

The Scrap Book

The Risky Test.

A young woman who was about to wed decided at the last moment to test her sweetheart. So, selecting the prettiest girl she knew, she said to her, "I'll arrange for Jack to take you out tonight—a walk on the beach in the moonlight, a lobster supper and all that sort of thing—and I want you, in order to put his fidelity to the proof, to ask him for a kiss."

The other girl laughed, blushed and assented. The dangerous plot was carried out. Then the next day the girl in love visited the pretty one and said anxiously: "Well, did you ask him?" "No, dear."

The Cleverness of Wiggins.

Outside his own cleverness there is nothing that so delights Mr. Wiggins as a game of baseball, and when he gets a chance to exploit the two, both at the same time, he may be said to be the happiest man in the world.

A Bit of Holmes' Wit.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, the poet and wit, wrote to a committee declining to accept an invitation to deliver a lecture. "I am far from being in good physical health," wrote the doctor.

A Real Skeptic.

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Knew His Bible.

Tommy was a venturesome lad, but nobody had ever credited him with sufficient courage to shake his head in contradiction when the Sunday school visitor, who wished to show off his knowledge of Biblical history, asserted that Sarah, Abraham's wife, was the only woman whose age was recorded in the Bible.

The Best He Could Do.

When Christine Nilsson made her concert tour in the United States in 1884 Signor Brignoli sang with her. He caused much merriment when he came forward in a Missouri town to apologize for Nilsson's indisposition. "Madame Nilsson sees a leetle horse," he said. Noticing a ripple of laughter among the audience, he repeated the statement that Nilsson "was a leetle horse, a leetle colt."

An M. D. and a D. D. Bargain.

Newell Dwight Hillis, the now famous New York preacher and author, some years ago took charge of the First Presbyterian church of Evanston, Ill. Shortly after going there he required the services of a physician and on the advice of one of his parishioners called in a doctor noted for his ability properly to emphasize a good story, but who attended church very rarely.

A Legal Joke.

Albert W. Ransom, a New York lawyer, says that the best legal joke he ever heard was of a lawyer who was shown the sights of a certain town by the county judge. Here is the story: After the judge had with considerable pride shown to the lawyer the courthouse, the city hall and other public buildings of his town the lawyer inquired, "But where do you feed your poor?" The dignified judge looked perplexed for a few seconds and then, with a sunny smile, remarked, "Oh, we feed our poor on the provisions of the revised statutes."

FOOLED THE STUDENTS.

A Clever Hoax That Was Perpetrated at Harvard University.

Richard Washburn Child, the novelist, when at Harvard university was the originator of a joke which has become perpetuated in the university. The Bookman describes the incident as follows: "While an undergraduate at Harvard Mr. Child happened to be, among other things, one of the board of editors of the Lampoon. The Crimson, the Harvard undergraduate daily, had announced that it would print no edition on Memorial day, 1901. At Mr. Child's suggestion the Lampoon issued a fake number of the Crimson, delicately enough caricatured to deceive all but the most observant readers."

"The appearance of the college paper was accurately reproduced, even to certain typographical errors for which the Crimson had been notorious, but the contents were such that the whole Cambridge community was for a time in turmoil. Information that the janitor of one of the college laboratories had upset a jar of microbes and that all those who had been near the laboratory should report at once to the college doctor; that So-and-so of the crew squad had rowed himself out of his shell, but had reached shore without ill effects, and that the president and fellows of Harvard college had decided not to offer President McKinley an honorary degree was given with the utmost gravity."

"A statement in the fake that the Crimson was making more money than was warranted and that \$150 on all \$3 subscriptions would be returned that afternoon brought many freshmen to the Crimson office at the appointed time. A sign, hung in the night over the Crimson office, reiterated this announcement and was another part of the hoax. Its complete success was for long the talk of Cambridge and the forbidden subject of conversation in the Crimson sanctum."

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Practical Politics.

A political office in a small town was vacant. The office paid \$250 a year, and there was keen competition for it. One of the candidates, Ezekiel Hicks, was a shrewd old fellow, and a neat campaign fund was turned over to him. To the astonishment of all, however, he was defeated.

