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A Capitan Man's Opinion of Governor Dillon

A Capitan visitor to Santa Fe for the inauguration of Richard Dillon as Governor of New Mexico, on his return expressed his opinion of the chief executive something after the following strain:

"Politicians enter to the opinion of other people, for their own personal benefit and aggrandizement, but statesmen wish to do something for other people. It matters not to me whether the governor wore a dress suit or a suit of hand-me-downs, at his inaugural ball. That was his personal affair. He had no objection, however, to others wearing what suited them and became them best. In conversation with the committee on arrangements, he was heard to remark: 'Gentlemen, in the past I have worn leather coats, clamps, jumpers, sweaters, long boots and spurs and a buffalo head porchief for a necktie, while attending to my livestock interests on the range. Later I worked in my little store at Encino in a leaky shirt, selling horse shoes, overalls, tobacco, and other commodities, that meant dollars and cents to me, besides developing a habit of thrift. I sell a dollar's worth of merchandise in my store for a dollar, and when I come myself for some article of wearing apparel, I first consider the quality before separating myself from good, hard-earned dollars. As Governor of the State of New Mexico I'll endeavor to be as thrifty with the taxpayers' money as I have been with my own. But to wear one of those abortions, which belong to a past age—no, emphatically not. Besides, it would not be back perhaps \$150. But, gentlemen, you may look for me at the ball. I'll be logged in my Sunday best. If I should ever be sent as an ambassador to the Court of St. James (which I hope I won't) I suppose I'll have to do as the Spaniards do—appear in regalia. But I'm just a plain man, chosen here by plain people, and expect to return to the village of Capitan after two years as I left it—just a plain man.'"

The above, if he meant every word of it, would endorse Governor Dick as a man of strong individuality. He will probably make a good governor, if he can dodge the politicians' parlous traps.

[Later—We understand the governor weakened, and appeared on the ball room floor on the heels of a swallow-tail coat—a compromise.]

Mr. Ferguson Turns Loose Another Batch

Anglin, Tex., Jan. 4.—Miriam A. Ferguson's acts of clemency reached 3,065 with the granting of 20 full pardons today. Gov. Ferguson has granted 825 full pardons and 315 conditional pardons, the remaining clemency including paroles, commutations and similar acts.

Among those pardoned today is E. H. Moy of Houston, given 5 to 10 years for wife murder. The governor said Moy had served the state four years as "a good penitentiary," doing as much work as an average convict would do in 15 years, and that his wife's death was an accident.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Business in Capitan since the holidays has been fair, but it might have been better.

P. G. Peters, J. A. Brubaker and Billy Sevier visited Carrizozo Tuesday on business.

A. G. Maryfield and family were here from Lincoln the first of the week.

Daniel Vigil and son, Macario, of Richardson, were here from their ranches on the north side Wednesday.

Mrs. Floy Slinger has leased the Boone place, and moved in from the ranch, so that her children can attend school.

Frank Saurod, wife and family, left last week for California on a prolonged visit. If conditions warrant they may settle down there.

Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Titworth, has returned to college in Missouri, after spending the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Titworth and children left Sunday for El Paso, where the children will enter school. Mrs. Titworth will remain in El Paso with the children.

O. C. Lowmence and W. Myers, from Kent county, were here the past week, visiting their uncle, Billy Lowmence, who has been seriously ill for several weeks.

Editor L. L. Beard returned this week from Texas, where he had a happy time with kin folks during the holidays. He found the roads bad, both going and returning.

S. W. Wells has been a busy man since the first of the year, looking after his mining properties. Sam owns some rich prospects which will put him on Easy street one of these days. And, incidentally, may be the means of putting Lincoln county on the map as the richest mineral section of the state.

The Wisdom of Nature

The one great lesson men should learn from Nature—Is that cooperation brings success! We know that rain and sunshine work together To fill the world with health and happiness. Consistently the elements contribute Their service for the benefit of man— Each force, though great or small may be its duty. Does well its part in God's unerring plan.

The songs of birds, the colorings of flowers, The blush of morning and the kiss of night— These all combine to form the charm of Springtime, And so caress our spirits with delight. Without the aid of Winter's rest, all Nature Would soon become exhausted and decay; Just so does darkness give new strength and vigor— And fit creation for another day.



Let us, then, borrow wisdom from the seasons, And knowledge that shall guide us as we go Along the busy path of life's endeavor. Let us remember that we all may know Success when each is faithful in his service, And mindful of the needs of other men; For what we give in true cooperation Will surely come to bless our lives again.

Payne Sears and wife, of Roswell, spent the New Year with Mr. and Mrs. Witt Sears. While here he sold two cars to the Titworth Company—a Chevrolet Roadster and Studebaker Touring. They left Sunday for their home in Roswell.

J. A. Schrier and wife (nowly wed) left Wednesday for Michigan. The groom was a patient at Fort Stanton up to a short time ago, and the bride, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hightower of Alto, was a student in the high school.

Dr. Shafer of Carrizozo was here Sunday afternoon to examine and prescribe for Uncle Billy Lawrence, who was seriously ill. The patient is greatly improved, and now able to get around, notwithstanding his advanced age—77 years.

Ed Deason, who left Capitan for Clint, Mich., in company with Clyde Brubaker, about three years ago, spent a few days here last week while on his way to

SCHOOL NOTES

D. Lambert, Supt. Superintendent Lambert spent the holidays in Santa Fe. He reports the roads between here and there in bad shape, making travel by auto unpleasant and hazardous. But otherwise he had a nice time at Santa Fe. On account of the number of visitors there for the inaugural ceremonies hotel accommodation was at a premium.

The school board has filled the coal bins. This insures warmth in the rooms for the winter.

Mrs. Floy Slinger will move to town next week, so that her children will be close to school.

The prospects are good for a basketball season, if the weather is half favorable for practice.

