

## DUNBARS ENTER STRONG PROTEST

Say Lohse Did Not Furnish  
Coal Provided in the  
Contract.

## FUEL FOR THE POOR FARM

LOCAL DEALER STATES THAT  
COAL HE FURNISHED WAS THE  
SAME QUALITY AS THE KIND  
STIPULATED.

There is a story of business competition behind the bids received by the county commissioners for coal to be furnished to the poor farm this winter. Last year Chris Lohse was awarded the contract at \$2.25 per ton. Dunbar Brothers of Centerville, entered a bid of \$2.30 per ton. This year Lohse was awarded the contract for \$2.20 per ton and again Dunbar Brothers were just 5 cents higher in their bid. The Dunbar Brothers are located at Centerville and this year cut their bid of a year ago in order to meet that of Lohse, but this year the latter made another cut and remained lower than his Centerville competitors.

The specifications are that the coal shall be "Winifred." Dunbar Brothers have complained to the county commissioners that the coal that has been furnished by Lohse is not of that variety. Lohse claims it is the same "Winifred." No complaint was made against the coal by the consumers.

## HAS NOT DECIDED

Health Officer Bond Not Decided About Milk Ordinance.

## TROUBLE IS EXPECTED.

Whether or not the milk ordinance will include a section making it compulsory that the dairymen submit to a tuberculosis test of their cattle has not been determined by Dr. Charles Bond, city health officer. Dr. Bond announced last evening that he intended to draw up an ordinance and submit it to council within a few weeks. He is not, however, positive that he will be supported by the councilmen. The dairymen will object most strenuously to the embodiment of a clause making the test compulsory. It is understood. At other points in the state this action has been the result of strenuous provisions being included in the milk ordinances, and has most recently shown itself at Terre Haute.

"You are going to say something awful," declared the fiance. "I see it in your lovely eyes."

"What I was going to say is this," responded the fiancee: "Won't you wear a rubber band around your head nights so as to train your ears not to stick out?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

although the latter name is copyrighted and used only by one firm. He maintains the coal is the same in quality although it may not be called "Winifred." No complaint was made against the coal by the consumers.

## ESCAPE OF AGAR WAS SENSATIONAL

Alleged Forger Tells How He  
Was Thrown into River  
While on Grain Boat.

## MADE WAY TO LOUISIANA

BECAME INVOLVED IN DEBT AND  
TURN IN GRAIN MARKET SWEEP  
AWAY ALL MONEY APPROPRIATED FROM THE BANK.

Brownsville, Texas, Dec. 19.—Henry E. Agar, alleged forger, held for the authorities of Princeton, Ind., who expect to start for that place with him today, has told the story of his escape from Indiana.

To Col. Allen Haywood, oil king of Jennings, La., and chief officer in an extensive enterprise near this city, by whom Agar has been employed during the last two years, the confession was made. In substance it is as follows:

Having become involved in debt by over speculation, Agar used the money of the bank in which he was interested at Princeton. A turn in the grain market left him without means to replace the money and he knew himself to be a defaulter. While the crash was still pending, but which he expected to come at any time, he was aboard one of his grain boats on the Wabash river.

Plunges Into River.  
The river was running bank full and the wind was blowing a gale. He started to go from one end of the boat to the other when, in some way, which he is unable to explain, he was either knocked or blown into the water. It was dark at the time and he was quickly carried away by the strong current.

He uttered one cry for help as he fell, but, believing rescue was impossible, he had about given himself up for lost, when he was carried in near the shore, which he managed to reach after floating some distance down stream. He made his way to a houseboat, where he remained over night, and it was here he evolved the plan to go away. He knew the report would be circulated that he had been drowned, and to leave for parts unknown seemed to be the easiest way out of his difficulty. He resolved to go to some distance place and begin life anew.

## Goes to Louisiana.

The people on the houseboat were not aware of his identity, and permitted him to leave the boat without question. He made his way to Louisiana. Under the name of Ralph A. Connor he obtained employment with the Heywoods and others in the oil fields at Jennings. He soon gained the confidence of his employers and when Cal Heywood came to Brownsville he brought Agar as his secretary.

Heywood formerly lived in Indiana, but he was not aware of Connor's real identity until after the man's arrest. Agar looked after Mr. Heywood's extensive business interests and proved a valuable man. He divided his time between San Benito and Harlingen and soon became a leading factor in the business affairs of the two towns.

It is said that Agar brought a large sum of money with him. He made heavy investments in land, and is interested in other business enterprises. He has prospered and some of his investments have more than quadrupled in value during the last eighteen months.

