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BEET CROP PROMISES BETTER RETURNS THIS YEAR

Judging from present indication the sugar beet crop will be much more profitable to growers this year than ever before. The acreage in the valley is smaller than last year, but the average yield per acre is expected to be considerably above that of any previous season.

Last year the total acreage in the valley was 36,664 per ton, as compared with an estimate of only 14,464 acres are being produced.

Last year the average yield was 9.57 tons per acre—this year it is estimated the average will be at least 11.55.

The total production last year was 157,983.17 tons; the estimate for this year is 167,059.20 tons—requiring 4,786 cars to haul them to the factory.

Last year the average price to the grower was \$6.64 per ton, as compared with an estimate of \$8.17 for the present crop.

In 1916 the growers received a total of \$970,811; the 1917 crop should bring \$1,364,873.66, according to present estimates.

The Owensmouth share of this disbursement will be about \$217,723.

It is estimated that approximately 26,588 tons of beets will be handled over by Owensmouth dump this season.

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THRIFT OF TIME.

(Time is too precious to be wasted. Believe me when I tell you that thrift of time will repay you in after-life with a usury of profit beyond your most sanguine dreams and that the waste of it will make you double alike in intellectual and in moral stature beyond your darkest reckonings.—Gladstone.)

THE "CUB" REPORTER

"Any bonehead can edit a weekly paper," said a young man to the editor the other day.

"Suppose you try your hand at writing items."

"Glad of the chance to give your readers some lives ones."

W. B. Echeleheimer went out before (?) breakfast to pick berries and a thorn scratched him in the garden.

John Husz was hitching up a colt on his ranch and got kicked south of the corn crib.

Road Foreman Pike was looking after street when a boy threw a stone and hit him in Jordan avenue.

Mr. Harbold was opening some fruit when the can opener slipped and cut him in the pantry.

While trying to start the auto Mr. Trexler was struck by the crank in the middle of the road.

Mr. McGeech fell off the school house roof and hurt himself in the Greek Theater.

John Harris was bitten in the alley last week by a dog.

While chasing chickens out of the garden Jack Lose fell and hurt himself in the back yard.

Mr. Hyden was playing with the cat when it scratched him on the front porch.

A cross hog bit Mr. Hale in the north pigpen the other day.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

At the election which was held last Monday night George Burch was elected patrol leader of the senior patrol and Armour Trexler patrol leader of the junior patrol.

Monday the scouts leave for Catalina. The following is the daily program at camp:

- 6:00 a. m.—Reveille; flag raising by the color guard and salute.
- 6:45 a. m.—Assembly—Troops will form in assigned positions on parade ground. Ten minutes will be given to the marching and setting up exercises.
- 7:15 a. m.—Mess Call
- 8:30—10:30 scout activities
- 10:30 a. m.—swimming call
- 11:30 a. m.—Recall
- 12:10 p. m.—Mess
- 1:00—3:30—scout activities
- 3:30 p. m.—swimming call
- 4:30 p. m.—recall
- 5:00 p. m.—assembly; inspection of troops and appointment of new officers of the day. Flaggering and gun salute
- 5:30 p. m. mess
- 7:30—camp fire
- 8:40 p. m.—tattoo
- 9:00 p. m.—Taps

GEORGE BURCH, Correspondent.
Purses, palms and ornamental plants of all kinds at Beale's.

Personal and Local Notes

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. West spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cordell at Hynes.

Mary McGeech and Helen Lake are spending the week with Della Hubler in Los Angeles.

Chas. Crinklaw and family are living in the small house on Van Home avenue, near the C. F. Hale ranch.

Charles James, who spent some time at the Goodall Ranch, is now in France with the aviation corps of the army.

John Tapia has gone to San Francisco, where he will enter the navy. John has already passed the examinations and is ready for service.

The concrete foundation for the new scales at the warehouse in Owensmouth is nearly completed. The new scales will be installed at once.

G. A. Huffaker, San Fernando Valley agent for the Ford car, and C. P. Burdick, representing the Buick, drove over from Van Nuys Tuesday in the interest of their machines.

Mrs. E. G. Harbold and little daughter Peyton are in San Francisco, where they will spend some time visiting the former's father, Dr. McAllister. They will also visit friends in Oakland.

Miss Loui H. Bretz of Los Angeles and John M. Ziehlke, one of the most popular young ranchers of Calabasas, were married on Monday evening at the residence of Justice of the Peace John F. Looock.

Owensmouth will soon have additional telephone service. Another party line has been strung from Van Nuys and several new phones are being installed. Connection will be made with the Van Nuys exchange.

Mrs. Rooksky motored over from Monrovia on Wednesday, accompanied by her father, and her brother, E. J. Rooksky, of Philadelphia, also the latter's daughter, Miss Marian. The party are "doing" Southern California in Miss Rooksky's Buick.

At the State Bank may be seen some of the finest onions ever grown in this locality. They are of the Australian Brown variety, the largest specimen weighing 17 ounces. The onions were grown by James Sutherland on the Perret place at Calabasas and never had any irrigation.

Considerable inconvenience has been caused ranchers this week by two serious breaks in the aqueduct, cutting off the supply of irrigating water. It is hoped to have the damage repaired in a few days. Meantime domestic water is being supplied from the Chatsworth reservoir. When the Chatsworth reservoir is completed there will be ample water to tide over such breaks as have occurred several times recently.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Monroe add daughter Muriel are spending the summer in Monrovia.

KNOW THYSELF.

In knowledge is power. The more a man knows the clearer becomes his consciousness of ignorance. The greater his virtues the more keenly sensitive is he of his defects. The nearer he approaches to perfection the more strongly does he feel that his aspirations can only be fully realized in the great hereafter.

MASS MEETING JULY 21

There will be a public meeting of San Fernando Valley ranchers at the Van Nuys HI School Auditorium Saturday, July 21, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of considering the labor situation. All farmers, fruit growers and others interested in the employment of labor are urged to be present at this meeting to consider ways and means for bettering the labor situation in the valley.

The meeting is called by L. W. Richardson of Van Nuys, Alex. Jeffrey of Marian, A. C. Mentry of Zelzah and N. W. Robertson of Owensmouth.

SUDDEN JIM AT CLUNE'S

Charles Ray, the most important figure among the younger set of the stars of the screen, whose abilities have carried him to the very highest rank in the short space of two years, is the main figure in the photoplay selected for the coming week at Clune's Auditorium in Los Angeles. Mr. Ray will appear in person on the stage at the premiere of his new vehicle on Monday evening.

This is a dramatization of "Sudden Jim," the immensely popular story which appeared originally in the Saturday Evening Post in serial form and which has been hailed by the critics as one of the best character studies of American small town life ever written.

