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Wreck on T. & P.

Through a defective car wheel eight freight cars were thrown into the ditch just this side of Ranger Thursday morning resulting in considerable loss and delaying all traffic for several hours.

Rev. B. W. Dodson of Cisco, occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday morning, and in the afternoon he addressed the Y. M. C. A. meeting, which was held in the Methodist church.

Gib Jackson and family went to Colorado the first of the week and will make that place their home. Mr. Jackson will have charge of the Burton-Lingo Co. lumber yard there. They are good people and we take pleasure in recommending them to the citizens of Colorado.

The surveying crew left Monday morning for camp to begin work in earnest. Mr. Peters the chief engineer went out also to look after the general interest of the new rail road.

Is Big Springs Lagging in Effort to Secure State Normal?

This question has been asked by one of the prominent men in business circles of our town, and we feel the same heartfelt interest in the movement, and this is our excuse for writing this article, hoping the points set forth will cause more interest, and vigorous effort set forth to bring this institute in our midst.

The first question we should consider in any movement is its benefits for the greatest number of people, in the greatest number of ways, and how these benefits may so be used as to promote happiness and better government.

No one can question the prestige any town is given by having good schools for cities.

For this is one among the first questions a prospective buyer asks when thinking of buying. Now, we have as fine school system already for the younger of our city, as is found any where in the State, but when the child has finished the high school, some other town has the honor of finishing that education. Why has not Big Springs the same grand opportunity, of establishing a system of schools here, that will bring vast numbers of young people from the north, south, east and west to finish their education, thereby centralizing greater educational activities and leading down to notoriety for our town and surrounding country.

Let's get behind that State Normal proposition with a little more vim, vigor and enthusiasm. Nothing great was ever achieved without these three constituents that go to make up success.

To land this institute a certain amount of work and liberality is required, as all will admit and all the efforts put forth now will be that much relief work when time for action grows short. Other places are now at work for the Normal, why not Big Springs.

Home For Sale.

My home in Brown's Addition, consisting of one acre and one lot adjoining, 2 room house, small barn, all fenced, nice garden spot. For price and terms see me or phone 323 Green.
A. E. Prichard.

Where do you buy your ice cream? Try Ward's the next time you want something good.

WAGONS

BUGGIES

WINDMILLS, FARM IMPLEMENTS

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

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

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and the best equipped drug store in Western Texas. The largest and best selected stock of everything found in a first-class drug store. It will pay you to call and inspect my goods and learn my prices.

B. REAGAN

WEST TEXAS IS LUCY

Don't Get Reckless the Rains will Come

Something for You to Think About Is That

we are trying to hold prices down and invite you to visit our store where you will find us endeavoring to keep up our reputation for handling only first-class groceries. Large stock of oats, chops, bran, hay, etc. You can make your dollars stretch out here.

POOL BROTHERS

Exclusive Grocers

A Pleasant Evening

Mrs. Ira Ford sent out neat invitations that read, "At home, Mrs. Ira Ford assisted by Mrs. W. O. Miller, for her sister, Miss Maede McPherson of Jason, Ky., Tuesday evening, May 11th." The following young people responded: Misses Bell, James, Stott, Austin, Fisk and McPherson. Messrs. Fluellen, Walter Barrett, Earle Read, C.E. Thomas and R. E. Barker. The evening was spent in merry conversation and games. Delicious refreshments were served at the proper time, after which the guests bade their delightful entertainers good night and departed for their homes declaring they had been royally entertained.

Handle Only the Best Groceries

Gary & Burns Co., staple and fancy groceries, and dealers in grain are doing a business that might be envied by any other concern engaged in a similar line. They have an enormous trade.

This firm is constantly growing in popularity, which is indeed, well merited. The stock of goods is complete in every detail and is of the best quality procurable. The staples are well kept in a nice store, with every possible attribute of neatness, and the bottled and canned goods are of the brands known all over the world for their purity and fine flavor.

The proprietors are courteous and appreciate the liberal patronage that is accorded them.

The Pictorial Theatre is winning its place of prestige in show circles. Mr. Scoby has certainly demonstrated his ability to put on in ever respect a first class show, to his many friends here. The play during this week have been of the highest type, and held the vast crowds in applause at each moment during the play.

Mrs. Birdwell Entertains

Friday afternoon the hospitable home of Mrs. J. D. Birdwell was thrown open to the Forty-Two Club, with a number of invited guests. After exchanging greeting and short social chats, the popular game of forty-two was indulged in, after which dainty refreshments were served in buffet style by our hostess assisted by Miss Annabell, who by her graciousness had helped to make the afternoon more pleasant by playing, singing and keeping tally. At a late hour all bade the hostess a reluctant farewell, thanking her for such a pleasant afternoon.

There are three Constitutional Amendments to be voted on in August. They appear in the columns of this paper this week. Read them so that you know how you will vote when the time comes.

Rev. T. M. Stribling, who was pastor of the Presbyterian church at this place for over two years, has resigned and moved his family to Grandview where he has accepted the pastorate of the church.

The McWhorter Ice Cream Company have found it necessary to meet their growing business to move from their present stand to larger quarters; they will be located in the building formerly occupied by Jones & McGowan.

J. A. Kinard was in town Tuesday shaking hands with old friends, and while here told us of the speaking at Center Point Tuesday night and extended us a very cordial invitation to come out and be present at the speaking, which were very much regretted to decline on account of not having any conveyance. Mr. Kinard while in conversation with us dropped the hint, which we have for some time known that his friends over the county are urging him very forcefully to enter the race for our next representative from this district. This is indeed, glad news to many friends of Kinard's and while it is early to publish any thing in political lines, yet we believe if he decides to run he will make a record race in the line of being elected.

Ladies' Suits at \$6 and \$25

We have a line of suits that will be a surprise to you. Not a mere handful of garments, but a great variety in all sizes. The styles are new, attractive--so are the patterns.

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THE ENTERPRISE

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS
OPPORTUNITY IN SCHOOL WORK.

The school is no longer a mere waiting room for people in search of higher opportunities; it has its own openings, and they are not all in university laboratories, says the New York Evening Post. We believe that very few college men realize what they might accomplish, were they to train for school management or for high school teaching. President Elliot spoke in the blindness of wisdom the other evening, when he urged Harvard undergraduates to engage in these lines of work, adding that they are "worthy of an accomplished man of letters, or of science, or a gifted administrator." Some there are who still feign to look down upon the high school teacher or principal, but the prejudice counts only against its cherishers. More than 10,000 high schools are now open; many of them are as large as universities, more prosperous than some, and more advanced than our fathers' colleges were. Signs are abundant, too, that they will one day become, in popular esteem as well as in fact, the center of the American educational system. But even if this does not happen, they will certainly be numerous and strong enough to reward fittingly the man who trains himself for their work.

If statesmanship in Germany and England has not gone sterile, and diplomacy become imbecile, some way of making and keeping the peace between those two countries will speedily be found. The present situation of either, as pictured by its own public men, is growing rapidly to be intolerable; while their relations, as expressed in the alarms and jealousies and recriminations over the desperate competition in naval armaments, are daily becoming more bitter and tense. If ever there was a chance for large statesmanship, it is offered to-day on both sides of the North sea. Unless skill in diplomatic adjustment has perished there, a road to conciliation and to lasting confidence and friendship will be found.

Experiments in Germany go to show that airships are likely to be less dangerous in war than many enthusiasts had anticipated. In fact, from latest reports the danger would seem to be the other way. A Berlin dispatch asserts that it is almost impossible for dirigible balloons to escape the fire of field pieces and rifles. The ships cannot rise high enough or make sufficient speed to get out of range. New and improved artillery makes the chance of escape still less. And the fate of an enemy in an airship hit by shells or balls from hostile weapons may be better imagined than described. Until aviation shall be brought to greater perfection the airship in war promises to be a negligible quantity.

The government has been selling firearms of discarded patterns to anyone who wanted them for a dollar apiece. They are worth many times the price. Some of the people who bought them were "relic" and trophy hunters. A real gun is an effective ornament for a "den." Other purchasers, it is said, belonged to the criminal classes, and wanted the firearms for no good purpose. The adoption of the policy of holding the guns by the government is under discussion. They would come in very handy to arm a citizen soldiery in case of sudden war.

The New York agricultural law specifies the necessary quantity of solids that must exist in milk in order to relieve that fluid of the stigma of adulteration. A dealer was arrested for selling adulterated milk and though he proved in court that the milk was exactly as it came from the cow, the supreme court of the state has just held that this circumstance is no defense. From which it appears that a cow may give adulterated milk and also that the law is exactly what Mr. Bumble said it was!

