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Lloyd's Column



When the editor of a country paper starts in on Monday morning to get up something for his paper in the way of interesting local news, and finds, after nosing around, that nothing has happened in the town or community that he can write up, and nobody gives in any personals or local news, and every fellow he talks to says, "I don't know a thing," and his liver is not working just right and he feels as though he had just as soon loop the loop with Lincoln Beachey as to go to work—that's the time when he would like to turn the job over to the "Smart Aleck" who thinks he could get up a better paper than the editor and not half try.

Wet and Dry Territory

In view of the wet and dry votes to be held in November, the following facts will be of interest: Nine states which before January 1, 1913, enacted prohibition laws were: Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, West Virginia and Georgia. They have a population of nearly 15,000,000. Virginia, with a population of over 2,000,000, went dry in September. The law will go into effect November 1, 1916. There are seventeen states in which fifty per cent of the population live in so-called no-license territory. These are Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska and New Hampshire, which have a population of 5,000,000. There are thirteen states in which twenty-five per cent of the population live in no-license territory, namely: California, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. At different times twenty-four states have adopted the policy of prohibition. Fourteen now have local option or control by license. Of the ten dry states the majority have been dry but a few years, and one, West Virginia, went dry on July 1. Statewide prohibition campaigns are on this fall in Ohio, California, Washington, Oregon and Colorado.

No Patent on This

An Iowa farmer has devised a rat trap upon which he claims no patent but which any one troubled with rats can use. He purchased a big galvanized iron bucket—or garbage pail—and placed it in the barn. He filled it two-thirds full of water and on the top of the water a layer of chaffy oats an inch deep. The next morning he emptied out mixture of water, oats and drowned rats. He rebaited his trap and the next morning he figured results and found that he aimlessly but with malice aforethought, gotten rid of eighty-nine rats. He declares it will rid a barn in a short time.

Latest Society Fad

The latest fad in society is the tub cure. In this the patient arises just as the crisp air of the morning is mellowed by the first sunbeam. An ordinary washtub is then filled with hot water and soap suds, into which various articles of linen are thrown. After they are thoroughly saturated the patient takes them up one at a time and rubs them briskly up and down on a washboard placed in the tub. This is kept up until the hands, arms and face are glowing pink. The patient then goes into the open air and hangs all the linen articles on a line stretched for that purpose. The one completing the task first announces the time to the others over the telephone, and is entitled to a prize. It is exciting sport and also invigorating exercise.

Makeup Man in Bad Mixup

In handling the slugs which make up the lines in a newspaper, and in separating the various items, the makeup man sometimes gets the lines mixed up and they naturally read rather queer. As an illustration of what can happen, we cite the mix-up of the Bangor (Pa.) News a few days ago when the printer got a wedding and an auction sale mixed up with the following results:

"William Smith, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Smith, and Miss Lucy Anderson were disposed of at public auction at my farm one mile east, in the presence of 70 guests, including two mules and 12 head of cattle. "Rev. Jackson tied the nuptial knot for the parties, averaging 1,250 pounds on hoof. The beautiful home of the bride was decorated with one sulky rake, one feed grinder and two sets of work harness, nearly new, and just before the ceremony was pronounced the Mendel and Sons wedding march was rendered by one milch cow, five years old, one Jersey cow and one sheep, who carrying a bunch of bride's roses in her hand, was very beautiful. She wore one light spring wagon, two crates of apples, three racks of hay,

one grindstone of mousseline de soie and trimmings with about one hundred bushels of spuds. The bridal couple left yesterday on an extended trip. Terms, spot cash."

The Farm Boy's Creed

"I believe that the country which God made is more beautiful than the city which man made; that life out of doors and in touch with the earth is the natural life of man. I believe that work with nature is more inspiring than work with the most intricate machinery. I believe that the dignity of labor depends not on what you do, but how you do it; that opportunity comes to a boy on the farm as often as to the boy in the city; that life is larger and freer and happier on the farm than in town; that my success depends not upon my location, but upon myself; not upon my dreams, but upon what I actually do; not upon luck, but upon pluck. I believe in working when you work, and playing when you play, and in giving and demanding a square deal in every act of life."

When papers in the suit were served, the honorable justice put a stop to the proceedings by paying the full amount of the claim with costs. Furthermore, he decided that an organization with the nerve of the Chamber of Commerce is really worth while. He retained his membership and renewed his interest in the work of upbuilding the city.

RECITAL BY MISS VERNON

Parlors of Haddorf Music Company Crowded with Attentive Audience for Friday Recital

The spacious parlors of the Haddorf Piano Company in Alliance were crowded Friday evening to hear Miss Bertie Vernon and students of the Alliance School of Music who assisted her. Miss Vernon delighted the audience with her well chosen and well rendered selections. Her appearance was a decided success.

- The program was as follows:
- (a) Chaminade, Summer. (b) Tosti, Mattinata — Miss Bertie Vernon.
 - Carrenno, Springtime — Beatrice Pate.
 - Ben King, Reading: Woodticks — Madeline Zediker.
 - Engelmann, Duets: Reverie, and Dance — Flora Spencer and Marie Kibble.
 - (a) Tod Galloway, The Mother Rose; (b) Arthur Somerville, Shepherd's Cradle Song; (c) Neidlinger, Sweet Miss Mary — Miss Vernon.
 - Gauschals, The Brook — Grace Spacht.
 - (a) Eva Dell' Acqua, The Swift Swallow; (b) Tosti, Goodbye — Miss Vernon.

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Much Land Should Be Kept in Grass

A careful examination of the dry farming regions will show that the per cent of smooth hard lands which should be retained in grass is much larger than would at first be supposed. It may be said that these lands have become too high priced to use for pasture, but unless the land can show a net profit on the crop in an average year which will pay the fixed charges on the land, then the excess value placed on the land over its earning power is purely speculative and not to be used as a basis upon which to establish land values or determine systems of land management. The net profit per acre in good years is less under pasture than under grain cropping, but in bad years the revenue is greater under pasture and the risk is always less as you reduce the labor cost per acre and increase the size of the farm unit, up to the limit which can be handled by a single family. Dean E. A. Burnett, Nebraska College of Agriculture, in a recent speech.



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