

#### Testing Seed Corn.

The majority of wide-awake corn growers realize the advantage of testing the germination of their seed corn before planting. The "ear to row" method of improving corn has emphasized the need of selecting seed corn on the ear. Altho the apparatus required for testing the germination of ear corn need not be expensive, still it is believed that there are many who hesitate to undertake this work through fear that it will involve the expenditure of much time and labor. To satisfy this demand and arouse a greater interest in corn improvement the Nebraska Seed Laboratory has arranged to make single ear germination tests of seed corn for Nebraska farmers. Not more than fifty such tests, however, can be made for one person. If you wish your seed tested write us to that effect and we will send you fifty small envelopes in which the samples can be sent to this Laboratory. Let us know at once if you wish us to make this test. Address Nebraska Seed Laboratory, Lincoln, Nebr.

#### New Postmaster at Lebanon.

Sanford E. Ralston, for many years postmaster at Lebanon, has resigned, and Marion J. Walters has been appointed his successor. Mr. Ralston has given the people of Lebanon a first class service, and if Mr. Walters fills the place as well the patrons of that office will have no complaint.

Sedentary habits, lack of outdoor exercise, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety, are the most common causes of stomach troubles. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all dealers.

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R. T. BAYNE, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE — Services Sunday at 11 a. m., and Wednesday at 8 p. m. Meets now in the northeast corner of court house basement.

CATHOLIC — Order of services: Mass 8:30 a. m. Mass and sermon, 10:30 a. m. Evening services at 8:00. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.

WM. J. PATTON, O. M. I.

Methodist—Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m.

LESTER E. LEWIS, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Sunday school at ten o'clock. Morning prayer and sermon at eleven o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at eight. Choir rehearsal as usual; every member please attend ALFRIC J. R. GOLDSMITH, Rector.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL — Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by pastor. Junior C. E. at 1:30 p. m. Senior C. E. at 7:30. All Germans cordially invited to attend these services.

HENRY KAUFERZ, Pastor.

GERMAN EVAN. LUTHERAN—Services every other Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

REV. GROTHIER, Pastor.

#### Corn Contest.

Announcement of the 1911 corn growing contest for boys in Nebraska in competition for prizes awarded by the state board of agriculture has just been made.

To Nebraska boy under 18 years of age growing the largest yield of corn from one acre of Nebraska land in year 1911, \$50; the second, \$25; third, \$20; fourth, \$15; fifth, \$10 and to the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh, \$5 each.

The entire labor of preparing the ground, planting, cultivating and harvesting of this acre of corn to be performed by the contestants who enter contest by recording his name in the office of W. R. Mellor, secretary, Lincoln, not later than May 20, 1911.

Said acre to be measured, husked and weighed in the presence of two disinterested freeholders, residents of said county in which the acre of corn is located. Said committee to forward affidavit as to weight and requirements of specifications in this contest to the secretary of the state board of agriculture, not later than December 1, 1911.

The contestant shall file with the secretary a full and detailed account of his method of performing the work fertilizers used, if any; whether bottom, hill of table land, and the character or kind of soil on which the crop was grown; with an accurate account of the cost of production, rent of ground, cost of plowing, harrowing, disking, planting, cultivation, husking and every feature of expense in labor, seed, fertilizer, etc., based on the actual time that entered into the production of this acre of corn.

On request prize winners must forward a sample of ten ears of corn grown to W. R. Mellor, secretary, Lincoln, Neb.

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#### County Teachers' Programme.

Following we give the programme of the Red Willow County Teachers' association meeting to be held in the opera house, Bartley, Saturday, February 25th, 1911, commencing at ten o'clock in the morning:

10 A. M.  
Pupils' Spelling Contest.

1 P. M.  
Music, Instrumental Solo, Bernice Stilgebauer, Bartley.

"School Athletics from the Standpoint of Sanitation and School Progress," Supt. F. F. Gordon, Indiana. Discussion, Prin. E. H. Husmann, Lebanon.

"How to Obtain Material for Busy Work," Myrtle Redfern, Danbury. Discussion, Alta Morgan, Danbury.

Song, "The Blacksmiths," Primary and Intermediate Boys, Bartley schools.