## In Real Estate Business.

He was a partner in a real estate firm that transacted a big business. A few days ago a party of home-seekers and prospective investors from Indiana arrived at San Benito, among them a former State Senator who knew Agar when the latter was a member of the Legislature. He spoke to Agar, calling him by his right name. The latter assured the Indiana man that he was mistaken; that his name was Connor.

The visitor was so certain of Agar's identity that he notified the officers and the fugitive's arrest was ordered.

Agar enjoyed the complete confidence of his employer and the respect of all who have known him. At the time of his arrest he was on the point of taking active charge of a bank at San Benito just established by Heywood. Agar was taken to San Benito today under custody of the Texas rangers to permit him to arrange his business matters.

## AGAR TELEGRAPHS WIFE.

In Message He Says He Is Anxious to See His Loved Ones.

Princeton, Ind., Dec. 19.—The first direct word from H. E. Agar came this morning in an affectionate message to his wife. In part it was as follows: "I am anxiously expecting to see my loved ones. Will leave here Monday."

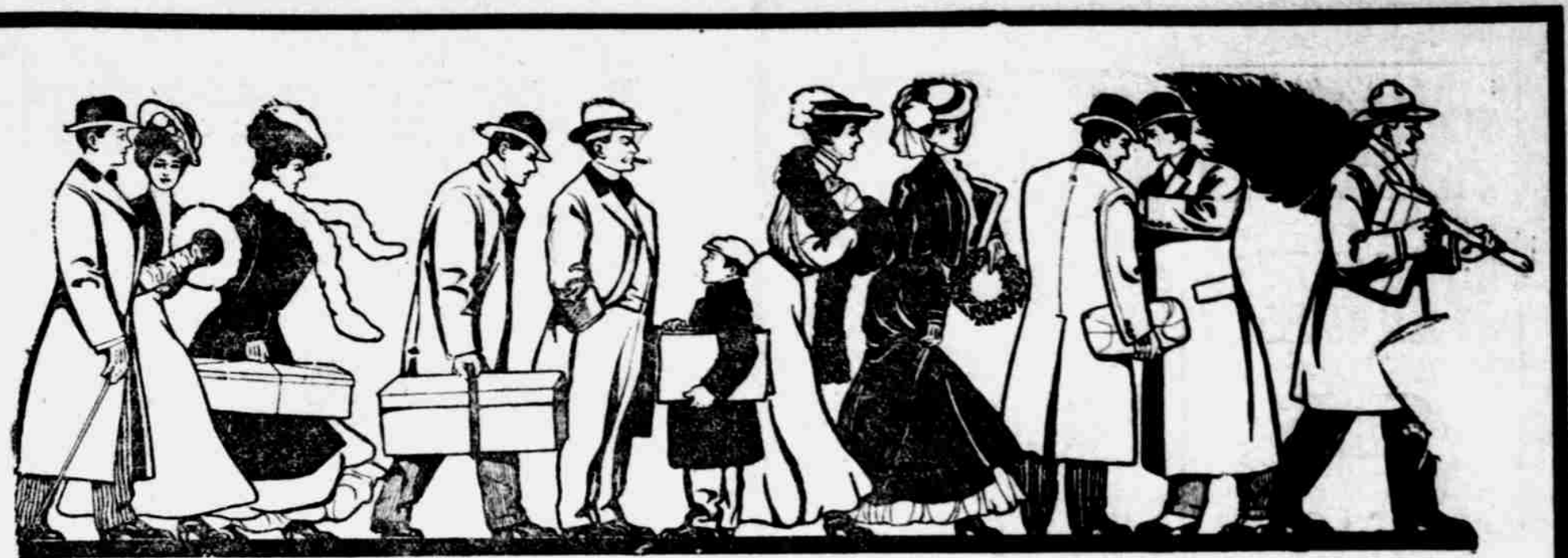
Samuel A. Stewart, administrator of the Agar estate, announces that Mrs. Agar is holding intact \$5,000 life insurance paid her by the Reserve Loan Life Company of Indianapolis, and will refund every dollar.

The Regent diamond, probably the most perfect brilliant ever cut, weighs in its present state 130 3/4 carats. The Kohinoor lost in recutting 82 1/2 carats and now weighs 102 1/4 carats. The Regent was so named because it was acquired from Louis XV. by the Duke of Orleans, then regent of France.

"Muvver, what was I cryin' for?" "Because mother wouldn't let you go over to Philip's."

"Was I through cryin', muvver?" "Maybe not. You hadn't cried so very long."

"Say I can't go again, muvver, so I can finish!"



