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FORD'S RETURN.

There is nothing so very surprising in the announcement that Henry Ford has sailed for home on his early date, if, indeed, it is anything more than what many of his close friends expected.

THAT DELAYED REPORT.

The need of getting the facts upon both sides of a question in order that intelligent action may be taken is fully recognized.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Though it was short in duration, the young blizzard made a good bluff as long as it lasted.

GOOD ROADS.

The Maine state grange has been holding its annual meeting at which among the many things of interest to the farmers discussed was the matter of the abandonment of roads in certain directions and their extension in others were adopted.

ing the outlying sections closer to the bigger communities by means of good roads. It would not be alive to its own interests if it did not, since good roads are vital necessities for every commonwealth.

COL. HOUSE'S TRIP.

Much secrecy surrounds the trip which Col. E. M. House is to make to Europe, which has been announced for the purpose of tuning up the diplomatic representatives of this country among the belligerent nations that they may handle the diplomatic questions now coming before the president in a manner fully in accord with the ideas of the administration.

IN BEHALF OF THE HORSE.

At this season of the year there is general recognition of the fact that too much attention cannot be given to the care of horses. It is a season when much of the cruelty that exists in the treatment of these animals can be prevented by giving the subject proper thought through protective measures.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

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WOMAN IN LIFE AND IN THE KITCHEN

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

An old catalogue kept near the stove is handy to set a sooty pan on in an emergency. When woolen blankets are past hard with silk and lace, they will not be soiled by a little water.

TABLE ORNAMENT.

Sew a coarse flannel over the bowl of a broken goblet. Wet the flannel and sprinkle as much flaxseed or canary seed as will stick. Set this in a glass tumbler and let it dry.

SERVING POTATOES.

Serve potatoes plain boiled only when they are new. It is not safe to serve potatoes mashed or roasted in the pan with the meat.

TRAVELING HINTS.

The small trunks devised for short motor trips have many advantages over others in addition to the motor woman and have led into the launching of a new line of motor trunks.

PEARL TRIMMING.

Pearl trimmings can be kept in good condition if laid in a box with powdered magnesia, just thick enough to cover the pearls.

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United States employ over 150,000 female operators.

Lady Rachel Sturges has the honor of being the most beautiful woman in London.

Mrs. Jean D. Rice, who has won prizes at a pottery worker, has been divorced.

Four policemen have been appointed in Pittsburgh to censor all magazines sold in that city.

Mrs. Champ Clark, wife of the speaker of congress, is a clever writer and an authority on cookery.

Because his wife moved thirty-nine times in ten years, E. T. Turner of Camden, N. J., is asking for a divorce.

Women eat less than men because they have more of the protein of active tissue than men of the same weight.

Philadelphia has thirty mothers leagues in various parts of the city where little girls are taught the care of infants.

Statistics show that a spinster lives longer than a married woman and that business women outlive business men.

Women are now acting as section hands on some of the German railways, for which they receive 70 cents per day.

Miss Teresa Polier is boss of several farms in the Oklahoma oil fields, where she acts as checker for a large oil company.

When serving hot pastry, Always heat the plates on which you serve hot breads or hot pastry of any kind. The most delicious rolls or cakes or pies will become heavy and the crusts will be soggy if served on a cold plate while they are still warm.

A BIT OF ECONOMY. Water in which macaroni has been boiled makes a nice thin starch for the hair. It gives a pretty gloss to colored gingham.

RECIPES. Chicken en Casserole—Clean and wipe a plump young chicken, rub it with salt and pepper, and put one-fourth cup of butter in a frying pan, add one sliced onion, one cup of carrots, a bay leaf and a sprig of parsley, cook until slightly browned and put them with the chicken into the casserole.

Grandmother's Pound Cake—Grandmother's pound cake for real Yankee—One cup of butter, beaten solid. One and two-thirds cups granulated sugar, half teaspoon mace. Five unbeaten eggs, two cups sifted pastry flour. Have a round pan greased and oiled. Add the oven ready and ingredients measured, as the mixing must be done by hand. Cream the butter and sugar and work till very light; add spice and one egg at a time and stir with the hand until you do not see any of the butter or sugar. Add the second egg and so on until they are all used. Then mix in the flour and turn into the tin. Bake in a moderate oven about an hour. The grain of the cake should be fine and close with not a suspicion of any toughness or heaviness. Have a round pan greased and oiled. Add the oven ready and ingredients measured, as the mixing must be done by hand. Cream the butter and sugar and work till very light; add spice and one egg at a time and stir with the hand until you do not see any of the butter or sugar. Add the second egg and so on until they are all used. Then mix in the flour and turn into the tin. Bake in a moderate oven about an hour.

