

NEWSY ITEMS FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Waterbury items in Ponca Journal: Mrs. Henry Nobbe is visiting at Dakota City with her daughter.

Sioux City Journal, 29: John Pooler, of Sioux Falls, S. D., is a guest for several days in the home of Mrs. Julia Nixon.

Magnet items in Randolph Times: Lyle T. Olsen, better known by his friends as "Lefty," left Friday to spend the holidays with friends at Buffalo, Minn.

Sioux City Journal, 28: Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Daniels of South Sioux City, Neb., were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Daniels, 1201 Boles street.

Wisner Chronicle: H. N. Wagner and family of Homer were Christmas guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wagner, and brother, Leo Wagner, and wife. Mrs. Wagner and two sons remained for a visit of a few days.

Wakefield Republican: Mr. and Mrs. August Samuelson entertained Misses Nettie and Esther of Sioux City, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller of Dakota City, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Samuelson and Mervin at dinner Christmas day.

Walthill Citizen: Miss Sylvia Lamson is home from Fremont for the holidays.

R. L. Mason and family of Rosalie, spent Christmas with his people at the W. H. Mason home.

Allen News: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill are spending the holidays with Mrs. Hill's parents at Sibley, Iowa.

Miss Arthur Allen came home on Wednesday of last week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Allen.

Lyons Mirror: Miss Wilda Conger, who is teaching school in Dakota county, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Conger. Miss Conger has taught at the same school for the past three years, and is considered to be a very efficient teacher. She is now the highest salaried grade teacher in the county.

Pender Republic: W. W. Pounds went to Omaha this week thinking he would have to be operated upon for appendicitis, but after arriving in the city learned that an operation is unnecessary. Mr. Pounds is 72 years old and to have to undergo a treatment by the knife artist would not be a pleasing New Year's greeting by any means. His son Charles accompanied him to Omaha.

Washington items in Omaha Bee: Mrs. Robert E. Evans and Miss Anna Evans are nursing probably the greatest disappointment they have had in a long time. They were to accompany Representative Evans to Panama on the trip on which Representative and Mrs. Jeffris and their daughter went. The appropriations committee of which Judge Evans is a member, closed the Christmas time

for their most important work and he could not leave and they would not go without him, so their reservations were canceled. Their plans for Christmas day were rather unsettled this week.

Randolph Times: J. A. Hill, of Jackson, greeted old friends here the past week. Mr. Hill is owner of the electric line from Jackson to Sioux City. The current is from the service company at Sioux City, he buying it at one end and selling it at the other. He tells us that several of the large Sioux City business buildings use more current than the entire city of Randolph.

Ponca Journal: Harry Goodfellow, of Goodwin, visited friends in Ponca Wednesday.

Mrs. F. W. Munson went to Sioux City Wednesday to visit Mrs. W. J. Armour.

Prof. and Mrs. Conrad Jacobson spent Christmas with relatives in Dakota County.

Dan and Catherine Twohig of Sioux City, visited several days this week with the Davey children.

George Carter joined his family at the H. H. Hart home for Christmas, taking them home by auto Tuesday.

Mrs. Ralph Baugous of Dakota City, visited with her sister, Mrs. Conrad Jacobson, Wednesday and today.

Emerson Enterprise: Miss Clara and Lydia Jensen returned to Rosalie Tuesday. They spent Christmas with the home folks. Prof. Long also was a guest at the Nick Jensen home.

People of Emerson were saddened Sunday when the news reached here from the old soldiers' home at Milford that Uncle Joshua Leonard had died.

This venerable old gentleman was held in the highest esteem by every one in this section, and had lived in Emerson for a third of a century—during which period he had held many offices of trust. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs of Dewey Lodge. He served four years in the Civil war.

E. O. Shearer went to Milford Monday and accompanied the remains home.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Odd Fellows hall this afternoon, Thursday, December 29th, at 2 p. m. Rev. Wolters will deliver the funeral sermon. The Odd Fellows will conduct the services at the grave. The Ryan-McEntaffer Post will act as pallbearers and escort, and a firing squad will close the ceremony as the bugler sounds taps.

