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For the benefit of the public we have pay stations at
Palace Hotels

The Windy West.

Man goes from dear old Fannin county to the windy west and pines for the place of his childhood.

We reproduce the letter below for the interest with which it will be read by our people. It was written to the home paper, back in Fannin county by a poor misguided mortal whom the hand of a cruel fate had led to cast his lot in the windy west. We wish it to be understood that we have no desire to "roast" this fellow because he raises his feeble voice against this country, but we reproduce the letter so that our people may not forget the kind of country in which we live. Here is the letter:

"Dear friend:—As I am still out here in the dry and windy west; I thought I would write you. I left Fannin county the 9th day of October last. I got to Big Springs the 11th of the same month.

"I hear Fannin has good prospects for crops of all kinds this spring. It makes me feel good to hear such news from the home of my boyhood days. I hope she will make a bumper crop this year.

"—, this country is all wind and sand storms and I think the most dissatisfied people I ever saw in Fannin county when it was raining too much were not to be compared to these. This country is only a dry sandy desert compared with old Fannin county. Cattle are dying for want of something to eat. Out north of Big Springs the cattle are dying by the hundreds. There's nothing green except the new comers. Everything looks alike to the new comers. Most all the people here want to sell out and go somewhere else, and they are leaving here every day. No rain here this year or now either.

"—I have always believed that a man had to die to go to hell, but since I have come west I am somewhat changed. We had one of the worst sandstorms last Saturday evening I ever saw.

The writer of the above was probably never outside the borders of Fannin county before, and does not know but very little about this country as his mind is too narrow to grasp the possibilities of this country. It is true we have had some sand storms this spring, and some of them were pretty bad, but the country

is looking fine. As to crops, this country will beat "Old Fannin" every year in value of crops, acreage considered. Last year J. D. Stork, living 20 miles northwest of Big Springs gathered and sold \$1788.00 worth of feed besides fattening 35 head of hogs and keeping feed enough for 8 head of horses, off of 160 acres of land. Can the writer of the above letter point to 160 acres of land in Fannin county that did as much in any one year for the last five? We give the above as only one instance, but could name others. As to the people of this country being dissatisfied, we do not find any dissatisfaction except among people that are in the class of this man that wrote the letter—people with no stability and who expected to find money in the air when they came out here. We suppose that he feels very much swelled up over the lick he thought he hit West Texas, but this kind of people are not wanted out here and nobody sent for him. His place is back in "Old Fannin" where he can live on quinine and calomel half of the year and persimmons and black haws the other half.

Cattle Sales.

Frank Good, owner of Shady Grove Ranch, reports the following sales of registered Hereford cattle:

Geo. W. Foster, Michies, Tex., 30 heifers.
W. R. Getes, Michies, Tex., 2 bulls.
H. C. Boatler, Sparenburg, 1 bull.
P. A. Hazard, Colorado City, 1 bull.
J. C. Darward, Gail, 2 bulls.
H. C. Dillahuntz, Gail, 1 bull.
Geo. W. Foster, Michies, 1 bull.
H. C. Lnytors, Sligo, 1 bull.
C. E. Slayton, Big Springs, 8 bulls.
W. M. Simpson, Big Springs, 1 bull.
J. W. Southard, Michies, 1 bull.
Contracted one bull call one week old for fall delivery at \$200 to E. N. Harris, Lamesa, Texas. Sold Mr. Harris 20 registered heifers last year.

School Census.

The scholastic census which was taken recently in the Big Springs Independent school district 863 children within the scholastic age.

FIRE INSURANCE. Let me write your policy.
J. C. Baird.

Contract Let For New Hotel.

The contract for a new and up-to-date hotel on lot south of Stewart hotel was let by W. R. Cole to J. M. Morgan this week. The many friends of Cole are rejoicing over his move to build a good hotel. Mr. Cole has his specifications all drawn and will begin work at once. The reporter of this paper while in conversation with Mr. Cole Wednesday he (Cole) stated the hotel would have some sixty rooms and be completely furnished throughout. The hotel management will cater for the best trade, and promises to give good service to all stop within its confines. The specifications are indeed a representation of an up-to-date hotel with everything added to insure comfort to the guest. This new hotel will add much to Big Springs and make it a good resort for the traveling man.

On the first floor will be found the office and dining hall both made up in such a beautiful architectural design as to speak a word of cheer and comfort to the guest. The building will be complete throughout, and equipped with every device to make it safe for the traveler.

The Real Business Builder.

State organizer Gaddy of the Retail Merchants Association made a good address to the merchants Friday afternoon, but he failed to give any remedy for offsetting the encroachments of the mail order houses on the trade of the retail merchants. Meetings may be held until doomsday, and the mail order men condemned and called scoundrels until the speakers grow black in the face, but until the retail merchants profit by the progressiveness of the mail order houses and meet them with strong advertising facts and bombard them terrifically with printer's ink, the mail order business will increase. The trouble with most merchants is that they do not pay enough attention to their advertising and it carries too little force with it, and it is esteemed by them as of too little value. In this day and time the brain has to be worked to do a successful business, and that applied to advertising brings the largest results. With proper attention paid to this part of the business the mail order house in Texas. But it can't be done on the niggardly expenditure made by some business concerns for advertising.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Prof. Buck and F. L. Flynt Make Some Interesting Discoveries.

It has been questioned many times by our people as to the height of the mountain southwest of town, but no one had taken on themselves to find this out. One day last week Prof. Buck and Mr. Flynt decided to measure the distance to foot of hill and also the height of mountain. They made two trials one with triangles and the other with a barometer, they found both trials almost equal in height. It is rather interesting to our people to know the height of these hills. They are 2600 hundred feet above sea level or 325 feet above the ground on which the court house is built. This height gives a pretty view to the city besides being a beautiful location for a summer home and doubtless will be used for that purpose in the future, when people realize what it is and the beauty of the situation.

McWhorter's ice cream is made of the finest and purest dairy cream to be had. That's the reason it is so good and rich.

WAGONS

BUGGIES

WINDMILLS, FARM IMPLEMENTS

WEBER wagons were standard 63 years ago, and are to-day. We have them in all sizes, both wide and narrow tires.

BUGGIES. The Enterprise line has been sold in Texas for the past 31 years and have given entire satisfaction to both users and dealers. We want everyone to call and inspect our line of wagons and buggies before you purchase. It will only be a pleasure to show you and explain their merits.

WINDMILLS. The Standard mill is the only mill made south of the Mason and Dixon line. Its made by a Texas man, in a Texas town, out of Texas timber and sold by

Case Planters Cultivators Harrows

Stokes-Hughes Co.

Canton Planters Listers Cultivators

IMPLEMENTS. PITTSBURG HOG FENCE

A Great Gift.

The greatest gift made in the interest of Big Springs was made last Friday June 4, by H. Clay Read.

Beginning at a point 600 feet east of his section line, he has donated 7 blocks to the Soash railroad through his land for purpose of yard and depot grounds. This being the most important right-of-way he was the very first one to sign a nominal contract for deed for this valuable land, which represents a value of over \$2000 per block. One mile out this right-of-way touches the southwest corner of another tract of land of his, on which is located the very prettiest grove of trees in the county. With a short side track there the two railroads now into Big Springs can give their employes and our citizens an outing or picnic on grounds second to none in the west. As we understand Mr. Read intends to beautify these grounds, which are only one-half mile from the city limits. With the completion of this second railroad great things can be expected in our city, for this will bring to us the State Normal college on the heights just east of Mr. L. Coffee's residence, where the finest well of water has been completed and tested, a location overlooking all the city, and the very prettiest location in the county. Also it will bring to us a cotton seed oil mill and compress, more gins and many business houses. There is not a city in all the state of Texas with a brighter future than Big Springs, "The Queen City of the South Plains."

"Citizen."

Land Bargain.

440 acres of good land in four miles of Big Springs for sale. No improvements. Will take trade. For particulars apply at this office.

Baptist Church.

Sunday school 9:45.
Sermon for 11 a. m., "The Book."
Sermon for 8:30, "When a man is born of God's Spirit, is he saved?"
Junior Union 3 p. m.
Sunbeams at S. H. Morrison's 3 p. m.
Senior Union 4:30 p. m.
All services held in court house. You are kindly invited to come and worship with us.
Wilson C. Rogers, pastor.

Wanted—Threshed Kaffir corn, Milo Maize and Cane seed.
Gary & Burns Co.

Another Gift For Big Springs.

J. O. Hartzog left Wednesday night for Dallas where he will purchase machinery for another gin which he will erect in Big Springs, and will have it ready to handle this year's crop.

H. O. Wooten has his immense warehouse completed and is now ready for business. In conversation with their manager a few days ago, he said they would carry a complete line of all staple and fancy groceries and will cater the best trade of the town. These people have for sometime had a good business at Abilene, but as the country grows they gradually extend their business out, and as they are good business men, they will be a great help to our town and country.

Cheap Land For Sale.

One section of good black land, 18 miles north of town, all smooth but about 65 acres. Land is worth more than is asked for it, but the owner wants to sell and will take \$12.50 per acre; part cash, balance 1, 2, 3 and 4 years. For further information call at this office.

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J. & W. FISHER

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

The real gamblers in Wall street are few. The rest are lambs.

Why debate the suffrage amendment? It furnishes its own condemnation.

Tears, says a scientist, will kill disease germs. Let's all go and get on a tear.

Two Frenchmen fought a duel and shot each other. Another tradition "busted."

Not all the new jokes have been sprung. Here's the latest: Spain has decided to rebuild the fleet.

Immigrants of the right sort are welcome, but vigilance must be used to keep the criminal element out.

Italy has a woman suffrage question, too, but so far the suffragettes have not tried to outdo the Messina earthquake.

The women of the country will begin playing whist next week. Now "silence like a poultice will come to heal the blows of sound."

General depression of Wall street will not improve that center of stock speculation. Legal regulation of its deals would be far more effective.

A fanatic is not an attractive thing, no matter whether his fanaticism takes the form of head hunting, missionary murdering or umpire mobbing.

If the game laws of the world were reformed on a Christian basis, the open season for the killing of Armenians would be confined to February 20 and 31.

An investigation is to be made of the cause of the weak hearts of the midshipmen at Annapolis. One reason may be that the Naval academy is situated so near the city of pretty girls.

Turks, young or old, are again reported to be interfering with the ancient rights and realm of Persia. The problems of the Ottoman empire and its neighbors did not pass away with Abdul Hamid's reign.

