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THE MENACE OF HOUSEFLY

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Last summer while on a trip to the West I made a special visit to the office of the man who originated the slogan, "Swat the Fly." He is a doctor of many years' experience and I wanted to see if he were still as convinced of the dangers from flies as he was back in the days when he first thought of that crisp command that is now known all over the United States.

And was he? Well, I can only say that so full of the loathsomeness of these pests and the dangers from them that when I went out on the street and saw a swarm of them feeding on some filth I almost called the police.

It is hard for us to believe that anything so small can produce such big and disastrous results. Furthermore, even when we realize that in the world to get rid of them because it necessarily offers some of the fly's favorite breeding places.

Some one has said that we can't fight a war with perfume so we might as well plunge right in and examine the filthy habits of flies if we are to combat them successfully. Flies are not born in clean surroundings if they can find dirty ones. The dirtier the better for them. In fact their favorite places are horse manure and outdoor, open toilets. It is only about ten days from the time the egg is laid until the mature fly is buzzing about, feeding at the manure heap and other places of the sort.

The bad part of it is that, though he loves dirt, he also delights in getting into the house, wiping his feet on the bread, running across the baby's mouth, visiting the sick room if there is one, and bathing himself in the pitcher of milk. If we catch one and take a look at his feet through a microscope we find them swarming with bacteria; filth; all it needs to start a disease is for some person whose resistance is low to swallow it in food.

It has long been known that wherever flies have access both to the food of man and to his excretions there is bound to be disease but it took the Spanish-American war to drive the lesson home. There it was proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that hundreds of men were lost from disease that was carried by flies from the excretions of army to its food. The same thing happens all summer long all over the world every year and hundreds of worthwhile people die simply because the fly was allowed to live.

Now, granted that we believe that there is danger in having flies around, what can we do about it? In the country it is a man-size job to do anything and every member of the family has to put his shoulder to the wheel. The first move, of course, is prevention; that is, the cleaning up of all the breeding places possible.

One farmer who tells how he and his family practically got rid of flies says that they first began by making the scrupulously clean and adding that "that is no more than should be done anyway." He used plank flooring, cleaned the stalls night and morning and sprinkled powdered lime about. He threw the manure onto a sled and hauled it out on the farm for fertilizer.

This particular farm had a house plumbed and fitted with indoor toilets but fly-proofing an outdoor toilet with screen is a simple matter. Complete screening of the house is necessary, of course. A screened back porch is a great help. I find that whenever I cook cabbage or hold meat all the flies in the neighborhood seem to know about it and if in addition it is a warm day with rain threatening they are all the worse. With the back porch screened the kitchen can be opened up without admitting a swarm of these pests.

Toads, lizards, spiders, wasps, and robber flies help fight house flies for they never lose a chance to gobble them up. While we are on the subject let me put in a word for the spider. A scientist has recently announced that practically none of the spiders we see about the house are poisonous, so don't be frightened every time you see one.

Birds, chickens, and certain beetles are good help, too, as they devour the flies in the larval stage—that is the stage between the egg and the mature fly.

Persons who have made the most determined fight on the fly believe that there is no way of "getting" him as successful as the community campaign. Now is the time to begin planning one for next year. You will get all sorts of ideas as the summer goes on and the flies bother you. Your state board of health can supply you with many suggestions and probably with a fly film that you can show.

Professor R. I. Smith, of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, states that formalin is the best preparation he knows for poisoning flies. Take one ounce (two tablespoonful) of formalin to 16 ounces (one pint) of a mixture of equal parts of water and milk. A piece of bread put in the saucer with this mixture helps as it gives the flies a place to fight. Professor Smith states that he used this mixture in a milk room and got 5000 flies in 24 hours. He also put out six plates of it in a calf barn where the flies were bad and got four quarts between noon and eight o'clock the next morning. I understand that when using this it is best, if possible, to remove all water so that the flies will have no other place than the poison plates to drink.

