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May Cherry.....	\$35 40
Grace Towler and Alma True.....	33 00
Lena Fahrencamp.....	21 70
Mrs. Mercer and Margaret Coffe.....	26 45
Hilda Majors.....	5 30
Mrs. H. DeBries.....	11 25
Irma Fisher.....	15 80
Mary Johnson.....	2 00
Carrie Scholz.....	13 10
Gertrude McIntere.....	9 60
Bera Kinnery.....	7 40
Bernice Lee.....	60
Miss Benson.....	1 30
Gladys Read and Tommie Hatch.....	10 30
Ethel Read.....	11 30
Nell Hatch.....	4 35
Ruth Rix.....	2 40
Amethia Rix.....	3 60
Edmond Notestine.....	40
Lizzie lamsett.....	19 60
Pearl Cole.....	2 50
Lily Mauldin.....	4 80
Mrs. A. Northington.....	50
Miss Horn.....	14 00
Erine Reagan.....	5 40
Zoe Hansen.....	50
Lesta Holt.....	50
Gladys Read and Mitho Roberts.....	2 30
Erfin Kinnery.....	10 00
Jennie Barnett.....	2 15
Total.....	\$277 70

The above shows the sale of tags by the ladies for the cemetery association and is a good one. It goes to show the enterprising spirit of our citizens. The committee in charge extends thanks to each who helped in this and hope that much good may come to all who have enabled them to place the amount of this sale to the credit of the cemetery fund.

Thomas-Towler.

A simple but pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock when Miss Sallie Towlar and Leslie Thomas were united in marriage by Rev. W. S. P. McCullough. The ceremony took place at the Methodist church and was witnessed by quite a number of friends of the young people. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left over the T. & P. for Waco and other points where they will visit relatives. The bride is the daughter of one of our best citizens and is an attractive and well known young woman. The groom is a young man with all the attributes of a business man.

That Big Barbecue at Soash.

Did you attend the social event at Soash July 5th? This will be the question asked next week by those who attended this big ingathering of people from over the country at Soash Monday, July 5th. To those who know what it means when Slaughter is back of a barbecue and entertainment this article will perhaps not be so interesting, but those who have never attended such an event will certainly miss the best in the history of our country. There is no question about how many people are going but where they are going to find standing room for all are coming to enjoy a day of pleasure such as has never come this way before. When we saw Mr. Slaughter Wednesday and while busy as a bee, we ventured to ask him if he thought there would be plenty of good eating, said: "I have 12 hoes, 1,200 loaves of bread, 100 pounds of coffee and plenty of other good things to eat, and if the people don't believe it come and see." He also said there would be races, base ball games, dances and a good show all for the entertainment of the guests. Cars will leave the office of the Soash Land Co., at 7:30 and 10 a. m., for Soash. Round trip tickets \$4.00.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wilsford left Tuesday for Big Springs where they go to make their future home. Elder Wilsford has been pastor of the Baptist church at this place for the past four years and has cultivated an intimate regard for this people who wish for him in new callings power and success that should characterize the works of every minister of the gospel. -Garden City Gazette.

Get a new cherry red four-hand up at A. P. McDonald & Co's.

CULTIVATOR TIME

The rains have come and are still coming. We have had one inch more rain now than Fort Worth has, so it is up to us this year to make a bumper crop for the Big Springs country. We are in position to help you with the strongest lines of cultivators in the world.

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Four or six shovel, round or flat shank; we also have a new improved two row cultivator with ten shovels. We have sold several of these and they are doing the work of two single row cultivators. They are not an experiment, they are a success; we guarantee them.

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are going like hot cakes. We have the Ohio and the Canton, lots of them, but they won't last always. Come and see us, we are the implement people.

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WHOLESALE

RETAIL

A Good Man Honored.

L. A. Dale, one of the foremost citizens of this town and now our judge, has been appointed to the position of assistant attorney general of the state of Texas. The appointment was confirmed last Tuesday and the judge will turn over the office of county judge to his successor next Tuesday, July 6th, leaving Thursday for Austin to take charge of his work. Judge Dale is well known over the state as a lawyer of unusual ability, and has demonstrated to his many friends here in this county his ability to see that the law is upheld and justice meted out to all. Judge Dale will have charge of the land department looking after the interest of the state in the school lands.

Guy B. Cravens and Miss Althea Agee were married at 5:30 Sunday morning at the residence of J. A. Baggett, by Rev. W. S. P. McCullough, and left on the 6:15 train that morning for Childress where they will visit the bride's sister. This paper joins in hearty congratulations.

Jones-Everyly.

C. W. Jones and Miss Florence Everyly were married at the residence of the bride's parents by Rev. W. S. P. McCullough Wednesday evening at 5:30. Mr. Jones is well known here being a young man of unusual business ability and has won a position of trust with the business people and social element. Miss Everyly is one of our charming young ladies, possessing all the true attributes of a noble woman. We extend congratulations and best wishes to them.

Mrs. Arbuthnot and daughter returned home to Colorado after a visit with J. L. Ward and family.

Coffee-Green.

A couple of our young people were married Wednesday night by Rev. W. S. P. McCullough in the persons of Don Coffee and Miss Mamie Green. This marriage was at the home of E. E. Green and was an ideal one, too. The contracting parties are well known in our city where they have a host of friends who extend best wishes to them.

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

France is going to police the air with its coops.

If the shoe pinches take it back. The municipal court says so.

Here is where the mosquito casts his vote for the open-work shirt waist.

Jules Verne once more is vindicated, but the trip to the moon is still to be taken.

A tree appears to be an airship what an uncharted rock is to an ocean vessel.

The new Dutch baby is going to be very important as long as she has no little brother.

It should be noted that the Zeppelin airship hardly ever has to be carried home in a baggage car.

Count Zeppelin would have better success if he could train his airship to stand without being hitched.

The girl who lost two \$50 bills through a hole in her stocking has learned that a stitch in time saves nine.

Canada retorts airily that her prosperity has relieved much of the recent necessity for more neighborliness.

Perhaps this will be the last summer in which man can enjoy a view of the deep blue sky unobstructed by airships.

They hissed one of D'Annunzio's plays in Milan. This means it will be as great a success in New York as it is a failure in Milan.

One of the features of the twentieth century life most horribly misbranded is that form of gasoline intoxication known "joy riding."

Statistics show that there are twice as many births in Grand Rapids. Still, this does not account altogether for the growth of the place.

A jaded affluence broker, whose specialty was duping widows, credits his downfall to his good looks. He should have remembered that handsome is as handsome does.

That new-born future Queen of Holland will be quite in line in that coming day when woman is to rule the world and men are to be taught to know their proper place.

A member of the douma says Russia is on the brink of economic and political ruin. And only a slight push is needed to precipitate her where she'll land with a dull, sickening thud.

The reported discovery of a Viennese physician that every man has his bad day is no new one. This life is for very few, one whose succeeding days make it one grand, sweet song.

Judging by the number and prominence of wealthy "Friscons" involved in the silk-smuggling scandals, San Francisco is taking kindly to the new explosion law and making the best of it.

One hundred Chicago young women, describing their ideal for a husband, united in demanding that he must be the "head of the house." Those arduous mistresses are evidently determined to catch a man a piece.

In a bankruptcy case in New York it developed that one of the partners of the firm in question received a salary of \$12,000 a year to keep away from the business and do nothing. It would not take a lady bug's bite to make a large percentage, viewing such a job, fairly die with envy.

An English peer made an abject apology to Lady Graham, formerly Miss Beatrice Mills, of New York, for calling her in a political address a "damaged American heiress, fortunate enough to secure a title." Which incident throws quite an interesting light on the manners and customs of the aristocracy.

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A Chicago woman writes for a husband and has appropriated for that purpose the humiliating sum of \$50, but, on the other hand, it must be borne in mind that she naturally expects to get nothing but a Chicago mail.

In the town of Worcester, Mass., any one wishing to whistle on the streets must take out a license. It is difficult to understand the sense of such a law unless it may be that too many men fell into the habit of whistling away other men's dogs.

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.

The two amendments offered by Senator Culberson in behalf of the cotton growers were taken up by the Senate in Washington Monday. They were to put cotton bagging and cotton ties on the free list. Senator Culberson won a clean-cut victory for free cotton bagging and with the aid of several Southern Senators came within seven votes of winning a victory over the steel trust in his fight for free cotton ties. Senator Culberson won the fight for free cotton bagging with the Senate Finance Committee, and when Senator McLaurin called up the amendment Monday it was adopted without debate by a viva voce vote.

The House Committee on Appropriations has in mind the taking of steps to prevent the Government or its employees from being charged extravagant premiums by bonding companies. By a vote that obliterated party lines and made the strangest bedfellows that the pending tariff bill has yet thrown together, the Senate Tuesday voted a duty of 15 per cent on hides.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

Virgil Mathis, a brakeman on the Central, was horribly injured at Garret Tuesday night and died Wednesday morning at the railroad hospital in Ennis.

Greater Pittsburg walked Sunday amidst thundershowers and a torrid sun. Only one street car, carrying the United States mail, moved in the city or suburbs.

Probably seventy-five delegates, representing as many cotton-growing states, were present Tuesday at the third annual meeting of the National Cotton association in Monte Ne, Ark.

Oklahoma will probably join the purchasing department of Texas in requiring that all supplies purchased for the State be wrapped in cotton bagging in place of jute. The latter is a foreign product, while cotton bagging is a home article.

Failure to inclose tinsel or frosted post cards in tightly sealed envelopes to prevent the escape of particles of tinsel and mica, as required by the postal regulations, is causing from 15,000 to 20,000 of such cards to be withdrawn from the mails and sent to the dead letter office of the postoffice in Washington every day.

The progress of the present cotton crop and how best to market it was discussed Thursday by more than fifty State representatives of the Farmers' National Union, who gathered in Atlanta, Ga., for a week's session in response to a call issued by President Barrett of the union. Several speakers said this year's crop is smaller than last year, but that diversified farming had made up for the smaller cotton acreage by giving the farmer a larger supply of good cotton to market.

Miss Mary Harriman, of New York, eldest daughter of E. H. Harriman, has taken one of her father's Erie ferries and turned it into a man of peace to fight tuberculosis. She has presented the boat to the Brooklyn committee on prevention of tuberculosis and the Brooklyn Red Cross Society. Hammocks, steamer chairs and other conveniences for out-of-the-air sleeping will be arranged for the accommodation of 300 men, women and children.

A mob of fifteen masked men took a negro from jail at Outhbert, Ga., and hanged him. Reese attacked Miss Mary Trinton at her home, and with an ax chopped off one of the young woman's arms and inflicted other dangerous wounds, upon her which will cripple her for life.

