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When the national guard was made an adjunct of the regular army a few years ago it was explained that the purpose was to furnish a reserve to the regular army. It could be inferred that whenever an emergency should make it necessary to augment the standing army permanently or temporarily by calling out volunteers the national guard would expand as might be required. Secretary Garrison recently admitted that the guard cannot be built up to such strength as to make it supplementary to an increased regular force. The states furnish the national guard, and the states will have to furnish the force which, under whatever name, supplements the regular force in time of need. At the crucial stage the difficulties of the situation are disclosed. In point of fact the term national guard now seems to be a misnomer. The term formerly applied to all the organized militia of the states which chose to adopt it for a name. Now it belongs properly to such organized militia as the federal government takes over to so recognize and control. The state must and does qualify its troops to meet the federal standard. Perhaps a state movement with legislative co-operation may be called into being before an adequate reserve can be established behind the United States regular army.

If Superintendent Deans of the children's home would devote his time to the work of his position, instead of going around with petty fault-finding, he might possibly convince the public that he is fitted for the place and is doing something to earn his salary. The only complaint of consequence he has made is in regard to the price paid in exchange of electric motors. This exchange was made by the present board of county commissioners, the same board that elected Mr. Deans superintendent, and as Mr. Deans professes to have some knowledge of electrical matters, he should have given the county commissioners the benefit of that alleged knowledge and guided them in the right direction of not paying too much in the exchange.

It is earnestly hoped that the imbrolio among the Posases as to who shall be toastmaster at the Republican banquet next Tuesday will be amicably adjusted. It would be sad for a row to break out among the banqueters as to whether the toastmaster was a loyal member of the party and did not jump the track when Herrick ran for governor the last time.

It is true that profit sharing enterprises have been known to fail, but the underlying principle is sound. Employees who hold stock in the concern which support them can but realize that capital and labor may have interests in common. The form of profit sharing which finds favor in this country facilitates investment by employees on simple and easy terms, thus encouraging thrift and industrial peace.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the Republican banquet Tuesday night should have in mind Gov. Willis' weakness and provide a bountiful supply of chicken gizzards. The governor has a record of eating eleven at one sitting and can doubtless do better than that if ample quantity is set before him.

The to-do which army reformers are making over a supply of officers recalls a saying of Lincoln in the strenuous days of the civil war. He said that he could create an officer with a stroke of the pen. To get "the man with the mustache" was his worry.

Uncle Sam promptly bling out the signal, "Be neutral, my children," then took up a correspondence course in neutrality himself, evidently to continue during the war.

To be effective in the compelling of world peace that international court should have the Kaiser, Villa and all of the "fight to the death" belligerents on the bench.

All the same there is no evidence of prosperity to be deduced from the present demand for sleeping porches.

It must be some satisfaction to congress to have no temptation to hunt for trouble.

If no one, much, is responsible for the boy bandit, how does he happen?

MT. ZION

Mrs. Lenna Donahey has returned home after spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Lola Thompson of Utica.

Misses Evaline and Wave Schooler spent Friday night and Saturday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hays spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wolfe.

Nathan Pryor, one of our energetic farmers, is very busy nowadays, turning over the sod.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nicholls spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bureh.

Master Carl Bumpus received quite a gash in the face, while playing at school last week, by running against a barbed wire fence.

Miss Bertha Van Winkle spent part of last week with her sister, Mrs. Gertha Donahey.

Master George McKee is able to be out again after a week's illness.

BLADENSBURG

Preaching next Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Rine of Dennis attended church here Sunday and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. William Hall.

Noble Baughman of Newark visited over Sunday with friends.

Mrs. Jane Rine spent last week with her brother, Nathaniel Taylor.

Loyal Women's Class No. 2 met at the home of Mrs. Ida Darling Tuesday evening. They will meet at Mrs. Stonehocker's Tuesday evening, March 7th.

The many friends of Mrs. Hester McComment tendered her a miscellaneous shower on her birthday. Harry Cummins is on the sick list.

DEMOCRACY

Word was received here Friday that Edward Gates of Indiana, formerly of this place, had been thrown from a load of baled hay, crushing his leg badly and breaking it above the ankle.

Mrs. Hawk is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Preston, of Danville.

Preaching Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Bender at the M. E. church.

The Ladies' Aid society is quilting at the home of Mrs. Burson.

The play prepared by the high school will be given at the I. O. O. F. hall Thursday and Friday nights, Feb. 3 and 4.

Admiral Hazelett of Shelby died Sunday of pneumonia, and was buried at Bunker Hill Wednesday. Mr. Hazelett was formerly of this place.

