

Classified Ads

Minimum charge of 15c, or five cents a line, counting five words to the line. Positively no ads will be taken for this column without cash in advance, as items are too small to take the trouble to enter charge accounts.

FOR SALE—RESIDENCE PROPERTY

FOR SALE—CHEAP—A pleasant home adjoining the city limits on the east of St. Louis, Mich., consisting of a 12-room house, electric lights, a good cellar, two good wells, a cistern, 10 acres of land, a good orchard, barn, pig pen, corn crib, garage, cattle shed and hen house. Call at this place for further information. H. C. Wilkinson, St. Louis, Mich. 18-1f-c

FOR SALE—Wood. Call Bell phone 290-F31, Union phone 91-3L-3S. 20-1f-c

FOR SALE—CHEAP—A splendid 80-acre farm, 2 miles west of Forest Hill; 65 acres under cultivation; fair buildings; very best clay loam soil. Will take less than \$70 per acre, might take some Alma property as part payment. A. N. Ward, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. 22-2-f-c

FARM FOR SALE—Our 240 acre improved farm with buildings, six miles east of Saginaw on main line P. M. R. R., with R. R. station and two sugar beet weigh-stations on corner of farm; best of soil and large ditches all around farm. A bargain for someone. Write or call on us for price and terms. Carman & Patterson, 116 S. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, Mich. 22-4-f-c

TO RENT—ROOMS

FOR RENT—Two modern furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 109 W. Downey St. 22-1-p

FOR RENT—One large front room, first floor, well heated. Suitable for two. Apply 314 Grant St. Union phone 512-3R. 22-1-p

FOR RENT—Furnished room at 118 Center St.; gentlemen only. 22-1-p

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, steam heated. 614 E. Superior St. 22-1-p

TO RENT—HOUSES

FOR RENT—7-room house and garage. 115 Orchard street, Alma, Mich. H. M. Landis, Bahlke Block. 22-1-p

FOR RENT—New flat in excellent condition, modern in every respect. Inquire Dr. M. Pringle. 22-1-c

WANTED—SITUATIONS

WANTED—Situation as housekeeper in private family or clerk by young lady. Inquire Alma Hotel, both phones. 22-1-p

WANTED—TO RENT

NOTICE—Bousses for sale or rent. Rooms for rent, light housekeeping or single. Welfare Dept. Republic Motor Truck Co., Inc. 98-wt-c

WANTED—To rent for a short time a typewriter. Must be in first class condition. Inquire at this office. 22-1-m

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—Stunning old ivory bedroom suite, very attractive, full size bed; dainty dresser, gentleman's chiffonier with oval mirror, bedroom chair and rocker, comfortable fumed oak living room furniture, exceptionally fine davenport bed, library table of distinctive pattern, overstuffed rockers, etc.; good dining room suite, round extension table, pretty buffet; strong, comfortable chairs; kitchen cabinet with white enamel interior. None of this furniture has been used more than two months, and a part of it has never been used. Only \$50 secures this handsome furniture, balance of only \$145, payable in one year. Opportunity, care Record. 21-3t-p

FOR SALE—White leghorn cockerels. Inquire of Otto Hawley, 315 Grant ave. 19-1f-c

FOR SALE—New Detroit automatic scale, 280 gallon oil tank, one cash register and other store fixtures, cheap. Inquire 1017 Eastward or Bell phone 314-R3. 22-1-p

A SPECIAL SALE on sewing machines, Saturday, November 2, at the Singer Sewing Machine store, Alma. A large number of used machines. Prices to suit customer. Come in. W. H. Lawrence, Mgr. 15-1f-c

FOR SALE—A quantity of shock corn; very good cow feed. Inquire Bartley's Market. 16-1f-c

FOR SALE—Three one-half power gasoline engine, in good condition. Inquire Bartley's Market. 21-af-c

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE—After Jan. 1, 1918, all plumbing and tinning must be cash. By order of Alma Plumbers and Tanners. 21-6t-c

LOOK—Why pay 75 cents per dozen for eggs when you can buy some S. C. White Orpington pullets from Willard's champion bred for eggs. Seven pullets and cockerel, \$20. Harry Willard. 22-1-c

STOLEN—White and brown hound, license No. 153 with initials W. H. R. on back. Party known and will be arrested if dog is not returned. W. H. Reem. 22-1-c

WANTED—Ten or twelve acres near Detroit, on small stream, near electric line. State terms. Address M. M. Minot, 21 Charlotte St., Detroit, Mich. 22-2-p

WANTED—To exchange a lot in Saginaw for one in Alma, even money. Inquire 524 State St. 22-1-c

STRONGHOLD OF THE BEAVER

Largest Colony in Existence Making a Last Stand in Fastnesses of Southern Rockies.

