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Notice of Closing, Merging of Real Account and Distribution of Estate.

State of North Dakota, County of Morton.

In County Court, before Hon. J. C. Johnson, Judge.

In the Matter of the Estate of Ferdinand Knuth, Deceased.

Ernest Weigel, Executor.

Notice is hereby given that the account of the executor of the estate of Ferdinand Knuth, deceased, has been audited and approved by the court, and that the same is hereby closed.

The State of North Dakota to the Above Named Beneficiary.

You, the said Ernest Weigel, Jr., and Prada Knuth and all other persons unknown having any interest in said estate.

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A WORTHY ROAD RECORD

This is a story of road-making in McNeill Township, N. C. that touches so many phases of the question of good roads that it is well worth telling. With the exception of three or four places where the roads crossed out-crops of clay, every highway in the whole township was so sandy that a horse and buggy could go only four or five miles an hour and few automobiles ventured to go at all. All through the country in which this township is situated people thought that it was impossible to build good dirt roads because all the dirt was sand. No stone was available, and anyway country felt too poor to build macadam roads. So good roads were hardly discussed. The people accepted the inevitable.

Their emancipation grew out of the troubles of a railroad station agent. The platform around his station was supposed to be of packed earth, but the sand did not pack very well. Passengers sank into the platform with every step and his baggage trucks were difficult to move. Finally one of the railroad officials, noticing his predicament, instructed the section gang to bring four or five loads of clay from a cut a mile or two from town and put it on the platform. No one expected much of this simple expedient, but the more this sand-clay platform was used the harder it got. If putting a little clay on the sand would make a decent walk at the station there was no reason why it should not do it elsewhere in town. That was tried successfully, and then it occurred to some one that if the baggage trucks found the station platform hard enough perhaps the automobiles could find the same material hard enough. Then the people remembered that in those places where the roads crossed the clay out-crops the road was always better.

So in 1908 McNeill Township voted a 25-cent tax on every \$100 of the valuation of real and personal property, and a certain number of these taxes were used to build roads. These taxes were levied on a \$2,000,000 valuation. The roads were paved the next year. The roads were paved the next year. The roads were paved the next year.

The township officers estimate that the money from the sale of the bonds would build thirty miles of road at \$500 a mile and heavy \$600 from the tax levy after using \$1,400 for the sinking fund and interest to maintain the new road in good condition.

The results far exceeded the calculations. With the \$25,000, and \$6,000 more that was contributed either in money or work by adjacent property owners, seven and a half miles of road were built.

That, of course, meant a large maintenance fund that the original plans had provided for, but the roads themselves yielded most of it for they increased the value of the real estate until the tax levy amounted to \$3,000 instead of \$2,000. Of this \$3,000, \$1,400 went for maintenance. The maintenance actually cost \$1,900, or \$28 a mile, the extra \$500 being contributed, chiefly in work, by property owners along the road who did part of the work and refused to take pay for it.

In raising money to build roads, McNeill Township has no precedent in any other township in the state. The maintenance of the roads has been equalled in no other township in the state.

WHY FARMERS SHOULD ORGANIZE UNIONS.

Merchants have their associations. Bankers have their associations. Labor has its unions. Manufacturers and distributors have strong organizations. Medical, legal, and other professions have associations. Each of these organizations has a central governing body which is at all times on the job to keep the members in line and to keep an ever watchful eye on the general conditions surrounding its members. Then why should not the farmer, the food producer for the world, and on whom all the other professions and businesses depend for a living, organize and maintain some form of organization? Why, should the farmer who labors the longest hours, who is first to feel the contraction of the money market, the one occupation that is only one period of the year when his produce brings in a good price, with all his efforts to get his bids, the one who has to depend on the price of his produce after one or two other seasons have ascertained just what amount of a raise-off the dealer producer will stand without becoming unprofitable, submit to this systematic encroachment upon his rights and property without organizing some form of association to secure justice and fair treatment? Why should not the farmer's organized associations to enable themselves to collectively set their prices in the market?

The sand-clay road is probably cheaper than any other kind of road to build and to maintain. Yet the plan under which McNeill Township keeps its roads in perfect condition is as applicable to any other kind of surface as it is to the sand-clay road—World's Work.

Individuals can do little. Joined in an association the number of individuals have a great power which is wielded for or against a proposition will determine the future of the matter. Stick to the union and it will in many ways improve your condition; financially, socially and in your position before the commercial world.