Two bandits entered the night office of the United States Express Company, Green Bay, Wis., at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, and at the point of a revolver compelled the man in charge to open the safe. They secured \$2,000.

The Little Rock School board has adopted a rule requiring all teachers in the public schools to be examined for tuberculosis, and all those who are affected with the disease will be declared ineligible to teach.

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A negro named Sylvester Pitts, alias Charlie Ray and known among the colored people as "Alabama Red," was taken from the county jail by a mob of about thirty men in Wilburton, Ok., Saturday and hanged.

The preparations for homecoming week in Tyler July 5-10, are now complete, and the indications are that Tyler will entertain the greatest number of guests in its history.

Chicago authorities Sunday began a systematic weeding out of missions where Chinamen are brought in contact with young women and girls. A mission conducted by three sisters in Woodlawn, the best residence district of the South Side, was raided and several Chinamen and six or seven young women teachers were driven to the streets.

The boys of Washhackle are organizing brigades for the purpose of waging war on the mosquitoes. The temperature registered 100 degrees in the shade at Denison at 2:30 Monday afternoon, being the hottest day of the year.

At the age of ninety-four years, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Wall, a resident of Texas since 1869, died Tuesday at her home in Dallas.

All members of the Roosevelt expedition, at present in camp on the Loietta Plains, in Africa, in the Sotik district, are in excellent health.

Work has begun on the cotton oil mill at Goldthwaite, and it is the intention of the management to have the machinery running this fall.

The Waco County Old Settlers' Association is making out programs and invitations for the reunion of the association Wednesday, July 28.

Mrs. Maria A. Beyer, aged 82, was found dead in a water barrel with a water trough at the home of her grandson, Oscar Bergman, Monday, at Boerne.

Mrs. James Reid, of Temple, a bride of six weeks, took an overdose from a bottle of liniment Monday from which she died in severe convulsions shortly afterward.

Lee Oler, son of Will Oler, and Howard Moore, son of Felix Moore of Greenville, were drowned while bathing in the Katy Railroad pool, one mile north of Greenville, Monday.

About 2 o'clock Monday morning fire destroyed property to the amount of about \$35,000 at Fluvanna, Scurry county. The loss was partially covered by insurance, but the amount can not be learned.

The 2-year-old son of G. B. Odom, living near Washburn, was bitten by a rattlesnake Friday and died. The child was playing in the yard and attempted to play with the snake as it started to crawl in front of it.

R. S. Ellis, a prominent capitalist and ranchman, was operated on in San Antonio for an abscess of the throat. A match was found which had lodged immediately above the vocal cords, and was successfully removed.

Brownwood and Brown County had one of the best rains Wednesday night that had fallen for months. Reports from the country show the rain there was much harder than in town, and that there is a good season in the ground.

A large rowboat carrying five American and four English tourists and four Irish boatmen, was swamped in a gale while crossing lower Killarney Lake, Wednesday, at Killarney, Ireland. All of the tourists and two of the boatmen were drowned.

After a trial of nearly three weeks' duration, Katherine Clemmons Gould obtained a legal separation from her husband, Howard Gould, third son of the late Jay Gould, by a decision of Justice Dowling in the Supreme Court, Friday, in New York.

The Senate Friday voted against placing a duty of 1/2 a gallon on crude oil. This crude oil schedule is the great puzzle of the pending tariff bill, the question being, does the Standard Oil Company want a duty on oil or does it want it on the free list?

Fire broke out Monday morning in the second story of the north side of the public square at Vernon, and soon the whole town was thrown into a state of excitement for fear the entire side of the square would be consumed. The loss will be over \$20,000.

Frank B. Cheatham, who was sent from Washington to arrange details and sign the final contract for the erection of fifty-four buildings at Fort Sill, Okla., Monday, completed this work and Luyster & Lowe of Dayton, Ohio, were awarded the contract at \$750,000.

Mercedes, Tex., was Monday awarded the honor of producing the first bale of the cotton crop of 1909, and the bale brought a record price. The staple was classed as strict middling, it weighed 368 pounds and was knocked down to a Houston firm for \$1.13 per pound—\$425 for the bale.

Deposits of the National banks of St. Louis are near the highest point they have ever reached. The statements published to show their condition at the close of business June 23, disclose a total of nearly \$150,000,000 in the eight local institutions.

Rain fell Friday at the following places: Abilene, Greenville, Houston, Palestine, Sherman, Weatherford, Wichita Falls and Beaumont.

The second annual encampment of the East Texas Baptist Young People's Union opened Friday in the Park near Ragsdale Lake in Jacksonville.

The heat of Thursday in Pittsburg killed four New York two and in Philadelphia three were killed from heat. Many prostrations are also reported.

The proposed line from Fort Worth to Albuquerque is practically assured, and it will not be over twenty days at most until the stock is all subscribed and the company organized and ready for business.

There have been twenty cars of Irish potatoes shipped from Sulphur Springs up to date. There is a pretty fair crop raised, but owing to low prices, the farmers have quit offering them for market.

The Troupe Box Factory made its initial run only a few days ago, but it is now running full time, working on some large commercial contracts for Dallas and Fort Worth firms.

The Marble Commercial Club is making a strong bid for a \$250,000 hotel and bathhouse, offering a site suitable for such structures and other inducements.

Jacob J. Shubert of the firm of Sam and Lee Shubert, Inc., announce that contracts had been signed for a new \$250,000 theater in the St. Louis downtown district.

ORVILLE WRIGHT FLIES IN AEROPLANE

AFTER THREE ATTEMPTS PER SISTENT INVENTORS OVERCOME OBSTACLES.

BIG CROWD AT FORT MYER

Lack of Engine Power Assigned by Wrights as Reason for Indifference of Machine.

Washington, June 30.—After making three unsuccessful efforts to get his aeroplane into the air Tuesday, Orville Wright made a short flight, encircling the Fort Myer Aerodrome. Lack of power, due to a loose spark control, was finally determined upon by the two Wrights as the cause of the refusal of the machine to fly for more than a few hundred feet beyond the end of the starting rail. Their persistence in attempting the flight won the approval of the large crowd assembled.

Loco Disease Among Stock.

Washington: The so-called loco disease of horses, sheep and cattle has been for many years a source of serious loss to stockmen in the West, who have generally attributed it to certain weeds eaten by the stock. Investigations by the United States Department of Agriculture have not only confirmed the supposition as to the poisonous effect of these plants, but have resulted in the discovery and identification of barium as a definite poisonous element in them.

Contract For Galveston Contractor.

Galveston: At noon Monday bids on the Galveston causeway were opened. Of twelve bids submitted only four were for the causeway in its entirety, and of these four only two bidders were within the limit of \$1,400,000. Of these two the firm of Owens & Jefferson of Galveston were the lowest, they submitting three bids, the three being for different grades of material for use in the structure, relating principally to the stone work.

Treasury Calls for Funds.

Washington: A call on National depository banks for a return to the treasury of Government funds aggregating approximately \$25,000,000 was made Tuesday by the Secretary of the Treasury McVeagh. Of this amount \$9,900,000 has been called for July 15 and \$14,000,000 for August 15. Balances in all active depositories are uniformly reduced to the lowest amount which the daily needs of the Government will permit.

War On Insects and Microbes.

Galveston: The city has just received its consignment from Europe of 160 barrels of crude carbolic acid. This will be used in the campaign of destruction of pestiferous insects and disease-breeding microbes that Galveston may be in a position to show the thousands of people who will arrive during the cotton carnival not only a beautiful but a most sanitary city.

Mutineers in Outbreak.

Seattle, Wash.: A cable dispatch from Nome, Alaska, describes a bloody outbreak of Russian political prisoners in the Yakutsk district, Siberia, and the flight of the mutineers across the wilderness toward Behring Strait in an effort to reach Alaska.

Glenwood Officially Annexed.

Fort Worth: Glenwood was officially annexed to the city Tuesday by unanimous vote of the City Commission, thus adding about 4,000 to the population and a considerable sum to the tax values.

Colorado Southern Surplus.

New York: With gross earnings of a little less than \$15,100,000—say, about \$15,058,000—for the fiscal year ending this week, the Colorado and Southern will show a surplus for 1908 of probably \$2,165,000.

107 at Brownwood.

Brownwood: Brownwood is experiencing some of the hottest weather just now she has had for several years. Monday the temperature registered as high as 107 and Tuesday 105.

Man Drowned in Canyon.

Amarillo: P. B. Carlisle, a bookkeeper for the Neg Lumber Company, at Happy, Swisher County, Texas, was drowned in Tierra Blanca Canyon, near Canyon City, Tuesday, while bathing with a party of friends.

Man Takes Carbolic Acid.

Pittsburg: Joe Holden, a well-known citizen, died Monday at the home of W. C. Reeves, a few miles south of town, from taking carbolic acid. Holden lived several years at Tyler and Denison.

To Burn Natural Gas.

Marshall: Marshall is making connections with the natural gas mains to the waterworks system plant for the purpose of burning natural gas as fuel. The plant is located about two and a half miles north of the city, and a separate line had to be run from the city to the waterworks.

Taft Signs Census Bill.

Washington: President Taft signed the bill Tuesday providing for funds for taking the census of 1910.

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 us 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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Ward Building

Jno. Robinson and two daughters, of Dawson county, who visited relatives in this county Saturday and Sunday, were in town Monday.

That barbecue at Soash surely is going to be a good one, judging from the vast number going from here. They surely expect a good time.

Local and Personal

John Joyner, of Dawson county, was here Saturday.

M. C. Lindsey, of Lamesa, was here Saturday.

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

A. L. Paine is in Stanton on business.

Alvin Sewell visited his parents in Abilene Sunday.

Visit Reagan's fountain, the popular place, and be pleased.

D. M. Waters, of Morris, was in town Tuesday.

Best game of ball of the season at 3:30 Monday at ball park.

Mrs. Mary Waddell, of San Angelo is visiting her brother, J. D. Rutherford, for a few days.

Gid Jackson and wife and Miss Hatch went over to Midland Tuesday on a pleasure trip.

Mrs. Couley went over to Midland Tuesday and will visit Mrs. Tugues while in the city.

Wedding bells are ringing. Buy your wedding presents at Reagan's.

Remember the hour 3:30 good ball game at park.

T. P. Devenport bought of B. S. Stone, of Runnels county, 320 acres of land 1/2 miles north of town this week.

Miss Bessie Lowery, came in from the normal at Sweetwater Monday evening and left by auto for Garden City the home of her parents.

Jones & McGowen first door south of McCamant Drug Store.

Harry Abney and wife returned Saturday from a pleasant auto trip to Roswell, New Mexico.