Some encouragement may be found in the fact that the March fire loss in the United States and Canada, given at \$43,795,400, shows a marked falling off as compared with the two immediately preceding years. The total for the three months of 1909 was \$22,661,499, which also was much below the figures for 1907 and 1908. Having started well, let it be hoped the present year will continue the good work. No one can doubt that there is wide opportunity to reduce the annual average.

An enterprising Missouri man is arranging for a school to teach poker as it should be played. He claims that his feelings have been hurt to the limit by seeing men sit in the game and just "damn their luck" instead of their ignorance.

A Mount Morris man has just discovered in his ankle a cambric needle one and one-fourth inch long, which he thinks he swallowed more than a year ago. All things come to him who waits.

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.

President Taft Saturday nominated Thos. Atkins postmaster at St. Louis to succeed Mr. Wyman. Mr. Atkins is Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

At present more than \$250,000 worth of buildings are being erected on the Taft ranch near San Antonio in anticipation of the visit to Texas of President Taft. This is the statement of Alfred Giles, the well-known architect, who has just returned from the ranch.

Senator Culberson's work among his colleagues in favor of giving cotton planters duty free cotton bagging and ties gives promise of passing in the Senate.

The trials of the heavier-than-air flying machines of the Wright brothers of Dayton, Ohio, will be completed June 25, and those of A. M. Herring of New York City, by July 1. These dates were definitely announced in Washington Friday by Chief Signal Officer Allen of the army.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

Deputy Marshal Lon Holden was shot and killed by moonshiners about thirty miles north of Hugo, Okla., Friday.

Three hundred delegates were present when President Yanis of the Texas Bankers' association called the convention to order Monday at Houston.

While discussing a divorce petition with his legal wife, Manuel Rubio, of El Paso, Thursday, shot his wife and turned the revolver on himself. Rubio died. His wife is expected to die.

The well in Bour Lake, known as the Dr. Thomson and Jack Johnson well, came in as a gusher Tuesday, and is flowing at the rate of 200 barrels of oil a day. The well came in before it had been bailed.

Attendance upon the Southwestern Country Life convention, in session in Guthrie, is limited to eight or ten delegates from other States; the remainder being school teachers and a few farmers of Oklahoma.

The Bank of England which holds the largest portion of Abdul Hamid's wealth, refuses point blank to deliver up the late Sultan's cash at the demands of the Young Turk committee.

The French, German and Italian banks likewise refuse.

Gov. Donaghey, of Arkansas, Tuesday sent a special message to the House, asking an appropriation of \$10,000 to purchase a silver service for the battleship Arkansas, which will be launched before the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Unless a resolution extending the present session of the Arkansas Legislature for the third time this session is adopted by that body, there is believed to be but little chance for the passage of the bill which would re-establish racing in Hot Springs.

A balloon trip over the Atlantic from Boston to Europe is planned by Prof. Henry H. Clayton, who recently resigned as meteorologist at the Blue Hill Observatory, Boston, after sixteen years of study of the direction and velocity of wind currents.

A company to have a capital of \$2,000,000, one-half to be in surplus, is being organized in Denison, to be known as the Southwestern Surety Company. It will conduct a general bonding and casualty business, including the insurance of bank deposits.

As the result of a political feud in Meadville, Franklin County, La., Monday, one man is dead and four wounded.

Wayne Brazel was acquitted Tuesday, in Las Cruces, N. M., of the murder of Pat Garrett. The jury was out fifteen minutes. Pat Garrett was one of the most famous officers of the Southwest. He was killed Feb. 29, 1908, while en route from his Dog Canyon ranch to Las Cruces, where he had an engagement to meet Jim Miller, who was lynched at Ada, Okla., several days ago at noon of the 29th.

The Aero Club of America has announced the entry of six balloons in the first National championship cup competition to be held on June 5 at Indianapolis. Two of the pilots have not yet chosen aids. Each pilot will receive a silver commending medal, given by the Aero Club.

Near Little River, seven miles south of Temple, Aubrey Morgan, 10-year-old son of B. J. Morgan, lost his life by drowning. The boy was hunting dewberries and while pulling at a bush leaned too far over the bank of the Leon River, into which he fell.

The sixty-third session of the board of missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in Memphis, Tenn., Wednesday. The whole work of the board of missions, both in home and in foreign fields, will pass under review at this meeting.

Fatally shot by accident while en route home from school, at Bronte, Friday, the 16-year-old daughter of J. B. McCaleb died within a few hours. With some other children, playmates, the child was going home in the afternoon when a 22 target rifle was accidentally discharged.

Mrs. Augusta Evans-Wilson, a well-known authoress, died at her home in Mobile, Ala., Sunday morning from an attack of heart failure.

Once Goodwin, vice president and secretary of the Marshall and East Texas Railroad, says that active work is being done on the extension of the road south of Marshall.

Following the recent visit of Chief Engineer Wathen of the Texas and Pacific civil engineers of that road began surveying the site of the new \$55,000 passenger station in Sherman, Tuesday.

The third annual congress of the Playground Association of America began at Pittsburg, Pa., Monday, when representatives present from about forty cities.

Reports from correspondents in Central and South Texas are of a general rain that has fallen during the past twenty-four hours with prospects of a continuance.

There was a demonstration of enthusiasm remarkable in its character at the Institution of Civil Engineers Monday, when the Aero Club of Great Britain, in London, conferred on Wilbur Wright its first gold medal.

Advices received Friday says the steamer Shores, six days overdue at Duluth, went down off Whitefish Point, in Lake Superior, with all on board. The crew and passengers numbered twenty-one.

An election has been called for June 12 to determine whether the independent school district of which Jacksonville forms a part shall issue \$25,000 worth of bonds for the erection of a new public school building.

Gas well No. 1 on Schnell farm, two and one-half miles southeast from Petrolia, was brought in at a depth of 1,820 feet. Three streams of gas were struck in this well, the last one throwing water 125 feet high.

The explosion of a stick of dynamite carelessly or maliciously placed in a stove caused the death of two men and the serious injury of three others Monday at the Peterman coal mine near Frederickburg, Ohio.

A deal has just been closed up in Stamford whereby the Queenie Taylor ranch, four miles east, has been sold to R. V. Colbert, president of the First National Bank. This ranch embraces some 2,000 acres, the consideration being \$120,000.

Expert bridge builders are in Waco examining the suspension bridge with a view to making estimates of the cost and determining the character of the repairs and improvements necessary to convert the structure into a trolley bridge.

The failure of women to use the cars reserved for them on trains in the McAdoo tunnel in New York, has caused the management to confine the reservation of such cars to one hour in the morning and one hour in the evening.

It is reliably stated that John G. Ray, a whisky distiller of Lafayette, Tenn., will test the constitutionality of the so-called "manufactures" law, which prohibits the manufacture of whisky and beer in Tennessee after January 1.

Before 5,000 people, the largest crowd that ever attended a wrestling match in Iowa, Frank Gotch, champion heavyweight, defeated Jesse Rejmer of Des Moines in two straight falls, 18 1/2 and 15 minutes, respectively, Monday.

Left with a nursing bottle Sunday night to enjoy herself until her mother prepared the family dinner, the four months' old daughter of Samuel Conway at Clinton, Okla., was found later lying dead on the floor. The neck of the bottle was thrust down her throat sufficient to choke her to death.

The plans and specifications of the \$120,000 Federal Building of San Angelo has been received by Postmaster E. Blanchard. Local contractors are preparing to make bids on the construction of the building. The bids will be opened the 31st of this month.

The official and final plans of the causeway arrived in Galveston Sunday, County Auditor John M. Murck receiving a copy of the detailed drawings, plans and specifications by special delivery.

At the conclusion of a lengthy statement in the House Thursday in Washington, regarding his resolution of inquiry into the official conduct of Federal Judges McEherson and Phillips of the Western District of Missouri, Representative Murphy of that State announced that he would present formal charges for impeachment.

L. D. Dozier, president of the St. Louis Aero Club, Saturday closed a lease for a lot where the club will hold its big international aero meet, centennial week, October 4.

The first cotton blooms of the season were brought to Mercedes, Texas, Wednesday morning, by T. M. Plummer, who is cultivating a plantation near Mercedes, sixty acres being planted in cotton. A good stand has been obtained and the plant is putting on many squares. This cotton was planted February 21, and has had the advantage of irrigation.

Mrs. John Deas, wife of a well-known farmer residing at Camden, Fla., was criminally assaulted early Saturday night by an unknown negro who was later captured by a mob of citizens and lynched.