Now that the supreme court of chemistry has been declared legal, it necessarily follows that such queer things as sulphur, copper, various salts, saccharine, etc., become perfectly healthful and nutritious to the human system.

The sultan of Morocco hints of war to the king of Spain unless the Spanish troops are withdrawn from his possessions. Evidently, in the general subjugation of sultans these days, the Moroccan rule thinks there ought to be at least one to stand up for his rights.

The prince regent of China gave an official luncheon in the palace to the foreign delegates to the late emperor's funeral. There could be required hardly any better proof that the great Chinese wall now is down for good and all between the empire and the outside world.

The New York chauffeur who killed a boy while speeding away after striking the child when life might have been saved by the prompt stopping of the automobile, is to be tried on a charge of murder in the first degree, a recent law in that state holding the taking of life, whether intentionally or not, while in the commission of a crime, to come under that head. The case raises new questions of fact and law, but it is evident that some drastic remedy must be applied to the new danger of automobile killings.

There is little or no prospect of ever increasing the park space of the boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx, and it is none too large for the present and future needs of the great city, says the New York Times. Not an inch of Crotona park, or any other park, should be given over to any other purpose than precisely the purpose for which parks are designed. Crotona is one of the big playgrounds of a thickly settled neighborhood in the Bronx. It is not too big and playgrounds for the city children are too few.

The New York court of appeals is to pass on whether the constitutional right to the pursuit of happiness extends to a man's satisfaction in hearing his rooster crow at hours of the night which deprive other men of that constitutional happiness which lies in slumber. The question appears trivial, but so determined is the man in the case to enjoy this constitutional privilege, as involving a supreme right, that he says he will carry his rooster's midnight crow to the supreme court of the United States, if necessary.

The authorities of large cities will have soon to deal with the problem of safety of children in the streets. Since the introduction of rapid transit and lately of automobiles there is ensuing a slaughter of the little ones which is apparently on the increase and which must be taken into account. The provision by every large city of public playgrounds to take the children off the streets, now the only place where a large majority can play, may prove one solution, and more stringent laws fixing responsibility on speeding another.

EVENTS BOILED DOWN

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

NOTHING GOOD GOT AWAY

Everything important that could be confined to a small space is here found.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Private advices received from Washington state that Robert Bacon, ex-Secretary of State, has accepted the Ambassadorship to France, and that he will succeed Henry White at the end of the year.

At a conference in Washington, Friday, of the State and provincial boards of health of North America one of the chief matters taken up was the plan to have congress appropriate \$1,000,000 for a great national leprosum where all known lepers in the country may be taken care of by the government.

Gen. Arthur Fridge, Adjutant General for the State of Mississippi, is authority for the statement that the War Department at Washington is figuring on the possibility of again sending regulars into Cuba within ninety days.

Delevan Smith and Charles R. Williams, owners of the Indianapolis News, were before Judge Anderson, United States Court, of Indianapolis, Tuesday, resisting removal to District of Columbia on indictments charging them with having committed criminal libel in articles intimating there was an enormous graft in the purchase by the United States of the Panama Canal zone.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

The annual meeting of the Mayors' Association of Texas is to be held in San Angelo. The date for the meeting will be July 21 to 23.

Battling Nelson and Jack Clifford gave signed articles to appear in a fifteen-round contest at the auditorium in Oklahoma City, June 22.

A terrific wind and rainstorm visited Nacogdoches Tuesday, doing considerable damage there in the city and causing a great loss to the crops.

A party of ten young ladies left Ft. Worth Thursday to make a European trip of about four months. The trip will include France, England, Switzerland and Germany.

Beginning at 2:44 and continuing until 5:02 o'clock Friday morning, seismographs at the observatory here registered intense seismic disturbances at Manila.

Ollie Walters, aged 39, single, a brakeman in the employ of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, was killed Wednesday morning in Waco by falling from a freight train beneath the wheels.

Hon. Burford Isaacs, City Attorney of Abilene, was in Austin Tuesday and secured the approval by the Attorney General and registration by the Attorney General of \$40,000 of Abilene city school building bonds.

The Gainesville Creamery Company Monday shipped a solid car load of butter to Chicago, which was all fresh and in good condition. The car contained 26,815 pounds, for which the creamery received \$6,703.75.

Up to an early hour Monday night eleven bodies had been recovered from the waters of Lake Ponchartraine, La., at the scene of Sunday's disastrous collapse of a small platform upon which scores of excursionists had crowded to board the Steamer Martaret about to return to New Orleans.

The contract for the construction of the Santa Fe extension from Clovis, N. M., to Coleman, Tex., was let Friday. The road will be 17 1/2 miles long. The cost will be close to \$1,500,000.

The sixth annual session of the Texas Opticians' Association began Tuesday morning in the rooms of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

While in bathing at the E. E. Ende farm Sunday, near Gonzales, Lucile Schelyer, the 12-year-old daughter of Mrs. Oscar Schelyer, was swept off by a current. Her body has not been recovered.

Former Sheriff Edward W. Callahan, 'amou throughout the State for the part he played in the numerous feuds that have disrupted Breathitt County for years, was shot from ambush early Monday night, and it is believed fatally wounded, at Jackson, Ky.

A free barbecue, with music, oratory and all sorts of amusements, was given Thursday by the Retail Merchants' Association of Waco, over 10,000 people attending, all of whom were served with abundance of food and entertained with automobile, motorcycle and horse races.

The first warm days of summer have been marked in St. Petersburg by an alarming increase of cholera.

Two thousand feet of the Neva grain locks at Port Costa, on the bay at San Francisco, in which all the grain from California for foreign ports is loaded, burned Monday. The loss is estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

Oil mill superintendents to the number of about two hundred met in annual convention at Hotel Deuchand, New Orleans, Wednesday. They represent the mechanical end of the great cotton industry of the South.

W. E. Dean, an old resident of Cleburna, shot Russell in the stomach Wednesday with a muzzle-loading shotgun and died immediately.

A natural gas supply for Ft. Worth is promised by the Lone Star Gas Company of Fort Worth, for which a charter was issued in Austin Friday.

The National Retail Grocers' Association met in Portland, Ore., Wednesday in annual convention, with nearly 50 delegates, representing fifty-one States, present.

July 28, 29 and 30 are the dates definitely decided upon for the first reunion of the Panhandle U. C. V. Association. This session will be held at Amarillo.

Edgar Turner, of Justin, Saturday sold 900 bushels of wheat, which he raised on sixty acres near here, to the Burrus Mill and Elevator Company for \$1.57 per bushel.

In one of the hottest local elections ever held in the county, Alice, at a local option election Saturday, voted prohibition by a majority of 21 out of 185 votes cast.

Former Representative J. L. Crawford of Bridgeport, confirms the report the a second vein of coal of a very superior quality has been discovered at a depth of about three hundred feet.

In another flight in his aeroplane at Brownsville, Friday, Prentiss Newman sailed through the air a quarter of a mile with perfect control of the machine and alighted without a jar.

Ernest Edwards, 21 years of age, who had been employed at a gravel pit near Plover, was struck and killed by a train on the Frisco at an early hour Tuesday morning. The body was mangled.

Watermelons are coming. Advices were received Wednesday from South Texas to the effect that the melons are already moving and that before the end of the week receipts may be expected in Dallas.

Friday morning Austin was visited by a heavy electrical storm, accompanied by a high wind and much rain. The wind was severe and did considerable damage. All over Austin trees were blown down.

Jack Clifford, who was knocked out by Battling Nelson in five rounds in Ogden, Jan. 13, last, is to be the opponent of the lightweight champion in a twenty-round fight arranged for Oklahoma City, June 22.

Persons returning from the Colorado River, where they have been fishing, report that during the past week, hundreds of fish were seen floating down the stream, dead.

Albert T. Patrick's application for a writ of habeas corpus releasing him from Sing Sing prison where he is under life sentence for the murder of William Marsh Rice, was denied by the appellate division of the supreme court in Brooklyn Friday.

A successful flight was made Wednesday by Prentiss A. Newman, inventor of the Brownsville aeroplane, in the presence of a large crowd. As the aeroplane has not yet been equipped with a motor, an automobile was used to tow it.

The growing crop of cotton on May 25 was 31.1 per cent of the normal condition, against 79.7 one year ago, and a ten year average of 81.4. The area planted this year is about 36.6 per cent of the area planted in cotton last year and aggregates about 21,918,000 acres, a decrease of 1,452,000 acres of 4.4 per cent from the bureau's revised estimate of last year's planted area.

The report of the Controller of the Currency shows that during the forty-three years, 1865 to 1907, inclusive, the average annual individual deposits with National banks aggregated \$66,763,310,417 and that the total losses to depositors of National banks during that period totaled \$49,911,583, or, in other words, the ratio of loss to depositors of National banks through insolvency was .073 of 1 per cent of the total deposits.

The strike of the motormen and conductors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, which began last Saturday morning, is now in progress of settlement, and those having the matter in charge confidently assert that it will be brought to a close within a few days.

Although Ballinger has been entitled to city mail for three years past, his postal receipts having exceeded \$10,000 per year for that period, application for such service was not filed with the Postoffice Department until Monday.

In the annual readjustment of the salaries of Texas postmasters there have been increases in 139 cities and decreases in but twenty.

The committee appointed by the Methodist denominations of Haskell has completed the plans for a \$25,000 church and submitted same to the contractors for bids on the construction of the building.

E. T. Bado was electrocuted in some unexplained manner Tuesday, in Houston, by coming in contact with a cash register that is operated with electricity.

The International and Great Northern Railroad will put auditors on their passenger trains within a few days, according to a report current in railroad circles.

The Chilean Congress was reconvened Tuesday. President Montt's message, which was read, indicated that cordial relations existed between Chile and the whole world.

Confirmation is said to be apparent at Austin of the San Antonio report that E. H. Harriman is to build a line direct from San Antonio to the City of Mexico down the East Coast.

BIG COTTON EXPORTS

\$2,000,000 BALES SHIPPED FROM THE UNITED STATES SINCE SEPTEMBER.

PRICES BETTER LAST YEAR

The Planter is Interested in Good Prices Rather than Big Crops.

New York, June 9.—Cotton continues to figure as the backbone of our balance of trade statement. With Monday's exports the quantity shipped out since September 1 slightly exceeded 8,000,000 bales thus far this season. Last year, by contract, there were only 7,000,000 bales. But the price was 2c a pound better and the gross returns from a million bales less than this year was \$402,500,000. That is 1,000,000 bales less brought the country \$22,500,000 more last season than for the current one. The planter is interested in good prices rather than in big crops.