Mrs. Sallie Bradford, of Ovalo, is visiting here sister, Mrs. McDaniel, for a few days this week.

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

The Christian Endeavor at the Christian church will present a special program Sunday at 6:45 p. m. Subject: "Patriotism that counts." Everybody invited.

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

F. Hechler, of Gay Hill community, was in town Monday and said it was very dry out there.

E. G. Atsinger and Miss Carl Thurmond were married at the court house Monday afternoon by Judge L. A. Dale.

Kresso Dip, the best disinfectant known, 35 cents per pound, at Reagan's.

Mrs. Dreben has moved her business into the Bonner house where she will have a complete line of millinery.

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

Hartzog & Coffee.

While out looking around for news this week we stepped into the music store of O. B. Posey and a nicer arranged thing we never saw anywhere.

Nothing more appropriate than cut glass and silverware for wedding gifts. Complete line of both at Reagan's.

James M. Fairchild, aged 83 years and four months, died at his home in this city Monday evening at 10:30 o'clock and was buried in Mt. Olive cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

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

P. C. Caylor and family returned Monday night from a visit of several weeks which was spent in Ohio and Pennsylvania. They left here on May 7th and went to Columbus, Ohio, where they attended the trainmen's convention and from there they went to Pittsburg, Pa., where they visited Mr. Caylor's relatives.

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. :-: :-: :-:

The Western Windmill Co.

Buy the best--Buy Eupion

Eupion Oil has stood the test and has been considered the highest standard grade of oil in Texas for over fifty-two years and still holds the lead in the oil field. It is the only non-explosive oil that is sold--barring none.

Ask your grocer for Eupion and take no other

Mrs. G. B. Harris is visiting friends in Coahoma this week.

No risk to run by taking your prescriptions to Reagan's to be filled. The price is always right.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers left for Altus, Okla., where they will visit Mr. Rogers' parents.

Miss Josie Hainey is visiting at the home of Mrs. Bardohn in Fort Worth.

For sale--Extra Jersey cow; just fresh. Phone ranch or address H. S. Miller, Big Springs, Texas.

John and Will Pool are here from El Paso county on a visit to relatives.

Miss Ora Cannon has accepted a position with Gary & Burns Co., where she will be glad to serve her many friends.

N. T. Wheeler has been appointed local agent in Big Springs for the Amarillo Improvement Company in the sale of lots in that city.

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

We are requested to announce that Rev. J. L. Robertson will hold a meeting at Richland school house beginning July 3rd, and requests the presence of as many as can come.

We have a few more pairs of fine worsted pants left. You had better see them as they are the best to be had in this market. A. P. McDonald & Co.

J. R. Hill, of Brownfield, who attended the Confederate reunion at Memphis, was in the city last Monday enroute home, and while here gave this office a pleasant call. Mr. Hill took advantage of the occasion and visited his old home at Birmingham, Ala., while gone. He reports a very pleasant visit but was anxious to get home.

We receive new shipments of shoes each week. See our stock before you buy. A. P. McDonald & Co., the men and gent's furnisheers.

Miss Leona George left for Eskota Sunday to spend the summer with her sister. Miss Leona is one of our finest young ladies, holding a large circle of friends in this city, and we regret to see her go, but our loss will be Eskota's gain.

Camberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets gently stimulate the liver and bowels to expel poisonous matter, cleanse the system, cure constipation and sick headache. Sold by all druggists.

Mrs. Reagan left Tuesday evening for Cisco where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Elkins, for a few days when she will go to Denver, Colorado, for the summer.

Painting.

I will guarantee all painting done by me. For particulars see M. D. McDonald, or address L. Box 604, Big Springs. 38-4w

Letter to Jack Cross.

Big Springs, Texas.

Dear Sir: Suppose you are growing an acre or two of cabbage; where'll you get your seed? The price of Long Island seed is \$2 lb; the Germans send over tons of "cabbage seed" 50c lb.

Most gardeners buy the German seed; of course, you know they wouldn't pay \$2 for cabbage seeds, when they could get it for 50c. And that's how people do about everything.

Careful people buy the smallest package of each count out 100 seeds of each, and grow them a week in a hot house, then count their plants. They've got 100 Long Island plants and 10 German.

How do you think, the Long Island cabbage seed growers account for that? They tell you the German seed is mostly turnip, which looks like cabbage, but isn't.

Why didn't the turnip seed grow? The Germans had killed it, baked it. What did they base it for? Dead seeds tell no tales.

There's a whole business in killed seeds. A dealer can get all the dead seed he wants, that look like cabbage and something else; he can mix 'em with actual seeds, a pound to an ounce, and sell you your seeds at whatever price you like to pay and whatever profit he likes to take.

The same with paint; you can paint with whitewash or paint, poor paint or good; you can pay your painters \$3 a day for brushing it on. But whitewash is whitewash, poor paint is poor paint, and good is good.

You'd better buy good, and pick out your good by the number of gallons it takes to cover a job; least gallons, best paint; least gallons, least cost; by \$5 a gallon; least gallons, most wear.

Better buy Long Island seeds, but try 'em first. Better buy Devco, but try it first.

Yours truly,

F. W. DEVOE & CO
P. S. Biles & Gentry, sell our paint.

Take the Enterprise.

JULY 4TH - 135 Years Ago.

BY HERBERT F. JACKSON

ALTHOUGH so much visited and so much written about there is very little accurate popular understanding of the history of Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence was signed July 4, 1776, 135 years ago.

Its construction was begun in 1732, about 60 years after the first landing of William Penn at the site of Philadelphia, near the house known as the Blue Anchor tavern. It is ascribed sometimes to the working of an inscrutable destiny that independ-



HALL WHEREIN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS ADOPTED.

though provided with immense chimneys, and that these chimneys cost about £25 provincial money. The second room prepared for regular occupancy was the western one on the ground floor. The justices of the provincial supreme court who first sat there were John Kinsey, Thomas Graeme and William Tilt.

A bell, probably brought from England by William Penn, was hung in a tree near the governor's headquarters as early as 1685 and rung when it was desired to bring the

ence hall should have been made ready for the occupancy of the Provincial assembly and the governor's council virtually at the exact time when the colonies of Great Britain in America began to feel their growing strength sufficiently to induce them to insist more than ever before upon the right to be specially mindful of their own interests. It was only a quarter of a century after the "old Liberty Bell" was cast by patriotic artisans in this city that it was used to gather the people to hear the proclamation, by order of the continental congress, of the absolute political separation of the 13 colonies from the mother country.

The state house sheltered not only the continental congress during many critical sessions, but also the supreme council of the federation of the United States, the constitutional convention of 1787, the supreme court of the United States and the provincial and state legislature of Pennsylvania in that long period of the conception, birth and infancy of the western republic. Every man of any distinction whatever in that great epoch, from Andrew Hamilton and Benjamin Franklin to Lafayette and Pulaski, passed through its portals. It is the silent surviving witness of a stupendous past, so stupendous indeed that hardly anything is more wonderful than the absolute simplicity of the austere stage setting of those dramatic actions which indirectly transformed the whole political world.

William Penn's council of state first met in George Guest's unfinished house near the mouth of Dock Creek, afterward called the "Blue Anchor Tavern." Settlers at that time were living in caves along the west bank of the Delaware river. It is also supposed to have met in the Swedish church at Wifaco, down the river, and in William Penn's house in Laetitia court, the same which now stands in Fairmount park, until it removed to the new state house in 1747. The Provincial assembly first met in the first rough meeting house erected for the worship of Friends shortly after Penn's arrival and then in the later one on Front street known as the Bank Meeting house. But it also sat elsewhere, sometimes in houses that were erected for private use.

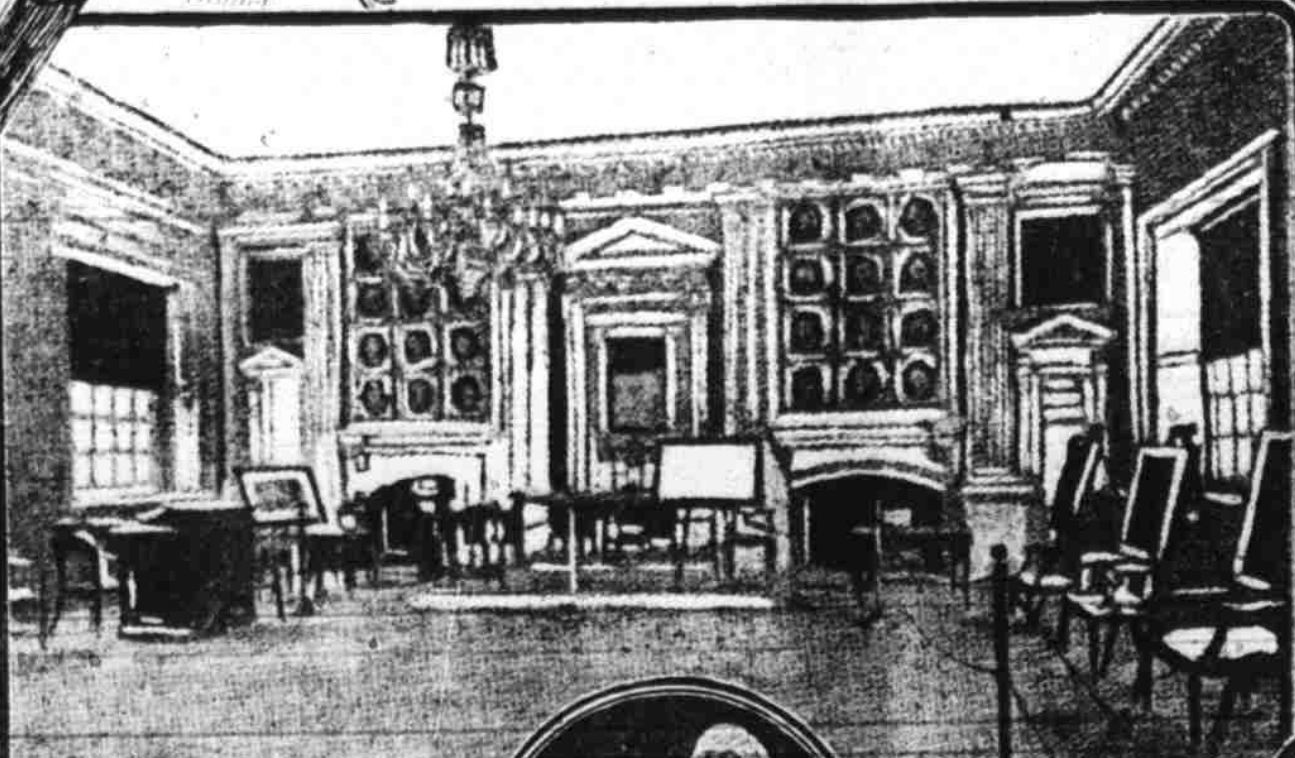
It was in January, 1729, that the assembly, awake finally to the need of a suitable provincial capital, voted £10,000 toward its cost and appropriated the same out of an issue of paper money which had just authorized William Allen, who was afterward one of Philadelphia's most famous lawyers and became a judge of the supreme court, acted as the agent of the province in the purchase of the lots of ground in Chestnut street, from 25th to 34th and a building half way back toward 30th was erected, which formed the "Independence Hall" as it is called to this day. The building was erected by Francis King, the architect of the old church, and also designed by King. It was built on a lot which had been purchased by William Penn from John Knowlton, a Quaker, and was named after him.