School opened Monday morning after the holiday recess with one addition. All were present, and appeared happy and healthy. Most of them reported that old Santa Claus remembered them and made a welcome visit. We are looking forward to finish the school term satisfactorily. All the teachers were present, except Miss Katherine Spence, who was called to Carrizozo on urgent business. The pupils seem to be pleased to return to school and resume their studies, which will make it pleasant for the teachers.

Miss Doris Sellers is teaching Miss Spence's grade during her absence. Miss Doris will make a good instructor if she will apply herself to her calling.

Loss on Farm Crops

The value of the principal crops of 1925, of the United States showed a decline \$1,140,000,000 from the value of 1923, according to the December estimate of the United States department of agriculture, made public on December 20.

The estimated value of crops for 1925 was \$7,801,000,000 as compared to \$8,940,821,000 for 1923.

The decline in total value is the result of lower prices rather than decreased production. The crops showing the greatest decline in value are cotton, corn, spring wheat, potatoes, apples. The crops showing increased value are winter wheat, sugar

Odds and Ends

Modern criminals are more dangerous because they keep sober.

Knockers in any community always hurt themselves just as much as they others.

The Rotary club is facing an "intelligence" test, and all rotarians are hoping the High School students will not get hold of the result.

There are more bloc heads in Congress than ever before.

Yes, Governor Dillon wore a dress suit at the ball—at least it was a Tuxedo.

Among the dances not on the program at the inaugural ball at Santa Fe was a demonstration of the Charleston. If the governor had been put next, he might have put it in the same class as moonshine and clawhammer coats.

Up in the Estancia valley the semi-occasional train managed to get through where motors did not.

Adam, poor man, didn't have a chance to get off a mother-in-law joke on his wife.

Laws may represent the will of the people, but the people collectively have short memories.

Those friendly army airplanes may be only showing our neighbors to the south what they can do, if they have to.

Christmas is gone, we are fast starting on another year, and the thing to do now is to resolve to do better by avoiding the mistakes of 1925.

American Won Honors
William Wing Loring, who was a major general in the Confederate army during the Civil war, served ten years, from 1869 to 1879, in the Egyptian army, and obtained the rank of general and of pasha.

Our Observation
Notwithstanding that the main interest of many women is clothes, few nowadays are ever completely wrapped up in them.—Arkansas Gazette.

beets, sorghum syrup, peaches, strawberries and vegetables.

Whether this is the result of over production or crippled buying power is a question.—Albuquerque Journal.

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Bob Ransom Dies

Word reached here this week that Bob Ransom, well known here in days past, had died in Carrizozo Monday night of cancer of the stomach, leaving a wife and young family. He was bricklayer and plasterer, and laid the walls and did the plastering on the Community Hall in that town last summer, and to all appearance was in his usual good health. Some two months ago he became ill, and a medical examination assigned his illness to cancer, for which, it is said, there is no remedy when it is internal.

Before settling in Carrizozo, Bob Ransom spent many years in Capitan; also in Bernalillo City and Parsons when those places were live communities.

Bob will be remembered by most of our readers as a happy, good-natured neighbor, and will regret to learn of his passing away. Interment was in the Carrizozo cemetery.

Who Owns the Forests

The forest land of the United States, in round numbers, is split up approximately as follows:
Federal government, 80,000,000 acres; states, 10,000,000 acres; municipalities and counties, 700,000 acres; private owners, 370,000,000 acres.

First Accordion
The accordion, a small free-reed wind-instrument, was invented in Vienna, the capital of Austria, about the year 1829, by a musician named Damian. It was soon after introduced into England.

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Quart of Water Cleans Kidneys

Take a Little Salts if Your Back Hurts, or Bladder is Troubling You

No man or woman can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Eating too much rich food creates acids, which excite the kidneys. They become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood. Then we get sick. Rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders often come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys, or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, begin drinking a quart of water each day, also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take 2 tablespoonfuls in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys may act fine.

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Jad Salts is inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to help keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby often avoiding serious kidney complications.

Scientist Has Found Stars by the Billion

Prof. Frederick H. Sears of the Mount Wilson observatory recently completed counting the stars in the heavens. This seemingly impossible task he accomplished by mathematical calculations, although he could not see even with the most powerful telescope 97 per cent of them. First he divided the sky into squares. Then, 139 of these squares, he photographed all the stars included in each space with the great 60-inch reflecting telescope of Mount Wilson observatory, which collects 50,000 times as much light as the human eye. A count of the stars in the 139 squares showed 1,000,000,000. The 139 squares, however, represented only the 1-2,500 part of the sky and include stars only up to the twenty-first magnitude. So he worked out a ratio between the stars of each succeeding magnitude and by an intricate calculation arrived at the final count of 30,000,000,000,000.

Potato Stamping. 1 C. hot mashed potato. 1/4 C. soft stale bread crumbs. 1/4 C. finely chopped fat salt pork. 1/4 C. finely chopped onion. 1/4 C. butter. 1 egg. 1 level tsp. salt. 1/2 tsp. Calumet Baking Powder. Add to potato, bread crumbs, butter, egg, salt, baking powder; then add pork and onion.

Tales of the Tots. To avoid being swamped by them we touch here a few child stories: "Mamma," said a little fellow fresh from Sunday school, "I knew what the three virtues are; they are faith, hope and cherry tree."

A little Brookline lad explaining to his small sister the advent of the new baby said: "Why, God has only to wave His hand and down they come." David, a wee Winchester boy, was out walking with his nurse. It was near noon, and seeing a horse standing by the roadside the nurse remarked: "I guess that horse is getting hungry for his dinner."

Town's Many Peculiarities. The town of Hancock, which borders for sixteen miles on the New York state line, was 150 years old last year. It is the longest and narrowest town in Massachusetts, says the Boston Globe. It has the smallest public school in the state—one pupil. It has the only Shaker community in the state. Its three oldest inhabitants live under one roof. It has the second highest body of water in Massachusetts.

WEEKLY South-West NEWS ITEMS

L. V. Huxtable will be the next postmaster of Douglas, Ariz.

Robert Malloy was acquitted of murdering Lou Gay, cattle buyer, in a Bisbee (Ariz.) suburb.