At the Shindig.

One of our most prominent college professors took unto himself as wife a very charming and highly cultured German lady who is exquisitely particular about all small matters, says Harper's Magazine. Several years ago, just after she had come to live in this country, she was ever on the qui vive for new forms of expression. One night the professor came home worn out with the troubles of commencement. As he was dressing to attend a very formal reception he remarked: "I wish we weren't going to this shindig!" "Shindig!" repeated his wife. "What is that?" "It's the sort of thing we're going to tonight," answered her husband. At the close of a very enjoyable evening the professor heard his wife saying, "Oh, Mrs. B., I have so much enjoyed your shindig!"

Dry Rot or Stem Blight of Potatoes.

By H. E. Morris, Assistant Botanist and Bacteriologist, Montana Agricultural College. Many inquiries have been received as to the cause of the wilting and apparent death of potato vines in various sections of the state. Judging from the numerous specimens which have been sent in to the Experiment Station for examination, the main cause of the trouble is dry rot or stem blight.

This disease is caused by a fungus known to scientists as Fusarium oxysporum. The trouble first becomes noticeable when the plants are about one foot high, although this may vary to some extent. In some cases younger plants may become affected, while in others the plants may be almost mature before any symptoms appear. The leaves of the affected plants have a light green color, and later assume a dull, unhealthy appearance, with more or less rolling or curling of their margins. Gradually the tops wither and fall over, and the vines are easily pulled up because the roots are partly dead and brittle. If an underground stem is cut crosswise a brown color is visible, and this may in some cases be traced through the tuber stems and into the stem end of the potato itself. Examination of these brown portions of the tuber stem or potato under a high magnification shows the fungus to be very abundant.

The yield from the diseased hills is diminished, according to when the plants were attacked; in some cases of an early attack the entire crop is a failure. When potatoes are dug there is not much external evidence of disease on them, but the majority of tubers from diseased plants are, nevertheless, infected. This may be proved by cutting a thin slice from the stem end and searching for the brown discoloration. If infected potatoes are stored in a cool place but little change will take place; if kept in a warm temperature a dry rot soon develops. Potatoes but slightly affected are not objectionable for cooking, provided they are consumed promptly or kept in a cool place. Diseases of this type are very hard to control, because the source of infection and the fungus itself are underground, hence spraying with fungicides would be ineffective. It therefore becomes evident that preventive measures must be relied upon in combating this disease. Many such might be mentioned, but the following are the most important: First—A good seed supply. Avoid planting seed potatoes which have come from infected districts. The stem end of every tuber should be cut off and inspected before planting to insure using only healthy seed. Second—Practice a system of crop rotation. This should be a five or six year rotation. Follow the potato crop with such crops as grain, clover, etc., avoiding melons, tomatoes, and similar crops, as these are subject to a wilt disease that is very like potato wilt. Third—Destroy the vines, small potatoes, etc., after harvesting the crop. Such refuse, ordinarily left on the ground, affords a breeding place for the fungus, thus keeping the disease alive in abundance year after year. One may ask, "What shall I do with my potato crop from an infected field?" This is an important question and the suggestion would be to dispose of the crop at an early date. Unless one has good facilities for storing in a cool, well ventilated place, considerable loss may occur from the development of the dry rot in storage. As stated before, potatoes slightly affected with the disease are not objectionable for cooking purposes, provided they are used promptly or else kept in cold storage. If diseased potatoes are to be stored a temperature of 40 degrees F. or under must be maintained.

Readers of the Montana farm articles in this paper are invited to submit questions relating to any phase of agriculture. These questions will receive the prompt attention of specialists. Submit all inquiries to Office of Farmers' Institutes, Bozeman, Mont.

