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ATLANTIC COUNTY RECORD

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NEW DRAFT DESIGNED TO TAKE MEN WHO CAN BEST BE SPARED

PROVOST MARSHAL MAKES AIMS PLAIN IN STATEMENT

DELAY IN SENDING FIRST DRAFT

NO WORD YET AS TO WHEN BALANCE OF QUOTA WILL BE CALLED

NO SECOND DRAFT UNTIL SPRING

ARMY QUICKLY AVAILABLE BUT SUPPLIES ARE HARDER TO GET

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PERSONAL HAPPENINGS AT THE COUNTY CAPITAL

Recent Visitors, and Other Incidents Bunched For Quick Reading.

Join the Red Cross and "do your bit!" Buy your Christmas gifts at the M. E. Fair.

Private Burton Abbott was home over Sunday from Camp Dix.

The annual county born contest will be held to-day at the Court House.

The M. E. Fair opened yesterday and will continue this afternoon and evening.

The Red Cross needs you and your help and your influence and it needs you now.

Membership in the Red Cross costs only one dollar a year; you can't afford not to join.

Mr. Angel B. Crowell is improving his residence at Gravelly Run by a six-room addition.

The Missionary Society will meet next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Theresa Denmead.

Mrs. Albert C. Abbott attended a meeting of the Atlantic City Red Cross Chapter Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Joseph Villaco, of Cincinnati, Cortlandt Co., N. Y., was here Tuesday last as the guest of relatives.

The "Marriage of the Midgots" given by the public school children Tuesday evening last, was a decided success.

Sourkraut and baked beans! Eat 'em for your supper and be happy at the Fair to-night in the M. E. Church basement.

Mr. Stanley F. Evans, of the Senior Class of Princeton Theological Seminary, will preach in the Presbyterian Church to-morrow.

Mr. L. W. Ormsby, who is spending the winter in Philadelphia, was down Tuesday and Wednesday looking after her residence.

A delegation of members of the O. U. A. M. will take an auto trip this evening to West Creek to pay a visit to Eagle Council of that place.

Mr. Alfred Pratt is visiting his brother, James Pratt, at North Adams, Mass., who is critically ill, with but little hope for his recovery.

Mr. William L. Blair, Assemblyman-elect, and Mr. Charles Achenbach, who will succeed him as Treasurer for Mullica Township, were here Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas W. Smallwood has been appointed inspector by A. H. Nelson, County Engineer, on the repairs being made by Clark & Johnson to the town bridge.

Help raise the membership of the May's Landing Red Cross Branch to 500 by handing in your dollar for a year's dues. Men, women and children can join in this great war relief work.

Mr. Ralph S. Vannaman attended the meeting Saturday last in Trenton of the State Federation of School Boards and remained over the week-end, visiting Monday the Normal School at Newark.

Little Miss Bettie Jean, tipping the scales at eight pounds, arrived yesterday morning at the Atlantic City Hospital on her way to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira T. B. Smith. Both mother and Bettie are doing nicely.

Miss Bessie Morse, who graduated last Spring from the State Normal School and is now teaching at Woodridge, N. J., was home over Thanksgiving and spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Morse.

Mumps! Quite a number of boys and girls are suffering from this unpleasant and ugly beautiful ailment and the school attendance has been lowered on account of it, for the afflicted youngsters are not allowed to attend.

Mr. Charles H. English, Assistant Prosecutor of Mercer County, with his wife and son Jack, spent several days here with his sister, Mrs. Albert C. Abbott and enjoyed several gunning trips in various parts of the county.

"The Record" will be a welcome home letter fifty-two times during the coming year to that relative or friend who away at work, or in the army, if you enter his subscription as a Christmas gift. What else so valuable to him can you purchase for \$1.25?

Contributions are asked for monthly by children of grammar and high school grades of our town to buy food and if possible shelter for the starving children of countries at war against the Central Empires. Last month the pupils of the above named grades contributed sufficient to keep two children in food for one month.

Fire escapes are being erected on the High School building, this being made necessary by State requirement, though members of the Board of Education believe the expense a needless one. The three exits from the building and wide halls leading to each are more of a protection than the customary outside escapes.

The Presto Girls were entertained at the home of Miss Lena Keare Tuesday evening last. Following a business meeting, dancing and games were enjoyed. Those present: Margaret Layton, Pearl and Mary Jenkins, Edna Nolan, Margaret Yetter, Marion Shaver, Delores Loyd, Lena Keare, Raymond Keare and Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Keare.

In the Post Office will be found posted the Membership Roll of the May's Landing Red Cross Branch, containing 200 names. Is your name there? If not, enroll now! If it is there, look over the list and see how many names you can think of that are not there, that should be there, and urge them to join. Every member get a member, three or four. If you can! If everyone helps, the roll will soon contain 500 names.

A delightful Thanksgiving party was given Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barrett. After a number of games and a musical program, lunch was served. Among those present were: Mrs. A. Townsend, Miss Georgia Mason, Miss Anna Franz, of Atlantic City; Miss Dora E. Williams, of Ventnor; Miss Lydia Van Velt, of Linwood; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Townsend and Master Kenneth, Mr. Thomas Barrett and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barrett.

YOUNG GORN GROWERS GATHER FOR CONTEST

Annual County Meeting Here To-day At Court House

Young corn planters from all the rural sections of Atlantic County will gather here to-day at the Court House for the annual Corn Contest, in which a large number of valuable prizes will be awarded. There will also be contests for honors and prizes in white and sweet potatoes and canning of vegetables.

The corn will be judged in the morning and judging from the fine exhibits received, the contest is going to prove the best in the history of the county.