"Language in the Intermediate Grades," Anna Hannan, McCook. Discussion, Pearlie Ruggles, Indiana.

"Home and Farm Economics Taught by Effective Correlation," Rachel Whitaker, Marion. Discussion, Elizabeth Daugherty, McCook.

Drill, "The Little Grandmas," Primary and Intermediate Girls, Bartley Schools.

"Hygiene and Sanitation," Dr. D. F. Smith, Bartley. General Discussion.

Music, Selected.

Round Table.

EVENING SESSION—7:30.

Illustrated Lecture, "Yellowstone Park," Rev. Reed Taft Bayne, McCook.

Music, Bartley Commercial Club Quartette.

Attention is directed to the fact that passenger train No. 15 will stop at Bartley on that date, February 25, to accommodate teachers from east of that place.

#### Penney's Report.

The report of Examiner C. M. Penney, February 4, 1911, is as follows:

"According to your request of January 31, I spent Saturday, February 4, at McCook in conference with Superintendent Bettcher and teachers, members of school boards and patrons.

"In general school conditions are much better in Red Willow county than in most of the western counties. Few of the districts have been deprived of school the past year on account of a lack of qualified teachers.

"In regard to teachers who fail to pass the examinations, I believe the failure to pass is generally due to lack of preparation. Few, if any, of those who have had normal training in the high school fail to pass the examinations. The larger number of failures are by those who have only attended high school a short time or have never attended any school above the eighth grade.

"Superintendent Taylor, of McCook, suggested that the examination questions in theory should be based on some standard text so that prospective teachers may have something to guide them in their preparation.

This seems to be a very good suggestion and for the remainder of this year I believe it will be wise to follow Barrett's practical pedagogy in making out questions in theory.

"The law requiring that only one third grade certificate may be issued causes injustice in some cases where teachers pass from one country to another. When a third grade is issued on grades earned in examinations in one county, the candidate should be privileged to teach during the life of the certificate even though she may remove to another county. The law should be amended to meet such conditions or the ruling of the state department should be that holders of third grade certificates could pass from one county to another when conditions demand it.

"My observations led to the conclusion that rules on certification that may be satisfactory in eastern and central Nebraska are not adapted to conditions in western counties. These matters are worthy of your careful consideration and deliberation."

"His Way of Getting Even.

"You know that fellow, Jim McGroarty, the lad that's always coming up an' thumpin' ye on th' chest and yellin' 'How aer ye ye?'

"I know him."

"I'll bet he's smashed twenty cigars for me—some o' them clear Havannas—but I'll get even with him now."

"How will ye do it?"

"I'll tell ye. Jim always hits me over the vest pocket where I carry me cigars. He'll hit me there just once more. There's no cigar in me vest pocket this mornin'. Instead of it there's a stick of dynamite, d'ye mind?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

#### A Matter of Business.

"I cannot understand, sir, why you permit your daughter to sue me for breach of promise. You remember that you were bitterly opposed to our engagement because I wasn't good enough for her and would disgrace the family."

"Young man, that was sentiment; this is business."

## HIS GIRL FRIENDS.

#### Mark Twain Dearly Loved Children as Playmates.

#### THE ANGEL FISH SOCIETY.

#### A Delightful and Touching Story About Little Margaret, One of Its Members, and the Genial Humorist—A Pretty Compact and a Quaint Letter.

Like many another great man, Mark Twain was fond of children. He never outgrew childhood, and he always chose young playmates where they were to be found. He formed curious societies of these girl friends. Back in the nineties, when he was living in Europe, he created a club which was to consist of one (only one) girl in each country of the globe, the duty of said member being to write occasionally to the chief officer, who faithfully replied to these random and far-faring messages. Of course these little girls were swept into womanhood presently, but even to the last years of his life the member who signed herself "Frances" remained faithful to the law.

Another club of girls, little girls, became one of the chief interests during his final years. It had its beginning in Bermuda during one of his frequent visits to those happy islands. It was called the Angel Fish club, after a gorgeous swimmer of those waters, and he gave to each member an angel fish pin as a society badge. It was a successful club, and on his return to America he elected other members, enough to make twelve in all.

