

KANSAS, CORN AND BABIES.

Kansas has some reason to be proud of its record this year in the production of corn, wheat and oats, and especially of corn. The total of the three crops is placed at more by \$15,000,000 than in any previous year in its history, and obviously that is a showing to be proud of. But singularly enough along with this proud showing the census bureau comes forward with the depressing information that the baby crop in Kansas has fallen off in the same year, says Manchester Union. There were 25,980 babies born in Kansas in the fiscal year 1907, and only 23,850 in the fiscal year 1908. Of course the first question that presents itself is what the fiscal future of a year has to do with such a matter anyway. Yet it is obvious that one must start from somewhere in such computations, and perhaps the beginning and end of the fiscal year are as good points as any. The thought that is sure to suggest itself is, were the Kansas farmers so busy planting their big crops of wheat, corn and oats that they overlooked the graver problem of population?

The cerulean "sky-piece" has made its jaunty appearance in our midst. Time was when a man attired himself only in sober hues, as befitted his dignity and importance, says Washington Herald. No frivolous frolicking in fanciful garb appealed to the masculine taste. A strong reaction from the days of silken hose and broadcled, gold-laced coats and small clothes swayed the balance in favor of Puritanical and Quakerish garb of the past two generations. But man is becoming emancipated from his somber thrall; not all at once, but gradually as is usually the case with great and important reforms. The necktie has long since succeeded to the inevitable, and its flamboyant brilliancy now shades the rainbow and the peacock. Masculine dress, too, has assumed the color of the spectrum in weird and wonderful design. In hats we have passed the quiet black, brown and gray stage, apparently. The lurid college hatband was only the forerunner of the solid green hat which burst upon a startled public a year or so ago. It was a modest shade of green, to be sure, but green for all that.

If a man doesn't love his work, he would better get something else to do. But the trouble is that such people will hardly love any kind of work. The trouble is in them. They lack intelligence. If they knew enough to know good work they would soon learn to love it. The manual training scheme has this in view—to surround the job a man is doing with such intelligence and taste as will make it attractive to him. "The man who is in love with his job gets more contentment out of life than any other," says Brander Matthews; and he gets a great part of his contentment in doing his work right. No man can love his work who shirks. No man can be contented who is dishonest about his work. This is shirking or doing it negligently. So these things always go together—honest work, contentment and love of the job.

The Farmers' National congress, in session at Raleigh, N. C., passed resolutions asking for an amendment of the general parcels post regulations admitting to the mails parcels up to the weight of eleven pounds and reducing the rate to 12 cents a pound, and also for the adoption of the rural delivery parcels post for a local service at a lower rate, says Boston Herald. Professions of interest in the farmer, inspiring desire for rural uplift, and the effort to conserve the country life of the nation might find practical expression in this postal legislation which every organization of farmers throughout the country has endorsed, and which successive postmasters general have approved, and which the express monopolies have been most interested in opposing.

The death of the first Little Eva has just been announced. It must be a mistake. People who attended "Uncle Tom's Cabin" on its latest round are willing to swear that the first Eva is still on duty.

Flippant scribes may joke about pellagra, but it is no joke. They waxed facetious over the grip when it first made its appearance in this country.

Parisian scientists may try to solve the secrets of longevity, but the fact remains that codins and undertakers will be in demand long after these learned gents have departed hence.

Poultry is now so well masked as to its age in the cooking that no fowl, however venerable, may be discouraged from trying to be a chicken.

Anybody who wishes to do so may attribute this weather to the approaching comet.

EVENTS BOILED DOWN

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

NOTHING GOOD GOT AWAY

Everything important that could be confined to a small space is here found.

Conductor Charles Whidden of the Santa Fe was shot to death in his caboose in the yards Thursday night in brownwood.

Storm warnings have been ordered displayed on the Atlantic Coast from Jacksonville to Fort Monroe and on the gulf from Brownsville to Tampa.

Leon De Lorange, the French aviator, almost the foremost of those who have set out to conquer the air, was instantly killed in Bordeaux, France, while making a flight in the presence of a great crowd Tuesday.

The village of Gilestown, across the Conemaugh River from South Fork, Pa., was practically wiped out by flood and fire Thursday. No casualties of any kind occurred, but upward of \$50,000 damage was done.

Four lives were lost and three persons received serious hurts in a tenement house fire in Jersey City, N. J., early Sunday.

The new law against the manufacture of intoxicants became effective Saturday, and for the first time in the history of Tennessee, it is against the law to manufacture liquors in the state.

