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METHODIST LADIES

Hold Annual Fair and Entertainment

The ladies aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church held their annual fair and entertainment at the town hall on Wednesday last, afternoon and evening. The sale was well attended in the afternoon and the several tables were well patronized; in the evening the audience comfortably filled the hall.

At the fancy work table there was the best assortment of hand work on nice linen, as well as other articles, that these ladies ever had the pleasure to exhibit and sell to the public who patronize these sales. Nothing but the best of needlework is shown here and it is seldom a difficult task to sell the goods. The apron table, food table and the tables where home made candy, vegetables, ice cream, and all the usual things exhibited at such sales, were well laden and received a ready sale.

In the evening an entertainment was given, the principal feature of which was the showing of pictures in the family album. The pictures were all in costume of earlier days and were well made up, and the whole thing was very interesting and amusing. The musical part of the program was furnished by talent from Antrim and Hillsboro and consisted of vocal and violin solos with piano accompaniment.

As a result of the sale and entertainment the ladies will add nearly \$175 to their treasury.

Rates Drop on Foreign Mail

The little two-cent postage stamp, representing in service probably the biggest value obtainable for the money, has extended its field of usefulness. It now will carry a one-cent letter to any postoffice in half a hundred foreign countries in addition to any one of the more than 50,000 postoffices in the United States, the many more in Canada, Cuba and Mexico, and of course to any of the postoffices in American possessions overseas. The extension of the two-cent rate to so many foreign lands is saving Americans, particularly business men, thousands of dollars annually in foreign postage, assisting in extending American foreign trade, and, Government officials believe, is tending to cultivate more friendly relations with foreign peoples.

The two-cent rate was put into effect near the close of last year to Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Jamaica and Martinique. On March 1 this year Bermuda and Haiti were added to the list of foreign countries. Many Americans, it is believed, still use a five-cent stamp in sending letters to a number of the foreign countries where the two-cent rate prevails.

The countries now include:
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Pomona Field Day

The annual Field Day of Hillsboro County Pomona Grange will be held August 9, at Oak Park Fair Grounds, Greenfield, N. H., at 10.30 a. m. Andrew L. Felker, Commissioner of Agriculture, will be there to give an address. John A. Hammond, Lecturer of New Hampshire State Grange, is expected to be present. Mrs. Mary W. Heath, Past Pomona of the State Grange, will give readings. Other speakers will help make up a fine program. Sports and games will be in order and a large attendance is looked for. Everybody come.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

To be Held Monday Evening, August 28

The following petition, signed by ten Antrim citizens, has been presented to the Selectmen.

Antrim, N. H., July 27, 1922
 To the Selectmen of Antrim:

We, the undersigned, representing the Antrim Board of Trade, hereby respectfully petition you to call a special town meeting, same to be held as soon as possible.

The purpose of the town meeting is to see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation for a period of five years, any new machinery and equipment that may be installed on the Lovren's Mills property in the town of Antrim, for the manufacture of clothes-pins.

In compliance with the foregoing petition a Special Town Meeting has been called, for Monday evening, Aug. 28, at 8 o'clock, to act on this article.

Francetown Plans 150th Celebration

Gov. Albert O. Brown will be the guest of honor at the 150th anniversary of the settling of the town of Francetown Wednesday, August 16. The citizens of the town, which boasts of being the birthplace of Levi Woodbury, have prepared an elaborate program for their sesqui-centennial.

On the morning of Aug. 16 there will be fraternal and social gatherings, and at noon a luncheon will be served. The literary exercises, toasts and responses will be held in the old church at 1 o'clock. Dr. John Prentice Band, of Worcester, Mass., will preside. Speakers will include Governor Brown; James T. Woodbury, of Francetown; Dr. Edward M. Kingsbury of New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. Ellen Emerson Carey, a returned missionary from Japan; Clarence B. Root of Northampton, Mass.; and Dr. H. S. Cowell of Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Mass.

In the latter part of the afternoon there will be a pageant depicting many important events in the history of Francetown. At night the Lotus Male Quartet of Boston will give a concert in the town hall, to be followed by dancing.

Every native and former resident of Francetown is expected to be present at the birthday celebration, and ample accommodations have been made to handle a large crowd. Edwin H. Farnum is chairman of the local committee and Miss Annie S. Clark is secretary.

Union Picnic

There will be a union picnic of the Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational and North Branch Sunday Schools on Saturday of this week, at Lake George, Bennington. It is the desire of the combined committees to have all connected with these schools attend this picnic and enter into the festivities of the day and make it an occasion long to be remembered. Free transportation by auto will be furnished, from the Presbyterian church, from 9 to 11 o'clock. This will be a basket picnic, but refreshing drinks will be served freely. Ice cream will be on sale.

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A FEW THOUGHTS

Suggested by What is Happening Around

Ex-Governor Charles M. Floyd, of Manchester, has been appointed by Governor Brown state fuel administrator. The Queen city is receiving attention when new appointees are needed.

"No more war" read a few signs posted along the roadside to Gregg Lake from Clinton Village. This sounds good and it is hoped will come true. However, some fail to realize how such a thing can be so long as human nature exists. Yet it is possible, and let everyone who has a single word to say regarding the matter say it with this thought in mind.

The month of August is with us and already some of the summer guests have closed their vacations and returned to their city homes and employment. To those who can remain through this month and into September and October, will come the great satisfaction of being in a town of homes, where all are pleased to entertain city cousins, in a latitude of mountain air, where the purity of same is a little better than the best we know anything about. Here is a delightful place to rest, an enjoyable place to spend vacation, and the place to which everybody desires to come the second time—and keep on coming.

One evening last week the Reporter man chanced to see Hon. A. W. Noone, of Peterboro, drive up to the Antrim Pharmacy in his comfortable roadster, and while the chauffeur went into the Pharmacy we took the opportunity to chat a bit with the candidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket. He was ready to talk and being given the chance, made the most of it. He agreed with us that we are the greatest and best nation on the face of the earth, and while our ideas of the ways and means of keeping it such may differ a bit, we have every reason to believe him honest in his thoughts and expressions. No loyal American is far wrong when he is ever looking after the interests of the nation and her people.

Dover, July 25.—In a public interview, Arthur G. Whittemore, Republican candidate for governor, declared here today that he stands squarely on a platform to reduce the taxes of the state.