The ladies of the Improvement committee of the Kensington club, met Friday evening and decided to have another social in the Nelson-Templeton building, Saturday evening, January 10, at 8 o'clock. A number of games and other amusements have been arranged for and a supper will be served.

This social is to be held in aid of raising funds to secure fire fighting apparatus. The price of the supper is twenty-five cents. Everyone come and help surround some of the good things that the ladies of the club are preparing for the occasion—and also the jolly evening of games.

There will be preaching service at the Almont school house Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. All cordially invited to come.

"The Branded Man" will be the subject on which Rev. George B. Newcomb, Superintendent of the Society for the Friendless, will speak at the school house, Sunday evening, January 10th. Mr. Newcomb is an interesting speaker and on this subject he is not only an interesting speaker, but he is authoritative. He has made a special study of the "branded man" in industrial agriculture, in the world after liberation, and during re-education or descent into the condition, which is a menace to society. Hear Mr. Newcomb's discourse and you will look in a different manner at the "branded man."

Monday and Wednesday evening the members of the Nelson-Templeton Implement company, were held to a number of people of Almont and vicinity attending in their new building. Each of these affairs, a number of time was reported.

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The dance last Saturday night was enjoyed by a fair sized crowd, but was sadly marred by a trio of fellows who had probably with intentions of the best, started to honor the moon by drinking a toast to the fair goddess of the evening. Apparently the goddess was inclined to be a little full, for any way when these young men lifted a glass she appeared in a different place—so what could these chivalrous fellows do but to keep lifting their glasses until they got a bead on. They succeeded for they appeared in justice court, Monday afternoon, pled guilty, and paid \$5 each and costs.

Mrs. J. R. Sherwood and Miss Ruth Sherwood were New Salem shoppers the first of this week. Get some of the good things to eat at the Kensington club social next Saturday night. County Judge J. C. Johnson was an Almont visitor Saturday and Sunday. The new year started out in a climatic way—giving a sample of different kinds of weather and in the afternoon gave a very realistic imitation of a North Dakota blizzard but instead of succeeding and covering the landscape with an ermine mantle, stopped the wind god's fiddle and Jan. 2nd dawned bright and clear.

HERE AND THERE.

The supreme court has just given a decision in the Lignite Coal cases which will mean much to the shippers of that commodity. If their coal has to go over two or more lines of railway. The benefit is derived from the fact that the distance over the two railroads is combined and the distance tariff or rate is used instead of the two short haul rates. An appeal will be taken to the United States court by the railroads.

No one was censured for neglect of duty at Williston, in connection with the lynching of Cleve Calbertson—not even the members of the necktie party.

A noticeably thing about the obituaries of the great number of the world's notable men and women who have died during the last twelve months, is that these people who have ranked even the "great minds of the world," have had a span of life exceeding the general coplaned long life of three score and ten years.

A recent decision of the supreme court of Minnesota has practically knocked out the twin city centralizing business so far as North Dakota shipping is concerned. The restraining order secured by the Lignite Dairy Co. of St. Paul, against putting the "65 mile cream shipment law" into effect. The law was held unconstitutional and the court stated the creamery company need not pay the freight on cream shipped to the city. The court also stated that the company in order to test the constitutionality of the law, should induce a common carrier violate the law and so being a test case.

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Wife in New Salem, Don't Fail to look over my line of JEWELRY, CUT GLASS, ETC. IT WILL PAY YOU H. J. Wernsmann NEW SALEM, NORTH DAKOTA

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NOTICE I will sell any place in Morton County, if you have a Farm Sale let me know it and get the highest price. If you want to sell your land, list it with me and get quick returns. If you want a cow or horse, let me know for I have them on hand all the time. Address—H. K. Erb, Almont, N. D. For Dates see the Arena.—Adv.

FOR SALE—35 Brine Turkeys.—Address Capt. C. P. Hall, Almont, N. D. Adv-4p-1

LAND FOR SALE, CHEAP.—Fine quarter section of land, few miles from Almont. Good barn, good house, two good wells. Land part under cultivation. Nearly all can be farmed. Splendid piece of property and away down in price. All complete to work—horses, machinery, etc at a very low price. Address ABC, Box 167, Almont, N. D. Adv.