The Texas and Pacific passenger trains Nos. 25 and 26, which have been operated between Terrell and Fort Worth, have been extended to Willis Point.

The value of the output of mineral Alaska for the year 1909 was \$2,200,000, practically the same as that of last year, according to the geological survey. Nearly all of it was gold. The production of copper was \$520,000, a loss of about \$100,000 from 1908.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook's original notebooks arrived in Copenhagen Tuesday and will be examined by the committee immediately. Rector Salmonson says, however, that the investigation will not alter the committee's judgment. He has seen the notebooks and is still convinced that the explorer's claim to the discovery of the pole is not bona fide.

Fire in the plant of the American Bridge Company in Milwaukee, Monday, caused the death of four firemen who were burned under a falling wall and a financial loss of about \$250,000.

The downward tendency of the mercury in Fort Worth Monday night and Tuesday, froze the drizzling rain as it fell, covering trees and other objects with a coating of ice.

Mistaking his companion, James Mullins, a prominent farmer and stockowner of Little Rock, for a wild turkey, Robert Coffman shot and killed Mullins while out hunting Monday. Mullins was some distance from Coffman and was bending over imitating the call of a wild turkey.

Struck by an incoming passenger train on the Katy in Dallas, Sunday, the 5-year-old son of John T. Hightower was probably fatally injured. In the effort to save the child Mrs. Hightower was struck and badly bruised.

During the year just closed the receipts at the Shreveport, La., post-offices amounted to \$106,701.89, which is an increase of \$4,721.89 over the year 1908, when the total receipts amounted to \$101,980.

Search Sunday of the wreckage of cars of the California special on the Rock Island derailed and burned near Trenton, Mo., Saturday, revealed no further trace of bodies, and officials have definitely placed the number of dead at three.

The month closing Friday will go into Chicago's record as the coldest December, with the exception of those of 1872 and 1903. The present winter's low mark, 7 degrees below zero, was reached at 4 a. m. Thursday.

President W. T. Loundermilk of the State Farmers' Union has issued a call for a convention to be held in Fort Worth, Jan. 25, at 10 o'clock.

Fire Sunday destroyed the Majestic Theater, the postoffice and all but one of twenty-six business houses in the little hamlet of Alma, a few miles from Suffolk, Va. The total loss is estimated at \$115,000.

After being shut down one week the Katy shops in Denison opened Monday with a full force.

President Madrid of Nicaragua has sent a message to ex-President Zelaya replying to the latter's cablegram begging that Joaquin Passos, his son-in-law, be liberated. Passos is now in the hands of the authorities on the charge of misappropriation of funds. Madrid in his message informs Zelaya that skeleton treasury bills to a large amount were found in the possession of Passos, which he intended to have signed privately.

Mrs. Mollie Roller, a domestic employed by Peter Slide, a farmer, near Enid, Okla., burned to death Sunday morning while starting a fire with gasoline.

The hegra of 1909 from the United States to Canada has taken \$100,000,000 of wealth across the dominion line, according to a summary completed for the year.

Miss Nora Ella Moore, about 21 years of age, a daughter of Joe Moore, a well-to-do farmer residing about two miles from Temple, was found dead in a well on the premises Friday at a late hour.

Senator Perkins of California slipped on the icy sidewalk Thursday morning in front of his hotel in Washington, and is believed to have severely injured his spine.

The contract for repairing a damaged wall in the west wing of the main building of the North Texas Hospital for the Insane in Terrell has been awarded.

Haywood Isabel, a farmer 35 years of age, was instantly killed, his wife bruised and his father sustained a broken arm in a runaway near Ft. Worth on the Webb road, Wednesday.

Hogs sold in Chicago Wednesday on an average of \$8.60, figures which, except during the summer of 1908, are the highest recorded here since the Civil War. A few of the best grades sold at \$8.75.

Five thousand school children were refused admittance to the public schools in Oklahoma City, Wednesday because they had not been vaccinated in obedience to a recent order of the Board of Education.

The first Government sale of Indian land ever made in the Osage reservation has just been closed by Agent Hugh Pitzer at the agency at Pawhuska, Okla., selling thirteen tracts of surplus land for \$17,000.

The Temple School Board Wednesday adopted a resolution requesting the City Council to submit a proposition to the voters for the issuance of \$100,000 in bonds, the proceeds to be devoted to school purposes.

Realizing that it is absolutely necessary, prominent men are now planning to start a steamship line from Baltimore to Galveston. The idea is to have the ships stop on the way at Mobile and New Orleans.

