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HOLD MERGER ILLEGAL

Government Wins the Northern Securities Case.

FOUR JUSTICES DISSENT OUTRAGED

Majority of United States Supreme Court Hold Famous Merger to Be Illegal and in Violation of Anti-Trust Act—Justice Harlan Delivers First Opinion.

Washington, March 15.—The contention of the government that the merger was illegal was fully sustained by the United States supreme court in the opinion delivered in the merger case of the Northern Securities company. The court was not, however, a unit in the decision.

The majority opinion of the court was handed down by Justice Harlan, and it upheld the decree of the circuit court for the district of Minnesota in every particular. Four of the justices dissented from the five constituting the majority. The division in the court was due to a difference of opinion as to the right of federal control of state corporations. The majority opinion proceeded on the theory that congress has a right under the constitution to control interstate commerce, no matter by whom conducted, while the minority or dissenting opinion was based on the theory that in the present case the effort is to regulate the ownership of stocks by state corporations and that such ownership is not interstate traffic.

When, therefore, the members of the tribunal filed into the chamber, they were met by an expectant crowd which filled every seat both inside and outside the bar. Seated among the attorneys was Attorney General Knox and Secretary Taft, and an unusual number of senators and members of the house. There was no surprise manifested when, promptly on the assembling of the court, Justice Harlan began the delivery of the opinion. The fact that he had been selected for the preparation of the document at once led most people to think that the decision would uphold the Sherman anti-trust law and uphold the contentions of the government. The justice read his opinion from a printed copy which covered 20 pages, and consumed about an hour and a quarter in its delivery.

Very soon after Justice Harlan had concluded his presentation of the case it became evident that the court had divided on the question of issue, and as other opinions were announced it developed that there not only had been a very close shave for the government, but that one of the members of the court who cast his vote with the majority entertained opinions of his own, which fact rendered the decision all the more marked and interesting. This was Justice Brewer, who, while he concurred in the result announced in an independent opinion of his own that he held the view that previous anti-trust decisions had been more sweeping than was justified.

All For Rural Delivery.

Washington, March 15.—Legislation for the District of Columbia and the postoffice appropriation bill occupied the attention of the house. The rural free delivery service received the most attention. Credit for the establishment of this service was claimed by speakers for both parties, and both sides declared their friendship for rural delivery. Mr. Patterson of Tennessee suggested Mr. Williams, the minority floor leader, for the presidency, but he also coupled it with the names of Cavale and Senator Bailey of Texas as good southern candidates. Messrs. Douglas and Sulzer of New York spoke on the New York postoffice problem, the former favoring a downtown site and the latter the Pennsylvania railroad station site.

Seventy-Eight Lost.

Brisbane, Queensland, March 15.—The British steamer Aramac was wrecked on the Break Sea spit off Queensland, Sunday. Six boats were launched and two were safely landed with 60 exhausted passengers and members of the crew. Four other boats are still missing, containing 78 persons. It is believed that these boats were not provisioned. The weather is bad and steamers sent in search of the boats have found no trace of them. The Aramac is of 2,116 tons gross register, and is 300 feet long. She was built in 1889 at Dumbarton, Scotland.

Says Education Spoils Negro.

Jackson, Miss., March 15.—Governor Vardaman sent to the house his veto of the bill appropriating \$2,200 for the support of the Holly Springs Normal school, a colored institution. The governor in his veto message takes ground against negro education, stating that it is not the best thing for the negroes. He advanced this view during his campaign for governor. The governor gave what he termed a constitutional reason for vetoing the bill. The veto message comes up in the night and a stiff fight will be made to pass the bill over the governor's veto.

Indicted For Shafer Murder.

Bedford, Ind., March 15.—The grand jury in the Sarah Shafer case returned two indictments against James McDonald, the first charging murder in the first degree and the second with rape. R. N. Palmer, attorney for McDonald, said that he would not ask for a chance of venue but would insist upon a trial at this term of court. Judge Wilson adjourned court until Thursday morning, then returned to French Lick Springs, where he will rest until court is convened.

TO BE TRIED AGAIN.

Mrs. Botkin Will Leave Prison to Face Old Charge.

San Francisco, March 14.—Mrs. Cordelia C. Botkin, who has been serving a term in prison here for causing the death of Mrs. J. P. Dunning of Dover, Del., is again to be tried for that deed. It will be recalled that this case was the pioneer of an epidemic of poisoned candy murders. It was alleged that Mrs. Botkin caused the death of Mrs. Dunning by drugging confections to which she had added arsenic.