Lost: Big Bunch of keys. \$5.00 reward if returned to Arena Office. adv

For clogged nostrils, cold in the head, or catarrh, use Neustic Wonder Catarrh Cure. Guaranteed as reconstituted or money refunded. For sale at the New Store, Almont, N. D. Adv. 4p-3

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of Interior, U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D. Dec. 18, 1913. Notice is hereby given that Joseph P. DeAngelo, formerly Joseph P. Allen, of Morton County, North Dakota, who on July 15, 1909, made homestead entry, Serial No. 012747, for B. B. W. & B. B. I., section 12, township 136 N., range 87 W., 5th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof to establish claim on the land here described, before F. G. Bostcher, United States Commissioner, at Carpio, North Dakota, on the 4th day of February, 1914.

Claimants names as witnesses: John Newcomb, of Almont, North Dakota. Harry Jacobson, of Almont, North Dakota. Ole Jacobsen, of Almont, North Dakota. Benn Halden, of Almont, North Dakota. R. M. Stevens, Register.

First publication Dec. 20, 1913. Serial No. 025845.

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Claimants names as witnesses: Harry Jacobson, of Almont, N. D. R. M. Stevens, Register. First publication Dec. 20, 1913. Serial No. 025845.

"CASCARETS" FOR LIVER, BOWELS

No sick headache, biliousness, bad taste or constipation by morning.

Get a 10-cent box. Are you keeping your bowels, liver, and stomach clean, pure and fresh with Cascares...

Stop having a bowel week-day. Let Cascares thoroughly cleanse and regulate the stomach...

A Cascares to-night will make you feel great by morning. They work while you sleep...

NOT A SENTIMENTAL SPEECH

Central Figure in Moving Picture Had Much More Important Matter on His Mind.

Lt. John H. Towers of the United States navy is the man who miraculously escaped death last summer when he fell 10,000 feet...

In the picture of young hero, the naval officer, comes upon the scene to bid a tragic farewell to his lovely sweetheart...

"Let's hurry and get this over, and go out for some more pictures. I'm starved." - Poplar Magazine.

ECZEMA ITCHED AND BURNED

H. P. No. 2, Seymour, Mo.—My scalp broke out with eczema in the first. They itched and burned so much that I was compelled to scratch them and they would fester and come to a head and break out again...

I tried everything that was recommended without any result until I used the Cuticura Soap and Ointment according to directions...

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News of North Dakota

Telephone Items of General Interest Gathered From All Sections of the Flickertail State.

CLUB ACTIVITY IN STATE

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The traffic question will receive attention at the hands of the federation, which is meeting at Grand Forks...

The delegates representing the Portal and North Portal Commercial clubs have assured that one of their main planks is the maintenance of the electric lines...

The Park River Commercial club has started a campaign for a sewage system for the city, and the establishment of an ornamental lighting system.

THREE THINGS FARGO WANTS

Central Market, a Vegetable Cannery and Enclosed Market and Gardening.

Fargo.—To establish a central market, to erect and operate a vegetable cannery are things that are being considered by Fargo...

The central market proposition reached a stage at one time where an ordinance was passed for its establishment...

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Bootsinger Gets Seven Months. Alton.—Frank Kommer, bootsinger, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven months in the penitentiary...

TO STUDY DAIRYING METHODS Missouri Elites Men Will Visit Minnesota and Wisconsin Farms—Fifty Are to Make Trip.

Willington.—Fifty Willingtons and McKeon county farmers will make a firsthand study of dairying in Wisconsin and Minnesota...

The farmers will be taken to the farms of the most up-to-date dairymen in Wisconsin and Minnesota, the object being to interest them in dairying in this district.

Under the present plan the party will arrive at Madison, Wis., on Feb. 23, and a day will be spent on the university farm, Lake Mills, the Holstadter farm, and Roseville, the Gurnsey farm, and the party will then go to the state capital...

Mr. Carpenter believes that the expedition will result in many farmers adopting the best dairying methods of the country, also, his other commercial agencies of the district are in accord with the plan.

BANKS AFTER NEW SYSTEM

North Dakota Institutions Will Seek Admission Under Federal Currency Law Just Enacted.

Fargo.—North Dakota national banks generally will apply for admission under the new Federal currency law by the end of the month...

The concessions made in the State to the agricultural interest must be gradually improved by the cooperation of bankers.

E. F. HILL IS ACQUITTED

State Could Not Connect Him With Gun Which Killed Gordon.

Dickinson.—E. F. Hill, who has been on trial here for the murder of C. C. Gordon, is a free man, the jury having returned a verdict of acquittal, after being out only six hours.