Eight miles of right of way, most of it continuous, has been secured for the Dallas-Terrell interurban, according to statement of C. L. Wakefield Tuesday.

Some eight hundred employees of the New York Central Railroad and its affiliated lines were retired from active service by the new pension order which became effective Monday.

The little daughter of J. R. Hamilton, of Mineral Wells, was killed Tuesday by a log of wood falling upon her head while she was playing at the woodpile.

Work on the Glen Rose and Walnut Springs Railroad is completed, so far as building the dump is concerned, but the work is to be rushed from this time on.

The dismissal Friday from the Government service of Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot and his two subordinates, Assistant Forester Price and Law Officer Shaw of the Forest Service, took place by order of the President.

M. Plancon, head of the Far Eastern department of the Foreign Office in St. Petersburg, has been superseded for presenting a memorandum to the War Minister, alleging that Japan was preparing to attack Russia.

The Right Rev. William Burt, Methodist Episcopal bishop of Europe, officiated Thursday at the laying of the cornerstone of the building designed for the Methodist Episcopal educational institute in Rome. Eventually seven buildings will be erected.

Failing to comply with a demand for \$5,000 contained in letters signed "Black Hand" which were received through the mail some time ago, B. Seneni, 60 years old, an Italian merchant, was shot and instantly killed by three men Thursday in Chicago.

"A very comfortable" river and harbor, carrying upward of \$30,000,000 for new and continuing operations, Chairman Alexander of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors emphatically stated Thursday will be reported to the House at Washington, early in February.

It is reported that J. P. Morgan of New York and the Outsharer of Berlin, are planning a world-wide trust in the nitrate industry with a capital of \$200,000,000. It is understood that the syndicate intends to purchase all the saltpeter mines in Chile as well as the nitrate works in Norway, where \$20,000,000 is invested.

The Attorney General's Department Friday approved for registration \$10,000 Howard county common school district No. 2 school house bonds, ten tenths, 5 per cent.

Martin E. Andrews, about 55 years of age, was struck by a street car Monday night in Dallas and almost instantly killed.

Horace Lurton took his seat on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, at high noon Monday. The oath of office was administered in the presence of a distinguished array of attorneys and members of Congress.

Efforts to secure an adjustment of the strike of the switchmen on the railroads of the Northwest have been abandoned. Messrs. Martin A. Knapp and C. P. Nell, in a final conference with H. B. Perham Thursday determined nothing further could be done to effect a settlement.

Frank Leber, aged twenty-eight, and Theresa Craig, aged twenty-five, are dead, and Mrs. Sarah Cole is probably fatally burned, as a result of a fire in a rooming house in Buffalo, N. Y., late Saturday night.

J. R. Mayhew of Waxahachie, president of the Texas Nurserymen's Association, Tuesday said final arrangements for the midwinter meeting of the association, which is to be held in Dallas Friday, Jan. 14, have been made.

Big snowslides are running down in Western and Southwestern Colorado as a result of blizzards of the past week. Reports thus far received indicate seven men are dead. Over the private telephone wire of the San Juan Power Company the report reached Durango that Tuesday four men had lost their lives there.

ALL OVER LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge, La.

Will Develop Mineral Springs.

Denham Springs.—There is good prospect for development at Greenwell Springs, a one-time watering place, about eight miles above this point, on the Amite river. A few days ago a party of capitalists visited the springs to look over the location and more particularly to get samples of the several different kinds of mineral water from the springs. They stated to parties here before leaving that if the water were true to the analysis given in the records of years ago they are prepared to invest thousands of dollars in making the place a great health resort. The interested parties are to return in a few weeks. As there is no known reason for the waters of the spring to change, it is confidently expected that in a short time Greenwell Springs will be made a prominent health resort, as it was some fifty years ago.

Levee Board Will Get Interest.

Baton Rouge.—The Orleans Levee Board will get the interest on the deposit of \$100,000 which the state had in its care for about a month's time. Governor Sanders ordered the transfer of the funds of the Orleans Levee Board to the state treasury, the board, up to this time, keeping its money with a fiscal agent of its own selection. The matter was taken to the Supreme court, which held that the Levee Board had a right to the custody of its own funds. During the time this question was being judiciously determined the funds were on deposit in the state's fiscal banks, and drawing interest. When the money was returned the question of interest which it earned during this time came up and State Treasurer Steele said this matter would be settled at the end of the year, when the state got its interest. He now holds that the interest earned goes to the Levee Board, to which the funds belonged, and when settlement is made he will send a check for the amount to the Levee Board.