Far up in the fastnesses of the southern Rockies, hidden in one of the most inaccessible nooks that remain in this country today, what is probably the largest existing colony of beaver, has established itself for a last stand.

The beaver was once one of the most abundant of our American animals, but the ease with which he was trapped and the value of his fur soon drove him far on the road to extinction. Soon only the most stringent of protective legislation was able to save him, but now he seems to be "coming back," and wherever he finds a favorable location he increases rapidly.

There is no better place in the world to study the interesting habits of this little animal than in that little hidden mountain valley just south of the Colorado line which the Mexicans have christened "Lagunitas" and the Americans call "Beaver Lakes." The valley nestles against the very backbone of the continental divide, 10,000 feet above sea level, and from every side it is approachable only a long and toilsome forest travel, except in winter, when it is not approachable at all. The hollow in the mountains' crest is dotted with irregular hills and miniature ranges of hills, two and three hundred feet high, that make up a most bewildering topography.

In among these hills the beaver have built their city. The landscape is ideal for the building of their dams, and by throwing barriers of stick and mud from hillside to hillside they have created a dozen big lakes, some of them half a mile long. Along the shores of these lakes are built the beaver lodges. There are probably a thousand beaver in this community, reigning in undisputed supremacy over their mountain domain. They are shy brutes, but very early in the morning and just at sunset you can often surprise them cutting the quaking aspen on the bank with their chisel teeth or plastering away industriously at one of their elaborate dams.

BIG GUNS ARE STRENGTHENED

One Hundred and Seventeen Miles of Steel Wire Is Wound Around a Twelve-Inch Weapon.

No fewer than 118 miles of steel wire are wound on a 12-inch gun that weighs 13 1/2 tons, says a writer in the Millgate Monthly. In appearance, this wire, which is of the same quality as piano wire, resembles tape; it is one-quarter of an inch wide and one-tenth of an inch thick. It is tested to a breaking strength of 11 tons. The wire unwinds from a reel as the gun barrel revolves, and a tension of about 50 tons to the square inch insures mechanical accuracy in wrapping it round the gun.

Various parts of the gun receive different thicknesses of wire. At the breech of a 12-inch gun, where the chief strain comes, there are 92 layers, which give a thickness of nine and a half inches of wire, but at the muzzle there are only 14 layers. Over the wire the gunmakers shrink on steel rings at white heat. When they cool they contract and grip with immense force. The rifling of the barrel is an automatic process—an example of wonderful mechanical ingenuity. When the gun is finished experts test the accuracy of the rifling with plastic gutta-percha.

The Power of Sincerity.

Though a man must be sincere in order to be great, he need not be great in order to be sincere. Whatever may be the size of our brain, the strength of our powers, the talents of any kind with which we are gifted, sincerity of heart, or belief, or life is possible to us all. It is of itself a kind of greatness which, in spite of many other drawbacks, will make itself felt. The honest, upright man, who lives openly, fearlessly, and truly, professing only what he feels, upholding only what he believes in, pretending nothing, disguising nothing, deceiving no one, claims unconsciously a respect and honor that we cannot give to any degree of power or ability wielded with duplicity or cunning. If we could correctly divide the world into the sincere and the insincere, we should have a much truer estimate of real worth than we generally obtain. It is the fashion to gauge people by what they believe, rather than how they believe it. Yet, important as is the former, the latter is much more so.—Exchange.

Incentives.

Up to the present time politicians and philosophers have not dreamed of rendering industry attractive; to enchain the mass to labor, they have discovered no other means, after slavery, than the fear of want and starvation; if, however, industry is the destiny which is assigned to us by the creator, how can we think that he would wish to force us to it by violence, and that he has no notion how to put in play some more noble lever, some incentive capable of transforming its occupation into pleasures?—Charles Fourier.

The Better Plan.

Railway Foreman—Sambo, if we had war wouldn't you like to be a captain and get in front and holler: "Come on, boys?"

Sambo—No, sah, boss. I'd rather git behind and holler: "Go on, boys!" —Christian Herald.

Not Always.

"They say there's luck in odd numbers." "I don't believe it. I know a man who got nine years in prison for having three wives."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The condor is the only bird which keeps its offspring in the nest for a year. The young cannot fly for twelve months after being hatched.

WRITER'S PEN IS FREAKISH

There Have Been Many Instances of Authors Mechanically Saying Something Not Intended.