DRAFTEE'S ANSWERS NOT PUBLIC RECORDS

INFORMATION AS TO DEPENDENTS AND HEALTH CONFIDENTIAL

Fears of registrants that their private financial affairs, their physical condition and other information to be furnished by the questionnaires, will be made public, are quieted by a statement from the Provost Marshal General's office.

The answers they will give to the questions will be kept secret and for anyone connected with draft proceedings to give out information will be a criminal offense.

The Provost Marshal's statement is as follows: Many inquiries are made as to how far the information contained in the questionnaires will be available to the public.

An injunction might be worked to individuals if all the information elicited should be made public, and the following regulations were carefully drawn to cover this point:

The answers of any registrant concerning the condition of his health, mental or physical and other evidence and records upon the same subject, and the answers of any registrant under the head entitled "Dependency," except the names and addresses of the persons claimed to be dependent upon such registrant, shall not, without the consent of the registrant, be open to inspection by any person other than officials connected with the draft proceedings.

Any person connected with the administration of the selective service law who shall divulge to any person not entitled to receive the same, any information contained in a record as to a registrant's physical condition, or as to his answers concerning dependency shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment not to exceed one year.

The portions of such records as are held to be confidential shall not, without the consent of the registrant, be produced and published in response to any subpoena or summons of any court, except prosecutions for any violation of the selective service law.

Whenever any registrant or other person applies to a local or district board to inspect any of the records of such board, such board or other person shall not be permitted to search through such records, but it shall be the duty of members or clerks of local and district boards and other persons having custody of such records, to discover, open and point out to the registrant or other person, the portion of the record containing the information requested by such person so applying, subject to the limitations above.

READY TO "DO THEIR BIT" PRISONERS KNIT FOR ARMY

Mrs. Hogace Leads Starts Class of Ten Women in County Jail

Ten women inmates of the County Jail were given their first lesson Wednesday in knitting wool garments for soldiers by Mrs. Horace Leeds, who is in charge of the knitting work in Atlantic City and knitting needles are being busily on helmets in the women's wing for this was the first thing they were instructed how to make.

Next Wednesday Mrs. Leeds is coming up again to see what progress the "class" is making and to give them further instructions. She will also endeavor to organize a class among the male prisoners, who she believes can be taught to knit almost as well as the women and have something to do to pass away the long hours behind bars.

Sheriff Alfred J. Perkins is giving Mrs. Leeds all the assistance he can in the way of encouraging the prisoners, though he admits he cannot give them much actual help in the way of knitting instructions; but he attended the lesson Wednesday and picked up the rudiments of the art. The jail warden also attended the first lesson and hopes to qualify as an instructor—at least when asked what was going to do about it one of the wardens replied either "knit" or "nit."

Sheriff Perkins believes all the inmates should have something to do and by devoting themselves to knitting they can keep themselves employed for the present and at the same time help in a good way. Nothing in the way of permanent employment for the jail inmates is what the sheriff has in mind and it is to be hoped he will be successful in working out a solution of the problem, which has long puzzled county officials.

Surprised New Engineer.

Several Philadelphia friends of Mr. William Brennan, who recently left the General Electric Company to accept the position of chief engineer at the Water Power Company, ran down last Saturday evening and joined with a number of new acquaintances here in giving him a surprise party. Mr. James Headley acted as master of ceremonies and after greetings were over at Mr. Brennan's boarding place with Mr. and Mrs. George Abbott, conducted all hands to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kraus, where they were royally entertained and concluded the evening's pleasure with a beautiful dinner.

Mr. Brennan's guests from the city remained here overnight and left Sunday evening, voting May's Landing the "best place in Jersey." Those present Saturday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. George Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kraus, Miss Emma Florence, Laura and Lena Kraus, Mrs. James Headley, Mr. William Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. Gable, Misses Hazel Dawn and Sylvia Albenson, of Philadelphia; Miss Anna McMahon, Miss Ruth Adams, all of this place; Mr. George Vincent, of Palm Beach, Fla.; Messrs. John McVey, Richard Garman, Fred Wisner, Joseph O'Hara and Dr. William Kelly, of Philadelphia.

Birthday Bulletin.

Monday, Dec. 10—Elsie Jullin, 8; Harry Duberson, 10.

Tuesday, Dec. 11—Frank Duberson, 11; Anna Hazelton, 11.

Saturday, Dec. 15—John Masoli, 7; Mary Shrepps, 9.

Auto Licenses Ready.

Auto and drivers licenses for 1918 are now ready for distribution and can be secured from William L. Anderson, Agent, 14 South Main St. Pleasantville.

JOIN THE RED CROSS!

Are you a member of the Red Cross Branch? If not, why not? One year's membership costs only a dollar. No obligations are incurred to work or contribute further. One dollar pays for a "contributing member" and there should be 500 patriotic citizens here to join on Land's Landing. This membership is open to men, women and children. Every cent of the money is used directly for the great War Relief Work of the American Red Cross Society. Don't wait—Join now!

SPEECH AND ACCOMPLICES CONVICTED OF CONSPIRACY

Scathing Denunciation Made By Prosecutor Charles S. Moore.

It took the jury only a short time Wednesday to reach a verdict of guilty against Wilbur D. Speece, a former magistrate of Egg Harbor Township, and two of his fellow-conspirators who failed to appear, Daniel Hoff and Harry Bunn, on an indictment charging them with wrongfully arresting and extorting fines from autoists and others. Judge C. C. Shinn will impose sentence next Wednesday.

No more scathing denunciations of a defendant was given in the old Court House than that given Speece by Prosecutor Charles S. Moore, who personally conducted the case, but he began denouncing morning and went to the jury Wednesday afternoon. Using the plainest and most direct words he could select to express his disapproval of Speece's conduct, the Prosecutor denounced him emphatically and said he had degraded an office of high trust, one that was never designed to pay the holder enough to build a livelihood.