The state was unable to connect the defendant in any way with the revolver which killed Gordon on Nov. 21 in the town of Richardson.

Teachers and Directors Meet.

Butteville.—Teachers and school directors of Butteville county, at a meeting held in this city, brought out a better understanding of their position through the union session.

The canny has long been agitated and its success is assured by the experience at Liboux and Casselton.

State Examiner Called in. Alton.—The county commissioner passed a resolution that the state examiner be called to examine the books of County Superintendent E. W. Warren, who was recently sued by the county for alleged misuse over charges of \$14,000 for interest on county bonds...

Governor Starts Fargo College Fund. Dickinson.—Governor L. B. Hamm signed the subscription list for Fargo college, for which a \$100,000 fund is to be raised.

Leonard.—Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Leonard, Minn., on Saturday. Dr. R. A. Danford, minister in charge of the Hiram church and Dr. W. Danford, minister of the First Presbyterian church, officiated.

Housework is a Burden

The daily care of the household and bringing up a family are hard work, wife-said, who is tired from more to night with a lame, aching, swollen back and legs.



Doan's Kidney Pills—nothing is more common than a habit. Doan's Kidney Pills are the only medicine that cleans the blood and restores the vitality of the system.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS. "When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name" BRAND'S KIDNEY PILLS. Sold by all Druggists. Price 50 cents. FROST-METCALF CO., DELAWARE, N. Y., PROPRIETORS.

SAVED BY PRESENCE OF MIND. James would come later. Mrs. Gordon had recently moved into the neighborhood. "I thought I would come and tell you that your James has been fighting with my Edward," said one of the neighbors...

40000 Settlers a Year. Immigration figures show that the population of Canada increased during 1913, by the addition of 40,000 new settlers from the United States and Europe.

Machinery and tools advertisement. TILTING TABLE FRAME COMPLETE WITH SAW. Various sizes and prices listed. Includes saws, axes, and other tools.

The Wretchedness of Constipation. Can quickly be relieved by CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. Genuine must bear Signature.

Fargo Directory. Household Remedies. Children's Cough Syrup. Household Remedies. Children's Cough Syrup.

Dr. H. W. Allen, Osteopath. Graduate and Specialist in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery.

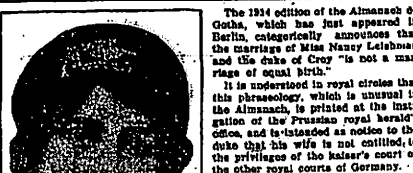
SHIP YOUR HIDES Furs and Wool. 1914 Seed Catalogue will soon be distributed—send for one.

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PROMINENT PEOPLE

GRÖY DUCHESS "NOT EQUAL OF HUSBAND"



The 1934 edition of the Almanach de Gotha, which has just appeared in Berlin, categorically announces that the marriage of Miss Nancy Leibman and the duke of Croÿ "is not a marriage of equal birth."

BACK TO THE FARM

He swung his several chair around from the fat desk on which documents of all kinds were arranged in orderly fashion and stood to greet the visitor who entered his comfortable but severely plain office.



"Yes," he said, in answer to a question, "I remember very well when I commenced work as a railroad."

"I did report the following Monday morning, and went to work," Mr. Brown continued with a smile. "I've been right at it ever since."

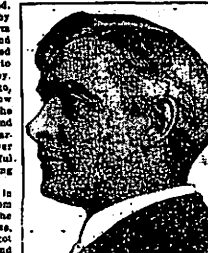
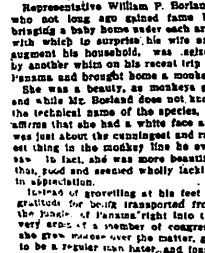
PANCHO VILLA, SOLDIER OF LUCK



No man in any of Mexico's countless rebellions and revolts has gone through a more complete change of circumstance than has Pancho Villa in the last five months, and to few men has there ever been given a more kaleidoscopic career in a life time than this desperate diplomatist has

Will's record of triumphs in the last year is all the more wonderful and enviable for the reason that it was done almost entirely with ammunition and artillery taken from the enemy's own storerooms.

MR. BORLAND'S LATEST PET



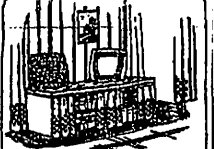
Representative William P. Borland, who not long ago gained fame by bringing a baby home under each arm with which to surprise his wife and suggest his household, was seized by another whim on his recent trip to Panama and brought home a monkey.