Many, if not most, writers have had to bewail the occasional freakishness of the pen in putting down on paper something very different from that intended by its author, says a writer in the Westminster Gazette. Readers of Sir George Trevelyan's "Life of Macaulay" will recall the historian's horror when, too late, he discovered that he had written in the Edinburgh Review that "it would be unjust to estimate Goldsmith by 'The Vicar of Wakefield,' or Scott by 'The Life of Napoleon.'" When he really intended to say that it would be unjust to estimate Goldsmith by his "History of Greece." There was, too, an amusing slip of the pen perpetrated by the grave Sir Archibald Alison in including Sir Peregrine Pickle instead of Sir Peregrine Maitland among the pallbearers at the duke of Wellington's funeral.

Another striking instance of the pen mechanically writing something not intended came under notice the other day on the title page of a reprint of a once famous book, Jane Porter's "Scottish Chiefs." This edition, published some years ago by a well-known London house, describes Miss Porter as "author of 'Pride and Prejudice,' 'Sense and Sensibility,' etc., etc." Doubtless the Christian name of "Jane" induced the slip. All remember, and nearly all—Charlotte Bronte was one notable exception—love Jane Austen; not so many remember Jane Porter.

GROW POTATOES FROM SEED

Experts of University of Washington Use White Fruiting Berry Which Has Almost Disappeared.

In an effort to restore the old-fashioned potato seed, an experiment is being made in the garden of the University of Washington. The white fruiting berry of the potato, which was found everywhere a generation ago and has now almost disappeared, was used to plant a patch, and the fruiting potato plants are being raised.

With them have been planted a number of potato tubers in the usual way, and the latter have grown much more rapidly than the plants which have developed from the seeds. The object in seeking to produce potato seed again is that crossing of strains can be secured in this way, leading to a more wholesome condition of the plant. When propagation is only by the roots there is no chance for cross-fertilization, and the same strain of potato will in time give out.

The experiment is being conducted under the direction of Assistant Prof. John W. Hutson of the department of botany.

Boy Builds Locomotive.

A miniature railroad locomotive, complete in every detail, which has attracted the attention of the railroad officials of several Pacific coast lines, is the handiwork of a boy living in Portland, Ore.

The tiny locomotive, only 45 inches in length, was built to test a new invention of his on a fire box. It is operated by steam, generated by oil fuel, and is equipped with airbrakes, an interior throttle and reverse levers and gears.

The engineering department of the Southern Pacific company borrowed the model and figured out its weight, power, and all other statistics in the same manner that they would figure on a full-sized locomotive. To their surprise, they found that the tiny engine developed one-quarter horsepower, and on a level track had a hauling capacity of one and a quarter tons.

A Nose Like a Hound.

Sheriff Frank Cushman says that if he hadn't a "nose like a hound" he would have lost two of his prisoners, says a Belfast (Me.) dispatch. He is jailer as well as sheriff, and in making the rounds of the jail he smelled fresh paint. He followed the scent to the cell occupied by Leroy Carter, who is serving the last of a jail sentence before beginning a two-year term in state prison for breaking and entering. Carter and Winnie Crocker, sentenced for larceny, occupied the same cell.

He found that the men had sawed off a bar at the window and replaced it with a broom handle painted black, having found some paint in the jail corridor, and another bar was nearly sawed off. They were evidently waiting for a favorable time to make a break.

The prisoners were placed in separate cells.

Photographs in Air.

The photograph is proving a useful adjunct to observation officers on duty in the air. These officers, forced to keep their field-glasses continually on the positions they are observing, have found considerable difficulty in making notes of details as quickly as they see them. Observation airplanes are now fitted with a registering photograph into which the officers speak through an acoustic tube. Thus all the points the airmen have noted are correctly recorded for future use.

Not Much Impressed.

"You told me you would give me your answer tonight."

"Did I really do that?" asked the popular beauty.

"Good heavens! Have you forgotten that I asked you to marry me?"

"Why—er—while the maid was doing my hair I kept thinking there was something or other I had promised to tell you tonight, but I couldn't remember what it was."

Secret of True Industry.

How profitable is it for every one of us to be reminded, as we are reminded when we make ourselves aware of the derivation of diligence from "diligence," to love that the only secret or true industry is love of that work!—R. C. Trench.

For Earache.

An onion poultice will often relieve the worst earache.



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A Life Time

Furs Furs Furs

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Saturday, the 22nd, and Monday,
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A manufacturer being drafted into the Army is forced to close out all his Fur Stock and Samples, consisting of Ladies' and Misses' Furs, both medium and high grades, which must be sold regardless of value. In spite of the advance in prices we will almost give them away. Come in and be convinced.

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