

PECCARY VS. LOCOMOTIVE.

How a Pack of the Obsolete Little Brutes Came to Grief.

A Fort Davis (Tex.) correspondent of the N. Y. Times writes: The following story, which has now become a part of the unwritten history of this section, will best serve to illustrate the headstrong disposition and wonderful courage of the little peccary. The Southern Pacific Railroad, which passes this point for a part of its route, cuts through a long stretch of chaparral country abounding with peccaries, wild mustangs, and various wild animals. One day, while driving along at moderate speed through the Pecos bottoms, an engineer saw a herd of small animals scattered along the track a few hundred yards ahead. Believing them to be domestic porkers, he blew the whistle a couple of blasts and kept straight ahead supposing of course, that the brutes would take the hint and get out of the way. No such thing. With snouts in the air they scornfully surveyed the approaching engine and made up their minds to stand their ground. Quickly forming a semi-circle en masse, with angry eyes and gnashing teeth they coolly awaited the crash, evidently determined to demolish the locomotive and cars or get "busted" themselves, so to speak. Still the engineer thought they would move and made no attempt to ease up or stop the train. When almost upon them he saw that a collision was inevitable, and so he opened the throttle, set the old whistle to screeching, and bore down upon the band with all the speed he could command. Crash! he went through the band of peccaries like a rocket, filling the air with spare ribs, tenderloins, and bits of flying pork. Those belligerent little rascals who were unhurt rushed madly at the wheels, the cars, and the cow-catcher, showing their spitefulness to the bitter end, but, of course, they were smashed out of existence in their attempt to do nothing.

The engineer says: "Next day when I came back over the road there were the remaining peccaries on the same spot, arranged in battalion front, and all waiting for the train to come along so that they could get even for the previous day's disaster. Away I went at them again, filling the atmosphere with pork, while the live ones frantically rushed at the cars, wheels, and trucks, attempting in their mad fury to wreck the train. This they kept up trip after trip until only three peccaries remained. True to their resolution, when the final day came they took a bold stand side by side in the middle of the track and prepared to make a last fight for the honor of peccaries and hogs generally. Two were tossed into eternity by the cowcatcher and the third was cut into sections by the iron wheels. Since then no more peccaries have attempted to buck against Uncle Sam's mail."

A Neglected Branch.

We are taught in school to read and write but how many of us are ever taught how to talk? And if we wished to learn where should we seek a suitable teacher? And yet among all the accomplishments which men and women possess there is not one that can give so much pleasure as an ability to talk pleasantly and entertainingly. Think how many things go to make up good talk—a good voice, well disciplined, "soft and low," one that rests rather than tires, a voice with music in it. Next, a well stored mind. Next, possession of the art of putting things, for it is quite as important that you say a thing right as that you say the right thing. Then to communicate information in such a way as to make it appear that you assume no superiority. Wendell Phillips, who was perhaps as delightful and charming a conversationalist as Boston ever had, would always put it: "You remember that Socrates said—" It was a harmless fiction and a pleasant one.—Boston Budget.

DOWN ON THE BABOON.

It Has Become Sadly Demoralized with the Advance of Civilization.

The baboon, writes the Graff-Reinet Advertiser, a south African paper, seems to be changing climatic conditions. In former years he was a vegetarian, his worst offense being stealing mealies in the gardens when he got the chance. Now he has taken to other ways of getting a livelihood. Some say he has joined the carnivora. Anyway it is certain that he makes it a food business to get hold of lambs, tear them open, and drink their mothers' milk in their stomachs. Said a farmer the other day to a brother farmer: "Have you lots of honey on your farm?"

"No; the baboons rob all the nests." "How do they do it? The bees would sting them to death?" The answer was that probably the baboons did the work in the night, when the bees were drowsy, sleepy, and dull. Anyway he believed the baboons got off with the swag of honey whenever they could get at a nest.

Then Peter Booyesen of Moontontein has his story to tell of the new development of the baboon: It attacks the wild aloe, pulls it down, and tears out the pith for food. Mr. Booyesen, Sr., does not object to this, as he would be glad if all the wild aloe on his farm were cleared out by any means whatsoever. The special wish of father and son is that baboons would take some food-providing operations which would get rid of the prickly pear. But as the substance of the leaf and of the trunk of the prickly pear is nothing but water the wish is not likely to be gratified. Anyway the poisoning clubs have classed the baboon with the wild carnivora, and the rifle and arsenic are now busy destroying them.

Farmers give interesting instances of the difficulty of poisoning the baboon, the fellow being about as "slick" as a human being. One farmer believes the fellow tastes the poison as prepared and disguised for him, and if he finds it is not a good thing for the stomach spits it out. That farmer, however, has succeeded in giving the arsenic such palatable surroundings that the shrewdness of the baboon is not proof against the palatable temptation, and he dies.

Republican County Convention.

A convention of the Republicans of Shiawassee county will be held at the Court House in the city of CORUNNA, FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing 15 delegates to the Republican State Convention to be held at Detroit August 27 and 28 following; 22 delegates to the Senatorial Convention not yet called and 15 delegates to the 8th District Congressional Convention to be held at Owosso September 9, next. Also to elect a county committee and nominate candidates for the several county offices, except that of Probate Judge. The townships and wards will be entitled to representation in said Convention by delegates as follows: Antrim, 6; Bennington, 9; Burns, 7; Caledonia, 6; Fairfield, 6; Hazelton, 11; Middleberry, 7; New Haven, 7; Owosso, 7; Perry, 12; Rush, 7; Shiota, 8; Shiawassee, 13; Venice, 7; Vernon, 13; Woodhull, 5. Owosso City: 1st ward, 10; 2d ward, 9; 3d ward, 4; 4th ward, 9. Corunna: 1st ward, 4; 2d ward, 3; 3d ward, 2.