Reviewing the evidence, Prosecutor Moore declared that it was "conclusively established" that Speece had conspired with Hoff and Bunn to wrongfully arrest and extort fines from autoists and others. He stopped, however, when he found that Speece had conspired with a woman, and he put them under arrest and imposed heavy fines which the men paid to protect the women from notoriety. Arrests were made in which the warrant charged that the men and women were "hugging and kissing" which Speece held was "disorderly conduct" and rather than fight such an unjust accusation and bring the women into Court, the fines were invariably paid. "If hugging a woman is disorderly conduct," said Prosecutor Moore, "then there are few in this court's room who are not criminals. How would a man ever get a wife if he didn't have nerve enough to hug her?"

Speece's method was to run out upon the highways in an automobile, charging for "summons." When he and his confederates saw a car stopped by the roadside they would speed up to pass it, and after running for a distance they would stop and the officers walk back and "arrest" the parties.

Several thus arrested and fined various amounts took the stand, testifying that they stopped well off the road, with lights barking when arrested. One man admitted having money enough with him to pay the fine Speece imposed and the magistrate obligingly reduced the fine to the amount he had. The fines ranged from \$2.50 to \$5 and owing to the peculiar circumstances surrounding the arrests the State had a hard time finding witnesses willing to testify.

TWENTY MILE "BIKES" SHOW UP WEAKNESSES

Many Conscripts Cannot Stand Them Says Private Simpkins.

According to Private Daniel Simpkins, drafted from this place and sent to Camp Dix, who was sent to Camp Gordon, Georgia, the twenty-mile hikes given to the men through the mountains in that vicinity are showing up weaknesses among the young men and many of them are unable to stand the training. Those who cannot will likely be sent to other departments where the work will be less strenuous, and in some instances they may be sent to the States.

Writing to the "Record," Private Simpkins says: "We left Camp Dix for the South Friday, Nov. 18, and landed in Camp Gordon Sunday, Nov. 18, after a ride of two days and two nights. Camp Gordon is twelve miles East of Atlanta.

We were transferred from the Infantry to field artillery. Eighteen of the Atlantic County boys are in the field artillery.

"We don't have much drilling but we have plenty of hikes, about twenty miles a day up and down the mountain sides. It is quite warm days but cold nights. The boys feel at home down here and everything is going along satisfactorily. We have many good times at the Y. M. C. A., with free shows every night and everything we can ask for in the way of diversion.

"The Atlanta people put up a big club for the boys in camp at Atlanta, where we go Sundays, and we are often invited out to chicken dinner by residents, who do everything they can to show us a good time.

"A nice young girl comes out from Atlanta to give us free lessons in speaking French.

"Tocco Galloni may be sent home as he seems unable to stand the long hikes, which have put quite a number of the boys out of the game.

"Give my regards to all the boys and tell them I am happy and seeing a good time."

Private Simpkins' address is: 37th Battery, 10th Ir. Bn., F. A., 15th Depot Brigade, Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Georgia.

Steve Gilbert's "At Home."

Where the standpipe lays its shadow On a sunny afternoon; There a modest building stands now.

To one man a timely boon: It is quite a modest dwelling— Only has, in fact, one room; But 'sweet home' to one its spelling And Steve Gilbert is 'at home.'

It has parlor, hall and kitchen, Bedroom, dining room, in one; Tho' the view is not 'bewitchin,' Steve's contented 'heart need none.'

There's no scenery to Stun Him; It that oostake, than in Rome; For him, 'seem's he livin' in.' And Steve Gilbert is 'at home.'

So he asks a word of 'thank' to: For the friends who helped him out; Says that he is strictly frank; He doesn't know just whatabout He should go to show his feelings In the matter, but to come Right around, the latch string's hanging And Steve Gilbert is 'at home.'

The Practical Christmas Gift.

Celebrate Christmas with a new Maxwell car. The Maxwell cars are more popular every day. Three hundred happy owners of Maxwell cars in Atlantic County prove this. We will make it over five hundred before 1918. Is your loss if you are not one of the five hundred?

Disinclined with your old car trade it in for a new Model 1918 Maxwell. We make very liberal allowances for old cars in exchange for a Maxwell. The practical car is the beautiful Maxwell five-passenger touring car. Price only \$765. The only five-passenger car that runs twenty miles on one gallon of gasoline.

Don't delay. Place your order to-day with Harry W. Abbott, sales agent, May's Landing, N. J.—Adv.

First M. E. Church.

Services in the M. E. Church to-morrow as follows: Class meeting at 9:30. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at the usual hour. Epworth League, at 6:45 p. m. All welcome. Rev. W. S. Ledlow, Pastor.

House For Rent.

Apply P. O. Box 184, May's Landing.—Adv.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY SHOWN BY RECORDS

DEEDS TRANSCRIBED AT COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE RECENTLY

Atlantic City.

S. Stanger Izard, Esq. to George Hanenon, 60x110 ft. East side of 18th Ave. 141 ft. North of Beach Ave. etc. \$1.

Mahon W. Newton et. ux. to Savilla Bunker, 77 ft. 9 in. x 20 ft. Northwest corner of Atlantic Ave. and Aberdeen Place, \$20.50.

John S. Ingram et. ux. to Jules V. Cohen, 125 ft. N. North side of Atlantic Ave. 125 ft. West of Surrey Place, \$30.

Florence M. Riddle, et. vir. to Julia M. Bellor, 42x113 ft. Northeast corner of Brighton and Atlantic Ave. \$10.00.

Annie R. Joly et. vir. to Edwards-Bergdoll Taxicab Co. 60x150 ft. East side of Swarthmore Ave. 235 ft. North of Atlantic Ave. \$5,000.