"To reduce taxes we must reduce expenditures," declared Mr. Whittemore. "Of course those state enterprises that are essential must be supported, and we must get a dollar's worth of service for every dollar expended."

"From my legislative experience," continued Mr. Whittemore, "I know there are many non-essentials requiring considerable sums of money that can just as well be eliminated."

If elected governor, and Mr. Whittemore considers his chances excellent, he said he would make every effort to establish a budget system for the state.

Mr. Whittemore has recently returned from a complete tour of the state and is about to start on another round of the counties. He feels his strength is increasing every week and anticipates a decisive victory in the September primaries.

Administrator's Notice

The Subscriber gives notice that she has been duly appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Alfred Arthur Miller, late of Antrim, in the County of Hillsborough, deceased.

All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment, and all having claims to present them for adjustment.

Dated July 20, 1922.
 Etta May Miller

Vaccination

The orders of the State Board of Health are that all children shall be vaccinated before admittance to the fall term of school. This is a reminder to the parents whose children have not been vaccinated that it would be for the interest of the children to have this done now and not wait until just before school opens.

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SCHOOL BOARD'S NOTICE The School Board meets regularly in Town Clerk's Room, in Town Hall block, the last Friday afternoon in each month, at 2 o'clock, to transact School District business and to hear all parties.

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"It Stands Between Humanity and Oppression!"

Antrim Locals

N. J. Morse has added an electric clipper to his outfit at the barber shop. Master Sidney Brown is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Shoules.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hurlin and two children, from New York City, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Hurlin.

Carl H. Robinson and family and Frank E. Wheeler and family are spending their vacation season at Hampton Beach.

A Food Sale will be held under the auspices of the Unity Guild, on the Presbyterian church lawn, Friday, August 4, at 3 p. m.

The Holstein Friesian, senior 3 yr. old at Liberty Farm is still gaining in milk, having now made 664 lbs. in one day, and ahead on her 7 day record.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Straw and children, of Lubin, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tuttle and child, of Wilton, were Sunday guests at Will C. Hills.

The Antrims played with Hillsboro on Saturday last and in a good game lost four to three to Hillsboro, on the neighbors' field. Next Saturday they will play at Henniker.

Mrs. Mary Whittem, who has been visiting a number of weeks with relatives in Bridgeport, Conn., has returned to her home in this place. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart accompanied her on her return and remained her guests for a time.

Ira P. Hutchinson has purchased a very fine bull calf at Liberty Farm, whose dam is a half sister to the heifer that broke the state senior 2 yr. old record in the 305 day division, making 11,788 lbs. of milk and 588 lbs. of butter.

The many friends of Otis Pike, who is with the General Electric Company in Schenectady, N. Y., will be pleased to learn that he has been permanently transferred to the Research Laboratory, where he is following development work on vacuum tubes.

Moving Pictures! Town Hall, Antrim Thursday, Aug. 3 Dorothy Gish in "Little Miss Rebellion" News and Comedy Tuesday, Aug. 8 Frank Mayo in "Dr. Jim" Pathe Weekly Pictures at 8.15 W. A. NICHOLS, Mgr.

Antrim Locals

Donald Cram has been confined to his home a few days by illness. I am cleaning out dumps this week and next; please notify me this week.

Milan Parker is in Keene for a season where he has employment on a farm with a relative. FOR RENT—Sept. 1. House, six rooms with bath, electric light fixtures and furnace.

The Baptist picnic will be held Aug. 8, at Lake Massacum. All wishing transportation will please notify W. E. Prescott by Sunday, Aug. 6.

The Unity Guild will give a concert in the town hall on Wednesday evening, Aug. 9, with especially fine musical talent, as follows: The Temple Quartette (Messrs. Harold Dearborn, William McInnis, Herbert Rainey and Henry Gorrell); Mrs. Nellie Forsaith Young, violin; Mrs. Maydell H. Ecksergian, cello; Mrs. Robert Willis Jameson, soprano; Mrs. Willis D. Thompson, accompanist.

Auction Sale

By W. E. Cram, Auctioneer, Antrim Lucretia A. Davis, having sold her place, will sell at the old Davis home stand, in Davienville, Warner, N. H., on the state highway, about two miles from Contoosok, on Saturday, August 12, at 9.30 a. m., a lot of Antiques and Household Furniture of all kinds. For particulars read posters.

Church Notes

METHODIST Rev. William Thompson, Pastor Thursday evening the week-night service of song and good cheer. These meetings are for the purpose of instruction in the business of building a Life. Exchange of ideas will be helpful to all attending.

Philosophy defines Truth as "the agreement of ideas with the established order of things." A word is true when it corresponds with the fact or idea it expresses. Aristotle taught that the human mind was organized for Truth. There can be no knowledge without Truth. Every Truth supposes a relation and has its own value, but all Truth has not the same importance.

When Truth is separated from the sense of God's authority there can be no real spiritual life in the human soul. The everlasting hills may tremble, the solid rocks may be shattered to atoms, the heavens and the earth may pass, but Truth remains immovable. The above ideas will be developed in the address Sunday morning. If you are not in the habit of attending church, try it for once. Shall we see you Sunday?

In the Sunday School such ideas as First things first, Pessimism and Optimism, Opposition to a good work, will be taught in the various classes. Remember there are classes for all ages. The Sunday School is not a children's institution; it is the church studying the Scriptures together.

PRESBYTERIAN Rev. J. D. Cameron, D. D., Pastor Morning service at 10.45, with sermon by the pastor on the subject: "Attaining the Goal." Sunday School at noon. Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m.—Consecration meeting. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7. Subject: "God's Reign." Isa. 40. Bible study, Matt. 27, 28.

BAPTIST Sunday morning service at 10.45, with sermon by Rev. Percy W. Beck, of Boston. Subject: "What Makes You What You Are." Bible School at noon. Union evening service at 7. Subject: "Does God Answer Prayer?" Intermediate C. E. Monday evening. Prayer meeting Thursday evening.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

THE GENIUS By MILDRED WHITE Copyright, 1922, Western Newspaper Union

When David Morton first met her, he thought that he had found the fairest and clearest of women. After a month's acquaintance he was of the same opinion. Josephine Le Mar was as sweet tempered as charming. David congratulated himself that, owing to Mrs. Davenport's influence, he was permitted the boon of Josephine's friendship.

