

THAT COUNTY INDEBTEDNESS.

The Courier Should Place Blame Where It Belongs.

In its last issue the Courier hastens to call attention to the indebtedness of Clackamas county and to place to the credit of the Republicans the present condition of affairs. At the same time the Democratic paper intimates that the true condition of the county, financially, has been concealed until the amount of the county's obligations has become so great that necessity has obliged the disclosure of actual conditions as made public in the recent semi-annual report of County Clerk Sleight.

The Enterprise in publishing the reports last week, printed the statement of Clerk Sleight in explanation of the discrepancy revealed in the report, which gave the total indebtedness of the county at about \$144,000 instead of \$102,000 as shown at the last preceding semi-annual report. But since the Courier desires to enlarge on the subject, we will this week again present the true facts as disclosed by the report.

The discrepancy was produced by faulty methods employed by former county clerks covering a period of several years. In compiling their reports, these officers made a practice of deducting from the total amount of outstanding warrants the aggregate of the warrants that were redeemed, together with the amount of accrued interest that had been paid thereon.

It, for instance, during the six months of any of the periods covered in one of the reports, warrants of the face value of \$10,000 were redeemed, interest on which at 6 per cent for about three years amounted to \$180.00 by the practices that were employed, the total of the warrants and the accrued interest of \$11,800 was reduced from the total of outstanding warrants, thus creating quite a discrepancy. Only the actual face value of these warrants should have been subtracted from the total outstanding and the interest so paid charged up to another account. It was in this way that the discrepancy arose. And it is plain to see how the difference in the reported and the actual condition of the county increased with each succeeding half-year until the evidence of irregularity became so patent that the present officers made an investigation of the county's records with the result disclosed in Clerk Sleight's last semi-annual report.

Thus it may be seen that a glaring miscalculation was made at the time of making each semi-annual report for about seven years. To all appearances, the aggregate of the county's obligations was being greatly reduced when as a matter of fact the county's true condition remained practically the same. Each succeeding county clerk accepted as infallible the statement of his predecessor as to the condition of the county and the discrepancy on this account increased rather than decreased with each semi-year.

The true condition of affairs was not revealed until within the past few months when County Clerk Sleight personally checked over the records and for the first time in years ascertained the actual amount of the county's indebtedness as indicated by the outstanding warrants. It was not until this time that the discrepancy was discovered although it was the general belief among the officials and property owners of the county that the various reports of the county officers for a number of years past have not shown correctly, the total of the county's obligations.

While the report of Clerk Sleight made last week gives the county's indebtedness at this time at \$144,000 as against about \$102,000 as reported two years ago, the records show that the county debt has not been increased materially during the present administration. The difference of \$40,000 resulted almost entirely from the irregular system of keeping the records of the county. Since the discrepancy accumulated almost entirely during the terms of office of fusion office holders in this county, the intimation of the Courier that the Republicans were striving to withhold the true condition of the county is not supported by the facts. The reports of the fusion officers were to all appearances flattering to themselves in that the county's debt seemed to be on the decrease. Former officers of the county could have ascertained the true condition of the county financially if they had used the same diligence that was practiced by the present officers.

The county's debt is unfortunately large and the taxpayers of Clackamas county would suffer if the legislature is not called in extra session that provision may be made for collecting a tax on the assessment roll this coming Spring. By economical management of the affairs of the county, the county can be conducted within its revenue and the obligations gradually reduced.

HARTIGAN VS. SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

\$15,000 Damage Suit Against Railroad Company Hotly Contested.

The \$15,000 damage suit of Ex-Brakeman Hartigan against the Southern Pacific Company was begun in the circuit court Tuesday morning. But three witnesses for the plaintiff were introduced during the day.

Some trouble was had in getting a jury, a number being excused. The twelve men finally secured were: James Evans, T. M. Cross, Fred Miller, Walter Kirchen, James Shibley, Fred Ely, P. T. Davis, Gilbert Randall, J. R. Morton, D. B. Martin, C. Blair and C. G. Millard.

duties. Hartigan will also be charged with contributory negligence because of the manner in which he leaped from the train. Absence of any real permanent injury from the accident will also constitute a part of the defense by the railroad company.