A Banker Probably Started This Story

A story is told of a man who recently wrote a will in which he named six bankers to be his pall bearers. "They have carried me for twenty years," he explained, "and they might as well finish the job."

The Herald for News when it is News.

Ready for Promotion?

Edgar A. Guest, in Omaha Daily News

There's going to be a vacancy above you later on. Some day you'll find the foreman or the superintendent gone. And are you growing big enough, when this shall be the case, To quit the post you're holding now and step into his place?

You do the work you have to do with ease from day to day. But are you getting ready to deserve the larger pay? If there should come a vacancy with bigger tasks to do, Could you step in and fill the place if it were offered you?

Tomorrow's not so far away, nor is the goal you seek; Today you should be training for the work you'll do next week. The bigger job is just ahead, each day new changes bring— Suppose that post were vacant now, could you take charge of things?

It's not enough to know enough to hold your place today. It's not enough to do enough to earn your weekly pay; Some day there'll be a vacancy with greater tasks to do— Will you be ready for the place when it shall fall to you?

The Scrap Book

WE WOULDN'T

We wouldn't want everything velvet—just as life is, it is fine. We wouldn't want everything sugar—just a bit of the tart in our wine.

Just a bit of the light and the shadow, a well-balanced ration of things. It's often the trial and the tempter as much as the sweetness that sings.

We wouldn't want everything perfect—lots of us keep up our grit. By finding fault with the country, it helps to sharpen the wit.

We wouldn't want everything roses, and never the prick of a thorn. There wouldn't be much incentive to rise at the call of the morn.

We wouldn't want everything easy—God's secret is giving us here. A burden of care and content on—but sweet are the wages of cheer.

—Baltimore Sun.

HAS TWO PAIRS OF HORNS

Chouka of India, Small Antelope Gifted With More Than Its Share of Head Ornaments.

Four or six-horned animals are found in certain parts of Asia. Principal among these is the four-horned chouka, a small antelope of India, its name being derived from the native word chouka, meaning a leap.

Its front pair of horns are short and placed just above the eyes, while the larger ones are in the usual position higher on the head. The length of the upper horn is about three or four inches, though the lower ones rarely exceed one inch, and no special use for them has ever been discovered by naturalists.

The chouka is a beautiful little creature with its bright bay back contrasted with the gray-white of the under part, beneath which are the little legs that enable it to make the high bounds for which it is noted. An adult chouka rarely exceeds 20 inches in height at the shoulders.

In their wild state all sheep were furnished with a pair of horns, but the number never exceeded two until some curious specimens were discovered in some isolated sections of Asia. These specimens had from four to six horns, the upper set being graduated with the smallest ones just above the eyes.

Curiously enough, the two lower sets always curve upward, while the large pair curve downward.—Asia Magazine.



AT THE BACK DOOR

Lady: You haven't washed for months! What are you, man? Trump: Chronic hydrophobia, mum—I've been bit by so many mad dogs.

Gold From a Kitchen Tap.

Gold straight from the faucet has been discovered in Vancouver, British Columbia. E. Gartley, an experienced mining prospector, was getting a drink of water not long ago at his kitchen sink when he noticed a trace of black sand in the bottom of the glass. Instantly the thought of gold flashed over him, for black sand is an indi-

cator of gold-bearing formations. He drew more water hastily and, pouring it in a convenient cooking pan, found gold as well as flakes of mica. Somewhere along the creeks which supply Vancouver with water there must be undiscovered gold deposits—or else the Goose that Laid the Golden Egg is being outdone by a common brass faucet.

Spoiled a Curiosity.

There was a famous rock in Kansas, known as "Umbrella Rock" or "Tombstone Rock" whose strange formation, indicated by the names given it, made it a rival of the noted stone formations of Colorado's "Garden of the Gods." But the owner of the land on which it was located, between Canby and Kanopolis, in Ellsworth county, feared that the big granite boulder forming the "umbrella" would topple over from the upright shaft and kill some of his cattle. So he reduced the upright shaft to a mere pile of stone.—Exchange.

Remarkable Potato Growth.

A man in Ontario has on exhibition a strange specimen of potato growth. One of the old potatoes which he had left in his cellar had produced a new potato within itself. The new growth evidently came from the heart of the old potato, and as the new one developed, the old one split open. The new potato is about the size of an egg, and partially protrudes from the "innermost recesses" of the old one.