Mrs. Davenport chose to bestow upon the gifted Miss Le Mar her social favor. It was she, in her pretentious home, who brought her two favorite young people together. To her husband alone, she admitted match-making intent. Her interested efforts heretofore, where Josephine was concerned, had met with discouragement.

"Dear Mrs. Davenport," Josephine had amusedly remarked, "my time is devoted to my work. Men outside of that sphere do not claim my attention." To which Malda Davenport replied: "Do you, then, intend to devote your life to drawing twisted letters for advertising purposes?"

"I hope," Josephine firmly responded, "to do more than that. Bigger things—covers for magazines, which will be admired throughout the country." The twisted letters are but stepping stones to my achievement.

And so determined was the girl in this purpose that Mrs. Davenport for a time despaired. Then, along came David. That Josephine was interested in David there was no doubt. The elder woman, fearing to awaken the girl to this growing interest, appeared not to notice the happy conversations between the two.

Josephine kept solitary house in a tiny apartment, which even in its humbleness was, as Mrs. Davenport said, "as charming as the girl's own personality." David grew to look forward with ever-increasing pleasure to evenings spent in Josephine's cozy sitting room, with its golden shaded lights. Mrs. Davenport would often be there, playing softly on Jole's piano. Her friends called her this, after Jole had habitually told them of her life before coming to the city.

"I came," she said, "after father died. There was no opportunity before. I wanted to study art, and earn my living. Isabel, my youngest sister, had never been strong, but now she is happy in grandmother's care. At home I was called Jole."

David was an inspiration to her; frankly she told him so. He liked to think out for her, helpful suggestions. Then, into this mutual confidence came a disturbing element. Just as David was rejoicing in the sweet sameness of Josephine's disposition, she met him one evening, coldly, indifferently. In vain he tried to dispel the constraint, leaving perplexedly. Upon his next visit Josephine appeared distraught; it was impossible to arouse her interest. When David impatiently remarked that he would no longer bore her with his presence, Josephine arose immediately, relieved, it seemed, to bid him good-night.

Nevertheless, David's love insisted upon the telling, and he went one evening to make declaration. He entered Josephine's sitting room through a door left open to the spring air, and found the girl shaken by silent sobbing. Like a desolate child, she lay curled on the couch, her face buried in its pillows.

"Jole," cried David tenderly, "Jole, dear." "I wish," came a curt voice from the pillows, "you would go away." David went, vowing not to return, but love is stronger than a strong man's will. David told himself it would be the right thing to inquire for Jole, and if all was well with her he would try to forget. He must first know that she had no need.

A strange young woman opened the door of Jole's apartment—yet not a stranger, surely, with Jole's blue eyes and her soft voice. "My sister is not in," said the wraith of Jole. "I am Isabel." She led the way to the sitting room, and David saw that she leaned on a cane. "Jole does not know that I am here," she went on. "Grandma said we would surprise her. We came in to see the great surgeon. Jole will be so rejoiced when she hears our good news. Of course we have heard of you from my sister, Mr. Mortimer. Perhaps you would like to know the good news, too."

"I am sure that I would," answered David wonderingly. "The surgeon assures us that my hip may be cured by an operation. I think that I am more glad for Jole's sake than my own. She has grieved all her life, because when she was much too young to have the care of an orphaned baby sister I fell from her arms down a stair. Since she came to the city she has slaved to give me the benefit of expert medical advice. A few weeks ago when a mistaken physician told Jole that I could not be helped she almost gave up altogether. She had been so happy in the promise of her art; but she wrote me then that she intended to devote her life to me. Darling, foolish Jole. So, you see what the good news will mean to her. Jole is wonderful, greater than genius. Oh, you cannot know."

"I—love her," David said. "Do you think—could there be a possible chance for me?" Isabel smiled. "There will be now," she said. So, humbly, remorsefully, David waited with the little sister.

HAVE LIGHT SIDE Highly Placed Americans Gifted With Sense of Humor. First Chief Executive Said to Have Seldom Retained Their Dignity, but It is Different Today.

American humor as well as American disposition to take none too seriously on light occasions the most highly placed government officials was well illustrated at the White House the other day when baseball league managers called on the President. "I used to be pretty good catcher," said Mr. Harding, in chatting of younger days with Jacob Ruppert, formerly a Democratic member of congress and now president of the New York American League club. "I'm sorry," said Colonel Ruppert, "but we're fixed for catchers. Did you ever play the outfield?"

Either in Europe or in Asia, exchanges of this sort, at least before the war, would have been regarded as quite "bad form," if not highly presumptuous. American Presidents of late have been well equipped with a sense of humor. Earlier ones lacked it, says a writer in the Louisville Courier-Journal. Neither Washington nor Jefferson—nor (especially) Adams, father and son, nor Andrew Jackson was notably gifted with what has since become known the earth round as "the American sense of humor."

The Father of His Country could, and sometimes did, relax. Once, it is recorded, he "rolled over and over on the lawn at Mount Vernon" in laughing at something that highly amused him. Usually, however, Washington was stern, unbending—manner-befitting the imperial man, the unblushful gentleman that he was. Jackson on his death-bed, when asked was there not something he was sorry for, answered in the affirmative, adding that he was "sorry" he had not hung one of his political enemies.

Lincoln's humor is too well known to require illustration. "Liberties" he took with others. Others seldom took "liberties" with him. Though often the target for his own jest, he rarely was for jests of others. Grant was likewise, though Grant had a rare sense of humor, as often is the case with "silent" and apparently stolid men. Characteristic of this humor of Grant's is his thrust at his friend, Roscoe Conkling, concerning the price of a horse bought by Grant. "Isn't he a beauty?" exclaimed Grant to Conkling. "How much did you give for him?" asked Conkling. "Six hundred dollars," said Grant. "I bought him for a butcher on the avenue." "Well, Mr. President," said Conkling, "I don't think he's worth the money." "That's what the butcher thought, senator," said Grant.