Hartigan was the principal witness Tuesday, and in his own behalf related the circumstances attending the wreck and the injury he sustained. A former section foreman for the railroad company, employed at the scene of the accident, testified as to the condition of the roadbed on the West Side division, which he said is somewhat inferior to that of the company's main line.

W. D. Fenton, of Portland, represented the railroad company, and associated with him in conducting the case were R. Kohler, superintendent of the company's lines in Oregon, Geo. C. Brownell, of Oregon City, and W. W. Bretherton, claim agent for the railroad company. Judge A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles, was assisted by G. L. Hedges, of this city, in conducting the case for Hartigan. All of Wednesday and Thursday was occupied in receiving testimony, and the case had not been submitted to the jury at the press hour.

OREGON CITY YOUTHS' CONGRESS

Young People of City are Learning How to Legislate.

Under the direction of Rev. J. H. Beaven, local pastor of the First Baptist church, a juvenile Congress has been organized in this city. The semi-monthly meetings that are now held will soon be succeeded by weekly sessions. Both houses are represented in the organization which has for its primary purpose the familiarizing of the young people of the community with the government and parliamentary tactics in vogue in the National Congress.

The membership of the senate consists of boys from the high school while the girls of the public schools constitute the membership of the house of representatives. Meetings are held by the two houses on different nights of the week and the legislation of one body is submitted for ratification by the other. Both houses are regularly officered and the proceedings are conducted strictly in accordance with established rules of order.

Each member of either house is assigned a section of the United States for which he acts as representative. It devolves upon him as such legislator to acquaint himself with the particular needs of his locality and to present and champion such legislation as will best serve his constituency. Intense interest is taken by the young people in their congress from which they are learning much concerning the government of their native country.

A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. Van Metre of Shepherdton, W. Va., says "I had a severe case of Bronchitis for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It's infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by Charman & Co., Druggists. Trial bottles free. Reg. sizes 50c, \$1.

To a NEW LOCATION.—J. A. Tufts, the confectionery dealer, has removed from Seventh street, near the depot, to the store recently vacated by Mrs. Coie, near Enterprise office, where he will continue to dispense ice cream in the season and sweets and other delicacies throughout the year. In his improved location, Mr. Tufts' business will likely prosper in proportion.

SHE TRIED THREE TIMES.—Because her husband made life so unpleasant for her after three different attempts to reside with him, Mrs. Emma Minnie May Murphey has brought suit for divorce in the circuit court against David Murphey, to whom she was married in this county in December, 1892. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant repeatedly threatened to kill her. She asks for the custody of three minor children in addition to a legal separation.

DROPSY

Do Your Ankles or Limbs Swell? Are Your Eyes Puffy? We are the Sole Agents for the Only Thing Known That Cures the Kidney Disease That Causes Dropsy, viz.: Fulton Compounds.

It is now well known that dropsy is not itself a disease, but is nearly always a symptom of kidney disease that accompanies the chronic stages heretofore incurable. Hence, up to the discovery of the Fulton Compounds, Dropsy was incurable. It is now, however, curable in nearly all cases. Here is an interesting recovery, to which we refer by permission.

Mrs. Peter Goyhens of 228 Fillmore street, San Francisco, became alarmingly dropsical. Her physician had finally to tap her every few days. She was tapped nearly forty times and grew worse from day to day. The physician finally told her husband that she had Bright's Disease of the Kidneys, that it was an advanced chronic case and beyond medical aid. Her heart also gave her the usual trouble and she was in such a serious condition the relatives were sent for. They put her on Fulton's Compound. It stayed on the stomach, the first thing that had done so for a week. The second week the dropsy declined a little and the improvement was then gradual till her recovery was complete. This case was examined by Fulton's Compound, the San Francisco Star and the Overland Monthly, and the genuineness of the case and the recovery were fully attested in their columns.