MOTHER KILLS CHILDREN.

Takes Own Life After Slaying Daughter and Two Sons.

Richland, Navarro Co., Tex., June 7.—Mrs. J. M. Green, who lives about one mile east of here, killed her three children—a girl aged twelve and two boys aged seven and three—by cutting their throats with a razor and then cut her own throat. This happened about 2:30 or 4 o'clock Sunday morning.

It appears that the children died immediately and that the woman only lived about fifteen minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil, next-door neighbors, spent the night at Mrs. Green's did not awaken until Mrs. Green had killed her children and was in the act of killing herself, which she did before they could prevent.

One Dead; Several Injured.

Dallas: One life was lost in the fire that gutted the three-story Knight Building, on Elm and Harwood streets, early Sunday morning. Several persons were seriously injured by leaping from the second and third stories of the roosting house. At least three of these are believed to have sustained fatal injuries.

Against Presbyterian Union.

Jefferson City, Mo.: The Missouri Supreme Court declares the union of the Presbyterian Churches to be illegal. In an opinion written by Judge Graves the court decrees that if the churches unite the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., must so amend its creeds, doctrines and form of government as to make them conform to that of the Cumberland Presbyterians, and then come in under the jurisdiction of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Order an Investigation.

Austin: The City Commission Tuesday adopted a resolution introduced by Police Commissioner J. P. Hart ordering an investigation to determine the responsibility of the municipal police with respect to the pugilistic exhibition conducted at a gymnasium Friday night, which resulted in the death of Victor Lyons, one of the participants.

Texas Railroad Prospects.

Austin: The possibilities for railroad construction in Texas are said to be brighter just now than at any time since the last money flurry. An encouraging report comes that the Santa Fe is to build its cut-off across the Plains from New Mexico to a connection with the San Angelo branch, giving a direct line to the Gulf.

Balloon Endurance Record.

Indianapolis, Ind.: The balloon University City, John Berry of St. Louis, pilot, and Paul McCullough, aid, which landed at Lookout Mountain, broke the endurance record previously held at forty-four hours, and no doubt has won the National endurance race of the Aero Club of America, which started from Indianapolis late Saturday.

No Normal Appointments.

Indianapolis, Ind.: Announcement is made by P. B. Cousins, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, that the Governor's veto of the appropriation for normal scholarships abolishes the system and makes it unnecessary for the members of the Legislature to make the appointments otherwise authorized.

\$20,000,000 Suit Settled.

New York: The \$20,000,000 suit of the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company against the American Sugar Refining Company, the so-called trust, was settled out of court Tuesday. The case has been on trial for two weeks in the United States District Court.

Capital Stock Now \$2,000,000.

Austin: J. P. Wolters of Houston Tuesday procured the approval of the Attorney General to an amendment of the charter of the Guarantee Life Insurance of Houston, increasing the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$2,000,000. The amendment was filed with the Commissioner of Insurance.

May Extend to Fort Worth.

Fort Worth: It is rumored in railroad circles that the Wichita Falls and Southern will extend its line from Newcastle to Fort Worth.

It May Be Your Fate

To have your house burned down tonight. One can never tell what minute such a thing may happen. The question naturally arises, "ARE YOU INSURED?" If not, do you think it would be wise to have an issue a policy at once? It is most decidedly penny wise and pound foolish to be without insurance when the danger of fire is always present, when ruin may come at any time. Call on us at our

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We have a full line of Refrigerators and Ice boxes.
SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY

Our new line of Matting just in The largest line of Linoleum in West Texas.

FOR SALE—Sixteen acres of land within a short distance of the corporate limits of Big Springs. Will make a fine truck farm. For price and terms call at The Enterprise office.

Mrs Dreben and daughter Dessie, went to Baird Tuesday to be present at the marriage of Miss James. Little Miss Dessie will act as flower girl.

Your Sunday dinner can hardly be completed without McWhorter's ice cream for desert. Give your order Saturday for a gallon.

Miss Jennie Cannon who has been in school at Denton during the past session, returned home this week to spend the summer.

Wanted—Threshed Kafir corn, Milo Maize and Caneseed.
Gary & Burns Co.

R. D. Matthews and family have gone to Corpus Christi where they expect to spend the summer.

Misses Merrick's and Miss King paid this office a pleasant call Tuesday. We are always glad to have our girl friends to make our office a stopping place while in town.

Let us write your cotton insurance. The cost is small and the protection is great.
Hartzog & Coffee.

Mrs. Cortway returned to Fort Worth Monday with Mrs. Smith who has been visiting Mrs. Cortway.

FOR RENT—Furnished room. Close in. Apply at this office.

J. E. Cookrell returned yesterday from a trip west and says it is very dry out there.

J. O. Gibson, the tailor, in the front basement of the Ward building, makes a specialty of cleaning and pressing clothing.
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Local and Personal

W. P. Williams of Coahoma was in town Tuesday.

Miss Mary Sloan of Peos was in the city Wednesday.

Uncle Jesse Evans of Dawson county is in the city.

W. B. McWhorter of Lamesa was here yesterday.

Carbon to kill your prairie dogs, at Biles & Gentry's.

J. W. D. Permentor of Coahoma was here Tuesday.

Jno. Slaughter was visiting friends here the first of the week.

W. W. Satterwhite of Monahans spent Monday here.

F. R. Harris is attending court in San Antonio as a witness.

Have just received a shipment of Lowney's candies. Biles & Gentry.

Miss Nora Coleman is visiting Miss Lula Lovelace for a few days this week.

R. E. Spears and wife of Richland community were in town Monday.

For Rent—Three room house furnished for light house keeping. Apply to Mrs. A. R. Wylie, phone 127.

Asa Mayfield of San Angelo was in the city Tuesday on business.

Smokers can always find what they want in cigars at Biles & Gentry.

Miss Baird of Roscoe is here on a visit to the family of Dr. J. C. Baird.

When planing your Sunday dinner call up McWhorter's and order a gallon of ice cream to be delivered Sunday morning.

Norman Girdwood, district and county clerk of Glasscock county, was here Wednesday.

C. E. Thomas returned Monday from a visit to Mike Williamson's Glasscock county ranch.

Mrs. Willie Griffin of Gatesville is visiting Mrs. Griffin's mother at Garden City for a month or so.

Don't think of entertaining your friends a reception or party without serving McWhorter's ice cream for refreshments.

Mrs. Green of Huntsville, Alabama, arrived here Wednesday night on a visit to her son, E. E. Green.

The house on Heflin Bros. farm, north of town some ten or twelve miles, was blown down Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby and daughter left for their old home in Kentucky for a month or so Sunday night.

Mr. J. L. Tolson of Morris was on our streets Thursday shaking hands with friends.

The newest and most complete stock of groceries in the city at Jones & McGowen, first door south of McCamant Drug Store.

* Preaching at the Christian church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. by the pastor, E. S. Bledsoe. You are invited.

Dan McCuningham, who has been Federal live stock inspector for 16 years, with headquarters at Colorado, Texas, has resigned.

If you are not satisfied after using according to directions two-thirds of a bottle of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, you can have your money back. The tablets cleanse and invigorate the stomach, improve the digestion, regulate the bowels. Give them a trial and get well. Sold by all druggists.

B. Reagan left last week for Detroit Michigan to attend the National Convention of the W. O. W. which meets there this week. Mr. Reagan will perhaps have some interesting items on his return.

The Place to Buy

Hardware, Glass and Queensware, Wagons, Buggies, Plows, Windmills and water supply materials of all kinds is at our store. We can fit you up with any kind of galvanized sheet iron work from our own shop. :-: :-: :-:

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Ask your grocer for Eupion and take no other

E. L. Dreben is in Colorado, Colo., for a few weeks recuperating his health.

Give us your order for a tailor-made suit. We guarantee them.
A. P. McDonald & Co.

A. J. Sewell visited his mother and father in Abilene Sunday and Monday.

For receptions, parties and banquets McWhorter's brick ice cream cannot be equaled.



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either die or get well. A big percent of those who die can charge their deaths up to inefficient. It's a fact we can demonstrate that

PRESCRIPTIONS compounded here and from our absolutely pure drug, will bring the sick back to health again, if any way possible. Our prescriptions are worth their weight in gold, if you're sick and want to recover.

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E. E. Elkins the courteous bookkeeper for West Texas National Bank was called to Fort Worth Saturday night on account of the illness of his mother. A telegram from Mr. Elkins Tuesday stated his mother died at 11:30 a. m., that day. This is sad news to the many friends of Mr. Elkins and the Enterprise extends the greatest sympathy in this sad hour to the bereaved friends and relatives.

J. A. Kinard was in this office Wednesday on business and while here stopped long enough to tell of his trip east in interest of the Farmer's Union. Mr. Kinard said he had good success. Found good crops generally in all counties visited, and expected to return east about July 1. He will remain here until then in interest of the union in this county.

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Yours to please,

Ayers & Ball

NEW WARD BLDG. BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

A REAL VACATION.

What I Saw On My Trip To California.

As I have been requested by quite a number of my friends to write and describe my trip to California—will try and do as best I can, for I can not find words to describe the pleasure of a trip so grand.

First, I will say I was nominated as a candidate in the National Co-operators great trip to California contest, and on being one of the happy winners, I boarded the train in Big Springs May 7, at 7:30 p. m., arriving in Fort Worth May 8, at 7:00 a. m., where I met quite a number of the winners. We were entertained until 10 o'clock, a. m., at one of Fort Worth's best hotels—The Terminal.

The rest of the day was spent in looking over the city—we also attended one of the theatres in the evening.

That night at 9 o'clock we started on our tour in a pullman car. Our journey through Kansas on Sunday was grand; it was beautiful scenery, pure air, and golden sunshine, which naturally makes one feel happy.

Monday May 10, found us in the beautiful city of Denver, Colo., in the new hotel, The Standish. Here we were royally entertained. After lunch we visited the U. S. Government mint, and found them making \$5 gold pieces and twenty-five cent silver pieces.

From there we went to the State house, where we shook hands with Governor Shafroth, who greeted the Texas girls heartily. We went on through the building looking at the animals, birds, rocks, shells, skeletons, etc., also saw the stump of a tree filled with bullets in the battle of Chicomanga. These and many other relics were interesting to look at. From here we returned to our hotel and we then had dinner, after which we attended a fine picture show.

