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Saturday, January 2, 1909, at 9 o'clock

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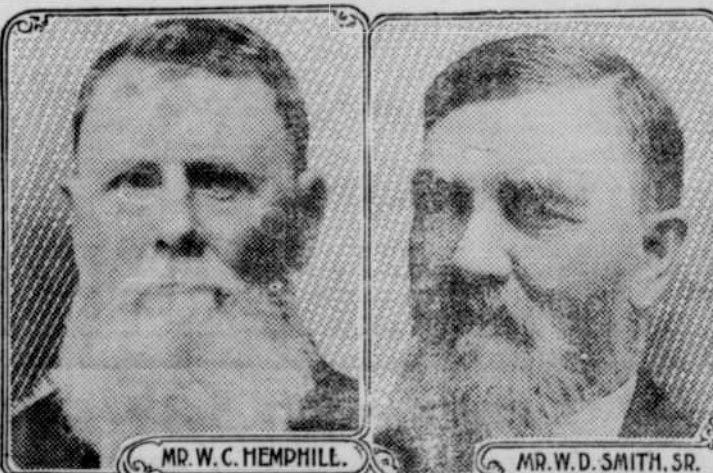
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MR. W. D. SMITH, SR.



MRS. F. E. LITTLE.

MRS. H. G. GREEN.

Grandmothers and Grandfathers Who Believe in Pe-Ru-Na.

"I CAN recommend Peruna as a good medicine for chronic catarrh of the stomach and bowels. I have been troubled with it severely for over a year, and also a cough.

"Now my cough is all gone, and all the distressing symptoms of catarrh of the stomach and bowels have disappeared. I will recommend it to all as a rare remedy."—Mrs. F. E. Little, Tolono, Ill.

"I HAD catarrh of the stomach, bowels and lower internal organs. Had a great deal of pain in my right hip, which felt like rheumatism. Also, pain in my internal organs. The water was highly colored, my back was weak, was constipated, and very restless.

"I commenced to take Peruna according to directions, and began to improve. I have taken ten bottles of Peruna and think I am cured."—Mr. W. C. Hemphill, Louisville, Miss.

"MRS. H. G. GREEN and family, of Lewis Creek, Ind., write: 'We cannot express to you our thanks for what Peruna has done for mother.

"When she began your medicine she was not able to be up all day, but now she is helping with the work and at present has gone on a visit. Her health is improved in general. No discharges. Good appetite. Sleeps well and looks well."

"BY following your instructions and taking your Peruna and Manilla I am cured of catarrh.

"I had catarrh for twelve years and quite a bad cough so I could not sleep nights. I do not have any cough now. If I feel anything in the throat I take a swallow of Peruna and I am all right."—Mr. W. D. Smith, Sr., 2440 Forest St., Port Huron, Mich.

WATER QUESTION.

Shall Dallas Buy the Plant?—Post-office Receipts Increasing.

OUR TIMBER RESOURCES.

What Our Forest Department Has to Say About It.

Few people have anything like a clear idea of the amount of forest wealth left in this country. Those who think at all about this natural resource which has assisted in material development since the landing of the first settlers are usually too much influenced by the condition of that particular state or section in which they are most familiar.

If they live in a much deforested or a treeless region, the people usually imagine that the country's timber supply is even more limited than is actually the fact; on the other hand, with those whose homes are located in a section where a pinch in timber has not been experienced, the feeling is likely to be altogether the other way, and some become so indifferent at times as to think that there is really not much reason to worry about a timber problem. Both can profit by a reading of the actual facts.

The forests of the United States now cover about 550 million acres, or about one-fourth of the land of the whole country. The original forests covered not less than 850 million acres, or nearly one-half.

The forests owned by the government cover one-fourth of the total forest area, and contain one-fifth of all timber standing. Forests privately owned cover three-fourths of the area, and contain four-fifths of the standing timber. Besides having three times the area and four times the forests, the timber land privately owned is generally more valuable.

Forestry, of conservative lumbering, is practiced on 70 per cent of the forests public owned and on less than one per cent of the forests privately owned. This covers the country's forest resources as they stand today. Senator Smoot, chairman of the section of forests of the National Conservation Commission, in outlining the future has said:

"By reasonable thrift, we can produce a constant timber supply beyond our present need, and with it conserve the usefulness of our streams for irrigation, water supply, navigation and power.