Mrs. Thomas Christol of 426 Twenty-seventh street, San Francisco, was also swollen with dropsy, as the result of chronic kidney disease, to more than seventy-five pounds beyond her normal weight, and had to be moved in sheets as she was close to death's door although she had four physicians. She was put on the Fulton Compounds. Three weeks showed improvement and in six months she was well, and permits this reference.

If you have dropsy don't temporize. There is only one thing known that will cure the chronic kidney disease that is behind it and that is Fulton's Compound. The Retail Compound for Bright's and Kidney Diseases, \$1; for Diabetes, \$1.50. John J. Fulton Co., 69 Washington street, San Francisco, sole compounders. Send for pamphlet. We are the sole agents for this city.

CHARMAN & CO., DRUGGISTS

DELINQUENT LIST IS SMALL.

Sheriff Shaver Nearly Makes Clean Sweep Collecting 1902 Tax Roll.

There remains delinquent on the tax roll for 1902 in this county the sum of \$5085.92, according to the report of Sheriff Shaver which was completed this week. The property on which these taxes remain unpaid will be advertised at once and regularly sold at sheriff's sale. The county commissioners' court has awarded to the Enterprise the contract for printing the delinquent list.

The original roll represented a total of \$177,462.94. Under the rebate system, it cost the county \$3654.63 to make the collection of \$165,871.61 while the penalties and interest charges combined on the delinquent payments amounted to only \$990.05. The rebate plan of collecting taxes is decidedly unpopular in Clackamas county.

Sheriff Shaver's report shows the following figures:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Total amount charged on roll \$177,462.94. Sheriff's assessments 2,771.28. Penalty and interest 990.05. Total \$181,224.27. Amount collected sheriff's assessments \$ 2,625.55. Amount collected on roll 165,871.61. Penalty and interest 990.05. Rebate 3,654.63. Polls sworn off 62.00. Delinquent 5,085.92. Double assessment and errors 2,964.51. Total \$181,224.27.

For Young Men and Young Women.

There is nothing that will arouse the ire of a young man or woman so quick as to have inferior laundry work put off on them. They may dress ever so well, but if their shirt front or shirt waist is mussed, their neat appearance is spoiled. The Troy Laundry makes a specialty of ladies' and gentlemen's fine work. There can be no better work than is done at the Troy. Leave your orders at Johnson's barber shop.

WAS IT MURDER OR SUICIDE?

Resident of Butteville Found Dead In Street Thursday Morning.

L. B. Saunders, a local hop buyer, was found dead on the street at Butteville at about 7 o'clock Thursday morning with two bullet holes in his breast. A revolver was found within about two feet of the body, which was found lying on the sidewalk in front of the residence of R. V. Parrott, Coroner A. M. Clough, of Salem, was notified and will conduct an inquest.

Saunders was the local agent at Butteville for Lillenthal & Co., hop merchants, and had spent the evening playing cards in a saloon. He started home late in the morning. A number of persons heard pistol shots during the early morning hours. The motive for the deed, whether suicide or murder, is not known, but will probably be disclosed at the coroner's investigation. Friends of Saunders discredit the suicide theory for the reason that the deceased was never known to carry a fire-arm, and for the reason that either of the two wounds would have proven fatal.

A Startling Test.

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. Mehopyany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c at Charman & Co.

DOUBT CANNOT EXIST.

Investigation Will Only Strengthen the Proof We Give In Oregon City.

How can doubt exist in the face of such evidence? Read here the endorsement of a representative citizen.

James Peterson, employed by G. C. Havely, of the O. R. & N. R. Co., at Portland, and living at Woodstock, says: "In my opinion, if any sufferer from backache fails to find relief in Doan's Kidney Pills, there is no relief for him on earth. However, I don't believe any case exists which Doan's Kidney Pills will not help. I had severe backache and weakness of the kidneys for years. My back ached at times so that I could hardly get up from a couch and the kidney secretions presented a very unnatural appearance, and deposited a heavy sediment if allowed to stand long enough. I spent lots of money when living in the East in trying to get something to effect a cure. I came out here to Portland twelve years ago, thinking the change of climate might benefit me, but the trouble still clung to me. I paid one doctor in the town \$75 for medicines, but I might just as well have taken so much water so far as any benefit was concerned. I used five bottles of a well-known remedy manufactured in the East and received only temporary relief. I finally saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised, and one day bought a box and had used only a few doses when I knew they had gone to the root of the trouble. I continued their use until I had taken three boxes, and cheerfully say that they did more for me than all the other medicines put together."

