

The Importance of Killing Rats

In the current issue of "Farm and Fireside," the national farm paper published at Springfield, Ohio, Herbert Quick, the editor, writes an editorial entitled "On With the Rat-Killing!" in which he gives many interesting facts about rats and other dangers as enemies to man:

"The city of Philadelphia is appropriating \$10,000 to be used in 'exterminating' the rats of the city. They are feared as carriers of bubonic plague.

"If we could give rat killing a high-sounding name, perhaps we could enlist in the work the able men who should devote their lives to it.

"Rat extermination should be a profession in which an educated man might engage, feeling that it leads to honors and emoluments.

"The greatest enemy of man is man, and next to him, perhaps the rat.

"He is incredibly cunning. He can live in any climate. He sails the sea in ships. He forages in the open fields or burrows through walls and intrudes into the home.

"If the depredations of rats could be prevented the cost of living would certainly be lowered. Active as he is in famine, the rat's most spectacular cooperation with death lies in his copartnership with pestilence."

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MONEY TO LOAN ON FARM AND city property, 6 and 7 per cent interest. See Ralph T. McElroy, above Cullen's store, Main street.

Wanted

WANTED—YOUR OLD CARPETS TO make into rugs, beautiful and durable rugs from old carpet at reasonable prices. Write for descriptive catalog, Bloomfield Rug Works, Bloomfield, Iowa.

WANTED TO PLACE YOUR MONEY on first mortgages. 7% interest. Ralph T. McElroy, above Cullen's store, Main St.

For Sale

FOR SALE—TWO SPEED THOR 9, late 1914 model, exceptionally fast and guaranteed to develop over 15 h. p. Almost new, 640 miles. Cost \$315. With or without \$45. equipment. First reasonable offer takes it. For complete details write Earl Weeks, 532 Center Ave., Ottumwa, Iowa.

FOR SALE—CANE SEED, FOR sowing purposes, \$1 per bushel. Ennis Sterner, Batavia, Iowa, R. No. 1.

FOR SALE—ONE YEARLING AND 2 spring (big type) Poland China males, R. F. Lanning, Riverview, Ottumwa.

OIL TANK STEAMER

HITS REEF; BURNS

Barrow, England, Dec. 9.—The British steamer Vedra, from Port Arthur, Texas, with a cargo of gasoline, went ashore near here this morning in a heavy gale.

The cargo ignited and of the crew of thirty-six men on board the Vedra only two were saved and they were severely burned.

BLAKESBURG FARMER

VICTIM OF APOPLEXY

Blakesburg, Dec. 9.—C. C. Wilson, a farmer, living eight miles south of Blakesburg, suffered a stroke of apoplexy Tuesday evening about 7 o'clock and died at 10:30 p. m. Mr. Wilson had delivered hogs to Blakesburg Tuesday afternoon and was apparently in good health. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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A fine threshing outfit good as new. 12 h. p. Port Huron engine. Big Gar Scott separator, self feeder, swinging stacker, a fine outfit and complete in every detail. Owner wants a small farm and will give some one a good deal.

A 60 acre fruit farm only two miles from Ottumwa. Over 700 fine young apple trees, also all kinds of other fruit. Two houses, number one barn. Fine chicken house. A great fruit, chicken and dairy farm. Owner would exchange for a good business of some kind, or a larger farm.

A prairie farm of 168 acres. Poor improvements; well located near good town of 800 in Wapello county. Owner wants a stock of merchandise and will carry difference.

If you have property of any kind to sell or exchange it will pay you to list it with Roth Bros. No sale, no pay.

Roth Bros.' Real Estate Co. Telephone 1200. 109 W. Second St.

NOTED PREACHER WILL COME HERE

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT TO BRING DR. E. H. RICHARDS TO CITY.

J. Royce Brown, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada in Ottumwa, has written a general letter to pastors, brotherhood presidents, Sunday school teachers and missionary superintendents calling attention to the coming of Dr. E. H. Richards to Ottumwa next week. The letter follows:

Through the generosity and courtesy of the Protestant Mission Boards of North America, and the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada the people of Ottumwa are to enjoy the privileges of a united efficiency conference from Monday to Thursday inclusive of next week. The leading speaker will be one of the foremost platform men of the day—Dr. Erwin H. Richards, for thirty-four years a missionary in Africa.

Dr. Richards was for years the superintendent of the East Central Africa Missions of the M. E. church. He knows Africa and her people and resources intimately. He translated the bible and 200 of the gospel hymns into several of their languages, and is without doubt the peer of all speakers on Africa. He studies his audiences with his statements of great new facts, grips them with irresistible flashes of rollicking good humor and melts them with his masterful pathos. All hear him with delight—from the children to the grand parents.