PLACE FOR THE BOOKS

NO HOUSE COMPLETE WITHOUT PROVISION FOR THEM.

Practical Ideas, Which Can Be Made to Do Double Duty, is Shown—Cretene-Decorated Shelves Will Be Found Useful.

By ETHEL-DAVIS BEANSON One can imagine a house without pictures more readily than one can imagine even a single room without books.



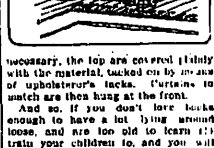
of telling tales—other than the stories they hold. People know that if they are loved books or not; they know if they are books for show or delight—both from what the books tell them, and where the books are placed.

The first illustration shows a practical suggestion for a sleeping place for books, and which does double duty as well as a bookcase.

Sometimes bookshelves can be made out of iron brackets and are carried out with cushions, as shown in the second drawing. The ends and the



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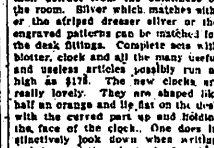


Experiment in Breeding Chickens. Chickens, valuable for bearing animals, which inhabit high mountains in China, have been imported into the United States for breeding experiments on a farm.

BEDROOM DESK MOST USEFUL. Some Remarkably Handsome Designs. Though Expansive, Are Offered to Prospective Buyers.

The bedroom desk fittings have always been more or less of a problem, as the usual desk sets, with a little heavy for a dainty girl or blue china wood bodied. This year there are more elegant and more decorative wood-chests have a lattice pattern for the trimming which shows a bit of a brownish cast though it they have more character than the plain white sets, and yet add rather than detract from the daintiness of the room.

WITH THE TUNIC DRAPERIES. Most French Frock in Gray-Blue with White Collar and Small Maiden.



In the rage for tunic draperies, the little girl's frock is for the moment a very pretty—if it, too, if proportionate are carefully avoided.

NEW MILLINERY WILL PLEASE

Onions of Color—The Wide That All May Select Their Favorites, and Be in Style.

In the new millinery there are some decided favorites of the spectrum, and so many changes are rung on the original designs that all eyes and complexions will be pleased to see what is being worn, if it women are as clever as we think.

The silk-hat has in a practical form will look equally well on blond and black tresses. If a touch of color is needed, there are countless ornaments in the shape of emeralds, rubies, and diamonds, and old-fashioned pearls that can be added to give brightness.

Many shades of blue will be used for you picture the glinting greenish blue of the peacock transferred to soft velvets and touched up with a dull gold? This is one of the favorite combinations.

FLOWERS SET OFF COSTUME

New Designs Are Novel and Beautiful and Return to Old Style Will Be Welcomed.

After refraining of late from wearing the buttonhole, the beauty and novelty of the new designs are compellingly re-consider her decision.

A bunch of arois and oak foliage made cleverly of leather and velvet is a pretty little novelty, and a knot of tiny daisies arranged in an elongated form suggests the stately height of that favorite autumn plant.

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Novelty in Combs. A hinged comb is another odd idea just introduced. The top of most combs is flat and stands up in the teeth and stands out from the hair.

black tulle cross the shoulders from the waist, where they are drawn into a full bell of the same material. These braids are carried over the very tips of the shoulders and form short sleeves. Across the chest are folds of white tulle fastened with a large bow of the quilted ribbon with drooping ends.

HOW HE MADE GOOD

By MILDRED CAROLINE GOODRIDGE.

"I do not think much of your choice, Walter," said the duke.

"Do you mean of home or of husband, March?"

"Both," Walter certainly as much in love with you as when he married you, but I would resent a husband bringing me to this unmercifully double spot—no society, no comfort, no future, nothing but wallowing native and a hot, blistering sun."

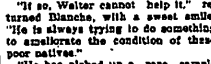
"Yet we hope for a future, sister dear," said March in her cheery, optimistic way. "When I see Walter every day improve in health and spirits I think of his five years' service in a military department office at Washington and how soon he will have returned. You know that Walter is smart and industrious. He has started at the bottom rung of the diplomatic ladder, but he intends to reach the top."

"Very human indeed," was the great position of young Walter Burton. He had been under clerk in the employ of the government. A congressman had taken notice of him and had secured for him his present position as consul at Dehraon, an obscure city in India. Just married, he and his wife had been there nearly for half a year. Mrs. March Durban, the widowed sister of March, was visiting them.

