

A two-ton steam roller passed over a Pennsylvania boy the other day and the victim escaped with slight injuries. It was not a Taft steam roller.

East African advices are to the effect that Bwana Tumbo has instituted a branch of the Ananias Club in the jungles with a bunch of newspaper reporters as charter members.

Dr. Long, whom Bwana Tumbo once stigmatized as a "nature faker," gets back at the faunal naturalist alliteratively and emphatically by asserting that Bwana Tumbo is a "game butcher pure and simple, and his interest in animals lies chiefly in the direction of blood, butchery and brutality."

Baily, of Texas, one of the 16 Senate democrats who repudiated party principal and platform pledges by voting against free lumber, declared that the passage of the Payne tariff bill will mark the disintegration of the republican party.

Banker Henry Clews nurses no illusions as to the intent of Aldrich et al. respecting a "downward" revision of the tariff. In his latest market letter Mr. Clews says with frankness: "The tariff situation excites little interest in business affairs."

Where John Bull Beats Us

American, who are want to regard the United States as the most democratic and progressive country in the world, will have that idea jarred by comparing notes with Johnny Bull.

Another radical measure which has been presented in the British parliament provides for national labor exchanges, for the purpose of bringing together the job and the man, and government insurance against lack of employment.

Were such radical legislation to be seriously proposed in the United States some of our plutocrats would be apt to die of apoplexy.

Tariff Mysteries

(Chicago Tribune)

A western senator said last week that he was ready to stay in Washington till December if necessary to obtain a correct understanding of the items of the Aldrich tariff bill.

are even more densely ignorant. They ought to accept meekly and gratefully any law which may be fabricated by the tariff illuminati.

But the voters are displaying a rebellious disposition. They "want to be shown." They wish to be given an opportunity to understand the reason for many of the duties they see in the Aldrich bill.

The cheapest, plainest kind of cotton cloth pays now a duty of a cent a square yard. Senator Aldrich would raise the duty to 2 1/4 cents.

The voters laid down in the last election a simple rule to govern tariff revision. There are numerous duties in the Payne and Aldrich bills which seem to them to violate the rule.

They Are Waking Up

It is encouraging to note that the most progressive newspapers of western Nebraska are waking up to the importance of the greatest movement that has ever been inaugurated for the development of agriculture and improvement in stock raising in this country.

Last week Prof. Hunt and Dr. Wilcox were detained in Crawford by missing a train. J. D. Heywood, the enterprising editor of the Crawford Courier, who had previously shown his interest in Prof. Hunt's work here by republishing matter from The Herald's Agricultural Experimentation department, secured an interesting interview which he published in last Saturday's Courier under the caption, "Prof. Hunt's Advice to Park Commissioners."

On Tuesday of this week The Herald editor wrote Mr. Heywood as follows:

Alliance, Nebr., June 1, 1909 J. D. Heywood, Editor Courier, Crawford, Nebr.

Dear Sir: Prof. E. W. Hunt informs me that you wish to publish the articles which he is furnishing on Agricultural Experimentation in northwestern Nebraska, etc. I am delighted to know that you are interested in this subject.

By request of Prof. Hunt I will send you each week a carbon of what he dictates for The Herald so that you can use it the same week that it appears in my paper.

Wishing you much success, I am, Fraternally, Jno. W. THOMAS.

Editor G. E. Mark of The Mitchell Index is another of the live ones in the newspaper business in this country. We received a letter from him this week requesting information in regard to the inception of agricultural experimentation in this country.

Mitchell, Nebr., May 31, 1909. Alliance, Nebr.

Your articles in The Herald from Prof. Hunt and others on the subject of agriculture are of much interest. As soon as

I am in better shape for getting type set I want to copy some of them. Have missed the first numbers, or rather, did not read and preserve them as I wish I had done, and have also lost the idea as to how Prof. Hunt happens to be in that section.

Alliance, Nebr., June 1, 1909. Mr. G. E. Mark, Editor Index, Mitchell, Nebr.

Replying to your favor of May 31, I am sending you under separate cover some marked copies of The Herald which give you the desired information in regard to the inception of Prof. Hunt's agricultural experimentation in western Nebraska.

The subject of agricultural experimentation is certainly one of immense importance to this part of Nebraska and I am delighted to know that you are taking such a keen interest in the same.