Joseph Somers to Joseph R. Marlow, 2x75 ft. North side of Battle Ave. 84 ft. East of Missouri Ave. \$20.

Alfred J. Perkins, Sheriff to Anna E. Flint, Irreg. Northeast corner of Minnesota and Abbequay Ave. \$100.

Kathryn E. Lambert et. vir. to Isabella C. H. Spearick, 40x22.5 ft. East side of Kennedy Place, 275 ft. North of Atlantic Ave. \$100.

Joseph R. Bartlett, Sheriff to Mary Raynor, 62x110 ft. West side of Dartmouth Ave. 300 ft. South of Atlantic Ave. \$2,500.

Alfred J. Perkins, Sheriff to Newton Kelm, Irreg. Northeast corner of Troy and Montmouth Ave. etc. \$100.

William Fretzhofer et. ux. to Lewis B. Glenn, 42x80 ft. East side of Richmond Ave. 74 ft. North of Atlantic Ave. \$100.

Victor B. Fisher et. ux. to William Fretzhofer, 15x185 ft. Southwest corner of Oxford Ave. 110 ft. East of 110th St. \$250.

Joseph Wilson et. ux. to Lottie Gibson, 75x93 ft. East side of Ohio Ave. 75 ft. North of Grant Ave. \$450.

Elizabeth Grant to John J. Magan, 60x110 ft. Southwest corner of Atlantic and 13th Ave. \$1.

John J. Magan et. ux. to Emerson Conrad, described as above, \$1.

Hamilton Township.

Gilbert & O'Callaghan to John J. Levy, farm lot No. 341 as shown on plan of farm lots of Gilbert & O'Callaghan and known as Tract 35, \$1.

David Kaskey et. ux. to Paris Aaron, lots Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10 in section 50 on plan of Mizpah, \$1.

William Gardner et. ux. to Anna Goebel, garden plots at W. 2d St. on plan of Farm and Garden plots at W. 2d St. and Trent E. St. \$1.

Charles L. Hartman, Jr. et. ux. to May's Landing Water Power Co. beginning at a stake and stone for the 4th corner of lot of Mary O'Leary, containing 1 acre, more or less, \$800.

Daniel B. Frazer et. ux. to Giuseppe Barlet, lot Nos. 7, 8, 9 in block 18 on plan of lots in May's Landing, \$300.

Hamilton.

Charles C. Demarrot et. ux. to Antonio Campaella et. ux. 57x132 ft. Northeast side of Messina Ave. 98 ft. Northwest from a stone marking North corner of Pleasant St. and Messina Ave. \$1,150.

Matteo Rubba et. ux. et. al. to Giuseppe Coscia et. ux. lots Nos. 25, 26 and 28 on plan of lots belonging to Habba & Foglietto, \$300.

Pleasantville.

Crawford M. Townsend to Charles Frankos et. ux. 50x105 ft. Northeast side of Broad St. 150 ft. Southwest of New Road, \$250.

John M. Fleming et. ux. to Harris Brothers Clear Co. Inc. 30x140 ft. East side of Broad Street Ave. 65 ft. from North side of Washington Ave. intersects the same, etc. \$20.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS AND REAL ESTATE NEWS

Cancelled Mortgages, Releases and Others Entered at Clerk's Office.

Cancellation of Mortgages, Atlantic City. Annie H. Joly to Hamilton, Headley, lots 150 ft. East side North Carolina Ave. 110 ft. South of Artie Ave. \$2,350.

Lizzie Kelley to Alfred Cooper, 40x90 ft. North side Pacific Ave. 130 ft. West of Hartford Ave. \$4,500.

Mary D. Wootton to Solomon S. Koller, Irreg. North side Pacific Ave. 300 ft. East of Albany Ave. \$1,500.

William B. Kandle to Mary A. Betzold, 3x 61 ft. West side Massachusetts Ave. 190 ft. North of Oriental Ave. \$3,000.

Hampton Brothers Co. to Joseph E. Johnson, 30x22.5 ft. East side Troy Ave. 320 ft. North of Winchester Ave. \$683.

William H. H. Smith to Alice C. Rhoads, 4x 80 ft. East side United States Ave. 300 ft. North of Pacific Ave. \$5,000.

Abel Spearick to Cornelius J. Kelly, 32x100 ft. North side Atlantic Ave. 20 ft. West of Maryland Ave. \$15,000.

John J. Roseworth to Alwin Kirsch, 27x 60 ft. East side Metropolitan Ave. 150 ft. South of Atlantic Ave. \$1,200.

New Amsterdam Realty Co. to Pennsylvania Trust Co. 40x100 ft. West side Massachusetts Ave. 110 ft. North of Atlantic Ave. \$15,000.

One of Her Irons in the Fire

By ETHEL HOLMES.

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I have always believed in marriage, domestic life, children, and all that. There is nothing of the strong woman about me. I naturally cling to something stronger than myself; I am one of those stupid creatures whom men usually prefer to women more like themselves. Why they do so I am unable to understand.

I was very fond of Charlie Owens, but Charlie was not much to cling to, and though he loved me I was unwilling to marry him because I feared that poverty would fly in at the door and at the same time love would fly out at the window.

If I was stupid I had sense enough to turn Charlie down. But there my sense ended. I was bound to find someone to cling to, and since I knew no man who wanted me or I wanted, I resorted to an advertisement. Not that I condemn advertising, for I don't know anything about it, but advertising for a husband or a wife is not usually resorted to by persons of good sense.

I received two replies, one from a countryman evidently not highly educated, and another from a person who by his chirography, English and evident delicacy I judged to be a gentleman. He signed himself Emory Perkins. He said he knew by the tenor of my advertisement that I was a lady, that he was looking for a wife, and saw no reason why he should not find one through the medium of a newspaper than any other article he wanted.

