

**Causes of Shipwreck.**

"As a representative of one of the insurance underwriters I have taken part in the investigations of more than 400 shipwrecks," said a former sea captain. "The causes of wrecks are drink, fog, neglect to use the sounding lead and unknown currents."

"The most dangerous waters are off the east coast of England, Cape Ushant and Cape Finistere. In the past the shifting of the cargo caused a good many wrecks, but the adoption of feed pipes has changed all that. Cargoes liable to shift consist of wheat, iron ore, coal and so on. Great feed pipes filled with part of such cargoes now run down into the hold, and if the cargo shifts at all the pipes automatically pour more cargo into the space that has been made vacant."

"On a wild part of the South American coast a four-master loaded with high heeled French shoes was once wrecked. The native Indians stole the shoes, but couldn't wear them. They used them instead for boxing gloves, giving each other terrific taps with the French heels."

**Bent Horse Show Driving.**

A western man was telling some stories of daring driving, some realistic and some hyperbolic. "There is a story," he said, "of One Eyed Pete McCoy. If this story is true, the four-hand drivers of the east are only practicing a decayed and degenerate form of coaching. One Eyed Pete drove a Dakota stagecoach that made a circuit of Deadwood, Carbonate, Spearfish and Bear Gulch. He tore into Carbonate one day on his usual dead run. Like an avalanche, the coach clattered up to the hotel door. There suddenly it stopped, and one of the horses fell stone dead."

"A very sudden death," said a bystander.

"Sudden? Not at all," said One Eyed Pete. "That there hoss died at the top of the hill, nine mile back, sir, but I wa'n't goin' to let him down till I got to the reglar stoppin' place."

**The Chinchilla.**

Chinchilla is a beautiful soft gray fur. It is not the most durable of furs, and, because of the difficulty of getting the perfect skin, it cannot be said to be among the least expensive. A muff and stole of the real chinchilla cost easily \$1,000 or so. The tiny chinchilla itself, not more than twelve inches long, with a plump little body on short, stout legs, thrives only in the tropics. The little beasts have to be killed with the utmost precaution not to injure their fur, that grows on a skin nearly as tender and soft as a well-washed baby's skin. A perfect skin is a revelation in fur growth. The texture of every hair is finer than floss silk, the length of it nearly an inch and the coloring about that of the soft, undyed marabou feathers.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**Magic Figures.**

"The most remarkable arrangement of numbers that I know of," said a local business college man who takes a delight in solving curious problems and digging up mathematical oddities, "is the combination of the six figures 142,857. Multiply this number by 2, and the answer is 285,714; by 3, and the answer is 428,571; by 4, and the answer is 571,428; by 5, and the answer is 714,285; by 6, and the answer is 857,142. Each answer contains exactly the same digits as the original sum, and, to cap the climax, multiply the number by 7, and up comes the answer 999,999. Try it and see if it is not so."—Philadelphia Record.

**A Rare Coin.**

When Louisiana seceded, Jan. 26, 1861, the new government seized the United States mint at New Orleans and struck \$234,820 in double eagles and \$1,101,316.50 in silver half dollars, using the United States dies for 1861. The bullion was exhausted in May, 1861, when the coinage ceased and the United States dies were destroyed. A Confederate States die was then made, to be used for silver half dollars, but it was not fit for use in coining press, the relief being too high. Four half dollars were struck with it on a screw press, and these comprise the entire coinage of the Confederate States.

**What Eddie Was Reading.**

A New England father who believes that children should be nourished on good literature as well as on good food has always read the English classics aloud to his only son, Eddie, now six years old.

A friend of the family, knowing of this practice, recently asked Eddie what he was reading.

"A Wavering novel," was his reply.

**Her Regret.**

Marjorie had been given some hard peppermint candies, and after holding one in her mouth for a few minutes she ran to her mother and cried, "Oh, mother, I swallowed that candy!"

"Never mind," said her mother; "it will not hurt you."

"Yes, I know," said Marjorie, "but I lost the use of it."—Youth's Companion.

Life is the jailer, death the angel sent to draw the unwilling bolts and set us free.—Lowell.

**ORDINANCE NO. 33.**

An Ordinance prescribing the form of the Bonds and of the Interest Coupons to be thereto attached, heretofore ordered and directed to be issued by Ordinance No. 26 duly passed by the City Council of the City of Arcadia, Florida; providing for the levy of a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds when due and to create a sinking fund to discharge the principal thereof at maturity; and fixing the other details of said issue.

