

# THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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## FRIENDS OF THE FARMER.

The Department of Agriculture has come to the relief of the grosbeak. He is a very much maligned bird, this high authority avers, and instead of being destructive to crops, is of great benefit to the farmer. A bulletin just issued by Secretary Wilson says that seven kinds of finches known as grosbeaks summer within the boundaries of the United States. They are easily distinguished from other finches by their stout form, bright plumage, massive bills and melodious voices. Those which most interest the farmer are five in number—the rose-breasted, the cardinal or redbird, the black-headed, the blue and the gray. The bulletin concludes as follows: "Present investigations prove that the services of the grosbeak in destroying insect pests are invaluable. Each kind pays especial attention to certain pests which if unchecked would cause enormous loss. Few of our birds are to be credited with more good and with fewer evils than the grosbeak, and none more clearly deserves protection by the practical farmer." The probability is that the farmer would do better to protect the whole race of birds than to look with toleration on their indiscriminate slaughter.

New York and New Jersey are making a joint study of the evils of cold storage. A bill is pending in congress looking to a reformation of the same evil, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The question is a large one, with many angles. It is not so much talked about as it was a year ago, but still merits the attention of legislative bodies. Cold storage of food products is a modern necessity. Rightly used, it serves the public by keeping prices steady, by storing in the season of plenty for use in the season of natural shortage. No one argues against cold storage as an institution. It is when food is held back in order to maintain abnormally high prices, when it is kept so long that it becomes poisonous, when cold storage to mankind, that government must step in with a restraining hand. The period of storage should be strictly limited, and the sale of stored products rigidly regulated.

Long ago the wasp waist, considered so fashionable, departed from feminine favor. Now the small foot is following in its wake, which proves that womankind is falling into line in approving safe and sane fashions. Occasional freaks like the hobble skirt may appear, but in the main women are deciding in favor of common sense and freedom as opposed to the ridiculous and unbecoming restrictions of other days.

A woman in Pennsylvania got two licenses simultaneously—one to get married and one to teach. This was a wise provision, as in case one failed there was the other to fall back on.

A western aviator who flew over three states in an afternoon was embraced, wept over and kissed by Mme. Bernhardt when he landed. Next time, probably, he will keep on flying.

A Philadelphia woman says the nation's best cooks are farmers' wives. And the old dinner bell makes sweeter music than the hotel orchestra.

A high-hatted and opera-cloaked burglar was given the option of leaving the country or going to Sing Sing. He chose to go abroad, as they do not dress for dinner at Sing Sing.

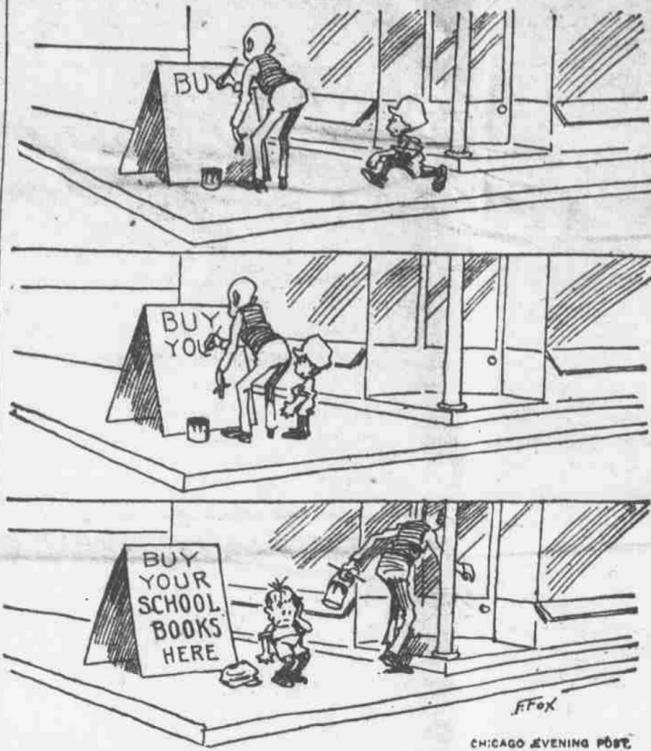
When it becomes necessary to arrest a man for sobbing too loud at a funeral we begin to suspect that there is something more than sorrow in his system.

A bachelor puts himself up in a raffle, the proceeds to apply upon a church debt. This is taking commercial account of a well-known and unromantic estimate of marriage.

A monument has been erected in London to William Penn. It is up to Philadelphia to go the Londoners one better and raise a monument to Connie Mack.

Another attempt will be made to fly across the Atlantic, this time without an equilibrator. How do they expect to prove an alibi in case of failure?

# THE FIRST SIGN OF FALL



## TO BE ANTI-TRUST CONGRESS

PLANS BEING LAID FOR MUCH CORPORATION LEGISLATION.

Steel Trust and Others Will Have to Dissolve or Reorganize Along Different Lines.

Washington, D. C.—Comprehensive preparations are making for the anti-trust legislative campaign in congress next winter. The commissioner of corporations soon will issue two additional reports upon the steel industry, completing an investigation which has extended over six years.