Grover Cleveland knew how to take a joke and how to crack one. Some of his best jokes were unconsciously humorous. While once praising a certain New York newspaper that had ardently supported him, he was asked by one of its editors what feature of the paper pleased him most. "I like it all," said Mr. Cleveland, "and especially this last column over here on the editorial page"—a column that was made up of "jokes" scissored from other newspapers! When Li Hung Chang, on his visit to America, was received at the White House he was introduced to Mrs. Cleveland, at that time a rarely beautiful bride. "How many wives have you?" queried the Chinese viceroy of President Cleveland. "One," said the President. The viceroy chuckled. Drawing near and nudging Mr. Cleveland amiably with a gold-headed ivory stick, Li Hung Chang said: "Oh, I know you have only one—here. But how many have you—in the provinces?" One of Mr. Cleveland's biographers says that few jests were relished so keenly by Mr. Cleveland as was this one. It revealed to him China more illuminatingly than did all else that Villumoy Li had to say to him.

The American sense of humor is the bridge that enables the American people to cross over dry-shod the Red sea that separates them from their Presidents—the bridge that enables their Presidents to cross over the Red sea that separates chief magistrates of the nation from the people.

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The Tax Burden

What Is The Remedy

In order that the people of the state may understand fully what has been done in the last decade under existing tax law and what changes therein are required, and in order that the coming legislature may meet the tax situation with the aid of a well-informed public opinion, the tax commission proposes to issue a series of articles covering the whole field of taxation, of which this is the introductory one.

Involving, as it does, all phases of our government, state, county, city, town and district, the question of taxation has always been of prime importance. It is an intricate subject, and so long as the burden was not particularly heavy, the public was unconcerned about the method by which the annual contribution was exacted. In recent years, conditions have changed. Taxes have become extremely onerous, and people have begun to investigate and to seek a remedy. This is a healthy sign. The more the citizen knows about his government the better he is likely to be governed. His first lesson must be that if no money were expended for public uses there would be no taxes, and that whatever is spent is due to his vote in town meeting, or to that of his representatives in the city councils and in the legislature. The tax commission and the local assessors have nothing to do with this. But it is a common impression that the tax assessors make the taxes. The fact is, they assess merely to their stock in trade, collection from the individual taxpayers under the direction of the constitution and the laws.

The cause of burdensome taxes arises from two sources—first, from the amount of money expended by the people, and second, from a tax system provided by the constitution and the legislature, which distributes the burden unfairly. Of all the taxes assessed locally in each town, the individual citizen controls by his votes about eighty-three per cent. The remaining seventeen per cent is controlled by the legislature in the assessment of the state and county taxes. Changing conditions have necessitated greatly increased governmental costs. A thorough-going effort by the public to relieve burdensome taxes must direct its attention primarily to the question of judicious expenditure of the public money.

Whether governmental expense be great or small, it is fundamentally true that in its distribution among citizens the law should require contribution from them proportionate, as near as may be, to their ability to pay. Our tax system declares that certain kinds of property shall be taxable, and that in the assessment of taxes such property shall be valued at its full and true value, in order that the mandate of our constitution that all taxes shall be "proportional" may be satisfied. If each of two citizens in the same town own property of equal value, and that of one is listed at five hundred dollars, while that of the other is listed at one thousand dollars, the former pays half as much in taxes as the latter, while under the law and the constitution both should pay the same amount. The injustice is apparent.

To see that all taxable property is properly valued is the most important duty of the tax commission and of the local assessors. Real estate of all kinds, wood and timber cut and about stock in trade of merchants and manufacturers, mills and machinery, monies and credits, and the property of public utilities, all have to be valued annually. The governmental expense for the current year, as determined by the voters and their representatives, is then distributed proportionately to the total value of the taxable property in the possession of each taxpayer.

Prior to the creation of the tax commission, unequal and gross undervaluation of taxable property existed throughout the state. Since that time, as we propose to demonstrate, undervaluation and inequality have been substantially corrected so far as existing law will permit. Certain constitutional barriers against a thoroughly equal and just system of taxation exist, and they have been pointed out by this commission year after year. But up to the present time the people have not realized the situation fully enough to command redress. Burdensome taxes are now apparently to be the instructor to teach the lesson of the defects in our system and to cause them to be remedied.

Aside from the legal obstacles which prevent the perfection of our tax system, there are human limitations which

preclude the possibility of reaching an exact equality. Most limitations, however, can be largely removed through the instrumentality of an informed and insistent public opinion. For example, there is considerable confusion in the public mind as to what tests shall be applied to determine the true value of a piece of taxable property. There is a tendency on the part of some taxpayers to apply one measure of value to their property for taxation and another measure for other purposes. Human nature generally demands that the former shall be lower than the latter. Again, the judgment of local assessors in valuing property is often affected by fear of offending influential interests. This can be remedied only by the people themselves.

Perhaps the most serious factor militating against equalization is the disposition of many property owners to demand special consideration because of the kind of property they own. All of them claim they are over-taxed. All of them contend they ought not to be taxed so much as some other class of property owners. A manufacturer complains if his property is valued fully because he thinks his business is of such great benefit to the town that he ought to be given special privileges in the assessment of taxes. A merchant complains at the full valuation of his stock in trade because business is poor and he feels that special consideration should be given him because of that fact. An owner of standing timber complains if his lot is taxed at full value because he says he will be forced to cut the timber to pay the taxes. An owner of taxable bonds complains if he is forced to return them for taxation because he cannot pay the tax thereon and receive any substantial return from his investment. A farmer complains if his farm is taxed at full value because it produces only a living for his family and that scant enough, and demands that favor be extended to him to alleviate the burdens which make the farming industry difficult at best. But the assessor has no license to treat one differently from another under a law which declares that the property of all shall be appraised at full value.

We believe that the hour is at hand when the people are ready to profit by their experience. The tax commission can hope for no stronger ally in the performance of its work than a general public fully aware of the needs of the times and bent on achieving equality and justice. One ally appears in the action of the Farm Bureau in the appointment of a committee of prominent men to investigate the tax situation. We wish that similar action might be taken by every class of property owners, in order that the issue may be examined from every point of view. We believe that investigations, followed by general conferences and public discussions would be of very material assistance in solving the problems of taxation.

It has been our privilege to hold a conference with the Farm Bureau committee and to discuss with them their preliminary report. The conference was profitable, and we hope that others may occur. The report which this committee issued contained inaccuracies, due to the fact that it dealt with the situation only up to 1920, and lacked information which will be provided by us. Such inaccuracies, for example, were the suggestion that the timberlands in the North Country were still undervalued, and that livestock was over-taxed. These are impressions which can and will be corrected in the articles to follow. The conclusion of the report is that equality must be the rule, and that our system of taxing intangibles must be revised.

