



Scene from the Bosworth Comedy "The Country Mouse" at the Orpheum Thursday, May 6th.

School Notes

Those in the "Merchant of Venice" are learning foot ball signals now as they are used when Antonio breaks down the door to rescue fair Jessica.

As this is the last week of the month the students of the high school are busy taking the monthly examinations. Then there will be only one month left, and a busy one too.

The Anvil Chorus

Last week Mr. Gould and the Geometry Class had the pleasure of listening to the squeak of the hind seat on the south east side. The three culprits were told to stay for half an hour after school and practice a bit.

The painting class is cooperating with the Seniors by painting the scenery for the Senior play, "The Merchant of Venice, up-to-date," which is being rehearsed daily. The girls have only worked on the scenery for part of one afternoon, but they have made rapid progress.

The pupils outside of the Physics class Thursday afternoon thought that the European war had extended to Glasgow. Mr. Gould informs us that they were testing the velocity of sound with the aid of a revolver and stop watch, but it is expected that Mr. Gould is going to try to have the most gopher tails at the fair this fall.

Mr. Shambaugh and Mr. Johnson, the janitor force of the north side schools were overheard last week, while out walking about the High School grounds. Mr. Shambaugh saw the shot lying on the ground and asked Mr. Johnson how far the boys had been putting it. On being shown the distance, he said, "Is that all the farther they can throw it? Why I can put it twice that far." He went down and picked up the shot, but looked rather doubtful when he felt the weight of it, expecting it to be about as heavy as a base ball. He tried his hand at it, however, and put it high as far as the poorest heaver in the high school. Then he turned away and said, "Let's quit this. That thing doesn't take any skill. Let's pole vault." Without doubt the janitors will have a team in the track meet Saturday that will be a strong contender for honors. With Mr. Johnson in the dashes and hurdles, Mr. Shambaugh in the weights and javelin and Mr. Baynham drafted from the south side for the jumps and pole vault, the Sophs will have to go some to repeat.

The Cooking Class had a food sale on Monday and Wednesday of last week. They sold cakes, cookies and pies. The object of this was to pay for a mirror which was found neces-

the stage, stretch, and make his way leisurely down from the stage. One of the boys was requested to take the beast out of doors although, 'Fido' seemed to desire to stay with the students. This interesting visitor seems to have made his way up in the Assembly Room at noon unnoticed by any one and to have found a cool spot on the stage behind the curtains for his afternoon siesta.

The boys of the high school are expectantly looking forward to next Saturday, when another track meet will be held. After the athletic activities the Freshman cooking class will sell all kinds of candies and also ice-cream. It is hoped that many people outside the High School will be on the grounds that day both, to see the athletic stunts and to patronize the dainties which the girls will make and place on sale.

THE GRAND OLD FALL GUY

An unknown man was found dead in the outskirts of a small Kansas town recently. A revolver and \$100 in cash were found on his person. The coroner held an inquest and it took \$75 to defray the expenses and bury the body. The police judge fined the corpse \$25 for carrying concealed weapons and confiscated the gun. The local editor, who published the obituary, got nothing.—Altoona (Kan.) Tribune.

ODD BITS OF NEWS

Kirksville, Mo.—Andy Hunsacker did not believe that he had appendicitis and when the surgeons operated he insisted upon the use of a local anaesthetic only. It was administered and Hunsacker watched the operation closely. He had appendicitis, all right. Mandan, N. D.—The dangers attendant upon taking a bath were illustrated here last week when Mike Keating, who had not "sustained" a bath for 20 years, was given one and died. Physicians had advised against the bath, it is claimed.

Syracuse, N. Y.—To encourage tree planting, the New York State College of Forestry here offers trees at cost for Arbor Day.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Mrs. L. O. Matthews, while fishing off the pier at Venice, Cal., dropped a \$350 diamond ring into the sea. Divers could not locate it. Fay Williams, fish dealer, while preparing his wares for sale a few days ago found a diamond ring in the stomach of a fish. He notified Mrs. Matthews and the police. They called, the ring was identified and the honest fish dealer given a substantial reward.

