detectives who had been haunting his footsteps had followed him to the committee room and had taken their places among the spectators.

Mr. Funk admitted that he knew the name of one of the detectives and could produce him before the committee. The investigation was brought to a temporary halt while the committee retired and had a consultation with the witness. This conference lasted an hour, during which time Mr. Funk made an effort to find the detective. Failing in this, the hearing adjourned, and it is expected that the detective will be summoned before the committee.

Mr. Funk's interesting disclosure came after a long and rather dull session in which he repeated the testimony he gave the Helm committee at Springfield and told again the story of how Edward Hines approached him and asked him to contribute \$10,000 to help make up the fund of \$100,000 spent in getting Lorimer elected by the Illinois assembly.

Mr. Funk did not remember mentioning the names of Roger Sullivan and one of the Weyerhaeusers to H. H. Kohlsaat, to whom he related his conversation with Hines.

ALASKA COAL CLAIMS VOID

Cunningham Filings Are Disallowed by Land Commissioner Sanctioned by Secretary of Interior Fisher.

Washington.—The famous Cunningham Alaska coal land claims, through which it has been alleged that the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate planned to extend its vast interests in Alaska and to control one of the most valuable coal fields in the world, were finally disallowed by the department of the interior.

Walter L. Fisher, secretary of the interior, having approved the department's decision, as handed down by Fred Dennett, commissioner of the land office, the last door is believed to have been closed to the Cunningham claimants. Their attorneys have threatened an appeal to the United States Supreme court, but such an appeal can be based only on some point of law involved and not on the findings of fact as announced by the department.

ROOT AMENDMENT IS LOST

Provision Proposing to Change Paper Section in Reciprocity Bill Defeated in Senate.

Washington.—Without even the formality of a record vote the Root amendment to the reciprocity bill passed into oblivion.

In the first test of strength on reciprocity the senate defeated the paper trust proposal by a viva voce vote. A few scattering ayes, followed by a roar of noes, told the story.

President Taft expressed great satisfaction over the result. The friends of reciprocity accept the result as a plain arguery of what is to follow when the vote is taken. Scores of amendments await to be disposed of, yet, and there are still more to be introduced. They run the entire gamut of tariff revision. But all amendments will be resolutely voted down.