The former has always been admitted and it has now been approximately achieved. The latter, a revision of the taxation of intangibles, is no new proposition. It has been considered in several constitutional conventions. Its legislative enactment without a change of the constitution was advocated by Governor Brown, as Chairman of the tax commission, prior to 1915, and the taxation of the income of intangibles has been supported by him and by the tax commission ever since.

In the articles to come we hope to supply the information that will enable the people to understand our present system of taxation. We shall also attempt to suggest remedial legislation.

FLETCHER HALE, Secretary, Tax Commission.

Bennington.

Moving Pictures!

Town Hall, Bennington at 8.00 o'clock

Wednesday, Aug. 2
Jewel Carmen in "Nobody"

Saturday, Aug. 5
Herbert Rawlinson in "You'll Find it Everywhere"
Chap. 1
"Nan of the North"

Mike Shea is at Gramere for a time.

Mrs. Harry Knight visited Lowell and Boston a few days recently.

Mrs. Dana Weston, of Lake George, has been entertaining an uncle from New York.

Floyd and James Livingston, from Pittsfield, Mass., visited relatives here last week.

Next Sunday at 10.45 a. m., Rev. E. C. Osborne's subject will be "The Church of God."

Born, in Bennington, Monday, July 31, a nine poul daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Olen Newhall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Young and daughters, of Somerville, Mass., are visiting Mrs. Young's parents.

Mrs. George Cheney and sons, Le Roy and Howard, from Springfield, Mass., are visiting relatives here.

TO LET—Tenement of four rooms, upstairs, lights and bath.

John T. Day, Bennington, N. H. Advertisement

The alarm bell at the railroad crossing in the village was repaired on Monday. On Sunday Eugene Scarbo acted as flagman at the crossing.

The state and federal officers were here last week and arrested Enos Viero for having liquor for sale; he was fined \$25 and costs, with a sixty days' suspended sentence.

Miss Anna Van Cerra, of New York, Miss Bertha Weeks, Miss Pauline Maurice and Miss Minnie Maurice are occupying Miss Lawrence's cottage at Lake George.

The alarm bell at the railroad crossing went on strike on Saturday afternoon and "struck" continuously for about two hours; then someone struck back with the correct punch and peace reigned once more in the neighborhood.

NORTH BRANCH

The Circle was well attended, with the usual good time.

George Symes spent the week end at his home recently.

Moody Bennett is at the Crombie home for a while.

Miss Edith Barrett has been visiting friends at the Branch.

Miss Bernice Shoultes is visiting with Mrs. W. D. Wheeler.

A. L. Cunningham recently entertained friends from Boston.

Mrs. R. F. Hunt has been entertaining friends from New Jersey.

Mrs. Borland, of the Seven Maples, is entertaining friends from Melrose.

Frank Cole and friends, from Keene, visited at Mrs. Taft's Sunday.

The Ladies Circle hold their regular supper Thursday, Aug. 3, at the chapel. All are welcome.

Miss Stratton, of Lawrence, Mass., is at Liberty Farm with her sister, Mrs. Cate, for a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Perley Russell, of Greenfield, and Mrs. H. P. Conn were Sunday visitors at Walter Russell's.

There will be a supper and entertainment at the North Branch chapel on August 25, for the benefit of the Sunday School. The program will be announced later.

Recent visitors at the Maples were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clement, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, of Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. James Vaughn, of Laconia, and Mr. and Mrs. George Currier and daughter, Dale, of Norwell, Mass.

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Burke and Hare were two notorious body-snatchers, or resurrectionists, who carried on their infamous trade in Edinburgh. William Burke was born in Ireland in 1792, and went to Scotland as a laborer about 1817. In 1827 he was living in a cheap lodging house kept by another Irish laborer named William Hare. About the end of 1827 one of Hare's lodgers, an army pensioner, died, and Burke and Hare sold the body to Dr. Robert Knox, an Edinburgh anatomist. Hare thereupon suggested body-snatching as a business and Burke agreed. The two men then started in to entice poor travelers to Hare's or some other cheap lodging house. The victims were piled with liquor and then suffocated under mattresses, without marks of violence. Doctor Knox took the bodies and paid up to £14 (\$80) for them. At least 15 people had been murdered in this way before Burke and Hare were arrested. Hare turned king's evidence, and Burke was found guilty and hanged in Edinburgh on January 23, 1828. Hare found Scotland too hot for him and went to England, where he is believed to have died under an assumed name. The verb "to burke," meaning to suffocate, to strangle, to suppress, or to put out of the way secretly, had its origin in Burke's method of doing away with his victims.

WHERE GREAT EXPLORER LIES

South Georgia Island, Tomb of Shackleton, Lonely Spot in the Great Antarctic Region.

An interesting picture of life in South Georgia Island, the "Gateway of the Antarctic," where Shackleton was buried, was given by an explorer who made a research expedition there a few years ago. At that time there was only one woman on the island, and she was the domestic in the household of Capt. C. A. Larsen, a former Antarctic explorer who had settled down as head of a Norwegian whaling station on the island. "Below my solitary tent," the correspondent writes, "the grassy bank sloped sharply to a milk-colored glacial stream entering an inlet of the sea only 50 yards away. A quarter of a mile across the inlet stood the perpendicular front of a beautiful valley glacier, coming down between peaked hills from the lifeless, silent interior. Penguins bobbed out of the sea below the glacier and were my most interesting callers, for their curiosity could not resist a human being. Sea elephants crawled unconcernedly up the stream below me and went to sleep among the hummocks on the beach. Above the tent, on the plateau of the little promontory, seven pairs of albatrosses carried on their courtship and nesting, along with giant petrels, skuas, kelp gulls and the pretty little antarctic titlarks, the only land bird of the Far South, whose cheerful song was almost the sole homelike sound."

Details Needed

A woman, blessed with a masterful disposition and considerable property, died, leaving behind her a will in which her husband was cut off with a dollar, on the ground that he had deserted her a year before. The lawyer finally located the man and broke the news gently by telling him that he had received only a small bequest. "How much?" carelessly asked the man. "One dollar." With the same carelessness, the man turned toward the door. Just as he reached it, however, a sudden thought struck him. "Say," he called back anxiously. "Did she specify what I was to do with this dollar?"

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CLINTON VILLAGE

Miss Amy Butterfield spent the week end with Mrs. Martha Cummings in Lyndeboro.