Arising early on the morning of the 11, through with breakfast, into a touring car, having our pictures made, out into the city park in which are all kinds of things for amusement. Here we saw deer, buffalo, bear, antelope, mountain lions, wolves and pheasants. The snow-capped mountains are beautiful to gaze upon. Mt. Evans, sixty miles away, is 275 feet higher than Pikes Peak.

Long's Peak is 14,271 feet. The mountains seen from Denver are too numerous to mention, it looks as though we might walk out to any of them before breakfast. After cheering Denver and the Standish for the hospitality shown us, we bade them farewell on May 12, at 8:00 a. m.

Listen! look! for a sketch of the city:
"Hurrah for Colorado, the tourist greatest state;
With thanks from the Texas girls—For hospitality great."

Our party after having a pleasant and interesting stay in Denver are now aboard the touring car on our way to the depot, May 12, 10:10 a. m.

Aboard our special car "Paterson" we are now, after a few hours travel in the heart of the great Rockies, thirty-three miles west, and to the left we observe the beautiful Castle Rock, wasted away for centuries it is left in the form of a large castle, from which the city of Castle Rock is named. The monument rock is so natural, Palmer's lake is a beautiful lake fifty-two miles south of Denver.

This lake was named for Gen. Palmer, the projector and builder of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad. Between Denver and Colorado Springs we saw one of the most remarkable freaks of nature, the Elephant Rock.

Colorado Springs the city of sunshine and broad streets, nestling at the foot of Pikes Peak. The balanced rock leaning over as though it might easily be

pushed over, attracted much attention.

Fioronea Colo., is also a thriving little town. Thanks to her for her nice souvenirs.

We also passed through Canon City where we got a good view of the state penitentiary and a few of the convicts.

Canon City is a beautiful little city of about 12,000 inhabitants, and at the very entrance to the Grand Canon of the Arkansas. Few places are more happily situated so far as natural scenery is concerned. The Hanging Bridge in the Royal Gorge is but six miles away.

Pueblo the "Pittsburg of the west" and the "Sunshine City" so-called because of her great iron and steel mills, her splendid climate, pure air and never-ending sunshine, is the second city of the state in population.

There are four great smelters reducing more mineral than does any other one locality in the west.

The Royal Gorge—the Grand Canon of the Arkansas, is the most remarkable chasm or canon in the world through which a railroad passes, it is certainly one of nature's master pieces. A few miles rise beyond the peaceful town of Canon City, the train enters the portals of the Grand Canon of the Arkansas, whose walls narrow rapidly until at the Hanging Bridge they are only thirty feet apart and rise perpendicularly for over half a mile. Words can not depict the grandeur of this eight mile ride through the Canon of the Arkansas.

The Royal Gorge is something that must be seen to be appreciated. It seems that it is almost impossible that a railroad could traverse such mountains as the great Rockies are. Two of the most wonderful Canons in the Rocky mountains and both on the main line of the D. & R. G. railroad, are the Grand Canon of the Arkansas and the first tunnel in the Canon of the Grand River. After traveling over the D. & R. G. railroad via Leadville two days and one night, through the beautiful Rocky mountain scenery we arrived in the grand historical city of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Here we registered at the hotel Kenyon and I must say that we were treated royally, we here visited many historical places, also had the pleasure of being entertained by the Mormons in their grand tabernacle. They gave a recital of thirty minutes on their great pipe organ, which is one of the largest and most expensive pipe organs in the world. It actually resembles the human voice. It was certainly a great pleasure to be present at such a grand recital. It is something that no one should miss when visiting in Salt Lake City. We also visited all the parks in the city and saw many wonderful sights.

We saw all of Brigham Young's houses such as lion house, and bee hive house, etc. Also saw his statue and grave. There are numbers of schools and works built by him in the city. He had 21 wives and sixty four children, saw the private school for his children, also most all the houses he built for his wives. The Mormon temple is a grand building to look upon. It took forty years to build it; there being only a few of the first architects living when it was completed. The stones that it is built of were carried by hand. There are many interesting things to be learned about these wonderful people.

We also visited Soltau Beach out on the great Salt Lake and went in bathing while out there, and had a very enjoyable time. Before I left there I had decided that the Great Salt Lake must contain the strongest salt in the world. The water is so salty that it has no animal life in it. After seeing all the noted places in this historical city, we bade farewell to Salt Lake—The Kenyon and its generous people at 1 o'clock

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If you should pay only one dollar and die, your estate gets deed for lot without any more payments. If you should be sick or disabled, your payments will be extended for a period of ten weeks if sick that long. For further information call at the

W. P. SOASH LAND COMPANY

p. m. Saturday May 15, we departed over the D. & R. G. railroad, arriving in Ogden at 2 p. m. Ogden is a beautiful place; we only stopped here for a few minutes, leaving at 2:45 p. m., over the Southern Pacific railroad for San Francisco, Cal.

Over this railway we viewed many wonderful sights. After passing through a small portion of the state of Nevada, the great American desert, and a 37 mile bridge out from the Salt Lake.

On the 16 we entered the grand state of California. After a few hours travel we soon began to view many pretty scenes, Crystal Lake, a very beautiful little lake near the railroad. Donna Lake 25 miles long by one-half to two miles wide, altitude 7,014 feet. We are now in the Sierra Nevada range of mountains, here we see many tall straight pines, also the pines from the Holy Land.

(Continued next week.)
Wanted—Threshed Kaffir corn, Milo Maize and Cane seed.
Gary & Burns Co.

Prospects For New Railroad Look Good.

There is no question in the minds of those in a position to know, that the road so long looked for to the north is going to be built, but there are conditions that must be met in order to insure this road at once. One among the most important is the raising of the balance on the bonus to insure a speedy beginning on this road.

Mr. Soash while in town last Friday, authorized us to say he had instructed Col. Peters to make his estimates on the grades and cost to put these grades in conditions to receive the ties. As there are some details to work up, will perhaps have more extensive information next week.

Fbr Sale or Trade.
320 acres of land 10 miles south of town, 50 acres in cultivation well improved. Price \$10 per acre, for further information apply at this office.

Blank Chattel Mortgages for sale at this office. 33-1f.

Services at Christian Church.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11:00 a. m., and 8:15 p. m.
Junior Christian Endeavor at 4:00 p. m.
Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.
Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.
E. S. Bledsoe, Pastor.

Lots For Sale.

Three choice lots in Cole & Strayhorn's addition for sale. Price \$225 for the three. One corner and two inside. Apply at this office for further particulars.

Just received 37 cases shoes and slippers, at A. P. McDonald & Co., Shoe, men and gents furnishers.

HERE WE ARE

We told you to look out for our ad this week. We are the busiest people you ever saw. Why? Because we are there with the goods. We promise to give you your money's worth. In addition to our increasing dray, transfer, wood and coal business, we have launched into the ice business, wholesale and retail. Some of our friends tell us we had better leave town, and that our scalp is gone, but let us tell you as long as we are in an honest and upright business, we fear nothing or no one. If we were to tell you that we are here to save you money, that would be a lie; we are here to give you good service, good stuff and make what we can. Our ice wagons will not be completed this week, but soon will be, and we are going to do the best we can until we get a ghtened out. Don't get scared and say we will not last long, as a few have said. If we live and nothing unforeseen happens and our scalp remains with us, we will sell you ice not only this season but next also. To our host of friends: Give us your ice business, your coal and wood business, your dray, transfer and trunk business. We appreciate all favors shown us; we may not have sense enough to tell you or show it, but we certainly do. We would not lose the friendship of the Big Springs people and surrounding country for any business in existence. Someone has already said that this is not so, or stronger language perhaps, but some people know that we are telling the truth.

Stone & Carpenter
YOU GET WHAT YOU BUY

"Price" and "Cost"

"Cost" originally meant not money, not cash, but reward, praise, worth. The Latins called it "pretium." "Cost" comes from an old Icelandic word "koster," signifying to choose, to test, to prove. So "price" is really the worth of the thing sold. "Cost" means how well the thing bought proves up in actual use. So when you buy paint the "price" of it should be the measure of its usefulness in appearance and wear. Its "cost" to you will be how well it stands the test you put it to. If it does well, its cheap; if not, you paid too much. Measured by this poor paint cost far, far more than good paint; never worth the price asked and never stands the test of wear. There's one house paint made that's worth the price and stands the test, and that's Horse Shoe Brand, Mound City Paint, best lead, zinc, pure linseed oil, Japan, coloring matter and nothing else; honest materials, honestly prepared, sold on honor. Seven gallons of Horse Shoe Paint covers as much surface as ten gallons of ordinary paint and lasts longer. When you are ready to buy paint or paint specialties and want the price and the cost both right as well as the paint, just remember there is one store where you'll find what you're looking for.