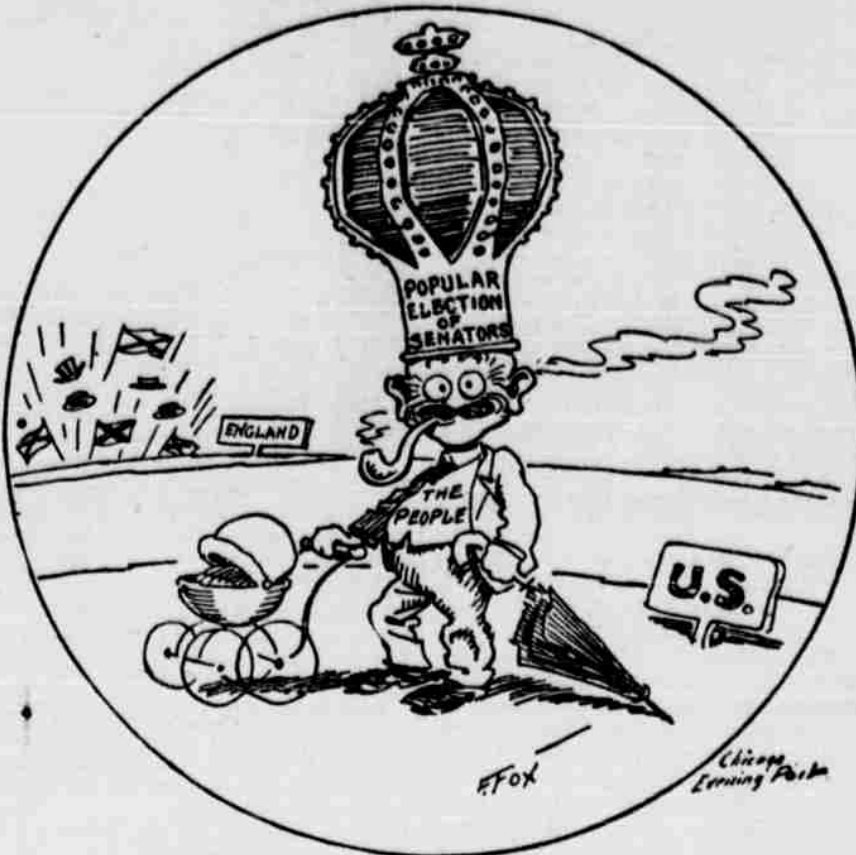
5,000 Cattle Are Drowned

Grand Junction, Colo.—Bursting of a reservoir containing 5,000 acres feet of water caused damage of \$100,000. Five thousand cattle were drowned and several bridges were swept away. Thomas Dwyer telephoned warnings to ranchers before.

Arrested, Kills Himself

Wheeling, W. Va.—Placed under arrest at her home, Mrs. Minnie McBride swallowed carbolic acid, hurled the bottle at a policeman's hat and died within a few minutes.

THERE ARE OTHER CROWNS



We May See the Coronation of a New Ruler in Our Own Country Some Time.

RAIL MERGE UPHELD

COMBINATION OF UNION AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROADS DECIDED TO BE LEGAL.

JUDGE HOOK FAILS TO AGREE

In Dissenting Opinion Jurist Declares the Government's Petition to Be Well Founded and It Should Have Been Granted.

St. Louis.—The United States circuit court of the eighth district handed down an opinion that the purchase of the Southern Pacific railroad by the Union Pacific "did not amount to a direct and substantial restraint of either interstate or international commerce." The recent decision of the United States Supreme court in the Standard Oil case was cited among others by Judge Elmer B. Adams, who wrote the majority opinion. Supreme Court Justice Willis Van De Venter, while a circuit judge of the eighth district, participated in the hearing, deliberation and decision in the case and concurred in the opinion. Judge William C. Hook filed a dissenting opinion.

"Our conclusion," said Judge Adams, "is that, all the facts of the case, considered in their natural, reasonable and practical aspect, and given their appropriate relative significance, do not make the Union Pacific a substantial competitor for transcontinental business with the Southern Pacific in or prior to the year 1901.

"Certainly the desire to appropriate the trifling business done by the Southern Pacific on the minor lines or to suppress competition of traffic which was in the aggregate of such small proportions could not have been the inspiration of the vast outlay involved in the purchase of the Huntington stock. It did not amount to a direct and substantial restraint of either interstate or international commerce. This is not sufficient to bring it within the condemnation of the anti-trust law."

The court held also that the investment of the Harriman lines in the Santa Fe was not for acquiring control, and that if it was for obtaining inside information concerning the operation of a great competitor they chose a lawful way for doing it.

"The conclusions of fact dispose of this case," the conclusion concluded, "without the necessity of determining the question much debated in brief and argument whether securing control of the Southern Pacific company by purchasing stock of individual owners could in any view of the case have contravened the anti-trust law."

"On the facts of this case, with all their reasonable and fair inferences, we conclude that the government has failed to substantiate the averments of its bill.

"The bill must be dismissed and a decree will be entered 'that effect.'"

Orphans' Home Dedicated.

La Grange, Ill.—About 16,000 Masons attended the dedication Orphans' home here. The ceremony was conducted on the front porch of the building by the Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Grand Master Albert B. Ashley officiating, with Rev. William White Wilson as grand orator.

The spectacular feature was the parade, of which George M. Moulton was chief marshal, with Robert J. Daly and R. C. Fletcher as assistants.

BONAPARTE WIFE DIES

PRINCESS CLOTHILDE, WIDOW OF "PLON-PON" EXPIRES.

Since the Fall of the French Empire She Has Led the Life of a Nun.

Rome.—Princess Clothilde Bonaparte, imperial nun of the Bonapartes and widow of Prince Napoleon Bonaparte, who was nicknamed "Plon-Pon" on account of his alleged cowardice during the Crimean war, died at Montcailleri. Her son, Victor Napoleon, pretender to the throne of France, was at her bedside with Dowager Queen Margherita of Italy and Dowager Queen Maria Pia of Portugal. The princess was sixty-eight years old and a member of Italy's royal house.

Ever since the fall of the French empire Princess Clothilde had made her home in the Chateau of Montcailleri, near Turin, which she has converted into an orphanage and into a hospital, and where she led the life of a Sister of Mercy, devoting herself entirely to works of charity. The only time that she left Montcailleri was when her husband, who had treated her with such cruel neglect, lay dying at home and he passed away with his head on her shoulder, completely reconciled.