Mrs. Ralph Bass, of Concord, is a guest of Mrs. Will Nichols at her camp at Gregg Lake.

Mr. Campbell, of New Rochelle, N. Y., was with his family at The Ledges over the week end.

Mr. Van Ness has sold his cottage at White Birch Point to Sophie J. Samson, of Roslindale, Mass.

Mrs. F. O. Little, of Medford Hillside, Mass., visited over Sunday with her sister, Mrs. George Sawyer.

Miss Edith Messer is entertaining her cousins, Miss Grace Hunkins and Mrs. Herbert Emerson, of Haverhill, Mass.

Mrs. Matthew Cuddihy was operated on for appendicitis last Thursday evening, at the home of Lawrence Mahoney, and is making a satisfactory recovery.

Mrs. Louisa Gilson and son, Edward, and Mrs. Walter Davidson and son, Allan, of Hackensack, N. J., have returned from an auto trip to Maine, and are again visiting at Will Hildreth's.

State Master Herbert N. Sawyer and State Ceres Grace Sawyer, of Atkinson, are expected to be present at the Grange meeting Wednesday night. The program will be in charge of Miss Edith Messer.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold a Lawn Party and Pedlars Parade, at the residence of Alfred Holt Thursday evening. Ice cream, candy, cakes, doughnuts, pop corn and various other articles will be on sale.

The dance which was given last week by the Grange Improvement Society was so successful that it has been decided to hold another on Tuesday evening, Aug. 8. Music by Draw's orchestra, of Hillsboro and Washington.

About Milk

There are at least three prime factors to be considered after the cow. The feed a cow consumes has the cow is with calf, is growing the calf. Nature sees that the offspring gets what it requires, even if the cow does not get the required amount of feed; it will be taken off the cow's body to grow the calf. That is why we find cows that freshen in their flesh.

Second in the laws of nature comes the upkeep of the cow's body itself. Now if there is any energy left from the feed she has consumed it goes in to milk. A heavy milking cow is the hardest working animal on the farm when she is milking. If a cow is a milking cow (and by that we mean one that can convert a large amount of feed into milk) the more she can safely consume the more she will milk. Not all cows have the machinery to produce the milk.

Grain feeds are divided into two classes: heating grains and cooling grains. Heating grains should NEVER be fed for 10 days to two weeks before a cow calves, nor for two weeks after. A cow can never be too fat at the time she calves. If you are to produce large amounts of milk and butter the cow must have careful attention as to her feed, and must have good quarters and a kind keeper. If you are to have big milkers you must put time and work into it.

Right feeding and care is the key to big milk production. Very few of us have any idea of the amount of feed a cow can eat if she can get it. If your cow is making a lot of milk and you perhaps are not feeding her much in the barn, she is getting it in the pasture, otherwise she could not produce the milk. There never was a time when you could get something for nothing. And a cow cannot milk if she does not get the feed any more than you can get heat out of a stove if you do not feed it fuel.

By not feeding the cow any heating grain for two weeks before she is due and for two weeks after you eliminate the chance and one of the causes of caked bag, etc.

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Jump: Two Stories, Swims Across River in "Dry" Raid
John Marozki of 21 Waldron street, Dover, escaped from the local police while his home was being raided for intoxicants.
It is alleged that Marozki jumped from the second story window, ran to the river, and swimming to the opposite bank, soon disappeared.

College Student Hangs Self
DONALD W. WELLS, 19, a student at the New Hampshire State College, committed suicide at the farm of M. G. Eastman on the Dover road by hanging.

Waldo, who resided at New Boston, N. H., was taking the poultry course at the college and part of the requirements was to get actual experience on a farm.

Pastor Bears Four Through Flames
Rushing through a barrage of flames, the Rev. William D. Armitage saved his daughter, Mary, and three other children, from his blazing barn in Milford. The barn was destroyed, and with it the clergyman's automobile.
The car burst into flames from some unknown cause. The four children were playing dolls in the loft and their escape was cut off.

Find Pease Bird Nesting Where Coal Ought To Be

Mrs. Helen Carter, an elderly resident of Concord, found a dove in her kitchen stove, the bird evidently having flown down the chimney. The stove had not been in use for some time, and Mrs. Carter had heard noises coming from the vicinity of the stove for a day or so. On investigating she found the dove.

Order English Coal For N. H.

A carload of imported coal, which is due to arrive at Portsmouth, the latter part of next month, has been ordered by J. J. Cummings, transportation engineer of the New Hampshire Manufacturers' Association, for the use of factories in this state. A steamer load of the fuel leaves England for Portsmouth Aug. 8.

Hutchins Favors 48-Hour Work Week
Former State Senator John C. Hutchins, candidate for the Democratic governorship nomination, issued a statement declaring in favor of a 48-hour week in manufacturing establishments, the repeal of the usury law passed at the last session of the Legislature, a better-balanced tax inventory and a more equitable distribution of the tax burden.

Gate City Hospital Gets \$40,000 Gift
Word has been received in Nashua that the Memorial hospital has been bequeathed \$40,000 outright, with the probability of \$5,000 more being added immediately, and \$15,000 in trust during the lifetime of the heirs, by the will of Mary J. Crowley, late of Roslindale, Mass. St. Joseph's hospital is to receive one-fifth of the residue of a \$300,000 estate.

Chloroforms Beetle to Get It Out of Man's Ear

Driven almost insane by a large beetle which flew in his ear and kept stinging him, Mr. Nute of Manchester drove his car over two miles to Rochester where the services of a physician was necessary to remove the bug.
Dr. G. C. Rublee, chloroformed the beetle, which measured more than an inch long, before he could remove it.

Workers on Hospital Walk Out
Forty men employed on the preliminary work at the Memorial hospital, Claremont, quit work today, saying that they would not work for \$2 a day. Superintendent Duncan said that about 40 men left the work because they were dissatisfied with the wages and that about 30 men remained on the job. He also stated that he would pay 36 cents an hour and no more. The men were all local men and were working a nine-hour day.

Talk Staging N. H. and Maine Battle
William H. Crowell, director of athletics at New Hampshire state, held a conference in Massachusetts with Henry Faust and Warren Bauer of the local Cigar Makers' Union in reference to the staging of the Maine-New Hampshire game in Manchester on Armistice day.