Fire Friday broke out in the sawmill of the Ragley Lumber Company at Ragley, ten miles west of Timpanoe, destroying the mill and considerable lumber. Fortunately the winds changed, saving the planer and dry kiln. The company's system of waterworks rendered good service. Loss estimated at \$10,000.

TWENTY LIVES LOST LAUNCH GOES DOWN

RESCUED ONLY TEN ESCAPED FROM OHIO RIVER CRAFT.

ACCIDENT NEAR PITTSBURG

Boat, Overloaded With Car Factory Employees Sinks in Middle of Ohio River.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 12.—Twenty persons are missing and all of them are believed to have been drowned when a gasoline launch sank in the middle of the Ohio River near Schoenerville, four miles below Pittsburg, last night. Of the thirty occupants of the boat, only ten are known to have escaped.

All of the men were employes of the Pressed Steel Car Company at the McKees Rocks plant. The men had been working overtime at 8 o'clock and left the works to cross the river in the launch about fifteen minutes later. The boat is said to have been intended for not over twenty persons, and it is said it was dangerous to attempt to carry as many as twenty-five in it. But all the men wanted to get across the river on the first trip of the boat, and thirty of them crowded in.

The tin roof covering the stage of the Wichita Opera House and the roof of the Wichita Falls Broom Works was also torn loose and considerable damage was done.

Many barns and outhouses in the Crescent Lake addition were removed from their foundations and carried quite a distance, and chimneys and trees were blown down throughout the greater portion of the residence district.

Forty thousand dollars will probably cover the total loss caused by the wind, but the rain following did untold benefit to growing crops. Cotton and corn were seeding moisture, and the rain will bring all forage and truck forward. From reports received so far it is understood the rain was general throughout this section, extending all over Oklahoma, and it was greeted with pleasure by everyone in the Panhandle.

The wind crippled the telegraph and telephone companies and wires are down out of the city in nearly all directions.

TO RAISE \$1,400,000,000.

Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Louisville: To raise more than its share of the \$1,400,000,000 for the evangelization of all the heathen and to increase the endowment of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville to \$1,000,000, are among the projects which will engage the convention of Baptists of the South, whose biennial convention began in Louisville with a banquet Tuesday.

Muskogee Federal Grand Jury.

Tulsa, Ok.: The special Federal Grand Jury called to investigate the Muskogee lot cases were completed Tuesday and instructed by Judge Marshall. In his charges to the Grand Jury, Judge Marshall laid particular stress upon conspiracy to defraud the Federal Government. He made plain that the statute of limitations does not apply if that overt act can be adduced to show that the conspiracy was still in existence within that time.

Student Troubles in London.

London: It is stated that the Government will make an example of the rebellious students of the Commercial School to suppress insubordination of students, which is becoming widespread.

Freight Wreck on Katy.

Nocona: In a wreck of an extra freight train two miles east of Bonita, near here, on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, eleven cars were derailed and badly crushed.

To Guarantee Bank Deposits.

Dallas: It is stated on reliable authority that a movement is on foot in Dallas to organize a company, with large capital, whose principal business is planned to be the guaranty of bank deposits as planned by the State law.

Federation of Labor Meeting.

San Antonio: The State Federation of Labor held its twelfth annual convention here Tuesday and is largely attended.

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 no 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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- The things in which you are most interested.
- The births, weddings, deaths of the people you know.
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Local and Personal

C. L. Rice of Vincent was in town Monday.

We want your trade. R. L. McCamant & Co.

Rev. S. W. Smith of Plainview was here Saturday.

Our stock of drugs is complete. R. L. McCamant & Co.

J. O. Hartzog made a business trip to Stanton Saturday.

The Dreeben millinery wants your millinery trade.

Attorney A. Stamps of Merket was in our city Saturday.

Favorite Headache Tablets are the best, at Ward's. 12-1f

Remember the Dreeben when in need of millinery.

A. J. Sewell visited his parents at Ailene Saturday and Sunday.

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

Jack Alley, one of Tahoka's leading merchants, was here Monday.

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

J. W. Holder, ex-county judge of Glasscock county, was here Monday.

Miss Rosa Crawford, is in Abilene on professional duty this week.

J. W. Ward Superintendent of the T. & P. went over to Fort Worth Friday night.

For better service, see Jones & McGowen, first door south of McCamant Drug Store.

The Howard County Singing Convention will be held at Salem on the 15th and 16th.

For headache take Favorite Headache Tablets. Sold at J. L. Ward's. 12-1f.

J. L. Frost came in Tuesday morning and left on the Auto for Garden City to look after his ranch interest there.

LOST—Tuesday evening between Big Springs and Auto, a bed railing. Finder please return to this office.

R. L. Slaughter Sr., left on the Soash special for Waterloo, Iowa Friday evening to look after business matters.

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

Mrs. J. W. Ward left on Sunday night's train for Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to visit relatives for a month or so.

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

Mrs. Moon wishes to announce to her many friends that she will be in the Trott building on June the first, where she have a full line of up-to-date millinery.

P. S. Morgan and wife were here Monday to meet Mrs. Morgan's mother, Mrs. Smith of St. Louis. They left Tuesday for the Morgan ranch north of town.

We have a full line of the well known Sherwin-Williams Paints. This paint has a reputation for durability that few paints ever attain. When you get ready to paint your house, barn or fence, come to see us and get our prices. R. L. McCamant & Co.

Saturday afternoon Master James Prichard celebrated his seventh birthday by inviting a number of his little friends to spend the afternoon with him, eat ice cream and other delicacies. All had a jolly time and went away wishing Master Jim many happy returns of the day.

Stomach Trouble.

Your tongue is coated.

Your breath is foul.

Headaches comes and go.

These symptoms show that your stomach is the trouble. To remove the cause is the first thing, and Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will do that. Easy to take and most effective.

Lubricating oil in bulk, at Biles & Gentry's.

Don Coffee returned Friday night from a visit to Santa Anna. Jones & McGowen first door south of McCamant Drug Store.

J. E. Morris went over to Hillsboro, Thursday and brought Mrs. Morris and baby home.

J. M. Ray went over to Vaughn, New Mexico, Sunday night to look after business matters.

Mrs. Pufferbaugh and children left Monday night for Whitesboro, on a visit to relatives.

M. K. Jackson was in the city the later part of the week looking after his insurance business.

J. W. Schnell is in attendance upon the meeting of the Texas Bankers Convention at Houston.

Mrs. Willie Denhue is visiting friends and relatives in the Garden City community this week.

The round house and machine shops of the Roscoe, Snyder and Pacific railroad are to be located at Roscoe.

Little Zena Lovelace returned to her home Monday at Garden City after a week's visit with her aunt, Miss Zula Lovelace.

J. O. Gibson, the tailor, in the front basement of the Ward building, makes a specialty of cleaning and pressing clothing. 22-1f.

Several of the stone masons on the Bauer building received a considerable scare Thursday by a scaffold falling, but fortunately, no one was hurt.

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NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

The forty-first annual meeting of the State Medical Association of Texas will meet in Galveston, Tuesday.

Wichita Falls and immediate vicinity were visited by a hard wind and rainstorm Saturday night, which did considerable damage.

Bids were opened Tuesday at noon upon the construction of the eight-story Sanger Bros. building in Dallas, the structure to cost \$200,000.

The Texas Cotton Seed Crushers' association offers \$225 in prizes to the school children and schools of Texas for essays on the merits of cotton seed products.

Hundreds of men in Alpine have been fighting fires in the cedar brakes of the Pecos draws for several days. The fire swept thousands of acres of ranges bare.

Howard, the 4-year-old son of E. L. Hale of Caddo Mills, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed a barn belonging to G. L. Canclieve at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Susan, the 4 1/2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Field of Fort Worth, died Friday evening from being scalded by falling into a tub of boiling water left by a negro servant.

Carnival week opened here Tuesday in Clarksville, and the city is in gala attire. Central Plaza is covered with merry-go-round, Ferris wheel, and various attractions of all kinds.

Severo Lopez, a ranchman living near Falluris, was shot and instantly killed on the street in Rio Grande City Tuesday by State Ranger Levi Davis of Capt. Johnson's command.

During a rain Thursday night about 9 o'clock lightning caused a fire at Pilot Grove, Grayson County, that resulted disastrously for the little town. Only one store was left.

The First Baptist Church of Bowie was destroyed Sunday morning by fire originating in the furnace room. Wind was blowing at such a gale it was very difficult to prevent the fire spreading to nearby buildings.

President Taft Tuesday promised Senator Cullbertson of Texas, to visit Galveston at the first opportunity. If he makes a trip West this fall, the President intends to return through the South.

There is now every reason to believe that the Santa Fe Road will close its current year with a substantial increase in gross earnings. Net earnings will be ahead of those of last year by from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000.