It has been decided to hold the annual Pinal County Fair at Florence, Ariz., on Jan. 21 and 22.

During a recent thirty-day period, forty-seven carloads of cattle were shipped from Benson, Ariz.

Ground will be broken on the first day of February for the air-cooled tourist and commercial hotel at Mesa, Ariz.

Fourteen new homes have just been completed at Mascot, Ariz., for employees of the Central Copper Company.

Mrs. Allie Dickerman, Tucson postmaster since July 1, 1922, was reappointed for another term of four years.

The total value of crops grown on Elephant Butte irrigation projects stands third among twenty-three government irrigation projects in 1925.

Camp buildings are being erected and a fifty-horsepower engine and compressor installed at the Barnes and Paine property near Wickenburg, Ariz.

Cotton plantings at the Carlsbad (N. M.) irrigation project total 11,624 bales. The unplucked crop is estimated at an additional four to five thousand bales.

Esterno Napoleon was held in the Santa Fe jail under bail of \$2,500, charged with turning in false fire alarms, according to City Attorney J. J. Kenney.

Machinery is being put into place in the old Gunsight mine at Ajo, Ariz. It is announced that operations of this property will be started as soon as installations of machinery are completed.

Nine days after he went on trial at Prescott, Ariz., charged with the murder of City Manager Robinson, E. T. McKelligon was convicted of manslaughter by a jury in Yavapai county Superior Court.

E. C. Hollinger, county agent of Curry county, N. M., since 1920, has been appointed assistant director of the extension service to fill the vacancy left by the promotion of W. L. Elser to the directorship.

A meeting of the executive board of the New Mexico Wool Growers' Association has been called for Jan. 8 at Albuquerque, at which time plans for the state convention to be held in Albuquerque will be worked out.

The United States government will pay the Southern Pacific railroad \$1,000,000 for the reconstruction of fifteen miles of track along the Coolidge dam on the San Carlos Indian reservation on the Gila river in Arizona.

After donning the army uniform, in which he served during the World war and writing a note leaving his scanty belongings to relatives, Guadalupe Brito, between 46 and 50 years of age, took his own life at Santa Fe, N. M.

Mal. George H. Kelly, state highway inspector, is supervising the gathering of data for a volume that will cover the history of mining development in Arizona, which has only casual mention in the previous volumes of Arizona history.

Robert Murray, alleged to be wanted in Denver on a charge of passing counterfeit silver dollars and who has been held in custody at Santa Fe, N. M., for some time, has been sent back to Colorado under the custody of a United States marshal.

H. C. Van Riper of Junction City, Kan., was accidentally shot and instantly killed at a point about three miles north of Roswell. Van Riper apparently had started to get out of his automobile to hunt ducks when his shotgun was discharged.

Delayed state warrants for the second quarterly apportionment of Arizona state school funds to counties were mailed, by C. O. Case, state superintendent of public instruction. The checks cover the quarterly apportionments made Oct. 11. Apache county will receive \$10,109; Coconino county, \$9,232; Navajo county, \$12,563.70.

R. F. Hare, agricultural statistician at Las Cruces, N. M., in figures released recently, estimates that 1,300,000 sheep are on the Navajo reservation at the present time. The annual wool clip is estimated at 4,000,000, one million pounds of which are woven into blankets by the women of the reservation. Big game in the national forests of the states were estimated by J. S. Choeller of the national forest service as totaling \$1,528, at the beginning of the year. The total was divided up as follows: Antelope, 711; black and brown bear, 640; grizzly bear, 32; deer, 20,009; elk, 78; mountain sheep, 160.

Rulings to the effect that all motor buses in which children are transported shall be provided with doors which swing outward and which may be unlatched from the side, and that all drivers of such buses shall be 18 years of age or over, were passed by the New Mexico State Board of Education.

ALLAYS FEAR OF QUAKE INCREASE

Director of Georgetown "U" Replies to Inquirers

Washington.—The earth is not shaking any more than it used to, but people are noticing it more.

This is the answer of Director Theodore of the Georgetown university observatory to the flood of inquiries reaching him as to whether earthquakes are increasing in number and frequency.

Because of the precision of instruments which record tremors, the public is informed constantly through their newspapers of disturbances of the earth's crust in all parts of the globe. The key belief that the shocks are becoming close together is a result of this publicity.

"The layman, unofficially interested in the restlessness of the earth's crust, should know the truth," says Doctor Theodore. "The problem of computing earthquake frequency was first scientifically undertaken by Count de Montessus de Baille, one-time director of the seismological observatory of the government of Chile.

In 1900, after a close analysis of the then available earthquake records, 131,292 in number, he placed the annual average earthquake occurrence at 3,530, equivalent to an ear shock every two hours and twenty-seven minutes.

Four years afterward Dr. August Sieberg of the University of Jena questioned the estimate as too low. A recalculation made by him in 1923 lifted the annual average frequency to 9,000, or about one every hour.

Five thousand of these quakes he indicated as being felt sensibly on some part of the earth's surface in varying intensities. Violent quakes, classified by others as world-shaking, occur at intervals of every three and one-half days, either on the continents or on the ocean's bottom. Those on land, however, average every fifth day.

"California, the least inactive of all United States territory, is visited by a shock on an average of 51 times annually. The liability of one of these shocks being heavy is about eight-tenths of 1 per cent."

"Rent Party" Staves Off Collector in Harlem

New York.—Two novel easy-money schemes have grown up in Harlem, haven of the negro in New York.

The "rent party" is the most unique. When the visit of the rent collector is imminent and the family treasury is low, comes the happy thought of turning the living quarters into an impromptu place of entertainment for a night. The box office is the sidewalk, where tickets to the "rent party" are sold to whomsoever among the passers-by can be impounded into the home. The price of admission is 25 cents upward, according to the "swankiness" of the household.

The motley room of guests occasionally get boisterous, leading the revelers into the tolls of the law.

