

11 TRUE BILLS ARE RETURNED

ONLY ONE MADE PUBLIC THUS FAR

Said by Editor That Several Accuse Horse Stealing.

Eleven true bills of indictment, ten of which are still secret, were returned yesterday afternoon and evening in two separate reports by the grand jury. The jurors, asked to be excused until further orders and the court has granted their request.

The only bill so far made public is the one against Hogg, the High Valley man accused of rape and who led a posse a merry chase across the hills

last week. He has been arraigned. It is not definitely known when all the true bills will be reported in, but it is rumored about the court house that several of the indictments accuse Union county men of horse theft.

Grammar and Good.
Mrs. Fevish says that if she could have another chance she would rather marry a man who splits his infinitives than one who hates to break a dime.—Galveston News.

Belief.
"Do you believe in a hereafter?"
"You bet. I have several enemies who are too strong for me to punish myself."—Chicago Record-Herald.

One has to spend so many years learning how to be happy.—Ellot.

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FOOD SUPPLY ANALYZED

Chicago, Ill., July 26.—Dr. W. A. Evans, former commissioner of health for the city of Chicago, and a member of the board of control of the National Irrigation congress, which has its 19th annual meeting here Dec. 5 to 9 this year, is greatly interested in the reclamation of lands and has analyzed the unoccupied land situation, swamp and arid, as it relates to the national health and to the food supply and the elements which rule the prices thereof. Having for four years served the city of Chicago as commissioner of health, Dr. Evans is one of the most prominent medical authorities of the United States and at various times has been mentioned as the most suitable appointment to the post of national commissioner of health should such an office be established at Washington. Of the efforts of the National Irrigation congress to further the work of land reclamation, he says:

"The irrigation of dry lands and the drainage of wet lands are health questions as well as economic questions. For it is not healthy for human beings to live one thousand or more to the acre, as they live in our cities. They cannot get their share of sunshine or air. With them there is not the proper balance between animal and vegetable life and this lack of balance is always prejudicial to their welfare. They become unhealthy and discontented and every health officer is interested in the movement that offers out of doors opportunities for the dwellers in cities.

"In time our millions of unoccupied acres will have been put to use. When this has been done, and the now unused areas no longer act as safety valves for our cities, we should have learned the science and art of city life, something we do not know now. Cities with us now are great breeders of disease and discontent. Eventually we will learn the proper spirit of them. There will be greater freedom of the individual through limitation of his selfish liberties, more planning, more co-operation, more co-pleasure. Until then health officers will be for decentralization.

"Something is wrong when wheat is piled high in one locality and the people of another are without bread. Our transportation, icing and storage industries are now so developed that supply and demand work uniformly over all parts of the country. The surplus of the summer is carried over to the lean days of the winter and so seasons as well as space as factors in supply and demand have been eliminated.

"When we come to people the evenness stops. There are acres where fifteen hundred people live; there are other parts of the country in which in 100 square miles there will be but few human beings. The people have not piled up in the one because they wanted to. They had to, or thought they did, which amounts to the same thing. They have not left the other vacant because they wanted to. The thought they had to. They thought the land would not support life. Par-

adoxically, this land is the most fertile in the world. The nourishment is there; to support more life than any other land will support.

"All the fertility in the world counts for nothing if the water to dissolve it is no just right.

"Since time began the wind and the weather have worn the rocks. The crumbling shale is the fertility of the soil. Each rain dissolves some of this richness and the solutions made are taken up by vegetable root and built into leaves, flowers and fruits. The stream that runs muddy to the ocean robs the soil in a wild riot of waste.

"It is different in the arid regions. Here nature is found in an economical mood. Here the rocks have added their riches to the soils since the world began and there has been little loss. Here is nature leading the conservation way—nature's great savings bank. Nor does the reign of reason stop when water is put upon the soil, because, when this is wisely done, the fertility put in solution is proportionate to the needs of useful plants, and the run off is low in soil cells.

"Where the lands are in swamp areas the process is different but the results are the same. The fertility of the hills put into solution has spread out over the swamps. Some of it has been deposited there. Plants have sprung up wildly. They have changed the character of the soil content. They have drawn nitrogen and other nourishment from the air and added it to the soil. The rich waters have not run away, but, stagnant on the soil, have constantly enriched it. To drain this soil is to make it possible to use resources which have been useless until now. More than this, the relation of water to these lands can be so manipulated that the soils will be kept fertile.

"From the health standpoint swamp lands undrained are of more consequence than negative factors. They serve as spreading foci for disease so that they are not only unprofitable themselves but radiate a pall of inefficiency on those who live on nearby lands.

"Waste areas of land put under cultivation make possible a greater food supply. One of the most earnest contentions of the medical world is that there are many disease which are directly influenced by the high price of food or a scarcity of it. A number of years ago an Englishman plotted a curve showing the range in the price of wheat and added to it a curve for consumption. The two curves ran suggestively near parallel. He who increases the quantity of food or lowers its prices is a great conservator of health and life.

Thorough Mourning.
Mandy, who had just become a sorrowing widow, was sorting out several suits of black underclothes. Her friend asked in great astonishment: "Mandy, what for you done got them black underclothes?"
"Cause when Ah mourns Ah mourns."—Everybody's Magazine.

Both Curious.
Collector—Look here, the firm I represent wants to know when you're going to settle this bill. Debtor—Could I get a job with the concern you work for? My curiosity and theirs seem to coincide.—Tales of the City.

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