

## Low Prices not the Only Inducement

WE advertise for sale only such goods as we can guarantee to comply with all pure food laws, and we want to say right here that you'll find our groceries good and fresh—and note the price:

4 cans of corn.....	25c
3 cans of tomatoes.....	25c
3 cans of pumpkin.....	25c
3 cans of boiled cabbage.....	25c
3 cans of lye hominy.....	25c
2 pound cans salmon.....	10c
2 pound cans oysters.....	15c
3 pounds dried peaches.....	25c
3 pounds dried apples.....	25c
3 pounds prunes.....	25c
3 pounds raisins.....	25c
2 pounds imported figs.....	25c

We are making a pre-inventory cut in all our Queensware and Chinaware. Come in and get our prices.

### J. E. Williams.



DAIRY GUMPTION.

It Will Help a Man Over the Hard Places.

"Gumption" is an old-fashioned Yankee word and signifies the ability to shape one's own fortune, work up out of difficulties, overcome discouragements, etc. Last week our New York correspondent, H. H. Lyon, spoke of the almost helpless state the milk farmers of that state find themselves in before the "double twist" the milk dealers in New York city have put on them. Why cannot the farmers at every milk-shipping station cooperate with each other to put up a creamery and handle their milk that way? asks the Hoard's Dairyman. We sometimes think that the milk-shipping business has the worst effect on the enterprise and ability of the farmer of anything that could happen to him. Certain it is that it makes very much less of a farmer of him.

He does not raise young cattle and dogs like the creamery farmer. He loses all ambition to be what he should be, a wise breeder and developer of dairy cattle. He drifts down to the final landing place at the foot of the ladder, buying his cows and crowding costly feed into them for a year and then selling them for beef.

There seems to be nothing about the business as at present organized and conducted that will tend to the making of a larger-minded and better farmer of him. And then, as if to cap the climax, he is at the mercy of a lot of sharp dealers who know enough to combine against him. If he doesn't combine them, and he helplessly accepts the situation. His farm suffers from the constant drain of milk shipping to the extent of at least five to seven dollars per cow of valuable fertilizing material in the milk, most of which would be saved to the soil if consumed on the farm.

Of course we know that milk must be produced for city use, but it does seem as if the milk farmers as a class were lacking in the ordinary "gumption" of mankind to submit as they do to imposition, and make no combined effort to help themselves.

### EMPLOY THE BEST EXPERTS.

#### For the Revision of the Statutes Former Work Unsatisfactory.

Jefferson City, Jan. 18.—Senator Fred Hudson has been looking into the revision of the statutes ten years ago.

He finds that the commission left by the legislature at that time to complete the codification, indexing and annotating worked for thirteen months after the adjournment and its cost the state something like \$30,000 to pay the salaries of the members of the commission.

That the work was not satisfactory is indicated by the fact that the annotations of the statutes are regarded by the legal fraternity as worthless, and that a licensed pilot and engineer is required to find anything through the indices.

Senator Hudson will propose, when the revision is taken up, that the state employ the best experts in the law publishing business, in the country to do the work.

#### Expect Long Run.

There was preaching at the church last Sunday night by Rev. Sutor.

We hear that the Presbyterians are expecting preaching next Sunday.

The pie supper last Saturday was well attended. The proceeds were \$15.10. The entertainment was given by the Lone Oak Band.

We hear there will be a pie supper at Star next Saturday night.

Miss Myrtle Thomas, of the Double Branch neighborhood, spent last Saturday night and Sunday at the George Thomas home. Miss Loy Ballinch and Laverne Lyle also spent Sunday there.

Jack Carpenter and family have returned from a visit in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graham spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lyle spent Sunday with E. E. Eckles.

Quite a number from this vicinity delivered hogs in Butler last Monday.

There were sleds and sleighs of all descriptions to be seen in and around Peru last week, all the way from the tongueless watersheds to Dell Requa's custer. Dell will have to stay at home now, but when it snows again—look out girls.

Frank Blankenbaker returned last Saturday from a visit with his brother in Kansas. PUSSEY WILLOW.

#### Mt. Vernon News.

MARRIED.—At the home of the bride's parents, P. E. Winfrey, of Kansas City, and Miss Emma E. Raybourn, of Amsterdam, Mo., S. S. Fox, Esq., officiating.

There was quite a blizzard passed over this community the first of the week.

Rabbit hunting seems to be the order of the day.

John Ford has just returned from a week's visit near Appleton City.