Plenty more proof like this from Oregon City people. Call at C. G. Huntley's drug store and ask what his customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

Everything in the millinery line reduced. Miss C. Goldsmith.

LIVER TROUBLES

"I had Theford's Black-Draught a good medicine for liver disease. It cured my son after he had spent \$100 with doctors. It is all the medicine I take."—MRS. CAROLINE MARTIN, Parkersburg, W. Va.

If your liver does not act regularly go to your druggist and secure a package of Theford's Black-Draught and take a dose tonight. This great family medicine frees the constipated bowels, stirs up the torpid liver and causes a healthy secretion of bile.

Theford's Black-Draught will cleanse the bowels of impurities and strengthen the kidneys. A torpid liver invites colds, biliousness, chills and fever and all manner of sickness and contagion. Weak kidneys result in Bright's disease which claims as many victims as consumption. A 25-cent package of Theford's Black-Draught should always be kept in the house.

"I used Theford's Black-Draught for liver and kidney complaints and found nothing to equal it."—WILLIAM COFFMAN, Marblehead, Ill.

THEFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

FOR YOUR SUMMER VACATION.

Hundreds Visit Oregon's Popular Beach Resorts.

Unexcelled train service and cheap round trip excursion rates offered by the A. & C. R. R. attract visitors to Clatsop Beach from all sections, and the many advantages of Seaside and Gearheart Park, together with their superior attractions, make either of these well known resorts an ideal place to spend a day, a week or a month, whether fishing, hunting, surf bathing or in idle recreation.

Through trains leave Union Depot Portland at 5:30 a. m. daily and reach the ocean at 12:30 p. m. without delays or transfers en route.

The Portland-Seaside Fast Express leaves Portland every Saturday at 2:30 p. m. and reaches Gearheart Park 6:40 p. m., Seaside 6:50 p. m.

This fast and popular train is equipped with all modern conveniences and its commodious coaches and elegant parlor cars make the journey from Portland to the ocean one of ease and comfort.

In connection with this excellent service, round trip season excursion tickets from Portland to all Clatsop and North Beach points, good to return until Oct. 15th, are sold for \$4. Saturday special round trip excursion tickets between same points, good to return Sunday evening \$2.50. Special Season Commutation tickets, good for five round trips from Portland to all Clatsop and North Beach points, \$15. Beach excursion tickets issued by the O. R. & N. Co. and Vancouver Trans. Co. will be honored on trains of this company in either direction between Portland and Astoria.

For additional information address J. C. Mayo, G. F. & P. A. Astoria, of E. L. Lewis, Comm'l. Agt., 248 Alder St., Portland, who will be pleased to mail to your address copy of the latest Seaside pamphlet telling all about summer girls, sea serpens and sunsets at Seaside.

Children's hats reduced. Miss C. Goldsmith.

WILL HOLD FARMERS' INSTITUTE.—At the meeting of the Gresham Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, Saturday, a resolution was passed unanimously that the Farmers' Institute, announced to be held at Gresham, December 10-11, should be made a success. It was decided that the day sessions should be held in the Grange hall. The Grange hall is on the Powell valley road, near the railway, and convenient of access. J. W. Shattuck, chairman of the committee, writes that a basket dinner will be given in the Grange hall, the Gresham orchestra will furnish music for the evening session, and the afternoon program will be in charge of local talent. Dr. Withycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural College, will supply the speakers, and will attend himself. The lectures will be of special interest to farmers. It is expected that W. W. Cotton, Judge J. F. Caples and others will make talks during the institute. The farmers of Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties all will be invited to attend.—Oregonian.