The main structure, made of brick, which had not yet been built, was in a room, which when the building was completed, the mayor gave a banquet and from the long room in the second story, which was to be the scene of so many later sessions, the independence was proclaimed.

Public contractors were chosen in three days as in 1769 and it was not until 1774 that the room of the assembly in the state house was completed. It is curious to note that it was headed at that time by means of two wide stones, at

dependence engrossed on parchment. Three copies of it, according to one tradition, were signed in the Independence chamber, one of which now hangs there, behind the table and chair used by John Hancock and George Washington, the former while presiding over the continental congress, the latter over the constitutional convention. The original is preserved in the State department at Washington and lately has shown such indications of crumbling away that President Roosevelt some time ago ordered that it be kept in a locked safe.

Many more impressive events and ceremonies took place at Independence Hall. The British dined it with cruelty to American prisoners during the occupation of Philadelphia by the troops of Gen. Howe. The flags captured by the Americans and French at Yorktown were received here by congress. The second inauguration of



STATUE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

Washington as president and that also of John Adams took place in what is now known as Congress hall, adjoining the state house to the west, which was not built until 1787. It was here that congress received the news of the death of Washington.

Much work of restoration has made Independence Hall what it is today. In general, this work has been directed by careful study of the past. Zealous co-operation of organized bodies and individuals has also brought together in the state house many objects of venerable value as illustrative of the early days of the nation. The stranger naturally desires a succinct, serviceable statement of the things of peculiar interest that the state house contains.

The Declaration chamber, where the continental congress and the constitutional convention sat, is, with the exception of a new flooring, substantially in the same state in which it was then. The walls are hung with portraits of many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence or of the constitution, many of them painted by contemporaneous artists. A portrait of Washington preserved here is by Peale. Here are the chair and tables used by the presiding officers of both bodies, Hancock and Washington, and many of the chairs occupied by the members or delegates. On the president's table is the silver inkstand used in signing both the Declaration of Independence and the constitution.

In the rear portion of the main lobby of the state house is the Liberty bell, useless except as a sacred memorial of the past. It is suspended upon the same framework of timbers which formerly held it in place in the tower, but which now rests on the floor. Passing up the grand stairway, some of the most noteworthy portraits in the collection are found upon its walls. Among them are those of Washington, Lafayette, William Penn, Louis XVI, George III, and Gov. James Hamilton, the figures being of full length and heroic size.

The Long room, or Banqueting hall, in the second story, contains a sofa, chair and pew-bench used by George Washington, the last mentioned in Christ church; West's painting of the treaty-making scene at the great elm tree, portraits of Martha Washington, the British sovereigns of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries from and including Charles II. to George II., and many notables, both civil and military, of the revolutionary period. The two other rooms on this floor are similarly enriched.

Betsy Ross and the Rejected Flag

We often read and hear the statement: "It is to be regretted that many of the fascinating narratives of our colonial history are born of imagination, and among these are favorite stories, such as: 'Captain John Smith's adventure with the Indians, Putnam's famous ride, Betsy Ross and our first flag, and Barbara Fritchie at Fredericks-town.'"

There is abundance of proof extended to verify that Betsy Ross lived, and that she was employed by the continental congress to manufacture flags, the government archives bear witness.

Betsy Ross flag was first rejected and some time later accepted.

Betsy Ross attended Christ church, Philadelphia, and the pew in which she worshipped was next to the one occupied by Washington, and her pew is marked by a brass plate bearing these words: "In this pew worshipped Betsy Ross, who made the first flag."

Of late years the journals, magazines, and school histories of our country have called attention to the origin of our national flag as having been suggested by the family arms of the Washingtons. This supposition comes from Martin Tupper, an eminent English poet and dramatist. His first reference to our flag in this connection was made public in the fall of 1856. The announcement did not receive serious consideration until at a public banquet given in America. At this dinner, held in the city of Baltimore, the idea was heralded to the world that the stars and stripes had their origin in the heraldic symbols of the Washington family.

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

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Organization is the foundation structure of the union.

Education should follow the work of organization as rapidly as possible. Co-operation will follow organization and education just in proportion as you advance the latter.

It is just as important for the small farmer to belong to the union as it is for the one who farms on a larger scale.

It will not be a great while until million-dollar enterprises, owned and controlled by the farmers, will be as common as straw hats in the summer time.

The community that works for higher prices for agricultural products labors in its own interests, as that will make money plentier there, and all classes will share in the prosperity.

Now is the time to begin to decide whether you are going to sell your cotton to speculators and help keep the price down, or through the Farmers' union, and help put the price up.

Every law enacted, and every court decision rendered, relative to rates on railroads is of vital importance to farmers. A raise of two cents a bushel on corn means a loss to the farmers of over \$50,000,000. Care should be taken to see that the farmer's profits are not confiscated.

COTTON - MONEY CROP OF SOUT

Believer in Diversification Does Not Think It Wise to Abandon Staple Harvest.

While I am firm believer in diversification, believing that the farmers should grow everything that they possibly can, that they need for their own use, such as corn, hay, meat, milk, butter, eggs, molasses, fruit and vegetables, I believe they will make a great mistake if they abandon cotton entirely. Cotton has always been the money crop of the south, and always will be. There is nothing that can take its place; nothing that can be produced so certainly, kept off the market without injury for so long a time, or that can be turned into cash at all times so readily.

There is nothing the farmers love to grow so well. From the time they began to break their land until they crop is marketed, their whole existence is wrapped up in cotton. And I do not blame them; it is the most interesting crop on the farm. It responds to good treatment the quickest, and endures all-though methods the best. It is the poor man's crop.

With the poor unscientific methods of the past it will enable him to stay poor. The poorest paid, the poorest fed, the poorest dressed, the most poorly appreciated, and the hardest worked of any class of humanity, with prospects as poor as himself. On the other hand with improved methods, cotton becomes the poor man's friend and uplifter. Grown in connection with food and forage crops, cotton is the most important and valuable of all. The farmer knows when he plants it, that he can sell it as soon as it is baled. Not so with other crops; they can be grown in all parts of this country, and in growing them the southern farmer has to compete with the north, east and west, where they can be grown more cheaply than in the south. Not so with cotton; it can only be grown in the south, where the proper soil, climate and conditions exist. While we can grow nearly everything, our northern, eastern and western brothers produce, making it unnecessary for us to buy from them, they cannot grow cotton at all, and must buy ours. And we should have it for them. It pays to grow what the world wants, and what there is always a market for. Cotton can always be sold at some price and for cash. Let us grow cotton then, but food and forage crops, as well, so that we will have enough to eat and feed, without having to pay out all our cotton money to enable us to live. Grow cotton, but in rotation with other crops, so you can build up your land, so that it will produce maximum yields instead of minimum. Do this and you will not be obliged to work yourself and family to death in order to exist. Do this, and you will make farming what it ought, and what God intended it to be, the most independent occupation that man can engage in.—Dan H. Stewart, in Union Advocate.

There is a great future for the Farmers' union and if it continues on in the same conservative course it will prove a great blessing to the farmers of our great country.—National Co-operator.

Farmer and the Automobile.

President D. J. Neil of the Texas Farmers' Union while at Fort Worth the other day stated the farmers throughout the state were organizing against automobiles, and are carrying guns. He says he expects to hear of a killing at any time, as he said hundreds of unions are adopting drastic resolutions against automobiles.

Texas Farmers Selling Wheat.

It is reported from Grayson and adjoining counties in Texas that many farmers are selling their wheat at \$1.25 per bushel, delivery to be made as soon as threshed. Others have turned down similar offers, believing the price will go even higher than it is now.

DOWN WITH MORTGAGE ORDER

Texas Members Call Attention to Declaration of Purpose and Urging Enforcement.

The National Co-Operator publishes the following letter, which is self explanatory:

The fourth article in our declaration of purposes is: "To discourage the mortgage and credit system. Since January 1, 1900, there has been filed in Hopkins county 41,363 chattel mortgages, or over 24 mortgages daily of 4.136 annually; total fees, \$20,880. Since January 1, 1909, we have filed 2,534 mortgages.

To the Farmers of Texas: How is your county? Investigate, see the cost; how many physical and moral wrecks; how many cells have been filled; how many felons produced; what the cost of courts.

Commercial dependence is a chain that galls every day. The concealment of evil has never resulted in progress. We must make our mistakes teach us something. Greed grows on what it grasps.

The mortgage system is a self-supporting institution. It always holds its own.

It calls for just as many dollars when cotton is cheap as when cotton is dear. It is not affected by the severest drought. It is not drowned out by the heavy rains, floods, nor storms. It is never killed by winter's frost nor freezes. It is blight proof. It is without sympathy and never weeps. It is not troubled by late backward springs nor early frost. It is not subject to rust and is moth proof. It grows at night, Sunday, rainy days and every holiday. It brings a sure crop every year. It produces cash every time. It fosters usury, encourages speculation, and prostrates human energy. It does not wait for the market to advance, but sternly demands a full surrender. It is not subject to the speculations of the bulls nor bears of the boards of trade. It is a load that stiles, chafes and frets, day by day. It is a dangerous burden; the farmer must shun; he cannot shake it off, it is with him morning, noon and at night. It rides upon his shoulders during the day, eats with him at the table, and haunts him in his sleep. It consumes his crop, devours his stock, it demands, without mercy, the fattest steer, the finest cow and the most valuable horse. It sifies the children's bread, leaves them bare and illiterate. It lives upon the first fruits of the season. It stoops the toiler's back with its remorseless burden of care and anxiety. It hardens his hands, benumbs his intellect and permanently whitens his locks, and often times sends him and his wife to the poor, the hell of the helpless, the dead fall of danger, the forecast of fury, the wage of the tyrant. "Live at home." Don't mortgage. Fraternally yours,

A. P. LANDERS.

Blessing of Farmers' Union.