Mt. Vernon is enjoying one of the best literaries, it has had for several years. The debate last Wednesday night on the tariff question was good. The affirmative side was represented by Geo. Christopher, Geo. Thompson, Leroy Park, Col. J. N. Sharp and J. F. Eye; the negative by W. J. Park, Wick Ray, Isaac Lockridge, Geo. Pahlmann and Lee Browning. Judges decided in favor of the negative.

John Dugan has sold his farm. Don't know just where he will locate.

During the debate at Mt. Vernon last Wednesday night, W. H. Hart, acting as chairman, had to use the big stick to prevent a riot. X

#### Ballard Notes.

The recent cold weather and snow has made skating and sleighing popular sports.

Mrs. M. S. Ketzey have returned from a visit with relatives in Polk county.

Wm. Hawthorn of Hastings, Nebraska, visited at the home of his aunt Mrs. Robinson.

Mrs. Amanda Mosher who has been visiting her daughter in Kansas City for some time, is home again.

C. A. Teeter made a business trip to Butler the last of last week.

BELLE

## JOHN HENRY



### ON THE DRUMMERS HE MET

BY GEO. V. HOBART, ("HUGH M'HUGH.")

Dear Bunch: I'm headed for home, but the hurdlers are holding me back. I met a whole flock of "the boys" in Rochester yesterday morning, and since most of 'em were making a flying leap for New York, you can believe me it was a swift squad of sports that climbed into one of Mr. Pullman's sleep-wagons and permitted themselves to be yanked over the rails.

A bunch of brisk ones—believe me! There was Charlie Hammond, leading man with the "Kitty, the Kash Girl" Company; David Torrence, first heavy with the melodrama entitled "The Haunted Automobile; or, Who Stole the Muffler?" Frank Westerton, first low sad with the "Crazy-Quilt Burlesques;" Emmett Corrigan, who is lecturing through the provinces on "How to Play Bridge Without Impairing the Tonsils;" Malcolm William, the handsomest leading man in the show-business—when completely shaved; William Burruss, the Bath-Robe King; Charlie Abbott, who sells that fine Monticello honey-dew, and Arthur Shaw.

Shaw travels for a clothing house in Cincinnati, and they call him Slim

Westerton was almost out; Burruss was under the seat sparring for wind; Slim was giving an imitation of a coal-barge in a heavy sea, and the rest of the passengers were in various stages from hiccoughs to convulsions.

"Is Boozey comfy wif his itzy weeny teeny Birdie?" chirped the bride.

"Boozey is so happy wif his itzy-wizy!" gurgled the husband; "how's my 'ittle girly wirly?"

"Oh! she's such a happy-wappy 'ittle fling!" giggled the dotty dame, pinching her piggle's ear, whereupon the brewer tried to hand the bride another gasoline gaze, but the old lady caught him with the goods.

"Is it to my face you go behind my back to make googly-googley eyes ad somevun—yes?" she growled, and in a minute the brewer's brow was busy with the window pane.

"Sweetie looks at Pettie and Sweetie sees that Pettie's pretty face is getting sunburned, so it is!" cuckooed Mrs. Daffy; "and Sweetie has a dood mind to tuss him, too!"

They opened a newspaper, crawled under cover, and began to bite each other on the chin.

"Go as far as you like!" said Slim, then he went down and out.

The man who helped to make Weehawken famous had his head out the window watching for an ice-wagon, and Mrs. Brew was industriously muttering "Du bist ein Narr! Du bist ein Narr!"

Just then the train pulled out and saved our lives.

Dave, Frank, Bill, Slim, Charlie, Malcolm, and I rushed feverishly up to the other end of the car to cool off, and there we landed on the outskirts of a bunch of drummers, who were fanning each other with fairy-tales about the goods they sold.

"I'll back three of the lads in that collection to dream longer than any other drummers on the track.

It's a pipe that they can sell bills to each other all day and never wake up.

A guy named Mutt Dawson was holding forth.

He's a most reckless spendthrift with his words, and the meanest man in the English language I ever listened to.

Mutt was telling them about hypotizing a John Wanamaker merchant prince in Pikeville, Ind., to the extent of \$200 for open-work socks, farmer's size, and then a chap named Jack Dean sent his balloon up by telling us how he sold the Siegel-Coopers, of Bugspout, Ia., \$300 worth of Panama hats for horses.

The Hot Air association was in full session when Buck Jones caromed

Tod Gilpin cuts ice for a match-factory in Newark, and he's the life of a small party.

Tod's main hold is to creep into the "reading-room" of a Rube hotel after the chores are done of an evening and throw salve at the come-ons.

Tod tells them that their town is the brightest spot on the map, and they warm up to him and want to buy him sarsaparilla and root beer.

Then when he gets them stuck on themselves he sells them matches.

"Pipe the gang to quarters and all rubber!" said Slim, about half an hour after the train pulled out.