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<p>Every Sound Investment.</p> <p>Every sound investment has for its basis a careful study of facts and conditions. On no other basis can any enduring success be hoped for. The officers and directors of the Cobre Grande Copper Company are presenting the facts which have formed the basis of their own confidence in the present undertaking.</p> <p>Location Of The Cobre Grande.</p> <p>The property is about sixteen miles south of Douglas, Arizona, the great smelting center of the Southwest. It is also 4 1-2 miles east of Cabullona Station, on the Nacozari Railroad, at present the nearest shipping point, however the Southern Pacific Railway, which is now building its road into Douglas, will come within one and a half miles of our property.</p> <p>A Rich Copper District.</p> <p>The range of mountains, in which this property is located is a continuation of Chiricahua Range, in which so many valuable Copper and Gold properties have been recently located. As far as known, the entire belt is highly mineralized, the country rock being identical to that of the Bisbee District in its formation.</p> <p>The country generally is cretaceous of the Mesozoic period; the ore throughout the district, makes in lime on a porphyry or granite contact with occasional outcropping of an intrusive porphyry. The lime-stone and iron cap comes up in reefs and dykes. The granitic overflow is apparent over large areas and wherever this occurs, combined with porphyritic croppings and iron, it is absolutely sure.</p> <p>There Is A Large Bed Of Copper Ore Beneath.</p> <p>In accordance with geological law each of the openings made showed these material facts, the vein being three and a half to four feet wide at grass roots, widening out as descent is made.</p> <p>AGAIN, it is a geological law that in all molten metals the heaviest lies the lowest. Now the mighty pressure of the deep waters of the Pacific Ocean, ages ago, reached down to the bed of gold and forced it upward with the copper. Hence in sinking the shaft</p> <p>Anywhere In The Copper District</p> <p>Gold will be found at a depth of one to two hundred feet in sufficient quantities to meet or more than meet all mining expenses, leaving the</p> <p>Copper A Clear Profit.</p> <p>A well-defined and heavy mineralized ledge shows outcrops over the entire surface of the Cobre Grande property and extends along its entire length, showing surface measurement across the outcrops of from 75 to 100 feet, highly mineralized the entire width.</p> <p>The strike of the ledge is east of north and west of south, and the vein stands nearly vertical, being about five degrees to the northeast.</p> <p>These statements are taken from reports made by expert mining engineers and geologists. Various assays have been made of our ore showing very rich copper values, together with good gold and silver values. These documents are on file in our office and will be gladly exhibited to anyone desiring to investigate our statements.</p> <p>Here Lies The Greatest Mineral Deposits Known To The World.</p> <p>The statements are not based on theory, but have been absolutely demonstrated. It is a fact without exaggeration that the Copper Queen Smelter, located 15 miles from the Cobre Grande property, handled more copper under one roof last year than any other smelter in the world.</p> <p>This rich mineral zone is many miles in width and follows in general a northerly and southerly direction.</p> <p>It is a broad statement, nevertheless true, that among all the mines of this district there has NOT been recorded A SINGLE FAILURE where development work has been continued down to the depth of known and permanent values.</p> <p>In this great Copper Belt, millions and millions of copper, gold and silver have already been taken out. The Copper Queen, the Calumet and Arizona and the Shattuck mines are just to the west of our property, the Cananea mines to the south and west, the wonderful Montezuma Copper mines to the south, the El Tigre gold and silver mines to the east and south, the rich copper mines of Morenci, Clifton and Globe to the north and east.</p>	<p>OFFICERS</p> <p>W. S. KIRBY President H. P. McKNIGHT First Vice-President JOS. F. NICHOLS Second Vice-President W. L. SHUMATE, JR. Secretary-Treasurer</p> <p>DIRECTORS</p> <p>W. S. KIRBY Kirby Drug Co., Druggists H. P. McKNIGHT Jack Frost Co. JOS. F. NICHOLS Mayor of Greenville W. L. SHUMATE, JR. Secretary-Treasurer S. A. STEMMONS Insurance HENRY DORSEY Dorsey Printing Company W. L. SHUMATE Attorney-at-Law SAM DYSTEBACH Sam Dysterbach Co., Dry Goods I. J. WILLINGHAM Pres. Sam Houston Life Ins. Co.</p> <p>ATTORNEYS</p> <p>M. L. ROBERTSON Dallas MANUEL FLORES El Paso</p>	<p>MINES, CANANEA DISTRICT, STATE OF SONORA, MEXICO.</p> <p>Transportation Facilities.</p> <p>We invite your special attention to this feature, as the matter of transportation is a most important factor in the mining industry. Our properties are not inaccessible, requiring long, tedious journey over the mountains on burros, but easy of access, being already only 4 1-2 miles from the railroad, reached by a good wagon road to our property. We also have a good wagon road to Douglas—16 miles distant.</p> <p>The Southern Pacific Railroad, now building into Douglas, will run within a mile and a half of our property.</p> <p>This is not a matter of probability, but evidenced by the work already in progress. Many mines have made wonderful successes even though far removed from railroads, and smelters, necessitating the marketing of their ores at tremendous costs, where timber and water had to be obtained from a great distance.</p> <p>Can we not succeed, having transportation at our very door and only a short distance to the smelters?</p> <p>Other Advantages Possessed By The Cobre Grande.</p> <p>Water is conveniently at hand. An abundance of wood for fuel is also available in the vicinity.</p> <p>Timbers can be shipped at a reasonable price; but owing to the nature of the ground but little timber is required for mining operations. We have an ideal climate, being no interruptions of work on account of weather conditions during the entire year.</p> <p>Native labor of excellent efficiency is also constantly available at low cost and unattended by strikes, etc.</p> <p>Titles To Property.</p> <p>This company is not operating on a lease, bond or option, but owns this property by authority of the Mexican Government, signed, sealed and delivered to us by its proper officers.</p> <p>The title to this property has been fully investigated and passed upon by the highest legal authority in the country and is in the name of the Company.</p> <p>To our READERS AND THINKERS, having secured this valuable property now wholly free from any liability and which we assure you shall forever be kept from "Earth-quaking Bonds," attachments or legal entanglements, we come to you offering a limited amount of stock, at a small percentage of its real value, to put this magnificent property upon a good dividend paying basis.</p> <p>We want engine, boiler, hoisting machinery, tramway, mine cars, and lastly, a tram road from mines to connect with the NEARBY RAILWAYS, thus enabling us to discharge the valuable product of our mines direct to the smelters, less than twenty miles distant.</p> <p>We believe that within six months the mines can be made free from further stock sales, in which case the stock will command par or above.</p> <p>If you have never really considered a mining investment as a means of increasing your savings, we urge that you do so now. Cobre Grande Copper stock, at the price it is now offered you, presents an exceptional opportunity.</p> <p>There are no encumbrances on the property, no preferred shares and no bonds to come first in the division of profits, and your shares will earn as much as a like number of shares owned by any other member of the Company.</p> <p>All stock is fully paid and non-assessable, as stated in each certificate. Each share carries with it the right to vote, so that with a single share you have every right, privilege and protection possessed by any other stockholder.</p> <p>Without exaggeration we have presented you with facts concerning the merits of our proposition and for your information have furnished you with correct data regarding the tremendous fortunes which have been made by other companies in our immediate vicinity. In this connection we beg to state that it is our intention to conduct the business in a conservative manner, and protect the interests of all stockholders. We are investing our own money in this enterprise, which is the best evidence of our good faith, and in offering you this stock we present it as a solid and safe investment, not as a speculation.</p>
<p>We Ask Your Consideration On The Proposition As Set Forth.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The location of the Cobre Grande in the midst of the great copper producing district. (2) The extent and richness of our ore in copper and gold, and the geological law for the vein to increase in width and value as shaft deepens, as has been demonstrated in mines near our property. (3) The proximity of the mines to the smelter, with railroad transportation at our very door. (4) Perfect title in the name of the company and free from all incumbrances. (5) The absolute law of the company to allow no incumbrance to be placed upon the property of any character whatsoever. WE WILL NOT GO IN DEBT. (6) No preferred stock or bonds. All stock full paid and non-assessable. (7) The present low price of a limited amount of stock. Act promptly. <p>Write For Free Prospectus.</p>	<p>Dallas, Texas, May 20, 1909</p> <p>Cobre Grande Copper Co., Dallas, Texas, Gentlemen:</p> <p>I have just returned from a trip to Sonora, Mexico, where I went for the purpose of an examination of the properties owned by our Company. We made a thorough examination of these properties from a practical business standpoint, and I unhesitatingly say that this Company has a splendid opportunity to make a grand success and earn dividends for each and every stockholder.</p> <p>While there I also visited one of the largest smelters, and saw the ores, and it is my opinion that we have ore of a better grade than any I saw in the smelter yards. I have invested money in this enterprise and I am well pleased with my investment, furthermore I give my endorsement and unhesitatingly recommend this proposition as a meritorious one to anyone who is interested in an investment of this character.</p> <p>Yours very truly, W. S. Kirby.</p>	<p>THE COBRE GRANDE COPPER CO.</p> <p>P. O. Box 906 523 Wilson Building. Phone Main 6605 Dallas, Texas</p>

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LION SHARE

BY OCTAVE THANET
AUTHOR OF THE MAN OF THE HOUR

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SYNOPSIS.

The story opens at Harvard where Col. Rupert Winter, U. S. A., visiting, saw the uncle of young Mercer. He met Cary Mercer, brother of the dead student. Three years later, in Chicago, in 1906, Col. Winter overheard Cary Mercer apparently planning to kidnap Archie, the colonel's ward, and to gain possession of the colonel's safe. Winter, aided by Miss Aunt Rebecca Winter's maid, Mrs. Millie, who was mentioned, apparently as a conspirator. Winter unexpectedly met a woman, Mrs. Millie, who told him that his Aunt Rebecca, Archie and the latter's nurse, Miss Janet Smith, were to leave for the west with the colonel and Mrs. Millie. A great train which Col. Winter met his Aunt Rebecca, Miss Smith and Archie. He set his eyes on Archie. He learned that the financial magnate is Edwin B. Keaty. On approaching Cary Mercer, the colonel was snubbed. Winter, aided by A. H., was cleverly frustrated a hold-up on the train. He took a great liking to Miss Smith, despite her alleged connection with the kidnaping plot, which he had not yet revealed to his relatives. The party arrived in San Francisco. It was thought that there were big persons behind the hold-up gang. Archie mysteriously disappeared. Fruitless search was conducted for Archie. Blood in a newspaper at the hotel caused fears for the boy's life. No headway was made in the search for Archie. The lad's voice was heard over the telephone, however, and a minute later a woman's voice—that of Miss Smith. Col. Winter and a detective set out for the empty mansion, owned by Arnold, a Harvard graduate. They were met with a terrific detonation, indicating an explosion within. The party rushed into the house.

CHAPTER VIII—Continued.

"I am not often mistaken in people," was the colonel's rather oblique answer, "and I think you are a gentleman who might kill me if you had a chance, but would not break his word to me. If you will promise to play fair with us, do no harm to my nephew, take this letter and bring me an answer—if you find any one—on your word of honor as a Japanese soldier and gentleman, you may go; we will not signal the police. Is it a bargain?"

The Jap gravely assented, still in the language of the east, "saving his face" by the declaration of the absence of his principals. And he went off as gracefully and courteously as if only the highest civilities had passed between them.

"Won't he try some skin game on us?" the detective questioned; but Winter only motioned toward the telephone desk. "Listen at it," he said, "you can tell if the wires are cut; and he knows your men are outside hiding, somewhere; he doesn't know how many. You see, we have the advantage of them there; to be safe they don't dare to let many people into their secret. We can have a whole gang. We haven't many, but they may think we have."

Birdsall, who had lifted the receiver to his ear, laid it down with an apologetic nod. Immediately he proceeded to satisfy his professional conscience by a search in every book and cranny of the apartment. But no result appeared important enough to justify the production of his red morocco notebook and his fountain-pen.