The intelligence of the people is the only safeguard of liberty that remains to them. The stronger intelligent elements will control the rest of mankind. This is inevitable. This has been the law of nations from the creation of mankind until now, and will always be the inexorable law that controls the nations of earth. This law confronts the farmers and admonishes them that in order to gain lost prestige they must study conditions for themselves and apply intelligent remedies that will cure the evils that have blighted our agriculture.

Cotton Area and Condition.

The crop-reporting board of the United States department of agriculture estimates, from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the bureau, that the area planted to cotton this year (1909) in the United States, including that already planted and expected to be planted, is about 95.6 per cent. of the area planted to cotton last year, equivalent to about 31,918,000 acres, as compared with 33,370,000 acres indicated by the bureau's revised estimate of last year's planted area, a decrease of about 1,452,000, or 4.4 per cent.

The condition of the growing crop on May 25 was 81.1 per cent. of a normal condition, as compared with 79.7 per cent. at the corresponding date in 1908, and 81.4 per cent. the average condition for the past ten years on May 25.

THE LION'S SHARE

BY OCTAVE THANET
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SYNOPSIS.

The story opens at Harvard where Col. Rupert Winter, U. S. A., visiting, saw the outside of young Mercer. He met Cary Mercer, brother of the dead student. Three years later, in Chicago, in 1904, Col. Winter overheard Cary Mercer apparently planning to kidnap Archie, the colonel's ward, and to gain possession of Aunt Rebecca Winter's million. A Miss Smith was mentioned apparently as a conspirator. A great financial magnate was about the train on which Col. Winter and Archie. Col. Winter learned that the financial magnate is Edwin S. Keatcham. Winter, added by Archie, cleverly from Miss Smith, held up on the train. He took a great liking to Miss Smith, despite her alleged kidnapping plot. Blood in a nearby room at the hotel caused fears for the boy's life. 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 Archie, a Harvard graduate. They were met with an explosion within. Mercer appeared. He assured Winter that Archie had returned. The colonel saw a vision fitting from the supposedly haunted house. It was Miss Janet Smith. Col. Winter to himself admitted that he loved Miss Smith. Mercer told Winter that Archie had overheard plans for a coup and had been kidnaped. One of Mercer's friends on returning the day for his aunt had been arrested for speeding and when he returned from the police station to his auto the lad was gone. Mercer confessed to the fatherly detaining Keatcham. Mercer told his life story, relating how Keatcham and his second wife, Mrs. Archie, had ruined him, the boy killing his wife. Mercer was holding him prisoner in order that he could not get control of a railroad which was the big project of the father of the college friend. Kidnapped Tracy, Aunt Rebecca saw Archie in a cab with two men. Then he vanished. She followed in an auto, into the Chinese district.

CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

But he missed his deserved commendation; indeed, he forgot it himself; because, as he looked back at the horses rearing on the sudden check and tossing their auburn manes, then ran his scrutiny behind them to the back, he perceived no life in it; and when his own passenger jumped with amazing nimbleness from her seat and flung the crazy door wide open, she recoiled, exclaiming: "Where are they? Where did you leave them?"

"Leave who?" queried the hackman. "Say, what you stoppin' me fur? Runnin' into me with your devil-wagon! Say!"—then his wrath trailed into an inarticulate mutter as he appreciated better the evident quality of the gentleman before him.

"You may be mixed up in a penitentiary offense, my man," she said, placidly. "It is a case of kidnaping. Where did you leave that boy who was in the cab? If you give us information that will find him, there's five dollars; if you fool us—well, I have your number. Where did you leave the boy?"

"Why, there was a cop with 'im—a cop and a gentleman. Ain't you got hold of the wrong party, lady?"

"A brown-haired boy in a gray suit with a blue cravat—you know he was in your cab. And how do you know it was a real policeman?"

"Or he wasn't helping on the deviltry if it was!" sneered the chauffeur, who had now become a full-fledged partisan. "Ain't you lived in this burg long enough to find out how to make a little mazzama on the side? You're too good for 'Frisco. Heaven is your home, my Christian friend."

"Cut it out!" retorted the man. "I guess I know how to find my way round as well as the next man—"

"Certainly you do," soothed Mrs. Winter, who was fingering a crisp new five-dollar bank note, "and you are no kidnaper, either; you made no bargain with those men—"

"Sure I didn't!" agreed the hackman, "nor I ain't standin' for kidnaping, neither. Why, I got kids of my own, and my woman she'd broom me out the house if I was to do them games. Say, I'll tell you all I know. They got off, then three, at that there corner, and I was to drive fast 'n' I got three blocks ahead and then I caught any old way. And that's God's truth, I—"

"You didn't see where they went?" Mrs. Winter was quietly insistent.

"No, I didn't. I guess I was a dumb fool not ter notice, but they paid me well, and I'd a bad thirst, and I was hikin' to a place I know for beer; and that's—"

hack. "He'd ought to have known it wasn't on the square, but these hack drivers ain't got good sense even when they're, so to speak, sober, which ain't often," he soliloquized. "Well, lady, if they've took to the Chinese quarter, we'd better be looking up a Chink to help us, I guess. I know a fairly decent one—"

"I think I know a better," interrupted Mrs. Winter, with a faint smile. She had detected a suppressed pity in the man's regard. "Motor slowly along the street. There is a shop, if I can find it, where there ought to be a man—"

"Man you know? Say, lady, I guess I better go in with you, if you don't mind—"

"No; stay in your car. You don't know how safe I am. Not only my gray hair protects me, but I have only to say a few words and any of these men will fight for me if necessary. But this is in confidence—just between us, you understand. You are not to repeat it, ever."

She looked at him with a frank smile, and involuntarily his hand went up to his cap. "What you say goes, lady. But jest remember I'm right here, spark going all the time, ready to throw her wide open when you step in; and—his voice sank—I ain't absolutely unprepared for a scrap, either."

"I understand," said she, looking at him keenly, and a few moments later she stepped briskly into the shop before which he halted, with a little lighting of the heart because of this uncouth knight of the lever. The shop itself was like any one of a score on the street, crowded with oriental objects, bizarre carvings of ivory and jade, daggers and strings of cash, swords, gorgeous embroidered robes of silk and gold in a huddle over a counter or swinging and gleaming in the dusky background, squat little green and brown gods with puffy eyelids, smiling inscrutably amid shoes and fans and Chinese lanterns of glass and bronze, glittering with beads—in all these, like the score about it; yet the clean windows and a certain order within gave it a touch out of the common. A man and a boy served the shop, both in the American dress, with their pigtail tucked under the visorless caps. Both greeted her in the serene oriental fashion, bowing and smiling, their obsequious courtesy showing no smallest sign of the surprise which the sight of an unattended woman must have given them.

Nevertheless, Mrs. Winter was aware that both, under their lowered eyelids, took cognizance of that soft-carved disk of jade among the faces on her breast. She asked the man if he had seen a lad and an older man, or it might be two older men, one a policeman, come into that or any other neighboring shop. She explained that the lad was her grand-nephew and was lost; she eschewed the harsher word, for she had no desire to set afoot a rumor which might bring the police upon her. She named a sum—large enough to kindle a sudden gleam in the boy's eyes, as the reward awaiting the lucky man who might put her on the right track. But her words struck no responsive spark from the Chinaman's veiled gaze. In perfect English and a very soft voice he avowed ignorance and sympathy with the same breath.

And all the while she could feel his glance slant down at the jade ornament.

"Send the boy to look in the shop next door," said she. As she spoke she raised the charm between her thumb and her first two fingers, looking at him directly. Her tone was that of command, not request. He frowned very slightly, making an almost imperceptible gesture, to which she returned a single Chinese phrase, spoken so low that had he not expected the words they had been indistinguishable to his ear. Instantly he addressed the boy rapidly in their own language. The boy went out. The master of the shop returned to Mrs. Winter. His manner had utterly changed; the tradesman's perfunctory deference was displaced by an almost eager humility of bearing. He would have her sit—there were a few cane-seated American arm chairs, in grotesque contrast to all their accommodations—he prostrated himself before her; he put himself at her service; still to her trained eye there was a corner of his mind where incredulity wrestled with a stronger emotion.

"Do not fear," she said, gently. "It is really my own, and he gave it to me himself, almost 30 years ago. He was hardly 20 years old himself then. You see, my husband had been so fortunate as to do him a kindness. It was he who had it first. When he died it came to me, and now for the second time in my life I am using it. I knew you belonged. I saw the sign. Will you help me find my boy?"

"Did your ladyship know he is here, in San Francisco?"

If she had not already dissipated any doubt in his mind, her evident relief blew the last shred away now. "Haven't you such a thing as a telephone somewhere?" cried Rebecca Winter. "Time is precious. Can't



He Avowed Ignorance.

you speak to him—have him come here?"

It appeared that there was a telephone, and in a moment she was put into communication by the shopkeeper. He stood in an attitude of deep respect while she talked. He heard with unsmiling attention her first Chinese words; he listened as she returned to English, speaking very quietly, but with a controlled earnestness, explaining that she was Archie's widow, giving dates and places, in nowise alluding to the service which had won the charm about her neck. Yet as he listened, insensibly the Chinaman grew certain that she had spoken the truth. Presently she turned to him. "He wishes to speak to you," she said, and went back to the shop. She sighed as one sighs from whose heart a great burden rolls. "To find him here, and still grateful!" she was thinking. "What wonderful good fortune!"

She sat down, and her face grew dreary. She was no longer thinking of Archie. Her vision was on another face, another scene, a time of peril, when almost against her reason her instinctive woman's recoil of pity for a fellow-creature in danger of unthinkable torture had been so intense that she had more than acquiesced in her husband's plan of risking both their lives to save him; she had impelled him to it; she had overcome his terror of the risks on her account. "It is only death we have to fear, at worst," she had argued. "We have the means to escape in a second, both of us, from anything else; and if we run away and leave this poor wretch, who hasn't done anything but love his country, just as we love ours, and he too civilized for his trifling, onerous, pusillanimous country-people to understand, to get slashed to pieces by their horrible lings—whatever they call it—Archie's widow, don't you reckon we shall have nightmares as long as we live?"

Thirty years ago—yet it seemed like yesterday. Distinctly she could hear her husband's voice; it had not come back to her with such reality for years; it was more real than the cries of the street outside; and her heart was beating faster for his words: "Becky, there never was a woman like you! You could make a dead man hop up and fight, bless you!"

"Your ladyship"—It was the shopkeeper back again; he had lived in England, and he offered the most respectful western title of his knowledge—"your ladyship may be cheerful. All will be done of the best. The young gentleman will be back to-night. If your ladyship will now let us to the hotel."