Mr. Perkins and I fell into quite a correspondence. He did not seem to be in a hurry to meet me, saying that he was expecting every day to make a lot of money. It would be time enough to meet me when he could offer me a home. This looked a little as if he were one of those men with "irons in the fire," but he was too honorable to proceed with his suit until he could make me comfortable so I did not drop him. Besides, his letters were delightful.

This was in the third year of the big war and congress had voted a large sum for aviation. All the inventors in the United States were trying to add some improvement to the air machine model which was to be copied in large numbers. One morning I read in a newspaper that someone had produced a substance very light and not inflammable, which was being tested as material for certain parts of the government airplane.

In a letter to him I enclosed the article and joyously accused him of being the inventor referred to. He replied joyously, asking me how I had learned his secret.

At this time Charlie Owens came to see me very seldom. This pleased me. One day on meeting him on the street I asked him why he did not come to see me any oftener. He said that he was very busy. One of the irons he had in the fire was boiling up. He was not sure but that he was about to make a fortune. If he did he would have plenty of time to spend with me. I laughed at him, calling him Johnny Look-in-the-Air. He retorted that it was better to look up than to look down and hurried on.

I was beginning to despair of getting a husband and about to make up my mind to advertise for a position in which I could make my living by my own exertions, when suddenly the situation was completely altered. I saw in a newspaper the announcement that the standard model for the airplanes to be constructed for the government had been decided upon and contracts for hundreds of thousands had been let.

"Well," I remarked, "I dare say some unit's iron in the fire has been turned into gold."

Suddenly I spoke the words which had been a ring at the doorbell and the postman tapped in the mail. One of the letters was from my matrimonial correspondent. I opened it and read:

"A matter of business which I have had on hand for some time—an iron in the fire," I supposed to myself. "This materialized, and in consequence, my meeting with you, and each other. I am in a position to offer you a home. I therefore beg that you will grant me an interview."

"Tonight my dear," Not that I was about to come face to face with a woman I had never seen, I drew back. All of a sudden it rushed upon me that I was about to give up the only man I loved. The situation, in case we should not be introduced to each other, was such that I was unable to do anything for me and Charlie Owens, who was always looking in the fire for a fortune.

Common sense prevailed over love. I made an appointment for the next evening to receive my matrimonial correspondent.

When the doorbell rang sharply at the appointed time it sent a tremor through me, then a footstep in the hall, and Charlie Owens stood in the doorway.

"Sweetheart," he said, "one of my irons in the fire has brought me a fortune. My airplane material is a success. I shall reap a million; will you share it with me?"

"And you are my correspondent?" I asked.

"Yes, I saw your note containing your advertisement on the table before you posted it."

"One of my own 'irons in the fire' has materialized. I am engaged to Charlie.

Practice at driving. "He is pretty good at driving a truth home."

"Yes; he's good at driving anything home. He started in early life with cows."

Finland has an area of 144,210 square miles, of which one-sixth is water, owing to the innumerable lakes in the interior of the country.

What a Worm Did

By F. A. MITCHELL.

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"If you Americans want to get possession of Mexico, you don't need to raise a big army for the purpose. All you have to do is to outlast all the professional gamblers in the United States, furnish them with ample funds, and send them down there to win the country for you."

The words were spoken by a man who had lived most of his life in Mexico, and had traveled much in Central and South America.

"The people of those regions are all gamblers," the speaker continued, "and if a sufficient force of sharpers were sent among them every foot of ground, and every article on it would soon be in their possession. Thus the gamblers, or those they represented, could meet in convention, vote annexation to the United States, and the trick would be done."

"I spent a winter in Brazil and every evening as soon as the day's work was finished, the set to which I belonged adjourned to the back yard of an old fellow named Pappado, who had a roulette wheel he had made himself, and spent the time far into the night gambling. The roulette wheel was made of wood, and there was a cover for it, which was put on while the ball was still spinning so that the betting could be carried on indefinitely.

"Some of the gamblers played for the enjoyment they got out of the game, and some played to earn the money on which they lived. None of them was very scrupulous, and would have cheated if they could. I taught them the American game of poker, but there was so much opportunity for dishonesty in it that it was not fitted for them. Every player was bent on cheating, and the game soon broke up in a row.

"There was among them a young Brazilian who had a very pretty wife. He had a small patrimony, which he was gradually eating up. He won about as much as he lost, but he had to live. It was really a case of eating his little fortune. His wife usually sat beside him, sometimes sewing, and when their baby was wakeful she would hold him in her arms. The man's name was José Gomez, and his wife Maria, for the Virgin.

"If Gomez won a hundred pesos one evening, lost a hundred the next, and was ahead in the game twenty-five at the end of the week, he considered that he was twenty-five pesos to the good; though he had spent a hundred. His wife took the same view of the matter.

"At the time I joined the circle the little fortune of the young couple had been nearly eaten up and it had become apparent to them that that was so. They were looking anxious. José was betting bravely. Pappado bet like the others, and won or lost like they did. He charged nothing for the use of the wheel, seeming to play for amusement only. But one night he began to show a gambler's greed. He won a good pile on red five; and after that it was noticed that whenever he bet largely it was on red five.

"There is a worm down in that element that gets into furniture, and holes and holes and holes till nothing but a chair that looks perfectly strong, but at the first touch it collapses. This statement thrust in here seems to have nothing to do with my story; the truth is, the story hangs upon it.

"Pappado continued occasionally to bet of red five, taking care not to attract the attention of the others to the fact that it was a winner. When he won on it he invariably bet the next time on some other number. He said that he didn't believe in fighting striking the same place twice. Sometimes he would not bet once on it till the wheel had been spun many times. I was not playing myself, and had an opportunity to watch the others. I noticed that whenever Pappado bet on red five, just when the ball was heard to drop, his countenance assumed a very pleased and expectant expression.