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HEADQUARTERS  
CORNER NINTH AND MAIN STREETS

## SAVINGS BANK SYSTEM PUZZLES

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audited and a check returned before the money could be had. A man out on the Pacific coast would have to wait two weeks at least, before he could get his money, and that would be a decidedly unattractive feature of the government's venture into the banking business.

## Plan to Meet Objections.

To overcome this objection it is proposed to decentralize the entire postal service, dividing the work now done in Washington up among some fifteen field districts with their headquarters in cities in different parts of the country. Such decentralization of the postal service is considered desirable, even apart from the postal savings system. Such a scheme already has been put in operation in the Forest service and gives every promise of working successfully. The forest service, however, is a small thing compared with the postal service, and a reorganization of the latter, such as is planned would be one of the most important reforms of many years in the executive branch of the government.

The argument was presented in the senate that as savings banks require from thirty to ninety days' notice of withdrawals, the requiring of a depositor in the postal savings bank to wait fifteen days would not be a hardship. The answer to this was that in view of the low rate of interest the government proposed to pay, some other inducement in addition to the increased security would have to be offered. If a man could apply for his money one day and receive it the next, it was argued, a powerful attraction would be afforded.

## Another Point of Difference.

Another point on which there is wide difference of opinion in the senate, is whether the money of a depositor should be withdrawable from any postoffice or only from the postoffice

in which he makes his deposits. Under the European system of postal savings banks the money may be withdrawn at any postoffice, subject to safeguards as to identification, etc. Under the bill pending in the senate, withdrawals may only be made at the offices of deposit. Many senators regard this as the most serious objection to the proposed postal bank system.

It was suggested in debate the other day that any postmaster ought to be authorized to pay out money on the presentation of a pass book, but this clearly is impractical. Clever rogues would most certainly find some way to swindle the government.

## Dissatisfaction Evident.

When it becomes generally known that congress contemplates distributing the employees of the postal service in other cities throughout the country a great wall of protest is going up from Washington. Objections to sending employees of the forest service out West were loud and strenuous, but that was only a marker to what would happen if the postal service is to be divided.

Washington, of course, depends largely for its existence on the government employees. Their salaries are never reduced, their pay days are always regular, and even though times may be hard in other parts of the country, the depression is not seriously felt here.

But this tendency to distribute the government employees over the country is appalling. If the thing should become fashionable, what is going to become of Washington? If the forest and postal services may to advantage be divided up over the country, why not other departments? There would seem to be as much reason why the general land office should transact its business in the West as the forest service, and it might be found advantageous to divide army and navy administration up over the country.

## Look Into Future.

Washingtonians dream of the time when this will be the world's greatest capital. The liberal manner in which congress has appropriated money for the beautification of the city would furnish foundation for this dream.

But there cannot be a great city unless there are people to inhabit it. The inhabitants of the District of Columbia hope congress will take this into consideration before it goes too far in the policy of decentralization.

## OFFICER YOUNG FALLS OFF THE WATER WAGON

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ever had to make against his subordinate.

It is inferred from what Dr. Bond said that he would not recommend to the board that Mr. Young be given another chance. He strenuously condemned his action and said that he believed it would not do to have a man of such habits in the office because there was no telling when he would again violate his trust. He, however, has no authority in the matter. It lies entirely with the Board of Works. Mr. Young has been sanitary officer for three years. He entered the office when the Schillinger administration went into power.

The first intimation Dr. Bond had of the affair was last Friday. He had noticed that Mr. Young did not visit his office daily as had been his custom, but did not give the matter further thought until he was notified by some one over the telephone whom he understood to be a member of Mr. Young's family, that Young could not attend to his duties, and gave the cause. To Mr. Young's friends and neighbors his debauch has been known for several days. Yesterday afternoon he was taken to his home, South Ninth street, by Mr. Brumley, a merchant's deliveryman. The prompt intervention of Mr. Brumley is perhaps all that saved Mr. Young from being arrested.

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## ILIFF'S STORE

## TUGS ATTEMPT TO RAISE STEAMER

Daghestan Sunk in Shallow  
Water.

New York, Dec. 19.—Tugs went down the bay today to where the British Daghestan was sunk yesterday in collision with the liner Catalone to try to raise her. A big hole was stove in the hold of the Daghestan, but it is thought that she and her cargo can be saved. She lies in very shallow water. The collision occurred during a dense fog. The Daghestan filled rapidly and soon sank. Her crew of twenty-five all got off safely, the men being taken aboard the Catalone. Later they were transferred to the steam pilot New York, which landed them at Stapleton.

The crews of both boats say the collision was unavoidable.

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