DON'T FEED TOO MUCH HAY

Horses Should Have Only Two-thirds the Amount They Will Eat. Horses thrive better, work easier, and keep in better condition if allowed only about two-thirds the hay they will eat. This fact was recently illustrated by a test at the Montana Experiment Station, where two teams of equal weight, doing the same kind and amount of work, were compared. One team received, besides eight quarts of oats daily, all the hay they would eat. The other team was given two-thirds as much hay as was eaten by the former. The second team gained in weight over the first sixty pounds in three months. Where clover or alfalfa hay is fed to horses, it is even more important to restrict the amount than when feeding timothy. Fifteen to twenty pounds of alfalfa or clover hay is sufficient for heavy horses, and when fed in moderation it is better than timothy.

Ewes On Sale.

We have young breeding ewes to put out on shares for one year from October 1, 1911, with responsible parties. Write us for further information. J. B. LONG & CO., Great Falls, Montana.

Cotswold Rams For Sale.

Yearling half-blood Cotswold rams from heavy shearing Oregon ewes, and pure bred rams. For particulars address LONG BROS., Great Falls, Mont.

Bucks For Sale.

Rambouillet and half-blood Cotswold bucks for sale, in lots to suit purchasers. For particulars address BENTON SHEEP CO., Great Falls, Mont.

Horses for Sale.

I have for sale three head of mares and two geldings, or will trade for young cows. Inquire of or write to C. TEMPLETON, Highwood, Mont.

Ten Dollars Reward.

Strayed from J. Engellant ranch on Arrow creek, a strawberry roan horse, bald face, nine years old, branded on left shoulder. Will pay a liberal reward for information leading to recovery. FRANK SEYBOST, Hawarden, Mont.

\$100.00 Reward.

I will pay the above reward to any one for evidence that will convict any party of stealing or driving off their range or unlawfully tampering with horses branded on left shoulder and other marks. Range west of Alma postoffice, between Little Sage and Big Sage. I will also pay a liberal reward for information concerning above horses when any of them are away from their range. Address CHAS. J. HARBER, Alma, Mont.

\$100 Reward.

One hundred dollars reward will be paid for evidence and conviction of parties driving off from their accustomed home range, on headwaters of middle fork of Clear Creek, injuring, killing or unlawfully branding with horses branded on left shoulder and on left hip for cattle and left shoulder for horses. I desire the return of all above stock and will pay a fair reward for information leading to recovery. FRED H. SCOTT, Warrick, Montana.

Ranch For Sale.

About 325 acres of land on Arrow creek, at mouth of Coffee creek, about one-half of which is good alfalfa land. Running water through place permanently; open range on both sides. Price \$10 per acre if sold within sixty days. J. W. WOODCOCK, Shonkin, Mont.

For Sale and Rent.

A team, wagon and two sets of harness, two milch cows, six head of stock cattle, a new disc harrow, mowing machine and rake and other farm implements, and about fifteen tons alfalfa hay in stack for sale. Will also rent my ranch on lower Highwood, consisting of 430 acres of wheat, fifteen forty acres are seeded to winter wheat, fifteen forty acres are seeded to alfalfa on the premises, and excellent water. For particulars address MRS. E. B. WALLACE, Fort Benton.

Notice to the Public.

To whom it may concern: This is to certify that D. R. Clayton, a resident of Dodson, Chouteau county, Montana, has established an office in Coberg, Chouteau county, Montana, for the transaction of business whose purpose shall be the collection and adjustment of accounts and credits, and hereafter to be known as Merchants' and Traders' Credit and Claim Clearing Service. D. R. CLAYTON, State of Montana, ss. County of Chouteau, do hereby certify that on the 10th day of October, in the year 1911, before me, John B. Turton, a notary public, of Dodson, Montana, appeared D. R. Clayton, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same. JOHN B. TURTON, Notary public for the state of Montana, residing at Dodson, Montana. My commission expires January 3, 1913.

House For Rent.

A four-roomed house for rent partly furnished, located on upper Franklin street. Apply to F. care River Press.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Office of the county treasurer of Chouteau county, Fort Benton, Montana, October 4, 1911. Notice is hereby given that the taxes on all real and personal property for the year 1911, are now due and payable at the office of the county treasurer in the court house, city of Fort Benton, Chouteau county, Montana. If not paid prior to 6 o'clock p. m., November 30, 1911, a penalty of ten per cent. will be added thereto according to law. W. R. LEET, County Treasurer.