For newest ideas and patterns the best call on Miss C. Goldsmith.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. LUCAS COUNTY. Frank J. Cheney makes an oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY, & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

Signature of J. C. Hart

ZERO AN ANCIENT TERM.

It Was in Use in Babylon Thirty-six Centuries Ago.

The term zero, which is used to designate a cipher and in meteorology the entire absence of heat in the atmosphere, was, according to a mathematical historian, Moritz Cantor, used by the Babylonians about the year 1700 B. C. This, however, is merely a supposition. It has not been definitely established that zero was in use any earlier than 600 A. D. About this time it was used in India, and several centuries later the Arabs began to employ it. Through the Arabs its use became known to Europeans during the twelfth century. It was not generally adopted in Europe until several centuries later, notwithstanding its great advantages. For a considerable time there were two parties among the European educators. One party, known as the algorists, favored the adoption of the Hindoo system of notation (falsely called Arabic), with its position values, while the other, known as the abacists, favored the Roman notation, without zero or position value.

The general adoption of the Hindoo system was greatly facilitated by the facts that it was explained in most of the calendars for more than a century, beginning with 1300, and that the medieval universities frequently offered courses devoted to the use of this notation.—Chicago Tribune.

An American Waterloo.

Wellington at Waterloo and Meade at Gettysburg each held the highlands against his antagonist. Wellington on Mont Saint Jean and Meade on Cemetery Ridge had the birdseye view of the forces of attack. The English batteries on the plateau and the Union batteries on Cemetery Heights commanded alike the intervening undulations across which the charging columns must advance. Behind Mont Saint Jean, to conceal Wellington's movements from Napoleon's eyes, were the woodlands of Soignes. Behind Cemetery Ridge, to conceal Meade's movements from the field glasses of Lee, was a sharp declivity, a protecting and helpful depression. As the French under Napoleon at Waterloo, so the Confederates under Lee at Gettysburg held the weaker position. In both cases the assailants sought to expel their opponents from the stronger lines. I might add another resemblance in the results which followed. Waterloo decided the destiny of France, of England, of Europe. Gettysburg, not so directly or immediately, but practically, decided the fate of the Confederacy.—General John B. Gordon in Scribner's.

Ladies Who Wore Knives.

In early English days knives were worn by Englishwomen in imitation of the anelace, a dagger carried at the girdle. Chaucer speaks of them in the prologue to his "Canterbury Tales." His knives were y-shaped not with brass, but all with silver wrought, full clean and well.

In Ross church, Herefordshire, is a monument to a lady of the Ruddle family, temp. Henry VIII., who wears a purse and a knife. Brand tells us that knives were formerly part of the accoutrements of a bride. In a play, temp. "Edward III.," occurs the passage: Here by my side do hang my wedding knives.

In the "Archæologia" Mr. Douce, the antiquary, wrote a paper on this practice of wearing knives by European ladies in the sixteenth century, and an engraving shows a specimen of a case of these wedding knives, dated 1610, which are described as having amber handles and cases of purple velvet embroidered with gold.

Some Pygmy Animals.

A species of dwarf elephant used to live on the island of Malta and in various parts of Italy. Judging from the bones which remain, these animals, about the size of a large sheep, were somewhat numerous. A dwarf elephant is a rarity now and no longer forms a distinct species, but is considered rather a freak.

A very beautiful species of pygmy deer is found on the Sunda islands. These little creatures are not much larger than a cat, but have all the points of a "well bred" deer. Among horses Shetland ponies are the pygmies. The ordinary mule of central Africa is a pygmy, or dwarf, of only about twenty inches in height at the shoulder and three feet in length.

Making Sure of Him.

"I think," said the thoughtful mother, "that you ought to object to young Brown paying so much attention to our daughter."

"Why?" demurred the thoughtless father. "He impresses me very favorably."

"That's just it," returned the thoughtful mother. "We must do something to make his ambitious mother think we regard ourselves a little above them socially if we are to make sure of him."

A Hint to Go.

