"IT SAVED MY LIFE"

PRAISE FOR A FAMOUS MEDICINE

Mrs. Willadsen Tells How She Tried Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Just in Time.

Mrs. T. C. Willadsen, of Manning, Iowa, writes to Mrs. Pinkham:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—

"I can truly say that you have saved my life, and I cannot express my gratitude to you in words.

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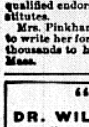

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Investigation of the Packers.

Very general interest has been manifested in the government investigation now in progress into the mode of conducting business by the large packers located in Chicago and elsewhere. Much has been written upon the alleged illegal and improper modes of business procedure connected with the packing industry; but it seems that so far no definite charge of any kind has been sustained and no proof of illegal or inequitable methods has been disclosed to the public. While a wave of severe criticism of this great industrial interest is now passing over the country it might be well to remember that the packers have had as yet no opportunity to make specific denial, the many indefinite charges of wrongdoing having never been formulated so that a categorical answer could be made.

The recent report of Commissioner Garfield, which embodied the results of an official investigation undertaken by the Department of Commerce and Labor of the United States, was a vindication of the Western packers, but this result having been unexpected attempts in many quarters to discredit it were made.

In view of the situation as it now stands, however, attention may properly be called to a few facts that owing to popular clamor are now being apparently overlooked. Fair treatment in this country has heretofore been accorded to all citizens whose affairs assume prominence in the public eye and some of the facts that bear upon the relation of the packers to the commerce of the country may at this time be briefly alluded to. It would be difficult to estimate the benefits gained by the farmers of the country resulting from the energetic enterprise of the packers, for whatever is of benefit to the farmer is a gain to the entire commerce of the country. And connected with their continuous aggressive work no feature perhaps has been more important than their efforts in seeking outlets all over the world for the surplus products of the farmer. Our total exports of agricultural products have gained but little in the past twenty years, and leaving out corn, the total of all other farm products was far less in 1903 than in 1891. But in packing house products there does considerable gain during this period, because an organized and powerful force has been behind them seeking new and broader markets.

Besides the benefits reaped by farmers on account of the enterprise and energy exercised by the packers in attaining commercial results by foreign trade, the great development in the manufacture of packing house by-products has added enormously to the value of all live stock raised in the United States. The waste material of twenty years ago, then an expense to the packer, is now converted into articles of great value, and, as an economic fact, this must correspondingly increase the value to the farmer of every head of cattle marketed at the numerous stockyards of the country. Let these facts be remembered while now it is so popular to regard the great packing industry as deserving of condemnation. At least it must be admitted that, so far, there is no adequate reason for the almost unanimous howl that may be heard everywhere in the face of the Garfield report above alluded to which practically exonerates the packers from the obscure and indefinite charges that have been for some time past made the subject of popular comment. — *American Homestead.*

Butchers to Escort Princess.

When the Duchess Cecilie arrives in Berlin three days before her marriage to the crown prince she will be escorted from the railway station to the Kaiser's palace by butchers. The Berlin guild of butchers has this privilege of escort duty as long as the Hohenzollerns shall reign in Prussia. The butchers will wear dress suits, silk hats, white gloves, patent leather shoes and white ties, and will be on horseback.

Automobile Boulevard.

Biarritz, France, is constructing a ninety-mile automobile boulevard along the seacoast at Arcachon. The country is full of beautiful scenery. The boulevard will be at a distance of 40 yards from the sea and be seventy feet wide. It will be paved in cement and closed in on each side. The cost will be about $1,600,000.

RAILROAD RATE BILL TO BE LAW

Senate Committee Reports Measure Which Has Kept Wisconsin In Turmoil.

GOVERNOR TO NAME THE BOARD

Nominations to Be Subject to Approval by the Senate, the Commission to Have Wide Range of Power Over Tariffs.

Madison, Wis., dispatch: The railroad rate commission bill, which has been the bone of contention in Wisconsin for nearly a decade, and with which the senate committee on railroads has been wrestling for almost the entire present legislative session, will become a law before the lawmakers adjourn. This was determined with practical assurance Friday night, when the measure, agreed upon by both factions, was reported unanimously for passage to the senate.

