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Adage Traced to Bible. "A little bird told me," is an almost universal adage based on the idea that this ubiquitous wanderer from the vantage of the upper air spies out all strange and secret things and tells them to those who can understand. Thus in Ecclesiastes 10:20: "Curse not the king, nor in any thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber; for the bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter."

Latest Design in Windmills. A windmill with five widely-separated vanes has been adopted for irrigation purposes in Italy's new possessions in Africa as the only kind that will withstand high winds and at the same time work in light breezes.

Nature's Differences. When a man breathes he uses his muscular strength to draw in the air, and it is afterward forced out automatically. With insects, as a German investigator has just discovered, this process is just reversed.

**15 AMERICANS ARE KILLED BY VILLA BANDITS**

U. S. Mining Men Robbed and Then Shot to Death.

**ONE LIVES TO TELL STORY**

Thomas M. Holmes Escapes After Massacre of Passengers on Train in Chihuahua—Gen. Rodriguez at Head of Outlaws.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 12.—Collector of Customs Cobb of El Paso, ex-officio representative of the state department on the border, telegraphed to Washington that he had received reports which appeared to confirm the massacre of Americans at the Cusihuiriachic mining camp by armed Mexicans.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 12.—Sixteen Americans, returning to their mining camp in Chihuahua, were taken from a train 50 miles west of Chihuahua City by bandits, supposedly led by General Jose Rodriguez, stood naked along the track, and only one, Thomas M. Holmes, escaped to send a message telling of the probable fate of the others.

The men were employees of the Cusihuiriachic Mining company, traveling under promised military protection of the de facto Mexican government with a trainload of supplies and thousands of dollars in currency. The train was looted.

A verified list of American mining men in Chihuahua was prepared here from the record of Mexican passports issued.

Only Sixteen on Train. This list contains 18 names and as Holmes' message placed the number taken from the train as 16 it was presumed that two had remained in Chihuahua City.

The list follows: C. R. Watson, manager and large stockholder, El Paso. W. J. Wallace, El Paso. T. M. Evans, El Paso. W. M. Romero, El Paso. C. A. Pringle, San Francisco. Maurice Anderson, El Paso. R. P. McHatton, El Paso. A. Couch, El Paso. Alexander H. Hall, Douglas, Ariz. Charles Wadleigh, — Ariz. E. L. Robinson, El Paso. G. W. Newman, El Paso. Jack Hase, — Ariz. — Blomb, El Paso. R. H. Simmons. J. Adams. J. Jones. Thomas M. Holmes, El Paso.

Censor Halted Details. The first intimation of the raid came in a brief telegram from Holmes, the only known survivor, to officials of the American Smelting and Refining company here. Almost immediately a censorship was imposed on the wires between Chihuahua and Juarez by the Carranza officials "until the story could be verified from official Mexican sources."

According to local mining men, Holmes' brief message contained enough to brand the raid as one of the most atrocious in the last four years of revolution in Mexico. It was pointed out that the raid occurred 50 miles west of Chihuahua City Monday, where, presumably, there were thousands of troops of the Carranza government in addition to hordes of unkempt, lately surrendered Villa forces.

Men Face Firing Squad. Mining men here pieced together the scant outline contained in Holmes' cryptic telegram. According to this information the train was stopped at Kilometer 58.

The American men were compelled to descend and lined up along the cars. Holmes was at the extreme left end. A firing squad took a position opposite, and as they raised their rifles Holmes started a race for his life toward Chihuahua City. He could hear shooting and bullets swishing past, and ran until out of sound of the firing.