The other scheme, in which the rewards are uncertain except for the promoters, is a sort of lottery, known as "numbers" or the "policy game," operated with the daily figures of total stock market sales as a basis. Although contributions of as little as a nickel are solicited, considerable sums are involved.

Burglar Discusses Art as He Takes Jewelry

New York.—A burglar with a penchant for discussing art with his victims, if they happen to meet him, robbed Mrs. Adelaide O'Donohue of Brooklyn of \$15,000 in jewels. Mrs. O'Donohue, police said in revealing the burglary, was awakened by a flashlight in her face just before daybreak and called out, "Who are you?"

"I'm a burglar," was the reply. "I want your money and your jewelry." She told them they were in the bureau, but he paused to remark: "That's a corking fine painting you have there. Is it genuine?"

Mrs. O'Donohue assured him it was and that it was called "Out of Chaos Comes the Dawn." The thief, glancing out of the window, remarked that sure enough it was dawning. He then went to the bureau and selected gems, conversing the while.

The burglar remarked upon volumes of Byron, Shelley and Keats on a table.

"Sleeping-Car Sirens" Bilk American Tourists

London.—Sleeping-car sirens are a menace to travelers in some parts of Europe. Wealthy Americans are said to be frequently their victims.

Good looks, beautiful clothes, a mixture of tears and coyness, a card case containing names of famous persons of Europe and a tearful tale of a lost purse or railway ticket enable these adventuresses to extract large sums of money from male travelers.

Yugo-Slav police recently arrested a young woman of twenty-four who for the last three years has been levying toll from wealthy travelers on the famous Simplon Express, which rushes across the continent from Paris to Constantinople.

37,000 TONS ADDED TO EARTH YEARLY

French Scientist Says Shooting Stars Not Dangerous

Paris.—In a recent article in Le Petit Journal, Abbe Th. Moreaux, director of the Observatory of Bruges, discussed the annual fall visitation of shooting stars, particularly noticeable in France. He said:

"Every year readers of Le Petit Journal write to me about the appearance in the sky of luminous meteors which sometimes burst in the air and light up the landscape. When these stones reach the earth they constitute what scientists call aerolites. Their metallic character is now well recognized and there are many varieties of them to be seen in the beautiful collection of the Paris Museum of Natural History.

"Astronomers still discuss their origin, but all admit that the aerolites are the remnants of comets. Between the shooting stars, which weigh hardly a centigram, and the aerolites, which may weigh several tons, there would be perfect identity, if they were of the same weight.

Dangers Are Exaggerated. "Formerly people attributed to these bodies all sorts of terrors. But today we possess better information about them and are in a position to say that the dangers from a fall of meteors are greatly exaggerated.

"Ought we to fear a general bombardment? I don't think so. The interplanetary spaces are being emptied more and more of the materials which contributed to the formation of the sun and the planets, and there is no reason in nature to foresee a terrifying recurrence of meteors. Undoubtedly certain years, like 1908, 1914 and 1929, show incontestable maxima. But year in and year out our planet receives on an average only 37,000 tons of foreign matter.

"That is very little compared with the total mass of the globe—so little, that at such a rate it would take 400,000,000 years to accumulate a layer one centimeter thick over the entire surface of the earth.

"At this rate the length of the day would be increased hardly a thousandth of a second in a million years. We have plenty of time to see what will happen, and the aerolites will hardly derange our sidereal clock.

"Every year we notice, also, a return of warmth with St. Martin's summer, which arrives in November, and some subtle scientists have concluded that this phenomenon of warming up should be attributed to the big swarm of shooting stars, known under the name of Leonides, through which the earth passes at this period.

Heat Theory Is Denied. "Here is an admirable piece of foolishness which will be passed out again this year if the autumn continues to be normal.

"Let us suppose, however, that at the moment of the November shower there falls on the earth one hundred tons of meteors every day, which is a very high maximum. Do you know what amount of heat that would develop at the end of a year for each square meter of the earth's surface? Exactly what the sun sends us a tenth of a second. You see that a little figuring often prevents people from saying foolish things.

"But there is another consideration. If our dog days during St. Martin's summer were due to encountering meteor swarms, the phenomenon would occur everywhere on the globe. Now, all experienced meteorologists will tell you that St. Martin's summer is limited to certain countries and is not encountered everywhere on the earth's surface.

"The question is thus pretty well cleared up. Apart from being struck on the head by a meteor, which is an extremely rare occurrence, we can reassure ourselves as to the future which the shooting stars and the aerolites have in store for our planet."

Air-Mail Pilots Earn as High as \$9,000 Yearly

Washington.—The lure of flying holds its monetary reward, at least for the air-mail pilot.

The aviator postman receives an annual salary of between \$4,000 and \$9,000. The high pay, plus the desire for the excitement of flying, recently caused two field superintendents of the service to desert ground jobs and return to piloting. Both now fly regular mail routes.

The mail pilot receives a base pay of between \$2,000 and \$3,000, depending on length of service, and is paid in addition by the mile for flying service.

For daylight flying, he receives a 5-cent rate between Cleveland and Cheyenne, 6 cents between Cheyenne and Reno, and 7 cents between New York and Cleveland, and between Reno and San Francisco. For night flying the mileage scale is doubled.

The hazards of mail piloting are held by postal officials, to justify the pay.

Begging Pays

Philadelphia.—A wheel-chair beggar has been found to have a bank account of \$18,000, an automobile and real estate, and to be paying \$4 a day at a hotel.

Quit Tickling

Toronto.—Many adults are stammerers because mothers tickle baby's toes to bring that cherubic smile, according to Dr. W. T. Blatz.

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SCHOOL OF AVIATION "LIKELY FOR DENVER"

Washington.—Denver may get a reserve officers aviation training school.

Secretary of War Dwight Davis, advised Congressmen Edward Taylor that the war department would give serious attention to the possibility of establishing such a school.