Mrs. Winter bowed slightly; she was quite her self-possessed self again. "I will go certainly," she said, "but I shall hope to see you, also, to-night; and meanwhile, will you accept, as a token from a friend who trusts you, this?" She took a little gem-encrusted watch from her fob and handed it to him. Her manner was that of a queen who rewards her general. And she left him bowing low. She entered the motor car. It was no longer a lone motor. Another car steamed and snorted near by, in which sat the

amiable banker from Iowa, his wife and Janet Smith.

It took only a moment to transfer a passenger, to explain that she hoped to find the boy who had been lost—no, she would not use such a strenuous word as kidnaped—and would they complete their kindness by not mentioning the affair to any one? One hated so to get into the papers. And would they let her see them again to thank them? Then, as she sank back on the cushions, she remarked, as much to the expectant chauffeur as to Janet: "Yes, I think it is all right. I think we shall see Archie to-night."

CHAPTER XII.

A Blow.

There was no one but Mrs. Winter to welcome the colonel when, jaded, warm and dusty, he tapped on Aunt Rebecca's parlor door. Mrs. Millicent was bristling with a sense of injury; one couldn't touch her conversationally without risk of a scratch. The colonel put up the shield of his unsuitable appearance, his fatigue and his deplorable need of a bath, and escaped into his own apartment. But he made his toilet with reckless haste. All the time he was questioning his recent experience, trying to sort out "his theories, which had been plunged into confusion by Mercer's confession. "I suppose," he reflected, "that I had no right to give Mercer that hint at the door." The hint had been given just as they parted. It was in a single sentence:

"By the way, Mercer, if that pillar in the patio is of importance in your combination, you would better keep an eye on it; it has a trick of cracking."

"The devil it has!" granted Mercer. Then he thanked him, with a kind of reluctant admiration in his tone.

"You are sure you don't object to my detective's staying?" questioned the colonel.

"No, sir; prefer to have him. You told him to have his men in and overhaul the house?"

"I did. I warned you I should have to. You promise there shall be no racket? But I—I think I'll take Haley."

"Thank you. That's right kind of you, sir. Goodby, sir."

This had been the manner of their parting—assuredly a singular one, after the sinister suspicions and the violent promises which the soldier had made himself in regard to this very man. After leaving, he had motored into town, down to the police courts to discover no records of the arrest and no trace of Archie. Thence, discouraged, perplexed and more worried than he liked to admit, he had repaired to the hotel. His aunt was gone, Miss Smith was gone, and Randall could only relate how Mrs. Winter had flew like a bird, sir, into a big red motor car and gone off, and then Miss Smith and a lady and gentleman had got into a white car and gone off in the same direction."

He was meditating on his next step, when Birdsell was announced below. The detective looked as warm and as tired as the colonel had felt an hour before. Rupert was not eager to see

him, but neither was he anxious for the tete-a-tete with Millicent which awaited him in the parlor. Between the two he chose Birdsell.

"Well," he greeted him, "did you find any trace of the boy?"

"Of course I did," growled Birdsell. "They didn't try to hide 'im. They had him lodged in a dandy room with his own bath. Of course he left his toothbrush. They got him some automobile togs, too, and he'd left some leggings when he packed, and a letter begun on a pad to Miss South—Dear Miss Janet, it begins, 'I am having a bully time. I can steer the machine, only I can't back—that's all. Say, the young doc has been having it fat while we were in the frying pan, for fear somebody was bothering him.'"

"But he is not in the house now?"

"No, nor nothing else."

"Nobody hidden away? Where did the groans you heard come from?" queried the colonel, politely.

Birdsell flushed. "I do believe that slick deceiver yob call Mercer put up a game on us out of meanness—just to get me guessing."

"That sort of thing looks more like the college boys."

"Say, it might have been. This thing is giving me nervous prostration. Say, why didn't you see the thing out with me?"

The colonel shamelessly told the truth to deceive. "I was called here. I was told that Mrs. Winter, my aunt, had seen Archie in the street."

"She was just getting out of a machine as I came up. Miss Smith was with her, and they had their hands full of candy boxes. They were laughing. I made sure the boy had been found."

"Not to my knowledge," said the colonel. But in some excitement he walked into the parlor. The ladies had arrived; they stood in the center of the room while Randall took away the boxes.

"Candy for Archie," explained Aunt Rebecca, and these were the first words to reach Rupert Winter's ears. "I expect him to dinner."

"Aunt Rebecca," proclaimed Millicent, "I never have been one to complain, but there are limits to human endurance. I am a modern person, a civilized Episcopalian, accustomed to a regular and well-ordered life, and for the last few days I seem to have been living in a kind of medieval mystery, with kidnapers, and bloodstains, and, for anything I know, somebody ready to stick a knife into any one of us any time! You people may enjoy this sort of thing—you seem to—but I don't. And I tell you frankly that I am going to apply to the police, not to any private detective inquiry office, as like as not in league with the criminals"—thus unreservedly did Mrs. Millicent slur the motives of her only truly interested auditor—"but real policemen. I shall apply—"

She did not tell where she should apply, the words being snapped out of her mouth by the sharp tinkle of the telephone bell.

Aunt Rebecca responded to the call. "Send him up," was her answer to the inaudible questioner.

She laid down the receiver. Then she put it back. Then she stood up, her silver head in the air, her erect little figure held motionless.

Janet Smith's dark eyes sought hers; her lips parted only to close firmly again.

Even the detective perceived the electric intensity of the moment, and Rupert shut his fists tight, with a quickened beating of the heart; but emotional vibrations did not disturb Mrs. Melville Winter's pulse. She continued her plaint.

"This present situation is unbearable, unprecedented and un—un—expected," she declaimed, rather groping for a climax which escaped her. Aunt Rebecca raised her hand.

"Would you be so very kind, Millicent," said she, "as to wait a moment? I am trying to listen."

Like a response to her words, the knob of the door was turned, the door swung, and Archie entered the room smiling his odd little chewed-up smile.

Janet uttered a faint cry and took a single step, but, as if recognizing a superior right, hung back while the boy put his arm about his great-aunt's waist and rather bashfully kissed her cheek.

She received the salute with entire composure, except for a tiny splash of red which crept up to each cheekbone. "Is it really you, Archie?" said she. "You are a little late for dinner day before yesterday, but quite in time for today. Sit down and tell us where you have been."

"Quite so!" exclaimed Mrs. Millicent. "Good heavens! Do you know how we have suffered? Where have you been? Why did you run away?"

But Archie, who had surrendered one half of him to be hugged by Miss Smith and the other to be clasped on the shoulder by his uncle, seemed to think a vaguely polite "How do do, Aunt Millicent; I'm sorry to have worried you!" to be answer enough. Only when the question was repeated by Mrs. Winter herself did he reply: "I'm awfully sorry, Aunt Rebecca, but I've

promised not to say anything about it. But, truly, I didn't mean to bother you."

Millicent exploded in an access of indignation: "And do you mean that you expect us to accept such a ridiculous promise—after all we have been through?"

"Quite so," remarked Aunt Rebecca, with a precise echo of her niece's most Arabian utterance—the gift of mimicry had been one of Mrs. Winter's most admired and distrusted social gifts from her youth.

Rupert Winter hastened to distract Millicent's attention by saying, decisively: "If the boy has promised, that ends it; he can't break his parole. Anyhow, they don't seem to have hurt you, old son?"

"Oh, they treated me dandy, those fellows," said Archie. "Miss Janet, I know how to run an electric motor car, except backing."

"I'll bet you do," muttered the detective.

Here the colonel came to the boy's relief a second time and drew Birdsall aside. "Best let me pump the chap a little. You get downstairs and see how he got here, who brought him. They'll get clean away. It is late for that as it is. You can report to-morrow."

It was the colonel, also, who eliminated Mrs. Millicent by the masterly spangem of suggesting that she pass the news to Mrs. Wigglesworth. He artfully added that it would require tact to let the lady from Boston understand that the lad had been found without in any way gratifying her natural curiosity in regard to the manner of finding or the cause of disappearance. "I'll have to leave that to you," he concluded. "Maybe you can see a way out; I confess my hands are in the air."

Millicent thus relegated to the ambassador's shelf, the colonel slipped comfortably into his pet arm-chair facing his nephew on the lounge between Aunt Rebecca and Miss Smith. Miss Smith looked frankly, charmingly happy. Aunt Rebecca looked rather tired.

"Of course," he remarked, "I understand, old man, that you have promised secrecy to the Fireless Stove gang, as we'll call them; but the other kidnapers, the crowd that held up your car and then switched you off on a side track while young Fireless was detained—they haven't any hold on you?"

"No, sir," said Archie; "but—you see, that strange gentleman and Aunt Millicent—I was scared lest I'd give something away."

"They're not here now. All friends here. Suppose you make a clean breast of your second kidnaping. It may be important you should."

Nothing loath, Archie told his story. Left outside while Tracy went into the office with a policeman, to whom he gave his assumed name, he remained for hardly two minutes before a gentleman and a "cop" came up to him, and the latter ordered him to descend from the machine—but not until they had found it impossible to move the vehicle. When they did discover that the key was out and gone, the man in citizen's clothes hailed a cab and the officer curtly informed Archie that Gardiner (Tracy's traveling name) had been taken to another court and he was to follow. He didn't suspect anything beyond a collision with the speed regulations of the city, but had seen a chance to dive under his escort's arm (the boy would have taken it). Such chance was not afforded him, and all he was able to do was to lean out suddenly as they passed the Palace and to wave at Randall. "I wanted them to stop and let me get some one to pay my fine," said Archie, "but they said I was only a witness. They wouldn't let me stop; they run down the curtain—at least so far as it would run. It was like all those hack curtains, you know—all out of order."

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The West Texas National Bank, at Big Springs, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, June 23, 1934.

Assets:	
Loans and Discounts	\$301,281 95
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,979 74
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Banking house furniture and fixtures	2,522 30
Other real estate owned	11,348 70
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	12,394 81
Due from state banks and other banks	169 74
Due from approved reserve agents	56,013 78
Checks and other cash items	448 68
Notes of other Nat'l Banks	2,000 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	67 70
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank (viz):	
Specie	\$10,000 00
Legal tender notes	7,599 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas. (5 p. c. of circulation)	2,000 00
Total	\$361,867 40
LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	40,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	12,195 86
Nat'l Bank notes outstanding	49,500 00
Due to other Nat'l Banks	1,396 55
Due to State Banks & Builders	13,114 89
Due to Trust Companies & Savings Banks	92 58
Individual deposits subject to check	143,703 69
Cashier's Cts Outstanding	1,683 89
Total	\$361,867 40

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Howard, ss. I, J. W. Shook, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. W. SHOOK, Cashier. CORRECT-ATTEST: G. L. BROWN, J. D. BIRDWELL, JOHN ROBERTS, Directors.

be some years before this condition will be reached and before that time farmers of the cotton growing states could so change the kind of crops produced that cotton will be a minor crop. Farmers of the south are not absolutely dependent on cotton for a living and it will be money in their pockets when they realize this fact and turn their attention to more profitable crops. -G. E. T., in Texas Farmer.