"I have something to tell you before I go," he finally said. "It is a long story," she hastily asked.

"No; it is a very short one."

"Then I think you will just have time," she sweetly said.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Her References.

"I don't like these references," said the housewife.

"Well, mum," returned the applicant for a position, "I didn't write 'em, so it ain't my fault. If you don't like 'em jest you go to the people as gave 'em to me an' tell 'em so."—Chicago Post.

A Definition.

"Fa, what is a fray?" "Why, my son, that is what a person who has never been in a fight calls it"—Puck.

DO YOU GET UP

WITH A LAME BACK?

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble it will be found just the remedy you need. It has been tested in so many ways, in hospital work, in private practice, among the helpless too poor to purchase relief and has proved so successful in every case that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of this paper who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root and how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Birmingham, N. Y. The regular fifty cent and dollar sizes are sold by all good druggists.

Home of Swamp-Root.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

Birds That Exercise Ingenuity.

Birds building on high trees are not so wary about the concealment of their nests as hedge builders and those that seek the springing corn or grass land for the shelter of their homes, trusting to the loftiness of situation for security. A nest placed upon the ground is in constant danger of exposure. A browsing animal might destroy it. Then the scythe with one sweep occasionally lays bare one or more nests, thereby endangering the eggs or callow nestlings. This renders the parent birds very wary and causes them to practice great ingenuity in their efforts to protect the young birds.

The skylark has been known to carry its egg or offspring to a place of safety after an exposure of the nest, and it has been said its long hind claw—the use of which has puzzled many naturalists—is specially adapted by nature for more easily grasping and transporting its treasures from the source of danger. When the young birds are too bulky to be thus removed the parent bird carries them on its back, though this mode of removal is a somewhat difficult one.—London Tit-Bits.

Jefferson and the Patent Office.

The first patron of our patent system was Thomas Jefferson, who during three years gave his personal attention to every application for a patent. He used to call the secretary of war and the attorney general to examine and scrutinize with him, and they did it so thoroughly that in one year—the first—they granted only three patents. The very first patent of all was given to Samuel Hopkins in 1790 for pearl ashes. Mr. Jefferson held that the patent system was not one for creating revenue, but for encouraging a production of that which is to be of benefit to the whole people. In the first twelve years a single clerk in the state department and a few pigeonholes were all that the business of the office required. Then a Dr. Thornton took charge of it and devoted himself to it as to a hobby.

Spiders Like Music.

A violinist says spiders are notoriously and historically fond of music. At one of his performances the concert hall was made disagreeable by a sudden invasion of spiders, which were drawn by his violin out from the cracks and crannies of the ancient building. They crawled about the floor and on to the stage, and he could see the annoyed audience stamping on the insects. The writer adds that he has known a small garden snake to be attracted by piano playing and a young calf to whisk his tail and prance about most gleefully at the first notes of a French horn. His neck would curve about proudly, his hoofs tread lightly and his ears wag joyously when the tooting began, and he never quieted down till the music ceased.

Peculiar Privileges.

The speaker of the house of commons has several peculiar privileges. Every year he receives a gift from the master of the buckhounds of a buck and doe killed in the royal preserves. This custom goes back so far that there is no record of it. Later in the year the speaker receives another tribute from a different source. The donors on the second occasion are the Cloth Workers' company of London, who send to the speaker of the house of commons and to several of his majesty's ministers a generous width of the best broadcloth to be found in England.

Her Audience.

"How are you getting on with your music, my dear?" inquired a lady of her niece.

"Well, of course," replied the niece diffidently, "it wouldn't be proper of me to compliment myself, but some of the neighbors have told me they have stayed awake at night for hours listening to my playing."

Cured of Piles After 40 Years.

Mr. C. Haney, of Geneva, O., had the piles for 40 years. Doctors and dollars could do him no lasting good. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured him permanently. Invaluable for cuts, burns, bruises, sprains, lacerations, eczema, tetter, salt rheum, and all other skin diseases. Look for the name DeWitt on the package—all others are cheap, worthless counterfeits. Sold by Geo. A. Harding.