Sudden in business, sudden in love, sudden in the hearts of his workmen's eyes is the hero of Mr. Kelland's story. The character studies of Sudden Jim kept his enemies on the jump. There are plenty of both and sudden Jim had his hands full but not too full to make sudden love.

Ray is just the artist to portray this fighting "square jawed" young hero. His acting in "The Pinch Hitter," "The Clothoprog" and "The Millionaire Vagrant" are still talked about among picture fans.

The Auditorium is presenting its pictures with a large orchestra and showing also the fascinating Burton Holmes travelogues.

Mrs. J. L. Waring and two sons Francis and Henry left Tuesday for a visit with friends and relatives in Indiana.

See the Hyden Hardware Co. for the old reliable Venetian Beet Pew. It is the pulper that does the work, and then consider the price.—adv.

WANTED—PEOPLE TO PATRONIZE some merchants. See the Gazette advertising columns for the places where you can buy goods at reasonable prices.

CHATSWORTH RESERVOIR MAY BE CONSTRUCTED THIS SEASON

The way was cleared by the Public Service Commission Wednesday for the almost immediate beginning of the work on the construction of the Chatsworth reservoir, to be located at the extreme westerly limits of the municipality, in the upper end of the San Fernando Valley.

An agreement has been reached with the Porter Estate Company for the purchase of the special tract of land that were needed to complete the layout for this great water storage basin. The commission authorized President Valle and Secretary Vroman to sign the contract to purchase, and as soon as the certificate of title can be secured, the city will take possession and construction will begin.

The land consists of 1205 acres; the purchase price is to be \$225,000, plus \$200,000 for the initial payment. The balance is to be paid at the rate of \$10,000 per month, with 5 per cent. interest on deferred payments.

The Chatsworth reservoir will contain 1443 acres, the other land required having been secured from various owners. It will be a great storage basin for the winter flow of the Los Angeles aqueduct, and will absolutely assure the city's water supply for many weeks, even should a disaster occur on the great water-carrier reaching down from the Sierras.

The reservoir will be created by the construction of four dikes and three main dams, connecting the series of hills that are to form the basin's rim. One dam will be rock-filled. The others will be of earth, such as that used at the San Fernando reservoir. At present only the two most important dams will be constructed. This work will be pushed forward so that storage of water may begin early in the spring. The two main dams provide a basin capable of holding from 8000 to 10,000 acre-feet of water. The capacity will be vastly increased when the other dikes are built. The highest of these dams will be seventy feet and they will range down to 20 feet. In the largest 750,000 cubic yards of earth will be required and the total content of these dikes and dams will be 1,040,000 cubic yards.—Los Angeles Times.

Comforting.

Ant Anna was recovering from an illness and was much annoyed by the well meaning but tedious visits of her friends. She said to her husband how badly she needed a sympathetic little Edward was trying to comfort her.

Music In Japan.

Music as an art has little standing in Japan. It is left almost entirely to women who cultivate it in the extent of playing on a guitar-like instrument called the shamisen. "In this not very remote past," says the writer, "no gentleman could reconcile the practice of music with masculine dignity, but slowly" affairs are changing.

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An important building campaign is soon to be inaugurated in the Owensmouth-Marian District. Next week we hope to be able to make a full announcement regarding the new buildings to be erected.

The announcement that the Chatsworth Reservoir is to be constructed soon will be welcome news to the people in this portion of the San Fernando Valley. With ten thousand acre-feet of water stored here at the beginning of the irrigating season, our ranchers would be protected against the effects of the frequent breaks in the aqueduct.

It is to be regretted that our school teachers and officials acted so precipitately in attacking the tax-limitation law. Attorney-General Webb has ruled that the measure is not subject to the referendum law. He, in common with many others high in the legal circles of the state, regard the measure as one of the most meritorious acts passed by the last Legislature. Again we caution taxpayers about signing petitions - be careful!

Do YOU realize that YOUR every thought, word and act adds to the sum total of GOOD or EVIL in the world? There is no neutral point in the scale of human influence. YOU are daily - hourly - making this old world a better or worse place for human beings to live in. Which side is YOUR influence on? If YOU wish to "Do YOUR BIT" on the RIGHT SIDE, don't make a sewer of your mind by harboring and rehearsing all the evil things you hear and don't add to the sum total of human hatred and fear by repeating alarming rumors about dynamite plots, etc., when there is no foundation for same.

Too much credence should not be placed in the reports of internal disturbances in the German Empire. While it is doubtless true that there are indications of unrest in the Central Empires of Europe, the Teutons are far from the point where they are ready to listen to the demands which the whole civilized world will insist on at the termination of the war. When the grim truth is pressed upon the German people that their former dream of world domination are doomed to disappointment - and that instead of levying a stupendous indemnity upon their enemies the Germans themselves will be compelled to make partial reparation for the awful devastation they will wantonly wrought - then will come an upheaval which will appall the world. It is patent that a decisive victory by the Allies is the only thing that will bring the German Nation to the point of considering rational peace terms.

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A Breach of Discipline

By JAMES BRAINARD

It has been said that in the camps for the drilling of officers for the army for the great world war the military science had been discarded and the men are drilled in trench warfare, including grunts, thumps and the wearing of modern warfare. There is one fort where recruits were drilled which has had to be discarded to have fulfilled these conditions. That is Fort A, located in the west.

Fort A had been turned over to the army as a station for the drilling of recruits for the great world war. The commandant, Colonel Whittlesy, an officer of the regular army, who had grown gray in the service and had added with each year something to his stock of army discipline, treated new recruits and old comers alike, exacting from each the same rigid observance of attention to the army regulations.

There must be guard mounting in the morning, dress parade in the afternoon, tattoo in the evening and taps at bedtime. The soldiers were drilled to march, countermarch, load and fire in accordance with the manual of arms, and otherwise conform to customs the colonel had learned some fifty years ago at West Point.

What use the men were to make of these observances in the trenches in France probably the colonel did not consider. Soldiers had been prepared for war by being thus drilled from time immemorial, and it had never occurred to the colonel that any other way of drilling them would be better. He forgot, it indeed he ever knew, that General Bredock with his trained British regulars had suffered a defeat from Indians and had only been saved from annihilation by Virginia militia that had never learned the best drilled had down to the books on tactics. He forgot that General Gibbs at New Orleans, containing the best drilled troops in the world, had been slaughtered by General Jackson's spirited veterans from Tennessee and Kentucky. There was one ceremony of ancient times, the noble standing at attention, observance of which Colonel Whittlesy was very particular. The colors must be daily raised and lowered at the beginning of the morning and evening gun. There was no likelihood of the men paying attention to this ceremony in the presence of an enemy occupying a parallel along trench to themselves, but the colonel considered it one of the ways to prepare them for this warfare, and if the gun was not fired twice a day on the minute of sunrise and sunset who betrays the culprit whose duty it was to attend to the matter.