Railroads claim that the reductions in freight rates put into effect under private management since January 1, 1922, on the basis of present business will mean a saving to the public of \$72,000,000 annually in freight charges. Definite designation of roads to comprise the federal aid highway system has been made in 34 states by the department of agriculture. With roads in 34 states yet to be selected, the estimated total amount of road is estimated at 37,456 miles. Texas leads with 11,000 miles and Missouri a second with 7,000.

CALLS GOVERNOR ON ROAD MATTER

Nebraska State Accountant Shows How Money Has Been Expanded In Highway Work

Lincoln, Neb., July 4 (Special)—State Accountant Sommer says that Governor Bryan is unduly excited about the road in Boyd county running from Spencer to Niobrara. The governor said the other day that because of a dispute over the grading the state has never accepted the road although it had paid the contractors and not being maintained, it had been ruined by washing. Mr. Sommer says that he has looked up the record and that more than half of the road has been constructed and bills approved since Bryan became governor; that the greater part of the cost is for permanent structures, like bridges and culverts that have been unharmed and that most of the grading cost lay in cutting down hills that are still cut down. He concludes that the cost of resurfacing will be but a few thousand dollars.

While he had his typewriter in full swing, Mr. Sommer added that the governor's hue and cry that the state, without authority of law, had advanced to contractors money to pay the federal government's share is ill founded for the reason that the agreements between the two governments provides that the federal funds shall not be drawn until after the money for building the roads has been expended.

FEELS THE LASH OF PARTY'S WHIP

Democratic Organizer In Nebraska Ousted Because He Dared to Criticize Governor Bryan

Omaha, Neb., July 4.—Harry K. Easton who recently wrote a letter for publication criticizing Governor Bryan's patronage policy, and who recently was commissioned by Chairman Hull of the democratic national committee to organize "Victory Clubs" in Nebraska, has sent his resignation to Mr. Hull, and has received a telegram revoking his authority on the ground that anyone taking part in his party's service must not be aligned on one side or the other in any political controversy.

SWIMMERS MUST BE CAREFUL WHERE THEY SWIM.

Lincoln, Neb., July 4.—If a man goes swimming in a non-navigable stream except where it is contiguous to land he owns, he does so at his own risk. That is the contention of the McCook Electric company in an appeal led in the supreme court from a judgment secured against it by Darrell Lytle in the sum of \$5,500. Lytle was swimming in the Republican river south of McCook, when he came in contact with a heavily charged wire of the electric company. He was rendered unconscious, but a companion saved him. He was successful in his suit for damages. The defendant company claims the damages awarded are not only excessive, but that Lytle not owning the land along the river bank, was a trespasser.

ANOTHER STEP IN EPPLEY HOTEL CASE

Lincoln, Neb., July 4 (Special)—Attorneys for stockholders of the Nebraska Hotel company, whose properties are now in possession, (through a receiver's sale) of Eugene C. Eppley of Sioux City, submitted to the federal court today a plea to have the whole bankruptcy proceedings thrown out on the ground of fraud and irregularity. They told Judge Munger it was begun to save the receiver, named by the state court, from liability for what he did, which had been declared invalid by the state supreme court.

The litigation over the properties has been protracted and covers many angles. Mr. Eppley, who paid \$250,000 on his sale contract, has been in possession all of the time.

NORFOLK BOY SCOUTS TO CAMP AT RED BIRD

Norfolk, Neb., July 4 (Special)—Troop No. 1 boys scouts of Norfolk, about 35 in number, will hold their annual encampment at Red Bird, Neb., this year. They will be in camp for 10 days.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AT NORFOLK REVISED

Norfolk, Neb., July 4 (Special)—After a campaign of two days Norfolk businessmen subscribed sufficient funds to renew the city's annual fall festival which was called off during the war. The dates for the big celebration of the district's harvest of farm crops will be Sept. 26, 27 and 28, and will be run in conjunction with the annual district livestock exposition.