Of Course.

"Some say Russian paper money has no value." "Nothing to it. Paper of any kind has value if properly baled."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

When to Prune Trees

Ask the practical horticulturist that question and he will probably answer with another question, "Who wants to know?" If it is the owner of a large orchard who asks the question the answer probably would be, "From now until spraying begins, which is usually the latter part of April." For the pruning of a ten-acre orchard would take pretty close to a month if it were possible to work 10 hours every day.

If it is the owner of a small farm orchard who wants to know it might be, "Any time when your knife is sharpened and you are so inclined."

But if it is the owner of a few trees, be they shade trees or fruit trees, who is always anxious to do the best possible for his trees, the answer would be, "Just before the sap rises, from the middle of March to the middle of April." Wounds made at this time begin healing as soon as the sap begins to flow, whereas wounds made earlier, say in December and January, start healing several weeks later because the cold drying winds have killed a few exposed layers of cells in the cambium or growing tissues.

The important thing about pruning is not so much the time at which it is done but the manner in which it is done, say the horticulture specialist of the University of Agricultural college. If in taking off an objectionable limb the wound is made with a sharp saw or shears and close to the remaining branch, it will heal over just about as well if made in December as though it were made in the early part of April. But if a branch is removed leaving a two-inch stub the chances are it will not heal over whether made in December or in April.

Lack of Homes Grips Rome.

Rolf W. Bauman, who was head of the Princeton architects who worked in devastated France, thus sums up his observations on a tour of Italy: "The housing shortage in the big cities is just as serious as in the United States, and in Rome the situation is more severe than in either Paris or London. The cost of building has come down, but it has not yet reached a point where extensive programmes for housing have been undertaken."

HOUSEWORK IS PUT ON BUSINESS BASIS

New York Maids Given 44-Hour Week and Eat Their Meals Out.

New York is employing business methods to solve its problem of domestic service.

The long-vacant place of the old-fashioned servant is being taken by the "home assistant"—working a 44-hour week and going and coming to work each day as a stenographer or factory worker. She also buys her own meals and expects her employers to address her as "Mrs." or "Miss."

The reluctance of women since the war to engage in housework and domestic service at wages which families of moderate means can pay led a group of New York women to investigate the problem. They found that women revolted from domestic service because of the long hours of labor, lack of definition of their tasks, uncertainty of their hours of recreation, and the feeling that a certain social stigma was attached to their positions.

The result of the investigation was a determination to put housework on a business basis and make it as dignified an occupation as office or factory. The women who have been attracted to housework on the home assistant basis receive \$18 a week for a 44-hour week. They get Sundays and holidays or their equivalent time off and a vacation of two weeks with pay at the end of a year's work. They are paid overtime at a specified rate.

A weekly schedule of household tasks in the employer's home is arranged that will keep the worker busy every hour she is scheduled to work. She quits at noon and goes out for her lunch. When the day's work is ended she leaves for her own home. The domestic servant has become a business woman with the same freedom and independence as the rest of her sisters in the business world.

The success of the new venture led the investigators to organize the bureau of household occupations, which acts as a clearing-house for the home assistants and a place where both workers and their employers can have difficulties adjusted as they may arise. Mrs. Richard Boardman, Mrs. George D. Pratt, Mrs. Henry S. Patterson and Mrs. Roberts M. Walker are among the women who are actively engaged in the work.

SAWED OFF DEER PRONG

Game Warden Saw Fight Between Two Bucks.

Game Warden Theodore Wegmann had an interesting experience while making his rounds on the north border of Itasca park, Minnesota, one day recently, witnessing a battle between two bucks and cheating a wolf of its prey.

Wegmann noticed a wolf skulking along the trail he was following, but before he could get a shot the wolf disappeared in the brush. A crashing nearby attracted Wegmann's attention and he found two bucks engaged in combat, with horns locked. After watching the struggle until satisfied the deer could not break apart of their own accord, he went for assistance and returned with Supt. C. M. Roberts, who brought a rope, a hatchet and a saw.