San Francisco on Trial.

San Francisco, March 15.—The second trial of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, accused of the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning by means of poisoned candy, is by mail to come of the latter city to Dover, Del., in Judge Cook's superior court.

Ated Wife.

Duluth, Minn., March 12.—Gurt Brandon, who has been cruising between Tower and Michling, arrived here on his way to Minneapolis and confirmed the report of the alleged cannibalism on the Great Lake reservation. Brandon, near Pelican lake at the time, had eaten a wife and child, and had eaten a day after, which was about a week ago, a small party of five Fort Indians who were at their job to the west end of Vermilion Bay. From these Indians Brandon learned of the killing, and says his information is unquestionably correct. He was told that the Indians who were claimed to have committed the horrible deed was a shiftless sort of fellow, and during a drunken spree had both his wife and child and later favoured parts of their bodies to a starvation.

Could Not Swear; Tried Suicide.

Portland, Ore., March 15.—Because he could not swear and thus give vent to his anger when a piece of wood was splitting struck him a stinging blow in the face, William Rogers, an 18-year-old mute, turned his ax and attempted to cut off his own head. He dealt three terrific blows upon his forehead, then sank over unconscious. His mother from the house heard the dull sound of the blows and ran to the yard to find her son bleeding from his self-inflicted wounds. The deaf mute was so insanely furious that he did not wield the ax to good effect and will probably recover.

Correct to a Hair.

New York, March 12.—Began 30 years ago and twice abandoned for long periods because of political and financial difficulties, the driving of the bore of the Hudson river tunnel connecting Fourteenth Street, Jersey City, with Morton Street on Manhattan Island, was finished Thursday. So great had been the accuracy of the plans of Chief Engineer Charles M. Jacobs that when the ends of the tunnel met there was not the variation of a hair in the courses of the Jersey City section and the New York heading.

Ice Gorge Dynamited.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 15.—Efforts to start the big ice gorge in the Susquehanna river above this city were made by dynamiting the front of the mass of ice. Great blocks of ice have been dislodged, but the gorge remains intact. An effort will also be made to remove the gorge below the city by the use of dynamite. The railroad companies have hired hundreds of men at work clearing the railroad tracks and cutting roadways through the heavy ice which in many places is 15 inches thick.

Crops in Farmers' Hands.

Washington, March 11.—The March report of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture shows the amount of wheat remaining in farmers' hands on March 1 to have been about 132,500,000 bushels, or 20% per cent of last year's crop. The crop in farmers' hands is estimated at about \$39,000,000 bushels, or 37.4 per cent of last year's crop. Of oats there are reported to be about 27,700,000 bushels, or 34.9 per cent of last year's crop, still in farmers' hands.

Arrested on Unusual Charge.

Philadelphia, March 12.—Harry McKinn, railroad station agent and postmaster at Buck Run, Chester county, was arrested and held in the city on a charge of having used postage stamps. It was testified that he bought merchandise at various times from a Chicago firm and that in each instance payment was tendered in stamps. This is supposed to be the first prosecution of the kind on record.

Youth Admits Murder.

Eau Claire, Wis., March 15.—Walter Weiske, 18 years old, admitted the witness stand that he killed his father in the latter's home near Augusta about a week ago. The boy claims that his father attacked him with a cant hook, and that in self-defense he shot him. He then drove the body into the house, which was then set on fire and blown up with dynamite. He was held for trial on the charge of murder.

Severe Blizzard Raging.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 15.—A severe blizzard is raging here. It is said by the weather bureau to be the worst of the season. A heavy snow has fallen. The storm is more severe in Milwaukee than in other parts of the state.

Heavy Snow in Michigan.

Detroit, Mich., March 15.—A furious blizzard descended on Detroit and lower Michigan, and the heavy snow fall drifted to the high east wind is delaying traffic considerably.

BUNCHED PARAGRAPHS

RELATING TO AFFAIRS IN THIS AND ADJOINING STATES.

Killed by His Bondsman—Legislature Makes Coeducation of Races Illegal, Affecting Berea College—Unable to Move From Frigate, Girl is Killed.