She has never appeared at any court functions since the memorable day when after the proclamation of the republic at Paris she drove in full state, in an open carriage and four pairs, with outriders, through the streets of Paris, and even through the turbulent Faubourg St. Antoine, to take the train for Italy, all the men doffing their hats as she passed in token of respect, her departure presenting a striking contrast to that of Empress Eugenie, who fled in disguise under the care of her American dentist, the late Dr. Thomas Evans.

ALBANIANS SLAIN BY TURKS

Army of 50,000 Massed Near Border of Montenegro—Grave Toll of Horrors.

Vienna.—Reliable advices have been received here from Albania that the situation there is extremely critical. Turkey has massed 50,000 troops within a day's march of the Montenegrin frontier.

Charles R. Crane of Chicago, who has just arrived at Vienna from Cetinje after traversing Albania, describes the conditions as intolerable. The Turks, he says, are devastating whole districts, killing prisoners, refugee women and children, burning houses and crops, and blowing up churches. A large body of Albanian women and children is caught between two wings of the Turkish army and escape is impossible.

Mr. Crane adds that 25,000 women and children have fled to Montenegro and are starving there, their only means of subsistence being boiled grass and various roots they are able to gather.

ILLINOIS POWER BILL LOST

House Members by Vote of 75 to 81 Defeat the Pet Measure of Governor.

Springfield, Ill.—Lacking two votes of the necessary 77, the Densen-Johnson waterway-water power bill was defeated in the house. The vote was 75 to 81, two short of a constitutional majority.

Forty-Eight Hurt by Cars.

San Francisco.—Forty-eight persons, all delegates to the International Sunday School convention, now in session here, were injured in a series of street car accidents. Many of the injured were from Texas. It is believed none of the number was seriously injured.

Horseman Dies at Bement.

Bement, Ill.—Col. A. S. Burr, owner of Thornton stock farm, one of the best known horsemen of the middle west, is dead.

INDICT LUMBER MEN

FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS FOURTEEN.

Officials of Organization Are Charged With Violating the Sherman Law and Accused of Conspiracy.

Chicago.—The special grand jury in the United States district court returned before Judge Landis indictments against 14 secretaries and former secretaries of wholesale and retail lumber dealers' associations in the western territory, charging a conspiracy to restrain interstate trade in violation of the criminal provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Those indicted are: Arthur S. Holmes, Detroit, Mich., secretary of the Michigan Retail Lumber Dealers' association and editor of the Scout, a trade paper owned and controlled by lumber dealers.

George P. Sweet, also secretary of the Michigan association.

Willard C. Hollis, Minneapolis, secretary of the Northwestern Lumbermen's association.

Henry A. Gorsuch, Kansas City, Mo., secretary of the Southwestern Lumbermen's association.

Bird Critchfield, Lincoln, Neb., secretary of the Nebraska Lumber Dealers' association.

E. E. Hall, also secretary of the Nebraska association.

Harry C. Seacore, Mooresville, Ind., secretary of the Retail Lumber Dealers' association of Indiana.

H. H. Hemenway, Denver, Colo., secretary of the Colorado and Wyoming Lumber Dealers' association.

Louis I. Hellman, also secretary of the Colorado and Wyoming association.

H. S. Adams, Chillicothe, O., secretary of the Union Association of Lumber Dealers, and also of the Ohio Association of Retail Lumber Dealers.

B. N. Hayward, Columbus, O., also secretary of the Ohio association.

A. L. Porter, Spokane, Wash., secretary of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association.

R. P. Bransford, Jinton City, Tenn., secretary of the Retail Lumber Dealers' association of West Tennessee.

A. C. Rightor, Pittsburg, Pa., secretary of the Retail Lumber Dealers' association of Pennsylvania.

Three men escaped indictment by giving testimony before the grand jury, thereby wrapping themselves in the cloak of immunity prescribed by law. They are Paul Lichmann, Milwaukee, secretary of the Wisconsin Retail Lumber Dealers' association; George W. Hotchkiss, Chicago, secretary of the Illinois Lumber and Builders' Supply Dealers' association, and at present secretary of the secretaries' bureau, and George Wilson Jones, also secretary of the Illinois association and assistant secretary of the secretaries' bureau.