As he spoke the buzz of an electric bell jarred their ears. "Somebody is coming in the front door," hazarded Birdsall.

"Evidently," returned the colonel, dryly, "How can our absent friends get in otherwise—at least how can they let us understand they have come in? I think we are going to have the pleasure of an interview with the elusive Mr. Mercer."

They waited. The colonel motioned Birdsall to a seat by the table, within breathing distance of the telephone.

On his part, Mercer was not in the least perturbed by the two men's presence. He looked at the two men with a calm, unflinching gaze.

his bearing at Cambridge, three years before.

"This, I think, is Col. Winter?" he said, returning the bow, but not extending his hand; which hung down, slack and empty, at his side.

"I am glad you recognized me this time, Mr. Mercer."

"I am sorry that I did not recognize you before," answered Mercer. "Will you gentlemen be seated? I am not the owner of the house nor his son; I am not even a friend, only a casual acquaintance of the young man, but I seem to be rather in the position of host, so will you be seated, and may I offer you some Scotch and Shasta—Mr.—ah—"

"Mr. Horatio Birdsall of the Birdsall & Gwen Detective Agency," interposed Winter. Birdsall bowed. Mercer bowed. "Excuse me if I decline for us both; our time is limited—no, thank you, not a cigar, either. Now, Mr. Mercer, to come to the point, I want my nephew. I understand he is in this house."

"You are quite mistaken," Mercer responded, with unshaken calm. "He is not."

"Where is he, then?"

"I do not know, Col. Winter. What I should recommend is for you to go back to the Palace, and if you do not find him there—why, come and shoot us up again!" His eye strayed for a second to the blackened, reeking mass on the great stone hearth.

"Have you sent him home? Is that what you mean to imply?"

"I imply nothing, colonel; I don't dare to with such strenuous fighters as you gentlemen; only go and see, and if you do find the young gentleman has had no ill treatment, no scars—only a little adventure such as boys like, I hope you will come out here, or wherever I may be, and have that cigar you are refusing."

The colonel was frankly puzzled. He couldn't quite focus his wits on this bravado which had nothing of the bravo about it, in fact, had a tinge of wistfulness in its quiet. One would have said the man regretted his compulsory attitude of antagonism; that he wanted peace.

Mercer smiled faintly. "You ought to know by this time when a man is lying, colonel," he continued, "but I will go further. I may have done plenty of wrong things in my life, some things, maybe, which the law might call a crime; but I have never done anything which would debar me from passing my word of honor as a gentleman; nor any one else from taking it. I give you my word of honor that I have meant and I do mean no slightest harm to Archie Winter; and that, while I do not know where he is at this speaking, I believe you will find him safe under your aunt's protection when you get back to the Palace."

"Call up the Palace hotel, Mr. Birdsall," was the colonel's reply. "Mr. Mercer, I do not distrust that you are speaking exactly, but you know your Shakespeare; and there are promises which keep their word to the ear but break it to the sense."

"I don't wonder at your mistake; but you are mistaken, sub."



"Yes, Sub, I Got Your Aunt Herself," Responded Mercer.

buckered face behind Mercer's shoulder. And he rang the bell.

The Jap answered it with suspicious alacrity.

"Kito," said Mercer, "will you attend to Gen. Winter's car? Bring it up to the court."

Absolutely harmless, to all appearances, but Birdsall, from his safe position behind master and man, looked shrewd suspicion at the soldier.

"Shall your man in the hall go with him?" asked Mercer.

The colonel shook his head. "No," he said, quietly, "we have other men outside if he needs help. Call Skid, please." But when Birdsall attempted to get central there was no response.

The colonel merely shrugged his shoulders, although Birdsall frowned with vexation. "What a pity!" said Winter, softly. "Now, the fellows will come when the time is up; we can't call them off."

Mercer smiled faintly. "There are two more telephones in the house," he observed. "You can call off your dogs easily any time you wish. Also you can hear from the Palace. Will you come upstairs with me? I assure you I have not the least intention to harm you or the honest sergeant."

"You take the first trick, Mercer," said the colonel. "I supposed the bell was your signal to have the wires cut. But about going; no, I think we will stay here. There is a door out on the court which, if you will open—thank you. A charming prospect! Excuse me if I send Haley out there; and may I go myself?"

Winters' dull eyes hardly noted them; the exotic luxuriance of foliage, the Spanish armor and Spanish cows were all too common to a denizen of a Spanish colony in the tropics, to distract his thoughts from his own ugly problem. He had been having it out with himself, as he phrased it. And there had been moments during those two hours, when he had ground his teeth and clenched his fists because of the futile and furious pain in him.

When he recognized Janet Smith, by that same illuminating flash he recognized that this woman who had been tricking him was the woman that he loved. He believed that he had said his last word to love, but love, after seeming to accept the curt dismissal, was lightly riding his heart again. "Fooled a second time," he thought with inexpressible bitterness, recalling his unhappy married life, and the pretty, weak creature who had caused him such humiliation. Yet with her there had been no real wrongdoing, only absolute lack of discretion and a childish craving for sympathy and adulation. Poor child! what a woful ending for it all! The baby, the little boy who was their only living child, to die of a sudden access of an apparently trifling attack of croup, while the mother was dancing at a post ball! He was east, taking his examination for promotion. The frantic drive home in the chill of the dawn had given her a cold which her shock and grief left her no strength to resist—she was always a frail little creature, poor butterfly!—and she followed her baby inside of a month. Had she lived, her husband might have found it hard to forgive her, for already a sore heart was turning to the child for comfort; but she was dead, and he did not let his thoughts misuse her memory. Now—here was another, so different, but just as false. Then, he brought himself up with a jerk; he would be fair; he would look at things as they were; may a man had been fooled by the dummy. He would not jump at conclusions because they were cruel, any more than he would because they were kind. There was such a thing, he knew well, as credulous suspicion; it did more harm than credulous trust. Meanwhile, he had his details. He was to find Archie; therefore, he waited. They were in the house; it were only folly to give up their advantage under the stress of any of Mercer's plausible lurgings to the outside.

Moreover, by degrees, he became convinced that Mercer, certainly to some extent, was sincere in his profession of belief in Archie's absence and safety. This, in spite of hearing several times that Archie was not returned. Mercer did all the speaking, but he allowed Birdsall to hold the receiver and take the message from Mrs. Winter.

The telephone was in an adjoining room, but by shifting his position a number of times the colonel was able to catch a murmur of the conversation. He heard Mercer's voice distinctly. He had turned away and was following the detective out of the room. "I don't understand it any

more than you do, Mr. Birdsall," he said; "you won't believe me, sub, but I am right worried."

"Of course I believe you," purred the detective, so softly that the colonel knew he did not believe any more than Mercer suspected. "Of course, I believe you; but I don't know what to do. It ain't on the map. I guess it's up to you to throw a little light. I've called the boys off twice already and told 'em to wait an hour or a half-hour longer. I got to see the colonel."

"I can trust my intuitions, or I can trust the circumstantial evidence," thought the colonel. He jumped up and began to pace the court.

"Seems to be like a game of bridge before one can see the dummy," he complained; and, as so often happens in the crises of life, a trivial illustration struck a wavering mind with the force of an argument. His thoughts reverted whimsically to the card-table; how many times had he hesitated over the first lead between evenly balanced suits of four; and how often had he regretted or won, depending solely upon whether his card instinct had been denied or obeyed! It might be instinct, this much-discussed "card instinct," or it might be a summing up of logical deductions so swift that the obscure steps were lost, and the reasoner was unconscious of his own logical processes. "Now," groaned Rupert Winter, "I am up against it. She looks like a good woman; she seems like a good woman; but I have only my impressions and Aunt Rebecca's against the apparent facts in the case. Well, Aunt Rebecca is a shrewd one!" He sat down and thought harder. Finally he rose, smiling. He had threshed out his problem; and his conclusion, inaudibly but very distinctly uttered to himself, was: "Me for my own impressions! If that girl is in with this gang, either what they are after isn't so bad—or they have made her believe it isn't bad."

He looked idly about him at the arched doorway of the outer court. It was carved with a favorite mission design of eight-pointed flowers with vase-like fluting below. There was a tiny crack in one of the flowers, the tiniest crack in the world. He looked at it without seeing it, or seeing it with only the outer half of his senses, but—he could not have told how—into his effort to pierce his own tangle there crept a sudden interest, a sudden keenness of scrutiny of this minute, insignificant crack in the stone. He became aware that the crack was singularly regular, preserving the form of the flower and the fluting beneath. Kito, the Japanese, who was sitting at the far end of the court, just here rose and came to this particular pillar. The Irishman sat alone, rimmed by the sunset gold, little sparks of motes drifting about him; for the merest second Winter's glance lingered on him ere it went to the Jap, who passed him, courteously saluting.

After he had passed, the colonel looked again at the column and the crack—it was not there.

"Chito, chito!" muttered the colonel. Carelessly he approached the column and took the same posture as the Jap. Unobtrusively his fingers strayed over the stone. He scratched the surface; not stone, but cement. He tapped cautiously, keeping his hand well hidden by his body; no hollow sound rewarded him; but all at once his groping fingers touched a little round object under the bold point of an eight-pointed flower. He didn't dare press on it; instead he resumed his cautious tapping. He glanced about him. Gave for Haley he was alone in the patio. He pressed on the round white knob, and what he had half expected happened: A segment of the column swung on inner hinges, disclosing the hollow center of the engaged columns on either side. He looked down. Nothing but darkness was visible, but with the steel, tensely holding his breath, his abnormally sensitive articular nerve caught distinctly the staccato breath of that kind of sigh which is like a groan, and a voice said more wearily than angrily: "Oh, damn it all!"

Almost simultaneously, he heard the faint footfalls of the men within; he must replace his movable flower. The column was intact, and he was bending his frowning brows on the stylobate of another when Birdsall and Mercer entered together. Mercer, with a shrug of his shoulders at the detective's dogged suspicion, preceding the latter.

"Well," said the colonel, "did you get my aunt?"

"Yes, sub, I got your aunt herself," responded Mercer, with his Virginian survival of the formal civility of an earlier generation. "Yes, sub; but I regret to say Archie is not there."

"Where is he?" The soldier's voice was curt.

jumped nimbly out of the vehicle. He greeted them with a polite removal of his cap, a bow, and a flashing smile which made the circuit of the beholders. Birdsall and the colonel recognized the traveling enthusiast of the Fearless Stove.

