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TO FIGHT FIRE ON THE FARM	
Methods by which the annual fire toll of \$150,000,- 000 taken on American farms may be reduced were worked out by the Agricultural Committee of the Na- tional Fire Waste Council, in collaboration with the In-	

Council, in collaboration with the Insurance Department of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States which held its initial meeting at Chicago on July 14.

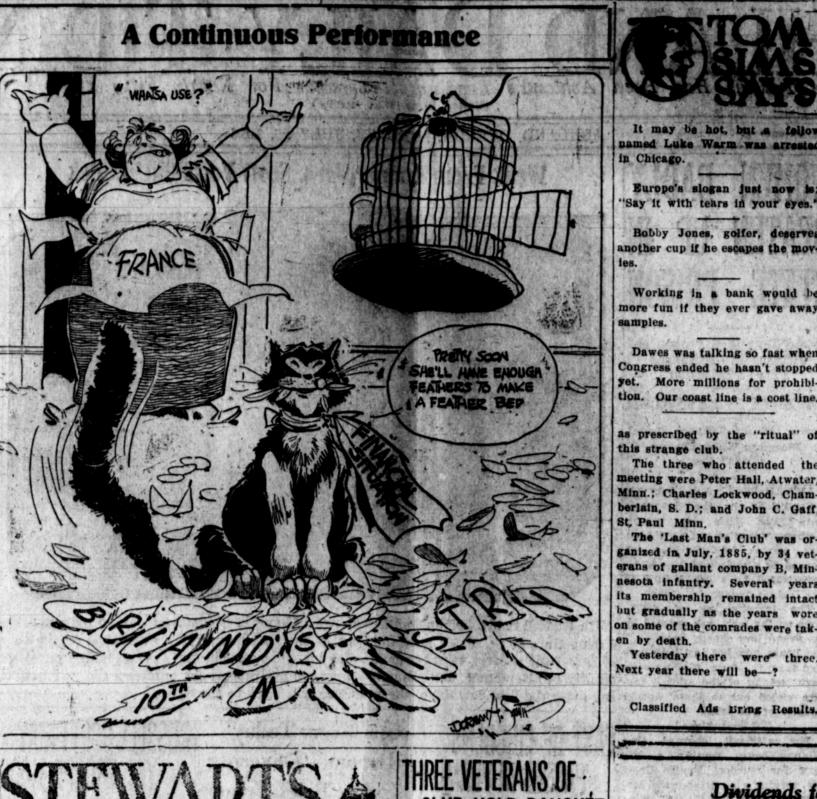
Insurance company officials, members of the staff of the National Chamber, agricultural publishers, farm bureau representatives, agricultural engineers, representatives of the Department of Agriculture and others constitute the committee.

A study of the possible safeguards against fire on farms was made. It has been found, for example, that the maligned lightning rod, when properly installed, reduces the hazard from lightning to a minimum. One insurance company reports only a single loss in forty years under such conditions, although lightning is the cause of many farm fires.

Methods of stacking hay and grains to prevent spontaneous combustion, construction of farm buildings and extraordinary secretary. houses to retard fire, ways and means of fighting fires on the farm and similar subjects were, considered by the or even super-secretary. He comes lican senatorial primary election instead of 34 laughing comrades committee. Fire losses on farms, it is believed, can be pretty close to being an assistant and keep up with his regular Sen- gathered around the table three greatly reduced if relatively simple precautions are taken, senator. Indeed, there are quite ate work at the same time.