Badly Cut. Irvin Clayton, while working on the new Methodist church building at Vincent Tuesday, was the victim of a very serious accident. He was engaged in trimming a floor with a draw knife, when in some manner he missed his footing and fell, striking his left hand and wrist upon the razor-like edge of the knife and inflicting a wound which severed the arteries and leaders of the wrist and endangering his life from the hemorrhage. Friends quickly came to his assistance, and after rendering first aid by cording wounded member tightly above the wound, to stanch the flow of blood, phoned two Coahoma physicians to meet them on the road, and started in with the injured man. One physician met them at the old chimney on the Goffee ranch and accompanied them here when the cut was properly treated, and Mr. Clayton is doing nicely, although he lost a great deal of blood. -Coahoma Courier.

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A Law With No Justice.

The state of Texas makes a clear profit out of the labor of each convict that works on the state farms over and above expenses and 40 per cent of the purchase price of the land bought for the farms, or \$282, and puts it into the treasury of the state to help pay expenses. It has been plain to men who thought along the lines of the rights of man that the state had no moral or legal right to take a man's time away from him and his family, make him work at a profit, and then claim that this profit was a perquisite of the body politic in which the man himself had no equity whatever.

The place that we put a man when he has broken some law we call a penitentiary, a place of punishment and of reformation, but we take good care that he shall have no chance to repent, and when he is turned out at the end of his term he is at worse outs with the world than when he was placed within its walls. In fact, everything is done to make him a more hardened sinner, even his wife is given a deliberate chance to leave him in the lurch, the law making his conviction a good cause for divorce. What chance has he when he leaves, with a hand-me-down suit of clothes and probably \$10 in his pocket, the generous donation of a parental state government that has pocketed probably each year a big profit from his labor. Did you ever think of it?

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NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

Dallas County seems to have been thoroughly soaked with rain Tuesday afternoon.

At the school election Saturday at Palmer, the vote for issuing bonds to erect a modern brick school building resulted 110 for and 5 against.

Work was commenced this week on the grading and laying of walks and driveways for the park in which the Frisco is to install in Brownwood.

The tax and bond issue carried in the Sunset independent school district Tuesday, voting \$7,000 in bonds for the purpose of building a new school building for Sunset.

The three National banks in Denton show deposits exceeding \$910,000, which, considering that there are twelve other banks on deposit in Denton County, is very good.

Automobiles are killing Chicagoans this year at the rate of three persons every two weeks. In 1907 the slaughter was one person every three weeks, according to police statistics.

Adj. Gen. Newton Tuesday opened bids on supplies for the encampment of the Texas National Guard, which will be held at Camp Mabry July 6-20, and awarded a number of contracts.

Ernest Dierolf, a butcher, aged 50, went to his room Wednesday, in San Antonio, after kissing his wife and five children good-bye, and shot himself in the mouth, and died instantly.

According to reports received in El Paso, thousands of cattle are dying from thirst in North Central Mexico. Small streams have dried up and not a drop of rain has fallen in twelve months.

Tuesday afternoon Dallas was visited by the most bountiful rain that has fallen this year, the precipitation having been two inches, according to the figures of Voluntary Observer G. A. Eisenlohr.

The taxpayers of Denison voted Tuesday 361 to 257, in favor of levying a tax of 25c on the \$100, to build a hospital. The building is to cost \$25,000 and the special tax will be collected for two years only.

Members of the board of directors of the Roscoe, Snyder and Pacific Railway, have just returned from a trip over that line and report two miles of the track of the extension of that line from Snyder to Fluvanna built.

Minnie Strong, the 13-year-old daughter of John F. Strong, died in Henderson Thursday morning at the residence of her uncle, G. S. Strong, Jr., as the result of swallowing a small tin whistle, Sunday morning.

William Jennings Bryan, Jr., and Miss Helen Berger of Milwaukee, Wis., were married Thursday morning at Kinnikie Lodge, the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Levering, on the west of Grand Lake, Colorado.

The officers at Waco were informed that a volley of rocks were thrown into the Katy Flyer, southbound, Saturday night at a point north of Waco, two passengers being struck. One of the passengers hit was Warren A. Patterson of St. Louis, a cotton exporter.

The Cuban Senate has accepted the report of the committee approving the establishment of the National lottery. Details of the plan will now be referred to a conference committee of both houses with the expectation that an agreement will soon be reached and the measure will become a law in a few days.

The branch of the Waggoner Bank and Trust Company, at Fort Worth, two blocks north of the Texas and Pacific passenger station, in one of the busiest sections of the city, was held up by a lone robber, armed with a six-shooter, at 4:05 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and practically looted of its cash.

The question of cleanliness and health is one now engaging Tulsa, Ok. The City Health Commission has inaugurated a crusade against the fly and as another sanitary precaution has purchased hundreds of garbage cans which will be placed over the city.

Miss Mary Farrell, a handsome girl of 17, was shot through the heart and instantly killed Thursday in the Edgefield addition of Waco, on the South Side. Miss Farrell was visiting a neighbor, and was shot by a boy, in fact a mere child of 9 years, with a .22-caliber target rifle.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Monday notified the Railroad Commission that an agreement had been reached with the H. & T. C. and Frisco for a resumption of the work on the union depot ordered constructed at Denison.

Samuel Patterson, secretary of the State Banking Department of Nebraska, is investigating the Oklahoma depositors' guaranty law for the purpose of applying the procedure of the new banking act of his State, which becomes effective July 2. The Nebraska act is similar to that of Oklahoma.

Paul Watson, 8 years old, son of Mrs. Willie Watson of Cameron, was drowned in Little River Sunday. He was wading and slipped and fell in the water over his head. His mother was watching him and rushed into the stream and almost lost her life, but the little fellow was lost.

Possibly one of the most interesting features of home-coming week in Tyler, July 5-10, will be the exhibits. The committee in charge has been working for some time and reports there will be one of the finest displays ever shown in East Texas of the kind.

WANTED TO MEET HIM AGAIN

Patriarch Had Something to Say to Man Driving a Big Red Automobile.

The Stranger—That's a singular looking old fellow sitting out there on the fence. He seems quite a patriarch.

The Native—Yep. He's been sittin' thar for three years.

"Three years! Good gracious! There must be an interesting story involved in this. Is he waiting for something?"

"Yep. He's waiting for a tall feller drivin' a big red automobile. He came by 'bout three years ago an' runned over the old man's calf. Th' feller stopped an' said: 'What's the damage?' an' the old man said, 'Bout 'leven dollars,' and the feller gave a twenty an' drove on. An' th' old man's sittin' over there waitin' for him to come back."

"Eh! Poor old chap. Forgot to thank the man, I suppose. But what's he got that shotgun for?"

"The twenty th' feller gave him was bad."

INTOLERABLE ITCHING.

Fearful Eczema All Over Baby's Face—Professional Treatment Failed. A Perfect Cure by Cuticura.

"When my little girl was six months old I noticed small red spots on her right cheek. They grew so large that I sent for the doctor but, instead of helping the eruption, his ointment seemed to make it worse. Then I went to a second doctor who said it was eczema. He also gave me an ointment which did not help either. The disease spread all over the face and the eyes began to swell. The itching grew intolerable and it was a terrible sight to see. I consulted doctors for months, but they were unable to cure the baby. I paid out from \$20 to \$30 without relief. One evening I began to use the Cuticura Remedies. The next morning the baby's face was all white instead of red. I continued until the eczema entirely disappeared. Mrs. P. E. Gumbel, Shelton, Ia., July 13, '08."—Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

EXPERIENCED ADVICE.



The Customer—You don't appear to have a hat in the place to suit me.
The Hatter—Try a soft green one, sir.

Never Falls

There is one remedy, and only one I have ever found, to cure without fail such troubles in my family as Eczema, Ringworm, and all others of itching character. That remedy is Hunt's Cure. We always use it and it never fails.

W. H. CHRISTIAN,

Rutherford, Tenn. 50c per box.

Gratitude Poorly Expressed.

An old woman was profuse in her gratitude to a magistrate who had dismissed a charge brought against her.

"I thought you wouldn't be 'ard on me, your worship," she remarked, as she left the dock. "I know 'ow often a kind 'art beats behind a ugly face."

Rough on Rats, unbeatable exterminator
Rough on Hen Lice, Nest Powder, 25c.
Rough on Bedbugs, Powder or Liquid, 25c.
Rough on Fleas, Powder or Liquid, 25c.
Rough on Roaches, Pow'd, 15c. Liquid, 25c.
Rough on Moth and Ants, Powder, 25c.
Rough on Squeeters, agreeable to use, 25c.
E. S. Wells, Chemist, Jersey City, N. J.

That Wheezy Sound.

"Say," inquired the boy next door of the little girl whose father suffered from asthma, "what makes your father wheeze so?"

"I guess it's one of his inside organs playing"—Puck.

The King of blood purifiers is Dr. Simon's Sarsaparilla. It rids the system of the winter's accumulation of impurities. It makes the young feel well—the old feel young. Now is the time to renovate yourself. Simon's Sarsaparilla cannot be excelled.

Accounted For.

She—Do you know, dear, I had my heart set on ice cream to-night.

He—I thought you seemed rather cold-hearted!

Must Work Both Ways.

He—I could wait on to heaven with you.

She—Can you reverse?—Yale Record.

Little children are suffering every day in the year with sprains, bruises, cuts, bumps and burns. Hamlin's Wizard Oil is banishing these aches and pains every day in the year, the world over.

And it sometimes happens that after a man has made his mark he acquires a wife who makes him to it.



Youth (at a bun emporium)—I say, you know, this milk is sour.
Sweet Thing—Well, there's plenty of sugar on the table, ain't there?

Beyond Expression

G. W. Earlowe, East Florence, Ala., writes: "For nearly seven years I was afflicted with a form of skin disease which caused an almost unbearable itching. I could neither work, rest nor sleep in peace. Nothing gave me permanent relief until I tried Hunt's Cure. One application relieved me. One box cured me, and though a year has passed, I have stayed cured. I am grateful beyond expression."
Hunt's Cure is a guaranteed remedy for all itching diseases of the skin. Price 50c.

A Broad Discrimination.

There is an elder of a certain church up-state who thinks that things are only half done or not well started in which he has no voice. At a prayer meeting he offered thanks for the safe return from their vacation of the minister and his wife. With proper dignity and in a loud voice he said: "O Lord, we thank thee for bringing our pastor safe home, and his dear wife, too, O Lord, for thou preservest man and beast."—Success.