"Why you, March," she now said, glancing scornfully at the fat, unimpressive appearance of low habitation and careless plait before her. "I have certainly outdistanced you, older than I am. Next month, as you know, I am to marry Count Toller. They say he is very rich."

"Yes, but money is not everything in the world," said March. "Blanche who did not think much of the count from what she had heard of him."

"For mercy's sake here!" interrupted March, sharply, starting down the road.



The Native Looked as if He Had Been Rotted a Mile in the Hoop.

"There is that philanthropic husband at Dehraon, with a new pensioner in town, I fancy."

"If so, Walter cannot help it," returned Blanche, with a sweet smile. "He is always trying to do something to ameliorate the condition of these poor natives."

"He has picked up a rare sample this time," returned March, disgustedly. "There was certainly a wide contrast between the spruce, handsome consul and the simple, unattractive native whose arm he held in driving him to walk. The native looked as if he had been rotted a mile in the dust-laden road."

"He is always trying to do something to ameliorate the condition of these poor natives," returned Blanche, with a sweet smile. "He is always trying to do something to ameliorate the condition of these poor natives."

"Walter, how can you interest yourself in these ignorant, wretched people?" cried March. "They are a nuisance to be got rid of from contact with that fellow."

"A poor fellow, indeed," replied Walter, pityingly. "You will not wonder at his simple, unattractive native whose arm he held in driving him to walk. The native looked as if he had been rotted a mile in the dust-laden road."

And how useful Ayth became to him as the weeks passed on. Most of the consular functions consisted in passing on reports and in the standing in business houses in the district. It was remarkable how well Ayth was pecked on these details. One day by chance to Walter, who was a good subject that interested him greatly, for a half-suppressed excitement was visible in his manner.

"Blanche" he said, "I have learned."

"Learn what, Ayth?" inquired Walter in his kindly way.

"The guide—those who export the victory; the bamboo, the beads, the tin, the tin. They laughed at your country—the great land I, love because you are of there. They boast to pay but little duty because they say 'material' and 'goods' fancy when it is really 'fabrics'."

"In his poor way Ayth had given the young consul a valuable hint. Walter knew that the district guide of merchants included a number of men. That night he went to his tailor. He had his eyes on the goods. Strong, fine, broad, bamboo plaiting, native linen weavings, when applied to shoes, draperies and curtains, should have been listed as 'fabrics'."

"Your discovery will lead to a change of classification," the official who read the statistics at the office in Washington. Just two months later he came into the house with a fluttering slip of paper in his hand.

"You will be surely welcomed as a permanent guest," declared Walter, cheerfully. "But how about the count?"

"A count of no account," declared March with a very face. Luckily I could get out of the matter. You are very different to those at the half-civilized settlement. The man who carried in my traps was quite different to the one who carried in yours."

"You do not recognize him?" inquired Blanche with a quizzical smile. "Why, no," replied her sister with a pretentious air.

"He is Ayth."

"You mean the man whom you rescued from that horrible penance at the old post?"

"Through him, my dear March," declared the young consul. "All our good fortune seems to have started with a bound. A little seed of kindness has grown into a tree."

"And lo! the beautiful full-blown flower!" cried the happy Blanche, her outspread arms expressing the luxury of the full enjoyment of the rare life with which heaven had blessed her.

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REAL "OLD FOLKS' PICNIC" Combined Ages of the Participants Reached the Enormous Total of Ten Thousand Years.

An "old folks' picnic" recently held in Utah was remarkable for the fact that the ages of the participants reached the astronomical figure of ten thousand years! Only one person was under seventy, and the oldest had reached a hundred and three.

The Treasure of Spandau

An Audacious Hazard of Nikolai, Independent Agent, as Related by His Assistant, Summers
By H. M. ROBERT

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"You," said Nikolai to me, "is the greatest of all thieves. It is made possible only by the tribute that the strong have exacted from the weak. So, by relieving the German government of its funds, I shall be assisting the cause of human progress."

We were in Berlin. The Morocco affair had stirred all Europe, and war between the Russian and the German was believed to be imminent. All Berlin was aflame with enthusiasm. Nikolai, passing a patriotic procession, laughed scornfully.

"And this the folly of these silly sheep of which the government hopes to reap the advantage by an unscrupulous attack on the treasury?" "Prevent war?" I exclaimed.

Nikolai turned to me. "What makes you possible?" "Even knowing what I did, the idea appeared to me incredible. Yet here was this one man calmly proposing to loot the treasury of the Kaiser, whose blood in the veins of one of Germany's most powerful financiers."