"I took an interest in José Gomez, his little wife and innocent babe, and one day I confided to him my suspicion that Pappado had some way of knowing where the ball dropped into red five. José said nothing to me in reply, but it was evident that he was doing a good deal of thinking.

"The next evening came the crisis. Pappado did not bet on red five till eleven o'clock, when he laid a hundred pesos on it. José immediately laid a hundred pesos on another number, black nine. Pappado laid five hundred more on red five. José laid one thousand of black nine. The others dropped out. I was astonished to see the two who remained bring out so much money. They bet on and on till many thousand pesos were exhausted. The cover was lifted. Black nine had won.

"Gomez gave me the explanation. A worm had bored under red five, thus causing the ball to make a hollow sound when the ball dropped into the compartment. When Pappado heard the sound he bet. Upon my confiding my suspicion to José he examined the wheel when alone, and hearing the secret, bored another hole which let the ball through red five into black nine.

"Whether was to sin unfairly, I preferred it should be José. He regained his money."

The largest Spanish chestnut tree in the world grows on the slopes of Mount Etna. It is said that 100 soldiers and their horses once found shelter beneath it from rain.

"Are you really happy, my dear?" "Yes, mother. George and I have already had our first quarrel, and now that it's over with, we're nothing more to worry about."—Detroit Free Press.

Practice at driving. "He is pretty good at driving a truth home."

"Yes; he's good at driving anything home. He started in early life with cows."

LEGAL.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, to me directed, issued out of the New Jersey Court of Chancery, will be sold at public vendue, on WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF DECEMBER, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN,

at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, in the Court Room No. 20, Second Floor, Guaranty Trust Building, in the City of Atlantic City, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey,

All of certain real estate premises with the appurtenances, in the full of complaint, in the said writ directed, to-wit:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Monument Avenue, Portland Avenue, less certain from thence (1) Eastwardly in the Northernly line of Monument Avenue 150 feet; thence (2) Northernly parallel with Portland Avenue 300 feet more or less to Leslie Thoroughfare; thence (3) Westwardly along said Leslie Thoroughfare 150 feet to the East only line of Portland Avenue; thence (4) Southwardly in the Easternly line of Portland Avenue 100 feet more or less to the Northernly line of Monument Avenue; thence (5) Southwardly parallel with Portland Avenue 100 feet more or less to the Northernly line of Monument Avenue; thence (6) Southwardly in the Northernly line of Monument Avenue 100 feet more or less to the place of beginning, being lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 11 and 13 in block 56 above mentioned.

Beginning at the land and premises described as beginning at the Northwest corner of Monument and Portland Avenues and extending Westwardly along Portland Avenue 100 feet more or less; thence (1) Westwardly parallel with Monument Avenue 100 feet more or less to the Northernly line of Portland Avenue; thence (2) Southwardly parallel with Portland Avenue 100 feet more or less to the Northernly line of Monument Avenue; thence (3) Southwardly in the Northernly line of Monument Avenue 100 feet more or less to the place of beginning, being lots 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 in block 56 above mentioned.

Seized as the property of Ventnor Finance Company, of the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, and in the full of complaint, in the said writ directed, to-wit:

Beginning at a point in the East line of Strand (now Gladstone) Avenue two hundred and twenty-four feet North of the East line of Atlantic Avenue and runs thence (1) Eastwardly parallel with Atlantic Avenue eighty feet to the East line of Strand (now Gladstone) Avenue; thence (2) Southwardly parallel with Atlantic Avenue 100 feet to the East line of Strand (now Gladstone) Avenue; thence (3) Southwardly in the East line of Strand (now Gladstone) Avenue forty-two feet to the place of beginning.

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Court and County Officers.

Supreme Court Justice—Hon. Charles O. Black. Circuit Court Judge—Hon. Howard Carrow. Law Judge—Hon. Clifton C. Shuman. County Clerk—Edwin A. Parker. Deputy County Clerk—Burton A. Gaskill. Sheriff—Alfred J. Perkins. Deputy Sheriff—Joseph R. Bartlett. Surrogate—Albert C. Abbott. Deputy Surrogate—George T. Yetter. County Collector—Knoch L. Johnson. County Auditor—Abraham H. Elgabee. County Solicitor—E. A. Higbee. Prosecutor of the Pleas—Charles S. Moore. Asst. Prosecutor—W. E. B. van Jr. Jur. Commissioner—Wm. G. Senneman. Court Stenographer—Claude W. Myrow. County Physician—Louis R. Souder. Superintendent County Asylum for Insane—Dr. Henry C. Mayo. Steward of the Almshouse—Dr. Henry C. Mayo. County Superintendent of Schools—Henry M. Crossman. County Engineer—A. H. Nelson. County Surveyor of Roads—Japhet Price. Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings—Daniel F. Vaughn. Superintendent of Weights and Measures—Edward W. Strickland. Comptroller—Richard Bow, Atlantic City. (Charles Cunningham, Hammonont; Harry L. Harley, Pleasantville. Senator—Hon. Emerson L. Richards. County Assessor—Hon. Irving Parsons and Hon. Bertam E. Whitman. Representative in Congress—Hon. Isaac Hechler.

City and Township Clerks.

