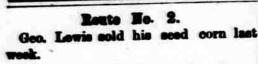


We have just received a late shipment of Fur Jackets, consisting of Russian Mink, Russian Pony, Garacule, Near Seal, River Mink, Gaster Luster. Jackets that are temptingly priced.





H. B. Fenimore shipped his seed corn to Fremont this week. The home of Albert Stenger has been

quarantined for small pox. John Galley had an exciting runaway shortage. last week, he received a few slight injuries as the result of it.

Loute He. S. Milton Miller is reported on the sich

Ed Newman was at the Lome farm last week, helping with the work. T. R. Berends of Oldenbush was doing

Walker. A. P. Johnson lost one cow and one

yearing from eating alfa fa in field among the snow. Farmers in this neighborhood are hauling wood from Beaver creek to burn in

Miss Minnie Johnson, who is teaching I won't call it one of superiority of in Dist. 65, took sick last week and has not been able to open the school at this writing, (Monday), and is yet uncertain

when she can resume her duties. Andrew Anderson, an old settler, who lived just scross the line in Boone coun. Jones. You know him, and you know ty. dropped dead Saturday morning. He that if you had been in his place you would have seen the signs of disaster

WHEN THE OTHER MAN IS HIT.

Misfortunes of Others Frequently Cause of Self-Congratulation.

"I wonder why it is," said the melancholy man, "that, when we hear of place of corn cobs, of which there is a misfortunes that don't come very close to us, there is usually a feeling-well. fate, but certainly one of recognition

of the fitness of things by which we are not picked out for such evil case. And we are careful to give ourselves all possible credit for exemption. Jones, you hear, has failed. Poor



"I have ceased to be a society but terfly and am now a professional best man," said an upper West Side young man at his club the other night. "You never heard of a professional best man? That may be perfectly true, for I am under the impression that I am the inventor and natentee of the idea. I have made it pay, too, for in addition to the usual handsome present that the best man receives from the bridegroom, I charge a fee that keeps me well supplied with clothes, pays my club dues and keeps me in pocket money.

"You know that the one thing that everybody connected with a wedding wants is to have the whole affair run smoothly from start to finish. Any hitch is likely to get on the nerves of the young couple and not a few parents dread some mistake or delay that will make the ceremony or the social functions that precede and follow the ceremony ridiculous. And so such nervous people are willing to pay a handsome fee when they feel assured that nothing of an untoward nature will occur. It was this idea that laid the foundation to my present opulence.

"I was popular in society and spent money lavishly on my friends. The result was that for several months I

The fair grounds were so crowded that many men and boys were unable to gain admission, and they roosted on trees surrounding the grounds so they could peer over the high board fence at Mr. Lawson. The financier was an active bidder.

far and wide to have a sight of him.

After a time a local farmer put up for sale a 2-year-old helfer. He had originally paid \$200 for the animal. but she had not turned out quite as he had anticipated, so he did not expect to realise more than that amount for her, if so much.

Some one started the bidding at \$150. Mr. Lawson promptly and loudly bid \$160. He was met with \$165, which he raised to \$175. This was again raised, whereat Mr. Lawson seemed much annoyed. In an impressive manner he bid \$180, and looked haughtily around as if to indicate that no presuming yokel should again defy the man of wrath. However, an unabashed farmer ventured \$200, and others followed until the figure stood at \$225. Then a daring soul said \$235. There was an awful pause, while all eyes turned expectantly toward Mr. Lawson. Rising majestically, Mr. Lawson roared out. "Six hundred dollars!" and with an awful crash every man and boy perched on the surrounding trees fell to the ground, stunned by the power of wealth.

A Seductive Noise. P. Augustus Heinze, in the course of a dinner on board his yacht Revolution, said of a certain mooted min ing reform:

"Oh, yes, it would be a good thing if it could be done, but there is no possible way to do it. Ask these reformers how they are going to put their ideas in operation and they give you asswers that are about as practical as the little boy's method of coaching the mule.

"There was once, you know, a mule in a large field that refused to be caught by its owner. Round and round the field the mule galloped. The owner tore along behind, red and angry, swinging a halter in his hand. and swearing passionately.

"The mule would let him draw very near, almost near enough to throw the halter over its head; then it would kick up its legs merrily and run like the wind.

"A boy, his face wreathed in smiles. watched the unequal chase for an hour or so. Then he entered the field and said: "'I'll tell you how to catch that

mule, mister, if you'll give me a nickel."

