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THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1909.

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 back at the faunal naturalist alliterathat Bwana Tumbo is a 'game butcher pure and simple, and his interest in animals lies chiefly in the direction of there be an explanation. They do not blood, butchery and brutality." When the faunal naturalist hears of this look out for the Outlook."

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. It ought to, and if a number of renegade democrats in the senate are included in the disintegration so much the better.

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. It is a foregone conclusion that no important downward revision is to be expected. How far the attempted advances in the schedules will be realized remains to be seen. Present indications point to the success of the 'stand-patters,' and if the present fruitless opposition to the Aldrich domination abates it is possible that this troublesome question will be settled earlier than at one time feared, possibly not later than July.

Where John Bull Beats Us

Americans, who are want to regard the United States as the most democratic and progressive country in the world, will have that idea jarred by England the income tax has long been established as a standing source of revenue; in the United States it has only been used as a war tax, and was repealed as soon as the war was over. A senate, composed chiefly of millionaires and their attorneys, stands in the way of its readoption, while in England parliament proposes to heavily increase the tax to the end that wealth may Dear Sir: bear the chief burden of the expense of government.

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 being done. When a prominent business the protection system clean off the contisome of our plutocrats would be apt to man like Mr. C. A. Newberry, who has nent die of apoplexy. But perhaps, in the course of years, we will become as democratie and progressive as monarchial England.

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. To that its author replied that if senators postponed the passage of the bill until they had mastered all its provisions it could not be passed in ten years. He would like to create the impression that the tariff schedules are so full of mystery that only a few can solve them. If so it would be the duty of legislators, who are not among the elect, to vote blindly for the duties prescribed by the men of greater mental caliber. If only a few of those whose business it is to enact tariff them it follows that their constituents culture are of much interest. As soon as owns land.

any law which may be fabricated by the tariff illuminati.

But the voters are displaying a rebellious disposition. They "want to they are intellectually so feeble as to North Platte valley under irrigation. be unable to comprehend an explanation of the reason why the importer of a rug or mat should pay on it a duty greater than its cost to him. They do not believe that it costs more than twice as much to make the rug abroad as it does in Pennsylvania-

The cheapest, plainest kind of cotton cloth pays now a duty of a cent a square yard. Senator Aldrich would raise the duty to 24 cents. The average man cannot see why the cost of production in a Georgia cotton mill, in the midst of cotton fields, should exceed the cost of production in foreign lands, where the manufacturers have to pay inland and ocean freights on their raw material. If there should be reason for the duty it should be given.

The voters laid down in the last revision. There are numerous duties seem to them to violate the rule. They you. would like to have them explained, if wish their representatives to accept submissively Senator Aldrich's assumption that the tariff question is too deep for them. No senator or representative should vote for a duty the justice of which he cannot make plain to his constituents in the next campaign-

They Are Waking Up

It is enconraging to note that the ever been inaugurated for the develop- and southwestern Nebraska, where alters as an information bureau on agri. will do so if the demand is sufficient. culture experimentation.

Last week Prof. Hunt and Dr. Wilcox were detained in Crawford by missing a train. J. D. Heywood, the enment, secured an interesting interview Journal. which he published in last Saturday's Courier under the caption, "Prof. Hunt's Advice to Park Commissioners." He also requested a weekly report of comparing notes with Johnny Bull. In the experimentation work which is being done in Box Butte county, but which is applicable to all of northwestern Nebraska.

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.

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. I believe that it means more to this part of the state than anything else that has been undertaken in recent years, and I am glad to see that there area few live ones in the newspaper fraternity who appreciate the work that is people rising in their wrath and swatting been many years in this country, puts up nearly a thousand dollars on a project of it, it looks as though the rest of us who are interested in the development of northwestern Nebraska should have some interest in the matter.

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. Herald editor's reply:

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

laws are capable of understanding Hunt and others on the subject of agri- way to Mitchell, near which place he 515 Big Horn Ave., Alliance, Nebr.

are even more densely ignorant. They I am in better shape for getting type set I ought to accept meekly and gratefully may 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 bappens to be in that section. I wish you would explain this to be shown." They wish to be given an me by letter and tell me also if you think opportunity to understand the reason it would be possible for me to get some for many of the duties they see in the items direct from Prof. Hunt on subjects Aldrich bill. They do not believe specially applicable to farming in the

> Truly yours, G. E. MARK.