At present, according to Bentley McMullin, 512 Boston building, Denver, who first petitioned Congressman Taylor to seek the location of such a school in Denver, reserve aviators are forced to travel to San Antonio, Texas, for training. Most of the annual allowance of time for training, he says, is spent on railroad trains instead of in the air.

McMullin said that if a training school could be established in Denver, citizens there would subscribe for the building of a hangar and other equipment necessary to make the present flying field entirely adequate for military use.

State Officials Resigning Offices

Santa Fe.—Governor Cordova, sentenced from Taos county in 1922 to serve from 75 to 85 years in the state prison, Monday received a commutation of sentence from Governor A. T. Hannett to from 9 to 8 years. A full pardon to Cristosto Pena, sentenced to 60 to 70 years in the prison was granted on Christmas day by the governor. Pena was a trustee at the prison for nine years. Resignation from various of the state officers, effective the first of the year, were received and accepted today by Governor Hannett. Those who tendered their resignations were Kyle S. Crichton, Albuquerque, publicity commissioner; Roy M. Jackson, Aztec, publicity commissioner; Geo. M. Neel, state engineer and Col. Vincent J. Jaeger, adjutant general.

Stephenson Loses Fight for Freedom

Michigan City.—D. O. Stephenson, formerly dragon of the Indiana Ku Klux Klan, was denied a writ of habeas corpus in Superior court at Michigan City, Ind. Serving a life sentence for the murder of Madge Oberholzer of Indianapolis, he will be sent back to prison. Judge Harry L. Crumpacker announced denial of the writ after a two-day hearing on the application to free Stephenson.

Brazilians Will Protest Landing of U. S. Marines

Sanos Aires.—A mass meeting of protest against landing of United States troops in Nicaragua was held on Jan. 3. Men prominent in official business life and educational leaders attended. Arrangements for speakers and other details of the meeting were in charge of small groups of men who have opposed the action of the United States since its armed forces landed in Nicaraguan cities.

MELISSA AND HER EXPERIENCE

By ALICE E. IVES

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MELISSA CRANE had lived alone in the red brick house in Locust street for over 15 years. Living alone sometimes makes one sweeter, meliorer, and more tolerant of his fellow creatures; but that is when he has hitched his "wagon to a star" or gone on the beautiful quest of finding his soul, and that which naturally follows—the soul of all mankind. Miss Melissa had not given much time to either of these pursuits. If she had, this would be another story. She had been a decent, God-fearing woman, living strictly within the letter of the law. If she had ever had a love affair it was entirely unknown to anyone in Barrington. Still, a good deal might have happened before then, as Melissa Crane was all of thirty when she came there. Certain it was that something in her life very like a tragedy had been caused by a habit, and had made Miss Crane strong in her denunciation of evil things. She was a prominent officer in the W. C. T. U. and something of a factor in influencing the election which resulted in the nation going dry.

Old Hannah, who had gone faithfully for years, once a year, to "clean up" for Miss Crane, probably knew more about that lady's affairs than anyone else in Barrington. Oddly enough, Miss Crane was even at times confidential with her servant, perhaps because she found she was like herself, close-mouthed.

When old Hannah was set to open up and clean a long disused bedroom, her curiosity got the better of her.

"Going to have company?" she ventured.

"No," answered Miss Crane. "It's a child." At the woman's astonished look she added: "I guess she must be more than twelve. I didn't think to ask. Oh, dear! I don't know how I'm ever going to stand it; but I'll get her off to some good boarding school just as quick as I can."

"Have you adopted her?" still further ventured Hannah.

"Adopted her?" snorted Miss Crane, as though asked if she had committed burglary. "Not at all. She's the child of a good-for-nothing half-brother of mine. Her mother died about three years ago, and now he has been killed in an accident. Some one wrote to me about it. He hadn't left a penny, and they wanted to know what they could do with Ethel. Well, there didn't seem to be but one thing to do, and that was to send for her. I don't know any more about taking care of a child, than—than—nothing," sighed Miss Crane.

"Well, there," reassured Hannah. "I do; and if you want any help—I, she gets croup or something you just send for me quick."

It was rather a pathetic little figure in black that landed at the door of the red brick house. When the appeal in the large brown eyes greeted Miss Crane she did something quite unexpected to herself; she put her arms around the child and kissed her. Miss Crane concluded she wasn't pretty, but she had "the makings" of good looks.

Ethel was not quite the untamed barbarian Miss Crane had expected, though she had her quota of faults, and committed some of the usual childish misdemeanors. But she succeeded in penetrating the rather hard crust of Melissa's heart to the extent of not being packed off to a boarding school, and was suffered to continue her education on the home ground.

It was a sore trial to the elder woman when the girl she had learned to love as her own seemed to care for the company of Irvin Banks. Ethel was now nineteen. She had been graduated from the high school, and had been studying at an art academy, and was, once more back in Barrington. She was bright, capable, and with a character that was developing both kindness and force. The deep sense of obligation she had felt for her aunt had grown into love, and she was willing to make almost any sacrifice rather than bring sorrow into the life of the lonely woman. Miss Crane had legally adopted Ethel, and she bore her name.

It was something of a shock to the girl when her aunt made known to her the aversion she felt toward Irvin Banks, and her strong desire that she should not allow the acquaintance to go any further.

"But why, aunty?" she urged.

"What have you against him?"

"Don't you know what there is against him?" cried Miss Crane.

"Well—what?"

"Why, that boy took to courting when he wasn't more than eighteen. He got in with a bad set, and helped rob a store over in Redcliffe, and got sent up for a year."

"Yes, I know about that," said Ethel quietly.

Her aunt regarded her with speechless amazement. When she finally found her breath to speak, she said: "You knew that? And yet you ask me what there is against him?"

"Yes, I knew it—he told me. But that was seven years ago. He has never, aroused since. It was a terrible lesson. They got him in such condition that he scarcely knew what he was doing. He watched out, but he never entered the store. It was all right he should be punished. He feels that way, and says he is glad

he was pulled up in time. You know what he has made of himself, the people all know, and most of them overlook what happened when he was nothing but a boy."