In the seat ahead of us a somewhat demure-looking Proposition in rain-bow rags had been sampling the scenery ever since we started.

We had all given her the glad glance, but she was very much Cold Storage, so we passed it up.

As Slim spoke, the Proposition was joined by a young chap with a loose face, who had been out in the smoking-room working faithfully on one of those pajama panatella cigars that bite you on the finger if you show the least sign of fear.

Just then the train stopped for a few minutes, and we were put wise to the fact that it was an incurable case of bride and groom.

"Oh! Boozey is back to his Birdie!" said the brand-new wife. "Did Boozey like his smoky woky?"

Boozey opened a bunch of grins and sat down, while wifey patted his cheek and cooed:

"Is ums glad to get back to ums 'ittle wifey-pifey?"

Dave Torrence and Charlie Hammond began to scream inwardly, with Slim chuckling like a pet porpoise.

"Sweetie mustn't be angry with Pettie, but Sweetie is sitting on Pettie's 'ittle hand!" said the bride, whereupon Malcolm Williams exploded, and Slim began to grab for his breath.

A Dutch brewer and his wife sat right ahead of Boozey and Birdie, and every once in awhile the old hop-puncher would turn around and beam benignly over the gold rims at the bride.

"Boozey must snuggy-wuggy up closer to his Coozie and skeeze her 'itty arm—no, no, not her waist! you naughty! naughty!"

The brewer was back at the bride with another gold-rimmed goo-goo, when his wife got nervous and cut in:

"Is it to your face you go behind my back to make googly-googley eyes ad somevun—yes?" she snapped, and the foam-builder ducked to the window and began to eat scenery.

Will Require Much Wheat.  
It has been figured that by 1950, 43 harvests hence, the United States will have a population which, at the average rate of 6½ bushels of wheat a person, will require a full billion of bushels of wheat for bread and seed.

# READ!

See our display of Monarch can goods. The highest grade of can goods on the market to-day.

Raisins—new—good quality, 4 lbs.....	25c
Dry peaches, fine qual. 3 lbs for.....	25c
Flake hominy, 7 lbs.....	25c
Pearl hominy, 7 lbs.....	25c
Good rice at, lb.....	5c
Best navy beans at, lb.....	5c
Red kidney beans, lb.....	5c
Pink or chille beans at, lb. 5c	
Chille peppers at, lb.....	25c
Best dry apples, 3 lbs.....	25c

3-lb hand packed tomatoes at, 3 for.....	25c
Bear brand syrup, gal.....	50c
3 bbls fine country sorghum at, gal.....	50c
Ginger snaps, 2 lbs for.....	15c
2 lbs oysters at.....	15c
Lard cans, 6 gal.—new.....	30c
" " 8 gal. ".....	40c
" " 10 gal. ".....	50c
No. 1 galvanized tubs.....	50c
No. 2 " ".....	60c
No. 3 " ".....	70c

YOURS FOR BUSINESS.

## Norfleet & Ream,

Independent Grocers,  
Phone 144, BUTLER, MO.

### MISSOURI'S LARGEST LAND SALE.

Deed Filed at Greenville Transfers a Hundred Thousand Acres of Timber and Mineral.

Greenville, Mo., Jan. 18.—The deed of what is probably the largest transfer of land ever recorded in Southeast Missouri has been filed in the County Recorder's office here.

The deed was made by the Holladay Klotz Land and Lumber Company to the Wayne Iron and Lumber Company and calls for 100,000 acres of land in Wayne county at a consideration of \$400,000.

This marks the passing of the old Holladay Klotz Land and Lumber Company at one time the largest lumber company operating in Missouri.

The company was organized in 1895 by Hiram M. Holladay, an illiterate who only a few years previous to the organization of his company drove mules for a living. He organized the lumber company with a paid-up capital of \$600,000 and built the Williamsville, Greenville & St. Louis Railway, twenty miles long, also capitalized at \$600,000.

The Wayne Iron and Lumber Company got a charter in this state last week with a capital of \$2,500,000, fully paid up. The new company will develop the mineral resources of Wayne and adjoining counties, and will begin work on the extension of the Williamsville, Greenville & St. Louis Railway.

## Big Discount

ON  
Rugs, Carpets, Lace Curtains and Portiers

We are going to quit handling ALL the above mentioned articles, and are selling them at cost. It is a golden opportunity to purchase your spring stock at the lowest price similar goods were ever offered by any store in Butler. We have sold in the past quite a good many.

Come Early and Get First Choice

All These Goods will be Sold for Cash Only.

### A. H. CULVER FURNITURE CO.

Headquarters for Good Furniture.