The evening papers were full of war news. Among other items we gleaned that the means of Spandau were about to be dismantled and sent to the frontier, to help over the French government. It was the policy of Germany to obtain her ends peacefully if possible. In consequence, the publication of these items, as calculated to terrify the French cabinet, rather encouraged. The papers teemed with stories of the preparatory mobilization.

Among other things we read that a cargo of sharp shells was to be hurried to Spandau, and thence to be conveyed with the guns to a waste cement for war manoeuvres on a large scale. Extensive firing practices, we learned, was to be carried on there, and, if the French cabinet did not then come to terms, the military war would be converted into a reality. Nikolai was more on the following day. I think the magnitude of his scheme was now fully realized by him.

Together we hunted the vicinity of the freight yards. "Those shells will arrive from the Krupp factories," said Nikolai. "Summers, it will be our task to convey them to Spandau in person."

"But how?" I asked. "In a bureaucracy," he answered, "everything is possible. And he made an appointment to meet me at the freight yards at seven o'clock that evening."

That was the hour at which the special train, bearing the load of shells, was due to arrive. Everything gone by clockwork in Germany, and punctually at seven o'clock the train entered the station, the great shells openly displayed in the cars. Upon the engine was a representative of the Krupp works.

Dressed as a mechanic, I waited, terrified lest at any moment some of the officers should inquire my business. But they were too much absorbed with the shells, the companion being officer in uniform, wearing crossed swords upon his shoulders, stepped forward among those waiting and displayed an order. It was, said Nikolai, himself.

He beckoned me and said, with assumed roughness: "I want you, my man, to help unload this cargo at its destination." Then, turning to the officers assembled, he added:

"You see, gentlemen, it is the emperor's special order. It is essential that it cannot appear for the consequences." They did not scrutinize the papers. They saw the signature of the Kaiser and satiate. Then, turning to the station agent, Nikolai commanded that the train be shunted to the private line which runs direct to the fortress.

Half an hour later the train was in motion. Nikolai and I rode upon the engine, the other companion being the driver, whose duty would be completed when he had taken the train to its destination. The brief run brought us within sight of the fortress. A heaviest stroke enough to have defied centuries of time, and all the artillery of the world. Yes, Nikolai had set himself to capture the treasure!

many meddling with external affairs is discommodated. Nikolai stepped off and proceeded toward a little archway which led to the quarters of the commanding officer. Presently the two emerged together.

"Your Excellency," said Nikolai, "I have now fulfilled the emperor's instructions. You yourself, doubtless, have received orders as to the disposition of these shells. I shall proceed to unload them, with the help of your men, and my machine here will assist you in the work."

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Alfred Morris

I laid my hand to my revolver.

which had contained them had mouldered under the touch of time, and the floor was heaped ceiling high with gold pieces. They lay like flakes of golden rain, shining and scintillating in the electric light.

LEARNED WANTS OF PEOPLE

Englishmen Set Themselves to Supply Them, and Now in Many Times a Millionaire.

In the River St. Joseph Lyons, the biggest caterer in England—perhaps in the world—tells the story of how he first conceived the idea of "feeding the masses" in the streets of London, that, to satisfy the laboring man, one morning in the '70s I strolled into a dirty-to-me, repellent—little London restaurant and saw the men and women sitting at the tables. Doubtless our gold-filmed shells still repose in the arsenal at Spandau.

Well, on the occasion to which I refer I entered the said restaurant, I ordered the coffee and cake, and I could hit upon, and turned things over in my mind during the unaccountable long time I had to wait for the arrival of my order. I had often enough before this reflected how great fortunes had been made by the discovery of some simple utility which was waiting to be supplied to a man. It came to me that I had discovered just such a simple, unappreciated universal want—and decided to try to supply it and congenial surroundings at a reasonable price.

And there and then was laid the foundation stone of a business which now needs about 1,000,000 of the inhabitants of London, and which does every working day in the year cater for over 600,000 men, women and children—business, too, which finds work for nearly 16,000 employees, which possesses 140 branches (the number is steadily increasing) both in London and the provinces, and which has no fewer than 184,000 agents throughout the world.