Now, it so happened that Colonel Whittlesy, who was a widower, was attentive to Mrs. Andrew, a widow Andrew, whose son was being trained at the fort, and the lady was staying with the wife of one of the men on duty there. Nevertheless his courtship brought him from the fort, in the face of the neglect of any of his favorite observances.

Mrs. Andrew had a tiny poodle no bigger than a large rat, and it was questionable, should she be obliged to give up either the poodle or her martial lover, which she would surrender. The colonel seemed to realize this, and it was generally admitted that Zip, the poodle, was the only living thing at the post who could violate the colonel's orders with impunity.

The only up to date arrangement on the premises was the contrivance for the firing of the morning and evening gun. A wire had been stretched from the gun to a room which contained an electrical battery, and a key had been introduced to make the current which fired the gun. No one was admitted to the room except the officer charged with firing of the gun at the specified time morning and evening.

One day after luncheon Mrs. Andrew, having a headache and not wishing to have her poodle, destined some place in which to shut him up. She sent word to the colonel asking permission to put Zip in the gun firing room. The colonel would not have acceded to the request had it come from any one else, but dared not deny the lady of his love. He ordered the key to the room to be sent to her, and Zip, who was a prisoner in the gun room.

Evening gunfire was at 7 o'clock and 5 minutes on that day, sunset occurring at that hour and minute. Zip was placed in the gun room at 2 o'clock, and in fifteen minutes past 2 a loud boom was heard that sent a wave of consternation through the dinpans of Fort A. The colonel was calling for Zip to see his after luncheon cigar. Springing to his feet, he rushed from his quarters where he had dazed fire the evening gun at the beginning of the afternoon. He met the officer charged with the observance hurrying to the gun room, and the two went there together.

There was Zip hopping about on the electrical machine, and at the very mo-

ment of their entrance he springing off the key.

The colonel charged the officer to make no explanation of how the gun had been fired out of time, and the order was obeyed. But the women at the fort got word of the matter, and it soon spread throughout the post. Colonel Whittlesy, seeing that on one there could meet and depart for other duty. His match with Mrs. Andrew was broken off on her refusal to permit him to kill her poodle.

Another Matter:
"I suppose you love your native land?"
"I find that impossible, sir."
"You ought to be ashamed to say so."
"Not at all. I was born on the sea."
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. D. M. Murphy and children are visiting her sister, Mrs. Elmer Davis, in Pasadena.

If Owensmouth had a pretty new church building it would look good to a family man seeking a home-site, wouldn't it?

Natural gas is the latest enterprise for Van Nuys. The Southern California Gas Company has begun laying mains and the people of the 'Hub of the Valley' will soon be using natural gas for fuel.

WE WILL BUY YOUR FRUIT

The Van Nuys Nursery Co. is in the market for peaches and apricots. You will do well to see them and have them look over your orchard and give you a price before you sell. Van Nuys Nursery Co., opposite Pacific Electric station, Van Nuys. Phone 12, or 8811.—adv.

AUTO TRUCKING

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Hartman, the Van Nuys jeweler, does watch and jewelry repairing.

Gazette liners bring returns.

Pacific Electric Time Card

In effect Thursday, Aug. 24, 1916, between Owensmouth and Los Angeles, as follows:

Leave Owensmouth	Arrive L. A.
6:30 a. m.	7:40 a. m.
8:00 a. m.	9:04 a. m.
10:00 a. m.	11:14 a. m.
12:00 p. m.	1:04 p. m.
2:00 p. m.	3:04 p. m.
4:00 p. m.	5:04 p. m.
6:00 p. m.	7:04 p. m.
8:40 p. m.	9:54 p. m.
12:00 p. m. o.	1:43 p. m.
12:45 a. m. o.	1:03 a. m.

Leave L. A.	Arrive Owensmouth
6:15 a. m. o.	7:25 a. m.
8:05 a. m. o.	9:15 a. m.
10:20 a. m.	11:33 a. m.
12:20 p. m.	1:13 p. m.
2:20 p. m.	3:13 p. m.
4:20 p. m.	5:13 p. m.
6:20 p. m.	7:13 p. m.
8:20 p. m.	9:13 p. m.
9:45 p. m.	10:54 p. m.
11:20 p. m.	12:14 p. m.

* Express and passenger combination car, Sunday passenger car only. † Transfer at N. Sherman Way to and from San Fernando. ‡ Transfer at N. Sherman Way to and from Owensmouth. § Transfer from Highland Ave. to N. Sherman Way only. ¶ To Van Nuys only.

TRANSPORTATION RATES

The following schedule of rates of fare over the Pacific Electric Railway is announced:

Between Owensmouth and Los Angeles	25.00
12-ride family book	2.00
85-ride individual book	7.00
Single fare	.10
12-ride individual book	9.00
Single fare	.10
Round trip fare	1.10
Between Owensmouth and Van Nuys	1.00
12-ride family book	8.00
85-ride individual book	6.00
Single fare	.09
12-ride individual book	5.00
Single fare	.09
Round trip fare	.20

Van Nuys, 15.20 miles; Hanna, 21.54 miles; Bolano, 24.54 miles; Mariah, 28.41 miles; El Nogal, 31.41 miles; Owensmouth, 22.44 miles.

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AT OWENSMOUTH, CAL.

TIME TABLE

No. 31 Mixed for Oxnard 9:55 A.M.
No. 40 From Oxnard, Mixed, 11:10 A.M.

No. 40 and 41 run between Los Angeles and Oxnard via Chatsworth, Owensmouth, Van Nuys and Lancaster, and carry passengers.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC CO.

AT CHATSWORTH, CAL.

TIME TABLE

Eastward:
No. 10—From San Francisco, 10:17 pm
No. 19 Santa Barbara 4:57 pm
No. 22, from Santa Barbara 9:25 pm

Westward:
No. 21 Santa Barbara 10:02 am
No. 20 Sta. Barbara, Local 3:57 pm

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A BOLD ATTEMPT

By ETHEL HOLMES

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon Mark Trevor locked his desk and went home leaving it himself in his latchkey, he went upstairs stealthily, for it had occurred to him to enter his wife's room quietly, and if her back were toward him he would put his arms about her and surprise her with a kiss.

From this it will be supposed—and correctly—that Mr. and Mrs. Trevor had not been long married.