"Well," protested Miss Crane. "I must say I can't. I wouldn't lay a straw in his way. I'd help him any way I could, but when it comes to—"

She paused here as though unwilling to contemplate the awful possibility of anything like familiarity with such a person.

"But just think!" cried the girl. "They have given him the position of first assistant among all the engineers in building the big bridge! Just imagine what they think of him in New York when they do that!"

"Yes, that's fine. I want to see him get along. But I don't want to see you get to caring enough for him to— to spoil your life."

"Spoil my life?" echoed the girl.

"Yes. You can never tell when a man that's had a bad habit once will take to it again. You can't trust him. I'd rather die than see anyone I cared for marry that sort of man."

Ethel's affection for her aunt, and her love for this man—for she knew now it was love—were so nearly crushing her in the warfare that she could say no more, and she brought the interview to an end by making an excuse to go to her room.

Irvin Banks lived with his sister, who had been one of the principal factors in helping him to rise to the position he now held. It was with his sister that Ethel had first met him. She was attracted by the good-looking young man with the high, firm carriage of the head, the straight gaze and the wholesome smile, and she was further held by his ability to say something worth while, and saying it rather well. She had met him in his own home by invitation of his sister, and had asked him to call. It was after his second visit, at both of which Miss Crane had pretended illness as an excuse for not appearing, that the lady had given her emphatic reasons for not wishing him to call again.

Ground between the millionaires of her "divided duty." Ethel sought the counsel of Mary Banks.

"Aunt Melissa has been to me a second mother. I love her very dearly. How can I go dead against her wishes?—I must ask him not to call again," Ethel said.

"And do you think Irvin will let it go at that?" cried his sister. "Maybe you don't know what this means to him."

Ethel's heart gave a big throb. She knew what it meant to her. In the meeting of their eyes, the sister knew.

"Will you ask your aunt to come and see me?" she said.

"Oh, she never would," asserted Ethel.

"Not if she could help it, of course," rejoined Mary. "But you've got to put your foot down, and be firm. Just say you can't tell him not to call, and you'd be likely to see him in other places anyway. If she wants to shut off all communication between you and Mr. Irvin Banks, the only way is to come and lay the case before his sister."

Ethel looked dubious, but promised to be firm, and the two conspirators parted.

Miss Crane stoutly protested she would do nothing of the kind, but as relations remained decidedly strained, she concluded it was the only way to conclude peace.

The day she had appointed to call on Miss Banks was cold and blustering, and snow began to fall heavily while she was on the way. She had to walk nearly a mile, and she arrived at the Banks cottage, chilled, wet and bedraggled. Mary Banks met her with such cheery cordiality, and took off her wet wraps to dry her feet, and talking pleasantly all the time that her caller found it difficult to make an opening for her errand. At last she got up courage to begin.

"Miss Banks, I am—"

"Just a minute. Miss Crane! Let me get you something warm!"

Miss Crane protested she did not need anything, but suddenly Miss Banks regarded her with deep alarm.

"Oh!" she cried, "how badly you look! Why, you are having a chill! There is so much pneumonia about! I shall get you something at once."

Miss Crane admitted she was still cold, and allowed her to have her way.

"It's just a little hot lemonade," she said, handing the tall tumbler to her guest.

Miss Crane, already alarmed about her condition, took a long draft of the mixture. Suddenly she set it down with a frightened look at the other woman. "There's something in it!" she cried.

"Oh, only the least bit. If you had a doctor here, he'd make you take it. You'll have pneumonia if you don't!"

Miss Crane now thoroughly frightened, swallowed the whole of it. It was really a very liberal allowance of a stimulant and not being used to such things, she was soon conversing glibly, and feeling very much at home with her hostess. Mary showed her brother's picture, and regaled her with his wonderful achievements. Miss Crane quite forgot what she had come for, and invited them both to call. Mary telephoned for a conveyance, and sent her guest home happy.

Ethel received the unexpected news with astonishment, but the next instant became aware that Miss Crane had been having too much. The next day a very miserable, repentant woman met her at breakfast. "I've got to resign from W. C. T. U.," she said. "I'll never be able to look any of them in the face again. I guess I needn't have been quite so hard on Irvin Banks. I haven't anything more to say against his coming."

NEARBY AND YONDER

Off the Beaten Path to Unusual Places and Things

By T. T. MAXEY

WNU Service

Silver Spring

IN CERTAIN sections of Florida there is an underground layer of limestone. Beneath this rock-sheet a number of rivers, of whose presence there is no surface indication, busily work their way toward the sea.

Breaks or other openings in this stratum of stone enable some of these streams to burst through and come to the surface, which they do with a suddenness that is astonishing. In the form of great fountains or springs—producing a strange spectacle as unusual in character as it is beautiful to behold.

Perhaps the most prominent of these springs is Silver Spring—in Marion county, a few miles from the town of Ocala—the basin of which is several acres in extent.

The water contains sufficient lime to settle any substance which might be carried in solution and is so perfectly clear that the bottom—80 feet down in one place—is distinctly visible.

Seen in any light at any time of day or year, this great basin of bubbling, crystal-clear water is a fascinating sight. It is seen to best advantage, however, when a slight breeze whips the surface into a succession of dancing fipples and the sunshine illumines those ripples, investing them with all the colors of the rainbow. The sight thus produced is one of rare and enchanting beauty.

The overflow of this spring is carried off by a stream which flows into the Ocklawaha river—a tropical stream which meanders through tangled, vine-hung growths to join the greater St. Johns river.

Chicago's New Water Tunnel

THE completion of a new water tunnel under a portion of Chicago discloses some enlightening information concerning the tremendous size and amazing cost of such undertakings in large cities.

Constructed in order that some 600,000 persons residing in the southwestern part of the city might "drink copiously and have more water for Saturday night," this tunnel is horseshoe in shape, lined with concrete to cover all jagged projections and remove all resistance to water flow, has a finished diameter of 12 feet, is 0 1-3 miles long—all in solid rock, and, in the main, 140 feet below the surface of the streets.