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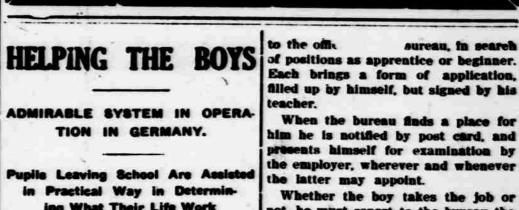
for in quality of fabrics, tailoring and finishing you cannot match then under a full third more. The coats are cut sidgle and double-breasted in the most approved style and contain every wrinkle known to high-class tailoring. If you want extraordinary value in a smart looking, serviceable winter suit, come see those we are \$15

Some Hints for XMas

Gift Giving

	Xmas Cravats	-
	Silk Mufflers	Up
	Silk Suspenders	UP
67	Fancy Hosiery	up
	House Costs	ap
1	Waist Coats	mp
	Umbrellas	UD





some mechanical work at the home of John Jeldon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kresultz, Mr. and Mrs. John Brunken, jr., and Willie, Ernest and Mary Krumland were guests at the home of D. Brunken last Sunday.

Route He. 4.

Adam Smith was warketing his large crop of winter wheat last week. Miss Mand Barnes is at the home

her aunt, Mrs. G. A. Pride, this week. The small pox quarantine has been

raised from the home of J. A Kilbourn. Miss Margaret Dineen, who is teach-

ing school northwest of Monroe, spent Sunday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wagner of Rupert, Idaho, arrived last week to attend the funeral of the late G. A. Pride.

Mrs. Eugene Sissle and Mrs. Sylvia Moore visited at the home of Henry Lambertus, north of Monroe, last week.

G. A. Pride, living eleven miles northwest of Columbus, died last Friday, after a short illness. He had been confined to his bed less than a week, but had complained for about two months.

Route No. 5.

Miss Mary Reinke is visiting at the home of Paul Reinke.

J. B. Ourtis has completed a ditch through G. Klaus' pasture.

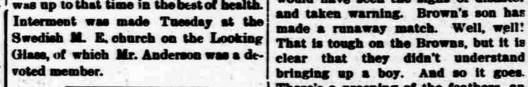
Rev. DeWolf of the Methodist church will hold services in the Cockson school house Sunday at 3 p. m.

Lest Friday carrier No. 5 took from one letter and twenty-four postal cards. Out of that bunch of postal cards and otters there were eighteen postal cards and three letters for Switzerland.

Frank Jarocki returned from Box Butte county last Thursday, and save that is a good country to go to for anyone wanting good cheap land. He bought two quarter sections for \$12 50. The main crop there is wheat, which viside from 40 to 50 per acre. Potatoes are good this year, averaging 200 bushels to the acre.

Coal.

We have a large stock of coal, Rock Spring, Maitland, Zeigler, Trenton, Gen, Banner, Golden-Ash, and Monarch in lump and nut. Also Penna hard coal in all sizes. NEWMAN & WELCH.



Notice to Land Seekers.

northwest through Leonard up to Kirks-

ville. This is the cream of north Mis

Museum Nuisances.

at Humphrey, Neb..

cluded nooks.

Friends of Father Marian, O. F. M., who have been considering buying land in Missouri, will please hasten thither, as a new railroad is building in that section of the country, and also an electric MODERN DEMAND FOR SILENCE. line is in view to run from Mexico, Mo., to Shelbina, thence to Shelbyville, thence

ing Carried to Extremes.

souri, and land will boom soon. For particulars write to or see Father Marian

"Our greatest nuisances are lovers." said a musuem curator. "Why do lovers always select museums to meet in? Because, I suppose, the rooms are days. To-day the thought of a maso huge and quiet, with so many se chine ticking off the seconds and strik-"At any rate, Cupid continually em- distress. Time is going, but they do barrasses me here. I hurry round a not wish to be reminded of it continucase of stuffed birds, and seated be ally; no clock is better than the tickhind a mastadon I see a young man ing machine. And now to meet the reand a girl passionately kissing each guirements of the nervous people, a other's mouth. With a blush I turn factory at Schramburg is making a back to the reptilian section only to noiseless clock." In an article on the find an elderly clergyman, in the shel- same subject another paper says: ter of a case of dried cobras, folding "The anti-noise craze has made disaa young woman's hand and making a greeable and unendurable some of the stately, old-fashioned offer of mar- noises which once were music to us. riage. I switch off to the Egyptian and soon we will find a way to slience room, but there a stout gi. is sitting the birds and to muffe the sound of on a thin man's lap behind a mummy the rustling leaves."

"A musuem is a wonderful rendervous for lovers. Come, now, did you never meet your girl in one?"

Insects of the World.

of 60 a minute, or 80,000 a day, and from the egg to full maturity of the young insect occupies only a few hours. Insects constitute by far the largest group of living creatures on the globe. The most conservative estimate places the number of species alone at 5,000,000. They feed on every part of every plant that grows, and also upon dead plant tissue in every stage of decay. They will even eat soil mould. They prey upon all forms of animal life, devour not only living meat, but dead and putrid flesh. All excrementitious substances are dainties to them, and no fabric is too dry for their taste.

made a runaway match. Well, well! That is tough on the Browns, but it is clear that they didn't understand bringing up a boy. And so it goes. There's a preening of the feathers, an

assumption of an air of conscious rectitude. Does it come from innate selfishness? Or is it because there has been no personal experience of sorrow along the lines indicated?"