Cautionally pushing the door open he saw standing before a dresser, hunting in one of the drawers, a woman. In another moment she caught sight of his reflection in the mirror. Turning, she faced him.

"Madam," he said, "what are you doing here?"

"I came for your wife's jewels. But since I have not found them and have been interrupted in my search I will not in operation a scheme which I detected and for which I prepared before coming here in case I should fail in obtaining the jewels. Your wife is in the house. I left her some ten minutes ago at the door of a friend of hers whom she was exchanging for a last word before parting. Knowing the disposition of my sex to prolong such a parting, I believe that she would have plenty of time to come here and at least make a beginning."

Opening a reticule, she took out a bit of paper and handed it to Trevor. It was a note for \$1,000.

"Sign it," said the woman.

"I will do so," he said.

"Yes, you will when you have heard my reasons why it would be best for you to do so. Your wife will be here in ten minutes," she had said between Trevor and the door, locked it and then she lay in her reticule. "She will find you locked in here with me. I will plead guilty and ask her forgiveness. Your domestic happiness will be ended."

Unfortunately for this part of the woman's plan, at this moment the front door was heard to close. Mrs. Trevor had finished the "few parting words" to her friend and reached her home. Ascending the stairs, she attempted to open the door of her room and found it locked.

"Open the door," Trevor sternly. The voice produced the key and did as she was directed. Trevor threw open the door. The woman covered her face, affecting alarm and confusion. Mrs. Trevor stood looking from one to the other, first with amazement, then with pain.

"Oh, Mark," she wailed, "how could you do this to me?"

"This woman," Trevor began, but the criminal stopped him.

"Forgive me, Mrs. Trevor," she said. "I have injured you in stepping in between you and your husband. Mark would have before he ever saw you. He really belongs to my rather than to you. I will tell you what I say. I will give his own explanation of my being here. He will lie to you, as he has lied to me. Believe him if you will, but I assure you he is not to be believed."

Mrs. Trevor cast an appealing glance at her husband. It pleaded with him to set himself right, though convicted by overwhelming evidence.

"Eileen," he began again, and again the woman intervened him.

"Don't listen to him," she said. "I will tell you the true story in a few words. Several years ago he found me an unsuspecting country girl. His words were very sweet. He told me that in me he had met his fate, of all the girls he had ever met I was the only one to whom his heart was true."

At this point the woman began edging toward the door. Mrs. Trevor started away before her, leaving the way clear. Trevor stood overwhelmed, paralyzed with the self confessed thief's unblushing assurance. Then the wife found voice to say to the woman:

"Leave!"

"I obey you. I have you with the man who has blighted my life. I wish that you had been left in ignorance of this true character! Never again will I see you."

She was about to back out of the door when Trevor sprang forward, closed it, turned the key and put it in his pocket.

"You will never again play such a bold game with me, for I shall put it out of your power to do so. Give me that reticule."

The woman turned pale. She grasped the reticule the tighter.

"Eileen," said Trevor, "take the bag from her. I don't wish to use force with a woman."

"What do you wish with it?" asked the wife.

"It contains the proof that this woman is a lying blackamint."

Eileen advanced toward the woman, who, opening the bag, took out an ivory handled pistol and leveled it at her adversary. Eileen drew back, but her adversary, Eileen drew back, but

her husband, snatching the weapon, advanced to the thief and took the reticule out of her hand; thus opening it he took out the unsigned note. After explaining the woman's scheme to Eileen and convincing her of his innocence he unlocked the door and told her to go and telephone for the police. Trevor allowed her to avail herself of a charge of leaving blackmail.

Police returned to the Trevor family, and the blackmailer was sent to serve a term in state prison.

Turks First Banned Tobacco.

Tobacco was first carried into Turkey by English sailors, and its use was quickly prohibited, as in Russia, a tradition was discovered prohibiting its use by the faithful. Mohammed, it was said, had prophesied that in future ages some of his followers would smoke a herb called tobacco, but these would be infidels. Sultan Amurath IV. strictly prohibited its use. Search was made for smokers. Tobacco pipes were driven through their cheeks, and rolls of tobacco hung as collars around their necks. Thus arrayed, they were mounted on asses, for and fat, and driven through the streets, as a warning to those of other faith, to be hanged.

Willing at Any Cost.

Lawyer—But you have no grounds for divorce. Can't you get him to strike you, drag you around by the hair of his head, had prohibited (sobbing)—No. And how 'I've tried!

—Town Topics.

Owensmouth Directory

U. S. Mails

Mails arrive and depart from Owensmouth as follows:

San Francisco and Eastern points at 6:24 a. m. and 3:23 p. m.

Active from Calabasas, Triunfo, Cornell and Verba Buena at 1:30 a. m.

Mails for Los Angeles and Eastern points at 9:24 a. m. and 3:48 p. m.

Mails for Calabasas, Triunfo, Cornell and Verba Buena 10:34 a. m.

Owensmouth Public Library

Synodicate Block, Mrs. Anna T. Galloway, Secretary—Open from 12:30 to 3 and from 7 to 9 p. m.

Owensmouth Chamber of Commerce

President—W. E. Hochstetler.

Secretary—G. P. Kelly.

Meets every Wednesday evening of each month at 8 o'clock in grammar school auditorium.

Owensmouth Women's Club

President—Mrs. Ed. Morris.

Secretary—Mrs. W. A. Reichert.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. A. Reichert.

Meets every second Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at homes of members.

Owensmouth High School

Principal—G. W. Moore.

Owensmouth Grammar School

Principal—Joseph Geart.

Ladies' Aid Society

President—Mrs. W. H. Hyde.

Secretary—Mrs. Wm. McGee.

Meets every two weeks on Thursday at 2:30 at the homes of members.

Erwerth League

President—Warren Hall.

Meets every Sunday evening at 8:30 in the Synodicate Block.

M. E. Sunday School

Superintendent—E. S. Goodale.

Meets every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the Synodicate Block.

West End Parent Teachers' Association

President—Mrs. W. A. Doherty of each month.

Secretary—Miss Berwick Hall.

Meets the first Friday evening of each month.

The association includes the school district of Owensmouth, Chatsworth, Calabasas, Liberty, Los Vestigos, Cornell, Decker, Monte Vista, Triunfo, and Mariposa.

Owensmouth Branch Home Investment Association

President—W. W. Moore.

Secretary—Geo. Davis.

Treasurer—L. W. Ketchum.

Directors—E. Waring, L. W. Ketchum, John Haas, G. W. Moore, W. E. Hochstetler.

Venueur Producers

Cooperative Association for marketing fruit and farm products. P. A. Otis, president; Owensmouth, Washington & Orange streets.