WM. M. KILPATRICK, Chairman, Rep. Co. Com.

F. H. WATSON, Secretary.

Corunna.

From the Journal. Paul Richards, a farmer living south of Byron, recently had 40 sheep and one hog killed by the cars on the T. & A. R. Y.

Dr. Curtis will hereafter be found at Kline's drug store, where he has an office.

Frank Putnam was convicted of assault and battery before Justice Gale last Monday, and was fined \$11.75. Putnam has appealed the matter to the Circuit Court.

Joseph Stockwell, of Flint, stenographer of the 7th Judicial circuit, together with his family, has been camping out up at Frankfort. He came down long enough to attend court, when he will return again. Joe says there is splendid sport there and the climate can not be beat.

A. F. Bott, the popular Justice of the Peace of Perry, was at Corunna last Saturday, visiting our people, and while making a call on the county clerk, Wallace Gleason, of Antrim, and Miss Ella Ferris, of Gaines, came in and wanted to be married, and Justice Bott, ever ready to do a good work, then and there, tied them up. They were a fine couple and our Justices have been green with envy ever since.

James Clark, foreman of Smith's brick yard, was assaulted Saturday night while on his way to his boarding place by Chas. and Bert Smith and brutally beaten. Smith had been discharged by Clark, and had a grievance to settle. Clark was brought to Dr. Halsted's office and had his wounds dressed. His head and face were badly cut and disfigured. He is a quiet and peaceable man and the assault was without excuse. No arrests have yet been made.

Marriage Licences.

The following persons have been granted licences during the week.

NAME & RESIDENCE.	AGE
Harry W. Hickford, Flint.	22
Hattie Thompson, Durand.	23
Cyrus Moore, Bath, Clinton Co.	33
Emma M. Shaylor, Woodhull.	27
Almond H. Stickle, Woodhull.	27
Harriet E. Smith, Perry.	17
Wallace Gleason, Antrim.	21
Ella Ferris, Gaines, Genesee Co.	18
Amberose Johnson, Owosso.	23
Minnie Miller, Owosso.	19
Charles Robertson, Owosso.	22
Minnie Bigsby, Owosso.	18

Real Estate Transfers.

ANTRIM.

H. C. Smith to J. B. Smith, w 1/2 of n e 1/4, sec 14, \$3,000.

BENNINGTON.

J. J. Atherton to J. M. Gilbert, part lots 13 & 14, bk 11, \$3,500.

M. Laveck to L. Brigham, part s 1/2 of s w 1/4, sec 7, \$2,000.

N. C. Banghart to C. H. Stocum, part s w 1/4, sec 4, \$200.

ANSON HOWE to L. B. Wright, s 1/2 of s e 1/4 of s e 1/4 & s 1/2 of s w 1/4, sec 30, \$1,500.

FAIRFIELD.

S. V. R. Johnson to Thomas Williams, s 1/2 of n e 1/4, sec 15, \$1,500.

OWOSSO CITY.

C. Ott to B. Buckminster, lot 6, bk 1, Bush's proposed add, \$500.

L. Struber to Z. D. Hurrell, lot 3, block 3, Struber's sub out lots 12 & 13, of J. H. Kelley's add, \$500.

D. M. Estey to L. Barnum, lot on sec 34, \$75.

G. A. Kinter to Geo. Baxter, lots 1 & 4, bk 3, S. K. Barnes' add, \$300.

OWOSSO TOWNSHIP.

E. Wiggins to Daniel Byrnes, s 1/2 of n e 1/4, sec 15, \$5,500.

PERRY.

Nellie Coleman to A. A. Harper, lot 17, bk 3, & lot 12, bk 2, McKellop's add, \$1,200.

M. W. Skutt to Chas. H. Calkins, lot 8, bk 6, C. H. Calkins' add, \$50.

Owosso Produce Market.

CORRECTED WEEKLY.	
Red Wheat.....	\$.75 to \$.85
White Wheat.....	75 to 85
Oats.....	38
Eat Corn.....	45
Shelled Corn.....	45
Clover Seed.....	3.00
Timothy Seed.....	1.75
Potatoes.....	50 to 60
Eggs.....	12
Butter, New.....	10 to 12
Beans.....	1.00 to 1.30
Onions.....	75
Apples.....	50 to 75

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Administrator's Sale.

In the matter of the estate of Kiehl Aldrich, deceased. Notice is hereby given, That by virtue of a license to me granted by the Probate Court in and for the County of Shiawassee, in the State of Michigan, on the 28th day of July, A. D. 1890, I will sell at Public Auction or Vendue, to the highest bidder, at the premises, hereinafter described, in the Township of Owosso, in the County of Shiawassee, and state aforesaid, on the 18th day of September, A. D. 1890, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, subject to all encumbrance by mortgage, all the following described real estate, to-wit: Sixty acres of land described as the west half (1/2) of the south-east quarter (1/4) of section thirty-two (32) in town seven (7) north range two (2) east excepting 16 and 32-100 acres off from the west side, owned by Frank Payne, in the Town of Owosso, County of Shiawassee and State of Michigan.

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