Wishing you much success, I am, Very fraternally yours, Jno. W. THOMAS.

Did You Read It?

Did you read that article by Prof. Hunt in last week's Herald on Alfalfa Growing in Box Butte County? If not, you had better hunt up the paper and read it.

Culled Clippings

The fellow, who puts in a good deal of his spare time making trouble for other people, is inadvertently heaping up misery for himself, and when it comes he would, if he could, shift the blame on those least at fault.—State Journal.

Senator Bristow of Kansas keeps right on prodding the sugar trust. This tariff discussion in the senate is serving one good purpose in the way of more or less educating the people as to the trust fostering scheme back of the high protection policy.—Hastings Republican.

Worth Reproducing

A recent number of the Hastings Republican contained a number of short, pithy editorials which we consider worth reproducing here:

One way to be happy and enjoy peace of mind is to always be on the square.

It is important that municipalities should be economical without impairing public efficiency.

The sweet girl graduates are now registering at the dressmakers' for the sweetest of graduating gowns.

All this tariff hub-bub may end in the people rising in their wrath and swatting the protection system clean off the continent.

Mr. Bryan again arises to remark that he is in politics to stay. Our republican friends have been painfully conscious of this fact for a number of years.

Laughter

Here's to laughter, the sunshine of the soul, the happiness of the heart, the leaven of youth, the echo of innocence, the treasure of the humble, the wealth of the poor, the bead on the cup of pleasure; it dispels dejection, banishes blues, and mangles melancholy; for it's the foe of woe, the destroyer of depression, the enemy of grief, it is what the kings envy peasants, plutocrats envy the poor, the guilty envy the innocent; it's the sheen of the silver of smiles, the glint of the gold of gladness; without it humor would be dumb, wit would wither, dimples would disappear and smiles would shrivel.—The Dakota Elk.

G. F. Colby of Elgin, Nebr., stopped in Alliance a short while on his way to Mitchell, near which place he owns land.

Honors to the Heroic Dead

Memorial day was observed in Alliance last Sunday, the program as published in the last issue of The Herald being rendered with slight alteration. The weather was not favorable but there was a good attendance at the exercises in the Phelan opera house.

In this connection it seems eminently proper to say a word in regard to the services to his country of the veteran speaker of the day, Capt. W. R. Akers. He is too well known to the majority of our readers for them to need any information from us in regard to his upright life, public and private, in western Nebraska.

Since those war times he has always been as patriotic and loyal to his country as he was in the years when this land was going through the throes of internecine strife. He, like thousands of his comrades, has been no less a patriot in times of peace than in times of war.

Prospective Buyer of Telephone System

(Minature Free Press)

T. H. Beeson of Alliance was in Minature for a few days during the week. A meeting of the telephone company was again held and the matter of the disposition of the system to Mr. Beeson considered.

Further than this we, with all those interested, extend to him an invitation to come and not only as a business man but stand ready in this, as in all instances, to welcome him and his family as new additions to the resident portion of our city.

Neighboring Notes

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At the special city election of Chadron on Tuesday of last week, to decide on the proposition to bond for \$25,000 for a sewer system, the vote stood 237 for and 48 against.

A club is formed for "Raisell Remedy" for little chicks' diarrhea cure and preventive. Pay 25 cents to become a member, get the Remedy at any time. Headquarters with Mrs. W. E. Spencer, 515 Big Horn Ave., Alliance, Nebr.

Agricultural Experimentation in Box Butte County

PROF. E. W. HUNT, DIRECTOR

An Explanation of the Weather

(Prof. E. W. Hunt)

I have been asked whether this weather is not rather discouraging to the "dry farmer." I reply, No. It is just what I expected. It is this way: The weather man saw that the jig was up, that there was no need of holding back rain, that we were going to raise crops wet or dry and so he simply let go and let matters take their course; that is why we have rain.

A few weeks ago I received a letter from an unintelligent person in the eastern part of the state saying that he did hope that I might make something grow up here. In view of the fact that Box Butte shipped out over 400 cars of potatoes last year and that we have secured the hearty co-operation of the weather man it looks as though the hope might be realized.

