

POOR FATHER



"Charge your battery, mam?" "Yes, charge it to father, please."

Rode to Dance in Hearse

Eight Springfield (Mass.) couples, desirous of attending a dance, were held up for the lack of a conveyance. One of the party said that he could obtain an automobile hearse if they would consent to ride in it. The girls first demurred, but as the hour was arriving late, gave in. The hearse arrived and the 16 entered its dark confines and were not exactly comfortable, but after arriving, piling out and filling their lungs with the joyful inhalations of pure air, the majority of the party admitted that the ride was the best adventure they had ever undertaken, says the Boston Globe.

Rabbits No Longer "Pest"

Rabbits, which for a long time have been considered destructive pests in New Zealand because of their incursions on growing crops, have become a source of profit, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. Their fur, properly dyed, has proved to be a desirable substitute for the more expensive varieties. Last year 18,500,000 rabbit skins, valued at more than \$4,000,000, were exported from that country to the United States and England. Trapping the animals has become a paying business. The opossum is also sought for its skin.

Twins G. A. R. Veterans

William B. and Wilbur F. Chandler of Keene, N. H.; believed to be the oldest twins who served in the Civil war, just observed the eighty-sixth anniversary of their birth. Outside of the time they spent in the army, when they were in different regiments, the brothers have never been separated by any great distance for any length of time. They worked together in the same factory for more than thirty years and retired together.

Belgian Lace Makers

Belgian hand-made lace is manufactured chiefly in the Flanders provinces and is practically all made by women in the farm homes. The price is nearly five times that prevailing during 1913. The workers are paid for the number of designs reproduced rather than by the piece of lace or by the time employed.

Quackless Duck Appears

G. R. Niebaum, a duck raiser of Kansas, recently exhibited one of the novelties of the Kansas annual poultry show in a variety of ducks that did not quack. Instead of using the usual duck language, quacking, these web-footers, otherwise normal, emit a hissing sound.

STATE MOVES FAST TO FINISH NEW BUILDING AT FAIR

Construction of the Agricultural Building at the State Fair Grounds in Detroit is progressing rapidly, and the new building will be ready for occupancy for the Michigan State Fair which will be held from September 5 to September 11.

Practically all of the steel work will be in place by July, as well as a large portion of the brick masonry, which the lower portion of the building will be finished. A force of seventy-five workmen are busily engaged in the construction of this new building, which will house the agricultural exhibits of Michigan at the forthcoming State Fair and at future fairs. The new Agricultural Building is located between the Coliseum and the Dairy Building. Its type of architecture is very similar to that of the two structures on either side, with an arcade between the Dairy Building and the Agricultural Building which will permit visitors at the Fair to pass from one building to the other in these three buildings with the convenience of the agricultural interests of the state.

In previous years the farmers of the state have not been given the prominent part in the State Fair which is considered necessary for the complete success of the annual event. Other states have found that a good agricultural display means a successful fair, and under the new management of the State Fair Board, Michigan is to take her rightful place.

FISH AND GAME EXHIBITS WILL FEATURE STATE FAIR

The State Department of Conservation will have a large exhibit at the Michigan State Fair to be held at the State Fair Grounds in Detroit from September 5 to September 11. This exhibit will be housed in the Peabody Building and in an adjacent building, and will be well worth the attention and study of every visitor at the State Fair.

A big fish exhibit is to be placed in the Peabody Building, and officials of the State Department of Conservation have promised that they will make an effort to have every species of fish to be found in Michigan waters on exhibition. Additional exhibits of wild game of all sorts, feathered and fur-bearing, will be a feature in this department.

FAIR TRACK ONE OF FASTEST

Nothing is being left undone which will help condition the track at the State Fair Ground so that it will be the fastest in the country when the next annual Michigan State Fair is held in Detroit from September 5 to September 11.

The events scheduled for the track during the six days of the fair include five days of light harness racing and automobile races on the final day. Every day finds a race of workmen busily engaged in smoothing down the track, dragging it, rolling it, and working over it so that it will merit the reputation it has of being the fastest race fair track in the United States.

To Rebuild Smyrna

Smyrna is at last to rise from its ashes. After endless delays the Arizona government has approved plans for the reconstruction of the great Anatolian port which was laid waste in September, 1922. Out of the present Pompeiianlike ruins will rise parks, public squares, amusement centers, business buildings, dwelling houses, theaters, stores and warehouses. Since the great fire which followed Mustafa Kemal's swift entry into the city, not a brick has been laid by the Turks in the devastated metropolis.

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More Proof That Love Laughs at Locksmiths

Youthful lovers have given new Soviet laws a foothold in the tundra, the vast arctic wastes where Samoed, Ostiak, Vogul, Yurak and other nomad tribes herd their reindeer undisturbed by wars or revolutions. In Tobolsk province Topku-lar has 2,000 reindeer and a fatigued daughter who is the queen of the girls of the snow igloos. He had an active young shepherd, who lived on a salary of three reindeer a year and who, when not shivering with the herd, gazed at the queen in the smoke-filled igloo. "Let me marry your daughter," he said. "Have you the kalim (dowry)?" sneered Topku-lar. "We are lovers. No kalim," replied the shepherd. "Try it," snapped Topku-lar. "I've enough reindeer to chase you across the whole tundra." The young shepherd had talked with the vodka-peddling traders from the outside and the traditional Samoed elopement was too arduous for him. He drove his reindeer 300 miles southward to Omdorsk on the Obi, just above the arctic circle. There he registered the marriage and returned with a document. Topku-lar cannot read, but he knew that the red seal meant law. Smoke now comes through the top of a new igloo.