Absecon City—Samuel Johnson. Atlantic City—Joseph A. McNamee. Brigantine City—E. R. Smith. Buena Vista Township—Douglas Reed, Newfoundland. Egg Harbor City—William Morgenweck J. Egg Harbor Township—Charles L. Smith, English Creek. Folsom—D. M. Roderfer, Folsom. Galloway Township—Harry H. Holzer, Pomerania. Hamilton Township—Thompson G. Hoover, May's Landing. Hammonont—W. R. Seely, Hammonont. Linwood—James Farish, Linwood. Longport—William S. Gilmore, Longport. Mullica Township—Geo. Cusell, Elwood. Margate City—Wm. A. McArdie, Margate City. Northfield City—Eugene Swilley, Northfield City. Pleasantville—Nehemiah Andrews, Pleasantville. Port Republic City—Clark A. Johnson, Port Republic. Somers Point City—James E. Seall, Somers Point. Ventnor City—E. Stehman Royal, Ventnor City. Weymouth Township—Ralph T. Bailey, Tuckahoe.

Tax Assessors And Addresses.

Absecon—William B. Riley, Absecon. Atlantic City—Board of Assessors, Atlantic City. Brigantine City—W. Boldzkom, Brigantine City. Buena Vista Twp.—O. E. Seale, Vineland. Egg Harbor Twp.—W. Hattenstein, Absecon. Egg Harbor City—Henry G. Regenbarg, Egg Harbor City. Folsom—Louis Schultz, Folsom. Galloway Twp.—Charles Stuckel, R. F. D., Egg Harbor City. Hammonont Twp.—Harry Jenkins, May's Landing. Hammonont—Benj. Foglietta and George Kerry, Hammonont. Linwood—Richard J. Gilmore, Longport. Longport—William S. Gilmore, Longport. Margate City—Wm. A. McArdie, Margate City. Mullica Twp.—H. Tapken, Egg Harbor City. Northfield—W. W. Kraus, Northfield. Pleasantville—G. H. Bates, Pleasantville. Port Republic—Joseph H. Loveland, Port Republic. Somers Point—First Ward, John L. Alliger; Second Ward, S. S. Steinhorn, Somers Point. Ventnor—P. E. Howard, Ventnor. Weymouth Township—Hosea F. Madden, Tuckahoe.

County Tax Collectors.

Absecon City—Jesse S. Showell, Absecon. Atlantic City—Lewis L. Mathis, Atlantic City. Brigantine City—B. D. Smith, Brigantine City. Buena Vista Twp.—A. C. Duggell, Vineland. Egg Harbor City—E. Koster, Egg Harbor City. Egg Harbor Twp.—Benj. C. Lee, Egg Harbor City. Folsom—Thomas Chalpers, Folsom. Galloway Twp.—James Somers, Oceanville. Hammonont—C. W. Abbott, May's Landing. Hammonont—A. B. Davis, Hammonont. Linwood—Curtis Somers, Longport. Mullica Township—Frank Edwards, Elwood. Pleasantville—A. G. Getzen, Jr., Margate City. Northfield—Somers J. Adams, Northfield. Pleasantville—Walter Price, Pleasantville. Port Republic—Wm. C. Collins, Port Republic. Somers Point City—A. V. Dore, Somers Point. Ventnor City—James G. Seall, Ventnor City. Weymouth Twp.—L. Reese, R.F.D., Tuckahoe.

Hamilton Township Directory.

Township Committee—Harrison Wilson, Chairman; James A. Lambert and Curtis Hamilton. Assessor of Taxes—Harry Jenkins. Collector of Taxes—Clark W. Abbott. Constables—John Renze, Joseph Duperson, John Abbott and Samuel Taylor. Justices of the Peace—James A. Lambert, Maurice F. Aaron and Andrew Gillispie. Recorder—James A. Lambert. Treasurer—James A. Lambert. Board of Education—Ralph S. Vanaman, President; Harry Jenkins, Archie H. Smith, Curtis Hazelton, Hubert H. Abbott, John J. Buebeck, Henry Hoefler, Wilmer A. Abbott, Alex. P. Deemead, Trust Officer, James H. Hoover, Clerk, Archie H. Smith. Relief House Company—Dr. H. C. James, President; Alex. P. Deemead, Secretary; I. W. Cramer, Chief.

Roster of County Mayors.

Absecon—Harry Mattson, Sr. Atlantic City—Harry Bucharach. Brigantine City—Alfred R. Smith. Egg Harbor City—George Mueller. Folsom—John C. Ely. Hammonont—Thomas C. Ely. Linwood—William Seall. Longport—Ralph Hancock. Margate City—Henry F. Gertzen. Northfield City—William Boice. Pleasantville—Thomas F. Crawford. Port Republic—Thomas Turner. Somers Point—Robert N. Chley. Ventnor City—Theodore W. Schlumpf.

Hamilton Township Road Overseers.

District No. 1, Gravelly Run, John Buebeck. District No. 2, May's Landing, John Smith. District No. 3, Cologne, Christian Schrupf. District No. 4, Weymouth, Fountain Gale. District No. 5, Mizpah, John Otto. District No. 6, Du Costa, Otto Daninger.

Notice of Fire Alarms.

The alarm signals are as follows: 1 short blast, North of Fire Station; 2 short blasts, East of Fire Station; 3 short blasts, South of Fire Station; 4 short blasts, West of Fire Station. All whistles are to be preceded with one long blast as an alarm of fire.

Freeholder Committees.