Owensmouth Branch Boy Scouts of America

Scout Master—E. E. Goodale.

Scoutmaster—E. Waring Davis.

Meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Synodicate Block.

Van Vleet Publicity Association

Meets every Thursday at such hours as 1 p. m. in Woman's Club Room, Van Vleet.

President—E. E. Hottel.

Secretary—M. M. McGowan.

SEPOLUCHES

THOSE boys which are being sent to Europe are not to blame for the law but the votes the farmers has been casting. They sent the sons into a steady fight—the duty might make his world popular in the business world.

You might go into a popular place and get a meal of meat, milk, bread, pie, coffee, fried potatoes and cheese at a cost of 50c. to \$1.00 while another man that keeps a garden could take a load of cactus, onion, beet, red honey and water that costs nothing except a few minutes exercise each morning in a small garden. The cool of the morning would have shown the old man some better sense and formed a pattern for his negligent children.

Popular food makes you feel tired and cross and unable to do much but boss and attend to other people's affairs, while the garden sakes makes you feel strong and heavy labor yourself; and heavy labor is conducive to heavy thinking and heavy thinking leads to joyful feelings.

The fault with garden sakes is that labor and exercise are required to digest it while the popular foods digest themselves. When you change from popular foods to garden sakes it requires that the habits of labor and exercise also be changed. While those who eat popular foods are constantly seeking for enjoyment and ease the eater of garden sakes wants something that is hard and difficult to take and exercise to make the blood flow more perceptibly. It prevents the muscles or mind from stagnating.

Out of garden sakes obtain the muscle energy but out of popular foods and animal fat we obtain but little besides spirit, and that is a mortal and deadly spirit. Spirit is a dry element. That is, it is not affected by any ferment that uses water. Spirit is not removed by cooking or evaporation. It comprises all of the prismatic colors combined so that it is not affected by any of the elementary colors. Colors represent certain degrees or quantity of moisture there is in substances, or, rather, the amount of moisture the substance can absorb.

Water contains cells, or droplets, and each droplet is divided into six equal segments like the spokes of a wheel. These divisions are produced by myriads of atoms and intensity of the sun's rays. The most intense color is red because it is the prismatic iron and can absorb and eliminate the largest amount of water.

Red forces the blood clear out to the extreme ends of the capillaries in the skin and the green in the skin atmosphere. This vegetable green is the only repair substance. Unless the blood is forced into all parts of the skin atmosphere the pores carry away the skin's moisture and the blood carries sulphur and corruption to the heart and other vital organs which makes the vital organs to contract and die.

By eating popular foods you will be incapacitated from laboring and the cost of the popular foods is so high that you have to devise some way to rob, plunder and brag to get means to buy the high priced foods; and you think that the higher the price is the better the quality, when the opposite is the actual fact.

Atmosphere fills the blood with yellow by dissolving the red and the yellow hastens the work of the nerves while the red being turned into yellow slackens the action of the muscles. As the atmospheric forces get the control over the blood and nerves it causes persons to turn their whole mind and means toward acquiring a name or reputation in order to travel and spread afar, but the home is a "whited sepulchre."

C. W. DAYTON.
The Red Hope Henry Man.
Owensmouth, Calif.

Owensmouth

THE COMING METROPOLIS OF THE WEST END OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Owensmouth is 20 miles from the center of Los Angeles and is the terminus of the Pacific Electric Railway. It has a new \$100,000 High School, \$50,000 Grammar School, \$15,000 Warehouse, Bean Cleaner, Good Bank, Modern Stores, Etc. It is the distributing point for a large area of developed country. Splendid roads connect all points.

Thousands of deciduous fruit trees will soon come into bearing in this section.

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Town Lots & Acreage for Sale

Personal and Local Notes

Squirrel poison at Bechtelheim's Drug Store.—adv.

Rev. Geo. R. Grady and wife are spending the week at the beach.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Goodrich are occupying rooms in the Otis block.

T. A. Chandler is at Marysville, Tenn., where he was called by the illness of his father.

See the Hyden Hardware Co. for the old reliable Venters Beet Plow. It is the puller that does the work, and then consider the price.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stamps and family have taken rooms in the bank building, where they will live until a suitable home can be procured.

Corcoran Rapidly Developing Into One of the Most Prosperous Towns in the Great San Joaquin Valley

As most of the Gazette readers know, the editor of this paper was the founder of the Corcoran Journal, which he conducted for five years. Having witnessed the remarkable development of this section under many adverse conditions, Miss Jewett Rankin has resigned her position in the Owensmouth postoffice and will return to her home in Hollywood next week. Her place in the postoffice will be filled by her cousin, Miss Mary Thomson, who moved here from Redlands recently with her parents. Miss Rankin has made many

Coming Events

Tuesday, August 7—Ice cream social by Ladies' Aid Society.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Poison Barley for squirrels, at Bechtelheim's Drug Store.

Go to West's Store and get a fit in Tenna, Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes.

Take your shoes and harness to the Electric Shoe Hospital for repairs.

Get one of those wheel hoses at Hydens for your garden.

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friends during her stay in Owensmouth and all will regret to learn of her departure.

Don't fail to see the Hyden Hardware Co. if you are in the market for a wagon—a best puller of anything in the vehicle or tool line.—adv.

E. F. Passons and wife are occupying the Hartsoogh home on Topanga Canyon avenue. Mr. Passons has purchased Mr. Hartsoogh's poultry, consisting of several thousand head of White Leghorns. Mr. and Mrs. Hartsoogh are spending some time in Los Angeles.

The Van Nuys District of the Southern California Edison Company has been enlarged to include San Fernando City, Glendale and other territory formerly covered by the P. L. & E. Co. Charles H. Coulter, whose services as local manager have been so satisfactory, will continue in charge of the valley business.

E. R. Elkins, San Fernando Valley representative of the Pacific States Fertilizer Co., visited Owensmouth recently in company with P. L. McCreary, B. S., chemist for the company. Soil tests were made on a number of ranches and in nearly every case there was found to be a deficiency of lime. Especially was this true as regards the heavy land west of town. It is a common experience that acidity of the soil prevents the best results in crop production until this condition is remedied by the application of lime. Among the places visited was the young apricot grove of G. W. Barsh and both gentlemen pronounced it the finest showing they had ever seen for trees of that age.

N. W. Robertson stole a march on his friends by quietly marrying Miss Florence M. Krouse on July 10. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home in Los Angeles and the newlyweds left immediately for a motor trip to San Diego. The bride is the daughter of a retail merchant from Nebraska. Mr. Robertson is one of the most successful ranchers in the San Fernando Valley and owns a valuable farm at Marian. A short time ago the groom built a new house and made other improvements on his ranch. His friends suspected him of matrimonial intentions, but he strenuously denied any such plans, altho the sequel proved the surmise to be correct. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have the best wishes of the people of the valley for most happiness in their wedded life.

