## POT POURRI

By LONE STAR

Do you know how to tell a man that has wheels in his head. Well you can generally tell him by the "spokes" that come out of his mouth.

Groesbeck was trying a case in the East some time back, and had a very exasperating witness to deal with.

In the course of the trial the following conversation ensued:—

"Come, come sir—do you mean to tell me that you didn't see the complainant's cow on the land? How near do you have to be to a beast before you can see it?"

Witness:—"About the distance I am from you, sir."

The conservation around the dinner table ended as do most conversations these days, with the subject of spiritualism. The guests and the members of the family gave their opinions as to whether or not the dead could communicate with the living. But it remained for "sweet sixteen" to present the only original thought on the subject.

"It's hard enough for me to keep up my correspondence" she said. "When I die I want to rest."

An old nigger went to the office of the commissioner of registration in a little Missouri town and applied for registration papers.

"What is your name?" asked the official.

"George Washington" replied the nigger.

"Well, George, are you the man who cut down the cherry tree?"

"No suh—ah aint de man. Ah aint done no work for ober a year now."

Fred Soule asked the Lone Star in the course of a conversation the other night what an idle jest was.

We told him there was no such thing—they were all working over time.

A southern man tells of a colored mother, living in a country district of Georgia, who was induced by her ten year old child to take him to a circus in a town near their home.

She borrowed a wagon and a mule and set out with her offspring for the circus. The roads were bad—it had rained—and the youngster was frightfully fidgety. Finally the tired mother exclaimed:—

"See heh, you Rasmus, yo set still: I've druv yo ten miles to enjoy dat circus and you been going to enjoy it, ef I has to pull ebery hair out yo haid."

But before you go to bed, did you hear the Medfortites hollering for a change at Washington. Cheer up Medford—the folks you used to have are in Klamath Falls now.

### RESUME WHEAT TRADING

CHICAGO, July 15.—Plans for resumption of trading in wheat futures commencing tomorrow were announced today by the directors of the Board of Trade. The probable opening price of December wheat varies from $2.50 to $2.75 in the opinion of traders. Deliveries will be quoted for December and March.

Many sisters have become famous as motion picture actresses, among the best being Dorothy and Lillian Gish, Mary and Lottie Pickford, Enid and Marjorie Bennett, and Constance, Norma and Natalie Talmadge.

Mrs. Henry Eldridge Goodhue, of Boston, the only woman stained glass maker in the United States, has been awarded the contract for a memorial window to be placed in Pilgrim Hall, at Plymouth, Mass., for the tercentenary celebration.

## PENSION WITNESSES NO LONGER NEEDED

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Witnesses of the indorsement of pension checks will not be required in the future, except where pensioners sign by mark, according to an announcement by the pension bureau.

Four times a year, the 700,000 pensioners now on the government rolls have been required to have two persons sign the checks as witnesses of the endorsement, a proceeding that required the quarterly collection of more than 6,000,000 signatures.

Decision to modify the requirement was made by Secretary Payne, of the Interior Department, after conference with officers of the Pension Bureau, the announced purpose being to oviate trouble and annoyance to bankers cashing the checks, as well as the pensioners.

## "BOOZE" IS ANCIENT WORD IN ENGLISH

CLEVELAND, O., July 15.—"Booze" has had its ancient and honorable ancestry in the English language uncovered here recently by Prof. William H. Hulme of Western Reserve University.

Labeled for generations as an etymological outlaw and branded as such with quotation marks, Prof. Hulme finds "booze" has a pedigree longer than that of most kings. Its earliest spelling, according to Prof. Hulme, was "bowse." Later writings show it was "bouse" and finally "booze."

"Both as a noun and verb the word," Prof. Hulme said, "written "bowse" in middle English literature as far back as 1300, had the meaning 'to drink to excess.' About 1600 the word lost the honorable character it had and became a slang word. The particular 'bousing' is recorded as early as 1529, and 'bouser' was used in English in 1611."

## WITNESSES PROVE DOG'S GOOD REPUTE

OMAHA, Neb., July 15.—Character witness testimony in behalf of a dog was taken here recently before Judge Estelle in district court. City attorneys objected to the admission of such evidence but the judge ruled a dog has as much right to it as a human.

The good character of the dog, which has bitten a girl, was thereupon established to the satisfaction of the court and he annuled the death sentence which had previously been passed upon the prisoner.

"Dick" belonged to 12 year old Mary Schwartz. One day he ran along to the grocery store with her brother and while there bit Lena Chisno, a miss of 13. The police judge who first heard the case meted out the extreme penalty. He did not however pass on the extenuating circumstances. Some youngster in the store stepped on Dick's tail.

## WAR VETERAN IS SLAIN BY BEAR

JUNEAU, Alaska, June 15. (By Mail.)—Clarence Johnson, overseas veteran, died recently from wounds received in a fight with a big brown bear on Chicago Island, near here.

While hunting, Johnson came upon the bear unexpectedly while it was feeding on a deer caucass. The animal rushed him, he said, and before he could shoot a paw struck his face and knocked him down. As the man fell he tried vainly to reach his knife. The animal continued the attack and buffeted and mauled Johnson for several minutes, finally giving up and walking away. Not a stitch of clothing remained on Johnson's body.

The man crawled several hundred yards to a froren bay and was washing his wounds when rescuerers found him. He was taken to a hospital, still unconscious. He died soon after. His skull was fractured and face and body cut.

## CAN'T RESTRAIN THE ROOSTER'S CROWING

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 15.—The rooster's early morning crow cannot be restrained by court order.

Such was the decision of Judge W. W. Bardwell, in district court here, after hearing a petition from Dr. C. F. Dight, a former alderman of this city, seeking an injunction to restrain sleep-disturbing noises which, he said, came from his neighbor's house and yard.

Miss Alma Zaiss, of Kansas City, is the inventor of a device which it is claimed will increase the efficiency of typists in business offices by eliminating the loss of time under the present method of making erasures on carbon copies of stenographic work.