News of the raid caused consternation among the families of the mining men supposed to have been on the train, most of whom reside here. U. S. to Urgent Action. Washington, Jan. 12.—Reports from El Paso that 15 Americans were killed west of Chihuahua by Villa bandits will, if confirmed, result in urgent representations by the United States to Carranza to increase his efforts to capture Villa or destroy his forces. No official advices regarding the affair have been received at the state department.

nois Central R. R. right of way; Potter street from Howard street south to Main street; Improvement 1915, Wherston the construction of a curb and gutter under contract with Wm. Jewell has been completed and was on the 15th day of Nov., 1915, approved and accepted by the City Council; said plats and schedules show the separate lots or parcels of ground or specified portions thereof subject to assessment for such improvement, the names of the owners as far as practicable and the amount to be assessed against each lot or parcel of ground.

Notice is further given that within twenty days after the first publication of this notice all objections to said plat and schedule or to the prior proceedings on account of errors, irregularities, or inequalities must be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk; and the city council after the expiration of said twenty days at the first regular meeting held thereafter or at a special meeting called for that purpose; having heard such objections and made the necessary corrections, will then make the special assessment as shown in said plat and schedule as corrected and approved.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 1916  
T. WILSON, City Clerk.

**The Preacher's Prayer**

The Rev. W. J. Surkum, Manchester, Iowa

Touch thou mine eyes, and bid the shadows flee  
That often dim thy glory to my sight;  
Speak to my soul and say: "Let there be light!"  
That, seeing, I may help the blind to see.

Touch thou my torpid tongue with living fire,  
That, like the burning bush, my words may stay  
The aimless wand'ers in life's desert way,  
And kindle in their hearts some high desire.

Sweep with thy hand the harpstrings of my soul,  
And bid the music of thy gospel leap  
Like mountain torrents, free, vehement, deep,  
But always, always under thy control.

And if but few will hear the message sweet,  
Or, having heard, in heedlessness depart,  
Forbid that I should hurl some flaming dart  
From out thy way, to cover my defeat.

But rather let me humbly keep in veiw  
The Sinless One, who did not shrink to bear  
The sins of thoughtless men; be mine his prayer:  
"Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

—The Homiletic Review.

**THE MARKETS**

Grain, Provisions, Etc.

Chicago, Jan. 11	
Open-	High-Low-Clos-
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Wheat-1.22 1/2	1.23 1/2 1.17 1/2 1.23 1/2
July	1.17 1/2 1.19 1/2 1.17 1/2 1.19 1/2
Corn-	
May	.78 1/2 .79 1/2 .78 1/2 .79 1/2
July	.78 1/2 .79 1/2 .78 1/2 .79 1/2
Flour-	
May	.48 1/2 .49 .48 1/2 .49
July	.47 1/2 .48 .47 1/2 .48

FLOUR—Spring wheat, patent, Minnesota, wood or cotton, \$9.30 to retail; Minnesota and Dakota, patents, \$8.50 to \$9.00; jute, straight, \$5.50 to \$6.00; first clear, \$4.90 to \$5.20; second clear, jute, \$3.20 to \$3.50; low grade, jute, \$2.90 to \$3.10; soft wheat, patent, \$5.25 to \$5.40; rye flour, white, patents, \$5.10 to \$5.30; dark, \$4.90 to \$4.70.

HAY—Market firm; choice timothy, \$18.50 to \$19.00; No. 1 timothy, \$17.50 to \$18.00; No. 2 timothy, \$16.00 to \$16.50; light clover mixed, \$15.00 to \$15.50; heavy clover mixed, \$12.50 to \$13.00; No. 3 red top and grassy mixed timothy, \$12.00 to \$12.50; threshed timothy, \$8.50 to \$9.00; clover, \$10.00 to \$10.50; heather and damaged, \$8.00 to \$8.50; alfalfa, choice, \$18.00 to \$19.00; alfalfa, No. 1, \$15.00 to \$16.00; alfalfa, No. 2, \$13.00 to \$14.00; alfalfa, No. 3, \$9.00 to \$11.00.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11. BUTTER—Creamery, extra, 25¢; extra firsts, 23¢; firsts, 22¢; seconds, 21¢; dairies, extra, 30¢; firsts, 25¢; seconds, 20¢; packing stock, 19¢; lard, 21¢ to 22¢.