Union, N. Y.—Frank Rise, a 17 year old boy, who has peddled pop-corn and peanuts about Union and Endicott, confessed that twice last month he attempted to wreck Erie trains in Union. His only excuse is said to be that he wanted to see a big wreck.

Violet, Texas.—Joe Hoelscher died here last week, aged only 85, left twelve children combined weight of whom is 3060 pounds or an average of 255 pounds each. These twelve heavy weights have 85 children and 65 grand children.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Representative Frederick Beyer of Philadelphia has prepared a series of bills in which he will propose that special elections be held every three years in each county to determine whether the exhibition of moving pictures, manufacture and sale of tobacco, licensing of public garages, selling of liquors in chartered clubs, the manufacture and sale of chewing gum, the sale of coffee and tea and the eating of pork or meat Fridays would be permitted.

Batavia, N. Y.—Albert H. Call, a swine dealer, has discovered that soft coal will prevent hog cholera. He dumps a quantity of coal into the pens and the hogs consume it.

HE MISSED A FORTUNE

In spite of their night-and-day activity in raiding and destroying the hundreds of illicit stills that are manufacturing moonshine in the mountains, the revenue officers of Georgia, have found time to report the discovery of an invention, which, had it been patented by its discoverer, might have brought him an immense fortune. The art of distillation is an ancient one, yet little progress has been made in the process since the first "worm" or twisted tube was used to condense the vapors which arise from the boiling liquid. Frank Whatley, a Georgian conducted a still on his place in the Blue Ridge mountains. Since prohibition went into effect, the demand for moonshine has leaped to enormous proportions. Whatley saw that if he could increase the output of his still he would make more money. So he set to work and constructed a still, which, according to the officers, "instead of the usual worm or coil, contained device with a double surface for condensing the vaporized alcoholic fumes. The device is enclosed in an air space in which the vapors float and are condensed rapidly as the water passes through the body of the cylinder. It is the most efficient condensation system we have ever seen and it is a pity Whatley did not try to market his device instead of making moonshine."

Ginger Snaps

Possibly Japan wants China's place in the sun.

Baseball teams, as usual are thundering in the index.

An breach of promise suits actually more numerous in the spring time, or do they merely seem so.

Apparently a man never gets to be so old that he ceases to be surprised when women's fashions change.

Will any war-reformed European nation deliberately go back to hard drinking when th efigthing is over.

China finds that being a republic does not free it from the kind of troubles to which it has been accustomed.

California suggests an "Olive-day," olives being so much more aristocratic than the revenue producing prune.

If the war will kindly stand aside a few days there will be hardly anything to mar the baseball season.

Neither Haiti nor Santo Domingo has had a revolution for several days. Apparently they have not another change of presidents.

Though Mexico is not doing much in the theatrical line just now, departing public officials are carrying away a lot of stage money.

Chicago's colored citizens have lost a champion prize fighter and put a representative of their own race in the city council. It is a desirable change.

Respectable middle aged gentlemen who are always advising men to go back to the land never satisfactorily explain why they themselves did not do so.

New York has a new marvel. A Capitalist is to build a seven story building there on an important corner. The ground squatter may yet drive out the skyscraper.

Prosperity is reported to be rapidly advancing everywhere and even those who found pleasure in a calamity howl may be relied on to give it a welcome.

Some people go through life looking as if they were sorry they had ever started.

It is said that ghosts enter haunted houses with the aid of skeleton keys.

AHBOOB BILL BRYAN

Ahboob Bill Bryan (may his jaw have rest) Awoke one midnight from a dreaming fest And in the alcove where he kept his thinks— Likewise his grape juice- and some other drinks— He saw an angel in a nighty clad, Who banged a battered Remington like mad, Excessive speech had made Bil Bryan bold, So in his deep Chautauqua voice he trold; "What tpeest thou?" The Vision snarled, "Go hence. I write the names of future presidents." "And is mine one?" asked Ahboob, "Nope, not yet." Replied the writing Angel. "You should fret." And Ahboob, though his inmost soul, was vexed, Just swallowed hard and muttered "Put me next." The Angel wrote and beat it. The next night He came illimined by a tungsten light And gave to Ahboob, with a loud tee-hee A carbon copy of his screed, and--Gee! Bil Bryan's name stood first of any man's Among the list of famous Also-rans. —T. R. in the Conning Tower.