His home at Redding, Conn., Stormfield, had been originally named Innocence at Home, and as Angel Fish headquarters Innocence at Home, it always remained. Members with their parents visited him there, and the billiard room, where the "fishes" were likely to spend most of their time knocking the balls about, under the chief member's instruction, was called the Aquarium, and gay prints of many Bermuda fishes were hung along the walls to carry out the idea. Each member had the privilege of selecting one of these as her patron fish and of identifying it with her name.

It was in Bermuda one day when he was walking along the beach with one of his angel fish members that he picked up a small iridescent double shell, delicately hinged together. He separated it and handed his companion half.

"You will be going away from me pretty soon, Margaret," he said, "and growing up, and I won't know you any more. I shall see a great many Margaretas, and now and then one of them will say she is my Margaret, but I will say, 'No, you resemble my Margaret, but you are bigger than my Margaret, and I can't be sure.' Then I will take out this shell and I will say, 'If you are really my Margaret you will have the other half of this shell, and it will fit exactly.' Then if she has the shell and it fits I shall know that it is really my Margaret, no matter how many years have gone by or how much older she has grown."

All this he said very gravely and earnestly, and the little girl took the shell thoughtfully and promised to keep it always. Next morning when she came running up to meet him on the hotel veranda he looked at her questioningly.

"You look like Margaret," he said, "but I can't be sure. If you are really my Margaret you will have a shell I gave her once—the mate to this one."

He got no further. The talisman was promptly produced, and it fitted exactly. He returned to America, and somewhat later Margaret received a letter—one of the pretty letters he was always writing to children. In it he said:

I am always making mistakes. When I was in New York six weeks ago I was on a corner of Fifth avenue and saw a small girl—not a big one—start across from the opposite corner, and I exclaimed to myself, "Joyful!" That is certainly my Margaret. I rushed to meet her as she came nearer. I began to doubt and said to myself, "It's a Margaret, that is plain enough, but I'm half afraid it is somebody else's." So when I passed her I held my shell so she couldn't help but see it. Dear, she only glanced at it and passed on. I wondered if she could have overlooked it. It seemed best to find out, so I turned and followed and caught up with her and said deferentially, "Dear miss, I already know your first name by the look of you, but would you mind telling me your other one?" She was vexed and said, pretty sharply: "It's Douglas, if you're so anxious to know. I know your name by your looks, and I'd advise you to shut yourself up with pen and ink and write more rubbish. I am surprised that they allow you to an actress. You are likely to get run over by a baby carriage any time. Run along now and don't let the cows bite you."

What an idea! There aren't any cows on Fifth avenue. But I didn't smile. I didn't let on to perceive how uncultured she was. She was from the country, of course, and didn't know what a comical blunder she was making.

Margaret, with her mother, called when they returned to America. When the cards were brought to him he looked at hers and said:

"Well, the young lady, her name seems familiar, but I can't be sure it's my Margaret without a certain token which she is supposed to carry as a proof." The shell came up without delay. He took the two halves now to a jeweler and had them set in gold as charms. One of these Margaret wore on a ribbon about her neck, and the other he linked to his watch chain, where it remained till he died. What a sweet fancy it all was!

He spent the last months of his life in Bermuda in the home of one of his angel fish, Helen Allen, daughter of the American vice consul there. She was his daily companion, and it will be her lifelong happy memory that she brightened and comforted his final days.—Albert Bigelow Paine in Ladies' World.

Young man, that was sentiment; this is business!

#### SHOCKED THE GUIDE.

#### Antics of an Irreverent Visitor at the National Capitol.

A big man with a fierce, bristling gray beard and wearing a broad brimmed slouch hat marched down the main corridor of the capitol, closely followed by a guide at a dogtrot. They had inspected statuary hall and the rotunda and looked in at the chamber of the supreme court, and the visitor had made no other comment on the sights shown him than to utter an occasional grunt, snort or growl.

The big man paused at the end of the corridor and jerked his head toward a carpeted passage.

"What's them burglars doing to day?" he demanded.

"The senate is not in session, sir," said the guide in a shocked voice.