The complete report of the commissioner of labor into steel mill conditions will be published soon by the government. The Stanley committee is inquiring into every angle of the business of the steel corporation.

Finally the department of justice is to the dissolution of the steel corporation, unless it shall reorganize in compliance with the decision of the supreme court in the Standard Oil and tobacco trust cases, but it looks now as if no action would be taken by the department until the Stanley committee has completed its inquiry.

Congress is in a temper for drastic legislation for the suppression of trusts or for the establishment of an economic policy which shall go to the root of the corporation question.

## OMAHA FOR COMMISSION PLAN

By Vote of More Than Two to One Nebraska City Decides to Try New Rule.

Omaha, Nebraska.—Omaha has adopted a modified commission form of government by a vote of more than two to one, the totals being 5,341 for and 2,345 against. This is a very small vote, but is accounted for by the fact that the commission form was so certain of carrying that thousands of voters did not go near the polls.

All the newspapers and commercial organizations of the city supported the commission plan and there was no organized opposition, except on the part of some of the politicians.

The first election for new city officials under the commission government will be held in May, 1912.

## Woman Tried Triple Killing.

Kimballton, Iowa.—Mrs. Paul Anderson, 32 years old, shot and killed her 8-year-old stepson and then set fire to the bed on which he had fallen, burning the house. Her husband, seeing the flames, rushed toward the house in an effort to rescue the child. He was shot and severely injured. The woman later attempted suicide by shooting. Both will recover.

## Gen. Otis Was Threatened

Los Angeles, California.—An attempt to frighten Gen. H. C. Otis into paying \$10,000 under penalty of being shot or his home destroyed by dynamite was made by an unidentified person, apparently a crank, who communicated his alleged threats by means of the telephone.

## Attempt to Murder Pope's Chaplain.

Rome.—Reports reached the vatican of an attempt made to murder Mgr. Philip Contessa, a domestic chaplain to the pope and rector of Agira in Catania, Sicily, while he was celebrating mass.

## "PROTECTION" WAS PAID FOR

Officers to Learn Who Got the Money Paid Out in Cherokee County by Liquor Men.

Columbus, Kansas.—Who gets the "protection" money raised by the liquor dealers to prevent prosecution in liquor cases? That is the question T. T. Burr and Frank Lindsay, attorneys for the state, are attempting to answer now.

Raids upon joints have resulted in the capture of some interesting documentary evidence that may lead to more oyster suits against public officials soon. The documents reveal the fact that since the first of last January a charge of \$1 has been added to the price of every keg of beer and 50 cents for each case of beer. The foreigners who have been arrested say that this extra charge is collected for the purpose of raising a "protection fund."

"Who gets the money?" "We are going right after this information," said Mr. Burr, "and we expect to get it. We know that when we first started our campaign the jointists received 'tips' from some source."

## TOPEKA SCHOOL BOARD ENJOINED

Injunction Prevents Purchase of Supplemental Books—Board Will Appeal.

Topeka, Kansas.—Judge G. H. Whitcomb granted a permanent injunction against the Topeka board of education to prevent the purchase of 1,600 supplemental books for use in the Topeka schoolrooms. The board probably will appeal to the supreme court.

The final decision in the case is of interest to all the school districts of the state. Should the supreme court dissolve the injunction it will let down the bars of the rural school districts to establish new textbooks without regard for the books designated by the state textbook commission. If Judge Whitcomb's ruling is upheld school boards must first put the question of new books up to the voters before taking official action.

## To Better the Cavalry.

Washington, D. C.—The war department is struggling to make the American cavalry soldier a perfectly fearless dashing rider, like his forefathers in the days of the Indian campaigns. With that end in view Capt. Conrad S. Babcock, Capt. Henry H. Richmond and Lieut. Adna R. Chaffee, all of the cavalry, are about to leave this country for a year's course of instruction in equestrianism in the French school at Saumur.

## District Schools Open Early.

Ottawa, Kan.—Light corn crops will not affect education in Kansas disastrously. Instead it has encouraged the country school, at least in this county. On account of light fall farm work one district in Franklin county, the "Davy school," near Richter, has already finished its first week of school.

## Women Drove Out Mormons.

Kamrar, Iowa.—Two elders of the Mormon church left this city afoot with the din of many dishes echoing in their ears. The elders were making proselyting speeches when a crowd of women, beating vigorously on kitchen tinware, created such a disturbance that the speakers could not be heard.

# NEARLY LYNCHED HORSETHIEF

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS JAIL BROKE IN TO GET CULPRIT.

Confessed With Rope Around Neck, Then Taken Back to Prison Unharmed.

Excelsior Springs, Missouri.—With a rope around his neck and the other end of it over the limb of a tree, George Lee, 50 years old, accused of horse stealing, told a band of 25 grim faced Missouri farmers where two of the horses he is accused of stealing might be found. Then the men took the rope off his neck, drove back to the jail building here and turned Lee over to John Holder, the jailer, from whom they had taken him a half hour before.