NOTICE TO PARTNERS

Several minor depredations have been committed about the Owensmouth postoffice recently and parties should see that their children do not tamper with the mail boxes. In case mail is missing, suspicion will fall upon any person caught opening mail boxes other than their own.

AUTO TRUCKING

E. H. Stamps and H. B. Goodrich have established auto trucking service at Owensmouth and are prepared to do heavy hauling of all kinds promptly. Leave orders at this office or phone 80113.—adv.

The Quintessence of Egotism

By ESTHER VANDEVEER.

One morning a carriage stopped in the Bechtelheim wood. Paris.

"This is the place," said the occupant.

Alighting, he directed the coachman to drive on over a crest and wait. Then he began to pace slowly back and forth, now turning to the east to admire the tints painted on the clouds by the coming fog of day, now amping off a blossoming head of dandelion. He was an intellectual looking person, with a cast of countenance denoting the artistic or imaginative faculty, straight and slender, with a mass of black hair falling down over his coat collar.

Presently he took out his watch, not of the hour and minute.

"It is time some of them should arrive."

A moment later the gridding of wheels was heard and another carriage came in sight, drove to where the man was standing, stopped, a gentleman alighted and stood face to face with the first comer. He was followed by two companions, one carrying a bundle of fells, the other a box.

"Ah, M. Charlier," said the newcomer, "why do I find you here alone?"

"Wait," said M. Charlier, "you are not the only person I am to meet this morning. There are several others who wish to deprive me of my life, and I propose that all shall have a fair chance."

"First come, first served," is a good rule. I solicit the privilege of taking my revenge before any one else has had a chance to deprive me of it. The insult I have received, cannot possibly have been equaled. I demand an opportunity to show you."

Meanwhile another carriage drove up, and stepped another party. This time there were two men carrying fells, as before, one bearing a box. The gentleman could easily be recognized from the surprise with which he noticed that a party similar to his own had arrived before him.

"Parlez, me, gentlemen," he said. "What does this mean?"

"It means, M. de Musser," said Charlier, "that M. Rubidoux here, having demanded satisfaction, as you have done, is entitled to it as much as you."

"But M. Rubidoux cannot possibly have the grievance that we, who have completely breached of etiquette, perhaps, will it?"

Again there was a sound of wheels. "What do you mean, M. Charlier?" asked M. Rubidoux. "Are these carriages intended for your funeral train?"

"They bear other persons who come here for satisfaction. Two more carriages stopped, and from each a party alighted, all looking astonished at seeing so many persons present. M. Charlier stepped forward to greet them.

"M. Rubidoux, M. de Musser, permit me to present M. Tetedoux and M. Cardiac."

"All four men bowed very low, taking off their hats and stirring up considerable dust with the wind made by their awnings. Their attendants stood in groups, looking on, wondering at the strange turn the affair had taken.

"If all those you expect," said M. Rubidoux, "are present, I beg to say to them that, as first comer, I shall make."

"And I, too, insist," interrupted M. Musser.

"Gentlemen!" exclaimed M. Tetedoux in a scornful bass voice. "Gentlemen!" cried M. Cardiac in tones of a shrill red instrument.

Charlier folded his arms and waited. "This fellow," cried Rubidoux, "has sought to save himself from my just wrath by picking a quarrel with so many that he thinks will be able to take satisfaction; we will let him off."

"I propose we cast lots for first chance."

"Agreed!" cried all the others, at once. Charlier himself wrote their names each on a separate bit of paper, put them in a hat, one of the seconds drew, and the first chance fell to M. Rubidoux. They fought, and M. Rubidoux was so eager to finish the case himself that he fenced boldly and badly. Presently his foil went flying in the air. He was obliged, to give way to the next man whose name had been drawn, and M. Cardiac stood up before the victor.

"I'll show you that you cannot insult me by drawing what you conceive to be my character in your intercalated novel with impunity."

"What novel?" asked De Musser.

"'Moi,'" replied Cardiac. "Join Charlier in that story is a caricature of myself."

"Not at all," put in M. Tetedoux. "Charlier was drawn from me."

"Gentlemen!" interrupted M. Rubidoux. "I think I can give you that the portrait is intended to be mine and I tell you that Charlier sent me a copy of the book to read."

"He sent me a copy!" exclaimed M. Tetedoux.

"And met And met" cried both the others.

Charlier smiled ironically. "Gentlemen," he said, "the portrait of Jules Garnier was drawn from myself."

It was some time before he could convince any of the men that he was not exasperated, but they all finally gave way, and he invited them to breakfast with him. The next morning an account of the affair appeared in the morning papers, and all Paris rushed to the book stands to buy a copy of "Moi."

The Frigate bird is capable of getting up a speed of ninety-six miles an hour with barely a movement of its wings. The greater part of its life is spent in the air.

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MORE MEMBERS FOR THE RED CROSS

The following names were added to the Red Cross from July 5 to July 18:

- Balster, Mrs. Fred.
- Hetman, John.
- Goodall, Mrs. Frank.
- Kimball, L. C. Jr. (Sustaining member).
- Knapp, Mrs. Mary.
- Morris, Mrs. Ed.
- McGeoch, Mrs. Wm.
- Mitchell, Hervey.
- Straubinger, Mrs. Mary.
- West, George.
- Waring, Francis.
- Waring, Henry.

Total membership—55.
Members met for sewing and knitting every Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the church room, Synodiate Bldg. All are most cordially invited to assist in this very necessary work.

WE WANT YOUR FRUIT

The Van Nuys Nursery Co. is in the market for peaches and apricots. You will do well to see them and have them look over your orchard and give us a price before you sell. Van Nuys Nursery Co., Orange Electric station, Van Nuys. Phone 12, or 88R1.—adv.