County Judge W. A. Keeling, of Groesbeck, has mailed out 400 personal letters to road overseers in Limestone county asking them to meet in Groesbeck, Saturday, May 15, when the question of good roads for Limestone County will be discussed.

Following organization of a permanent association and the declaration of principles which were the outgrowth of three days' discussion and papers read dealing with the problems of better rural conditions, the Southwestern Country Life gathering closed its first annual meeting in Guthrie, Okla., Friday. The next meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas, beginning the third week in May, 1910.

An election will be held at Arlington June 8 to determine if the board of trustees of the district shall be empowered to annually levy and collect a school tax not to exceed 50c on the \$100 dollar valuation. Only 35c of the tax if authorized, it is stated, will be levied the first year, of which 10c will be used for furnishing the new building and 25c for increasing the maintenance fund.

A small tornado struck a little place called Kentuckytown in Grayson county Thursday night. The Baptist Church, built about a year ago, and the schoolhouse were totally destroyed and the general store of T. N. Parrish was damaged.

A \$50,000 hotel and office building, a two-story brick, a one-story brick and a W. O. W. building as a starter, to be followed by about fifteen other business houses, is the present prospect for building activity in Hereford the coming summer and fall.

Another stratum of gas was struck Saturday in Well No. 4, in Henrietta, about 200 feet below the first stratum, which was cased off. There are altogether six gas wells now finished, which has caused the rate in Henrietta to be reduced 9c for factory and 80c per 1,000 cubic feet for residences.

According to the records of the City Auditor, now nearing the completion of a detailed annual report to the Mayor and Board of Municipal Commissioners, there are five officials of the city of Dallas and 573 employes in the several departments.

Work on the new Baptist Church in Brownwood, which is being built by the Coggin Addition Church, is progressing nicely and will be far enough along with the masonry work that the cornerstone will be placed some time this month. It will be laid by the Masonic lodge.

Reports of high wind, causing considerable property loss and in some instances injuries, but without loss of life reported, show that the general Northern and Central Texas rains of Wednesday and Wednesday night were accompanied by storms.

Citizens of Sweetwater met Wednesday night in the District Court room for the purpose of the organization of the "Progressive Club of Sweetwater," having for its purpose the upbuilding of the city of Sweetwater, and general development of the county.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Authorizing Cities and Towns with a Population in Excess of 5,000 to be Incorporated by Special Act.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6. Joint Resolution to amend Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution of the State, authorizing cities and towns within the State of Texas to be incorporated by special act where the population exceeds five thousand inhabitants.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: Section 1. That Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, be amended so that the same shall hereafter read and be as follows:

Sec. 4. Cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less may be chartered alone by general law. They may levy, assess and collect an annual tax to defray the current expenses of their local government, but such tax shall never exceed for any one year one-fourth of one per cent, and shall be collectible only in current money, and all licenses and occupation taxes levied and all fines, forfeitures, penalties and other dues accruing to cities and towns shall be collectible only in current money.

Sec. 5. Cities having more than five thousand inhabitants may have their charters granted or amended by special act of the Legislature and may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law, but no tax for any purposes shall ever be lawful for any one year which shall exceed two and one-half per cent of the taxable property of such city; and no debt shall ever be created by any city or town unless at the same time provision be made to assess and collect annually a sufficient sum to pay the interest thereon and create a sinking fund of at least two per cent thereon.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such a newspaper may be published, and the Governor be, and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of the proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature.

At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the amendment to Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the amendment to Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution."

Sec. 3. That \$5000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

(A true copy.) W. B. TOWNSEND, Secretary of State.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Validating School Districts and Their Bonded Indebtedness and Authorizing Levy and Collection of Taxes to Pay Such Indebtedness.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5. House Joint Resolution to amend Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto Section 3a, validating school districts and the bonded indebtedness of such districts and authorizing the levy and collection of taxes to pay such indebtedness.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: Section 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section, to be known as Section 3a, which shall read and be as follows:

Sec. 3a. Every school district heretofore formed, whether formed under the general law or by special act, and whether the territory embraced within its boundaries lies wholly within a single county or partly in two or more counties, is hereby declared to be, and from its formation to have been, a valid and lawful district.

All bonds heretofore issued by any such districts which have been approved by the Attorney General and registered by the Comptroller are hereby declared to be, and at the time of their issuance to have been, issued in conformity with the Constitution and laws of this State, and any and all such bonds are hereby in all things validated and declared to be valid and binding obligations upon the district or districts issuing the same.

Each such district is hereby authorized to, and shall, annually levy and collect an ad valorem tax sufficient to pay the interest on all such bonds and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to redeem the same at maturity, not to exceed such a rate as may be provided by law under other provisions of this Constitution. And all trustees heretofore elected in districts made up from more than one county are hereby declared to have been duly elected, and shall be and are hereby named as trustees of their respective districts, with power to levy the taxes herein authorized until their successor shall be duly elected and qualified as is or may be provided by law.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such a newspaper

may be published. And the Governor be, and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution validating school districts and school district bonds," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution validating school districts and school district bonds."

Sec. 3. That \$5000.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

(A true copy.) W. B. TOWNSEND, Secretary of State.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution in Regard to Formation and Taxing Power of School Districts.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4. House Joint Resolution to amend Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: Section 1. That Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Sec. 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of \$1 on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of 21 and 60 years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free school, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected, an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed 20 cents on the \$100 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts, heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein, provided that a majority of the qualified property taxing voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three (3) months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such newspaper may be published, and the Governor shall and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Section 3, of Article 7 of the Constitution in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Section 3, of Article 7, of the Constitution in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts."

Sec. 3. That \$5000 or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

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Federal Court at Tyler.

Tyler: The April term of the United States Circuit and District Court for the Eastern District of Texas convened here Monday morning, Judge David E. Bryant presiding.

Would Collect \$12 Per Head. Washington: Senator Overman of North Carolina offered an amendment to the tariff bill in the Senate Monday, by which he proposes to place a head tax of \$12 on each immigrant coming into the United States. Mr. Overman proceeded to discuss the amendment by unanimous consent.

generate city man. Still the suburbanite was not to be gainsaid. "Ah, but the air. It is like wine," he lapsed.

"Well, I don't see that you have anything on me," replied the city man. "There's a brewery right around the corner from where I live, and you can smell the hops at any time of the day or night."

Realizing the futility of further reasoning, the suburbanite ran for his train.—New York Times.

COWBOY IN CABINET

New Secretary of Interior Was Once a Plainsman.

Richard A. Ballinger Prepared Himself for College While Driving Cattle—Classmate of His Predecessor, Garfield.

Washington. — Biographies have been published, and stories have been told of Richard A. Ballinger, former commissioner of the general land office and former mayor of Seattle, now secretary of the interior in President Taft's cabinet, but not one of these accounts tells of Judge Ballinger's life as a cowboy upon the plains of south western Kansas 30 years ago.

Three years he spent in the saddle herding droves of cattle across the range, and to this day he recounts interesting experiences that his fellow cabinet officers will doubtless call upon him to repeat. On one occasion he was almost killed by the hoofs of an unruly broncho.

During these years he studied the classic languages, riding many miles across the plains each week to recite his lessons, and by his own efforts he prepared himself for college, where he was a classmate of James R. Garfield who, a quarter of a century later made him general land commissioner



Richard A. Ballinger.

and whose seat he has taken in the cabinet room.

This interesting episode of the frontier in Judge Ballinger's life is best told in his own words—and he remembers most distinctly the incidents of his cowboy days.

"When I was 15 years old—in 1873—my father moved from Virden, Ill., to Larned, Kan., and as that was in the center of the cattle country, I soon was a 'cowboy,' Judge Ballinger relates:

"My most memorable experience as a knight of the plains came when a wild horse got the better of me. That was at Spring creek. I wanted another horse, and went into the corral to lasso one, for I had gained considerable skill with a rope, and in the enthusiasm of my youth thought I was invincible.

"I got the thing rope over the animal's head, all right, and managed to get him up to the snubbing post, where the horses are branded. Gradually I worked up the untamed steed until I was within ten feet of him. With a motion as quick as lightning—so it seemed to me—he raised himself on his hind legs and struck me to the earth.

"When I came to, which was some little time afterward, the horse was gone and I needed medical attention.

"For two years I served in the county offices at Larned, first as deputy county clerk, and then as deputy treasurer. While I was in the treasurer's office; acting as treasurer, I exposed the shortage of a county official to the board of commissioners, but though no arrests were made the scandal attracted wide attention, and I was threatened with personal violence for my activity.

