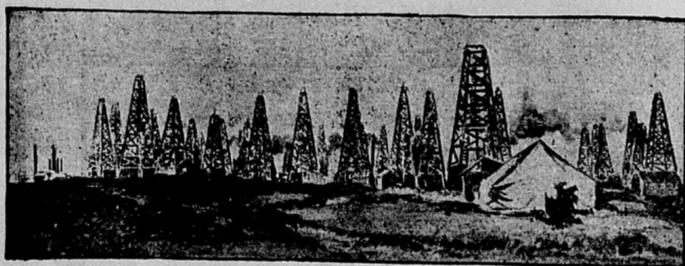


BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GREAT BEAUMONT OIL FIELD.



VIEW IN THE BEAUMONT OIL FIELD—SPINDLE TOP DISTRICT RECENTLY SWEEP BY FIRE. The recent disasters fire in the Beaumont oil field attracts public attention to a corner of the United States that is now a familiar locality to all newspaper readers...

THE SPIRIT THAT WINS.

While searching the archives for knowledge, While after the rarest of lore, While seeking the richest of jewels, In wisdom's variant store...

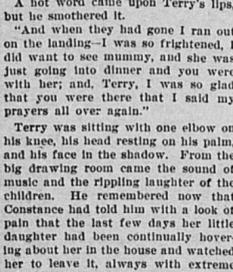
During the Cotillon

WAS N'T I dreaming, Jerry, I wasn't, really. I was just being whimsical to get sleepy, and then I heard Martha talking to Jane in the little dressing room...



THE POPULAR HERO.

In Fiction He Is Always Eating, Drinking or Smoking. When the hero of the popular short story is not eating or drinking he is smoking...



Langlade, Haiti, has a mausoleum covering the remains of a Voodoo priest. The structure is made of clay, the same kind that the people use for the construction of their huts...

THE STATE OF IOWA.

OCCURRENCES DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Treasurer of Johnson County—Woman Shoots Youth on Fair Ground—New Hartford Robbers Frightened Away Without Plunder.

Accused by the Board of Supervisors of Johnson County, and by County Attorney Zimut of misappropriating about \$1,800 of public funds...

Bold Robbers at New Hartford. A bold but unsuccessful attempt was made at New Hartford to blow open the safe in E. J. Dunham's general merchandise store...

Mother Avenge Daughter. Mrs. Maud Smith, prominent in the social life of Des Moines, shot and mortally wounded Harry Clark, aged 18, who she accused of betraying her daughter, a handsome girl, to a man...

THE MAN WITHIN THE GUN.

After purchasing a 16-inch gun which has just been completed at the Watervliet arsenal, this view shows the muzzle with a man in it whose weight is 100 pounds. The gun is immense, when one considers the quality of the metal contained in it...

Truant Husband Forgiven.

After purchasing a husband from Belle Plaine, for a theft of \$200, Peter Matthews located him at Waukegan, Ill., accused him of stealing her money, had all her property returned to her, and then she forgave him...

Robs Firm and Ends Life.

George Jones, who has been the cashier since the opening of the firm, was found in Clinton for a few days ago, committed suicide by taking poison, dying at the home of his parents, near Andover...

Within Our Borders.

Ottumwa claims a population of 22,251. Blackhawk County farmers want more rural mail carriers. Clyde E. Hammond has been named as postmaster at Downs.

A number of Dubuque capitalists have purchased a farm here that they will erect a handsome and modern summer home for the use of the newly formed Country Club.

Creston barbers have formed a union. There are just 1,000 persons of school age in Westfield. There is \$1,000,000 on deposit in the banks of Monticello.

The postoffice at Clayfield has been discontinued on record. The Columbia Savings Bank at Columbia, capital \$12,000, has been chartered.

Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Walford Savings Bank; capital \$10,000. C. W. Stephenson has been appointed postmaster at Troy, vice J. M. Garrett, resigned.

The attendance at the Glenwood asylum for the feeble minded is 976, the same as on record. Tax returns so far turned into the Iowa county treasury about \$17,000 in back taxes.

The improvements in the Northwestern yards at Clinton have been completed and the new tracks are now in use. Four young fellows who robbed a saloon at Ottumwa of a quantity of liquor were arrested and fined \$25 and costs.

Rev. Father Marriet, pastor of the Catholic Church at Stuart, has resigned and will remove to Keokuk, Md. Plans are being made for a sewerage system at Washington. The public square in that city will be paved with brick.

The Council Bluffs City Council has passed an ordinance regarding the speed of automobiles to two miles an hour. It is announced that President Roosevelt will speak at Des Moines from a stand to be erected in the Capitol grounds.

Mrs. Mary B. McKee of McClelland, Iowa, who was severely injured by an explosion of gasoline, has succumbed to her injuries. The strike of electrical workers at Ottumwa has been settled. The union was recognized and an increase in wages granted.

The business portion of Barnum, which was recently destroyed by fire, is being rebuilt with one and two-story brick buildings. The home of B. Seaver of Riceville was robbed of two gold watches and other property. It is supposed to be the work of tramps.