Lee was brought here from Kansas City, where he was arrested on a charge of horse stealing. A half dozen horses have been stolen from farmers and residents of Excelsior Springs in the last two months, and Lee, it was asserted, was one of a gang of men who made a practice of stealing them. It became known that Lee was in town, and about 10 o'clock at night a band of 25 men and boys, most of whom wore in buggies and wagons, broke down the door of the jail, then that of the cell in which Lee was confined, dragged him out and drove away with him.

John Holder, the jailer, says his prisoner told him that he (Lee) had taken part in the horse stealing and that he had confessed to the men who carried him off and told them where two of the horses might be found.

## GOTCH IS STILL THE CHAMPION

Has Demonstrated Ability of One Man to "Come Back"—Wins in Two Straight Falls.

Chicago, Illinois.—One of the most astounding demonstrations ever witnessed in connection with a sporting event in Chicago, followed the winning by Frank A. Gotch, champion of the world, of two straight falls from George Hackenschmidt, the Russian Lion, in jig time and with phenomenal ease.

He won the first fall in 14:18 and the second in 5:31 1-5.

The second fall was the most peculiar of the two though it was scarcely less unexpected than the first. Gotch secured a toe hold and switched from a crotch and half Nelson which Hack made no effort to escape, simply rolling on his back and taking defeat.

## GOT MISSOURI EXPRESS ROBBERS

Neosho Sheriff in New Orleans for Bandits Who Swindled United States Express Company.

New Orleans Louisiana.—Sheriff I. H. Collier of Neosho, Mo., has arrived here to get Charles Martin and J. J. Barcliff, the two express bandits, whom he will take back with him to Missouri, to answer to the charge of robbing the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad and the United States Express company. He will obtain from Gov. Sanders the necessary requisition papers.

The series of robberies committed by Martin and Barcliff all over the country and the manner in which they were caught are considered by the police of the two states, Missouri and Louisiana, as the cleverest swindlings and the cleverest arrests ever made in a similar case.

## A Kansan Fell to Death.

Chanute, Kansas.—Roy Cramer of the Landis Carnival company of Abilene was killed west of town by falling from the top of the freight carboose of an extra Santa Fe train that was hauling the company's outfit from Winfield to Iola.

## RELEASED FROM PRISON TO DIE

Wealthy Nebraska Ranchman Serving Sentence for Land Frauds Dies From Operation.

Hastings, Nebraska.—Bartlett Richards, a wealthy ranchman, sentenced to one year in the Adams county jail for land frauds in western Nebraska, died at a sanitarium here following a surgical operation. He was released to undergo an operation for gall stones six weeks ago and returned to jail improved, but not fully recovered. He was again taken to the sanitarium for an emergency operation.

Richards was president of the Nebraska Land and Feeding company and was one of the richest ranchmen in the country.

## School Gets Chinese Students.

Manhattan, Kansas.—Five Chinese boys arrived in Manhattan from Honolulu to enter the Kansas state agricultural college. Three will study agriculture and the other two engineering.

# WHY BE WEAK?

Why suffer backache, headache, dizziness, weariness, urinary irregularities and other troubles that arise from disordered kidneys when relief is so near at hand? Doan's Kidney Pills have cured thousands. Mrs. George Earl, Madison, Neb., says: "For over a year I was afflicted with terrible kidney trouble. I was subject to hot flashes, became dizzy and felt tired and exhausted. Puffy spots appeared beneath my eyes and my feet were so swollen I could scarcely wear my shoes. I noticed improvement after I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills and was soon cured. The swelling and bloating disappeared, I can rest like a child and have gained ten pounds in weight."

Remember the name—Doan's. For sale by druggists and general storekeepers everywhere. Price 50c. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Would Purchase Index Finger. One of the queerest advertisements which has ever appeared in a newspaper was one which the other day made known the wish of Mrs. Reginald Waldorf, a wealthy lady of Philadelphia, for a new index forefinger. Mrs. Waldorf's right forefinger was amputated after becoming infected by an accidental cut with a rusty knife. She appealed to Dr. Fred B. West, who advertised for a finger. He names no price, but says his patient is willing to pay liberally.

## HANDS WOULD CRACK OPEN

"About two months ago my hands started to crack open and bleed, the skin would scale off, and the good flesh would burn and itch dreadfully. When my hands first started to get sore, there were small blisters like water blisters which formed. They itched dreadfully, it just seemed as though I could tear the skin all off. I would scratch them and the skin would peel off, and the flesh would be all red and crack open and bleed. It worried me very much, as I had never had anything the matter with my skin. I was so afraid I would have to give up my employment. My doctor said he didn't think it would amount to anything. But it kept getting worse. One day I saw a piece in one of the papers about a lady who had the same trouble with her hands. She had used Cuticura Soap and Ointment and was cured. I decided to try them, and my hands were all healed before I had used one cake of Cuticura Ointment. I am truly thankful for the good results from the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, for thanks to them I was cured, and did not have to lose a day from work. I have had no return of the skin trouble." (Signed) Mrs. Mary E. Breig, 2522 Brown Street, Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 12, 1911. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 6 K, Boston.

## Horse Sense.

"He has plenty of horse sense." "Why so?" "He never bets on one."

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