Each individual is indicted on two counts, the first alleging a conspiracy among the retail dealers to restrain interstate trade and commerce between the manufacturer and wholesaler and the consumer, and the second charging a conspiracy to suppress and eliminate competition which ordinarily should exist between wholesaler and manufacturer and the retailer in supplying the consumer.

SHERMAN AIDS IN RESCUE

Vice-President Assists in Dragging Two Men From Beneath Overturned Auto.

Washington.—Vice-President Sherman, one of his secretaries and his chauffeur acted the part of rescuers in an automobile accident between Rockville and this city, dragging two men from underneath a run-about that had toppled over an embankment, and conveying them to a hospital in their own car.

William A. Kemper, an employe of the government printing office, one of the men injured, is suffering from internal injuries. His companion, Clifford S. Burch, escaped with bruises and cuts. The accident was due to Kemper trying to run around the Sherman car in a narrow stretch of road.

AEROPLANE ON A RAMPAGE

Airship Starts as Aviator Tries to Enter Seat—Exciting Chase Follows.

New York.—A wild aeroplane romped over the aviation field at Garden City, L. I., for 20 minutes, injured four men and finally wrecked itself on an embankment.

Andre Harpert, an aviator, stepped out of the aeroplane while the engine was going at half speed to adjust a rear plane. As he tried to re-enter the seat the aeroplane started and he was thrown to the ground.

It dragged him 200 feet and when he released his hold he was badly bruised. Half a dozen mechanics gave chase and were bowled over in succession, three of them being cut and bruised.

Balloon Is Lost in Sea.

Bremen, Germany.—One of the four balloons which ascended at Paris fell into the North sea near the island of Julet of the East Frisian group. A violent storm prevailed. Two persons were aboard the balloon.

Gas Blast Hurts Eight.

Estes Park, Colo.—The Stanley hotel, built at a cost of \$500,000, was partly wrecked by an explosion of gas. Eight persons were injured, one seriously. None of the guests were injured.

LUMBERMEN OBJECT

NOT FAVORABLE TO THE WISHES OF THE RAILROADS.

A HEARING GIVEN IN JULY

Transportation Lines Want Permission to Increase Lumber Weight on Carload Lots.

All railroads doing business in Nebraska have joined in a request to the state railway commission for permission to increase the minimum weight on lumber in carload lots. It is said lumber dealers throughout the state will protest against the desired permission.

The railway commission will hold a hearing July 12 for the purpose of hearing the applicants and those who desire to protest. A formal notice of the hearing will be issued to all concerned. Recently the commission received a letter from a Council Bluffs lumber firm protesting against the proposed increase in minimum weight, but at that time no application was before the commission.

The railroads desire to make the minimum weight on lumber the same as now applies in interstate traffic in Nebraska. If the desired permission is given the minimum weight now carry a minimum of 30,000 pounds; cars over thirty feet long and less than thirty-four feet, which now carry a minimum of 24,000, will be increased to 30,000; cars over thirty-four feet which now carry a minimum of 30,000 pounds will take a minimum of 34,000 pounds.

Colored Vinegar Ruled Out.

Food Commissioner Jackson has given notice to wholesalers and jobbers that they must cease to sell colored distilled vinegars after August 1. This ruling of the food commissioner is based on an old law, one passed in the year 1897, which says that all vinegar shall be made of fruit or grain from which it purports to be and shall contain no artificial coloring. Distilled vinegar is white when it is first color vinegar and this is ruled upon as injurious.

Chance for Creditors.

Claimants having bills against the Farmers and Merchants Insurance company have six months in which to file their accounts, according to Receiver Charles Knapp. The latter expects to apply to the court within a few days for permission to sell real estate owned by the concern at the time it went under.

Boone County Appeals.

Boone county has appealed to the supreme court from a judgment obtained by four towns in the county for the return of half the road tax collected on city property since 1883.

Agricultural Exposition.

Local men are planning for the holding of an agricultural exposition in this city next winter in connection with the meetings of organized agriculture. It is the intention to have florists' products and an extensive display of apples and other fruit in connection with the rest of the exposition.

Will Help the Guard.