The two men found the fighting animals almost exhausted by their struggles and soon had them under control. They could not be pried apart, and it was necessary to cut a prong off the horns of one deer to release them. They were then turned loose.

Wegmann said the larger buck was a fine animal, weighing upward of 250 pounds. This buck lost the prong that was sawed off and the smaller deer had the tip of one prong broken in the fight.

DOG THEFT INSPIRES COURT

Judge Delivers Dramatic Outburst in Sentencing Thief.

When Beverly Clark pleaded guilty before Judge Otto A. Rosalsky in New York to having stolen Brag Schulum, a brindle bulldog belonging to Mrs. Jennie Warren, he was prepared for a sentence of some sort.

But he had not expected the dramatic outburst of the court, which in giving him thirty days in the workhouse read him such a pointed lecture on the value of dogs in general and the worthlessness of thieves in particular that, shaking from head to foot, he implored the judge not to give him a death sentence for stealing a bull terrier.

"Probably the dog is a more useful member of society than you are," Judge Rosalsky thundered, while Clark trembled as though he had a palsy. "Since the dawn of history dogs have lived up to the most splendid traditions of our civilization. One of the learned judges of our Court of Appeals has held that it is just as nefarious a thing to steal a dog as to rob a bank."

PECULIAR BIRD ONLY ONE OF KIND IN CAPTIVITY



This peculiar bird is an East Indian hornbill and bears the distinction of just having completed a journey of more than ten thousand miles and is the only one of its kind in captivity in the United States. "Jim," as he will henceforth be known, is now domiciled at the Cincinnati zoological gardens, where he is carefully guarded from wintry winds and cold conditions. To make it possible for you to look upon his picture here, Jim's parents had a hard time bringing him into the world. His mother sat for three weeks upon the egg from which he was hatched. After she had laid this egg and three others in a hollow tree, the father plastered up the entrance to the nest with mud, leaving only a small hole through which he could feed the mother while sitting on the eggs and for two weeks more while the young birds grew up. This is the precaution these birds take against monkeys discovering the nest and killing the mother, destroying the eggs and young birds. After the young are two weeks old, the hard-baked mud is poked away by the parent birds and the young leave the nest and are guarded closely by the old birds for a week longer, when they are ready to take chances and shift for themselves. Their food consists of vegetation and small reptiles. They grow to the size of a vulture. Their long, powerful bill is a dangerous weapon and makes the bird a hard one to capture.

THIS ROOSTER A SMOKER

Paris, Ky., Entertains a Novelty Among Animal Freaks.

Paris, Ky., has been able from time to time to boast of freaks of the animal kingdom, including five-legged calves and three-legged chickens, but for the first time it has as its guest a rooster that smokes cigarettes.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Orson Schele of Columbus, Ohio, who stopped in Paris on their way to Florida had with them two white Wyandotte roosters, "Warren G. Harding," and "Jimmie Cox," both of which have been trained to do a few tricks.

"Warren G." numbers among his accomplishments the ability to smoke a cigarette.

Hare "Adopted" by Cat.

The tabby cat of a New Brunswick farmhouse appeared the other day with a young wild hare alive in her mouth which she added to her family of kittens and is now nursing along with the rest. Three of her little ones had been "sent west" the day before.

Had Peculiar Bedfellow.

Awakened by some disturbance a few mornings ago, a subscriber in Massachusetts writes an exchange, he found that a partridge had flown into his bedroom through the open window and nestled under his bedclothes perfectly uninjured.

An English Chess Tourney. Eight hundred chess players, both men and women, participated in a recent tournament in London.

DIG UP TWO-TON LIVE SHELL

Dropped 6,000 Feet It Made Hole in Earth 50 Feet Deep.

During the last year of the war a shell dropped from a height of 6,000 feet upon the village of Havay, between Mons and Maubeuge. It did not explode, but it made a hole in the earth about fifty feet deep. This shell weighs two tons, and the charge of explosive is estimated to weigh from 1,000 pounds to a ton. Belgian authorities have succeeded in extracting the shell, after making a large excavation about it. The work demanded great precaution, as a shell of a similar kind to the one buried at Havay made a crater more than 1,000 feet in diameter.

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