The colonel took matters into his own hands.

"I think you're the young gentleman who took my nephew away," said he. "Will you kindly tell us where he is?"

"And don't get giddy, young gentleman," Birdsall chimed in, "because we know perfectly well that you are not the agent of the Peerless Fearless Stove."

"I've got one here on trial, and I've come back to see if they like it," explained the young man, in silken accents, but with a dancing gleam of the eyes.

"We are going to keep it," said Mercer. "Kito," calling the unseen Jap, "fetch that Fearless Stove this gentleman left us, and show it to this gentleman here."

"Oh, cut it out!" Birdsall waved him off. "It's only ten minutes before our fellows will come. You can put the police court wise with all that. Try it on them; it don't go with us."

"Where is the boy?" said the colonel.

"Tell him, if you know," said Mercer. "This gentleman," he explained, "left a stove with us to test. He was here about it this morning, and we gave Archie to him to take to the Palace hotel."

"And he is there now," said the young man.

"Did you leave him there?" asked the colonel.

"Yes, did you?" insisted Mercer. The young man looked from Mercer to the other two men. There was no visible appeal to the southerner, but Winter felt sure of two things: One, that the new-comer was Mercer's confederate whom he was striving to shield by pretending to disavow; the other, that for some reason Mercer was as anxious for the answer as were they.

"Why?" hesitated the stove promoter, "you see, Mr.—ah, gentlemen, you see, I was told to take the boy to the Palace hotel; and I set out to do it. We weren't going at more than an eight-mile-an-hour clip, yet some fooler of an cop arrested us for speeding. It was perfectly ridiculous, and I tried to shake him, but it was no use. They carried us off to a police court and stuck me for ten dollars. Meanwhile my machine and my passenger were outside. When I got outside I couldn't find them. I skirminched around, and finally did get the machine. I'd taken the precaution to fix it so it couldn't be run before I left it—look the key out, you know—it must have been trundled off by hand somewhere!—but I couldn't find the boy. Naturally, I was a bit worried; but after I had looked up the force and the neighborhood, it occurred to me to 'phone to the Palace. I did, and I was told he was there."

"Who told you?" The question came simultaneously out of three throats.

"Why, Mrs. Winter—that's what she called herself."

"But not three minutes ago Mrs. Winter told me that he wasn't there," remarked Mercer, coldly. "When did you telephone?"

"It was at least 15 minutes ago," the young man said dolefully. "I say, wouldn't you better call them up again? There may be some explanation. I shouldn't have come back without the kid if I hadn't been sure he was safe."

"Was it Mrs. Melville or Mrs. Winter you got?" This came from the colonel. "Did she by chance have an English accent, or was it southern?"

"Oh, no, not southern," protested the young man. "Yes, I should say it was English—or trying to be."

"It would be exactly like Mellicent," thought the colonel, wrathfully, "to try to fool the kidnapers, who had apparently lost Archie, by pretending he was at the hotel!"

He made no comment aloud, but he nodded assent to Mercer's proposal to telephone; and then he walked up to the stove man.

"The game is up," he said, quietly. "We have a lot of men waiting outside. If we signal, they will come any minute; if we don't signal, they will come in ten minutes. Give us a chance to be merciful to you. This is no kind of a scrape for your father's son—or for Arnold's."

Shot without range though it was, Winter was sure that it went home under all the young fellow's assumed bewilderment. He continued, looking kindly at him:

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H. G. Carroll, has returned from Troy, Alabama, where he went several weeks ago to visit his mother. Mr. Carroll will resume his position with the light company where he will be the same courteous and obliging fellow. We are always glad to have our worthy boys return to our town.

Raleigh Davis, who has been attending the State University at Austin, came home this week to spend vacation.

Bro. Morris secretary of Y. M. C. A. announces there will be no men's meeting Sunday.

Mr. Cowd of Coahoma was visiting in the city Thursday.

C. Hanson, Traveling Freight Agent International & Great Northern railroad, was in the city a few hours Thursday looking up business matters. While here Mr. Hanson expressed himself as being well pleased with the looks of our town. The point of interest that he was looking after was to get our merchants to route all their shipments possible by Texas City Steamship Co., I. & G. N. and T. & P. to here, saving them a nice little sum yearly in way of freight.

Hamlin Visited By Storm.

Hamlin and other towns along the Orient railroad were visited by a terrific wind and rain storm early Thursday night. The best report obtainable give it that Hamlin had several houses blown down and many damaged considerably. The storm is reported to have hurt some three persons seriously at Hamlin, though this is only a report and is not authoritatively given out. The passenger train was blown from the track out on the Brazos river, one person is reported to have been killed and some seventy-five persons injured. As to damage done it was impossible to get this owing to the wires all down and no communication obtainable north of Sweetwater.

The City to Have Cistern.

Work was begun a few days ago on the construction of a reservoir to be used in case of fire. The first of these cisterns are being built east of the court house and will have a capacity of 512 barrels. The intention of the city is to have this cistern full of water as a reservoir in case fire should break out. The city will build this one in the business part and some three others out in the residential portion. The move is a good one and should be encouraged by our citizens. But all people do not regard every move in the same light. It seems to us there could have been a better course than this carried out by our citizens. While the cisterns are no doubt good in case of fire but where you have to use an extra force to lift this water to the surface you must necessarily have an increased power. So long as the engine on the wagon works well this cistern is all O. K., but suppose the engine was to get out of order we would have no more then the original pressure from the wells. It seems to us the money spent in building these cisterns could be used more beneficial in the erection of a stand pipe on some of the high grounds around town here would assist the power of the fire engine, and would eliminate the danger in case the engine got out of order. We all know what benefit would be derived from one of these stand pipes. We do not offer this as a criticism but only a friendly suggestion.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is sold on a guarantee that if you are not satisfied after using two-thirds of a bottle according to directions, your money will be refunded. It is up to you to try. Sold by all druggists.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Bregant were the most interesting couple ever in Big Springs. These little people won for themselves the highest praise from all who saw them. They are certainly little people in every particular. Mr. Bregant is 46 inches high and weighs 67 pounds. Mrs. Bregant is 42 inches high and weighs 42 pounds. They were selling Woodward's candles and certainly were a drawing card for Reagan's store.

Do you want a book? Then go to Ward's.

A. D. Alderman has been making nice improvements to the front of the building used by the water company and telephone company this week. This new designed front is a beauty to any town, aside from letting in more light. We are always glad to see these improvements going on in our town.

When you think of books, think of Ward's, and go there to get the book you want.

On the road to town last Friday with a load of wood the eleven-year-old son of a Mr. Sullivan who lives seven miles north of Coahoma was killed by the team running away and throwing him from the wagon.

Most anything you want in the way of a book can be found at Ward's.

The depot and all papers of the T. & P. railroad at Stanton was burned early Friday morning. The loss was something like \$4500. The origin of the fire unknown. There was also a car of wood burned valued at \$800.

Books at Ward's.

Mrs. S. E. Windford came in on today's train from Colorado on business.

Rev. H. P. Wilsford of Garden City was a guest of Rev. Wilson C. Rogers and family Tuesday night. Rev. Wilsford will move to Big Springs about the 25, becoming missionary for the Baptist in Big Springs Association.

Books of all kinds at Ward's.

J. C. Baumgarten left Tuesday night for Schulenberg in answer to a message informing him that his mother was very ill. We trust he found her better upon his arrival there.

Public Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between I. H. Park and Alex Mitchell of the County of Howard and State of Texas, under the firm name of Mitchell & Park was dissolved by mutual consent on the 22nd day of May A. D. 1909.

All debts owing to the partnership are to be received by the said I. H. Park, and all demands on the said partnership are to be presented to him for payment. Alex Mitchell. I. H. Park.

May 22nd 1909.

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Rev. E. S. Bledsoe returned home Thursday morning after a several days absence from home in attendance on the State Christian Convention at Corsicana.

A Jersey cow giving 3 gallons milk per day. I will sell her. J. A. Foster, Big Springs.

Banton Birdwell, who attended school at Dallas the past session, came home Saturday night.

The Pictorial has had a very successful show this week and on the eve of a new weeks engagement, they have added an advertising man to their management, who bids fair to put the show in the front row of popularity. Mr. Lapri is a show man who has won for himself considerable prestige among show lovers here, for his ability to keep the Pictorial up to the high standard. Day after day these shows will be made more popular by his earnest efforts. He promises to the many friends a good clean up-to-date show for next week and asks a part of their patronage.

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CONDENSED HAPPENINGS IN TEXAS

The Trinity and Brazos Valley is preparing to open a new gravel pit about two and a half miles from Waxahachie.

Civil service examinations will be held at Hereford and Kenedy, Tex., on July 3, for the appointment of rural letter carriers.

The Turner Richardson farm, northeast of McCoy, consisting of 1,600 acres, has been sold by B. R. Parks to Dr. W. J. Thurmond for \$61,000.

The Constables of Texas met in Temple Monday in their first annual convention and organized the Constables' Association of Texas. About one hundred delegates were present.

Monday evening, while oiling the main shaft of the big engine at the light plant, at Wolfe City, Bob Greer was caught by the shafting and his left arm torn from his body.

The town of Shepherd Wednesday night at 11 o'clock was visited by night riders who beat and severely injured an inoffensive colored citizen named Ed Dirden.

Cash wheat reached the highest price on change Thursday in St. Louis, ever touched since the Civil War. A car of No. 2 red winter brought \$1.65, a price never reached in the market since 1868.

A call has been issued for a meeting of the Old Settlers' Association at the Court House in Marlin on July 3. All who were citizens of Falls County on the first day of January, 1887, are eligible to membership.

The State Examiner and Inspector's report upon the condition of the Oklahoma State banking department made known Wednesday shows that the State depositories' guaranty fund amounts to \$302,489.29.

Adolph Torf, 23 years of age, a prominent contractor and resident of Argenta, Ark., was shot by Policeman George Carr of the Argenta police force, following a dispute over a dog license, and died Sunday.

Texas sheep men are repeating a harvest wool is selling at record-breaking prices, perhaps the highest in twenty years, more buyers are in Texas than for many years and all are eagerly competing for the unsold wool.

Work began Wednesday on the new Fort Worth and Denver depot in Amarillo. The structure will be of red pressed brick, 164 feet long by 43 feet wide, one story high with basement and will cost \$30,000.

The causeway contract between the city of Galveston and the county of Galveston relative to the tying of the city's duplicate water main on and in the causeway structure, has been fully and formally entered into.