Munfordville, Ky., March 13.—William Climer was shot to death on the streets of Munfordville as he attempted to flee from John Finney, his bondsman, who feared that he would leave him to pay the bail bond. Finney discharged his revolver five times at the fleeing man. Three of the bullets took effect. One passed through the back, just above the heart, and two through the head. Climer staggered a few steps and fell dead. Finney was at once placed under arrest. Climer was held on a charge of selling whisky illegally, and Finney feared that he would "skip" bail.

Locked Out the Pastor.

Louisville, Ky., March 14.—The climax of a bitter factional fight among the members of Meade Baptist church in South Louisville came at the Sunday school hour, when the teachers and children gathered in front of the building and found the doors locked and the janitor standing guard to prevent entrance. The janitor, Charles Coons, a member of one of the factions, became angry when the pastor asked him to unlock the church doors, and told Rev. Mr. Leonard that he had locked the doors by order of the church trustees, and there would be no services in the church until a new pastor has been chosen. The doors remain closed during the day.

Barrington Wants New Trial.

St. Louis, March 11.—A motion, comprising 30 reasons, was filed by the attorneys for "Lord" Frederick Seymour Barrington, recently convicted of the murder of James P. McCann, setting forth that he is entitled to a new trial. The principal reason ascribed is that during the trial Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Gardner, in his argument before the jury at the close of the trial, said that the devil was pictured to him as an individual with cloven hoofs and a forked tongue, but now he would (pointing to the defendant) call him a person dressed in immaculate linen and faultless attire.

Racial Coeducation Prohibited.

Berea, Ky., March 14.—The friends of Berea college, Kentucky, held a meeting here to consider what action shall be taken in view of the passage by the Kentucky state senate of the white bill prohibiting coeducation of whites and negroes. This is the only institution in the state where coeducation of the races is carried on. The result of the conference was the determination to call a meeting of the trustees of the college March 30 at the Grand hotel in Cincinnati, when it is hoped that means will be devised whereby the college can carry out its purposes without conflict with law.

Cot Four Bullets.

Lexington, Ky., March 15.—With four bullets in his breast, Gus Parks, 23, drew a razor from his pocket and cut the throat of his would-be murderer, George Dupe, 29, from ear to ear, on the public highway near the farm of John E. Madden, the horseman. Both are negroes and had been in the city together, when a quarrel arose over a woman. Dupe will die, but Parks will recover, as no vital organs were injured. Both are in the hospital.

Kentucky Legislature Adjourns.

Frankfort, Ky., March 15.—The Kentucky legislature, which has adjourned sine die, rustled through many important bills, among them being one to provide for the erection of a \$20,000 monument in front of the new million-dollar state capitol and to be placed on or near the spot where Governor Goebel fell. An amendment by Mr. Black (Rep.) to also provide for a monument for Abraham Lincoln was voted down.

Passed Danger Line.

Evansville, Ind., March 12.—The Ohio river here passed the danger line, which is 35 feet. The river is still rising and a stage of 40 feet or more is expected. It is feared that there will be serious losses to the farmers in the lowlands, who have thousands of bushels of corn stored in their barns. The heavy rains of the last 24 hours are expected to start the Ohio and the White rivers on a new rampage.

Paid Big Money For Spring.

Washington, Ky., March 14.—Turf John E. Madden has probably sold the highest price known for a horse. He purchased the farm of Mrs. E. McCann, who was murdered in Louisville, paying \$75,000 for 80 acres. He said here that he did not buy the land, and that he purchased it because it contained a never-failing spring of water adjacent to his farm.

Joint Conference Postponed.

Louisville, Ky., March 12.—On account of the unsettled condition of the wage question among the miners north of the Ohio river the convention of the western Kentucky miners, in joint meeting of miners and mine operators, until March 24, instead of holding it last Tuesday.

Young Lady Killed.

Frankfort, Ky., March 14.—Miss Barbara, aged 18, and prominently connected, was killed on the Chesapeake and Ohio railway bridge here. Other girls who were crossing the bridge with her escaped, but she was so frightened that she could not move and the train cut her body into many parts.

TAKE DAILY.

Unconfirmed Rumor Reports Landing of Japanese Marines.

ports continue to come from the far east, where a strict censorship is maintained and the movements of the forces of the belligerents carefully veiled.