Under right management, our forests will yield over four times as much as now. We can reduce waste in the woods and in the mill at least one-third, with present as well as future profit. We can perpetuate the naval stores industry. Preservative treatment will reduce by one-fifth the quantity of timber used in the water or in the ground. We can practically stop forest fires at a total yearly cost of one-fifth the value of the standing timber burned each year, not counting young growth.

We shall suffer for timber to meet our needs, until our forests have had time to grow again. But if we act vigorously and at once, we shall escape permanent timber scarcity."

THE NELSON JERSEY FARM.

Several years ago a prize was offered by a national horticultural association. The amount of the prize was \$50 and was to be given for the largest pinyon shown. Every state contested and Oregon won. The prize was won by Ross Nelson, of Independence, who was then a small boy. Being economical he had saved "a few pennies." These pennies and his \$50 he invested in a few cows and that was the start of the Nelson stock farm. Now it is one of the largest dairy and stock farms in the vicinity of Independence. The herd is headed by Dorinda, grandson of Peer's Surprise. While they have two yearlings coming on who are true blue blooded aristocrats of the highest order. Such skill and foresight has been displayed by Mr. Nelson, Jr., in the rearing of the present young stock that they are conceded to be as high quality as any A. J. C.'s on the coast. The Nelson farm comprises a good many broad acres. One of its features is a fine apple orchard. Mr.

Nelson, Sr., has pruned and trimmed to that extent that the apples produced are almost perfect in quality. Electric lights are installed in both the house and barn, while they are now contemplating the erection of more new buildings.—Oregon Agriculturist.

MAKES LARGE GAIN.

Postoffice Receipts for 1908 Much Beyond Those of 1907.

Considerable talk having been going on lately regarding the probability of Dallas being soon able to enter the free delivery class, the Itemizer man made it his business the other day to investigate the matter, and the desired information was gladly furnished us by our genial postmaster, Mr. C. G. Coad. The figures he gave us were remarkable from the fact that they showed a large increase of business over the previous year, but they fall short a considerable amount yet of that necessary to bring this town of ours into the free delivery class. The receipts for the last two years from the sale of stamps, box rent, etc., were:

Receipts for 1907.....\$5,522

Receipts for 1908.....6,351

This shows that the business of our postoffice increased about 15 per cent in the year 1908. But this is not all. The postoffice department's fiscal year ends April 1, by which time it will have been increased to at least \$6,800, as showing the amount really over the fiscal year for 1907. This will leave us about \$3,000 yet shy of the necessary amount to be included in the free delivery class, as it takes a revenue to the government of \$10,000 a year to be so classed.

Postmaster Coad says that he hardly expects this gain to be made during this year, but that it is coming before long, if we keep up our present ratio of growth. One thing is certain, however, and that is that Dallas will during the present year be raised from a third class office to that of a second, it taking an income of \$8,000 to do this. Nothing but an extreme backward movement can save us from securing such an honor. The Itemizer is a little more optimistic than Mr. Coad and believes that the advertising that our town is now doing, will bring sufficient new population into the surrounding country to swell his receipts to much more than he anticipates, and that that free delivery is nearer at hand than many dream of. Let us all work to that end anyhow. As mentioned before the sale of stamps is the big revenue bringer for a postoffice, the box rent helping out annually about \$600. The sale of money orders does not figure in the transaction, this being a separate department, and the government not including receipts from this source as a basis for raises in the department. The last year's increase in the business brings our postmaster an added amount to his salary, he now getting \$1,800, an increase of \$100 over that of the year before.

With our fine new postoffice, conveniently located and arranged, free delivery is not extraordinarily needed, except to show to the world our progress. For the latter reason we want it as soon as possible, and our citizens must bear in mind that it is the sale of stamps that counts toward that desired end. Whenever our revenue from this source and the box rents comes to \$10,000 a year, we are entitled to free delivery.

Left Their Conductor.

The other day the engineer of the motor received, as he supposed, the order to pull out from Independence, and off he went, leaving behind the conductor and brakeman. He ran to Monmouth before finding out his mistake, and had to go back after those two indispensable. Next time he will be certain he has the goahead signal.