The ex-Confederates and Old Settlers' Reunion and Picnic Association of Collin County has been chartered, its purpose being to maintain a public park. The annual meeting of the association will be held this year, August 13, 19 and 20.

Reports from 628 correspondents written June 2, show the acreage in cotton to be 102.7 in Texas and 93.1 in Oklahoma, with condition of 94.2 in Texas and 120.5 in Oklahoma, all comparisons being with same time last year and not with normal.

Two localities in Texas are to be the scenes of a new plan in colonization, association, according to a report from Rome. An Italian syndicate will establish in the middle part of the State two agricultural colonies, each composed of 100 families, or about 1,000 in all, brought directly from the agricultural districts of Northern Italy.

About a dozen potato buyers are in Texarkana from Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and other points for the purpose of buying up the potato crop. The farmers, it is understood, will not be satisfied with anything less than \$1 per bushel for this year's crop.

Governor Campbell Friday announced the appointment of Capt. E. A. Holmes as long been chief pension clerk in the Controller's Department and is thoroughly familiar with the pension system and the pension roll of Texas.

To bring the comic containing the body of William Penn, which now reposes in a practically abandoned cemetery in Beckwith, England, to this country and have it interred on the spot of a movement just launched in congress.

One of the largest deals in real estate made in recent years in the Panhandle was consummated in Canyon City when Harrison, McAfee & Co. of this city sold the Firas & Crews ranch in Cochran County to a syndicate of Illinois capitalists. The ranch consists of 24,522 acres and the consideration was \$401,775.

While Sidney Wood and Frank Boul dit, two small boys, were handling a pistol Saturday afternoon at Greenville the weapon was accidentally discharged and the bullet struck young Wood just below the heart.

Since Jan. 1 a dealer has been shipping from Decatur at the rate of 350 crates of eggs per month, and other shipments are being made by other dealers. upward of \$1,500 per month is coming to the diversificationists of this section from poultry products alone.

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Miss Smart—Well, they say "Never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day."

Prominent Women Aid Good Cause.

A large number of women occupying prominent positions in society, or on the stage, are taking an active interest in the anti-tuberculosis campaign. Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt has recently given \$1,000,000 for sanitary homes for consumptives. Mrs. Keith Spalding of Chicago has erected a sanitarium for the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute at a cost of about \$50,000; Mrs. Collis P. Huntington and Mrs. Borden Harriman have given largely to the consumption fight. In Porto Rico, Mrs. Albert Norton Wood, wife of a prominent army officer stationed at San Juan, has stirred the entire island through the anti-tuberculosis crusade she inaugurated. Mrs. Emma Calve is a most enthusiastic worker, and has given largely of her talent and money for the relief of tuberculosis sufferers, and Miss Olga Nethercole has even lectured before the public on tuberculosis.

Couldn't Stand It. A Raleigh, N. C., woman not long ago received into her house for "training" a "cracker" girl from the mountains.

Endeavor was made to inculcate in the girl a love for order and cleanliness, but suddenly this discipline ceased, for the "poor white" led her home in the fastnesses. Thither the Raleigh woman traced her after some difficulty.

"Why did you leave me, Mary Jane?" she asked.

"Mis' Morgan, I jes' couldn't stay!" exclaimed the girl. "I was jes' cloyed with neatness!"

Englishman's Withering Reply.

The best of us sometimes forget the beam in our own eyes while we search for a mote in another's. An American traveling abroad met an Englishman with the rather remarkable name of Pithorne, which was pronounced Thorne.

"What's the good of the 'P'?" the American queried; "you don't pronounce it, do you?"

The Englishman gazed at him with the manner of one who, while he pitied, is bored.

"What's the good of 'h' in 'orise'?" he questioned, convincingly.—Spare Moments.

MAKING SUNSHINE

It is Often Found in Pure Food.

The improper selection of food drives many a healthy person into the depths of despairing illness. Indeed, much sickness comes from wrong food and just so surely as that is the case right food will make the sun shine once more.

An old veteran of Newburyport, Mass., says: "In October, I was taken sick and went to bed, losing 47 pounds in about 60 days. I had doctor after doctor, food hurt me and I had to live almost entirely on magnesium and soda. All solid food distressed me so that water would run out of my mouth in little streams."

"I had terrible night sweats, and my doctor finally said I had consumption and must die. My good wife gave up all hope. We were at Old Orchard, Me., at that time and my wife saw Grape-Nuts in a grocery there. She bought some and persuaded me to try it."

"I had no faith in it, but took it to please her. To my surprise it did not distress me as all other food had done and before I had taken the fifth package I was well on the mend. The pains left my head, my mind became clearer and I gained weight rapidly."

"I went back to my work again and now after six weeks' use of the food I am better and stronger than ever before in my life. Grape-Nuts surely saved my life and made me a strong heavy man, 15 pounds heavier than before I was taken ill."

"Both my good wife and I are willing to make affidavit to the truth of this."

Read "The Road to Wellville," in Sigs. "There's a reason."

Never read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of honest interest.

BOY'S GRATITUDE WAS REAL.

Has Long Cared for Grave of Man Who Had Been Kind to Him Many Years Ago.

Rev. John Henri Sattig, pastor of St. Philip's church, Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, tells this beautiful story:

"In Milford, Pa., there is an old graveyard, neglected, weed-grown and unkempt. Of all the mounds in that village of the dead only one is cared for. On that the grass is neatly trimmed, flowers bloom and never a weed appears. The visitor who looks upon this evidence of love and devotion amid so many examples of forgetfulness usually asks whose grave it is, and the sexton answers: 'The man whose body rests there had neither chick nor child. Nearly every day for the six years since the man died a boy comes here to tend to the grave. Winter and summer he comes. The lad is the butcher boy. The man was the only human being who ever was kind to the boy.'"

SKIN ROUGH AS BARK.

Baby Boy Had Intense Itching Humors—Scratched Till Blood Ran.

Found a Cure in Cuticura.

"Our son, two years old, was afflicted with a rash. After he suffered with the trouble several weeks I took him to the doctor but it got worse. The rash ran together and made large blisters. The little fellow didn't want to do anything but scratch and we had to wrap his hands up to keep him from tearing the flesh open till the blood would run. The itching was intense. The skin on his back became hard and rough like the bark of a tree. He suffered intensely for about three months. But I found a remedy in Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. The result was almost magical. That was more than two years ago and there has not been the slightest symptom of it since he was cured. J. W. Lauck, Yukon, Okla., Aug. 28 and Sept. 17, 1908."

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Who does not know the misery of sunburnt eyelids—that crinkly and burning condition of the skin? Isn't it worth a good deal to know that Dr. Mitchell's Eye Salve applied to them upon retiring will effect a complete cure before morning. In sale everywhere. Price 25 cents or by mail, Hall & Ruckel, New York City.

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To The Friends of Education In Texas:

The education of all the people is a question that vitally concerns men and women of every calling. The welfare and permanence of democratic government, the happiness and prosperity of the masses of the people are dependent upon the moral and intellectual training of the young. Children should be educated for the protection and advantage of the community and State as well as for the promotion of individual opportunity. "The true test of civilization is not the census nor the size of the crops—no, but the kind of men the country turns out;" and to the schools is largely assigned this work of training character so as to give the country righteous and useful men.

But the schools can not reasonably be expected to fulfill their mission, unless in buildings, in equipment, in teaching force, in length of school term, and in public sentiment conditions are satisfactory. It is unfortunately true that Texas is not giving all its children the best educational advantages. Twenty per cent of the rural school buildings are reported in bad condition, and less than 40 per cent are reported in good condition. For the scholastic year 1907-8, the school term was approximately 130 days, although the average length of term in the United States was 151 days; Louisiana had 146 days; Missouri, 151 days; Nebraska, 145 days; Kansas, 154 days; Iowa, 172 days, and Minnesota, 160 days. There are only 1095 libraries in the 11,057 separate schools of Texas. About 90 per cent of the children in Texas within the scholastic age are enrolled in public school, and less than 70 per cent of the children enrolled are in regular attendance.

This unfortunate condition is largely the result of inadequate financial support of the schools.

In the November election, 1908, the people of Texas adopted an amendment to the State Constitution authorizing the levy of a 50-cent school tax, which amendment gives warrant for the adequate maintenance of good schools. The common school districts of Texas must freely and generously exercise this right of local taxation if Texas is to have better schools in all the districts of the State. Less than 40 per cent of the common school districts in Texas have voted a school tax, and less than 1 per cent of these districts are constructing their school buildings by the issuance of bonds.

The Supreme Court in the Mertens case decided that there is no constitutional warrant for a school district embracing territory in two or more counties. This decision affects the schools in more than forty independent school districts and in several hundred common school districts. The Thirty-first Legislature has submitted an amendment to the Constitution, authorizing the formation of county-line school districts. The effect of the decision of the Supreme Court in the Baird case is to invalidate outstanding school bonds to the approximate amount of \$9,000,000. The Thirty-first Legislature has submitted an amendment to the Constitution validating the bonded indebtedness of school districts.

The Conference for Education in Texas is waging an aggressive, State-wide campaign in behalf of improved school facilities for all of the children of Texas, and for the adoption of the two constitutional amendments at the special election, August 3, 1909. An enlightened public sentiment is needed in order to assure the co-operation and support necessary for good schools. The adoption of the two amendments in the August election, 1909, will provide a legal method for the payment of the school bonds of the State and will also make pos-

sible good schools in the county-line district of Texas.

Your active support is earnestly solicited in this campaign for the improvement of the schools of our great State. Much progress has already been made and indications are that Texas will soon experience a splendid educational revival.

Yours sincerely,
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Richland Items.

Bro. Smith was with us Sunday evening.

John Montgomery and wife are visiting relatives and friends in Midland.

Miss Willie Cowley is visiting her sister Mrs. Will Davis, in Big Springs this week.

There will be an all-day singing at our school house on Sunday June 20. All singers are requested to come, every body invited.

The singing at Mr. Sinclair's Sunday night was enjoyed by all.

Henry Simpson and family went to Big Springs to attend the W. O. W. unveiling.

John Freeman and Thonson Bostick of Soash are spending the week with Henry Simpson.

Mrs. R. E. Spears left Thursday night for Artesia, New Mexico, to spend a month or more with her parents, Mr. Hale and family.

We need rain real bad, crops are up but are needing rain.

Reader.

Letter to Geo. D. Lee.

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