

CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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LOUIS GEORGE, the Railway Express agent, who drinks almost as much coffee as Assistant Postmaster Wilbur Lee, asserts that he knows it's going to rain because when he started to stamp his waybills one morning last week, the ink pad was damp. Since it hasn't rained we presume that the company must have sent out a fresh supply of stamp pad ink. We also picked up from L. G.'s desk an interesting bit of history concerning a literary society of some 90 years ago which wanted to debate the subject "Are Railroads Practicable?" They asked the board of education of their little town for permission to use the school house for their debate. The board considered the matter and sent this reply to the society: "If the society wanted to debate some decent moral question we would cheerfully grant the use of the school house but such a thing as a railroad is wicked and absurd. If God had intended human beings to travel at the fearful rate of 10 miles an hour, He would have clearly foretold it through His prophets but since nothing is said about it in His Holy Writ, it is clearly an invention of the devil to lead immortal souls to hell. Hence we must refuse the use of the school house." (Personal to Joe Lee, et al: The foregoing item does not state nor imply that we believe that railroads are an invention of the devil).

A paragrapher suggests that the Indians might get better results with their snake dances for rain if they used water moccasins instead of rattlesnakes.

TRAILERVILLE, the community of students living in automobile trailers and attending East Central State Teachers college, is no more, informs George Burris, our cavorting campus correspondent. Last week only the trailer homes of Burris and Gorham Beale remained and this week they'll be gone. There is no rule against the students living in trailers but there's no place for them on the campus since the new dormitories are nearing completion and they're merely being forced to seek other locations, says George. The community began several years ago as a tent colony occupied by summer school students. It gradually progressed until at one time during the past year a dozen or two trailers were occupied by young couples and

bachelors.

An Ada woman informed us a few days ago that she is going to become a "silent partner" in a business venture. It required no vast amount of knowledge of women to prompt our suggestion that she call herself merely a partner.

A POSTCARD signed Bufford Howard and postmarked Los Angeles, Calif., reached the somewhat littered desk with the following inscription: "Dear Snooper: Am working in Hollywood but my biggest surprise came when I saw Frances Bayless lunching with Lawrence Tibbett—I've seen twenty people out here from Ada."

Unusual Names Department: The Steele and Flynt grocery in Kingston, Okla.

QUESTIONS WE CAN'T ANSWER: Why does every piece of machinery in a newspaper office make a noise? Why do editors so consistently miss the office wastebasket when they practice throwing papers at it all day? "Why was that story about me put in the paper?" "Why wasn't that story about me put in the paper?" How do you work these patternless cross word puzzles in today's Ada News? Etc., ad infinitum.

We haven't yet figured out whether Harvey Faust was punning, panning or praising us when he dubbed us a pseudo-scientist, after our rain diagnosis of last week.

IT'S RATHER HARD to realize that the football season is here again, what with the Oklahoma sandlot baseball teams still in process of reorganization typical of early-season form and the World series some distance in the future, but it is. The Ada high Cougars, who open here against Shawnee and follow with their first out-of-state game in many, many years (at Denison, Texas), already are practicing and Coach Mickey McBride has begun the sizing up of his chief hopes for the Oklahoma Collegiate grid title that he was forced to share with Central Bronchos last season. There's one thing about scholastic sports that isn't found in Oklahoma baseball; that is that your favorite player won't switch over to the opposing team just before the next game. And here's some inside dope on the local sports situation: Hugh Warren, who enjoyed outstanding success as student coach at Horace Mann, has been elected to the faculty of the Ada public schools and is being considered as coach of the Big Five conference and district champion Ada high basketball team during the coming year.

The best we can figure out, a lot of these people with family trees find it very convenient to climb down out of them to talk about themselves.