The mission boards and the laymen's movement are bringing him to Iowa as the very best man they could put before the people and they want the largest possible number of the people of Ottumwa to hear him. He has been offered from twenty-five to seventy-five dollars a night to speak for lecture and chautauqua bureaus, and people would be glad to pay from 50c up for tickets to hear him; but his lectures in Ottumwa will be absolutely free, and there will be no solicitation of funds at any of the conference sessions. An offering will be taken on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for the Laymen's Missionary Movement who are offering the people of Ottumwa the rare opportunity of Dr. Richards' wonderful addresses.

The conferences will open with a big men's and older boys' supper in the "gym" of the Y. M. C. A. Monday night at 6:30. Tuesday there will be three sessions in the Swedish Lutheran church. Fourth and Jefferson streets. Dr. Richards will speak in the afternoon and evening. Wednesday evening and Thursday all day in the Willard Street M. E. church on the south side there will be a similar program.

Strong committees have been appointed for the north and south sides to arrange for the conferences here. The north side committee is: W. S. Strong, chairman; E. E. England, treasurer and finance; Rev. E. W. F. Holler, statistics. On the south side the committee is: Prof. E. M. Brooks, chairman; Mrs. L. D. Kelly, publicity; John Hansel, treasurer and finance, and Miss Minnie Box, statistics and literature. J. Royce Brown is chair-

Professional Cards

DR. A. O. WILLIAMS, Surgeon, C. E. I. & P. Ry. Co. Residence, 216 North Jefferson street. Office, 110 North Court street. Both phones, No. 55.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW. W. E. C. JACQUES, JR. & JACQUES, Attorneys at Law. 107 North Court street. Both phones, No. 55.

W. D. Tisdale, Gen. F. Heindel, TISDALE & HEINDEL, Attorneys at Law. Phoenix Trust Bldg., South Market St., Ottumwa, Iowa.

Railroad Time Tables

C. M. & ST. P. TRAINS

No.	Going Southwest	Depart
5A	Southwest Limited	1:45 a. m.
3A	Kansas City Local	10:15 a. m.
32B	Ottumwa to Seymour	6:30 p. m.
93B	Local freight	7:00 a. m.
	Going East, via Cut-off.	
92B	Local	7:45 a. m.
8A	Davenport, Chicago	5:15 p. m.
12A	Leave Junction	12:10 a. m.
	A stub train will leave station for Junction at 11:40 p. m., returning arrive at station at 12:15 a. m.	
93B	Local freight	6:30 a. m.
4B	Arrive from Seymour	9:25 a. m.
	Marion Line, Going North.	
4B	Ced. Rapids, Savanna, Chicago	9:30 a. m.
108B	Cedar Rapids, Marion	5:10 p. m.
103B	From Marion	10:15 a. m.
21B	From Marion	12:15 a. m.
97B	Local freight	4:00 p. m.
	A—Daily.	
	B—Except Sunday.	
	Local freights depart from and terminate Ottumwa Junction.	
	T. H. Jacobs, Agent.	

BURLINGTON ROUTE C. B. & Q.

No.	Going East	Depart
12A	Chic., Dubu., Quincy	1:00 a. m.
10A	Chicago Limited	6:30 a. m.
22A	Ar. from Des Moines	10:08 p. m.
6A	Chicago Limited	1:35 p. m.
212B	Pt. Mad., St. Louis	3:35 p. m.
4A	Chic., St. Louis, Qey.	7:15 p. m.
2A	Chic., Peoria, Rk'd.	11:23 p. m.
173B	Ottumwa, Burlington	11:35 a. m.
	A—Daily.	
	B—Except Sunday.	
	C. H. Robinson, Agent.	

C. R. I. & P. RAILWAY.

No.	Going North	Depart
471B	Des Moines, Omaha	7:25 p. m.
473B	Des Moines, east and west	11:30 a. m.
475A	Des Moines, east, west and north	6:22 a. m.
	Going South.	
470B	South and southwest	8:45 a. m.
472B	Keokuk and south	4:09 p. m.
474A	Connects at Eldon east bound at 12:45 a. m., and Kansas City and south-west at 1:52 a. m.	10:05 p. m.
	A—Daily.	
	B—Except Sunday.	
	J. H. Robinson, Agent.	

WABASH RAILWAY.