Nothing definite was decided. The meeting was to get a line on the situation so that if the local union votes to put on the game arrangements can be completed.
Coach Cowell expects to confer with Graduate Manager Bryant of Maine relative to playing the annual tilt in Manchester instead of at Durham.

200 Boys and Girls Will Attend
An enrollment of about 200 boys and girls' club delegates is expected at the second annual State Club Camp and Short Course to be held at New Hampshire College throughout Farmers' and Home-makers' week Aug. 15 to 18. This will be a considerable increase over the number present last year. In addition to the regular delegates a general tour of club members to the state college on the final day of the camp, Aug. 18th, is planned, with the probability that several hundred more will take advantage of it.

Mrs. Jackson Out For Delegate Job
Dorothy B. Jackson of Concord, wife of Robert Jackson, chairman of the state Democratic committee, sister of Judge Oliver W. Branch of the Superior Court and Democratic national committee-woman, has filed her candidacy for delegate to the state convention from Ward 5, Concord.

Flaming Mystery Ship Famed Granite State

A mysterious vessel seen blazing off the coast proved to be the old frigate Granite State, originally the warship New Hampshire, and a contemporary of the old Constitution. While being towed from New York to Eastport, Me., to be broken up, the bulk of the old frigate caught fire in Massachusetts Bay about 10 miles southeast of Marblehead Neck and burned throughout the entire day.

Four Bears To Get Runway

Four bears which have been tied to a stake at the Indian Head Bazaar in North Woodstock for exhibition to tourists visiting that section of the state, have been liberated and their future home will be in a well constructed enclosure with a suitable cabin for protection from the weather.
Several complaints were received by the Concord S. P. C. A. against the alleged cruelty to the bears, statements received being to the effect that during the days when the sun was extremely hot, the animals greatly suffered from the effects of remaining out of doors exposed to the heat and chained to a stake.

Roosevelt Road to Have New Marking

The Theodore Roosevelt International highway, which goes from Portland, Oregon, to Portland, Me., will be re-marked in New Hampshire, starting this week. This international highway enters New Hampshire at North Conway and goes through the mountain district to Littleton, thence into St. Johnsbury, Vt. This work is done by the state highway commissioner and is under the personal supervision of Inspector F. A. Gardner. The poles will be re-marked with a wide, red band with narrow white top and bottom with the letters T. R. on the red. This system of marking this national trail has been completed across the continent.

Close Jail to Save Money for County

By the closing of the county jail on Washington street and boarding the county prisoners at the Manchester jail and at the local police station the county will save about \$2000 per year, it is estimated. The saving at the end of the first year since the closing of the jail amounted to \$2055.40.

The cost of operating the jail during the year 1920, according to the report of the county commissioners, was \$2856.28 and to this amount should be added a coal bill of \$139.45 which was not received until 1921, thus making the total \$2995.73. During the year 1920 there was an average of one prisoner per day at the jail. The cost of operating the jail for the six months from January 1, 1921, to July 1, 1921, when the commissioners closed the jail was \$1218.58 and the average number of prisoners per day during that period was between three and four.

The cost of boarding the prisoners at the Manchester jail in Hillsborough county and at the Keene police station for the 12 months from July 1, 1921 to July 1, 1922 during which period the jail has been closed amounted to \$1370.33.

\$1,000,000 Publicity Campaign to Advertise State

Following an address by Major Frank Knox, chairman of the State Board of Publicity, the conference of representatives of the Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade throughout the state in session at Portsmouth, endorsed a proposal to organize in the immediate future a campaign to raise the sum of \$1,000,000 to be expended in advertising New Hampshire.

In addition, the delegates formally agreed to ask each Chamber of Commerce or Board of Trade throughout the state to appoint a member of a general state committee to carry on this campaign under the general direction of the State Publicity Commission with which will be associated a special publicity committee of the State Hotel Men's Association.

In an address on "State Publicity," Major Knox said that "it is none too soon to begin an energetic campaign on behalf of the whole state to attract hither the industries in the congested centers of the country; especially throughout the East, that are looking for new locations."

"The opportunity for industrial expansion in New Hampshire," Major Knox said, "is due to a pronounced unmistakable tendency among manufacturers to move their plants away from the big cities and locate them in smaller towns and cities of the country."

Plan to Sue Town For Woman's Death

Atty. James E. Bannigan of Manchester has been retained by the estate of Mrs. K. T. Raphael, Lawrence, Mass., who was killed, it is said, by a jolt when the sedan in which she was riding, passed over a culvert at York Beach, Me., and threw her against the top of the car. The heirs of the woman are planning possible action against the town authorities of York for negligence in caring for their roads.

Where Your Taxes Go

How Uncle Sam Spends Your Money in Conducting Your Business

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WRITE TO THESE MEN.

The chief defects, or places where waste is apparent in the conduct of the business of the government, that I have pointed out in these articles, have been, first, the excessive proportion of the government income that went for military expenditures; second, the chaotic condition and lack of adequate supervision and control of expenditures, which have been in part remedied by the introduction of the budget system; and third, the haphazard organization of the government departments and the unorganized condition that prevailed in government employment.

The remedy for two of these conditions I have treated briefly in the two immediately preceding articles. I come now to the matter of reorganization of the departments and the reclassification of government employees. A beginning has been made on both of these matters.

A joint committee of the two houses of congress, with Walter F. Brown as chairman, is studying the whole question of organization of the government and the function of the various departments and bureaus and independent establishments. I cannot too strongly advise you to keep yourself in contact with the work that joint committee is doing.

I have given you the names of the members of the committee in another article but I will repeat them here. They are Senators Smoot of Utah, Wadsworth of New York and Harrison of Mississippi; Representatives Reavis of Nebraska, Temple of Pennsylvania and Moore of Virginia. Write to any of them or to Mr. Brown, the chairman of the committee, who represents the President, with headquarters in the house office building here at Washington.

This is the third or fourth attempt that has been made to effect a general reorganization of the conduct of the business of the executive departments. They have all failed through lack of interest. There was lack of public interest, and consequently lack of interest in congress.

This joint committee is at work now. It is collecting facts. It is finding out the actual condition. It is studying the departments. Presently it will make a report to congress. If you will show an active, insistent interest in the work that it is doing, congress will take action. If you do not show this interest, there is every chance in the world that no action will be taken, and that things will remain much as ever.