Sow Alfalfa

(Prof. Hunt)

Now is the time to sow alfalfa, as soon as the ground dries enough to be in proper condition. As preparation, disc the ground to be sown, lapping the disc about half. I do not believe that it pays in this country to disc without lapping, as this is the only method by which the ground can be kept comparatively level.

I have been frequently asked if it were not better to put in the alfalfa with a disc drill. Drilling the alfalfa would be all right if one could be sure of not covering it too deep.

I am frequently asked the advisability of sowing alfalfa with a nurse crop. There are two disadvantages to a nurse crop: In the first place, the nurse crop for its growth takes from the soil moisture that is needed by the alfalfa; in the second place, the nurse crop shades the growing alfalfa so much that when the crop is removed the alfalfa is liable to be burned up by the hot sun of July and August to which it is unused.

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if the weeds are so vigorous and prolific as to require an early cutting be sure and set the mower high. Many young plants are killed by being cut too close to the ground. If a plant is cut below the seed leaves it is killed.

I believe that it is as easy when properly gone about to secure a stand of alfalfa as it is to secure a stand of any other crop. All that is needed is intelligence and care. Use germative vital seed of plants acclimated to the conditions that prevail here; use a proper amount of seed; cover lightly, not too deep, and help the tender growing plant in its battle with the weeds; keep it protected from the sun and wind and to my mind there is no fear of failure.

Cattle Dipping Work Progresses

(Custer County Republican, May 27)

Dr. W. T. Pritchard, government cattle inspector, was a passenger for Anselmo Wednesday where he was going to continue the dipping of infected cattle. Dr. Pritchard stated that he and his force of men had dipped about 13,000 head of cattle this spring and they have about that many more to dip before they will have covered the infected territory.

Dr. Pritchard was going to the Cook ranch west of Anselmo, where they are dipping this week. Dr. Hutsell is working the territory from Gothenburg to Arnold. Dr. Boardman is working in the vicinity of Dunning. Dr. Miller is now at Burwell and is covering Loup and Garfield counties. Dr. Schneider dipped about two thousand cattle on the South Loup last week and is now assisting Dr. Boardman at Dunning.

These men were all over the territory and are now going back over and compelling every man who has infected cattle to dip them. The territory will all be inspected again next fall and another dipping crusade made and if the cattle men co-operate with them and do everything in their power to see that no trace of the disease is left Dr. Pritchard will recommend to the department at Washington that the quarantine be removed from this district.

Scientific Agriculture on the Johnson Sheep Ranch

W. J. Johnson, commonly known as "Sheep Johnson," whose ranch is eighteen miles west of Alliance, called at The Herald office today in company with Prof. Hunt. Mr. Johnson is well known in this city and county. He has been on his present ranch sixteen years and previously resided in Alliance, doing work here and in Hemingford in the early days as a mason.

We were pleased to hear him say that he objected to the expression, "dry farming." He rightly claims that if the soil is properly treated it will retain moisture from one year to another. Recently when Prof. Hunt was at the Johnson ranch he left his soil testing auger and Mr. Johnson made use of it, making borings at various places on his ranch previous to the recent heavy rains. He found at that time that on the native sod he could reach dry dirt at a depth of from three to four feet but nowhere on the land that he had cultivated last year could he reach dry dirt, although he bored to a depth of six feet. This is a very significant fact and ought to teach farmers, who have been ignoring or neglecting the subject of scientific agriculture to sit up and take notice. It is in line with and helps to prove the claims made by Prof. Hunt and other scientific agriculturalists in regard to the possibility of success that can be secured by the use of proper method in this country.

A word about soil inoculation: There are places in this country where alfalfa will not grow unless the soil is inoculated with nitrogen fixing bacteria, but as a rule Nebraska soil does not need inoculation. There may be a few spots in fields where trial shows that alfalfa does not grow. It may be helped by inoculation but as a rule the best inoculation for alfalfa in Nebraska soil is a covering of well rotted manure partly covered with a disc. In fact I know of no place in which manure may be used to greater advantage than as a top dressing for alfalfa.

The Berwyn depot caught fire last Friday morning from a spark from the extra west and was burned. The fire started about 3 a.m., and A. M. Bagley got out in his night clothes, but had no time to remove his personal property and everything was burned.—Custer County Republican, May 27.