EGGS—Frisco, 29¢; ordinary firsts, 28¢; miscellaneous lots, cases included, 27¢; cases returned, 21 1/2¢; extra, 34¢ to 35¢; checks, 15¢ to 18¢; dirties, 16¢ to 18¢; storage, 14¢ to 15¢.

LIVE POULTRY—Turkeys, 13 per lb.; chickens, fowls, 12 1/2¢ to 15¢; roosters, 11¢; ducks, 14¢ to 15¢; geese, 12¢ to 13¢.

POTATOES—Minnesota, Dakota, white, \$1.00 to \$1.05 per bu.; Wisconsin, white, \$1.00 to \$1.05.

WHEAT—Strong, fair demand; No. 1 northern, \$1.42; No. 2 red, \$1.40; No. 3 hard, \$1.40; May, \$1.34; July, \$1.27.

CORN—Stronger, business active; No. 2 yellow, 85¢; No. 3 yellow, 84¢.

OATS—Firm, fair inquiry; No. 3 white, 51¢; No. 4 white, 49¢ to 49 1/2¢.

LIVE STOCK. Chicago, Jan. 11. CATTLE—Steers, good to choice, \$5.50 to \$7.75; yearlings, good to choice, \$7.75 to \$9.50; inferior steers, \$6.00 to \$7.00; good to choice heifers, \$6.00 to \$7.75; good to choice cows, \$4.75 to \$5.75; calves, \$4.50 to \$5.50; butchers' bullocks, \$4.00 to \$5.00; bologna bulls, \$5.00 to \$6.00; good to prime veal calves, \$9.00 to \$10.75; heavy calves, \$7.50 to \$9.00.

HOGS—Prime light butchers, \$4.00 to \$5.00; fair to fancy light, \$4.00 to \$5.75; prime medium weight butchers, 240 to 270 lbs., \$6.75 to 7.00; prime heavy butchers, 270 to 310 lbs., \$6.00 to \$7.00; heavy mixed packing, \$5.50 to \$6.50; heavy packing, \$5.00 to \$6.50; pigs, fair to good, \$5.50 to \$6.50; stags, \$6.00 to \$7.50.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 11. CATTLE—Market active and strong; prime steers, \$8.50 to \$9.00; butcher grades, \$6.50 to \$8.35.

CALVES—Market slow; cull to choice, \$4.50 to \$11.25.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market slow; choice lambs, \$10.75 to \$11.00; cull to fair, \$7.00 to \$10.35; yearlings, \$8.00 to \$9.75; sheep, \$4.00 to \$5.25.

HOGS—Market slow; Yorkers, \$7.00 to \$7.15; pigs, \$6.75; mixed, \$7.15 to \$7.25; heavy, \$7.15 to \$7.25; roughs, \$6.25 to \$6.35; stags, \$4.50 to \$5.25.

Omaha, Jan. 11. HOGS—Market higher; heavy, \$5.50 to \$6.80; light, \$5.25 to \$6.75; pigs, \$5.25 to \$6.40; bulk of sales, \$5.50 to \$6.70.

CATTLE—Market strong; native steers, \$6.50 to \$9.00; cows and heifers, \$5.25 to \$7.00; western, heavy mixed packing, \$6.50 to \$8.00; \$5.70 to \$7.00; stockers and feeders, \$5.25 to \$7.00.

SHEEP—Market higher; yearlings, \$7.25 to \$8.25; wethers, \$6.50 to \$7.15; lambs, \$5.50 to \$10.25.