How a Rabbit Runs.

The position of the rabbit's feet in running is not understood except by old hunters. Young sportsmen are astonished when, upon examining their tracks the first time, they find, as they think, that they always ran backward. For the slight tracks of the forefeet are really situated behind the larger and more widely separated prints of the long hind ones. As this animal springs the fore feet strike the surface near one another, while the hind feet are spread apart and brought to the ground some distance in advance, outside of them. As these strike, the fore feet, which have touched the surface but lightly, are lifted, and the spring is again made with the hind legs alone. In making the longest leaps the fore feet strike in a line, one behind the other, and at some distance in the rear of the hind ones, as if they had been again raised before the latter had touched the surface.

Scientific Farming

RESTORING ABUSED LAND.

So Called Worn Out Soil May Be Rejuvenated by Legumes.

People are always talking about "wornout land," says Edwin C. Johnson in the Farm Progress. This is wrong. Land does not "wear out." It may become exhausted, in so far as some of the plant food elements in it are concerned, but even the old clay hills abused by bad methods are not "worn out." When we refer to land in such terms we simply mean that it has been overcropped, usually in some one crop.

This one crop is usually corn, though it may be wheat in some states, where wheat is the main reliance. When one crop is planted over and over for years at a stretch the soil stuff that goes into the growing of that crop is pretty well used up. What that land needs is a rotation that will



SOY BEANS ARE AN EXCELLENT LEGUME.

give the soil a chance to conserve those elements that are used so heavily by that one crop.

The corn belt lands are not "worn out" or exhausted as yet, but they will be if in the course of time the owners do not diversify more.

There is a simple way of keeping land from wearing out. It combines crop rotation, the use of stable manure and the utilization of legumes. If enough legumes were grown there would never be any talk of "wornout land." Land is kept well up to its original fertility by the sane use of legumes. Soy beans, cowpeas, clover, alfalfa and sweet clover are the best known of these valuable plants.

Valuable as they are legumes will not provide all the elements that have been taken from the weakened soil by continuous growing of a single crop. Phosphoric acid, nitrogen and potash are the most used elements in the soil.

When a soil gets "tired" or "worn out" or exhausted it means that some one of these elements—maybe all of them—is lacking in that field. Where the potash is missing that will have to be bought in the form of commercial fertilizer. The same is true of phosphoric acid. But, as a rule, it is the nitrogen that is causing the trouble.

That is where the legumes come in. They are nature's own nitrogen gatherers, all of them. Where the land seems exhausted try some one of the legumes. Alfalfa, cowpeas or soybeans, clovers or any of the others will do. All of them have the power of pulling nitrogen out of the air, and the supply in the atmosphere is inexhaustible. In Germany and in Japan the scientists are using heating and electrical methods to get this chemical out of the air, but the legumes will serve our purposes even better.

The little nodules on the roots and the little whitish tubercles that stud the rootlets will soon supply enough of the missing soil stuff to bring the dirt pretty well back to its old fertility. Every man, no matter where he is farming or what he is growing, ought to establish a crop rotation scheme that would put some legume on his fields once in every three years and if possible once in every two years. By using the cowpeas in rotation he can put them into corn after it is laid by or sow them on the wheat ground after the crop is cut.

They may then be turned under as a green manure crop, or if in the corn they can be used as a lamb or hog pasture. Whether they are turned under or not, they will help break up and pulverize the soil as the roots will strike down into the subsoil, and after they rot they will add humus or organic matter to the dirt. This will prevent the earth from drying out so rapidly in times of little rain.

A lively young fisher, named Fischer, fished for fish from the edge of a fissure. A fish, with a grin, pulled the fisherman in; now they're fishing the fissure for Fischer.

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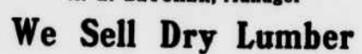
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