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phy, of Lincoln; Mrs. Lamison, of Page, and Mrs. Hathaway, of Monett, Missouri.

PRaise FOR "SCHOOL MAN."

Mondamin, Ia.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I want to congratulate "School Man" on the stand he takes in regard to football in the public school. I think if more people would express their opinion along the same line that it might do some good to abolish so much athletic doings in our schools.

It seems like there is about as much time taken up in sports and practicing for the same as there is in studies.

One school alone can't do much to abolish the practice, but if they would co-operate and all cut it out, or if there were some law enacted to prohibit it, I think it would be a good thing both for the school and pupil. Plenty of accidents in other ways without football to swell the list.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

Missouri Valley, Ia.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The "School Man" from O'Neill I am afraid is open for argument. He says that every fall the papers are full of the tragedies of football. You're off your base there, brother. I take three daily papers and read them, but I'll be hanged if I can see where you get the dope that the football accidents and deaths make them look like the casualty lists during the war. There's more young folks get killed riding in cars going to and from the games than get a scratch on the gridiron. We sure are sorry for the people bereaved over their loss. Indeed we are. But you are not arguing that.

Better help wake the taxpayers and fathers and mothers up to the dangers of the automobile, for the casualties of football fade into nothing when you compare the number of the same young folks that are killed and injured simply "joy riding." Jump onto something that is an evil. I would rather have my boy on a football team matched against men far heavier than he is than I would have him out in an automobile rising hell. That's where you have a real evil to fight. On the football field certain rules are observed religiously. Well, when the same bunch are out raising hell in a car the "devil" makes the rules. As to the nature of football. I played back in 1901 and 1902 when it was a real game. However, now they have changed and modified the game so that it sometimes looks like a game of parlor ping-pong or drop the handkerchief. Of course I would not want to see the kindergarten kids play football, but wiser birds than you or I ever will be would have stopped it back in the good old days if it was going to put the youth of the nation in the cemetery or hospital.

Brother, let the legislature alone about it. Wake them up to the necessity of repealing some of the crazy idiotic stuff they have written into the law codes instead of putting more into the lists of "shalt nots." I have watched football closely in the town where I live. I cannot recall all of the accidents, fatal and serious, which have attended the trips to the games due to automobiles. But the only accident I can recall to a player was a broken collar bone—that was received "monkeying" and not under the trained and watchful eye of his coach.

It is true that once in a while there is a serious injury, but they are few and far between. You're liable to get hurt any time under circumstances less potent with danger than those on a gridiron. Let them play football, but God help and save them from the automobile. That's what is raising the duce with the boys and girls both. Let's shake hand over this football stuff and get after something worth while.

I. T. DUZZENMATTER.

PULL BROTHERS COMING.

The escape from the trunk of the dainty Miss with Pull Brothers is great; but when the trunk is opened and a man appears in her place with shackles, sealed mystery bag and all, just as the lady was locked up and roped in, you are set wondering whether you really saw the act, or dreamed it. See this wonderful act at O'Neill, on Monday, December 10th.

I. T. DUZZENMATTER.

Measles Old as the Race.

Measles is probably as old as the race. In ancient times it was diagnosed as a form of smallpox. Somewhere about the Tenth or Eleventh centuries, when Arab culture and science flamed high in a mentally dark world, Arab physicians distinguished the difference between the two diseases. These men noted that having smallpox did not give immunity to measles and having measles did not give immunity to smallpox. They studied both diseases and pointed out the difference in the eruptions. But measles continued to be confounded with scarlet fever until the latter half of the Seventeenth century, when Sydenham, an English physician, pointed out the difference in the symptoms and the eruptions.

Spider Kills Birds.

Birds are caught and killed by the Mygale, one of the best-known of the large and heavy spiders. It is a native of tropical and subtropical America. It sucks the blood of its victims. The body of this spider is dead black and is covered with long reddish-brown hair. It possesses eight eyes, placed close together in the front of its head. The species of spider are difficult of enumeration. The spiders of North America have been studied by Hentz, Emerton, Keyserling and Thorell, and no doubt by a number of other men who have specialized in insects, and it is estimated there are 800 species in North America. The spider has heart, liver, stomach, intestines, thorax, lungs, as well as several other interesting organs, as, for example, the spinning glands and spinnerets.

IN COAT OF FLAMING COLOR.

Scarlet Tanager, During the Mating Season, is One of the Most Beautiful of Birds.

He flies from twig to twig, a flash of flaming color among the leaves. All eyes rest on him. He is a scarlet tanager.

His plumage is more glaring than the feathers of a cardinal. Nature, ever lavish in color, has piled, on him her most glaring combination. Red and black make the most conspicuous color pattern on earth. This motif appears over and over in the realm of nature. Sir Tanager wears them proudly. He wants to be seen.

His mate is not gaudy. She is dressed in a greenish drab, so like the moss on tree trunks that our eyes can hardly discern her.

Sir Tanager wore this plumage, too, in his youth. In those days of hard flying and long travels he did not need to be conspicuous. He would have made too easy an eyeful for hawks.

But it is the mating season. He wants to be seen. What male is there who does not want to appear his best in the eyes of the other sex?

Bee keepers hate tanagers. They claim that these birds sometimes eat their bees. Perhaps this is true. Tanagers catch much of their food on the wing, and who could expect a bird to know the difference between a tame bee and a wild bug?

No more beautiful sight could be imagined than a tanager as he swoops gracefully out from his twig, to snap up an insect quite invisible to human eyes. His red feathers flash, his glossy wings gleam with shining black; you wonder what further word could be added about feathered beauty.—Chicago Tribune.

Her Mistake.

A woman of the new rich type paid a visit to a well-known school with a view to placing her boy there. She arrived in a limousine elaborately dressed and loaded with jewelry. During her interview with the head master, whom she embarrassed and impressed with her grandeur, the poor man remarked:

"Madam, you remind me of the queen of Sheba."

"Really," said the lady, "I had no idea she had a boy in this school."

PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS.

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