An Old Machine Operator.

Rev. H. H. Farnham, who lately came among us to occupy the pulpit of the Evangelical

church, is an old Lynotype man and a practical printer and newspaper man, having had considerable experience in both lines, and he has not long been out of the business either. His fingers so itch to again hear the merry click of the type that he may soon put in a small job plant for his own use.

IT IS UP TO YOU.

Shall Dallas Own Its Own Water System?

For years a number of citizens of Dallas have been strenuous advocates of the doctrine that the city of Dallas should own and operate its own water system, believing that by so doing it would lessen the cost to the consumer and bring the city a revenue, if intelligently and economically administered. The chance is now before them to do so. Mr. H. V. Gates has made a definite price that he will take for the system as it stands after three years of successful operation, the offer being made to Mayor Muir the other day, and he now puts it up to the citizens to see if they are willing to pay the price. Sometime ago the matter of buying was agitated so much that Mr. Gates was asked to set a price. This he then refused to do, saying that an option on the plant was held by other parties, but that when said option expired, he would give Dallas the first chance, and his offer of the other day is the result.

The price asked by Mr. Gates to dispose of all rights in the system is \$40,000. Whether this is an exorbitant one or not, is not the question. That is his price, and until the 20 years have elapsed from when he put in the plant, we have no other means of fixing a price. The only thing the mayor and council now want to know is, if Dallas citizens are willing to pay that figure to own their own water plant. We have already bonded the city for \$15,000 as a payment on its estimated value by a board of arbitration at the end of 20 years, but this would not enter into the present purchase price. We have also paid out \$300 at two different times for extensions of the mains. The interest on our water bonds has amounted to some \$700, but this is looked up on as value received in the sure and certain fire protection the city has enjoyed. Three of the water bonds have been paid off, leaving us \$12,000 still unpaid. That is the status of the matter today. If the citizens of Dallas desire that the system be bought at Mr. Gates' figures there is not much time to lose in declaring their intentions. Our charter provides that the city shall only incur a bonded indebtedness of \$20,000, \$15,000 of this being taken up when we voted to accept Mr. Gates' original proposition and install the water works. If it is agreed that we now buy the plant outright, the city's charter must be so amended as to allow of our bonding ourselves for \$40,000 more. This can only be done by the legislature now in session. If not then done, it will have to wait for two years, when it is a pretty certain thing that the plant will not be for sale. If any move is to be made it must be at once, and it is up to those who have so long and strenuously advocated municipal ownership to get busy, or let the whole matter go by the board. The council desire to be governed by the will of the people in the matter. If the taxpayers say go ahead and have the charter changed to admit of the necessary bond, they as a body are perfectly willing. But they are not going to take the initiative in the matter themselves. Our present council have fully demonstrated in the case of the rock crusher that they can successfully finance such undertakings, but they are not anxious to assume any more obligations of like nature.

The Itemizer has not yet definitely formed an opinion in this matter, and would not do so until able to find out the net income of the plant under the present

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22nd Annual Clearance Sale

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R. JACOBSON & CO'S.

Sale to begin Saturday, January 2, 1909.

Notwithstanding that the year of 1908 has been the biggest year in the history of this store, we are determined to close out the remainder of our fall and winter stock at prices which will pay you to buy your year's supply. During this sale nothing in our large stock will be reserved; prices are reduced from 10 per cent to 50 per cent. Call early while the stock is complete.

Store will be closed from Thursday at 5 p. m. until Saturday at 9 a. m. to arrange and mark down the stock.

Thanking the public for their patronage during the past year and soliciting a continuance of the same, we wish each and everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

D. M. NAYBERGER,

Former partner and Successor to

R. JACOBSON & CO.

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When in need of a GOOD PLUMBER and Good Plumbing Goods, Remember Us.

We have decided to quote you prices on first-class goods and first-class work that will be lower than others ask for cheap goods and inexperienced work.

Remember it will not be long until we have an ordinance specifying the way Plumbing Work shall be done. Then if your work is done by a poor workman, it will have to be torn out and put in new.

We know how it should be done RIGHT.

Some people want to be Plumbers, because the wages are higher.

A good workman is worth good money. Think it over, but better decide to have it done once, right, than several times wrong. Its Cheaper.

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