Floren Burson and family and Earl Yeakum and family expect to move to Mr. Blair's farm, north of Fredericktown, this week.

Clinton Tish, who has been working in Akron this winter, has returned home.

Mrs. Susie Staats has gone to live with Mrs. Alice Smith during the winter.

Miss Luella Williamson spent Tuesday with Miss Mary Keasling.

Miss Dorothy Doup is sick with a cold.

Dr. Dowds of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday night with C. K. Dowds. Mr. and Mrs. D. W. O'Brien spent Tuesday with Floren Burson.

BERRY CRATES MUST BE MARKED

A recent and regulatory announcement of the bureau of chemistry contains the following, which should be of interest to shippers of berries, peaches and tomatoes when ordering their crates for next season's shipments:

The department is of the opinion that berries, peaches or tomatoes in small open containers which are packed in crates and arranged within the crates in layers or tiers, constitute food in package form within the meaning of the net-weight amendment, and that consequently the law requires that the crates shall be marked with a statement of the quantity of the contents. Each such statement should include the number of small containers and the quantity of the contents of each.

Pending a determination of the question whether the net-weight amendment applies to berries in small open containers (such as those which usually hold 1 quart or 1 pint each, and which are commonly placed with covers in crates, each crate holding a number of the small containers), and unless public notice of not less than two months be given, the department will not recommend any proceedings under the federal food and drug act solely upon the ground that berries in such small containers, shipped in interstate commerce or otherwise brought within the jurisdiction of the food and drugs act, bear no statement of the quantity of the contents upon each such container.

TEETH

And Tonsils Are Real Cause Of Rheumatism

(Kansas City Star) "I used to have neuralgia so much in the top of my head," said the dentist's patient, "but it's all gone now." "Are you sure it was neuralgia?" he asked.

"Why, of course," she answered. "It came and went just like neuralgia and it was just that kind of a pain."

"But it's stopped since that bad upper molar on the left side has been treated and filled?" queried the dentist.

"Why—why—so it has!" exclaimed the patient. "You don't suppose it was that tooth?"

"I don't suppose it was neuralgia," he laughed. "You'd be surprised how many cases of neuralgia get cured that way. Also rheumatism."

"Oh, say, now, doctor that's too far fetched. You can't tell me that bad teeth cause rheumatism."

"Nevertheless," answered the dentist as he selected a wicked looking drill, "numerous cases of rheumatism have been cured by attending to the teeth. An eminent specialist in rheumatism who happens to be a friend of mine tells me that rheumatism can almost always be traced to two causes—bad tonsils and bad teeth."

"I remember the first case of rheumatism I cured, though I did it unknowingly. "A man patient with a badly aching tooth came for treatment. He told me he had been having rheumatism very badly in his right arm for almost a month—that it hurt so he was hardly able to raise his arm. A couple of days before his tooth had begun aching and it ached so horribly that day he had decided to risk the bad weather to go to a dentist."

"I had to drill pretty deep into the tooth—it was a right lower molar. Suddenly my patient started violently. 'By Jiminy,' he cried, 'that nerve must go clear down to my elbow. It's made my rheumatism worse.' "I thought at the time it was merely a sensitized nerve, but, strange to say, after the tooth had been cleaned out and made well, my patient's rheumatism disappeared entirely and he has never had it since. He'd never had it before that one attack, either."

"Sometimes teeth that only need cleaning give one a touch of rheumatism. You may feel it in the shoulder or the knee, or even in just a finger or a toe. Some people think they have gout, when the truth is they ought to have their teeth cleaned."

"Neglected or diseased tonsils are a great source of rheumatism. I had a patient—a young woman from the South—who had been afflicted for years with the worst kind of rheumatism. She could scarcely walk. It was almost impossible for her to bend her knees. She came up here for a visit and her friends induced her to consult a specialist."

"He told her the first step was to have her teeth and tonsils looked after. She came to me for her teeth and I found them in splendid condition. Nothing wrong there. Then she went to a throat specialist and he found her tonsils in dreadful condition. Well, the long and short of the matter is that when the throat specialist finished her case, which finally meant cutting out the diseased tonsils, her rheumatism was cured, and she hasn't had any since. Her friends tell me that she skips around her home these days like a six-year-old."

"Well, I declare," remarked the woman patient. "Here all my life I'd thought rheumatism was caused by dampness and cold and draughts and such."