NEEDLEWORK NOTES. Porch chair covers knitted or crocheted from a heavy cotton and made in the shape of a chair, are washable, durable and pretty. For those who like to crochet, such covers are not hard to make. They should be made in the shape of a chair, and should be made in the shape of a chair, and should be made in the shape of a chair.

Stories of the War. Conditions in invaded Servia. Conditions in invaded Servia. Conditions in invaded Servia.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Officers of the Town Not of Schools. Mr. Editor: In your column of Letters to the Editor in the issue of Dec. 22 appears a letter hinting that members of our town school committee may be violating the law (section 1388 of general statutes which provides that a trustee or officer of any institution receiving aid from the state who furnishes supplies to such institution (unless upon open competition) shall be fined \$500).

It is a serious matter, and if any of these committeemen are criminals it should be known; and, upon the other hand, it is equally important in mind the observation of one of our humorists that it is better not to know much than to know too much. Your correspondent makes the assertion that the schools are an institution of the state, and so of course these gentlemen are violating the law.

It does not inquire of what institution these officers are. They are not officers of the schools generally, for there is no such officer unless it be the superintendent of schools. They are no more officers of the schools collectively than the selectmen are officers of highways or of the poorhouse because they are charged with the duty of caring for these. Nor are the committee officers of the separate schools, for instance of the Broadway schools or the Norwich schools, for there are no such officers as committees of these schools.

Then the officers of the school committee were elected by ballot or machine in annual town meeting with the selectmen, assessors and other officers (general statutes) and were so returned by the town clerk to the state authorities. The officers of the school committee are not by reason of their assertion that they are not by reason of such election trustees or officers of any other organization, corporation, institution or thing.

The insane retreat, reform school and industrial school for girls are referred to in the general statutes, and indicate how the word is used. A town is not an institution, as the words are used in our statute, but a county, city or school district, is a territorial division of the state. But, if this be otherwise, we are up to a pretty good thing. That assessors and treasurer, collector, constables, registrars and other officers, who are elected before the city court, John D. Hall, prosecutor, and John H. Barnes, judge, and mulcted in \$50 damages for the offense, if they have supplied so much as a hob nail to the town for its schools, its poor, or its highways.

COUNTRY BOY. Norwich, Conn., Dec. 27, 1915.

Defense in 1775. Mr. Editor: The discussion concerning "Defensive America" is so promising that I have taken the liberty from history may prove interesting.

At the convention of delegates from the several counties which was held at the Norwich Convention Hall on the following resolution: "Resolved, That this colony be immediately put into state of defense."

In support of the above he made his immortal oration. The resolution was opposed by some of the ablest men of the convention, but was adopted, and a committee appointed. The following is a portion of the resolutions which were adopted at this time: "That each company of infantry consist of eight ranks and be commanded by one captain, two lieutenants, one ensign, four sergeants, and four corporals; and that the arms and accoutrements be furnished with a drum and colors, that every man be provided with a good rifle fit to be had, or otherwise with a common fowling bayonet and cartouch-box, also with a tomahawk, one pound of gunpowder, and four pounds of ball at least."

Each troop of horse consist of thirty, exclusive of officers, that every horseman be provided with a good horse, bridle, saddle, and other accoutrements, and that every man be provided with a good rifle fit to be had, or otherwise with a common fowling bayonet and cartouch-box, also with a tomahawk, one pound of gunpowder, and four pounds of ball at least."

When I reached the district, the corn meal and unripe fruit, and plums. No other food was obtainable, except by the few who lived near military posts, and these could depend on the charity of the soldiers.

"In another village I met the case of a woman whose husband had been killed in battle while starvation and disease left her only one child out of seven. Another woman I talked with who was bearing fruit at the time I passed deserted houses, and when I asked what had become of the people, I heard but the one answer, "Died out!" Miles and miles of rich land lie absolutely waste, covered with weeds and thistles. The great plum orchards of the district were bearing fruit at the time of my visit, but there was no one to pick and dry it. Formerly the farmers used to distill plum brandy on their premises, but all of the stills were taken away by the invaders. There was no labor and no means of transport.

"In another village I stood on the ruins of a farmhouse in which 109 persons had been burned alive. Their bones were collected and buried in a hillside nearby. In one pit the bodies of 36 civilians had been thrown and buried."

The War a Year Ago Today Dec. 27, 1914. Germans pushed preparations for the defense of Antwerp.

British and American seaplanes attacked German naval base at Cuxhaven.

Commander of the German cruiser sank two British merchant ships.

German spy disguised as a Moor seized while trying to enter Gibraltar.

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