MISS KATE O'CONNELL. (Earlville Correspondent.) Friends here were very much surprised Saturday night at the death notice of Miss Kate O'Connell in the Telegraph-Herald. Nobody knew that Miss O'Connell had gone to this home in Dubuque and no one was informed of her passing away for nearly a week afterwards. Miss O'Connell had lived in Earlville for about sixty years with her parents and brother, Dennis. Earlville never had better citizens than this family. First the mother died. She sleeps in the family lot in the Catholic cemetery at Delhi; then the father died; he sleeps peacefully beside the mother; then after a few years it became the sister's painful duty to take her brother to Delhi, and there was just space enough for the sole survivor of the family. How she loved, cherished and longed for that little spot she would call home, but it was denied her—she rests in Dubuque. No daughter and sister could have been more devotedly attached to their loved ones than Miss O'Connell was to hers, and it was her custom to make weekly or monthly visits to those mounds at Delhi, where everything was in readiness, excepting to inscribe a date which her loving hands had provided in memory of her father, mother, brother and herself. She had no relatives so it became her duty to make all provisions for the future. For the



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past two or three years, she was not in the best of health and would go to Manchester to stay with friends for weeks, but would always leave word with her neighbors when about to leave. Just how long she had been at this St. Anthony's home in Dubuque and how long she had been ill, is a conjecture. She still maintained the home left by her parents here and in all probability some effort will be made to have the body placed in the family lot where it belongs.

Modern Marriage. Marriage may once have been comparable to a profession. It is not now. It may once, for a woman, have been comparable to slavery. It is not now. Marriage, in fact, cannot be classed with anything but itself, it is marriage and nothing else—a wonderful mixture of experiences and duties on many different planes. So far as its spiritual demands go, it may require everything or nothing. It may of necessity fill her life or leave it empty. To do it as a profession is to blur its meaning, for it is much more than this and much less.

Swallowing a Fishbone. Swallowing a piece of dry bread or cracker if a fishbone is lodged in the throat is a good remedy, but the acid from a lemon slowly sucked and swallowed will dissolve the bone to a jelly so that it will slip down easily.

Excellent Motto. "Practice with science" is the motto of the Royal Agricultural society of England.

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION**

Of the First National Bank at Manchester, in the state of Iowa, at the close of business, DEC. 31, 1915.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$351,363.19
Overdrafts secured	27.38
Overdrafts unsecured	27.38
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	40,000.00
Securities, etc., on hand	5,500.00
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	3,800.00
Less amount unpaid	1,500.00
All other stocks	3,400.00
Furniture and fixtures	777.45
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	10,500.00
Due from approved reserve agents in central reserve cities	39,414.96
Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	12,243.91
Due from banks and bankers (other than above)	10,014.18
Cheques on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	273.90
Outside cheques and other cash items	397.77
Fractional currency, notes and cents	75.83
Notes of other national banks	1,195.00
Legal Tender Notes	23,744.75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (not more than 5% on circulation)	1,500.00
Total	\$530,419.41
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Undivided profits	15,000.00
Less current expenses	5,000.00
Interest and taxes paid	5,000.00
Circulating notes	3,897.50
Less amount on hand and in treasury for redemption or in transit	619.83
Due to banks and bankers	619.83
Demand deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	125,533.40
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	15,991.83
Certificates of deposit due 30 days or more notice	110,797.73
Other time deposits	30,037.09
Total	\$530,419.41

STATE OF IOWA, County of Delaware.—ss: I. Don A. Preussner, Cashier, of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**IMPORTANT DAY**  
February 3d Is to Be Generally Observed

NATIONAL THRIFT DAY means much to every individual. Its general observance is important to this community, the State and the Nation.

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Manchester, Iowa

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ARNOLD & ARNOLD. ATTORNEYS AT LAW. Office over Delaware County State Bank, Manchester, Iowa.

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**HALL'S BAKERY & CONF.**

NOTICE OF FILING PLAT AND SCHEDULE. Notice is hereby given that there is now on file for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk a plat and schedule of street improvement marked "Plat and Schedule of the following streets and parts of streets to-wit: West Marion street from First to Sixth street; Madison street from Union street south to the north line of the Illinois Central R. R. right of way; Tama street from Union street south to the Illinois Central R. R. right of way; Brewer street from Union street south to Main street; Wayne street from Union street south to the Illi-