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

sending you under separate cover some marked copies of The Herald which give you the desired informatisn in regard to the inception of Prof. Hunt's agricultural experimentation in western Nebraska, I have spoken to him in regard to furnishing you the copy you desire. He consents to an arrangement under which I will send you a carbon copy each week of the matpublication. This, of course, will be principally, if not altogether, on agricultural experimentation and work on the unirrigated land of western Nebraska but he informs me that he will be pleased to stigmatized as a "nature faker," gets election a simple rule to govern tariff furnish any information that he can on the subject of irrigated lands in response tively and emphatically by asserting in the Payne and Aldrich bills which to any inquiry that may be made from

> The subject of agricultural experimentation is certainly one of immense imam 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 most progressive newspapers of western read it. The importance of the sub-Nebraska are waking up to the import. ject is realized by anyone who, like the ance of the greatest movement that has editor, lived many years in southern ment of agriculture and improvement in falfa has done more in some localities stock raising in this country. The than any other one crop to make the copy furnished The Herald for publi. country prosperous. We have a few cation by Prof. Hunt will be duplicated extra copies of The Herald of last in this office and sent to several of the week, which may be had by persons leading newspapers that have request. who apply for them before the supply ed it, and will be printed by them the has been exhausted. We are thinking same week that it is published here. of printing the above mentioned article This office will thus become headquar, in circular form for distribution and

Culled Clippings

The fellow, who puts in a good deal terprising editor of the Crawford Cour- of his spare time making trouble for ier, who had previously shown his in other people, is inadvertently heaping terest in Prof. Hunt's work here by up misery for himself, and when it republishing matter from The Herald's comes he would, if he could, shift the Agricultural Experimentation depart- blame on those least at fault.-State

> 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 Re-

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

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

Mr. Bryan again arises to remark that he is in politics to stay. Our republican this kind without any direct benefit from 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, ban-Editor G. E. Mark of The Mitchell ishes blues, and mangles melancholy; Index is another of the live ones in the for it's the foe of woe, the destroyer of newspaper business in this country depression, the enemy of grief, it is We received a letter from him this what the kings envy peasants, plutoweek requesting information in regard crats envy the poor, the guilty envy to the inception of agricultural experi- the innocent; it's the sheen of the silver mentation in this county. Following of smiles, the glint of the gold of gladis the letter from Mr. Mark and The ness; without it humor would be dumb, wit would wither, dimples would disap- for and 48 against. pear and smiles would shrivel,-The Dakota Elk.

G. F. Colby of Elgin, Nebr., stop-

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. The entire program was worthy of commendation, but the oration by Capt. W. R. Akers deserved special mention. 'God's Overshadowing Power and Direction in the Affairs of Nations" was Replying to your favor of May 31, I am his subject. After the exercises at the opera house the cemetery was visited by the old soldiers and a number of the citizens and the last resting places decorated. W. O. Barnes acted as marshal of the day.

In this connection it seems eminently proper to say a word in regard to ter which he furnishes The Herald for 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. He was but a young man, scarcely more than a boy, when in the 60's his country called for volunteers in her defense. W. R. Akers I do not believe that it pays in this counentered as a private in company G of try to disc without lapping, as this is the portance to this part of Nebraska and I the 7th Iowa Infantry in which capacity only method by which the ground can be he served faithfully through three long kept comparatively level. Sow about 12 and bloody years. Besides participat. pounds of germinative seed to the acre. In ing in minor engagements he fought in the battles of Belmont, Shilob, Corinth and Atlanta.

Since those war times he has always of his comrades, has been no less a patriot in times of peace than in times of war. During the many years of his eventful life he has participated to some extent in politics and has received honors which were well deserved. is the irony of politics, however, that drill, releasing the lever so as to hold the planted in an appointive office by a very well but nearly every one, who has political huckster, but such is politics ried the drill in this locality has planted in these days when graft and cunning the seed too deep and has failed to secure are of more weight in some quarters a good stand. I prefer broadcasting the than loyal patriotism and ability, In the hearts of his acquaintances he wears the laurel of honor that cannot be plucked from his brow by the hand of graft and scheming.

Prospective Buyer of Telephone System

(Minatare Free Press) T. H. Beeson of Alliance was in Minatare for a few days during the week. A meeting of the telephone company was again held and the mat- due to sowing too small an amount of ter of the disposition of the system to germinative seed. Mr. Beeson considered. As a result I am frequently asked the advisability of this meeting, an option was given of sowing alfalfa with a nurse crop. There Mr. Beeson allowing him until June 1 are two disadvantages to a nurse crop: make the purchase of the system. The company on its part, having concluded that it would be better for all concerned to dispose of its interests to some one of practical experience in the construc- hot sun of July and August to which it is tion, management and operation of a unused. On the other hand the nurse telephone system and thereby central- crop has certain advantages. If properly ize and merge these interests in an individual. We believe, should Mr. Beeson conclude to make the purchase in question, that he will be able to give

desired service in and about Minatare. Further than this we, with all those interested, extend to him an invitation disadvantages the grower of alfalfa must to come and not only as a business man but stand ready in this, as in all if I were growing alfalfa in this locality. instances, to welcome him and his family as new additions to the resident believe that in this way a better stand and portion of our city.