The bill as finally framed provides for a commission of three men at salaries of $5,000 a year to be appointed by the governor and approved by the senate, to have the power upon complaint and proof to readjust the rates which are made by the railroads, or to investigate rates without complaint being filed. The parties to any controversy may appeal to the courts, but the decisions of the commission are to be effective twenty days after announcement unless prevented by injunction.

Will Take Senatorship.

The assured passage of this measure will clear up the question as to whether or not Gov. La Follette will accept the United States senatorship, to which he was elected in January. It was declared by his friends that if an elective commission bill were passed he would refuse to go to Washington, but would be a candidate for the head of the commission.

The railroads are forbidden to grant rebates, make discrimination of any kind between shippers and must publish and keep in a conspicuous place for public use the schedules of tariffs, and no rates other than those published are to be offered to any shippers. Penalties for violation of the law are provided from $100 to $10,000. Any shipper who accepts a rebate is liable to a fine of $50 to $100. The bill allows the so-called "group, zone, concentration, commodity and transit" rates, but these must be open to all shippers of the locality alike.

Kills Patent Medicine Bill.

The senate killed the Noble patent medicine bill, proposing to require alcoholic or narcotic remedies to be labeled as to their ingredients. It was opposed by publishers, who declare it would drive patent medicines out of the Wisconsin market and would cut off valuable lines of advertising.

BIGELOW SCHEDULE NOT FILED

Attorneys for Banker Say List Will Never Be Completed.

Milwaukee, Wis., dispatch: There will be no amended schedule to the assets and liabilities of ex-Banker Frank G. Bigelow, who filed a petition in bankruptcy. The attorneys for the former banker stated that new items were coming in daily and they did not believe a complete schedule would ever be known. The preliminary examination of Henry G. Goll, the former assistant cashier of the First National bank, was continued for ten days. United States Commissioner Bloodgood fixed bail pending the examination at $15,000.

INSECT KILLS THE BOLL WEEVIL

Texans Discover Bug That Destroys Pest of Cotton Growers.

Waco, Texas, dispatch: Chief Howard of the entomological bureau, department of agriculture at Washington, has been notified of the discovery in Falls county, Texas, of a peculiar bug which is destroying the boll weevil. The insect was found on the plantation of J. T. Davis of Waco. It is expected that Mr. Howard will send an expert to classify the bug and arrange for its propagation if it is found as destructive to the weevil as reported.

FALLS 1,400 FEET DOWN A SHAFT

Cage in Hecla Mine Drops When Cable Snaps, but Men Survive.

Calumet, Mich., dispatch: The cable attached to a passenger cage in the Red Jacket shaft of the Calumet and Hecla copper mine broke Friday while thirty-four men were being lowered into the mine. The cage and men dropped 1,400 feet before the safety catches stopped the descent. Several of the men sustained minor injuries during the wild plunge, but none were seriously hurt.

WAVERLY (MO.) BANK IS CLOSED

Cashier Is Said to Have Disappeared With Funds of Institution.

Jefferson City, Mo., dispatch: The Middleton bank in Waverly, Mo., has failed for $20,000. Secretary of State Swanger received notice that the cashier, E. H. Lewis, is accused of disappearing with $20,000 of the funds. The capital stock of the institution is $15,000. The secretary of state has closed the bank and will send one of his clerks there immediately to take charge.

Eloquence Shut Off.

Supreme Court Justice Hasbrouck, who succeeded D. Cady Herrick on the bench, has a tender regard for young attorneys. The reason for this feeling was created by a little experience which befell him early in his public career. When but 23 years old he was sent from the Second district of Ulster county to represent it in the state assembly. Imbued with a full sense of his importance, he had the temerity to get upon his feet in opposition to a pending measure. He had talked for some moments, and was waxing eloquent, as he thought, when an old member whispered behind his hand in a tone that could be heard in every corner of the assembly chamber:

"Sit down, babe; sit down."

The young assemblyman's eloquence had a stroke of apoplexy.—New York Times.

A Subject for Chiropody.

General Nelson A. Miles relates the story of a cowboy guide who put up one night at a tavern that was, by reason of some festivity in the little town in which it was located, taxed to its capacity. The guide found himself placed in a room with a stranger, but the tavern keeper assured him that the arrangement would prove satisfactory for the reason that his bedfellow was a mild-mannered man from the East. Somewhat tired, the guide retired early. Determined to have at least half of the bed, he strapped his spurs to his ankles. Apparently the went to bed, was seriously inconvenienced by the conduct of the Eastern man, when he eventually turned, for during the night he awoke the guide and said:

"Pardon me, sir; but, if you're a gentleman, you will trim your toe nails."—Success Magazine.