Settled Old Account

In 1884 Peter Fortener, a resident of Delphos, Ohio, had a charge account at John Roth's grocery. He left town without paying his bill. A few days ago, says the Toledo Blade, a letter postmarked Dayton, Ohio, and signed Peter Fortener was opened by Roth at his home. A \$3 note and three \$1 bills dropped out. "Sorry to have owed you so long," the letter said. "I was looking over my accounts and found I bought \$5 worth of groceries from you that I failed to pay for in 1884." Roth has retired from business.

Popular Entertainer will Appear Here



LESTER M. STEARNS

Lester M. Stearns, one of the most popular of dramatic lecturers, will present, at the coming Gedraeth Chautauq, a new lecture-entertainment entitled "Shakespeare and Life." In this lecture Mr. Stearns discusses many of the human problems which face men daily, and by scenes from "Julius Caesar," "Hamlet" and "The Merchant of Venice," dramatically portrayed, shows how deeply Shakespeare fathomed the depth of the human soul, of today as well as yesterday.

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STATE PRIMARY MONEY

The state primary school fund was apportioned among the counties this week in accordance with the amended law of 1925, which provides that only 95 per cent of the fund shall go into general distribution, the remaining five per cent being held out for apportionment to the counties which are tax poor but have many children. The total amount to be distributed at this time is \$18,367,191. The fund, including the additional five per cent, amounts to \$16,216,672. The money is apportioned at the rate of \$13.25 for each child between the ages of 6 and 20. There are 1,159,788 children of school age in the state. The money for the primary fund comes from taxes on railroads, telephone companies and other utilities and from insurance and inheritance tax fees.

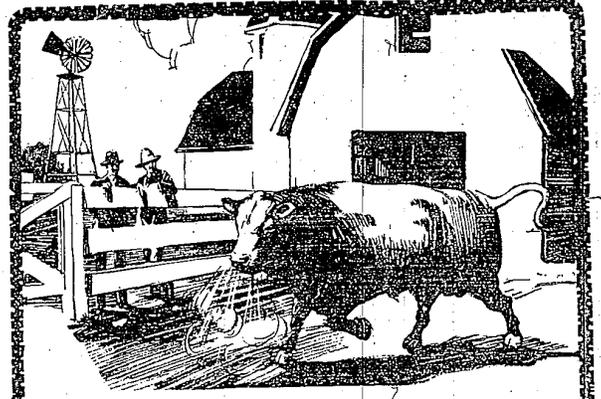
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HELEN WARE HEADLINER AT TEMPLE THEATRE

Helen Ware, America's foremost emotional actress, headlines the bill at B. F. Keith's Temple Theatre starting Sunday matinee July 25. Miss Ware brings her latest playlet, "A Lady of the Law," written by William E. Morris and J. W. Sayre. It is a story of law and justice, full of tense dramatic situations, with a mood of stern, Puritan leaning. Miss Ware is supported by an exceptional cast. Others billed: Helene Coyne and Henri French in their dance novelty, "Music of Motion;" Jim McLaughlin and Blanch Evans in a cameo of east side New York life, "On a Little Side Street;" Harry Thurston, English music hall star in character studies of London life; Harriet and Holley in "Push 'Em and Pull 'Em;" Cronin and Hart travesty artists; Five Mounters most skillful organization in the show

TOURISTS TURN TO MICHIGAN

The biggest year in the resort history of Michigan is predicted for this season by the Tourist and Resort Association in Grand Rapids. According to the association's report 2,500 inquiries have been received relative to buying land and buildings. It is estimated the tourist business will this year amount to \$100,000,000. The report of the association reveals a trend of the tourist movement to inland lakes. "Big development" projects are under way along Lake Michigan and on sites facing interior lakes," says Secretary Gray. "It is estimated more than a quarter of a million dollars will be spent this summer in advertising western Michigan real estate in the resort region.



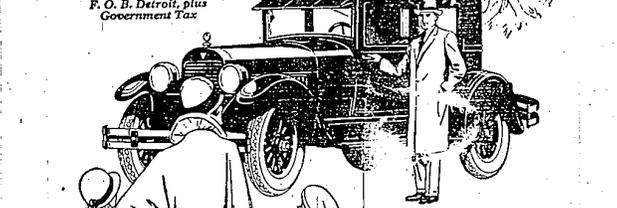
"He Won—at the State Fair"

Last August, he was just a good bull—valuable, of course, but not so different from other good bulls. But last September he won first prize in his class at the Michigan State Fair. His cash value has gone up tremendously. His owner has just ground for honest pride in his bull, his herd, and his whole establishment. And so it goes with every prize winner at this great fair—farmer, stock raiser, housewife, manufacturer. A prize article—the best in Michigan—is worth seeing and WORTH OWNING. The Fair is giving away this year the stupendous sum of \$134,000 in prizes for the best that can be bred, grown and built. Get YOUR SHARE of this big sum. Write today for your premium list. And don't miss seeing the whole Fair. Harness racing by the Grand Circuit stables—Thrilling auto races—A midway of course—New York Hippodrome attractions—The most stupendous night display of fireworks ever given in Michigan—All in the best location, most complete Fair Grounds in the world, and the easiest place in Michigan for Michigan folks to get together. It's Your Fair. Enjoy it! Profit by it! COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

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