German Newspapers Protest It is Be

"How the times change!" savs writer in the Frankfurter Zeitung. "In the days of our fathers no description of a homelike, cosy room was com-

plete without a reference to the ticking clock. It was this gentle sound which emphasized the quiet of the place. People had no nerves in those ing the hours is a source of worry and

East African Religious Ceremony. Recently a strange ceremony wa

performed at Changamwe, East Afri ca, to bring rain. A house-to-house visit was made among the natives by Some insects lay eggs at the rate a self-appointed committee who col lected from each hut the sum of two annas. With the total thus collected an ox was purchased. A procession was then formed, in which all the available children took part. After the procession had proceeded arounthe district for a period of two hours the ox was sacrificed, prayers from the Koran being sang by the children. The meat of the ox was then boiled in pots by adult participators and given to the children to eat until the

whole was consumed. The bones and remaining offal of the carcass were later put in a sack, carefully carried to the sea and thrown into deep water. Circumstantially . rain fell for a few

Harm in Roentgen Rays. According to a Danish medical journal the Roentgen rays were recently used upon a boy 5 years old. who was treated in hospital for a disease of the hair. After 25 applications of the rays the lad was sent home cured. But whereas his nature had previously been bright and intelligent, now he became absent-minded and unreliable, and was sent back to

ital. He has been for

time since under medical observation.

and the pronouncement of the doctors

attending the case is that the Roent

" Am Now a Professional Best Man."

was selected to act as best man for a number of important weddings, and soon I found that the expense attached to such events was more than my ourse could stand. About two years ago a man whom I had known a long time asked me to act as his best man. and I farnkly told him that nothing would please me more if I could afford it, but that financially I was down and out. I told him that besides the need of a new evening suit for the occasion it would cost me from \$40 to \$50 to give his bride a wedding gift that would be proper for such an affair. As a more guest I could wear my old dress suit and send her a \$20 gift, and no one would think the worne of me; but as best man I would be dubbed a cheap John if I tried any

such trick. "The man who wanted me as best man talked it over with me for a long time. He said he wanted me to stand up with him because he knew that I had handled dozens of society wedlings of importance and that in every case the affair had gone off with success. Finally he made a proposition to me. He figured out what my expenses would be and then added \$100 to the sum. He offered to pay me this amount if I would be best man. and guaranteed to keep the matter

secret. This gave me an idea, and told him I would accept his offer. but with the provision that he was not to keep the story of my fees secret after the wedding. I saw that if a rich man like himself was willing to pay for aid at the crucial moment that there would be others who would want my services.

"Next morning I received a check for my fee. Not only that, but he gave me this diamond scarf pin I am wearing. In return I made his wedding the success of the season. Everything was done in the best of style, every guest was loud in praises of the affair, and aot until six weeks later, when he returned from his honeymoon, did he breathe a word about my part in the transaction. And then he very wisely discriminated in telling about my fee. In the first place he told some wealthy oung fellows who were contemplating matrimony and in the second place he said that my work was worth far more than he had paid for it. So the result was that I have had a fairly good two seasons. And I am enjoying social life that I could not remain in if it were not for my fees."

Waitress' Query Is Relevant.

"I don't know whether the pompa doured young lady who brings me my breakfast has been listening, or whether she thinks for herself," says the young man who takes his meals in a restaurant, "but she's getting to be imost funny. Yesterday I ordered liver and bacon, and then I waited and waited till I'd committed everything in my morning paper to memory. 'Come hither.' I said to her. 'I gave you my order half an hour ago. Do I get er than I over knew her to de

'All right.' your nickel. Now tell me.'

"Get behind the thick bedge over there,' said the boy, 'and make a noise like a carrot." -- Boston Globe.

work.

fully.

that year.

The pupils are asked to put them-

selves in communication with the mu-

nicipal labor bureau, which will ad-

vise them as to the choice of a voca-

tion, and give them the best chance

possible to secure work.

Department Store Tree. The carnahuba palm of Brazil."

said a lumber dealer. "is the world's most useful tree. A department store tree you might well call it, for it gives everything from medicine to cattle food.

"Its roots make a very valuable drug, a blood purifier that is prescribed a good deal in the spring. Its timber takes a high polish, and is in demand amongst cabinet makers for fine work. The sap becomes wine or vinegar, according to the way it is prepared, and starch and sugar are also obtained from this san.

"The fruit of the tree is a cattle food, the nut is a good coffee substitute, the pith makes corks. "There, can you beat it-medicine

sugar, coffee, starch, wine, corks, cattle food, lumber and vinegar, all from this one tree, the carnahuba paim?"