HORSES KILLED BY EATING POISONED OATS.

Gering, Neb., July 4 (Special)—Poisoned oats fed to the horses of A. G. Putney, a homesteader near Yoder, caused the loss of the horses, with which Putney was starting on a trip from Bayard to his home. He had stopped at a ranch house for the night and got hold of the grain which had been poisoned for rodents.

International artistic competitions in architecture, literature, music, painting and sculpture will be included in the 1924 program of Olympic games at Paris.

WIFE ADMITS SHE WAS THE "THIEF"

Hid Money To Keep Hubby From Spending It—He Reported Loss To The Police

Lincoln, Neb., July 4 (Special)—The \$90 that William Cromwell, laborer, excitedly reported to the police as being stolen from his home, was not stolen. The suspicious police did not believe the story. They have secured a statement from Mrs. Cromwell that she had hidden the money and did so to keep her husband from spending it for his own purposes. She said she had saved the money from his wages as part payment on a home she wants, and when he discovered it he made plain his intention of spending it on something else.

FALLS FROM HAY STACK, BADLY INJURED

Bloomfield, Neb., July 4 (Special)—Pat Murphy, a farmer living near Center, suffered severe internal injuries when he fell from a hay stack. He was on the stack and a heavy wind was blowing. The stacker brought up an especially big load of hay and this, together with the wind, swept him from the stack. For a time it was feared that he had suffered a broken spine. He will recover.

GOVERNMENT MAY ACCEPT OFFER

Soldiers' Home at Grand Island Considered As Location for Federal Hospital

Lincoln, Neb., July 4 (Special)—Following the tender three weeks ago by the state, under orders of the legislature, of the soldiers' home at Grand Island to the federal government for hospital purposes, the chief of the veterans' bureau, General Hines has written that he has directed an inspection of the premises.

The only condition that the state makes is that the present inmates, mostly civil war veterans and their wives and widows, be cared for as long as they live. The offer was made two years ago, but the government chose a site in Iowa, and later abandoned it.

GOVERNOR BYRAN IS BOOSTED FOR PRESIDENT

Lincoln, Neb., July 4.—Governor Charles W. Bryan for president, was advocated today by Congressman Edgar Howard, in an editorial in the Columbus Telegram of which he is the editor. The announcement is believed by political observers to be the initial attempt to start a Bryan for president movement in the United States.

Mr. Howard comes out unequivocally for Governor Bryan for president, and warns eastern democrats that to "let Charley to the tail of a Wall street kite" by offering him anything less, will not assure the governor of the support of his brother, William Jennings Bryan.

GOVERNOR AND FAMILY OFF FOR VACATION

Lincoln, Neb., July 4 (Special)—Governor Bryan and his family have gone on a several days' motor trip to northwestern Nebraska. The Governor declined to give his destination, and said that he would combine business with pleasure. He has been on the job for six and a half months, and desired to get away from office cares, he said. It is understood that he will investigate the Boyd county road over which there has been much dispute lately.

BUSINESS WOMAN SUES FOR BREACH OF PROMISE

Madison, Neb., July 4 (Special)—Miss Rose McHenry, Norfolk real estate woman, has filed suit here for \$5,000 against John Linderman, of Norfolk, for breach of promise.

WOOL PULLING CONCERN HAS \$80,000 BLAZE

Omaha, Neb., July 4 (Special)—Fire, thought to have been started by spontaneous combustion early today destroyed the Omaha Wool Pulling company plant, 35th and J streets with an estimated loss of \$80,000. The building was of brick.

YOUNG WOMEN WROWN IN DEEP SAND PIT

Schuyler, Neb., July 4.—Rosabelle Sladek, 18 years old, and Julia Husak, 19 years old, were drowned Thursday evening near here while wading in a sand pit which was deeper than they supposed. The girls, with four others went for a swim. Miss Husak stepped into a hole over her head and screamed for help. Miss Sladek went to her assistance and both girls disappeared, but in their struggles they went down again and he was unable to rescue them. The bodies were recovered. Miss Sladek was to have been married next week.