There are large yields of potatoes at the State institutions this year. At Glenwood it is thought the field will be fully 300 bushels per acre. The saw mill and box factory of the J. H. Kaiser Lumber Company were burned in Muscatine. The loss is \$400,000, insurance \$150,000.

The Iowa Socialist Publishing Company has incorporated at Dubuque. A paper will be issued weekly devoted to propaganda for the socialist here. Deposits in Des Moines banks show a decrease for the year of \$3,250,000. It is said that heavy investments in lands in the Northwest caused the drain.

Work on the improvements at the Soldiers Home in Marshalltown may have to be suspended for the time being on account of the inability to secure laborers. Joseph Murphy, an aged man living alone, was found dead in his home near Eldon. The coroner was summoned and pronounced his death due to heart disease.

The hardware store of George Clapp at Muscatine was visited by thieves who carried away about \$300 worth of hardware, pocket knives and revolvers. No clue.

Rockford ladies have taken in charge the matter of erecting the new opera house. The delay has been ended by the signing of the contract and work will begin at once.

The Western Union Telegraph Company is trying the experiment of employing girls as messengers in Des Moines. The experiment has so far worked successfully. Woodson Hagan, Ella Clark's lover, admits that he killed the latter in a joint near Danon. He says he did it to save his own life. He alleges that the girl attacked him with a knife.

The appearance of thousands of blackbirds in the corn crop, now in the early stages, is causing uneasiness among the farmers. The birds tear open the husks, devour the upper part of the ear, and leave the balance to rot from exposure to the elements.

The new law relating to the disposition of dipsonomies is having a salutary effect upon the veterans in the home at Marshalltown who are inclined to look upon the wine as a necessary part of life. The birds tear open the husks, devour the upper part of the ear, and leave the balance to rot from exposure to the elements.

A woman eluding has been identified as Mrs. Emma Pindexter shot and killed her husband, Emmet Pindexter, at Rockford in a fit of jealousy. She shot her husband as he slept. Pindexter was 23 years of age, and a member of a prominent family. He had been married a year.

Mrs. M. A. Shahan of Grinnell was severely injured by the explosion of a can of tomatoes which she had just sealed. It was feared for a time that her eyesight would be destroyed. Mrs. George W. Gierke has the Dubuque Electric Company for \$10,000 for injuries received by being struck by a car belonging to the defendant company. She alleges carelessness on the part of the employees.



Signs of a Good Milker.

When it comes to buying or raising a dairy cow too many neglect to consider whether the cow, from her general appearance, seems to be fitted to do good work in the dairy or not. Now, it is to be admitted that you cannot tell certainly whether a cow is a deep, rich milker from her general appearance; but still, so large a percentage of the high quality cows of the land have certain external signs that have come to be regarded as the marks of a good cow that it is folly to overlook these marks when selecting cows for one's herd.



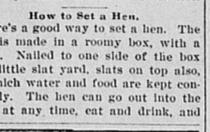
A GOOD MILKER.

Milk and butter a cow must have a large, deep body and a large udder. The cow illustrated shows the deep body and the splendid development of udder that characterize the big milker. A cow's body is a better milk factory. You cannot expect to make much butter and milk in a small factory. The "wedge-shaped" cow has a deep body where depth is needed—where the machinery of the body is at work converting fodder into dairy products.

Notice the fullness in the fore part of the udder and how well it runs up behind, with the large, well-placed teats and its general appearance of large capacity. Such an udder, when milked out dry, will fall in loose, soft folds, like an empty bag. It is a good type to breed to.

How to Set a Hen.

Here's a good way to set a hen. The nest is made in a rookey box, with a cover. No need to cover the box in a little water yard, slats on top also, in which water and feed are kept constantly. The hen can get out into the yard at any time, eat and drink, and have her eggs get cold. Where several hens are sitting, a contrivance like this for each serves all better of looking after them, to see that two do not get on one nest, etc. You put food and water in the dishes—the hen "does the rest." C. D. Young, in Farm and Home.



Success with Poultry.

Those people who do not have good success in hatching eggs under hens, usually will not do much better with incubators. They may be divided into two classes, one that is careless and negligent, and the other that is altogether too fussy, who wants to be stirring the hen, or feeding her, or handling the eggs three or four times a day. For either of these to succeed with the incubator there must be a thorough reformation; a determination to follow the instructions given exactly, and do no more and no less than is explicitly laid down, and to do it by the clock. This can be done, of course, but how many can or will settle down to those rules?

Ideal Animal for Beef.

The first point observed in an ideal animal of beef type is his form. This will approximate the rectangular. It will show a body that is compact, symmetrical, broad, deep and close to the ground. Legs are only of use to carry the animal around. He is "straight in his lines"—that is, the lines from the top of the shoulder to the tail head, and from the brisket back to the purse are as nearly parallel as possible, as are also those from the center of the shoulders to the center of the thighs, no deviation from the horizontal being allowed the top line. This will give the form a rectangular appearance.

Shade Enriches Soil.

The complete shading of the soil rapidly enriches it, even without the application of manure. It may be that shading causes a deposit of nitrogen from the air; every farmer knows that where ever a stack of hay or straw has stood for several months the ground under it



JOLLY JOKER.