Whereas, by Ordinance No. 26, duly passed by the City Council of the City of Arcadia, Florida, the negotiable coupon bonds of said city were authorized and directed to be issued in the aggregate amount of \$20,000 for the following purposes, to-wit: \$12,000 for purchasing a school house site and erecting a school house thereon and equipping the same; \$5,000 for the purpose of opening, widening and paving the streets and sidewalks of said city, and \$3,000 for constructing and maintaining waterworks in and for said city; and

Whereas, at a special election duly called and held in all respects in compliance with law in said city on April 15, A. D. 1905, more than two-thirds of the qualified resident electors of said city, who were also owners of real estate within the corporate limits of said city and upon which they had paid taxes for the year when the same were last due, voted in favor of the issuance of said bonds; and

Whereas said ordinance and all of the proceedings had thereunder have been fully validated and the authority of said city to issue said bonds for the purposes and in the manner in said ordinance prescribed fully confirmed by an act duly passed by the legislature of the State of Florida and approved May 24, A. D. 1905, Now, therefore,

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Arcadia:

Section 1. That the bonds mentioned in the preamble hereto shall be of the following numbers, respectively, to-wit: School building bonds, 12 in number, numbered from 1 to 12 both inclusive; street improvement bonds, 5 in number, numbered from 1 to 5 both inclusive; waterworks bonds 13 in number, numbered from 1 to 13 both inclusive. Said bonds shall be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, shall bear date of November 15, A. D. 1905, and shall become due and payable absolutely on November 15, 1925, or on any annual interest payment date hereafter at the option of said city after giving due notice of such election to redeem at the place or places where the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon are made payable. Said bonds shall bear interest at the rate of five (5) per centum per annum, payable annually on the 15th day of November in each year, which interest payments shall be evidenced by proper coupons attached to each bond, and both principal and interest shall be payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the current standard of weight and fineness, at the office of the treasurer of the City of Arcadia. Provided, however, that the interest on said bonds may be payable in any other legal tender of the city and State of Florida, or elsewhere, as the board of public works of said city may direct and provide.

Sec. 2. That each of said bonds and each of the interest coupons thereto attached shall be in substantially the following forms, respectively, to-wit:

(Form of Bond)  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF DE SOTO  
CITY OF ARCADIA

No. (School Building, Street Improvement or Waterworks Bond, as the case may be) \$1,000.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the City of Arcadia, in the County of DeSoto and State of Florida, acknowledges itself to owe, and for value received hereby promises to pay to bearer the sum of One Thousand Dollars on November 15, A. D. 1925, together with interest on said sum from the date hereof until paid at the rate of FIVE (5) PER CENTUM PER ANNUM, payable annually on the 15th day of November in each year, as evidenced by and upon the presentation and surrender of the interest coupons hereto attached as they severally become due; both principal and interest payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the current standard of weight and fineness, the principal hereof payable at the office of the city treasurer in said city of Arcadia, Florida, and the interest hereof payable at the banking house of N. W. Harris & Co. in the city of New York in the State of New York. And for the prompt payment of this bond with interest as aforesaid at maturity the full faith, credit and resources of said city are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This bond is redeemable before said date of maturity at the option of said city on November 15, A. D. 1925, or on any annual interest payment date hereafter upon giving due notice of such election to redeem at the place or places where the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon are made payable.

This bond is issued for the purpose of providing funds for (specifying the particular purpose) in accordance with the affirmative vote of more than two-thirds of the qualified resident electors of said city and owners of real estate therein upon which they had paid taxes for the year when the same were last due, voting in favor thereof at an election duly called and held in said city on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1905; pursuant to ordinances duly passed by the city council of said city and under and in all respects in full compliance with the provisions of an act of the legislature of the State of Florida, approved May 29, A. D. 1901, entitled: "An act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Arcadia, in the County of DeSoto and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as the city of Arcadia, and to define its territorial boundary, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges;" and with the provisions of an act of the legislature of the State of Florida, approved May 24, A. D. 1905, entitled: "An act to legalize the election held in the city of Arcadia on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1905, to determine by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the electors voting at said election whether or not the bonds proposed by an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to

provide for the issuing of bonds of the city of Arcadia, and for the expenditure and disbursing of funds received from the sale of said bonds" passed by the city council of said city on the 7th day of February, A. D. 1905, and approved by the mayor of said city on the 8th day of February, A. D. 1905, should be authorized and issued, and to declare and render valid and legal said election and notice thereof and the results as shown by the returns thereof, and to declare and render legal and valid said ordinance, and to authorize the issue of bonds, as provided by said ordinance."