Hundreds of special interests are clamoring for the attention of congress. All of them are organized. Most of them keep representatives here at Washington. They present to individual members of congress in a hundred skillful, shrewd, subtle ways arguments to support the legislation they are seeking to advance. It would take two or three columns of this newspaper merely to print a list of

the organizations and associations that are here to keep congress mindful of their interests.
In this great clamor the common public interest is likely to be submerged. In fact, too often it has been submerged. This matter of economies and reorganizing the business of the government and taking up the tedious details of administration is a dull business. It has been neglected and put off time after time because of a lack of public interest and driving force behind it.

If you will supply this driving force and display a sustained interest, you can at least put the business of government of the United States on an efficient basis. Congress has been negligent because you have been negligent, but now at last the thing has run along so far that something must be done about it.

HAD HEARD IT ALL BEFORE

Mr. Pester's Pessimism Interrupted by Memories of His Grandfather's Remarks Concerning Time's Trend.

"This boasted progress of ours is mere illusion," grimly said old Festus Pester. "Corruption permeates our entire social fabric. Selfishness has supplanted generosity. The process of disintegration is going on at an alarming rate. Our sole god has come to be money. Vice is tolerated, and we make obeisance by hypocrisy. Patriotism has disappeared. Waste and idleness abound. Humanity is decaying at heart. Criminality, moral obliquity, class hatred, the destruction of the family sentiment, pessimism and skepticism are evident on every side; and so on and so forth.

"In fact, I would mention that a crisis is at hand, and also that it is a pretty kettle of fish, if I did not recall that my venerable grandfather held practically the same opinion of the world and his fellow men at his stage of the game and there are still in existence letters written by his grandfather wherein is set forth a like estimate of the folks and affairs of his day, and there is a tradition to the effect that his ancestors felt the same way about their own times and associates. And very likely I might run for office on the strength of the awful condition of everything if I hadn't always been fairly respectable and reasonably able to earn an honest living."—Kansas City Star.

KNEW MUCH OF SANITATION

Explorer Points Out Error in Classing People of Old Times as Absolutely Barbarian.

During a protracted stay in Arabia and other parts of the Near East, Col. W. G. Archer of Evansville, Ind., master plumber and field agent of the National Association of Master Plumbers, made a study of ancient sanitation equipment. He returned to the United States only a few months ago and was in this city recently, says a San Antonio correspondent.

"We prize of our great civilization and we discount the ancients, because we know next to nothing of their methods or their customs," Colonel Archer said. "I found bathtubs made of onyx in Babylon and evidence of tubs made of metal and various other kinds of stone. They are identical with those of to-day, with the same openings for letting water in and for letting it out. The Babylonians had sanitation, plumbing and bath facilities practically as we have them today.

"I know a number of Englishmen who are 'digging' in the ruins of the island of Crete, and I recently received pictures of vitrified bathtubs and toilet fixtures that they have unearthed there."

Traces of Old Civilization.

Five miles from Dartford, England, on the old Dover road the modern road-makers are making great discoveries. Just ahead of them is a Roman camp. Under their feet are traces of Celtic, even earlier, civilization.

The biggest find so far has been the skeleton of a woman, six feet three inches in height, crouched with hands clasped in a praying attitude. Clearly not a Roman burial, for the pose is Celtic and there was no trace of a coffin. The skeleton lay where the body was placed, in a hole cut in the solid chalk.

The road makers are keeping careful watch for more of these "finds." Already they have accumulated portions of a Roman tessellated pavement, some characteristic ornaments of the period, and other signs that the area covered by the camp is being approached.

POWER OF TABOO

Inventor Worthy of High Rank Among Statesmen.

Simplest and Most Effective Form of Government Ever Devised, Though Now Somewhat Shaken.

One of the most ancient and simple methods of exploitation and oppression on record was in full working order in the Sandwich Islands in 1778. That method was the power of taboo. The name of the man who first uttered the word "taboo" in an authoritative tone and put the fear of it into the hearts of savages has not been preserved in the memory of the race. But he ranks high among statesmen of the old school.

Under this direct and unanswerable system of government, all that the chief, or old man, or boss hunter had to do when he wanted his tribesmen to refrain from consuming, touching or appropriating an article or a commodity was to point to it and say "taboo."

That meant that nobody could consume, touch or appropriate the article thus designated. For instance, if the coconut crop was ruined and there were only a few coconut trees on the island yielding fruit, all the chief had to do to conserve the limited yield for himself was to announce that coconuts were taboo.

Or, if the game had vanished and there were only a few wild things left on the hunting grounds, and the chief or old man wanted them all for himself and his household, he could make the requisite provision for himself by putting the taboo on game.

Or, if the stream that ran by the village was drying up and there was danger that the chief's household might run short of water, he could fortify himself against future contingencies by the same method—a method so simple that its very simplicity gives it an air of supreme ingenuity.

And the savages obeyed. They obeyed because the chief or the old man or the boss hunter told them that if they did not obey something unspeakably terrible would happen to them in the hereafter, if not in the here.

For many generations—nobody has even tried to estimate how many—this obedience to the power of taboo was maintained, and no savage in any of the Pacific Islands where it obtained ever dreamed of running the risk of breaking the taboo.

Finally, in quite modern times—possibly since the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia—some savage of incredible courage or ignorance risked his happiness in both the here and the hereafter by breaking the taboo. We can imagine the astonishment of this primitive man, and of all his fellows, when none of the terrors with which the inventor of the taboo had invested it came to pass.

That astounding discovery ended the power of taboo as an individual weapon.—Atlanta Constitution.

Haughty Stare Cowed Leopard.

A planter in Tanganyika Territory, South Africa, walking along a foot-path, fell into a big game pit in which a leopard had been trapped. Neither the beast nor the man could get out again, so the planter was "up against it," but remembering what he had heard of the power of the human eye, he fixed the leopard with a haughty stare.

"By this means and by making strange noises, I kept the animal at bay until a friend appeared and shot it," he said.

Economy.

Longlocks had just received a check for \$10 for one of his poems.

"Now, dearie," said his wife, "let's deposit that check in the savings account and imagine we haven't got it."

"Where will I deposit this bill for the new hat you got last week and imagine I haven't got it?"—From Judge.

Loud-Speaking Reproducer.

A new dictaphone reproducer has been invented which is claimed to be far superior to present instruments of its class. The volume of sound can be altered by shifting a small lever, and increased to such a degree, it is claimed, that head receivers are not necessary.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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