"While I was on the range I rode seven miles every Sunday to recite Latin to the steward at Fort Larned, where several companies of soldiers were stationed. I was grateful for this assistance and also for the interest in me by a minister, who lived three miles or more from our ranch, and who was willing to impart to me his smattering of Greek. My ambition was to go to college as soon as I could, and I spent three years at the state university of Kansas and at Washington college at Topeka."

While at Washburn young Ballinger met Senator John J. Ingalls, who advised him to take a course at Williams college. He followed the advice, and graduated with the class of 1884, of which young Garfield was a member.

For two years following his graduation Ballinger studied in the law office of S. Corning Judd, a prominent Chicago attorney, and then he went to Kankakee, Ill., where he became city attorney. Later he was city attorney of Decatur, Ala., after which he returned to the state of Washington.

Ballinger for four years on the superior bench of Jefferson county, residing in Fort Townsend, after which he went to Seattle. His term as mayor extended over a period of two years, and at its conclusion he was prevailed upon, reluctantly because of his private interests, to take charge of the reorganization of the general land office.

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SYNOPSIS.

The story opens at Harvard where Col. Rupert Winter, U. S. A., visiting, saw the suicide of young Mercer. He met Cary Mercer, brother of the dead student. Three years later, in Chicago, in 1906, Col. Winter overheard Cary Mercer apparently planning to kidnap Archie, the colonel's ward, and to gain possession of Aunt Rebecca Winter's millions. A Miss Smith was mentioned, apparently as a conspirator. Winter unexpectedly met a relative, Mrs. Millicent Melville, who told him that his Aunt Rebecca, Archie and the latter's nurse, Miss Janet Smith, were to leave for the west with the colonel and Mrs. Melville. A great financial magnate was aboard the train on which Col. Winter met his Aunt Rebecca, Miss Smith and Archie. He set his order, Bertie Haley, to watch over Cary Mercer. Col. Winter learned that the financial magnate is Edwin S. Keatcham. On approaching Cary Mercer, the colonel was snubbed.

CHAPTER III.—Continued.

Archie looked disappointed. "I suppose so," he sighed. "I'm afraid I'd want to, if they were pointing pistols at me. Lewis was on the train once when a man showed fight. He wouldn't put up his hands, and the bandit plugged him, like a flash; he fell crosswise over the seat and the blood spurted across Lewis' wrist; he said it was like a hot jet of water."

The homely and bizarre horror of the picture had evidently struck home to Archie; he half shivered.

"Too much imagination," grumbled the colonel to himself. "A Winter ought to take to fighting like a duck to water!" He betook himself to Miss Smith; and he was uneasily conscious that he was going to her for consolation. But he felt better after a little talk about Archie with her. Plainly she thought Archie had plenty of spirit; although, of course, he hadn't told her about the bandits. The negro was "kidding" the passengers; and women shouldn't be disturbed by such nonsense. The colonel had old-fashioned views of guarding his woman-kind from the harsh ways of the world. Curious, he reflected, what sense Miss Smith seemed to have; and how she understood things. He felt better acquainted with her than a year's garrison intercourse would have made him with any other woman he knew.

That afternoon, they two sat watching the fantastic cliffs which took grotesque semblance of ruined castles crowning their barren hill-sides; or of deserted amphitheatres left by some vanished race to crumble. They had talked of many things. She had told him of the sleepy old South Carolinian town where she was born, and the plantation and the distant cousin who was like her mother, and the hospital where she had been taught, and the married sister who had died. Such a narrow, laborious, innocent existence as she described! How cheerfully, too, she had shouldered her burdens! They talked of the south and of the Philippines; a little they talked of Archie and his sorrow and of the eternal problems that have troubled the soul of man since first death entered the world. As they talked, the colonel's suspicions faded into grotesque shadows. "Millicent is ridiculous," quoth he. Then he fell to wondering whether there had been a romance in Miss Smith's past life. "Such a handsome woman would look high," he sighed. Only 24 hours ago he had called Miss Smith "nice-looking," with careless criticism. He was quite unconscious of his change of view. That night he felt lonely, of a sudden; the old wound in his heart ached; his future looked as bleak as the mountain-walled plains through which he was speeding. After a long time the train stopped with a jar and rattle, ending in a sudden shock. He raised the curtain to catch the flash of the electric lights at Glenwood. Out of the deep dells they glittered like diamonds in a pool of water. Why should he think of Miss Smith's eyes? With an impatient sigh, he pulled down the curtain and turned over to sleep.

His thoughts drifted, floated, were submerged in a wavering procession of pictures; he was back in the Philippines; they had surprised the fort; how could that be when he was on guard? But they were there—He sat up in his berth. Instinctively he slipped the revolver out of his bag and held it in one hand, as he peeped through the crevice of the curtains. There was no motion, no sound of moving; but heads were emerging between the curtains in every direction; and Archie was standing, his hands shaking above his tumbled brown head and pale face. A man in a soft hat held two revolvers while another man was pounding on the drawing-room door, gruffly commanding those inside to come out. "No, we shall not come out," responded Aunt Rebecca's composed, well-bred accents, her neat countenance not disturbed by a quiver. "If you want to kill an old woman, you will have to break down the door."

"Let them alone, Shay," called too long; let's finish her, first," it was the man with the revolver; "they'll come soon enough when we want them. Here, young fellow, fish out! Nobody'll get hurt if you keep quiet; if you get out you'll get a dose like the man in

No. 6, two years ago. Hustle, young fellow!"

The colonel was eyeing every motion, every shifting from one foot to the other. Let them once get by Archie—

The boy handed over his pocketbook. "Now your watch," commanded the brigand; "take it, Shay!"

"Won't you please let me keep that watch?" faltered Archie; "that was papa's watch."

The childish name from the tall lad made the robber laugh. "And mamma's little pet wants to keep it, does he? Well, he can't. Get a move on you?"

The colonel had the sensation of an electric shock; as the second robber grabbed at the boy's belt, Archie struck him with the edge of his open hand so swiftly and so fiercely under the jaw that he reached back against his companion. The colonel's surprise did not disturb the automatic aim of an old fighter of the plains; his revolver barked; and he sprang out on the man he shot. "Get back in the berths, all of you," he shouted; "give me a chance to shoot!"

The voice of the porter, whose hands had been turning up the lights not quite steadily, now pealed out with camp-meeting power. "Dat's it; give de colonel a chance to do some killing!"

Both bandits were sprawling on the floor of the aisle, one limp and moaning; but the other got one hand up to shoot; only to have Archie kick the revolver out of it, while at the same instant an umbrella handle fell with a wicked whack on the man's shoulder. The New England professor was out of his berth. He had been a baseball man in his own college days; his bat was a frail one, but he hit with a will; and a groan told of his success. Nevertheless, the fellow scrambled to his feet. Mrs. Melville was also out of her berth, thanks to which circumstance he was able to escape; as the colonel (who had grappled with the other man and prevented his rising) must needs have shot through his sister-in-law to hit the fleeing form.

"What's the matter?" demanded Mrs. Melville, while the New Englander used an expression which, no doubt, as a good church member, he regretted, later, and the colonel thundered: "All the women back into their berths. Don't anybody shoot! You, professor, look after that fellow on the floor." He was obeyed; instinctively, the master of the hour is obeyed. The porter came forward and helped the New Englander bind the prostrate outlaw, with two silk handkerchiefs and a pair of pajamas, guard mount being supplied by three men in very startling costumes; and a kind of seraglio audience behind the curtains of the berth being enacted by all the women in the car, only excepting Aunt Rebecca and Miss Smith. Aunt Rebecca, in her admirable traveling costume of a soft gray silk wrapper, looked as undisturbed as if midnight alarms were an every-night feature of journeys. Miss Smith's black hair was loosely knotted; and her face looked pale, while her dark eyes shone. They all heard the colonel's revolver; they all saw the two men who had met him at the car door spring off the platform into the dark. The colonel got one shot; he saw the man fall over his horse's neck; but the horse galloped on; and the night, beyond the little splash of light, swallowed them completely.

After the conductor and the engineer had both consulted him, and the express messenger had appeared, armed to the teeth, a little too late for the fray, but not too late for lucid argument, Winter made his way back to the car. Miss Smith was sitting beside Archie; she was holding the watch, which had played so important a part in the battle, up under the electric light to examine an inscription. The loose black sleeves of her blouse fell back, revealing her arms; they were white and softly rounded. She looked up; and the soldier felt the sudden rush of an emotion that he had not known for years; it caught at his throat almost like an invisible hand.

"Well, Archie," he said foolishly, "good for jiu-jitsu!"