No.	Going South	Depart
2A	Moberly, St. L., K. C.	8:00 a. m.
50B	Moberly and east	3:00 p. m.
70B	Mixed	9:00 p. m.
96A	Local freight	1:45 p. m.
	Coming North	
51B	Moberly local	11:50 a. m.
3A	From Kansas City	7:10 p. m.
95A	Local freight	1:09 p. m.
	A—Daily.	
	B—Except Sundays.	
	95A and 96A carry passengers on Sunday.	
	T. H. Jacobs, Agent.	

man of publicity on the north side, and secretary for both sides. The ministerial public meetings committee have charge of the general arrangements.

A. R. BLUHM ATTENDS STATE CONVENTION

Albert R. Bluhm, district organizer for the farmers' granges, left Tuesday for Grinnell, where he was sent as a delegate from the Wapello county grange to the convention of the state grange which opened there December 8 and continues four days. All the masters of the sub-granges are representing their respective granges there. An invitation was sent to the convention to bring the meeting to Ottumwa in 1915 and an effort is being made by the delegates from Wapello county to secure the next state convention for Ottumwa.

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- Children's Overshoes from 65c up.
- \$5 Men's Mackinaw \$3.48
- \$8 Men's Storm and Waterproof all wool Mackinaws \$4.98
- \$1 Men's best fleeced union suits 69c
- \$2.50 Men's wool union suits \$1.48
- 15c Men's Wool Sox 9c
- 25c Men's Heavy Wool Sox 14c
- \$1 Men's Extra heavy Overalls 69c
- \$15 Ladies' Coats, newest styles \$7.95
- 7c best Gallego 4c
- 8 1/2c Outing Flannel 5c
- 12 1/2c Outing Flannel 8 1/2c
- 75c Cotton Batts, comfort size 49c
- \$3 Men's waterproof workshoes \$1.98
- \$2 Men's Corduroy Pants \$1.15

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307-309-311 West Main St. EDDYVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Guy have returned from Chicago and will spend a few days visiting relatives and friends in Eddyville before leaving for California to spend the winter.

C. D. Jones of Ottumwa spent Thursday in Eddyville visiting at the N. A. Thayer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chal Sturgeon were in Albia Thursday attending the editor's convention.

Dr. F. M. McCrea has returned from a two weeks' visit with relatives at Beloit, Kans.

Mrs. Bert Scribner and children arrived in Eddyville Friday from Centralia, Ill. Mr. Scribner and family are moving to the De Tar farm west of Eddyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Littlejohn were business callers in Oskaloosa Friday. Mrs. Littlejohn will enter the hospital at Oskaloosa for surgical treatment.

A team belonging to E. W. Knemeyer and driven by Ben Tombsley became frightened Friday morning and ran away. The horses ran into an automobile belonging to John Hohl and then ran up Second street, where the delivery wagon was upset. Mr. Tombsley was thrown from the wagon but was not seriously injured.

BIG CLOSING OUT PUBLIC SALE

Having sold my farm, I will sell at public auction, at my place 1 1/4 miles southwest of Batavia, Iowa, on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1914

Commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property, to-wit:

- 157 — HEAD OF STOCK — 157
- 16 Head of Horses and Mules—One pair of good 3-year old mares, weight 1300; one team of work mules, the best there is considering size, 8 and 10 years old; one span 6-year-old horse mules; three coming 3-year-old colts, two fillies and one gelding; 6 yearling colts, 3 fillies and 3 geldings and one suckling colt.
- 66 Head of Cattle—25 cows; these cows are all young and well bred and due to calf between day of sale and spring; 3 extra good 2-year-old heifers, heavy with calf; one Shorthorn bull, one extra good bull calf; one yearling steer and one yearling heifer; 29 early spring calves, 14 steers and 6 heifers, 3 summer calves, 6 heifers and two steers. These cattle are all good quality.
- 75 Hogs—10 brood sows, bred for spring farrow; 3 spring gilts; 62 early fall pigs, weighing now 70 to 80 lbs. All hogs cholera immune, by double treatment.
- Feed—800 bushels of corn, 200 bu. of oats, 20 tons of hay, 106 shocks of corn fodder.
- Miscellaneous—One I. H. C. hay loader, one Deering binder, used two years; one McCormick mower, new; one Bar Drop corn planter, one disc, 3-leaf-har row, one new Case gang plow, one Case riding cultivator, hay rake, one hay rack, one side delivery hay rake, fodder rack, onelaw wagon, one Dain feed grinder, one new cider mill, one sleigh, one spring wagon, one top buggy; 2 sets of double work harness, one set single harness, one new open buggy.
- Lunch served on the grounds by the Ladies' Aid of the Christian church.
- Terms—A credit of 9 months will be given on all sums of \$10 and over, purchaser giving bankable note drawing 1 per cent interest per annum from date of sale. All sums under \$10 cash. No property to be removed until terms of sale have been complied with.