A Tokyo correspondent sends an unconfirmed rumor to the effect that Japanese marines have landed and occupied Dalny. It may be recalled that the British newspapers all regard Vice Admiral Togo's report that he has laid mines at Port Arthur as mere bluff, and they say that such a feat would be impossible under fire. The Daily Mail thinks that if Vice Admiral Makaroff closed the channel it was in order to prevent the ingress of Japanese torpedo boat destroyers, as was done at Wei Hai Wei during the Sino-Japanese war. It is a subject that nothing has been heard of the Vladivostok squadron, and it is hard to believe that it is really inside the harbor of Vladivostok.

The Standard's Tokyo correspondent says that according to a dispatch from Gensan the Russians are believed to be withdrawing from the northeast frontier of Korea and are concentrating at Vladivostok. The correspondent of the Morning Post at Tokyo throws a light upon Japan's financial situation, and says it is estimated that Japan will be able to maintain a war for 18 months without borrowing abroad.

Fall of Port Arthur Denied.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—There is no truth in the rumors that the Russians have abandoned Port Arthur. Admiral Abaza, secretary of the commission on far eastern affairs, authorizes the news agencies to deny the story. He says the situation at Port Arthur is unchanged and that nothing of importance has occurred there in the last 24 hours.

March on Newchwang.

London, March 14.—The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Daily Chronicle reports that 3,000 Japanese are marching on Newchwang.

Claim Port Arthur Was Captured.

Wei-Hai-Wei, March 15.—The Japanese here report that Port Arthur has been captured.

State Will Push Inquiry.

Columbus, O., March 12.—Governor Herrick is thoroughly in earnest in his intention to bring the leaders of the Springfield lynching before justice. He held a long conference with Attorney General Wade H. Ellis, and virtually gave Ellis carte blanche to take whatever steps he deemed advisable to effect that result. Fire Marshal Hollenbeck was instructed to take up the work of investigation, and while working on this case the fire marshal's detectives will work upon the lynching case as well. Attorney General Ellis went to Cincinnati, but said before leaving that he would talk with County Prosecutor McGrew by telephone and arrange for having a representative at the first grand jury session Monday.

Bandits to Hang.

Chicago, March 14.—Hanging for all was the verdict of the jury in the murder case against the so-called "Carbarn bandits," Harvey, Yandine, Peter Niedermeier and Gustav Marx, who attained notoriety by a desperate all-day battle that started in a "dug-out" near Liverpool, Ind., where the trio had taken refuge after a series of remarkable crimes, including the murder of two employes of the Chicago City Railroad company's barns in this city, the motive in each instance being robbery. Emil Roeski, who was in the dugout, and who participated in many of their crimes, is to be tried separately, not having been implicated directly in the particular murder for which his assistants were first arraigned.

More Trouble For Colombia.

Panama, March 12.—The internal situation in the Colombian department of Cauca has in no way improved, and would appear to be approaching a crisis. The election to the presidency of Colombia of General Rafael Reyes is declared in some quarters to be the only thing that can possibly prevent a movement for Cauca to secede from the United States of Colombia, and if Joaquin Velaz is elected instead of Reyes it is asserted that a revolution surely will break out. The Bogota government is fully aware of the situation in Cauca and has ordered troops from Cartagena and Barranquilla to proceed by land to Quibdo, a large town in Cauca.

Husband Was a Continental.

Newburn, Va., March 15.—Mrs. Rebecca Mayo, aged 90, the last but one surviving widow of a revolutionary war soldier, is dead. Mrs. Mayo was married in 1833 to Captain Stephen Mayo, who was then 70 years old. He died in 1847. Mrs. Mayo is now the only surviving widow of a revolutionary war soldier.

Says He Killed Five.

Chicago, March 14.—With the hangman's noose staring him in the face, Gustav Marx, one of three ear barn bandits admitted the killing of five men, and declared in his confession that he was one of three men who held up the Chicago and Northwest express train at Tower, near DeKalb, four years ago.

Ship Believed Lost.

Halifax, N. S., March 14.—Being 12 days overdue the French steamer Propatria, which left St. Pierre, Miquelon, for Halifax 14 days ago, is believed to be lost with 60 persons on board. No news of the steamer has been received since she cleared from St. Pierre.

PITHY ITEMS OF NEWS

ATOMS OF INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONS AND THINGS.

Current Events of the Week Systematically Collected From Day to Day in the Briefest Form and Reserved For This Column.

TUESDAY.

Columbia will make no effort to re-take Panama.

Roosevelt's proclamation of neutrality pleases the Russians.