Don't fail to see the Hyden Hardware Co. if you are in the market for a wagon—a beet plow or anything in the vehicle or tool line.—adv.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
(Not Coal Land)
No Withdrawals

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Los Angeles, California, May 10, 1917.
NOTICE is hereby given that Frank Westgate, whose postoffice address is 711 South Hill street, Los Angeles, Cal., did on the 13th day of July, 1916, file in this office for publication his Application, No. 029210, to purchase the Lot No. 4, Section 18, and Lot No. 10, Section 19, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, S. B. Meridian, and the timber thereon under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the Timber and Stone Act, at such value as might be fixed by appraisement, and that pursuant to said application, the postoffice address of the person hereinafter named has been approved at \$195.75, the value estimated at 1000 cubic yards at 10 cents per cubic yard and the land 10 cents per acre, that applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 26th day of July, 1917, before the Register and Receiver of U. S. Land Office, at Los Angeles, Cal.
Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
(Not Coal Land)
No Withdrawals

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Los Angeles, California, May 10, 1917.
NOTICE is hereby given that Amie Hesterman, whose postoffice address is Sherman, Cal., did on the 8th day of July, 1916, file in this office her Statement and Application, No. 029206, to purchase the Lots 9 and 4, Section 2, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, S. B. Meridian, and the timber thereon under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the Timber and Stone Act, at such value as might be fixed by appraisement, and that pursuant to such application, the land postoffice address has been approved at \$123.23, the value estimated at 1410 cubic yards at 4 cents each and the land 10 cents per acre, that applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 26th day of July, 1917, before the Register and Receiver of U. S. Land Office at Los Angeles, Cal.
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He Married His Grandma

And by That Act He Saved a Fortune

By BRADFORD C. ALMY

There will be a special meeting of the Owensmouth Woman's Club next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to discuss the library situation. A large attendance is desired.

Dr. Byron Palmer of Venice has been named by the governor to serve as examining surgeon for the Federal exemption board. Examinations will be held at the Van Nuys City Hall.

Tried and Found Wanting.
"I've had no much bad luck," said the gloomy man, "that I lie awake half the night thinking about my troubles."
The cure for that," they told him, "is to quit thinking of your own troubles and think of other people's."
"I'll try," he said.
Three months later they met him again.
"Well, how did it work," they asked.
"Didn't do any good," he replied. "I'm awake all night now thinking of other people's troubles."

Patriotic.

The children were having a review lesson in history. The teacher said, "Columbus had a compass to sail by. Did Ericsson use a compass?"
"No," answered the boy, "he sailed by the stars."
"And what else?" asked the teacher.
"After a moment he used the compass. The stripes."—Exchange.

CHURCH CALENDAR

The Community Church of Owensmouth (M. E. Affiliation)
George R. Craft, S. T. D., pastor.
Services every Sunday as follows:
Sunday school at 10 a. m.; 8 o'clock, superintendent as follows:
Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m.; Epworth League 7 p. m. Bernice Hull, president.
Cordial invitation is extended to all.

Zelzah Lutheran Church
Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10:30. M. L. Ulmerson, superintendent.
Luther League every Sunday evening at 7:30. Services by announcement.

Chatsworth M. E. Church
Services regularly as follows:
S. C. Johnson, superintendent.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Epworth League at 6:00 p. m. N. Chatsworth, president.
Cordial invitation is extended to all.

Christian Science Society of Los Angeles (Van Nuys)
Regular services Sunday at 10:00 a. m. Wednesday at 8 p. m. Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
At all times, 312 F street.

Classified Liners

FOR SALE OR RENT—TWO big work horses. S. S. CAARDE, 718 1/2 Broadway, H. B. 4.

LOST—ABBOTT-DETROIT HORSES, which, nicked. Reward for return. Inquire Owensmouth Postoffice.

FOR SALE—TWO WORK MARENS 5 and 12 years old, weight about 1100 each. JOHN HETMAN, Mount Olive, a. Leuzinger, Glen Springs, Telephone Inquire Owensmouth Postoffice.

FOR SALE CHEAP—MILK SEPARATORS at Cragg's Croy's Grocery, Cal. abbas, Cal.

FOR SALE—ALL PURPOSE HORSES—4 years old, weight about 1300. J. T. WOOD, Zetah, Cal. 6-2-2.

WANTED—FRYERS—RHODE ISLAND Red Rocks, or other large breeds. A. Leuzinger, Glen Springs, Telephone Inquire Owensmouth Postoffice.

PURE-BRED DOG BOARDS and Gifts for sale at all times at the Royal Ranch. Blood lines the best.

FOR RAIL—PHOTOS OF THE FIRST High School. Inquire at the Owensmouth Union High School. Inquire at the Owensmouth Union High School. Inquire at the Owensmouth Union High School.

I was in Switzerland and about to start to climb the Jungfrau and got a letter stating that my grandfather, Sherman Wellesley, aged eighty-five, had married and died the same day.

"In thinking I was deposed from the position of heir apparent to a great fortune—to I did not know what. My grandfather had bitterly opposed my propensity to travel and especially to climb mountains, and was his only descendant, and he had long endeavored to induce me to get down to the care of millions which he had willed me. He lived in constant terror lest I should make a slip on one of my climbs, go several thousand feet down over a precipice and the fortune that had been accumulating during his lifetime should be going—belonging."

His intention in marrying was plain to me. He had doubtless lost all patience with me and at the last moment married some woman who would supply my place as an heir. I left for home on one, and as soon as I landed I wrote my mother asking for information as to her husband's disposition of the property. She wrote me a long letter saying that she was sorry she was unable to give me any information.

Your grandfather, being taken suddenly ill, was unable to do more for you, his sole heir, not having confidence in my sound sense down over a precipice. Having but an hour or two to write, I made no mention of my intended visit. Having great confidence in "I think" I made no mention of my intended visit. Having great confidence in "I think" I made no mention of my intended visit.

"To retain your fortune," she said, "and become a loving husband." Well, all depended upon what kind of a woman she was. A hope sprung up in my breast that she might be of a suitable age for me and passably good looking. I wrote her that I would run up for a conference and politely hinted that if she was not favorably impressed with me I would release her from the verbal condition by declining to marry her. This I dictated myself, a very foxy way of putting it, my real object being to decline to take wife with a fortune if I didn't like her.

I was doomed to a terrible disappointment. I found my grandmother a veritable grand old man. She was sixty-five years old, fat, bald and not a tooth in her head that was mine. I cannot say that I felt too free to have declined to comply with my grandmother's wishes during his life, for now that she had fallen I realized my folly.

Having taken sufficient time to "re-up" my mind what course to pursue, I sounded her as to whether I could marry her, take an allowance and spend my time anywhere but with her. This I dictated myself, but she thought it over, and I had hope. But the next day I was informed that she would not be carrying out her late husband's wishes. He had desired that I should take care of her property.

The medium through whom I received this answer was Agnes Dorchester, my grandmother's secretary. She was a woman not carrying out her late husband's wishes. He had desired that I should take care of her property.

I spent some time at my grandmother's endeavoring to bring her to some terms. She declined all my proposals, adhering to her late husband's intentions. She would not give me a cent, and she would not consent to any subterfuge to get around it. She was not long before I saw and gave it all up and got away with Mrs. Wellesley herself came to me with a proposition.