Absecon—William I. Black, Frank Swaboda, F. Fraley Doughty, Ernest W. Shackelford, Robert L. Fitzgerald, John B. Tomlin, Ashley Garrison. Ayclum and Almshouse—Taylor L. Haines, Edwin Robinson, John P. Ashmead, Alfred B. Smith, Warren Ryan, Cyrus F. Osgood, John B. Tomlin. Buena Vista—Dominick Corriglia, John Hauselmann, F. Fraley Doughty, Ernest W. Shackelford, Charles W. Clements, George Webb, Clark Adams, Frank Swaboda, Ashley Garrison. Bridge—J. Harry Fulmer, Edwin Robinson, John Hauselmann, Allen Tallman, John B. Tomlin, Frank Swaboda. Public Buildings—William A. Blair, Ira T. B. Smith, J. Harry Fulmer, Dominick Corriglia, John P. Ashmead, Allen Tallman, Norrie Smith. Foreclosure Recognizance—Frank McKean, Charles W. Clements, Ira T. B. Smith, William Seall. Ordinances—John B. Tomlin, Warren Ryan, William Seall, Ira T. B. Smith, William A. Blair. Soldiers' Burial—Cyrus F. Osgood, Alfred B. Smith, Joseph M. Collins, Frank McKean, William Seall. Discharge of Prisoners—Warren Ryan, William A. Blair, William I. Black, George Webb, Clark Adams. Printing and Stationery—Robert Fitzgerald, Taylor Haines, John P. Ashmead, Edwin Robinson, Allen Tallman. Library—Charles W. Clements, Allen Tallman, William Seall, Frank Swaboda.

Members of Chosen Freeholders.

Absecon City—John B. Tomlin, 1st ward; E. Shackelford, 2nd ward; Robert Fitzgerald, 3rd ward; Frank Swaboda, 4th ward. Absecon City—Edwin Robinson, 1st ward; F. Fraley Doughty, 2nd ward. Buena Vista Township—Dominick Corriglia, R. D., East Vineland. East Atlantic City—1st ward, Norris Smith; Alfred B. Smith, 2nd ward. Egg Harbor City—Samuel Winterbottom, Egg Harbor City. Egg Harbor Township—William Seall, Linwood. Galloway Township—John Hauselmann, Cologne. Hamilton Township—Ira T. B. Smith, May's Landing. Hammonont—William I. Black, Cyrus F. Osgood. Margate City—George Webb, Margate City. Mullica Township—William I. Blair, Elwood. Northfield City—Walter J. Ryan, 1st ward; Bakersfield, 2nd ward; William Oxley. Pleasantville—John P. Ashmead, 1st ward; Clark Adams, 2nd ward. Port Republic City—Joseph M. Collins, 1st ward; Ashley Garrison, 2nd ward. Somers Point City—Allen Tallman, 1st ward; Charles W. Clements, 2nd ward. Ventnor City—Taylor Haines, 1st ward; J. Harry Fulmer, 2nd ward. Weymouth Township—Frank McKean, Tuckahoe.

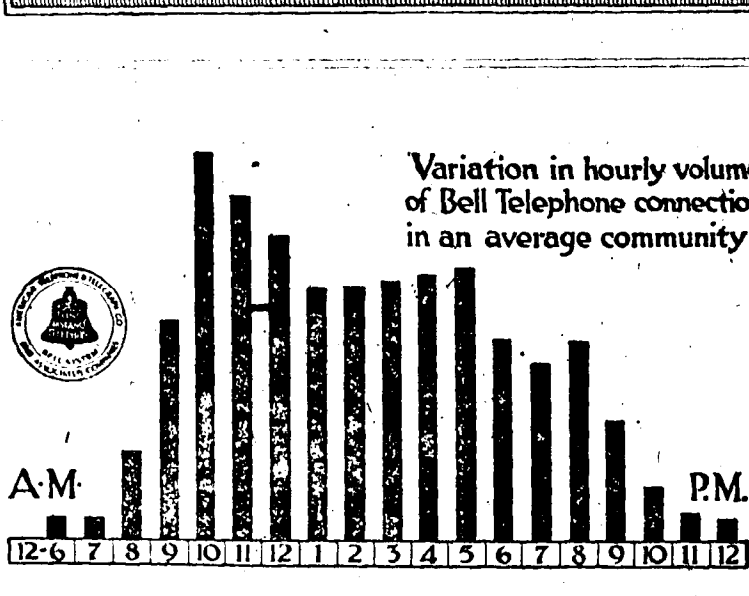
Fish and Game Seasons.

Quail, rabbit, squirrel, male English ring-necked pheasant, ruffed grouse, prairie chicken and Hungarian partridge—November 10 to December 15. Wild turkey—closed season until March 15, 1918. Female English ring-necked pheasant—closed season until April 15, 1918. Reed bird—September and October. Woodcock—October 10 to November 30. Brook, brown and rainbow trout and land-locked salmon—April 1 to July 15. Black bass, Oswego bass, white bass, crappie and pike perch—June 15 to November 30. Pike and pickerel—May 20 to November 30; January 1 to 20. Skunk, mink, muskrat, otter (may only be trapped)—January 1 to April 1; November 1 to December 31. Deer, only those having horns viable above the hair—Last three Wednesdays in October and first Wednesday in November. Raccoon—October 1 to December 15. Waterfowl, including geese and gallinules—October 1 to January 15. Rabbits, including mallards—September 1 to November 30. Shore birds, black breasted and golden plover, greater and lesser yellowlegs—August 10 to November 30.

May's Landing Lodge Directory.

Unity Lodge No. 98, F. & A. M. meets first Wednesday evening of the month. Burton A. Gaskill, W. M.; D. D. Hoover, Secretary. Atlantic Lodge No. 50, I. O. O. F. meets every Friday evening. Charles Joslin, Noble Grand; James E. Hoover, Secretary. Narragansett Tribe No. 101, I. O. R. M. meets every Tuesday night. Earl Taylor, Sachem; Thompson G. Hoover, Secretary. May's Landing Council No. 121, O. U. A. M. meets every Monday evening. Thomas Barrett, Conductor; H. W. Shaner, Secretary. John W. Wells Circle, Brotherhood of America; meets every Wednesday evening; Edward Joslin, Chief Washington Clarence Taylor, Sec'y. Camp No. 106, Patriotic Sons of America, meets every Thursday evening. Martin Ingersoll, President; Robert Turp, Secretary.

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