Neighboring Notes

Profs. Wilcox and Hunt will speak this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the opera house on potato culture and diseases. Better hear them.-Rushville Standard, May 28.

A. D. New came in on the freight Friday morning and remained in town cess. This will prevent too dense shading over Saturday. He had cried the sale of the ground and too great a draft of of Mrs. Stella Bissel on Thursday and reported stock as bringing good prices. -Rushville Standard, May 28.

Ex-County Supt. John Borky was in Harrison Saturday. He is deputy assessor for the north part of the county and having finished his work, pature of the alfalfa plant and the advanhe was delivering his books to the tage to be gained by clipping. Some peocounty clerk.-Harrison Sun.

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 time that the plant goes into blossom. If

A club is formed for "Raiseall Remedy" for little chicks' diarrhea cure and preventive. Pay 25 cents to become a member, get the Remedy at any time-Your articles in The Herald from Prof. ped in Alliance a short while on his Headquarters with Mrs. W. E. Spencer,

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 eastof the fallen heroes were appropriately ern 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

Sow Alfalfa

(Prof. Hunt)

as the ground dries enough to be in proper condition. As preparation, disc the ground to be sown, lapping the disc about half. more humid region, where there is a greater average rainfall it is customary to sow about 20 pounds to the acre, but here under normal rainfall conditions 12 pounds are sufficient. Two plants require from been as patriotic and loyal to his coun- the soil twice as much moisture for their try as he was in the years when this adequate growth as one plant requires and land was going through the throes of for the same reason that we plant thinly internecine strife. He, like thousands with other crops where the rainfall is scarce we should limit the amount of alfalfa seed to be sown.

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 it too deep. Some men, using the Monitor in his later years he should be sup- disc to any special depth, have succeeded seed on the disced ground putting on six pounds going one way, and then crossing the field and putting on the other six pounds. By sowing in this way there are no balks; the whole ground is evenly covered and an even stand is secured: then cover lightly with a harrow. But be sure that you get 12 pounds germinative seed to the acre. Of the seed that I have had has been on his present ranch sixteen tested the poorest sample requires that years and previously resided in Al-451/2 pounds be sown in order to get 12 liance, doing work here and in Hemwhile the best sample of home grown seed requires 1814 pounds. I think the most of the failure with alfalfa in this locality is

> growth takes from the soil moisture that is county. 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 used on soil that is liable to drift with the wind, a nurse crop is of advantage in preventing this drift, besides the nurse crop helps to keep down a growth of weeds; again it gives some protection from the wind and sun to the growing tender alfalfa plant. Between these advantages and make his individual choice. For myself, should grow it without the nurse crop. hardier plants may be secured; but to the man who is determined to use a nurse crop I offer this suggestion: Sow only one third of the normal amount for such crop, and I think oats for this purpose are to be preferred. When the nurse crop begins to head out run a mowing machine over the field with the finger bars set about six inches from the ground and leave what is cut off on the ground for mulch. As often as the crop starts to head repeat the pro- this country, moisture from the soil and at the same time give the growing alfalfa protection from the sun and wind. It is generally necessary when alfalfa is

sown with a nurse crop to clip it in order to keep down the weeds. Much misconception has arisen with reference to the ple seem to think that the oftener it is clipped the better for the plant. It is the nature of the plant to put out from the crown buds for the new growth about the it is possible then to let the plant stand until about blossoming time before clipping, the new buds at that time will be ready to begin their vigorous growth. If started about 3 a.m., and A. M. Bagit is clipped too early the plant must lie ley got out in his night clothes, but dormant until the time comes for it to put had no time to remove his personal out the new buds and a kind of suspended property and everything was burned. animation is not good for any plant. But |-Custer County Republican, May 2

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. Prichard 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

Scientifc 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 ingford in the early days as a mason-For some time after opening his sheep ranch in the western part of the county he gave little or no attention to the growing of crops but about five years ago he began making a study of scientific agriculture and has probably given closer attention to the same during the to decide as to whether or not he will In the first place, the nurse crop for its last few years than any other man in

> 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. Huut and other scientific agriculturalists in regard to the possibility of success that can be secured by the use of proper method in

> 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