He—I am told that your admirer's name is legion. She (glushingly)—Oh, no, his name is Jones. She—"I am going to play Chopin." He—"In what hat?" She—"Why, in our own flat of course." Wigg—"Is he a man of intelligence?" Wagg—"I suppose so. At any rate, he has never served on a jury."

Merchant—"I want this ad, where everyone will see it." Solicitor—"We charge higher rates for space on the baseball park."—Baltimore World. "Have you any Marconi roses?" asked the man entering the florist's. "What are they?" inquired the puzzled dealer in flowers. "Wireless ones."

Customer (in restaurant)—"Look here, waiter, I've missed a button in this salad!" Waiter—"That's all right, sir; it's a part of the dressing!"—Tit-Bits. Muggins—I understand that friend of yours is a millionaire. Is he one of the open-handed, extravagant kind? Duggins—Yes, indeed. Why, he even pays his taxes.

"Did you know that I've turned away thousands," stormed the heavy tragedian. "Naturally," sneered the comedian; "your acting would turn away anybody." Dolly—"Your ride in the auto must have been just lovely and exciting." Madge—"It was exciting, but not lovely. Charlie had to use both hands to work it."—Judge. Trison Visitor—"What brought you here, my man?" Convent—"Danged if I remember, but it wasn't an automobile, 'cause they didn't have none in them days."—Philadelphia Press.

"Did you ever sail sheep?" asked the farmer of the new hired man, who came from Colorado. "No," replied the new hired hand, "but I've had considerable experience in sailing mules." "What! you call me pretty? Why, I am an old woman; my hair is turning white, and, look, here is a wrinkle!" "A wrinkle! No, madam, it is a smile that has drifted from its moorings!" "What is your nativity?" asked the magistrate. "I ain't got any, y'r honor," said the bear-eyed inebriate, feeling in his pockets "the pockets of everything I had."—Chicago Tribune.

Father—"I thought I heard our Johnnie say he was sick, and now I see he's out coasting. Did you do anything for him?" Mother—"Yes, I brought in all the evening coal."—Ohio State Journal. "I suppose you set a good table," remarked the man who was looking for board. "No," replied the landlady, "three of my regular boarders are laid up with the gout."—Chicago Daily News.

"I'm sorry you don't like the new nurse," she said to her husband. "She's so good about singing to baby and keeping him quiet!" "Yes, that's the calm reply, but I'd rather hear the baby cry." The little girl was watching her mother and father discussing a plate of oysters the other night. "Mamma," she said, after some thought, "you eat them face and don't you?"—Boston Herald.

Weariness—"I got up in a good day's work in thirty minutes." Prayed—"What of that four you sent me, Grandpa?"—What was the matter with it? Mrs. Roundbridge—"It was tough. I made a pie with it, and it was as much as my husband could do to cut it."—Philadelphia Press.

The Sutor—I wish to marry your eldest daughter, sir. Her Father—Oh, you do, eh? Are you in a position to support a family? The Sutor—I think so, sir. Her Father—Well, you had better be sure of it. There are ten of us all told.—Chicago News. "What is the greatest fib that ever impressed itself on your experience, Snapper?" Well, by my adds, the worst one I ever heard was that our great-aunt perpetrated last night when they came round to the house and sang, "There's Music in the Air."

"Why is it that so few people seem anxious to talk to Mr. Conington? He seems well informed." "That's just the difficulty," answered Miss Dimpleton. "He's one of those dread old men who know enough to correct your mistakes when you quote the classics, and who doesn't know enough not to do it." Schoolmaster (turning round sharply)—Which of you is it that is daring to make faces at me? Six youngsters (in chorus)—Freddy Brown, sir! Schoolmaster—Ah! Then you six boys stand out and be caned. If you saw Freddy Brown making faces, it shows that you were not attending to your lessons.—Fun.

"I am selling a new encyclopedia," began the well-dressed individual who had been invited to the reception to meet the strength of his make-up; "would you care to look at it?" "I'd break my neck if I ever attempted to ride one of your fool things."—Chicago Daily News.

Stereotyped Phrase.

Many of our stock expressions, like "further late," do not mean anything if one takes their meaning literally. A little dialogue from the Washington Star is a case in point. "Did any of the inhabitants escape with his life?" inquired the man who was harrowing details. "I didn't stop to ascertain," answered the man who is harrowing exact. "It struck me that if anybody escaped without his life there wasn't much use in his escaping, anyhow."

Easy to Go Off.

"So your former employer is considered a big gun?" Interrogated the friend. "Yes, a rapid-fire gun," sighed the clerk, who had been discharged without notice. Paper Clothing in Japan. The lower class of the Japanese employ "further late" do not mean anything if one takes their meaning literally. A little dialogue from the Washington Star is a case in point. "Did any of the inhabitants escape with his life?" inquired the man who was harrowing details. "I didn't stop to ascertain," answered the man who is harrowing exact. "It struck me that if anybody escaped without his life there wasn't much use in his escaping, anyhow."