KEEP WATER IN THE FURNACE

(Boston Herald) Health Sunday in the churches, and all the clergymen of Greater Boston preaching fresh air and a buoyant spirit as a strong armor against the insidious attacks of the demon grip; but not a word of that shield and buckler of the family health—the modest water tank connected with the furnace down cellar. Yet any throat specialist will testify that the surest way to get a rough throat, all ready to harbor germs, is to go from the hot, abnormally dry air of the average dwelling house out into the cold damp world of the outer world.

There is more to it than that. Experts assure us that not only the doctor's bill, but the horrible coal bill would go down perceptibly if the air of our houses was normally moist. For it is a fact that the family demands much less heat in radiators and registers if that heat is accomplished by a comfortable humidity. A room with the thermometer standing at 68 degrees and the humidity at 50 seems much warmer to the people in it than the same room heated to 72 degrees and the humidity cut in half. We can save a big percentage of coal by burning more water.

U. S. SUBMARINE K-5

Undersea Craft Lost In Fog Reaches Key West, Florida.



Photo by American Press Association.

BOILERS LET GO; TOWBOAT BLOWS UP

Ten Persons Killed and Four Seriously Hurt on Ohio River.

Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 3.—Ten persons were killed and four seriously burned by the explosion of the boilers on the towboat Sam Brown of Pittsburgh in the Ohio river here.

The dead: L. C. Blair, Pittsburgh, captain; Sam Boyer, Pittsburgh, second engineer; Josephine Zehnder, Cincinnati, chambermaid; Perry A. Wilson, Pittsburgh, engineer; William Haysor, Point Pleasant, steward; Charles Shaffer, Pittsburgh, cook, died in hospital; Arnold Jones, Point Pleasant, lamp trimmer; C. H. Robinson, Middleport, O., fireman; William Cousins, colored, Middleport, fireman; William Bess, Middleport, fireman.

The explosion is believed to have been due to the admission of cold water into the boilers.

The boat was en route down the river with a cargo of coal, but had tied up here to take on additional barges. The blast was terrific, bodies and wreckage being hurled to the shore on both sides of the river. A majority of the bodies were so badly mangled that they were unrecognizable. Charles Shaffer, who died later, was insane when found on a floating piece of wreckage. The work of lifting the survivors was made easier by the fact that the big steel safe which held the record of the boat's crew was blown ashore.

The Sam Brown was owned by the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company of Pittsburgh, and was valued at \$25,000.

AIMED AT CHILD LABOR

Keating Bill Passes House by Overwhelming Vote.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The Keating bill barring from interstate commerce the products of child labor was passed by the house 337 to 46 and now goes to the senate. It imposes heavy penalties for interstate shipment of any commodity in whole or in part by children under sixteen working in mines or quarries, or by children under fourteen working in mills, canneries, workshops or manufacturing establishments. Where children are employed at night or more than eight hours a day in this latter class of industries, the minimum age is sixteen instead of fourteen. Opposition to the bill came largely from the south.

RIVALS SALONICA

Avlona the Base For Italian Offensive In Albania.

Rome, Feb. 3.—Albania is considered an independent theater of war. This explains why information has been, and is being, withheld in connection with the military preparations and the plan of action to be pursued by the Italians. The entrenched camp at Avlona, which is destined to assume equal importance with Salonica, this is now the base for any future offensive in Albania.

While the Austrians are advancing from the north a Bulgarian force is marching from the east in the direction of Avlona. Its advance is delayed by mud roads, but aided by Albanians in Avlona's pay. The strength of this force is estimated at more than 60,000.

The forthcoming war in Albania will be of an extremely difficult nature and probably will not be concluded before summer, especially since the Austrians apparently have decided to postpone their advance until spring.

FLEAS

Are Taught To Do And Act In Vaudeville

(Illustrated World)

Probably you have seen a flea circus. Perhaps you have seen a good one—probably not, however, because most of them are of the "hot-plate" variety, where the fleas dance because their "footing" is warm. Here is the story of a real circus, told by the man who trained the tiny performers for their various acts.

"Flea training has been in our family for years, so it does not seem a task to me. The first thing I do with the performing flea is to make my hopping insect a crawling one. That is accomplished by giving him free range in a glass globe, where, of course, he is not free at all, but he thinks he is. Not being able to see his limitations he exercises his jumping facilities to his heart's content, but finds himself hindered on every side. Gradually he tires of his attempt to escape and in time is subdued and quite content to crawl."

"The next step is that of collaring the flea. This is a very delicate operation, and is accomplished by putting a very thin gold wire or collar around the neck—yes, the flea has a neck—of the flea for the purpose of easy handling. This I do with the aid of a microscope which I have designed myself for the purpose. And now your applicant for the boards is ready for training in the intricacies of the act he is to perform for the edification of the public."