The coming of Major Pean of the regular army to act as instructor for the Nebraska national guard, it is believed by many of the officers, will result in much good to the organization in general.

Reformed Spelling.

Reformed spelling will be recognized as correct, in the state superintendent's department, and teachers using reformed orthography will not be graded down or criticized, according to a letter written by State Superintendent Crabtree to E. Benjamin Andrews who is favorable to reformed spelling.

Elections Confirmed.

An order issued by the adjutant general confirms the election of two new officers for Company 8, Second regiment, at Beaver City. First Sergeant John Stevens was elected captain and Sergeant James W. Axtell chosen for second lieutenant.

First Regiment in Camp.

Adjutant General Phelps has been spending several days at Blair, where he went with Company E of the First regiment, on its camp for target practice. The company is only a year old, but was founded by General Phelps to be in a good state of organization and efficiency. The Albion company also held target practice last week.

Chance for Boys and Girls.

Under the direction of the state superintendent's office a state poultry-raising contest for boys and girls is to be undertaken in Nebraska next year. The same plan is to be followed as in the corn-raising and domestic science contests, which have already been established. Miss Anna V. Day, assistant to State Superintendent Crabtree, will have charge of the poultry contest and has begun reading up on all subjects pertaining to the raising of healthy chickens and getting more eggs.

BOYS' CORN CONTEST.

Chance to Win a Prize and Honor as Well.

To the Nebraska boy under 18 years of age, growing the largest yield of corn from one acre of Nebraska land in 1911, \$50; the second, \$25; third, \$20; fourth, \$15; fifth, \$10 and to the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh, \$5 each. These are the prizes to be given in the boys' acre corn-growing contest by the state board of agriculture.

The entire labor of preparing the ground, planting, cultivating and harvesting of this acre of corn is to be performed by the contestants who enter by recording their names in the office of W. R. Mellor, secretary, Lincoln, not later than May 20.

The acre is to be measured, husked and weighed in the presence of two disinterested freeholders, residents of the county in which the acre of corn is located. The committee is to forward affidavit as to weight and requirement of specifications in this contest to the secretary of the state board of agriculture not later than December 1.

The contestant shall file with the secretary a full and detailed account of his method of performing the work, fertilizers used, if any; whether bottom, hill or table land, and the character or kind of soil on which the crop was grown; with an accurate account of the cost of production, including the actual time that entered into the production of this acre of corn.

On request prize winners must forward a sample of ten ears of corn grown to W. R. Mellor, secretary, Lincoln.

Commission Approves Schedule.

Changes in the train schedules of the Union Pacific railroad were approved by the state railway commission. There were no objections registered against the new time card, with the exception of one emanating from the Kearney Commercial club.

Marking the Oregon Trail.

Activity in marking the Oregon trail across the state is not looked for until after July 5, when the commission appointed by Governor Aldrich to supervise the work will meet to canvass bids submitted on the markers. A limit of \$25 has been set upon the cost of each of the markers, and it has been intimated by the members of the trail commission that it would be desirable to fall under this amount. Automobile clubs over the state have volunteered to lend assistance in the marking of the trail and preparations are being made for a number of interesting events at the time the work begins.

Tax Ferret Wants Job.

Asserting that he would make no more than one man in a thousand "sore," and that the state of Nebraska, should it employ him, would be surprised at the amount of property he would uncover which is now buried from taxation, J. P. Wittingill has written a letter to the state board of assessment asking for employment here as a "tax ferret." Secretary Henry Seymour has written the Kentucky man that there is no such position as he speaks of in this state, and that consequently he cannot be given employment here.

Pioneer Returns for Visit.

John S. Gregory, now of Galveston, Tex., and who was the first lawyer, the first county commissioner and the first member of the legislature from this county, arrived here for a visit with old friends and acquaintances. Mr. Gregory, who is nearly four score years old, had many interesting experiences to relate of early days in this county.

Rate Hearing to Go Over.

The indications are the State Railway commission will postpone final hearing on rate classification which was set for July 6. The railroads desire to submit a great many proposed changes and it will be impossible for shippers and Omaha and Lincoln Commercial clubs to be ready July 6.

Commander of G. A. R.

Thomas Brown was elected commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of South Dakota, and Mitchell was chosen for next reunion.

Hospital Building.