Sheriff's Sale.

In the district court of the Twelfth judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau. Bogey Mercantile Company, plaintiff, vs. W. C. Thompson and F. Dixon, defendants. To be sold at sheriff's sale on the 15th day of November, 1911, at 2 o'clock p. m., at front door of county court house, Fort Benton, in the said county of Chouteau, state of Montana, the following described property: All of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in and to lots one (1) two (2) and east half of northwest quarter section seven (7), township 30 north, range 19 east, Montana meridian, in Chouteau county, Montana, together with all buildings, structures and improvements thereon. All of the right, title, and interest of the defendants or either of them in and to the east quarter of southeast quarter section one (1), the north half of northeast quarter and northeast quarter of northwest quarter section twelve (12), all in township 30 north, range 19 east, Montana meridian, in Chouteau county, Montana, together with all buildings, structures and improvements thereon. Dated this 24th day of October, A. D. 1911. GEO. RICKLE, Sheriff. By CHAS. CRAWFORD, Undersheriff. R. E. O'Keefe attorney or plaintiff. First publication Oct. 25, 1911.

Alias Summons.

In the District Court of the Twelfth Judicial District of the State of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau. Snee A. McDonald, plaintiff, vs. Frank R. McDonald, defendant. The State of Montana sends greetings to the above-named defendant and each of them: You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action which is filed in the office of the clerk of this court, a copy of which is herewith served upon one of you in each county wherein any of you may reside, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. The case being an action brought to obtain an absolute divorce from defendant on the grounds of desertion for more than one year immediately preceding the filing of the complaint hereto, to-wit: Ever since the 24 day of March, 1910; and for the custody of the minor children Jessie A. McDonald and John F. McDonald, defendant. Snee A. McDonald and Frank R. McDonald, plaintiffs, do hereby certify that the copy of this summons and complaint is being served by the undersigned on the defendant named herein, and that the same appears more fully in the plaintiff's complaint on file hereto, and for costs incurred in this action. Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 17th day of October, A. D. 1911. CHAS. H. BOYLE, Clerk. H. S. McKinley, attorney for plaintiff. First publication, Oct. 17, 1911.

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Coal Land Waiver Filed. Serial No. 0138408. Notice For Publication.

United States Land Office at Havre, Montana, October 3, 1911. Notice is hereby given that VIRGIL F. BLANKENBAKER, whose post office address is Virgelle, Montana, has this 24 day of October, 1911, filed in this office his application to select under the provisions of section 3205 Revised Statutes, U. S., the following described land: Lot 5, section 10, township 23 north, range 11 east, Montana meridian, and all persons claiming adversely the land described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal of applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office, on or before the 18th day of November, 1911. M. W. HUTCHINSON, Register.

Notice For Publication.

United States Land Office at Lewistown, Montana, October 13, 1911. Notice is hereby given that PETER JOHN HENDRICKSON, of Hawarden, Montana, who, on September 10, 1910, made homestead application serial No. 01194, for NW 1/4 NE 1/4, N 1/2 NW 1/4, section 10, township 21 north, range 14 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 18th day of November, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Scott Guthrie, Herman Engellan, Henry Hagen, Andrew Ford, all of Hawarden, Montana. C. E. MCKOIN, Register.

Non Coal Land. Notice For Publication.

United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, October 11, 1911. Notice is hereby given that ARTHUR C. DAVID, of Lonetree, Montana, who, on November 3, 1910, made homestead entry No. 018640, for W 1/4 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, township 21 north, range 11 east, Montana principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 5th day of December, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Ernest A. Barach, Albert I. Allen, Charles E. Smith, Rudolph D. Moeck, all of Lonetree, Montana. E. L. BARNES, Register.

Non Coal Land. Notice For Publication.