"I have been obliged to give up a fortune or take what I can get," she said. "I will take the amount I was able to give up. I am as attached to Miss Dorchester as if she were my daughter. She is a fine woman, and a woman of rare good sense. I can safely trust her to carry out your grandmother's intentions. To do this she has had you and me."

my will have her I will make a will leaving my property to her and get joyfully giving her a reasonable portion of the income."

"I had no hope that Miss Dorchester would marry me simply for a fortune, and in any event I should have to live with her and carry out my grandmother's wishes. I would like to get rid of her. I went to the young lady, told her of Mrs. Wellesley's proposition and asked her to be my wife."

What did she do but toss her nose in the air and decline to have anything to do with such a proposition. "I will let her fortune," she would rather give up a fortune than be my wife. I spent the next twenty-four hours in inventing imaginary ways of torturing her. The specter I resolved that I would make Miss Dorchester love me, then lose her aside as a wax doll.

In a few weeks I had softened her so far as to receive a proposition from her to marry me.

"I cannot bear," she said, "to stand between you and a fortune. I think it will be impossible." Mrs. Wellesley to carry out her grandmother's intentions toward me I will agree to her proposition. If you would give up your fortune to go away and not trouble me in any way, I will agree to marry you in my eyes, "that you are no means flattering?"

"For me I supposed what you wanted to go abroad and break your own climbing mountains?" "No," I exclaimed ironically. "That case you would not be true, mother asking for information as to her husband's disposition of the property. She wrote me a long letter saying that she was sorry she was unable to give me any information."

"And that would release me from my wife?" "I am sorry you are married for convenience."

In this return I fancied I could do something to destroy the feeling of pain. I went to her and laid my hand on her arm. I was not repulsed.

"I am sorry," I said, "that you can carry out my grandmother's wishes. At any rate, try. I will do all I can to help you carry me. I was sorry you were married for convenience."

"And become a loving husband." Well, all depended upon what kind of a woman she was. A hope sprung up in my breast that she might be of a suitable age for me and passably good looking. I wrote her that I would run up for a conference and politely hinted that if she was not favorably impressed with me I would release her from the verbal condition by declining to marry her. This I dictated myself, a very foxy way of putting it, my real object being to decline to take wife with a fortune if I didn't like her.

I was doomed to a terrible disappointment. I found my grandmother a veritable grand old man. She was sixty-five years old, fat, bald and not a tooth in her head that was mine. I cannot say that I felt too free to have declined to comply with my grandmother's wishes during his life, for now that she had fallen I realized my folly.

Having taken sufficient time to "re-up" my mind what course to pursue, I sounded her as to whether I could marry her, take an allowance and spend my time anywhere but with her. This I dictated myself, but she thought it over, and I had hope. But the next day I was informed that she would not be carrying out her late husband's wishes. He had desired that I should take care of her property.

The medium through whom I received this answer was Agnes Dorchester, my grandmother's secretary. She was a woman not carrying out her late husband's wishes. He had desired that I should take care of her property.

I spent some time at my grandmother's endeavoring to bring her to some terms. She declined all my proposals, adhering to her late husband's intentions. She would not give me a cent, and she would not consent to any subterfuge to get around it. She was not long before I saw and gave it all up and got away with Mrs. Wellesley herself came to me with a proposition.

"I have been obliged to give up a fortune or take what I can get," she said. "I will take the amount I was able to give up. I am as attached to Miss Dorchester as if she were my daughter. She is a fine woman, and a woman of rare good sense. I can safely trust her to carry out your grandmother's intentions. To do this she has had you and me."

"I've often wondered why my wife accepted me." "Didn't you tell me once that she had slipped me?"—Pack.

THE HEART AFTER DEATH.

Why, Under Some Circumstances, It May Keep on Beating.

The question, "Why does a man or an animal die?" has been answered. "Because the heart stops beating." But any hunter or fisherman who has dressed his own catch can testify that the heart does not stop beating at the moment of the animal's death. Often will they observe the heart beating for several minutes after it has been removed from the carcass. "Why," the most recent answer to the question, "is the heart so long in stopping? Because the muscles themselves possess the inherent quality of contraction and will contract or beat just as soon or as long as the conditions of environment are right. It is their business, and they can no more refrain from doing it under the right conditions than a rose could help giving off its fragrance."

In recent experiments it has been found that heat is the principal element necessary to the development of labor and exercise. For laborer's affairs, while the garden sows folks you want to do all the heavy labor yourself, and heavy labor is the best way to get the heart and heavy thinking leads to joyful living.

The fault with garden sowing is that labor and exercise are required to digest it while the popular foods digest themselves. When you change from popular foods to garden sows it requires that the labor of labor and exercise also be changed. While those who seek popular foods are constantly seeking for enjoyment and ease the labor of labor and exercise also be changed. While those who seek popular foods are constantly seeking for enjoyment and ease the labor of labor and exercise also be changed.

According to this theory, the heart muscles could go on independently of a body if kept at the proper temperature for the best development.—Popular Science Monthly.

A Chinese Epicure.

"The cooks of today," wrote Yuan Mel, a Chinese author of the nineteenth century, "think nothing of mixing in one soup the meat of a pig, a chicken, a duck, a turkey, these chickens, ducks, pigs and geese have doubtless souls, and these souls will most certainly fly plain in the next world of the way they have been treated in this. A good cook will be plenty of different dishes. Each of these dishes will be made to exhibit its own characteristics, while each made dish will be characterized by its own taste and color. Then the palate of the gourmand will respond without frown and the flowers of the soul blossom forth."

Good Horse, Good Rider.

Judging from the following story, which Arthur J. Smythe tells in his biography of William Terris, it is evident that the practice of getting on horse backs was among the best qualities of the English actor.

When any one asked him what his hobby was, he was going to back he would say, "I'm going to back a little filly. I've often backed before. I've never anything on the way. I've never lost a penny."

"Oh, whatever horse is that?" "My horse," he would say. "A little filly called Common Sense, ridden by Tommy Let It Alone," was the invariable answer.

Bagdad.

Bagdad is one of the most famous meeting places in the world, over 100,000 pilgrims passing through the city yearly.

Although the city is embowered in trees and a refreshing contrast to the desert without, the streets are narrow, crooked, unkept and dirty, full of ruts and strewn with garbage, which is for the most part removed by dogs, the only scavengers of the city.

"Many scenes vividly described in 'The Arabian Nights' were laid in Bagdad."

The Curious Elephant.

"The fact that the elephant's feet are padded renders his step noiseless, in spite of his weight," says the book to tell us, "and his extraordinary silence seems almost incompatible with his great bulk."