According to the city engineer, approximately 1,400,000 pounds of dynamite were used in blasting, 400,000 cars of rock excavated and elevated to the surface and 600,000 bags of cement used in lining the tunnel.

The work in the tunnel was carried on from two shafts—each plant, electrically operated, consisting of head-house, power house, dry room, store-room, office, blacksmith shop, cement shed, carpenter shop, rock crusher and storage bins.

The capacity of this tunnel is 300,000,000 gallons per twenty-four hours. The total cost, including the shafts and equipment, was about \$191 per foot, or \$4,500,000 all told.

The pumping station is equipped with four compound turbine-driven pumps, each with a capacity of 75,000,000 gallons per twenty-four hours, and cost an additional \$2,500,000.

El Capitan

A SCENDING the rugged canyon of the Merced river to the lovely valley of the Yosemite in California, one comes upon a colossal hunk of granite—plain, stern, challenging, and of such staggering proportions as to cause suspicion concerning the correctness of his vision.

This is El Capitan—the word a probable derivation or corruption of the Indian name "Tu-tock-ah-nu-lah"—said to be the largest, loftiest, mightiest, most glorious rock in creation.

The significance of this statement is apparent when one understands that the almost-perpendicular face of this stupendous pile rises 3,000 feet, or nearly three-quarters of a mile, toward the blue sky above from the water in the tiny river at its base, while its two side walls have an area of between three and four hundred acres.

Opinion differs concerning its origin. Great floods rushing down the valley for long periods when the Sierra Nevada mountains were in the making may have scoured away the dirt and debris and left this immovable rock. Again, a glacier of untold size and age may have ground its way down this valley, destroying everything in its path save this indestructible giant. Or the bottom of the valley may have been sunk by an earthquake.

The impression which this monster rock makes upon one varies with the moods of the weather. A pale moonlight gives to it an almost ghostly outline of overwhelming immensity with a somewhat spooky personality.

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Defoe and Wells

Some one recently observed that Daniel Defoe, best known as the author of "Robinson Crusoe," was the H. G. Wells of his day, from the standpoint of prolific writing. He is said to have no less than 250 books and tracts to his credit.

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Soil Photography

Color photography is now being successfully used in the field investigation of soil types. Photographs have been taken by the bureau of soils of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the various colors, mottling and streaks show distinctly on the plates, permitting identification and study.

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New Smokeless Fuel

Experiments are being conducted in Virginia on the development of a new smokeless fuel derived from soft coal. The new fuel, between a coke and a coal, can be produced and sold at a lower cost than anthracite, but probably will cost slightly more than soft coal.

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Importance of Looks

"Looks are important in the movies." "Yes, I see a prize-fighter who has just signed up has agreed not to get his face improved."—Louisville Courier Journal.

The Great Necker

Prunella—Who was that boy you had in the hammock last evening? Priscilla—I think he was the one we read about in the papers, who strangled the ostrich.

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Causes of Fire Loss

In 1924 lightning as a cause of fires ranked eighth. The cause heading the list was exposure, which merely means the loss due to fires spreading beyond the point of origin. Next came matches and smoking; then defective chimneys and flues; stoves, furnaces, and their pipes; spontaneous combustion; sparks on roofs; electricity and lightning.

Try This One

The co-eds at the southern branch have started a new game which promises to be more popular than football. They call it Christians. Here is how it is played:

The Christians, who are the girls, get on one side and the boys, who are the heathens, get on the other. Then the heathens cross over and embrace Christianity.—Los Angeles Times.

Get His Picture

"Do you believe in a Divine Being?" the adoring husband was asked by an Indianapolis minister.

"Yes," was the answer. "I've lived with one for fifteen years."

Gold produced by the Transvaal mines the first six months of 1937 was 105,000 ounces greater than in the same period of 1925.

When Winter Comes

Good Elimination Is Essential

HABITS of life change with the changing seasons. Winter brings us more indoors; we are apt to get less fresh air and exercise, to eat heavier food and to be less active generally. These winter-time habits impose heavier burdens upon our hard-working kidneys.

unpleasant ways. One is apt to feel tired, achy and listless — to have drowsy headaches, dizziness and perhaps a dull, "toxic" backache. That the kidneys are not functioning as they should is often shown by scanty or burning secretions.

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*Diuretics are agents which increase the secretion of the kidneys.—Encyclopedia definition.

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Might Have Been Worse

Brain Leaks in S. W. Dispatch
 After all the fuss about the pardoning habit of the Ferguson's; it appears that they only granted 3,000, about what the total penal population now in the pen of the state amounts to. Why all the fuss? Suppose it had been 6,000, so that the jails had been entirely emptied. The situation might have been worse, you know.

Nothing the statement that the national cost of education in 1925 was \$14.03 per capita, we just want to make it plain that this refers to the pupils in the grammar and high schools only. After which it just simply takes all you have per capita.

Another studying on figures figures it out that at the close of collision hours, December 31, practically 22,000 people were killed by automobiles in this country in 1925. This is more than the railroads, or football, or any other of the dangerous pursuits call for, but then more people are interested.

Sinclair Granted Review of Oil Leases

Washington, Jan. 3.—Harry F. Sinclair was today granted a review by the supreme court to test out the legality of the Teapot Dome lease.

In announcing it would review the case, the court overruled a request by government counsel that the Teapot Dome proceedings be suspended until the court had decided the appealing appeal in the Doheny-Elks Hill oil reserve suit.

Both Doheny and Sinclair lost in the lower federal court, which held that the Teapot Dome and Elks Hill leases were invalid.

Both of these are civil suits, having no direct connection with the criminal proceedings against Sinclair, Doheny and the former interior secretary, Fall, Doheny and Fall, recently acquitted on the criminal conspiracy charge, and Sinclair and Fall are to be brought to trial on a similar charge on February 2.

