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EVERY hour of the day—every day of the month, and every month of the year, for more than 100 years, Hartford Fire Insurance Company has granted safe indemnity to its policy holders, and during the century has paid over \$150,000,000.00 in losses, and now has assets of \$25,449,839.41 guaranteeing its contracts.

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Mrs. Naggett—He never said an unkind word to his wife. Mrs. Naggett—How long has he been dead and dumb?

Land of Flowering Plants. New South Wales is said to contain more kinds of flowering plants than all Europe.

KNUCKING THE STATE



The Preacher (to intoxicated beggar)—What excuse have you for being in this beastly state? Beggar—I ain't—blo—got der price of a railroad ticket—blo—to get out wid.

**TELLS OF GEYSERS**

Every Year More Tourists Through Yellowstone Park.

"Old Faithful" Resembles Symmetrical Cone Containing 250,000 Gallons of Steaming Water 150 Feet High.

Yellowstone Park—Yellowstone National Park every year furnishes a center of interest for increasing numbers of vacationists. The government has taken precautions to preserve this, the greatest of American wonders, for years to come. The acting superintendent of the park is the commanding officer of Fort Yellowstone, a four-company post. Hunting is not permitted in the reserve, but visitors may fish for trout. The government protects the animals in the park and sees to it that the natural formations of stone are not damaged by vandals.

The geysers are principal attractions in Yellowstone. There are thousands of these strange natural phenomena there; some are almost constantly active, while others seem to be extinct. Old Faithful geyser has been thus described: "In imagination lift in a symmetrical cone 250,000 gallons of scalding, steaming water 150 feet high and hold it there three minutes, level the great fountain with a million diamonds, filter through it the hues of innumerable dancing rainbows, commingling in confusion every sound of splash and splutter—and you will have a faint idea of Old Faithful in action."

"It is the immutable water clock of the Yellowstone, the most perfect illustration of geyseric phenomena, the most famous and beautiful geyser in the whole world."

"The note of the beginning of the play of the geyser is an angry growl down deep in its throat, whence almost instantly the water, in rapid recurrent leaps, forms the stately fountain that plays for three minutes and then slowly sinks into the earth to await its time to rise again. Sometimes the winds unfold from its top an iridescent banner of spray, but more often the fountain forms a perfect cone."

"Old Faithful plays every seventy minutes, and never disappoints. In the daytime, under the sun, it glistens and gleams with ornamental hues, but the most enchanting hour to witness



"Old Faithful."

its performance is that when night is falling—when the dusk is around it and the last faint tints of the sun linger in the sky. Then it is a specter in ghastly white standing against the sombre background of the wilderness—a sight almost startling and never to be forgotten."

The visitor to Yellowstone Park will find the animals there of unusual interest. No sound of gun or bark of dog is ever heard and the wild animals have become so tame that they have no fear of the tourist and give only a passing glance at the visitors. Deer, buffalo, elk and bear roam through the Yellowstone. The bears come down from their caves in the evening and feed about the hotels. Excellent hotel accommodations are to be found in the Yellowstone and competent guides are to be hired.

**LAWSUIT WEIGHS 300 LBS.**

Documents in Prosecution of Railroad Make Stalk More Than Four Feet High.

Los Angeles.—What is said to be the largest and weightiest lawsuit ever filed in California, and perhaps in any other commonwealth, went on record in this city. It was against the Santa Fe railroad, and the mere complaint comprised 18,000 pages of separate charges of alleged violation of the long and short haul clause of the 4th constitution. Piled up, paper on paper, the lawsuit stood more than four feet high, and required the combined efforts of several strong men to move about. The weight was about 300 pounds.

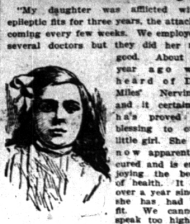
The suit was brought by the California Adjustment company of San Francisco, to which the 16,000 claims had been assigned by several hundred shippers. The entire amount involved is about \$50,000.

**EIGHT-ROOM HOUSE STOLEN**

Minneapolis Real Estate Man Reports Thieves Have Escaped With Residence.

Minneapolis, Minn.—An eight-room house was reported stolen by Frank N. Edmonds, a prominent real estate dealer. Edmonds declares some one moved the house off the lot within the last two months. Recently he went to the lot and the house was gone, every stick of it except a little rubble. The police have found no trace of the stolen residence.

**Finds Cure for Epilepsy After Years of Suffering**



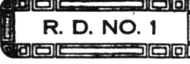
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E. G. Tucker's newly painted house looks fine.

Miss Ruth Stephens is attending the D'ham High school.

The Misses Anna and Grace Haark are visiting relatives at Howitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Todd are visiting their old home at Flat Rock.

Miss Viola Spicer was the guest of her aunt last Saturday for the day.

Miss Jennie Croft is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. J. McKinley, for a few days.

The Baptist people held an ice cream social at Peter Anderson's and everybody just filled up.

Horace Dean of Pontiac, opened the school in District No. 7, Tuesday, with a good attendance.

Adam Gray is taking his 15 straight days of vacation, and that old reliable foot man is doing his work.

Miss Reed of Pontiac, has started to teach in the Bedford School. She will board with Mrs. Joseph Croft.

Edward Mallette of Carleton visited his relatives, John Wilkinson and family of Southfield ave. last week.

The Banner League will hold its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. May Green in Franklin, Saturday 14th.

Miss Coe of Ypsilanti, returned to her home Saturday, after a pleasant visit with the family of E. G. Tucker.

F. W. Deinger, the hustler, on the Maple Hurst farm is putting down a drive well, as well as hustling in the laundry business in Birmingham.

A Mr. Ferguson has bought the 40 acres known as the "Jim Millig, 40," from Rev. Lew Fitchett, who will move into Greenfield township this fall.

Miss Agnes Kittle of Kingsville, Ont. who has been visiting at Frank Bender's the past week returned home Tuesday taking Miss Lillie Rinder with her for a visit.

F. G. Hansen and wife and James Cromie and wife returned last Sunday from Chicago, where they spent 12 days touring the big Windy City in their automobile. They never had a slow-out, a puncture, or any mishap at all whatever. All had a good time and were well paid by the sights on the way there. They took the old Turnpike from Detroit to Chicago.

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**NATURALLY A HIT.**



The Rooster—Our young friend, Mr. Pig, is making a hit on the stage. The Duck—What is he playing? The Rooster—Ham-let.

**SAVE, NOT SPEND, AS YOU GO**

"If I was to lay down a rule for any young man to follow I would say to him: 'Save as you go—do not spend as you go. But be behind all this is work.'"—Edwin Hawley, in Saturday Evening Post.

This isn't exactly new, but a new way of putting it. Who may speak with more propriety than Edwin Hawley, whose wonderful success in the business world has qualified him to advise with the young men of America? When a man of Hawley's wonderful success and capacity stops to advise young men—and most men are young at 50— isn't it a good thing to listen and heed?

What about you? Are you saving as you go, or are you spending as you go? And if you are following the advice of the "man who knows" what are you doing with your savings? Are they so handy as to tempt you into expense or unwise investment? or are they safely garnered in some sound Bank like the ROYAL OAK SAVINGS BANK. Adding their earnings to yours twice a year, ready for the "rainy day" or opportunity, on demand?

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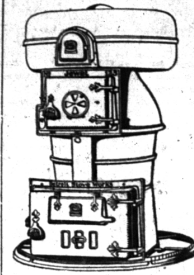
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