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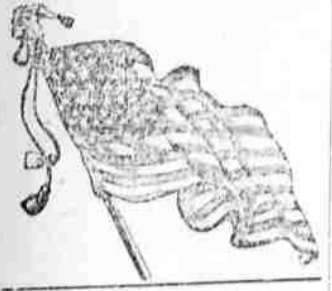
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THE HOME TOWN.

By Nels Darling.
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Many argue that in time practically all merchandising will be done by mail from a few great cities. They contend that this is the economical method. Some socialists, who believe in the three fundamental principles of Karl Marx socialism, take this view of the trend of the times. The three fundamentals referred to are—rent is wrong, interest is wrong, profit is wrong.

Well, inasmuch as the large city department stores and mail order houses are private enterprises, are not owned by the people, are not a part of a great commercial system in a co-operative commonwealth, why not keep our rents and profits at home?

The habitual mail order house patron is too often like the gambler—he is forever talking of his winning, but says nothing of his losses. The one bargain offsets a hundred disappointments. The last time the unsatisfactory goods, the article he had to return at his own expense, the repairs on shipments damaged in transit, the patching he has done, the unlooked for heavy freight charges, are all, with an effort, forgotten in contemplation of the one article that is just as good or perhaps a trifle better than he really expected it to be. Like the man who thinks he is benefitted by the panacea bought from the street corner medicine vendor, he is surprised to find that he got something for his money.

The gambling instinct is an inherent one with everybody and this very fact accounts for the fascination that mail order buying has for most folks.

Patrons are the most liberal patrons of the outside concerns, is a prevalent and mistaken idea. Merchants often do not practice what they preach—the grocer sends away for dry goods, while the hardware dealer sends away for furniture and the wives of both belong to some soap club.

FOREST FIRE MENACE.

It seems almost too incredible for belief that throughout the densely wooded regions of this country, men will deliberately set fire to grass and underbrush, for the purpose of getting employed as fire fighters for a short time. But official records and investigations show that this is all too true. From Jackson county comes the report that no less than 21 fires were started in the Trail district within a radius of five miles, and all in one day. In every case the fire was traced to an incendiary origin, started for the purpose of giving a short employment for idle men. As a rule, these fires are started outside the national forest reserves, as it is well known that the federal government is very persistent in the tracing down of such malefactors, and the punishment is rigorous. There is no telling the disastrous effects of such fires where they once get a good headway, not only is valuable property placed in jeopardy, but there is great danger to human life, something that is not realized on when for a few hours or days pay, the fires are started.

ANOTHER SPECULATION VICTIM

A few days ago the dispatches carried a startling headline story of a cashier of an Iowa city, being locked in the vault by a bandit who had been concealed in the cellar overnight, and who then looted the bank of many thousands. At the time the story sounded "fishy," on account of the unusually early hour, bank cashiers not getting down to work

On account of the insufficient time for notices to get to all our subscribers, notifying them of the time to which their subscription was paid, and giving them the opportunity to renew at the reduced rate, and the inability of the soliciting agent to reach every place the time in which the special rate for advance subscriptions was to be accepted is extended to August 14th, inclusive, as by that date every subscriber will have received either a personal call or one of the special notices. As stated before, the special rate for a year in advance prepaid, with arrears, if any, paid up, will be \$1.25 for the semi-weekly; \$2.50 for the daily by mail or call at the office, or \$4.00 delivered by The News carriers. After the above date all subscriptions will only be taken at the regular rates, which are \$2.00 for the semi-weekly, \$3.00 for the daily by mail or office call, and 50 cents per month delivered by carrier. In conclusion, The News desires to thank its readers for the more than liberal response it has received, both from personal calls at the office, and by mail. As fast as it is possible receipts will be sent to the remitters through the mail, or acknowledgement made through the columns of the paper. Especially gratifying is the fact that out of all the hundreds who have renewed and started the daily new, but three subscribers quit on account of a slight advance in price over previous years, an advance made necessary by the well known conditions prevailing in all lines over the country. It shows that quality, not price, is what appeals to the substantial citizen. In this connection, The News calls attention of the advertising patrons to the splendid number of live, paid in advance subscribers now on the list, without doubt the largest and most substantial ever secured by any papers published in this city or county. This is a fact to be dwelt on, as people who pay for their papers are good pay in all things.

as a rule at half past six or seven o'clock, and the time locks on the vaults not set for that hour. Later advice show that the cashier in question was a speculator and had gone beyond his depth, with the only solution bankruptcy, or stealing the funds of the bank. It proved to be a clumsy contrivance he took, and under severe cross-examination he has confessed.

WILL MAKE THE RACE.

As will be seen by his formal announcement in another place, T. A. Raffety has decided to make the race for city recorder. In an article earlier in the week before his candidacy became an actual fact, the possibility of this move by Mr. Raffety was commented on by this paper, and his qualifications named. There is no question but that Mr. Raffety will get the support of a large number of the voters of the city.



Sunday comes too often, but in other respects this is a pretty fair world.

Do not attempt impossibilities. Do not, as an instance, promise to make a woman happy.

Life is chiefly made up of foolish questions and unsatisfactory answers.

Any joke is funny if the man for whom you are working tells it.

While the woman plan most of the parades, the men do practically all of the marching.

If a man is afraid to say it himself he nearly always asks a newspaper to do it for him.

If a man is sure a thing won't cost him any money he generally is for it.

There are all kinds of chumps, including the one who has a ship tattooed on his arm.

A champion lasts only five or six years, but a bore often outlives his generation.

The practice of combing the long hair over the bald spot never fooled anybody.

There are a lot of knotty problems to solve. One of them concerns the wisdom of splitting a pig for the purpose of dressing a fish.