National Editors Coming.

Baton Rouge.—The National Editorial Association of the United States, comprising the leading newspapers of the country, will be held in Baton Rouge on February 7 and making several stops party will reach here at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and will leave here at 9 o'clock at night. The National Editorial association will hold its annual meeting in New Orleans on February 10, 11 and 12, the party leaving Chicago over the Illinois Central on February 7 and making several stops en route, among them a stop of five days in Baton Rouge. The information advising that the National Editorial association would stop here on February 9 was contained in a letter to President Farnbacher of the Baton Rouge Board of Trade. The board proposes, if possible, to give the members of the association a driver over the city, and probably entertain the members at a lunch. The association is the leading organization of its kind in America, and comprises among its members editors of the big newspapers of the United States.

Will Not Affect Standard Here.

Baton Rouge.—There is no possibility of the decision of the United States court in the Standard Oil case affecting the development or operation of the Standard Oil Company's refinery in Louisiana. This information was brought to the city by F. W. Weller of New York, president of the Standard Oil company of Louisiana, who is here looking over the Louisiana plant.

"Will the decision of the federal court in the Standard Oil case, if it is upheld by the United States supreme court, affect the Baton Rouge refinery?" was asked Mr. Weller.

"No. The Baton Rouge refinery is a Louisiana company, chartered under the laws of this state. The decision won't in any way affect the refinery here."

Mr. Weller says that about the middle of January the refinery here will be completed and the refinery will be in full operation. The oil will be brought here in ear lots, just as it is at the present time. It will probably be some time after the middle of next month before the pipe line from the Oklahoma oil fields is completed.

Will Boost River Traffic.

Baton Rouge.—If the present plans carry, according to C. C. Campbell, the Mississippi Valley Transportation company will have everything in readiness to begin work upon the modern docks in Baton Rouge and other points along the river by March 1. The object of the \$10,000,000 company, which Mr. Campbell is in the city representing, is to develop traffic on the Mississippi and to apply to the Mississippi from Kansas City to New Orleans the same up-to-date methods for the transportation of freight as are applied to the rivers of Europe. The company will build modern wharves in the different cities and install electric cranes for the handling of the freight from the boat to the bank and from the bank to the boat. The steel barges are to be so built that they will carry the heaviest of loads in five and six feet of water, and are to be transported by steel tow boats.

Whipping Post Re-established.

Baton Rouge.—The whipping post was established here again when four little negroes, John Douce, Thur Bailey, Leonard Woods and Wm. Himes, were up before the court charged with malicious mischief, and were given a fine of \$2.50 or ordered to be whipped in the jail by their parents or guardians.

Forensic Imperative.

Horace: Without forensic judgment falls by its own weight.

Summer Normals Located.

Baton Rouge.—At a meeting of the State Board of Institute Managers the summer normal school for 1910 were located in the four state institution towns. Tulane and New Orleans being eliminated. The summer schools next year will be held at the Louisiana State Normal, Natchitoches; the Louisiana Industrial, Lafayette, Ruston and the Southwestern Industrial, Lafayette. The schools will begin the last of May, and will continue for nine weeks, the same as last year. The negro normal schools were not located. Institute Conductor Alleman and State Superintendent Harris both made reports to the board, which is composed of the superintendent, Dr. J. B. Aswell, and Col. T. D. Boyd.

Boll Weevils Freeze to Death.

Breaux Bridge.—The news from the farmers is encouraging as to the destruction of the boll weevil, due to the severe continued cold. Myriads of them have been found near and in the woods, their hibernating localities, dead—frozen beyond recuperation. Several farmers endeavored to nurse them back to life as an experiment test, but declare it is a positive fact that they are all dead. As this is the case in the protected places they inhabited, it stands to reason those in the open fields have met with a like fate. This is an encouraging discovery to the farmers of this section, who will again plant cotton extensively. The yield of the season just ending was a deplorable shortage of at least 75 per cent, all due to ravages of the boll weevil.

Boy Farmers Make Good.