FIRE SALVAGE

How much of the estimated national fire floss of Reed is very proud of his sec-\$570,000,000 for 1925 is due to fire and how much is due retary, ar assistant, and he has to water is a question raised in the latest fire prevention bulletin of the National Fire Waste Council issued through possession and extremely valathe Insurance Department of the Chamber of Commerce able. of the United States. No one knows what the water loss is but the Council so many Senate committees and ing and orating, just as if he had more veteran is "counted out" and concludes that it is considerable. For this reason it di- sub-committees and special comrects attention to possibility of reducing it by organized mittees, he conducts so many insalvage. Fire chiefs in a number of cities are now directing fights, his time is so occupied and chairman of the slush fund investheir efforts not only to extinguishing fires but to pro- over-occupied that there simply tigating committee, Yates, as his tacting property from water damage. The city of Los Angeles, for example, has organized two salvage companies as a part of the fire department. The fire chief reports incorporated. that on two different occasions the salvage companies effected a saving in water damage of approximately more than \$100,000. Other cities are equipping their fire departments with salvage covers which are used to protect OUT OUR WAY merchandise, furniture and various other articles. "An opportunity," the bulletin suggests, "exists for the extension of fire department activities in a direction IN TH GLOAMEENG not now being followed. The indications are that any fire HOH MY DAWL department making a determined and well organized effort EENG -WUHEN to salvage property from water damage will reap a bene-TH'LU HIGHTS fit in reduced fire loss." ARE DEEM.





NEA Service Writer WASHINGTON - Trust as ex traordinary a senator as James tions.

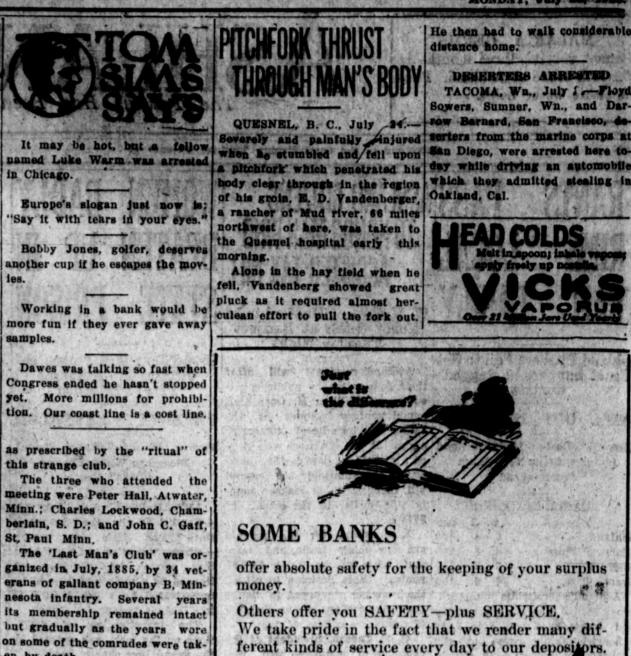
A. Reed of Missouri to have an For instance, everybody wor-The fact is that Hicklin Yates is far more than a mere secretary, into the late Pennsylvania Repub- when the club was organized, but

a few full senators who aren't as important as Assistant Senator

STILLWATER, Minn., July 24 -Three tottering veterans of the icies. Yates, as vice-president Civil War, last survivors of Minand general manager, is in charge nesota's famous 'Last Man's Club' of the company's actual operacame here yesterday to attend the annual meeting-a meeting which

may be their last. dered how in the world Reed managed to push that investigation as it was set some 40 years ago The banquet table was set just

only were there. The other 31 The investigation alone ran chairs were in place-30 of them three sessions daily and far into covered with flowers and one of eason to be. Yates is a unique souri senator more than fully who died since the last meeting.



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THE EPHEMERAL STORE KEEPER

The ephemeral store keeper who has been a thorn in the side of business has been elevated to the dignity of a civic problem, it is found by the Civic Development Department of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

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while it lasted. Yet he occupied always was on hand in the Senate chamber when the solons were Reed has so many interests and such strenuous ones, he's on everything, debating and discussnothing else on his mind.

How did he do it? vestigations, he makes so many The answer is-Hicklin Yates

isn't enough of him to go around. secretary, automatically became As the saying is, he ought to be the committee's secretary.

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AN LOHO-

himself as president, engaged in It was his case, so to speak, pre-

the bottle of rare old burgundy which is not to be opened until transacting business, mixing into there are only two survivors. if so the two remaining will drink a toast to their fallen comrades

In the center of the table sat

pared by him as an office lawyer prepares a case, to turn over to the court room specialist who develops it, through the examination and cross-examination of wit-

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A FULL PACK WITH

A DIAMOND HITCH !

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AFORE IT GITS A LOAD

ON IT'S BACK!

A MULE DOES A

By Williams

He worked up the whole invesnesses, sums up and demands a verdict on the evidence.

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