TWO ASSESSMENTS DO NOT HANG TOGETHER

Lincoln, Neb., July 4 (Special)—State Tax Commissioner Smith has gone to Tecumseh to unravel a puzzle. The new assessor of Johnson county reported \$2,500,000 less taxable property in the county than did his predecessor. He insists that he got all the lots and lands and the hogs and cattle, and that these are worth no more than he put them down for. The commissioner is inclined to the opinion that the former assessor was weak in arithmetic and made his total a mere \$2,000,000 more than the figures would add up properly.

YANKTON BRIDGE MAY LOSE FUND

Nebraska Appropriation Of \$100,000 Probably Not Available As Cash Box Is Depleted

Lincoln, Neb., July 4 (Special)—Recent developments indicate that no funds will be available to pay the state's share of the Yankton bridge over the Missouri river. The legislature passed and the governor signed a bill setting aside \$100,000 to build an approach on the Nebraska side, but it is now said that the state aid bridge fund is so far behind with its obligations that there will be no money available.

PIERCE COUNTY SCHOOLS GET FUND FROM STATE

Plainview, Neb., July 4 (Special)—Pierce county has received its share of the state apportionment for public schools amounting to \$6,910.95. To this is added \$989, the amount of fines and licenses collected in the county since January, making a total of \$7,899.95 to be distributed to the various school districts of the county. The total amount apportioned in the state was \$675,135.11 and the number of districts entitled to share is 6,908. The number of children in the state entitled to share is 403,70 and the number in Pierce county is 4,010.

NEBRASKA REPUBLICANS STOCKING IN BOOTS

Lincoln, Neb., July 4.—Republican leaders say that the overturn in Minnesota will mean that strong pressure will be brought to bear on Senator Norris of Nebraska to reconsider his intention of not being a candidate for re-election. The republicans are fearful that if Norris, who is the outstanding progressive republican leader, does not run, no other republican can be elected.

Democrats look upon the election of Johnson as pointing the way to a sweeping victory in this state next year. Their one fear is that the success of the farm-labor combination in Minnesota may give a rebirth to the progressive party in this state. Its organization was captured by the socialist group after the demotics and republicans abandoned it last year, but it has enough farm leaders to make it an effective instrument if properly handled.

CLAIMS FOR ROAD WORK TO BE CONSIDERED

Lincoln, Neb., July 4 (Special)—State officials will shortly hold an executive session to determine if there is any way by which the road contractors, whose claims cannot be paid because of lack of funds in that department for the last biennium, can be given evidences of indebtedness that can safely be used as collateral for loans. The next legislature will have to make good the deficit, which is expected to run from \$250,000 to \$500,000. The governor will not approve these claims, the auditor will not issue warrants without the governor's approval, nor will the treasurer cash them without the O. K.

BAGGAGE MEN HANDLE HIS TRUNK ROUGHLY

Omaha, Neb., July 4.—A trunk in a railroad baggage room from which emanated an alcoholic odor resulted in the arrest yesterday of M. Smiller, of Omaha, president of the Master Sales company, on a charge of illegal possession and transportation of liquor. The trunk, shipped from Spokane, Wash., contained 12 bottles of whisky, most of which had been broken. Miller was released on bond.

STATE ACCOUNTANT WAS PROPERLY APPOINTED

Lincoln, Neb., July 4.—Attorney General Spillman has ruled that Chas. A. Sommers is the properly appointed state accountant. The law gives the power of appointment to the auditor, but he must have the approval of the governor. Governor Bryan said the other day that he had never been asked to approve the appointment of Mr. Sommers, who has been serving for four years. The auditor says that before he left office Governor McKelvie approved the appointment, and the attorney general says that this is in compliance with the law, and that the appointment stands.