Whiskers Once Popular
 A New York paper in 1885 stated that the military fashion of cutting the hair close was wrong, as the hair was a conductor of electricity to the brain and should never be less than two inches in length; the article commended the full beard custom, and stated that shaving was a barbarism.

Legalized Murder

Is the government of these United States empowered by the Constitution to slyly kill its citizens? That is a vital question, which calls for quick action by the supreme court. Wayne Wheeler, counsel for the anti-saloon league, seems to think it has; and admits that denatured alcohol (a slow poison) is adulterated with four cent wood alcohol (a deadly poison). Redistilling, it seems, does not remove the wood alcohol and the vile compound is bottled and sold as pure double distilled liquor, with fatal results. During the Christmas holidays the hospitals of New York and other cities were crowded with victims hundreds dying, and hundreds who did not imbibed sufficient of the deadly compound to kill are slowly recovering. The numbers treated in their own homes and sanitariums cannot be roughly estimated. Bootleg whiskey is admitted by chemists to contain enough poisonous elements to kill if taken in excess, without adding four per cent of a "sure killer."

"We are willing, said Wheeler, that the denaturants be made less deadly, but the law says that industrial alcohol must be made unfit for beverage use and there is only one way to do it. Use wood alcohol."

Secretary Mellon assured Mr. Wheeler that no radical steps would be taken, which might leave the stock of industrial alcohol subject to widespread use by bootleggers, but he took the stand that he was not willing to poison American citizens to enforce the law. He took the view that the government cannot overlook the fact that some citizens are going to drink one thing or another, and reiterated his position that it is not the function of the government to poison and kill to enforce a law. It would, in his opinion, be governing by murder.

Gasoline

A total of 3,560,088,000 gallons of gasoline were taxed during the first six months of 1926. All of the states except New Jersey, Massachusetts, New York, and Illinois imposed a gasoline tax, the rate ranging from one to five cents a gallon. An additional \$7,000,000 gallons were used in the four states in which the tax is not collected. Since 10,697,832 motor vehicles were registered in the six months period, the gasoline consumption per vehicle was 225 gallons.

Cattle Sanitary Board May Increase Levy

Albuquerque, Jan. 4.—The cattle sanitary board will have to increase the mill levy (a live stock in the state within the next two years or curtail its activities, according to an audit submitted to the board at its meeting here yesterday.

The report estimates that it will take \$80,000 a year to meet expenses. Under the present levy of the two mills bill it would be \$60,000. The report shows the board had been calling on its surplus funds for several years to meet expenses, but this balance on November 30 had been reduced to \$30,864.

The loss in revenue is ascribed to the enormous shrinkage and loss in the cattle in the state in the last few years.

The report commends the management of the office, as far as the finances are concerned.

Tucumcari Treasurer Short

Santa Fe, Jan. 4.—W. B. Humphries, city treasurer of Tucumcari since 1922, is reported as having misappropriated city funds to the net sum of \$12,032 in report on an audit of the office of that city released here today by state comptroller's office.

Humphries was at one time connected with the comptroller's office taking part in the audit of Grant county.

When shown the report Humphries admitted a shortage of about \$7,000.

Permits for Grazing on the Lincoln National Forest

Applications for permits for grazing stock on the Lincoln National Forest for the season from April 1, 1927, to March 31, 1928, must be filed in the supervisor's office on or before January 15, 1927.

If you desire to make application for a permit on the Capitan Mountain Grazing District for any part of the season mentioned please meet me at one of the following places:

Baca Ranch station, January 4 & 5, 1927.

Arabela, Jan. 7, in afternoon; Lincoln, Jan. 8.

Capitan, Jan. 9, in Bank Bldg. Baca Ranch station, Jan. 11.

Should you fail to appear at the places named on the above dates it will be assumed you do not desire a permit and other applications will be considered.

Vance A. Thomas, Forest Ranger.

United States Department of Agriculture

Lincoln National Forest.

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1 sorrel mare branded JHR connected on left shoulder.

1 colt unbranded.

1 sorrel mare branded JHR connected on left hip.

1 bay mare, branded cross links on left shoulder.

1 bay mare branded OLA on right thigh, together with unbranded colt.

1 brown horse branded OLA on right thigh.

1 bay stallion branded LA on right thigh.

1 bay mare and colt with brand unappreciable, mare branded on right thigh and colt on left shoulder.

1 brown horse branded pig-ton on left shoulder.

1 sorrel stallion branded X circle spear on left thigh.

3 sorrel mares and three colts branded M on left shoulder.

1 bay mare branded EQ on right shoulder.

1 bay mare branded scissors on left thigh, together with unbranded colt.

1 bay horse branded 9 on left thigh.

1 sorrel mare with brands on each shoulder, unbranded, has horse shoe bent around left forefoot, together with unbranded colt.

1 sorrel fillet unbranded.

1 bay streaked mare unbranded.

1 bay fillet unbranded.

2 bay mares unbranded.

1 bay yearling horse unbranded.

Wese, on December 14 and 15, 1926, found grazing without permit and in trespass upon the above mentioned National Forest, on the Nogal Lake Allotment, within Townships 8 and 9 S., Range 18 E., N.P.M., and within the county of Lincoln, N. M., and the said livestock, then and there, were taken up and impounded by the United States of America, and the said livestock are now being held at the S. M. Czerns ranch in said county and state.

That the owners of said livestock may redeem same by submitting proof of ownership and paying all expenses incurred by the United States of America in advertising, gathering, pasturing and impounding said livestock, which said expense to December 15, 1926, was \$1.60 per head of stock.

That under authority of Regulations of T-12, made and promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to the Act of Congress of June 4, 1837, 10 Stat. 11, 35, as amended by the Act of February 1, 1906, 33 Stat., 690, the United States of America will, unless said livestock in the meantime shall have been redeemed and removed, on January 10, 1927, at 10 o'clock a.m., at Capitan, N. M., in the county of Lincoln, offer said livestock for sale at public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the time of such sale.

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