Archie flushed up to his eyes. "Why didn't you obey orders, young man, and hold up your hands?" said Col. Rupert Winter. "You're as bad as poor Haley, who is nearly weeping that he had no chance, but only broke away from Mrs. Haley in time to see the robbers make off."

"I—I did at first; but I got so mad I forgot," stammered Archie happily. "Afterward you were my superior officer and I had to do what you said."

All the while he chafed the boy, he was watching for that beautiful look in Janet Smith's eyes; and wondering when he could get her off by herself to brag to her of the boy's courage. When his chance at a few words did come he chuckled: "Regular fool Winter! I knew he would act in just that absurd, reckless way." Then he caught the look he wanted; it surely was a lovely, womanly look; and it



His Revolver Barked.

meant—what in thunder did it mean? As he puzzled, his pulses gave the same unaccountable, smothering leap; and he felt as the boy of 20 had felt, coming back from his battle to his first love.

CHAPTER IV.

The Vanishing of Archie.

"In my opinion," said Aunt Rebecca, critically, eyeing her new drawing-room on the train to San Francisco; "the object of our legal methods seems to be to defend the criminal. And a very efficient means to this end is to make it so uncomfortable and costly and inconvenient for any witnesses of a crime that he runs away rather than endure it. Here we have had to stay over so long in Salt Lake. We nearly lost our drawing-room. But never mind, you got your man committed. Did you find out anything about his gang?"

The colonel shook his head. "No, he's a tough country boy; he has the rural distrust of lawyers and of sweat-boxes. He does absolutely nothing but groan and swear, pretending his wound hurts him. But I've a notion there are bigger people back of him. It's most awfully good of you, Aunt Rebecca, to stick to me this way."

"Of course, I stick to you; I'm too old to be fickle. Did you ever know a Winter who wouldn't stand by his friends? I belong to the old regime, Bertie; we had our faults—glaring ones, I dare say—but if we condoned sin too readily, we never condoned meanness; such a trick as that upstart Keatcham is doing would have been impossible to my contemporaries. You saw the morning papers; you know he means to eat up the Midland!"

"Yes, I know," mused the colonel; "and turn Tracy, the president, down—the one who gave him his start on his buccaneering career. Tracy declines to be his fool, being, I understand, a very decent sort of man, who has always run his road for his stockholders and not for the stock market. A capital crime, that in these days. So Keatcham has, somehow, by one trick or another, got enough directors since Baneligh died to give him control; though he couldn't get enough of the stock; and now he means to grab the road to use for himself. Poor Tracy, who loves the road as a child, they say, will have to stand by and see it turned into a Wall Street football; and the equipment run down as fast as its reputation. I think I'm sorry for Tracy. Besides, it's a bad lookout, the power of such fellows; men who are not captains of industry, not a little bit; only inspired gamblers. Yet they are running the country. I wonder where is the class that will save us."

"I don't know. I don't admire the present century, Bertie. We had people of quality in my day; we have only people of quality in this. I confess I prefer the quality. They had robust nerves and really asked less of people, although they may have appeared to

ask more. We used to be contented with respect from our inferiors and courtesy from our equals."

"And what from your betters, Aunt Rebecca?" drawled the colonel.

"We had no betters, Rupert; we were the best. I think partly it was our assurance of our position, which nobody else doubted any more than we, that kept us so mannerly. Nowadays, nobody has a real position. He may have wealth and a servile following, who expect to make something out of him, but he hasn't position. The newspapers can make fun of him. The common people watch him drive by and never think of removing their caps. Nobody takes him seriously except his toadies and himself. And as for the sentiments of reverence and loyalty, very useful sentiments in running a world, they seem to have clean disappeared, except"—she smiled a half-reluctant smile—"except with youngsters like Archie, who would find it agreeable to be chopped into bits for you, and the women who have not lived in the world, like Janet, who makes a heroine out of me—upon my word, Bertie, je t'ai fait rougir!"

"Not at all," said the colonel; "an illusion of the sunset; but what do you mean when you say people of quality required less than people of culture?"

"Oh, simply this; all we demanded was deference; but your cultivated gang wants admiration and submission, and will not let us possess our secret souls, even, in peace. And, then, the quality despised no one, but the cultivated despise every one. Ah, well—Those good old times are past and gone. I sigh for them in vain. Janet, I wish Archie would fish his mandolin out and you would sing to me; I like to hear the songs of my youth. Not rag-time, or coon-songs, but dear old Foster's melodies; 'Old Kentucky Home,' and 'Massa's in the Col,' Col' Ground,' and 'Nellie Was a Lady'—what makes that so sad, I wonder?—'Nellie was a lady, las' night she died; it's all in that single line; I think it is because it represents the pathetic idealization of love; Nellie was lovely, and she was dead. Is the orchestra ready—and the choir? Yes, shut the door; we are for art's sake only, not for the applause of the cold world in the car."

Afterward, when he was angry over his own folly, his own blind, dogged, trustfulness against all the odds of evidence, Rupert Winter laid his weakness to that hour; to a woman's sweet, untrained, tender voice singing the simple melodies of his youth. They sang one song after another while the sun sank lower and stained the western sky. Through the snowsheds they could catch glimpses of a wild and strange nature; austere, yet not repelling; vistas of foothills bathed in the evening glow; rank on rank of firs, tall, straight, beautiful, not wind-tortured and malined, like the woolf

dwarfs of Colorado; and wonderful snow-capped mountain peaks, with violet shadows and glinting streaks of silver. Snow everywhere; on the hill-sides; on the close thatch of the firs; on the ice-locked rivers; snow freshly fallen, softly tinted, infinitely, awesomely pure.

Presently they came out into a lumber country where the mills huddled in the hollows, over the streams. Huge fires were blazing on the river banks. Their tawny red glare dyed the snow for a long distance, making entrancing tints of rose and yellow; and the dark green of the pines, against this background, looked strangely fresh. And then, without warning, they plunged into the dimness of another long wooden tunnel and emerged into lovely spring. The trees were in leaf, and not alone the trees; the undulating swells of pasture land and roadside by the mountains were covered with a tender verdure; and there were innumerable vines and low glossy shrubs with faintly colored flowers.

"This is like the south," said Miss Smith.

Archie was devouring the scene. "Doesn't it just somehow make you feel as if you couldn't breathe, Miss Janet?" said he.

"Are you troubled with the high altitude?" asked Millicent anxiously; "I have prepared a little vial of spirits of ammonia; I'll fetch it for you."

The colonel had some ado to rescue Archie; but he was aided by the porter, who was now passing through the car proclaiming: "You all have seen Dutch Flat. Mr. Bret Hauke wrote 'bout; nex' station is Shady Run; and eve'ybody look and see the greatest scenic 'traction of dis or any odder railroad, Cape Horn!"

Instantly, Mrs. Melville fished her guide book and began to read:

"There are few mountain passes more famous than that known to the world as Cape Horn. The approach to it is picturesque, the north fork of the American river raging and foaming in its rocky bed, 1,500 feet below and parallel with the track—"

"Do you mind, Mildred, if we look instead of listen?" Aunt Rebecca interrupted, and Mrs. Melville lapsed into an injured muteness.

Truly, Cape Horn has a poignant grandeur that strikes speech from the lips. One cannot look down that sheer height to the luminous ghost of a river below, without a thrill. If to pass along the cliff is a shivering execution, what must the actual execution of that stupendous bit of engineering have been to the workmen who hewed the road out of the rock, suspended over the abyss! Their dangling black figures seem to sway still as one swings around the curve.

Our travelers sat in silence, until the "Cape" was passed and again they could see their roadbed on the side. Then Mrs. Melville made a polite excuse for departure; she had promised a "daughter" whom she had met at various "biennials" that she would have a little talk with her. Thus she escaped. They did not miss her. Hardly speaking, the four sat in the dimly lighted, tiny room, while mountains and fields and star-sown skies drifted by. Unconsciously, Archie drew closer to his uncle, and the older man threw an arm about the young shoulders. He looked up to meet Janet's eyes shining and sweet, in the flash of a passing station light. Mrs. Winter smiled, her wise old smile.

With the next morning came another shift of scene; they were in the fertile valleys of California. At every turn the landscape became more softly tinted, more gracious. Aunt Rebecca was in the best of humor and announced herself as having the journey of her life. The golden green of the grain fields, the towering palms, the pepper trees with their fascinating grace, the rosy tops of the live-oaks, the gloss of the orange groves, the calla lily hedges and the heliotrope and geranium trees which climbed to the second story of the stucco houses, filled her with the enthusiasm of a child. She drank in the cries of the enterprising young liar who cried "Fresh figs," months out of season, and she ate fruit, withered in cold storage, with a trustful zest. No less than three books about the flora of California came out of her bag. A certain vine called the Bougainvillea, she was trying to find, if only the cars would not go so fast; as for poinsettias, she certainly should raise her own for Christmas. She was learned in gardens and she discoursed with Miss Smith on the different kinds of trumpetvine, and whether the white jasmine trailing among the gaudy clusters was of the same family as that jasmine which they knew in the pine forests. But she disparaged the roses; they looked shop-worn. The colonel watched her in amazement.