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mean good health. Keep your feet dry and warm and save doctor bills. We have everything you could desire in the line of good winter footwear, such as fleece lined rubbers, arctic with from one to four buckles, felt boots, German socks and overs, fleece lined and felt shoes, felt house slippers, sheep skin moccasins, etc. Lambertville, Ball brand and Para brand—there are no better ones. Buy shoes or slippers, they make sensible Christmas gifts.

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IOWA IS GREATEST OF APPLE STATES

state. And so I got to wondering how Iowa compared as an apple state with those greatly advertised apple states of the northwest. I discovered something that will be of interest to you, I know.

Iowa Apples Lead.

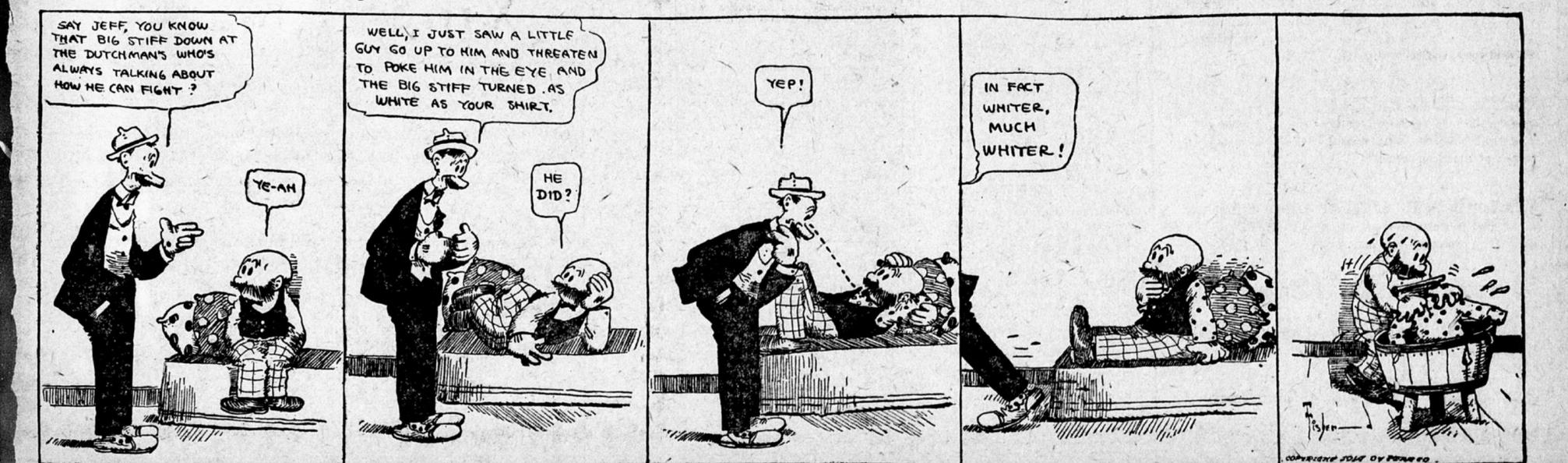
"For the ten year period from 1900 to 1910, Idaho raised six hundred and ten thousand dollars worth of apples every year; Oregon one million, six hundred thousand dollars worth; Washington, two million, nine hundred thousand dollars worth. And poor old Iowa, not really an apple state—raised three million, five hundred thousand dollars worth per annum. In other words, Iowa raises more apples every year than Washington and Idaho combined. But the whole world knows that those three states in the northwest are apple states. It is up to us to tell somebody about Iowa being an apple state and to create a greater demand for Iowa apples, which are admittedly better in quality. Wherever I have been able to find a case of Iowa apples on sale, they have been selling for from fifty to ninety cents more per case than the Oregon, Idaho, or Washington apples.

G. L. Bissell, Real Estate

Office Over Ottumwa Savings Bank

I have a cash buyer for a good 80 or 120 acre farm. Also a buyer for a 6 or 7 room cottage, either north or south side. I also have an 80 acre farm for trade for Ottumwa property. What have you to offer? See me if you want quick action.

There are Several Degrees of Whiteness By "Bud" Fisher



SAY JEFF, YOU KNOW THAT BIG STIFF DOWN AT THE DUTCHMAN'S WHO'S ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT HOW HE CAN FIGHT?

YE-AH

WELL, I JUST SAW A LITTLE GUY GO UP TO HIM AND THREATEN TO POKE HIM IN THE EYE AND THE BIG STIFF TURNED AS WHITE AS YOUR SHIRT.

HE DID?

YEP!

IN FACT WHITER, MUCH WHITER!