"Fleas have their talents and their temperaments like other stage artists, and I put them through a series of stunts to discover which is the individual's special act. Some can walk the wire better than others and some are more apt in pulling the chariot or turning the merry-go-round. Right here let me add that, for his size, the flea is the strongest of insects, even stronger than animals, for that matter. It is marvelous to note the relative weight and size of an object he can pull."

"All the 'furniture' used by my pets is made of gold and has been fashioned by myself. I find this metal most serviceable in many ways—for its flexibility, durability, lightness, as well as the fact that it does not corrode nor tarnish. Sometimes the little creatures get sick and then I put them in the hospital, which is an incubator of my own construction. It is necessary to watch them very carefully then, in order that they recover quickly."

"They have to be disciplined and there are lagers and lazy fellows, as well. They have all the characteristics of human beings, and a few more. When they refuse to obey I punish them by letting them dangle from the center of a small bell-jar. They kick and fuss, to be sure, and when I relieve them of this discomfort they are quite subdued—until the next time they take to feeling frisky."

"How do I feed them? Well, to be very frank, I am their hotel. They feed on my arm, but I govern the amount of a meal. When they are in rehearsal or performing they are fed well; but when they are idle they have little or no food. So you see fleas are the cheapest boarding and traveling artists on the road—and they never quarrel about the food."

"They are queer little creatures and I find each one interesting in a different way. Now Billy, one of my best fleas, is really a comedian, though the general public may not have the opportunity of recognizing it. I catch him laughing and winking at me, I'm sure. He gets stubborn sometimes and just when he knows I am going to punish him he does his act as nicely as can be, as much as to say: 'No, you don't.' They must be kept in practice like all artists with a daily rehearsal. Occasionally they get a vacation in the incubator."

"Yes, my fleas are my pets and I'm very fond of them. Odd company, you may think—but then every man has his hobby, you know."

AIR BRAKE INVENTOR MAY GET MILLIONS

Chicago, Feb. 3.—For the use of his patent on an air-brake for electric railway cars by the Westinghouse Electric Company of Pittsburgh, N. A. Christensen of Milwaukee will probably receive \$2,000,000 this month. The court of appeals of the United States has confirmed the judgment of the district court and ordered the Westinghouse company to pay damages and profits. A stay of judgment was secured, and this expires tomorrow. The Westinghouse company secured a stay of judgment in order to make application to the United States supreme court for a writ of certiorari. Christensen alleged that he had not been paid for the use of his patent in the suit which was tried in the U. S. district court in Milwaukee two years ago. He won the suit and won an appeal, and he is awaiting his money.

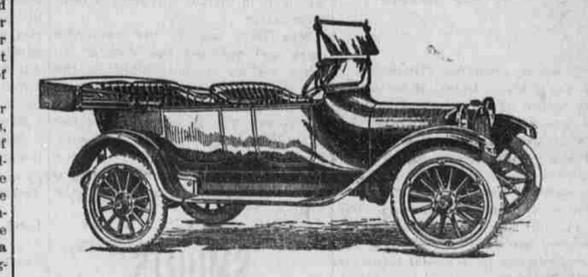
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You have read the specifications before, but you can well afford to read them again as a reminder of how fine the car really is.

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Mrs. William Totman and Miss Dottie Totman of Mt. Vernon and Mrs. J. H. Shrimplin of this place were the guests of Mrs. A. W. Hoar one day last week.

Ray Vian of Ohio City is visiting with his uncle, M. J. Vian, and family.

The entertainment held by the Ladies' Aid society was a success in every way.

Mrs. Bert Bartlett and son, Harry, were the week-end guests of friends at Sparta and Marengo.

Chester Johnson and family of Morris Chapel were the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid society will have an all-day meeting at the Valley Grove school house Saturday.

Miss Gladys Rinehart was the guest of Miss Celestia Grubb Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fry were near Gambler Wednesday to see the former's mother, who is quite poorly.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Leonard spent Sunday evening with Deo Dowds and family.

Mrs. Blanche Boltinghouse and Miss Evelyn Shrimplin were the guests of Mrs. Cleveland Bricker of Dawson City Tuesday afternoon.

J. W. Grubb is confined to his home by injuries sustained by a fall while doing his chores one evening last week.

Well, if Mr. Ground Hog did see his shadow it does not need to influence your faith in the tradition, for there are always six weeks more or less of bad weather.

RAILROAD TIME TABLES

Table with columns for Mt. Vernon, Ohio B. & O. R. R. West Bound, East Bound, and Pennsylvania Lines Akron Div. South Bound, North Bound. Lists train numbers and times.