And it is hereby certified and recited that all things, acts and conditions required by the constitution and laws of the State of Florida to happen, and be done and performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have happened and been properly done and performed in regular and due form and time, as required by law, and that the total bonded or other indebtedness of said city, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said city of Arcadia, Florida, by its city council, has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and this bond and each of the interest coupons hereto attached to be signed by the Mayor, countersigned by the president of the Council, and attested by the Clerk of said city, this 15th day of November, A. D. 1905.

Mayor.  
Countersigned: President of Council.

Attest:  
City Clerk.  
(Seal)  
(Form of Coupon.) \$50.00

No. On

The City of Arcadia in the County of DeSoto and State of Florida, will pay to bearer the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS in gold coin of the United States of America of the current standard of weight and fineness, at the banking house of N. W. Harris & Co. in the city of New York, in the State of New York, for annual interest due that day on its bond dated November 15, A. D. 1905, No. .... Mayor.  
Countersigned: President of Council.

Attest:  
City Clerk.  
(Seal)

Sec. 2. That the interest which shall become due and payable upon the bonds hereinabove referred to for the year 1906 shall be paid out of the general fund of said city, and for the purpose of providing the necessary funds sufficient to reimburse said general fund for said year's interest and to pay the interest on said bonds on November 15, 1907, there shall be levied and assessed upon all taxable property in said city of Arcadia for the year 1906 the sum of \$3,000.

And for the purpose of providing funds sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds subsequent to said year 1907 promptly when and as the same falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof at maturity, there shall be and there is hereby levied and assessed on all of the taxable property in said city, in addition to all other city taxes, the following special direct annual tax, to-wit:

For the year 1907 a tax sufficient to produce the sum of \$1500 for interest.  
For each of the years 1908 to 1934 both inclusive, a tax sufficient to produce the sum of \$2612, being \$1500 for interest and \$1112 for principal.  
Provided, however, that in the event of the payment of said bonds or any of them before their absolute date of maturity in the exercise of the option reserved to the city in that behalf as hereinbefore stated, or in the event of said sinking fund being augmented by interest upon its investment in the manner heretofore provided, then the above mentioned tax shall be reduced so as to raise only such part thereof as is necessary to meet the interest and discharge the principal of such of said bonds as then remain outstanding and unpaid.

Sec. 4. That all ordinances or parts thereof heretofore passed in conflict with the provisions hereof be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. That this ordinance take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.  
PERRY C. BROWN,  
President of Council.  
Attest:  
R. B. CAMPBELL, (City Seal)  
City Clerk,  
State of Florida,  
County of DeSoto,  
City of Arcadia.

The foregoing Ordinance having been duly enacted and passed by the City Council of the City of Arcadia, Florida, the same is hereby certified to W. M. Platt, Mayor of said City for approval, as is required by Section 12 of the Charter of said City.  
Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Arcadia aforesaid, this 11th day of December, A. D. 1905.  
(City Seal) R. B. CAMPBELL,  
City Clerk.

The foregoing Ordinance is approved by me this 11th day of December, A. D. 1905.  
W. M. PLATT,  
Mayor of the City of Arcadia.

**Administrator's Notice.**  
In County Judges Court DeSoto County, Florida.  
By the County Judge of said county:  
Whereas S. J. Simmons has applied to this court for Letters of Administration on the estate of T. J. Lawton, deceased, late of said county of DeSoto; These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of said deceased to be and appear before this court on the 17th day of February 1906 and file objections, if any they have to the granting Letters as aforesaid, otherwise the same will be granted as prayed.

Witness my name as county judge of the county aforesaid this 3rd day of January 1906.  
(SEAL) J. B. COCHRAN,  
County Judge.

**Administrator's Notice.**  
Notice is hereby given that six months from this date I will apply to the Honorable J. B. Cochran, Judge of the Probate Court of DeSoto County, Florida, for a final settlement of, and distribution of the estate of Eliza Stevens deceased, and therefor ask for my final discharge.  
JAS. STEVENS,  
Administrator of the estate of Eliza Stevens.  
This 7th day of December 1905.

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**Bicycle Sundries and**

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