The state board of public lands and buildings awarded a contract for the construction of a hospital building at the state home for soldiers at Granu Island. With \$15,000 appropriated by the last legislature the board expects to construct and furnish a hospital which, although modest in the matter of cost, will provide all of the comforts of a first-class hospital for the veterans of the civil war who are members of the state home and who are fast becoming helpless because of increasing years.

Prof. Caldwell Off for Europe.

H. W. Caldwell, one of the best known members of the university faculty, accompanied by his wife and daughters, left a few days ago for a year's vacation in Europe, the first in more than a score of years which he has taught in this institution. Prof. Caldwell has been connected with the university continuously since 1876, when he entered college as a freshman. He has met classes year in and year out with punctual regularity and has taught classes at several of the midsummer sessions.

THE LAZIEST MAN

IS FOUND AT LAST

FOR TWELVE WHOLE YEARS THIS WEARY MAN HAS STAYED IN HIS BED.

IS AN INMATE OF POORHOUSE

With an Appetite That Would Shame a Goat John Muncia Spends His Existence in Bed—Laughs at Any Suggestion of Work.

Jerseyville, Ill.—John Muncia is the laziest man on earth. Furthermore he is proud of his somewhat degrading distinction. For the last 12 years he has lain on his bed in the Jersey county poorhouse, eight miles from Jerseyville, and replied to every command that he arise and work with peals of weird laughter. Physicians have examined him time and time again and they declare that he is free from any infirmity that would incapacitate him from active work.

Now an old man probably seventy-one years of age he admits that he was born in Indiana at some point which he calls "below Fort Wayne," and that his father died when he was eleven years of age. Beyond this he refuses to be interviewed and usually answers his questioners with a burst of gleeful laughter.

It is simply an excellent example of what strength of character will accomplish for a man. Since the day 12 years ago that he made up his mind to keep to his bed he has made that his one object in life with the result that he has succeeded, perhaps, even beyond his early expectations. For a time the poorhouse officials tried to force him from bed by refusing to bring his meals to him but John, unperturbed, simply giggled, turned his face to the wall, and waited. After a time the poorhouse people were vanquished and forced to bring him food for fear that he would starve to death.

He is a small, slender man with a clean-cut intellectual looking face, yet his appetite has been unimpaired by his long stay in bed. He demands his three meals a day and upon getting them eats every crumb that is handed to him. His average meal would put to rest the most husky farmhand, yet his limbs are shrunken from disuse.

The only physical exercise that this laziest of men permits himself is the



Old John Muncia in Bed.

screwing up of his eyes, accompanied by a wrinkling of the forehead much as though he were busily engaged in solving some very difficult and intricate problem.

During his entire twenty years' stay upon the county poor farm he has not given one clue to his boyhood or the past of his youth. The first that was known of him was when he turned up in St. Charles county, Missouri, later removing across the river to Jersey county, Illinois. The last piece of manual labor with which he has been connected was a bit of wood chopping for a farmer of Eliah, Ill., and seemingly he still regrets it although he alludes to it with a half chuckle.

It was 12 years ago that the old man one morning announced he would stay in bed, except for the time needed to go to his three square ones a day, and he kept the promise. A year later, wearied by the walking thus necessitated, and by the exertion of dressing himself, he said that there after he would stay in bed. Only once in eleven years has he violated that resolve. One very hot day during the summer before last he found himself without drinking water in his airy second-floor apartment where he lies alone, and descended the steps to get the drink, also returning unaided. He may have thought to do this unobserved, but he was detected, and inmates of the place still remember the incident as an astonishing one.

During the 20 years which the old man has spent as an almoner of Jersey county he never has been seen to look at a book or paper, and the reasonable theory that he cannot read is hard to reconcile with his intelligent, educated, almost refined appearance, even when lying on a cot in a poorhouse dormitory.

Despite his apparent dislike for conversation with other people, and his disuse of books and papers, he can tell the day of week, the day of the month and the year with as much precision as though a calendar hung before his bed. Chuckling, wrinkling up his face and narrowing his eyes, occasionally talking just enough to tantalize persons curious about his past, old John probably will carry his secrets, if he has any, to the graveyard behind the poorhouse hill. And meanwhile he will remain in the bed which has supported his work-hating frame for the last 12 years, and consume enough daily provender to feed a harvest hand.