Robert Orr, aged 85, Beverly, O., hanged himself to a bedpost.

As he was about to strike his wife, Andy Nowell, Marietta, O., dropped dead.

The Czar of Russia will command the troops after the first land battle with the Japs.

Three men were killed, three injured and 17 cars of merchandise demolished in a wreck near Joplin, Mo.

The messenger boys' strike against the Western Union Telegraph company at Chicago is off. The messengers lost.

Thomas Tobin was put to death in the electric chair in Sing Sing (N. Y.) prison for the murder of Captain J. B. Craft in New York city.

Wives of United States senators have been appealed to asking them to use their influence with their husbands to oust Apollis Smoot from the senate.

MONDAY.

Columbia has reduced her standing army to 5,000 men.

The Knightstown Torpedo company's plant at Knightstown, Ind., was razed by an explosion. One man killed.

The steamer bearing the horses from King Menelik of Abyssinia as a gift to President Roosevelt arrived at Boston.

Life insurance companies doing business in Ohio have 189,133 policies in force in that state, representing \$68,295,989 in insurance.

As a result of the work of New York detectives brought to Chicago to shadow Chicago policemen and a secret investigation, 500 patrolmen may lose their positions, it is said.

Prince John Godfrey, aged 55 years, descendant of Little Turtle and Francis Godfrey of the Miami Indian tribe, was instantly killed west of Fort Wayne, Ind., by his son John Godfrey, Jr., aged 23.

SATURDAY.

High water does large damage in Montana.

The Republican state convention of Ohio will probably be held on May 3 and 4.

The cost of state militia at Springfield, O., has so far reached amount of \$15,000.

Origin of headless bodies found in Delaware bay at Bridgetown, N. J., puzzles the police.

Alonzo Stone, aged 48, a farmer residing seven miles north of London, O., committed suicide. He shot and hanged himself.

At St. Joseph, Mo., Mark Dunn, semi-delirious from fever incidental to pneumonia, was hanged in the county jail for wife murder. Dunn is a former Ohio man, having resided at Newark until 1821.

C. C. Pavey, grand master of the Ohio Odd Fellows, has summarily suspended Franklin Lodge No. 207, Hamilton, O., and Newman Lodge No. 787, for refusing to expel members engaged in the saloon business.

FRIDAY.

The Democratic state convention of Ohio will be held early in June.

Mrs. T. B. Kent, 60, is mysteriously missing from her home near Summerfield, O.

Four unidentified men were burned to death in a box car containing gasoline, which caught fire, near Harrisburg, Pa.

W. J. Thomas, Negro folk and Western fireman, fell from his engine while crossing Indian creek, near Portsmouth, O., and was drowned.

Mrs. J. C. Fleming and her daughter Lottie were instantly killed by a passenger train at Hanlin station, near Steubenville, O., while crossing the tracks.

At Murphysboro, Ill., a mob from Carbondale made an attempt to take Thomas Vaughan, a mulatto, from the county jail, intending to lynch him. Sheriff Thorpe and deputies met the mob, arresting 13 of their number.

THURSDAY.

Senator Tillman of South Carolina is ill with a serious throat trouble.

A hundred persons are reported to have been drowned by the loss of the French steamer Cambridge off the coast of Cochinchina.

Adelina Patti announces that she will leave New York, taking a steamer for England. She says she has canceled all her engagements.

John Barrett, present minister to the Argentine republic, is to be minister to Panama. W. W. Russell, at present charge at Panama, was made minister to Colombia, and Arthur W. Beaupre, now minister to Colombia, has been made minister to Argentina, to succeed Mr. Barrett.

WEDNESDAY.

Cloudbursts do large damage in the state of Washington.

Many collieries are closed near Wilkesbarre, Pa., because of flooded mines.

Hon. Jacob Romels, former congressman and prominent citizen of northern Ohio, died at Toledo.

The hearing in the Gillespie murder case at Rising Sun, Ind., has been continued to the May term of court.

Mrs. Joseph Withington and her daughter Nannie were drowned in attempting to ford Moreau river in a buggy west of St. Louis, Mo.

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THE COMBINATION HORSE.

How to Train and Care For a Colt That is Naturally Gifted.