A Tale of Suffering.

Oakley, Mich., May 8th.—(Special)—"I could not sleep or rest in any place," says Florence Capen of this place in a recent interview, "I had a pain in my back and hips. If I sat down I could not get up out of my chair. I was in pain all the time. I got poor for I did not eat enough to keep a small child. I could not rest nights.

"Then I sent for a box of Dodd's Kidney Pills and went to taking them and what do you think, that very night I went to bed and I slept till morning. I got up and thanked God for the night's rest and Dodd's Kidney Pills. I know that Dodd's Kidney Pills are all that is claimed for them."

This is only one of the numerous experiences that show the way to build up run down people is to cure the kidneys. Thousands of people in every state bear witness to the fact that Dodd's Kidney Pills never fail to cure the kidneys.

Another Pest in Australia.

Victoria is the largest fruit-producing state in Australia. About ten years ago a few pairs of English starlings were introduced, with the expectation that they would help to keep down the insects that infest fruit trees. The birds have raised five broods a year and the few pairs have now become myriads. The laws passed for their protection have been repealed and apparently futile efforts are being made to exterminate them, for they have become the worst enemy of the Australian fruit industry. All kinds of fruits, from the grape and strawberry to the apple and peach, have become their favorite food, and they save the farmers the trouble of harvesting. Brought in as a blessing, they are now a pest.

With the coming of May, Hudson River navigation opens, and both the day line and the night boats—palaces of elegance and models of comfort—will be once again in active service. Travel the earth over one will find no more beautiful water trip than this journey up or down the historic river that flows majestically through a valley of peace, still bearing the footsteps and scars of battle; still echoing with the sounds of war.—From "Vest Pocket Confidences," in Four-Track News for May.

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"I hate to tell you."

"Why?"

"It's jiu-jitsu and I can't pronounce it."

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A JUDGE'S WIFE

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"Fortunately a member of our Order advised me to try Peruna and gave it such high praise that I decided to try it. Although I started in with little faith, I felt so much better in a week that I felt encouraged.

"I took it faithfully for seven weeks and am happy indeed to be able to say that I am entirely cured.

"Words fail to express my gratitude. Perfect health once more is the best thing I could wish for, and thanks to Peruna, I enjoy that now."

Pain in the back, or on the right side.

How often a physician hears this complaint!

Over and over we hear women say "I have a pain in the small of my back. I have a pain in my right side, just below the ribs."

These symptoms indicate pelvic or abdominal catarrh.

They indicate that the bowels are not acting properly—that the liver is out of order—that the pelvic organs are congested.

Pelvic catarrh—that is the name for it.

Peruna cures pelvic catarrh, when all of these symptoms disappear.

The catarrh may be in all of the abdominal organs, when it would be properly called abdominal catarrh.

At any rate, it is one of those cases of internal catarrh which can be reached only by a course of treatment with Peruna.

We have on file thousands of testimonials similar to the above. It is impossible here to give our readers more than one or two specimens of the number of grateful and commendatory letters Dr. Hartman is constantly receiving in behalf of his famous catarrh remedy, Peruna.

Mrs. Carrie King, Darlington, Mo., writes:

"I have suffered for years with biliousness, and kidney and liver trouble.

"If I caught a little cold, the pains were increased and backache and headache were of frequent occurrence.

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Grind your LION COFFEE fine. For ordinary coffee, one tablespoonful to each cup, and one extra for the pot. First mix it with a little cold water, enough to make a thick paste, and add about half of an egg (if egg is to be used as a settler), then follow one of the following rules:

1st. WITH BOILING WATER. Add boiling water, and let it boil THREE MINUTES ONLY. Add a little cold water and set aside five minutes to settle. Serve promptly.

2d. WITH COLD WATER. Add your cold water to the paste and bring it to a boil. Then set aside, add a little cold water, and in five minutes it's ready to serve.

3 DON'TS { Don't boil it too long. Don't let it stand more than ten minutes before serving. Don't use water that has been boiled before.

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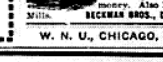

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