Meant for Encouragement.

As a patroness of struggling and discouraged artists and musicians Mrs. Follen was not markedly successful, although she had plenty of money and a warm heart, and was interested in art and artists.

"I've brought some of my last winter's sketches to show you," said one poor, young man whom she had asked to call upon her, "but I do not feel satisfied with them. They are not as good in some ways as the work I did a year ago."

"Nonsense!" cried Mrs. Follen, with loud cheerfulness, patting him on the shoulder. "You paint just as well as you did last year-as well as you ever have. Your taste's improving, that's all!"-Youth's Companion.

Good News for Him. "I've decided." said Riter. "to devote myself exclusively hereafter to the writing of poetry."

"Glad to hear it," said Krotchett. "Think that's my forte, ch?" "Don't know about that, but I do know that I never read poetry."

The Height of Majesty "And so she is very queenly? I suppose she's the kind of woman who is never afraid to enter the grandest drawing room."

"Oh, more majestic that that! She's the kind of woman who's never afraid to enter her own kitchen."

The Earth Does Move.

Yes, poble Galileo, thou art right. "It does move." Bigots may make thee recant it: but it moves, nevertheless. Yes, the earth moves, and the pl. nets move, and the mighty waters move, and the great sweeping tides of air move, and the empires of men that liver? She stopped chewing gum move, and the world of thought moves, facts and bolder theories. The Inquisition may seal thy lips, but they can no more stop the progress of the great truth propounded by Corpernicus, and demonstrated by thee, than they can stop the revolving earth .- Edward Everett.

Shall Be.

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result of the interview; and this goes on until work is procured which

When an American boy leaves suits him and which he is able to do. school he does not always know what For the direction of the boys the sort of work he wants or is fit for. labor bureau has prepared, with the Or even when he knows exactly what aid of expert employers and medical kind of job he desires, he often does men, a handbook of the industries not know at all how to find it. Such open to a boy. This handbook dea job as he aims for may not exist withscribes the different kinds of work in his opportunities of place and time. the qualifications necessary to each, So the boy leaving school may drift the prospects of promotion or steady into an unsuitable occupation, or, employment, the health conditions, worse, into no occupation at all, in the dangers and difficulties, the cost spite of an honest wish, originally, to and time of training, and everything else which the boy and his parents In Germany they order these things ought to know before choosing his

better. In that admirable study of career. recent German labor legislation, "The A ladies' committee has lately been German Workman." the work of the appointed to look after the girls, also, Munich labor bureau for boys leaving from the schools. So the young peoschool is recorded. Munich teachers ple of Munich have a first-rate chance

became interested in finding suitable for a good start in life. work for their boys in 1903, and now The idea is one which in spite of the bureau, with their help, has grap practical difficulties might surely be pled with the question most successconsidered and adopted for use by American educators and social work10-

Every year printed schedules of ers, as well as German ones. A syscomprehensive questions are sent to tem of this sort would be a blessing to every head teacher of the Munich many boys and girls leaving school schools to be distributed among the pu- in America to-day, and halting undepils who are going to leave the schools cidedly and perplexed on the threshold of industry .-- Youth's Companion.

The Holy Fly.

Helen was watching some files on the window pane, when she called to her mother: "Mama, come and see if this is the bosom fly!"

Yearly circulars are also sent to all "The bosom fly, child! What kind the trade guilds and other labor soof a fly is that?"

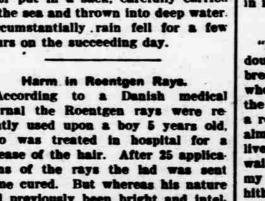
cieties to enlist their co-operation. "Oh, the one they sang about in The children respond readily to the church last Sunday-Let Me to Thy aid given them. Boys come by dozens | Bosom Fly."-The Circle.



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fore. 'You get it,' said she; 'but there were two orders ahead of yours. You don't want your liver out of order, do you?"

LEFT THEM ALL CRUSHED.

Power of Wealth Impressed on Gath ering of Farmers.

At a sale of fancy farm stock in Massachusetts Thomas W. Lawson was one of the foreign buyers in attendance. He went in his private car, with private secretary, chef, valet, etc.; also he took up a private stock car, specially fitted up for transporting whatever choice animals he might buy. Mr. Lawson's coming had been well

advertised, and farmers came from

Tee Much Tee.

He was a solicitor of more or les repute, and his Saturday afternoon's pursuit was golf and whisky and soda On this particular Saturday, however, he had been detained in town. On reaching home he was met by his wife and little daughter. "No game to-day my dear," he said to his wife, as he picked up his little girl and kissed her. Then his daughter sniffed the air and said, "Well, daddy, you do smell awYours for a Merry Christmas.

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