The natural gaited or so called combination horse is from fifteen to sixteen hands high, being naturally strong in general conformation and standing straight on its medium sized feet, with his legs well under his body. His round, flatlike toes point straight forward, so as to insure an easy gait. The fox trot, single foot and running walk are the most desirable gaits, although a few persons like the canter, slow pace or trot. The latter gait, however, is considered best for harness use unless a higher rate of speed is desired, says H. E. Buck in Farm and Ranch.

The pace is the foundation gait of the saddle horse. A colt that paces when it is foaled has brighter prospects than any other animal of his kind. When the colt is a week old he should be led by a halter and the process repeated each week until he is weaned at the age of six months. The colt should then be bridled. When about eighteen months old he may be saddled. This gauges his disposition, and he may soon be ridden by a small boy from two to four miles every other day. Having given his several gait under a saddle, it is time to harness and induce him to pull a cart. Lead gently with the colt. Do not encourage the use of whip or spur unless he is ill tempered. In such an event study the disposition of your charge, conquer him by firmness and use a whip if necessary. It is better, however, to abandon the whip than to apply it in anger. Be humane.

The combination horse should bring from \$100 to \$250 as a two-year-old and at that age can be used for any kind of light work. His name and tail should be long and thick. Such a growth is possible by washing the mane and tail about twice a month with castile soap and water, while it is also advisable to grease with lard about once a month. Every farmer should own a combination horse both from the standpoint of business and pleasure. Such an animal may be driven to a vehicle or saddled without interfering with his natural gait or sacrificing speed. It is economy to keep one well bred combination horse in preference to one buggy horse and another for saddle use. During the past ten years I have exhibited and won premiums with combination horses at almost every fair in Texas. Ieno Clippes, 2174, at the head of my stable at McKinney, Tex., has won thirty-eight premiums, while his colts have taken sixty-five premiums. Seventeen sales of his colts average over \$242.33 per head.

BANK WORRIES.

How One Clerk Fretted a Whole Year All For Nothing.

An ex-bank official said that during his career in the banking business he had known more than one employee of a bank to get into trouble on account of carelessness in handling money.

One collector, who was a light hearted fellow, was going along the street in high water season, dipping up a twenty dollar piece with his thumb and finger and catching it as it came down. Finally it slipped and fell through a grating on the sidewalk into about two feet of water. He made some efforts to recover it, but finally decided to wait till the water was gone, and then it was found that the coin was also gone. Another time the same fellow was on the street with \$10,000 in twenty dollar pieces on his shoulder. In some way he lost his hold on the sack, and in striking the sidewalk it burst, and the coins rolled in all directions. A number of people rushed to his assistance, but he described a large circle around the sack and, waving his arms wildly, ordered everybody to "stand back." He recovered most of the coin, but decided to get out of the banking business.

Another time a Chinaman came into the bank and deposited \$200 and took a certificate of deposit. The clerk who made out the certificate was pre-occupied and wrote \$2,000 on it and on the stub. When he made up his cash at night he was \$1,800 short. He knew where the mistake was and tried to hunt up the Chinaman; but, although he got a clue, he could never find him, and he remained \$1,800 short on the books. He had a notice of the date of the certificate, amount, etc., pasted in his desk and was always on the lookout to catch the certificate as it came in. Just a year from the day the deposit was made the Chinaman walked into the bank and presented the certificate to be cashed. When asked how much he wanted he said \$200. He had never noticed the mistake in the amount of the certificate, and he has never found it out, and the clerk suffered the worry of being short in his mind for a whole year all for nothing.—Portland Oregonian.

THE SWINE BREEDER.

Last spring I had a sow three years old, writes Frank S. Bailey in Stockman and Farmer. She had always been a good mother. She gave birth to thirteen pigs, and in half an hour after the pigs were born three of them were missing, and in about an hour three more were gone. Then as she was very tame and kind I got where I could watch, and in a few minutes she took one in her mouth, and it disappeared in two seconds. I went for some salt pork, and when I came back four pounds of the meat, all I gave her, and the next morning only two could be found, and as the pigs had nursed they were very slow to learn to eat, but I took them from her. Last fall she had thirteen. As I intended to kill her, I thought she would fatten better and be more profitable in cold weather. She began eating them again as before and had only eight left. I had a large pail of cold water from the well and poured it very slowly on the back of her head on the brain (if she had any), and she raised the eight all right. This made her pretty stiff, but she came out all right, pigs and all. One of my neighbors tried the same plan, and the result was the same. It stopped her eating her pigs instantly.