FARMER IS VICTIM OF "FREAK" ACCIDENT

Wolbach, Neb., July 4.—One of the most peculiar accidents ever reported in this locality happened to Frank Vogt, a farmer residing eight miles east of Wolbach. While working in his field during the heat of the day, Vogt lay down in the shade of one of his horses to rest. Whether or not he fell asleep is not known, but the horse, also becoming drowsy, lay down on Vogt. Vogt received three broken ribs. He will recover.

MUCH LIVESTOCK TO MARKET BY TRUCKS.

Westfield, Iowa, July 4 (Special)—Large shipments of stock from this locality were on the Sioux City market, Monday morning, six interurban truck loads of animals going into the city Sunday night. A. Buys sent five loads of fat cattle, and W. B. Milner one of hogs.

Perpetual Motion From Good Hardware.

A negro called upon an old friend who received him in a rocking chair. The visitor observed that not only did his host not rise, but that he continued to rock himself to and fro in a most curious way. "Ye ain't sick, is ye' Harrison?" asked the caller anxiously. "No, I ain't sick, Mose," said Harrison. There was a moment's silence in which the caller gazed wide-eyed at the rocking figure. "Deh," continued Mose, "why does ye' rock yo'self dat way all de time?" Harrison explained. "Ye' know Bill Blott? Well, he sold me a silver watch cheap, and if I stop moving like dis, dat watch don't go!"

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MELLON NOT TALKATIVE MAN

Secretary of the Treasury Will Never Make Reputation as a Great Conversationalist.

Two Scotsmen, noted for their rarity of speech, were playing golf. Up to the seventeenth hole neither spoke a word.

It began to rain and Sandy observed: "Shall we gult?" "Chatterbox," muttered his opponent, as he drove off the final.

Secretary Mellon is silent like that, writes "Glard" in the Philadelphia Enquirer. If, as our copybooks informed us, silence is golden, that able banker came by his great wealth in the most natural way.

"This is not a talkative cabinet"—that from a Philadelphia coal man often brought into contact with Mr. Hoover and others of the presidential family.

"But," he continued, "Secretary Mellon can say less in a day than all the rest of them put together."

All Dolled Up. "So that is the dowager duchess?" "The same."

"Who is her modiste?" "I think she patronizes an upholsterer."—Judge.

The Girl I Love. Several days ago Ed L. Hall, of this city, came into possession of a one-dollar bill, with the following inscription neatly typewritten across its face: "This is my last dollar, and I gave it to the girl I love."

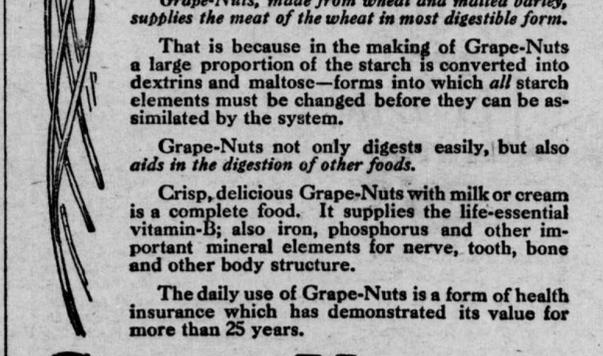
Mr. Hall is of the opinion that a real "human interest" story awaits some budding "O. Henry," with the necessary tact and patience to find this modern lover, remarks the Indianapolis News.

Parting with one's last dollar is a circumstance which might easily be fraught with tragic significance at any time, and in this case it seems doubly so.

But, of course, "the girl I love" may have been his sister, his "last dollar" may have gone for candy, and the next day may have been his regular pay day. Who knows the answer? Some one does!

What's an Abecedarium? This was a machine constructed by William S. Jevons and described by him in his "Principles of Science." It designed, by using symbolic terms, to perform analytic reasoning without making a mistake.

What we like best seems to fall a little short when we get it.



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