

# BLAND WAS BLAND ABOUT BETTING ON SIZE OF HIS FAMILY

### EXACTED WAGER FROM CONGRESSMAN WHO BOUGHT HIM SUIT FOR EACH NEW CHILD—PAYS FOR FOURTEEN GARMENTS DURING TERM OF OFFICE.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—For many years Rep. Small of North Carolina has by agreement been presenting to R. C. Bland, a North Carolina farmer, and one of his constituents, a new suit of clothes for each additional child in his family. Having presented thirteen suits, and being recently notified to send the fourteenth, Rep. Small has informed Bland that the contract will be "off" with Small's retirement from Congress on March 5.

Small and Bland made their compact a number of years ago when Small was making a campaign speech at Robersonville, near here. Bland then had twenty children; he now has thirty-four.

Twenty-four of the thirty-four Bland children are living, and the present Mrs. Bland, Bland's second wife, is the mother of nineteen, nine of whom were born during the last ten years, including one set of twins. Eighteen children still live at home, but Mrs. Bland declares she gets "lonesome sometimes" because so many have gone away.

Mr. and Mrs. Bland recently had a group photograph taken of the family still remaining on the Bland farm. While the photographer was working a hazzard cast his shadow on the ground. Bland was asked if he was superstitious.

"No," he said. "I'm not afraid of Fuzzard's," but at first I thought the blame thing was a stork."

In calling the children together for the photograph, Bland simply cupped his hands and in a stentorian voice cried: "Children." Results were immediate. Children appeared from every direction. Some of the "children" were grown men and women; others were fairly able to toddle forth, and one still was being carried in arms. Bland says it is no more trouble to bring up fifty children than it is to raise ten.

"After you pass ten," he says, "the older ones are a big help."

The children were not unusually noisy, Bland said, although "they made considerable racket when fourteen were taken down together with whooping cough."

The Bland economy bill is equivalent to about \$10 a week, although he produces a large part of his food. On one occasion he says he spent most of one night computing the cost of keeping his family comfortable, but that the figures reached such alarming proportions he gave up the job. Bland is 95 years old.

### Bill Holds You Spellbound

In the temple of Chicago, in Kyoto, Japan, is a wonderful bronze bell said to weigh 100 tons and when the mellow boom is heard the post-office stands still and the workmen pause to listen, the vibrations being felt over a large area. It has no clapper, but the end of a wooden beam, suspended horizontally, swings against the brazen mass. There are only two larger bells in the world, that of Minlon Min in Burma and one at Moscow.

### Distinctly Up to Date

"I'm negotiating for the services of a hired man," said Mr. Cobble. "How are you getting along?" "First rate. He seems to like my monogram pretty well, and the table board and the jazz records we bought for our photograph. All we've got to do now is to decide on the wages and the number of hours a day he'll be able to work without injuring his health."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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### TO ADVISE CUBA



GUS KARGER

NEW YORK.—Albert Rathbone, former assistant secretary of treasury, will be Cuba's new financial adviser. Cuba asked the U. S. State Department to nominate an American financier to supervise the expenditure of money loaned Cuba by American interests. Rathbone, of New York, was selected.

### Poor Diagnosis

"Yes," confirmed the doctor, "I never recall such a painful history. I usually expect right and nobody can picture me of a brittle phlegm with bits of pus in it. But I'll admit I'll tell you on that point you are wrong. You see, I didn't know he was rich enough to have appendicitis"—the physician.

### Church Built From One Tree

With 100 years of the floor, every part of the church used in the construction of a church recently completed in the town of Rose, Cal., was cut from one tree, the giant redwood, 18 feet in diameter. The tree produced 75,000 feet of timber, besides a large number of logs.

### Adequate Defense

A Rainsgate man charged with shooting a cat denied that he fired at it. "The animal is said to have dashed at the bullet and impaled himself upon it."—From Punch, London.

### IDYL GLEN.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kelly Thursday, but only lived until Friday night. The funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon. The family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Varland, Amos and Cella Olson were shopping in Ottawa Friday afternoon.

The Home Bureau met at Mrs. Sallie Williamson's Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chason were in Ottawa a few hours on Thursday.

Mrs. Sallie Williamson was number one among the girls last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anderson and children and Mrs. Sallie Williamson and children were in Ottawa on Monday.

Amos Olson finished bustling last week.

Elmer Marvin and Carole Hanna were in Ottawa Thursday.

Word has been received by relatives here that Mrs. George Poundstone of Chicago was very ill.

Mrs. Jacob Olson was sick last week.

Mrs. Wardell Christy visited Mrs. Thomas Hougas one afternoon last week.

M. J. Anderson is hauling cinders from Marsheville.

Mrs. Sallie Williamson and Ernest were in Ottawa Saturday.

Gladys Housell spent Sunday with the home folks at Lanaway.

Cella Olson spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. S. A. Olson, in Rutland township.

Violet Williamson is helping her aunt, Mrs. B. S. Johnson.

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