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good Starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

His Stomach Rebelled.

A dyspeptic Atchison man went into a restaurant the other day and ordered fried catfish. "Frigid cat!" bawled the waiter to the cook. Instantly the weak stomach rebelled. "Send that order," the customer said, "and give me an order of country sausage." "Slaughter the cat and make it dog!" yelled the waiter, and he is wondering yet why the man grabbed his hat and left.—Exchange.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

What Did He Mean?

Mr. Brown and his family were standing in front of the lion's cage. "John," said Mrs. Brown, "if these animals were to escape, whom would you save first, me or the children?" "Me," answered John, without hesitation.—Everybody's Magazine.

No Others

It is in a class by itself. It has no rivals. It cures where others merely relieve. For aches, pains, stiff joints, cuts, burns, bites, etc., it is the quickest and surest remedy ever devised. We mean Hunt's Lightning Oil. 50c and 25c bottles.

Just as Well She Didn't Know.

Palms (to man and his wife passing)—Have your future told, sir.

The Man (Whispering)—I'll be around later. I don't want my wife to know it.—Life.

Ask Your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease.

"I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recently, and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns, and the hot, itchy, and itching sensations in my feet which was almost unbearable, and I would not be without it now."—Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J., sold by all Druggists, etc.

The Reason.

"What's the reason you shouldn't buy a little magazine this Saturday?" asked Mrs. Grimes.

"I am," answered Grimes.—Buffalo Express.

For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine.

Whether from cold, heat, stomach or nervous troubles, or when you are specially troubled by depression, it's liquid preparation is quick relief. It's liquid preparation is quick relief. It's liquid preparation is quick relief.

Another Query.

Little Willie—Say, pa?
Pa—What is it, my son?
Little Willie—Do the raise chicks in a henery?

Great Distress Throughout the South could be eliminated by the use of Dr. Bigelow's Backache Remedy. It cures Backache, Rheumatism, Headache, Toothache, Neuralgia, etc. Price 25c and 50c per bottle.

You cannot build a trade house unless you have the rocks.

Tell the Dealer you want a Lewis' Single Binder cigar for its rich, mellow quality.

Married life does not amount to much until it reaches pa.

Hot?
Cool off on WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT
More refreshing than ice water & better for you.
Look for the spear—The flavor lasts

Let Me Send You a Package of Defiance Starch
with your next order of groceries and I will guarantee that you will be better satisfied with it than with any starch you have ever used.
I claim that it has no superior for hot or cold starching, and

It Will Not Stick to the Iron

No cheap premiums are given with DEFIANCE STARCH, but you get ONE THIRD MORE for your money than of any other brand.

DEFIANCE STARCH costs 10c for a 16-oz. package, and I will refund your money if it sticks to the iron.

Truly yours,
HONEST JOHN,
The Groceryman

Seek Prevention of Consumption.
The municipal authorities of Berlin have decided to introduce another feature in their administration of the tuberculosis. Heretofore, municipal effort has been confined to the maintenance of one or two homes for curable consumptives, but it is recognized that, useful as this is, it alone cannot cope with this disease. They have resolved, therefore, to devote more attention to preventive measures.

Starch, like everything else, is being constantly improved, the patent Starches put on the market 25 years ago are very different and inferior to those of the present day. In the latest discovery—Defiance Starch—all injurious chemicals are omitted, while the addition of another ingredient, invented by us, gives to the Starch a strength and smoothness never approached by other brands.

Dull.
"My! the paper is dull and uninteresting this morning."
"Is that so? Can't you find the divorce column?"—Detroit Free Press.

PERRY DAVIS' PAIN-KILLER
Removes all kinds of pain, headache, toothache, neuralgia, etc. It is a safe and sure remedy for all kinds of pain. Price 25c and 50c per bottle.

Just 3,000,000 tons of better and cheaper were eaten all over the world.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
It is a safe and sure remedy for all kinds of cough, cold, and croup. Price 25c and 50c per bottle.

The next man in a better step always march and ready.

Spoken like Lewis' Single Binder Cigar for its rich, mellow quality.

The ancient watch-dog is a member of the old guard.

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FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASE
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Refuse Substitutes.

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"Before I began using Cascarets I had a bad complexion, pimples on my face, and my food was not digested as it should have been. Now I am entirely well, and the pimples have all disappeared from my face. I can truthfully say that Cascarets are just as advertised; I have taken only two boxes of them."
Clarence R. Griffin, Sheridan, Ind.

Readers
of this paper desiring to buy anything advertised in its columns should insist upon having what they ask for, returning all substitutes or imitations.

DAISY FLY KILLER
It is a safe and sure remedy for all kinds of fly, mosquito, and other insect infestations. Price 25c and 50c per bottle.

DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY.
It is a safe and sure remedy for all kinds of dropsy, edema, and other fluid accumulations. Price 25c and 50c per bottle.

DEFIANCE Cold Water Starch
Makes laundry work a pleasure. 10c and 25c packages.

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Local and Personal

E. G. Layton, of South, is in the city.

H. D. Pruett, of Gail, was here this morning.

The ball game Monday at 8:30 at ball park.

S. P. and A. L. Echols of Coahoma are in the city.

Miss Mary Steel is visiting friends in DeLeon this week.

J. L. Tucker and wife left Thursday for Baird and Abilene to visit friends a few weeks.

Mrs. M. M. Wade left for Cleburne Thursday where she will visit her mother.

C. M. Green returned to his home at Cameron yesterday after a few days visit among relatives.

W. C. Berry and daughter left for Roseburg Thursday to spend a few days in that city.

Miss Ruth Wade and Miss Catherine McCade spent Thursday with R. E. McCade.

J. A. Kinard left Wednesday for Eastland in the interest of the union.

The sheriff's department arrested Snowy Bell Thursday evening for theft of a dog from an immigrant car.

For Rent—Nice room one-half block from court house to rent to one or two gentlemen. Inquire at Big Springs Land office.

G. R. Brumley, a well known stockman of Gaines county, was here yesterday on the lookout for a string of young steers.

P. D. Burns, who has been spending some time on his north Concho ranch, left last night for his home at Bentonville, Ark.

Buy a suit now during July we give 10, 15, 20 and 25 percent off (Globe Tailoring) a very high grade made to measure clothing. Orders taken and satisfaction guaranteed.

A. P. McDonald.

There will be services at the Cumberland Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday evening at 8:30 by J. E. Morris. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Everyone is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

W. G. Orburn left for Hillsboro Wednesday evening in response to a message that his brother, E. L. Orburn, was very sick.

Miss Annie Good, bookkeeper for the Lubbock Avalanche, passed through here Wednesday on her way to Bronte to visit relatives.

Lubricating oil in bulk at Biles & Gentry's.

Rev. A. L. Maddox, of Abilene, arrived Thursday and will take a position as missionary for the Big Springs Baptist Association.

Mrs. R. H. Dunman and baby left Monday for Coleman where they will visit relatives for a month.

THE INSURANCE. Let me write your policy.

J. C. Baird.

C. C. Hinds and family came in Wednesday from Portland, Oregon, and will spend a short time here before going to Galveston where they will make their home.

For Sale—\$1,000 buys a nice little home at Pampa in Gray county, a fast growing town on the K. C. S. railroad. Good water, two blocks of school and business part of town. Apply to A. J. Sewell, owner, at the Enterprise office.

Evangelist F. M. McConnell, has been assisting the Baptist pastor, Rev. Wilson C. Rogers in a meeting this week. There has been quite a number of conversions so far and about 30 additions to the church. The meeting will continue over Sunday.

Rev. Simeon Shaw, presiding elder of the Colorado district, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday evening at 8:30. The quarterly conference will be held Saturday.

For better service, see Jones & McGowan, first door south of McCamast Drug Store.

One of the latest and most complete inventions we have seen for some time is a cream freezer in the office of the Big Springs Land Co. It is in charge of a competent demonstrator who will take pleasure in showing all how it works.

Houston & Cordill.

The 20th Century Wonder

We Are Demonstrating the 20th Century Ice Cream Freezer at Big Springs, Texas

It makes and freezes Ice Cream in 20 seconds. Come and see it work. Bring this ad and get a nice Free Plate of Ice Cream. Children under 15 years old must be accompanied by parents.

E. J. HOUSTON

J. S. CORDILL

Commissioners court, which had been in session over one week as a board of equalization, adjourned Wednesday. A number of changes were made in the renditions, some being raised and reduced. The court will meet again soon to take final action the matter.

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.

Stores Will Close Monday.

The 4th of July being on Sunday all stores in Big Springs will close all day on Monday, July 5th. Do your shopping Saturday.

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.

Storm at Coahoma

Coahoma was visited by a severe wind Tuesday afternoon which blew down the Farmers' Union warehouse and wrecked one or two small buildings. No one was hurt.

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.

Blank Chattel Mortgages for sale at this office. \$3-15.

Cheap Land For Sale.

One section of good black land, 18 miles north of town, all smooth but about 65 acres. Land 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.

Change in Schedule

Through a change in schedule of the T. & P., effective July 4th, train No. 3, now due here at 12:45 will arrive at 12:15, and No. 4 from El Paso will arrive at 7:30 a. m.

Plumbing

For all kinds of plumbing work call on J. S. Johnson. Bath rooms and lavatory a specialty.

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My what crowds are attending. Have you visited this grand bargain feast? Not all remnants but thousands of yards of Dry Goods, hundreds of Shoes, Hats and Clothing at mill remnant prices. If you haven't attended this sale it certainly will pay you to come and see. First on entering you will view the Embroidery bargains the prettiest you ever saw, values great. Then comes the real remnants, Fine Lawns at 3 1-2c per yard, worth twice the price. Then pretty Organdies, Ginghams, Table Linen and many other useful staples at almost one-half of their real worth. These values will help you to make your dollar work wonders UP TO SATURDAY, JULY 10th, the last day. Showing 5 specials in Table Linen, we think 5 of the greatest values ever offered. Ladies let us show you these 5 to make your 4th of July selection from American standard Calico worth 5c to 6 1-2c yard, loom end sale 3 1-2c a yard. Men don't forget we are showing some wonderful values in Clothing and Pants. Kant be Beat—Clothing at loom end prices, 25 percent off. Then 105 light weight summer suits at exactly one-half price. Big reduction on Stetson and Radloff Hats.

REMEMBER LADIES

The mill remnant opening and display from 3 to 5 o'clock TUESDAY, JULY 6th

First 100 ladies present will be given one fourth ounce of Price's fine \$100 ounce Cologne. We do this to let the ladies of Big Springs and vicinity learn we handle this fine Cologne.

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