

**WANT DANGEROUS CURVE STRAIGHTENED, REPORT**

**Supervisors Pass Resolution Asking State Department To Act on It**

The Lake county board of supervisors last week passed a resolution requesting the state highway department to straighten out the dangerous double "S" curve in North Sheridan road about three miles north of Waukegan. A copy of the resolution is to be forwarded to the state department by County Clerk Lew A. Hendee.

There have been a number of bad accidents at this curve during the last few years, several persons having been killed in automobile collisions there. A. R. Lobdell, county highway superintendent has been endeavoring for a long time to get this dangerous curve abolished, but without success.

A Highwood special policeman was killed in a collision at the double "S" curve several weeks ago. It was this killing which aroused the board to start action to have the curve straightened out.

**CORONER TAYLOR HAS PECULIAR EXPERIENCE**

**Skin Eruption Said to Be Due to Effect of Ink on Picture Sections**

His desire to look at pictures in weekly picture sections of Chicago newspapers has brought Dr. John L. Taylor of Libertyville and county coroner no end of woe.

For the past three weeks he has contracted as many cases of a severe skin disease. The eruptions confined mostly to his face has always made its appearance on Monday or early in the week.

Dr. Taylor adjusted his diet and followed other measures in an attempt to rid himself of the malady without success. He then decided to visit Dr. Oliver Ormsby, an expert on skin diseases, in Chicago.

The specialist after an examination astounded the coroner by informing him that he was one of few who are afflicted weekly by their desire to peer too closely at the "picture sections." The specialist stated that on Monday and Tuesday of each week he is visited by persons who, susceptible to the dyes in the color sections, come to him for relief.

Dr. Taylor has lost interest in rotravure sections of newspapers.

**ISSUES BOOKLET ON NORTHERN ILLINOIS**

**Publication of Public Service Co. Is Interesting; Covers Industries**

Information designed to be of great interest in industrial circles throughout the middle west is contained in a booklet entitled "Northern Illinois—Industrial Center of the United States," published recently by the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois.

Among other striking bits of information contained in this booklet is the statement that the total value of products manufactured in the Chicago district is \$5,688,696, 674 or 7.4 per cent of the total value of the country's manufactured products, according to the United States "Census of Manufactures," for 1925.

In the booklet are listed many of the outstanding factors which are contributing steadily to the industrial development of this region. Transportation, skilled and unskilled labor, availability of widely varying raw material and an abundance of electricity and gas, are among the more important of these factors.

The booklet is illustrated with photographs of typical industries now operating throughout Northern Illinois.

**SPECIAL ELECTION ON COUNTY FARM BONDS**

**Supervisors Decided to Submit Matter to Voters May 15 Instead of Sooner**

Realizing that the \$250,000 proposed bond issue for the construction of adequate buildings at the county poor farm probably would lose at the primary April 10, members of the board of supervisors last week voted to set matter over for a special election on May 15.

This will incur the expense of a special election but probably will mean the saving of the issue, it is said.

Under the law a special proposition must carry by more than 50 per cent of the entire vote cast.

As the vote is usually light on special propositions it was feared that it would fall short of the majority needed, although some board members declared that they thought it would pass.

Their action was taken as an emergency. The poor farm has long been a sore spot with the board. The state has termed it a fire trap and has asked that the buildings be destroyed. The board believes all of the structures unsafe.

**Kather Gould's Book Corner**

**JUST PARAGRAPHS**

A new prize novel contest has been announced by Houghton Mifflin Co. and the American Legion Monthly. It is for the best novel dealing with the period of the World War and the prize is the generous sum of \$25,000.

An advertisement for one of the flourishing new book clubs has persistently used the phrase "Gives you your books when the insiders are getting theirs." We have been cogitated with a desire to ask the question "Inside of what?" And do you suppose they are forcibly detained there?

**AS WE ARE**

**"THE AMERICAN BAND-WAGON"**

**By Charles Merz  
The John Day Co.**

To write about America is a large undertaking, one that is, to be sure, often undertaken, usually by your tourists. To write about it penetratingly, originally, and without venom, is something which is rarely achieved. I believe Charles Merz, not a tourist but one of us, in "The Great American Band-Wagon" has achieved it.

As a sub-title this book is called "A study of Exaggerations" a good title, since we have a recognized genius in this country for carrying things to extremes. If a little is good it is the obvious conclusion that a lot is better. So we go in for movies, milk shakes, big business, golf, channel swimmers, and aviators, with a thoroughness which could not belong to youth and its enthusiasms.

Mr. Merz likens America to a great band-wagon, bands playing, pennants flying, always in motion, everybody running to hop aboard. It is a good idea. It gives, too, the tone of light raillery without bitterness with which he discusses the aspects of American life from secret societies of which one-third of us are members, to the perils of the younger generation. Here is an example of his style: "The calendar has picked up Weeks. When Go to Church Week ends, Apple Week begins, When Apple Week is over, Safety Week begins. The conscientious citizen has his hands full. Beethoven Week follows on the heels of Brush Your Teeth Week, and when everybody's books are balanced at the end of Thrift Week it is time to Plant a Tree."

Mr. Merz has of course a theory of explanation for everything, that is the purpose of the book, and if we do not agree with him we find ourselves stimulated to think for ourselves, which is better. If we do not agree that America goes abroad every summer in order to convert Europe to American ways and customs we ask ourselves why they do go, and put it down to the newly awakened passion for education, or the curiosity of a provincial nation which has just wakened to the possibility of another yard to play in. In any case perhaps we have had a

thought which in the midst of the fanfare of trumpets and the pace of the band-wagon is rare, so rare.

**"BLACK MAJESTY"**

**By John W. Vandercook  
Harper & Brothers**

"Black Majesty" is a book so beautifully bound and colored, with such fascinating illustrations by Mahlon Blaine, that it impresses one as the first glimpse of a play of which Robert Edmond Jones or one of his like has made the scene itself sufficient reason for its being. Then John W. Vandercook in the person of the author and that amazing galaxy of negroes of Haiti of a hundred and more years ago, as the actors, quite satisfying fulfill their parts in the drama.

Mr. Vandercook who is by profession a journalist and an anthropologist has for some time been greatly interested in the negro, and has visited every negro republic on the face of the globe. In Haiti where he spent many months he found this amazing figure of Henry Christophe, born a slave on a sugar plantation, died an Emperor, the only man who at one time had defeated Napoleon in war.

The author has treated his subject with restraint letting the glamour and the romance of the story itself guide his pen. Not succumbing to the popular temptation of mixing fact and fiction he has "added nothing to the sparse records of old books and the fading memories that linger in the minds of men in his own country." The result is a record of almost superhuman achievement, a story of adventure more thrilling and more terrible than the mind of one author could conceive. And when "A shot reverberated, followed by sudden quiet. The Kink was dead. He had put a golden bullet, molded long ago, through his brain." we know that a man of flesh and blood is dead.

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