For Health, a Walk. In the warm weather, when exercise in the best of the day seems a barren, try walking early in the morning and again late in the evening. Be energetic and get up before breakfast in earnest. Don't try to walk before you are wide awake, but get something light and satisfying and start forth on a morning constitution. You can get some gains before the heat of the day has set in. If you had the morning walk impossible, try the evening walk. Start out after the sun has gone down, with a light and airy dress, and after an early one, and walk in the dusk until you are tired.

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(Serial No. 012561.)
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D.
December 4, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that
Chas. H. Claffin,
of Behm, Morton Co., North Dakota, who, on June 11, 1909, made homestead entry, Serial No. 012561, for 34 NW 1/4 & W 1/4 SW 1/4, section 2, township 136 N., range 15 W., 5th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, United States Land Office, at Bismarck, North Dakota, on Jan. 22, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Benjett Wing, of Behm, N. D.
Peter Grimm, of " "
John Nelson, of " "
Charles P. Stars, of Judson, N. D.
R. H. Stevens, Register.

(Legal Advertising.)
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Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale.

Notice is hereby given that certain mortgage executed and delivered by Adam Beiler and Louisa Beiler, his wife, mortgagees, to Brown Brothers State Bank and Trust Company, a corporation, mortgagee, dated the 30th day of November, 1910, and filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Morton, and State of North Dakota, on the 11th day of February, 1911, at 9 o'clock a. m., and recorded in Book O-11 of Mortgages at page 232, will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in said mortgage and heretofore described at the front door of the Court House in the City of Mandan, County of Morton and State of North Dakota, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., on the 31st day of December, 1913, to satisfy the amount due upon said mortgage on the date of sale.

The premises described in said mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same are described as follows:
The North west Quarter (sw 1/4) of section sixteen (16) in township one hundred thirty five (135) north of range eighty nine (89) west of the fifth Principal Meridian, Morton County, North Dakota.

The mortgages having failed to pay three installments, Forty four (\$44.00) Dollars due November 1, 1911, and Forty eight (\$48.00) Dollars due November 1, 1912 and November 1, 1913, respectively, on the mortgage being foreclosed, the mortgagee hereby elects to declare the full amount thereof due and payable, and there will be due on the day of sale the sum of Four Hundred Ninety seven and 80-100 (\$497.80) Dollars, together with the statutory attorney's fees and disbursements allowed by law.

The mortgagee having failed to pay interest Sixty six (\$66.00) Dollars due November 1, 1911, Seventy two (\$72.00) Dollars, due November 1, 1912, and Seventy two (\$72.00) Dollars due November 1, 1913, on a first mortgage on the hereinafter described lands, the mortgagee herein paid the same, which said amount is included in the amount claimed to be due under the mortgage being foreclosed.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1913,
Brown Brothers State Bank and Trust Company, Mortgagee.
E. A. Ripley,
Attorney for Mortgagee.
Mandan, North Dakota.
(Legal Advertising.)
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Finger marks on wall paper will quickly disappear when rubbed with a stiff dough of flour and water.

Philosophy.
It is easier to be a thing philosophically than it is to part with them philosophically.—Pack.

Daily Thought.
The mind that associates integrity with the human body is itself impure.—Fay Fox.

Pleasure.
Pleasure, like all truly precious things in this world, cannot be bought or sold.—Trotter.

Unusual.
Unusual. "They tell me you are very fond of good music." "No," replied. "I have."—Paris La Zira.

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Howl!—Do you like congregational singing? Howl! I did until the cat in our neighborhood adopted the idea.

Branding for crimes was not abolished by law in Great Britain until the year 1832.

Mourning in Silesia.
A Silesian widow who also puts on mourning paints the upper part of her face a deep black.

An Index.
Kitties—What is their social standard? Bockers—Do they call it a barn, stable or garage?—New York Sun.

August.
August derives its name from that of the Roman emperor Augustus, who deeded the month his "lucky" one.

A Good Word for the Mule.
There is just one thing that can be said in behalf of the mule: He doesn't kick.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Gold's Language.
When money talks nobody stipples about the grammar it uses.—Chichest-er Enquirer.

Belgium's Solene.
Members of parliament in Belgium are paid 285 per month while parliament is sitting.

Crushing.
Knapleigh—No woman ever made a fool of me. Miss Keen—Who did, then?—Boston Transcript.

Always Moving.
Does Oshio ever take a more at the club meetings? "Oh, lots of them. He's got St. Vitus dance."—Excelsior.

Love's Song.
Love's song is all the sweeter if a man is able to reach the high notes of the wage scale.—Buffalo Express.

Contraries.
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