"Bertie, I make you think of that little dwarf of Dickens, don't I?" she cried. "Miss Muffins, Muggins? what was her name? You are expecting me to exclaim, 'Ain't I volatille?'" Thank Heaven, I am. I could always take an interest in trifles. It has

been my salvation to cultivate an interest in trifles, Bertie; there are a great many more trifles than crises in life. Where has Janet gone? Oh, to give the porter, the colliodion for his cut thumb. People with troubles, big or little, are always making straight for Janet. Bertie, have you made up your mind about her?"

"Only that she is charming," replied the colonel. He did not change color, but he was uneasily conscious that he winced, and that the shrewd old critic of life and manners perceived it. But she was mercifully blind to all appearance; she went on with the little frown of the solver of a psychological enigma. "Yes, Janet is charming; and why? She is the stillest creature. Have you noticed? Yet you never have the sense that she hasn't answered you. She's the best listener in the world; and there's one thing about her unusual in most listeners—her eyes never grow vacant."

Rupert had noticed; he called himself a doddering old donkey silently, because he had assumed that there was anything personal in the interest of those eyes when he had spoken. Of course not; it was her way with every one, even Millicent, no doubt. His aunt's next words were lost, but a sentence caught his ear directly: "For all she's gentle, she has plenty of spirit. Bertie, did I ever tell you about the time our precious cousin threw our great-great-grandfather's gold snuff-box at her? No? It was funny. She flew into one of her towering rages, and shrieking: 'Take that!' hurled the snuff-box at Janet. Janet wasn't used to having things thrown at her. She caught the box, then she rang the bell. 'Thank you very much,' says Janet; and when old Aunt Phrosie came, she handed the snuff-box to her as a present. But she sent it that same day to one of the sisters. There was never anything else thrown at her, I can tell you."

They found a wonderful sunset on the bay when San Francisco was reached. Still in her golden humor, as they rattled over the cobblestones of the picturesque streets to the Palace hotel, Mrs. Winter told anecdotes of Robert Louis Stevenson, obtained from a friend who had known his mother. Mrs. Winter had chosen the Palace in preference to the St. Francis, to Mrs. Melville's high disgust.

"She thinks it more typical," sneered Millicent; "myself, I prefer cleanliness and comfort to types."

Their rooms were waiting for them and two bell-boys ushered Mrs. Winter into her suite. Randall was lodged on the same floor, and Mrs. Melville, who was to spend a few days with her aunt on the latter's invitation, was on a lower floor. The colonel had begged to have Archie next to him; and he examined the quarters with approbation. His own room was the last of the suite; to the right hand, between his room and Archie's, was their bath; then the parlor of Mrs. Winter's suite next her room and bath, and last, to the right, Miss Smith's room.

Archie was sitting by the window looking out on the street; only the oval of his soft boyish cheek showed. The colonel went by him to the parlor, beyond, where he encountered his aunt, her hands full of gay postal cards.

"Souvenirs de voyage," she answered his glance; "I am going to post them. 'Can't I take them for you?'"

"No, thanks, I want the exercise. 'May I go with you?'"

"Indeed, no, My dear Bertie, I'm only aged, I'm not infirm."

"You will never be aged," responded the colonel gallantly. He turned away and walked along the arcade which looked down into the great court of the hotel. Millicent was approaching him; Millicent in something of a temper. Her room was hideously draughty and she could not get anyone, although she had rung and telephoned to the office and tried every device which was effectual in a well-conducted hotel; but this, she concluded bitterly, was not well-conducted; it was only typical.

"There's a lovely fire in Aunt Rebecca's parlor," soothed the colonel; "come in there."

Afterward it seemed to him that this whole interview with Millicent could not have occupied more than four minutes; that it was not more than seven minutes since, he had seen Archie's shapely curly head against the curtain fall of the window.

But when he opened the door, Miss Smith came toward them. "Is Archie with Aunt Rebecca?" said she.

The colonel answered that he had left him in the parlor; perhaps he had stepped into his own room.

But neither in Archie's nor the colonel's nor in any room of the party could they find the boy.

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Subject at 11 a. m.: "The Devil Paid in His Own Coin." Evening subject at 8:15: "Why Does Jesus Christ Save a Sinner?"

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. in the court room.

Junior Union at 3 p. m. at the same place.

Sunbeams 3 p. m. at Mrs. S. H. Morrison's.

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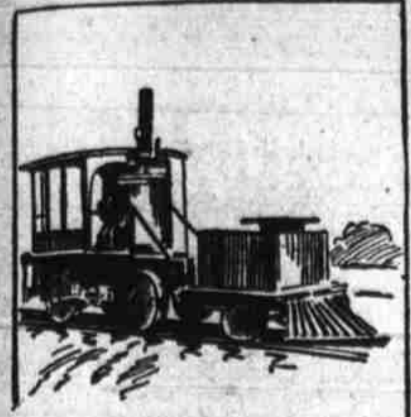
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GIVES TAFT HIS DAILY SHAVE

Monico Lopez Lara, Filipino Valet of "President, New Barber of the White House.

Washington.—There is a new barber at the White House—Monico Lopez Lara, the bright, young Filipino, who, as Mr. Taft's valet, now lives within the walls of the executive mansion.



Monico Lopez Lara.

Monico was a mere lad when he first came under the attention of Mr. Taft, then president of the Philippine commission. Mr. Taft liked the boy and made him his valet. The lad was loyal and learned quickly, and it would almost have broken his heart had he been left behind in the Orient when the big Obispo came to Washington to be sworn in as secretary of war. So Mr. Taft brought Monico along with him, and from then until the Taft house was closed on K street, after the nomination at Chicago last year, Monico, who had grown up to be a young man, continued to serve Mr. Taft as valet.

During the campaign Monico, who with Maj. Brooks, had charge of the packing and storage of the Taft furniture, stayed in Cincinnati. Since the election Monico has been with Mr. Taft much of the time as his valet and accompanied him in that capacity to Panama. As valet, Monico will continue to be Mr. Taft's barber, taking the place of "Billy" Dulany, the light-colored negro who had been Roosevelt's White House barber. Dulany now leaves the White House to be an accountant in the office of the auditor for the navy on the rolls of the treasury department.

Use for Irish "Wild Flax."

Some local men of enterprise, in Connemara, Ireland, are wondering if the plant known as "wild flax" which grows extensively in the mountains of Connemara, could be developed into a native industry. It is said that if the flax was put through a proper course of preparation it would stand the test of the best manufactured rope or twine. Steps are being taken to organize a syndicate to try to develop the growth of the plant by the present. It is thought that the texture being so good in its wild state, cultivation would greatly improve it.

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KNEW HIS SON.

Prodigal Son—Father, I have returned!
Father—Yes, got dern ye. I thought you'd show up about the time the pretty summer boarders began to arrive at the farm!

SEEMED LACKING IN RESPECT

Little Girl's Innocent Use of Descriptive Slang Expression Amused Fellow-Traveler.

"I was going to Patchogue," said a woman at the Waldorf, "when I saw sitting near by a little girl with her mother, the mother evidently a foreigner, the child born in this country, both surrounded with bundles in the foreign way. The child was six. The conductor came along and the child of six held out the tickets."
"I want you to put us off at Patchogue," she said, smiling up at him, "and help us with our bundles, please. My mother's a greenhorn. She doesn't know anything about traveling."
"I watched her until the two arrived at their destination, and I think I have never seen a more polite little girl or a more seemingly dutiful daughter. It was quite evident to my mind that she meant no disrespect to her mother by calling her by what would seem to us to be an opprobrious epithet. She had merely adopted one of our slang words as the very best of English."—New York Press.

NOT DRUGS

Food Did It.

After using laxative and cathartic medicines from childhood a case of chronic and apparently incurable constipation yielded to the scientific food, Grape-Nuts, in a few days.
"From early childhood I suffered with such terrible constipation that I had to use laxatives continuously going from one drug to another and suffering more or less all the time."
"A prominent physician whom I consulted told me the muscles of the digestive organs were partially paralyzed and could not perform their work without help of some kind, so I have tried at different times about every laxative and cathartic known, but found no help that was at all permanent. I had finally become discouraged and had given my case up as hopeless when I began to use the pre-digested food, Grape-Nuts."
"Although I had not expected this food to help my trouble, to my great surprise Grape-Nuts digested immediately from the first and in a few days I was convinced that this was just what my system needed."
"The bowels performed their functions regularly and I am now completely and permanently cured of this awful trouble."
"Truly the power of scientific food must be unlimited." "There's a Reason."
Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. Ever read the above letter? A new sense awakens from sleep to life. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

PUBLIC STATEMENT

By a Public Official—County Treasurer of Granbury, Texas.