If suggestions for improving baseball are in order, why not let the pitcher who is going to work in the game pitch the first ball?

If a man is worthless, the fact that he belongs to a fine family is not important.

Hubb Killy says a married man has six months of honeymoon six months of staying at home and a year of whittling the baby buggy, after which his wife begins flirting with other men.

The Famous W-W-W Rings Are Here. The only objection ever raised against set rings is that the settings come out. This objection has been successfully met by White, Wile & Warner of Buffalo, N. Y., the most progressive ring makers in the United States. They make the famous W-W-W Guaranteed Rings. Their rings are set so securely that less than five per cent of them ever cause trouble. Repairing this small percentage free is the biggest ad any firm could possibly have. Notice their ads in the Saturday Evening Post and all the other magazines, then come in and let us show you hundreds of beautiful designs. They cost no more than ordinary rings. W-W-W Rings and other advertised goods of known and proven value are our specialties. A. S. RUEY CO. THE LEADING JEWELERS. The HALLMARK Store.

Off Agin On Agin STRICKLAND W. GILLILAN. My Desperate Straits. The thoughts that ply across my mental main. Freight with goods which make my modest living. Have been disturbed again and yet again. By thoughts of her that, wholly unforgetting, Rise up beneath my thought-ships' honest keels. And lay my mind's rich commerce by the heels. I cannot keep those submarines away— Those mac explosive feelings she has roused— Forever on my bottoms they must prey. Till she beneath my own poor roof is housed. Yet she, perverse, forever doth evade me, And with pretended lack of faith upbraids me! Next time my mind goes cruising for a notion That I might cash with some good magazine, And thought of her hobs up amid my ocean. And blows my precious freight o'er all the scene. I'll visit her with punishment condign— I'll write a protest Bryan would not sign!

Giving Info. "Paw, what is an innocent bystander?" "It's a plain rubberneck that something happens to." Shooah! A blatant correspondent writes to ask brahshly how Bryan can be opposed to the Inhumanities of war when he has been using gas in fighting his battles for years and years.

Mary's Other Possessions. Mary had a little lamb: She had a small calf, too. Yes! Nearly all us boys knew that. 'Cause most of Mamie showed through.

Bachelors Of Second And Third Classes Need Not Apply. For Rent—One first-class bedroom for first-class bachelor. A. R. C.—Parkersburg News.

This Autologistic Age. Doctor—Your cough is much worse. What have you been doing? Patient—I quit wearing that silk scarf. And naturally I'm a lot noisier since I cut-out the muffler.

Explained. Paw, what is "a distinction without a difference?" It means my son, that a really big man can attain distinction without its making any difference in his attitude toward his friends.

Consistent. Ex-Brakeman—Why do you call me, just for having taken a few drives? Division Superintendent—Every official on this road is opposed to the full-crew law.

QUIT MEAT WHEN KIDNEYS BOTHER

Take a Glass of Salts if Your Back Hurts or Bladder Troubles You. No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the

kidneys, they become overworked from strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders 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, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in uric acid so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness. Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

The PEOPLE'S LEGAL FRIEND by E. R. BRANSON. What Time Did You Say? Q. When a man rents apartments in a fat building, isn't he entitled to have the hallways lighted? I am occupying rooms on the third floor and return home every night about nine o'clock. It often happens that there is no light on the second floor and frequently none on the third. Couldn't I compel the landlord to light the halls? A. Questions of this character are determined by the terms of your contract, by the statutes of your state and by usage and custom. It is of course the landlord's duty to make the premises habitable and accessible. If the terms of your written or verbal agreement with the landlord provide for lights in the hallways, or if the statutes or general custom and usage impose such duty upon him, he will be bound to comply. In general, it may be said that if a light in the hall is necessary in order to make the premises reasonably safe, the landlord will be required to provide it. Might Have Been Homesick? Q. I am the owner of a lively stable and recently let a man have a horse and buggy for the afternoon. The horse was in good condition when it started out, but became sick on the journey and subsequently died. I am convinced that the man drove the horse too hard. Do you think I would be justified in suing this man? A. When the horse became sick, it was the man's duty, upon finding that such was the condition of the animal, to stop using it. If he persisted in doing so and the horse died in consequence, the man may be compelled to respond in damages. Sign Here, Please! Q. If a check is indorsed, "Payable to John Jones or order," is it necessary for John Jones to add his indorsement before he can receive the money? A. Yes. Selecting a Guardian. Q. (1) At what age does a child have the right to select his own guardian? (2) After the child has made his choice, will the guardian be permitted to discontinue it? A. (1) Statutes have been passed in almost all the states giving a child the right to appoint his own guardian, where a guardian is required, upon attaining the age of fourteen years. This right does not extend to the case of a minor who has a natural guardian—that is, a parent—or to the case of a guardianship provided for by will or by an order of a court of chancery. (2) The former guardian, in some states, is superseded after the child has made his selection; in other states the child has the right to have the former guardian displaced; in still others the former guardian continues to discharge his duties until the ward becomes of full legal age. Willing Real Estate. Q. I wish to inquire whether a technical description of real estate is necessary in a will, where one wants to dispose of such property in this way. A. Real estate does not need to be described with the same precision and technical accuracy required in the case of a deed. If the property mentioned in the will is described in such manner that it may be identified, the description will be sufficient. Certifying A Check. Q. Please inform me whether the law requires any particular method of certifying a bank check. A. The law in some states requires the certification to be in writing, while in other states a verbal certification will be sufficient. The practice usually followed is for an officer of the bank to write or stamp the word, "Certified," or the word, "Good," upon the check, and then affix his signature or his initials.

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