Marksville.—Prof. V. L. Roy of Baton Rouge, agent of the boy's demonstration work and organizer of corn clubs, was here recently, purchasing seed corn for his department, which will be distributed to the members of the corn clubs in the state. Avoyelles was the first parish to organize corn clubs, and consequently possesses more and a better improved seed than any other parish. Prof. Roy bought 150 bushels from Edward Barre at \$1.50 per bushel. Thus the boys who raised this corn receives from \$30 to \$50 per acre for their corn. Although there was a quantity of this kind of corn raised in the parish, the demand is greater than the supply. Prof. Roy intends to secure a membership of 10,000 in the corn clubs of the state next year. He has organized seven clubs recently and has engagements for the purpose of effecting organizations of clubs for every day during January and February.

PORTO RICANS ASK FREEDOM.

Independence Society Addresses Appeal to President Taft.

Chicago.—The Porto Rican Independence Society, organized here, and having for its aim the independence of its native country, has instructed the secretary to forward to President Taft a letter which says, in part:

"You, Mr. President, who sign the appointments of the governor, that in the name of the great Republic of North America, go to our country to rivet the odious chain of tyranny, know the sadness of our political situation; you are not ignorant of the fact that in the colony which the United States possesses in the West Indies, the three governmental powers, the legislative, the executive and the judicial, are only partially established. You cannot fail to know, Honorable Sir, that this is infamous and despotic.

"You, Mr. President, have not forgotten that when General Miles, aided by shot and cannon, caused the merican flag to wave on the castles of San Juan de Porto Rico and on the government building, the insular affairs of Porto Rico were being conducted wisely by the Porto Rican people. You remember, worthy sir, that the Spanish monarchy restored to us that which the Kings of Iberia unlawfully withheld for 398 years—our liberty. Even the recent legislative conflict must be latent in your memory, yet the Americans at the executive council were the only ones responsible.

"We trust that our voice may find an echo in you; that our protest may be clear, and that it may be known that our aspirations and the aspirations of the people of Porto Rico are to be independent."

MRS. COOK LOYAL.

Wife of Explorer Joins Husband in Europe—Has the Records.

New York.—W. M. Cook, brother of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, declared that Mrs. Cook has been joined by her husband, and that he is in communication with them. Mrs. Cook is believed to have the explorer's original records of his north pole quest in her possession. "Dr. Cook has by no means abandoned his intention to prove conclusively, despite the verdict of the Copenhagen University, that he reached the north pole," said his brother, "and his detractors will have a pretty bill to pay.

Expert Farmers Wanted.

Washington, D. C.—"Expert farmers wanted; salary \$1,200 per year." The Indian service is making this attractive offer to agricultural students who are sufficiently equipped to train the braves on Indian reservations in raising farm products. The appointments will be restricted to graduates of agricultural colleges, and the work will be to conduct model demonstration farms on reservations in arid and semi-arid regions of the West.

THAT'S RIGHT.



Tommy—Say, auntie, what did Uncle John marry you for?
Aunt—Why, for love, of course.
Tommy (meditatively)—Hm! Love will make a man do almost anything, won't it, auntie?

Harvard Scored.

It was the morning of the Yale-Harvard game at Cambridge, and two of the New Haven collegians were wandering through the Harvard yard, looking at the university buildings. Down a walk toward them came a youth of serious aspect, but palpably an undergraduate.
"I beg your pardon," said the Yale man, who is a bit of a wag, to the stranger, "can you tell me where I can find Harvard university?"
"I'm very sorry," said the serious one, with never a smile. "They've locked it up. You see, there are so many Yale men in town."

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional treatment. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When the tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or ringing in the ears. If it becomes chronic you have deafness and the hearing is lost. Unless the inflammation is taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; this case has been cured by Catarrh Cure, which is sold by Dr. J. C. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Catarrh Cure, Send for circular free by mail to Catarrh Cure, Dr. J. C. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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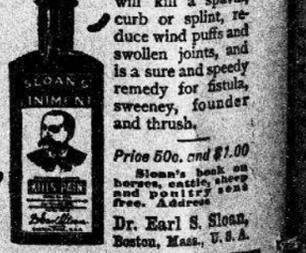
Much of the chronic lameness in horses is due to neglect. See that your horse is not allowed to go lame. Keep Sloan's Liniment on hand and apply at the first sign of stiffness. It's wonderfully penetrating—goes right to the spot—relieves the soreness—limbers up the joints and makes the muscles elastic and pliant.

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Sloan's Liniment

Mr. H. M. Gibbs, of Lawrence, Kans., R.F.D. No. 3, writes:—"Your Liniment is the best that I have ever used. I had a mare with an abscess on her neck and one on her chest. Sloan's Liniment entirely cured her. I keep it around all the time for galls and small swellings and for everything about the stock."



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