A. A. Perkins, County Treasurer of Granbury, Hood Co., Texas, says:

"Years ago a severe fall injured my kidneys. From that time I was bothered with a chronic lame back and disordered action of the kidneys helped to make life miserable for me. A friend suggested my using Doan's Kidney Pills, which I did, with the most gratifying results. I made a public statement at the time, recommending Doan's Kidney Pills, and am glad to confirm that statement now."

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NEVER SAY DIE.



She—But if you have completely cured Mrs. Tooter, you have done away with one of your most lucrative sources of income.

The Doctor—Ah, but I'll present her with my bill, and then I'll have to treat her for nervous prostration.

ECZEMA COVERED HIM.

Itching Torture Was Beyond Words—Slept Only from Sheer Exhaustion—Relieved in 24 Hours and

Cured by Cuticura in a Month.

"I am seventy-seven years old, and some years ago I was taken with eczema from head to foot. I was sick for six months and what I suffered tongue could not tell. I could not sleep day or night because of that dreadful itching; when I did sleep it was from sheer exhaustion. I was one mass of irritation; it was even in my scalp. The doctor's medicine seemed to make me worse and I was almost out of my mind. I got a set of the Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Resolvent. I used them persistently for twenty-four hours. That night I slept like an infant, the first solid night's sleep I had had for six months. In a month I was cured. W. Harrison Smith, Mt. Kisco, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1908." Foster Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

Locations of Promotion.

Eisen, aged four, revealed in kindergarten lore, and each day imparted to her young mother the most interesting things that the sweet-faced teacher had told them. Among the vicissitudes of school life to be encountered was that of vaccination, which was new to the little one. After much explaining and reassuring this difficulty was safely passed. A few weeks later she returned one day from kindergarten in a whirl of excitement, exclaiming: "Mother, mother, I'm going to be promoted—mother, will I be promoted on my arm or leg?"

Graveyard of Suffragists.

The suffrage papers are still grieving over their mistake as to Sweden having granted the ballot to women. The dispatch which caused the mistake read "to all inhabitants of 24 years and over." The suffragists in other countries are asking if Sweden does not enumerate its women among its inhabitants when taking its census.

For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine.

Whether from Colds, Head, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid—pleasant to take—Effects immediately. 25, 50 and 100 at Drug Stores.

Rather Mixed.

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"Yes, I have noticed at times its automatic expression."

The way Hamlin's Wizard Oil soothes and allays all aches, pains, soreness, swelling and inflammation is a surprise and delight to the afflicted. It is simply great to relieve all kinds of pain.

The man who has only himself to please finds sooner or later, and probably sooner than later, that he has got a very hard master.—Swift.

Choose between WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT and indigestion. Choose between WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT and indigestion!

And if every mother's son of us made a strenuous effort to reach the top there wouldn't be such a crowd at the bottom.

SORE EYES, weak, inflamed, red, watery and swollen eyes, use PETTIT'S EYE SALVE, 25c. All druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

You are right, Cordelia; to-day will be yesterday to-morrow.

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Eyes Are Relieved By Murine

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Mrs. Howe's Opinion.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe's sense of the ridiculous has always been a saving grace, leading her to avoid grandiloquence. On one occasion a lady at Newport, trying to get a fine gentleman out of her, said, one moonlit evening on a vine-hung veranda: "Mrs. Howe, do say something lovely about my piazza!" Whereupon every one listened for the reply. In her delicately cultivated voice Mrs. Howe responded: "I think it is a bully piazza."—New York Herald.

STATE OF OHIO CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is a senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY, sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, on this day of December, A. D. 1908.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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When one of the fenders of the City railway cars picked up a young heifer at the corner of Third and Jersey streets the conductor filled out the required report blank to Superintendent Edward Howell. In answer to the question: "What did the victim say?" the employe wrote: "She was carried along on the fender for a short distance, then rolled off and ran away without saying a word."—Dayton Columbus Dispatch.

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Mrs. Maxwell Johnson, Tampa, Fla., writes: "Cardui cured me after doctors and everything else had failed. I had been suffering with numb spells ever since I was 16 years old. One day I decided to take Cardui. I have now taken 5 bottles and I can say that it has cured me. I advise all suffering women to give Cardui a long and fair trial."
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Express Shipment The new fabric skirts in extreme new styles, self-trimmed with buttons and folds in the new Greens, Tans and Grays, actually worth \$7.50 to \$1.00, priced **\$5.95 to \$12.00**

To-Day's Express Brings us new ribbons and silk. Silks in messaline satin, the new blues, old rose and lavender; looks good at \$1.2 per yard, special per yard **\$1.00**

White Sale A whirlwind of white May special prices for May. Almost every express and freight brings us something new. The store where they have new things.

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Richland Items

Weather still dry; farmers not busy, some leaving the country, going back east.

Mr. Malone and family left Tuesday for Grayson county. We are sorry to lose this good citizen and neighbor.

R. E. Spears and wife to Big Springs shopping Monday.

Mrs. Henry Simpson has returned home from a several weeks visit, with her parents, J. B. King and wife.

The singing Sunday night at Mr. Lovelace's was quite a success.

John Montgomery and wife spent Sunday with Mr. Lovelace.

Mr. Martin and Miss Zula Lovelace spent Sunday in our midst.

Mrs. Will Davis is visiting her parents, John Cowley and wife.

Mr. Cobbs and family left last week for their old home at Mart, Texas.

The Richland boys have a couple of good nines and can indeed play ball.

Mr. Moss of Big Springs is visiting John and Will Boaze of this community. Reader.

Fire, Lightning, Cyclone, Plate Glass, Automobile and Livestock Insurance. See

R. T. PINER, Big Springs, Texas. 23-2t.

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This Evidence

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A Change

Commencing with next Monday, May 17, the Airdome Theatre will inaugurate a system of management which will give the public a complete change of program, or an entirely new show each night. Instead of running one vaudeville team each week they will have two.

The first team will open the theater Monday night and close Wednesday. The second team will open Thursday night and close Saturday. There will also be a complete change in pictures each night. It is the intention of the management to give shows equal to those you will see in Dallas, Fort Worth and all the large cities. In fact, we are giving the same shows. We are booking from the Hodkins and Sullivan Circuits which assures us of the best acts on the road. The management will forfeit \$100 to any institution in Big Springs if it can be proven that we are not booking acts some of which receive from \$100 to \$125 per week in the big theatres in the big cities.

Next week we have an exceptionally strong play.

THE BILL

First half of the week, Sytz and Sytz, singing and dancing novelty act, change each night.

Second half of week, Hudson Sisters, one of the best sister teams touring the south. Change each night—2000 feet of motion pictures each night.

We have also added the amateur contest feature to our shows, the contest to be given each Friday night. A cash prize will be given to the act receiving the greatest applause from the audience. This feature will encourage home talent, and give all who desire an opportunity to take part in the shows. All persons are eligible to enter the contest, and each contestant has the privilege of selecting their own act. We especially desire ladies and smart little girls and boys to enter the contests.

We wish it distinctly understood that all our shows are guaranteed. Money will be cheerfully refunded to dissatisfied patrons. We are going to give you good shows on our own merits, and not try to build up by tearing down others, and calling others "bad names." We will leave the public to judge. Our motto: "We Lead—Others Follow." "Imitation is the greatest flattery."

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South side. One, two room house, good lot, city water, price \$500.00. One 4 room house, good lot, well fenced, city water, price \$550.00 one third cash, balance on good terms.

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School Board Meeting

One among the most interesting meetings held by the School Board in some time was held Thursday afternoon. After some preliminary work the board canvassed the votes of the last election and found, D. H. Duncan, L. T. Deats, W. H. Homan and S. A. Hathcock were reelected trustees. The board then reorganized with the following officers, J. Potton, president, D. H. Duncan, vice-president, W. H. Homan, treasurer, and S. A. Hathcock assessor and collector of taxes, S. H. Morrison, secretary. On petition signed by more than 20 voters asking the board to grant a tax levy of 50 cents on the \$100 to maintain the public school, also the issuance of \$16,000 in bonds to secure new site and erection of another school building. Both petitions were passed over until the next meeting June 14.

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