United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, October 11, 1911. Notice is hereby given that SOLON KNOWLES, of Fort Benton, Montana, who, on October 8, 1910, made homestead entry No. 017095 for W 1/4 SE 1/4, E 1/4 SW 1/4, section 11, township 23 north, range 5 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 5th day of December, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Ernest A. Barach, Albert I. Allen, Charles E. Smith, Rudolph D. Moeck, all of Lonetree, Montana. E. L. BARNES, Register.

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United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, October 11, 1911. Notice is hereby given that FLORA E. DOHERTY, of Carter, Montana, who, on January 5, 1910, made homestead entry No. 06334, for SW 1/4 section 13, township 24 north, range 5 east, Montana principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. land office, at Great Falls, Montana, on the 6th day of December, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: George G. Harris, William A. Arbutnot, Felix R. Bader, William C. Doherty, all of Carter, Montana. E. L. BARNES, Register.

Coal Waiver Filed. Notice For Publication.

United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, October 17, 1911. Notice is hereby given that JOHN T. ISAACSON, of Virgelle, Montana, who, on April 11, 1907, made desert land entry serial No. 0479, No. 3402, for lots 7 and 8, (balance of entry relinquished), section 12, township 26 north, range 13 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 6th day of December, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: James L. Stillwell, John O. Stillwell, Maurice M. Jensen, Andrew C. Jensen, all of Lonetree, Montana. E. L. BARNES, Register.

Coal Waiver Filed. Notice For Publication.

United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, November 3, 1911. Notice is hereby given that BERT B. BECKLER, of Lonetree, Montana, who, on October 26, 1905, made homestead entry 03719, No. 2788, for SE 1/4 NE 1/4, E 1/4 SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 SW 1/4 section 12, township 20 north, range 10 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 11th day of December, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: James L. Stillwell, John O. Stillwell, Maurice M. Jensen, Andrew C. Jensen, all of Lonetree, Montana. E. L. BARNES, Register.

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United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, November 3, 1911. Notice is hereby given that OLE TYTLANDSVIK, heir of Joseph Dupuis, deceased, of Shonkin, Montana, who, on October 15, 1904, made homestead entry 03891, No. 3616, for SW 1/4 SE 1/4 section 22, N 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 section 27, township 11 north, range 9 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 11th day of December, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: John W. Woodcock, Conrad Kulaga, Daniel Traynor, John Postill, all of Shonkin, Montana. E. L. BARNES, Register.

Non Coal Land. Notice For Publication.

United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, November 3, 1911. Notice is hereby given that OLE TYTLANDSVIK, of Loma, Montana, who, on November 8, 1910, made homestead entry serial No. 013651, for SE 1/4 section 27, township 26 north, range 10 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 11th day of December, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Isaac F. Churchill, Edward L. Deatherage, Olav Skiftum, Thor Rutland, all of Loma, Montana. E. L. BARNES, Register.

Notice of Contest.

United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, November 1, 1911. To Jefferson D. Williams, of Stanford, Montana, contestee: You are hereby notified that HENRY J. DARTT, who gives Floweree, Montana, as his postoffice address, did on December 21, 1910, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead entry serial No. 03896, made October 25, 1909, for W 1/4 section 25, township 23 north, range 2 east, Montana meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that you did not make any improvements and failed to comply with the homestead laws of the United States in that you abandoned said entry and failed to establish your residence or reside thereon. You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken by this office as having been confessed by you, and your said entry will be canceled thereunder without your further right to be heard therein, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations of contest, or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail. If this service is made by the delivery of a copy of your answer to the contestant in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgment of his receipt of the copy, showing the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person by whom the delivery was made stating when and where the copy was delivered; if made by registered mail, proof of such service must consist of the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and the postoffice to which it was mailed, and this affidavit must be accompanied by the postmaster's receipt for the letter. You should state in your answer the name of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you. E. L. BARNES, Register. Date of first publication November 4, 1911. Date of second publication, November 15, 1911. Date of third publication November 22, 1911. Date of fourth publication November 29, 1911.

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