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Trustees Election.

Saturday last an election was held for the purpose of electing four trustees for the Big Springs Independent School District, to succeed L. T. Deats, D. H. Duncan, S. A. Hathcock and W. H. Heman, whose terms had expired. They were all re-elected without opposition and by a vote so light that it is hardly worth mentioning. Only twenty votes were cast and some seem to think that it is because our people are not interested in our schools or they would turn out better on election day and cast their votes for men they want to control the schools of our town. We are of the opinion that the people are so well pleased with the board of trustees and the manner in which our schools are conducted, they are willing for the same board to remain in control. The present board is a good one and ought to satisfy anybody.

City Council.

The City Council met in regular session Tuesday night, and after transacting the regular routine business, the following orders were entered.

The City Marshal was instructed to investigate the water supply and report at next meeting. Also to warn all road hands that have not paid road tax, to work the streets, to make a house to house canvass and collect dog tax and report to the Mayor all parties refusing to pay tax.

C. A. Stewart was refused permit to build Airdome theatre within City fire limits.

S. A. Penix and Pete Johnson were added to the Street Committee.

The Enterprise was made the official paper of the City.

Tacky Party.

Thursday night of last week the Ladies Aid of the Christian church gave a tacky party in the Ambrose building which was attended by a large crowd and everybody had a good time. Quite a number of these in attendance were dressed especially for the occasion, and to attempt a description of the different costumes is something we will not undertake. There were dresses of many colors and hats, that is, we suppose they were called hats, that were of a pattern we had never seen. The dresses of some of the ladies and girls were of an ancient style and tacky enough to suit any backwoods man's taste. Mrs. G. L. Brown, who wore a yellow polonaise, plaid skirt, red waist, man's script hat, painted cheeks and eye glasses, took first honor for the ladies. Mrs. W. O. Miller, who wore a costume that was a cross between the raiment of a Turk and Chinese mandarin took second honor. Little Johnnie O'Connell, with a pink skirt and other apparel to match, took the honor awarded to girls.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable occasion and the ladies realized a neat sum from the sale of refreshments and door receipts. They wish to tender their thanks to the public for the liberal patronage given them.

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

Any one wanting sewing done call on Mrs. Abernathy, at J. F. Cronshaw's in the east part of town.

Miss Norma Merrick Wins Contest.

One of Howard County's girls, Miss Norma Merrick, wins over the other 24 contestants the trip to California offered by the National Co-operative and Farm Journal to the one securing the greatest number of subscriptions.

When seen by the reporter of this paper, Wednesday evening, Miss Norma in a sweet modest way told us how proud she was to be able to show to the others in the contest in more thickly settled counties, that when one of Howard County's girls comes out for a prize she generally wins. Miss Norma goes to Fort Worth Friday where she meets the other five girls from different parts of the state, joined by the editor of the National Co-operative and his wife, they will leave over the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway in a private car for Denver, Colorado, where they will spend two days among the mountains, thence to Salt Lake City to view the beauties of that region, thence to Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Francisco spending several days in the fruit regions.

Miss Norma says she will write a full description of her trip, and will give it to us for publication, as soon as she returns. As she is a young lady of considerable writing ability, we vouch for it being something real interesting for our readers.

New Oil Mill.

Things in business circles are not on the drag now, from the items continuously being set afloat in financial circles. The prospects for the year with a secret have given new impetus to all lines of business, and it is authentically rumored that before the cotton crop is made we will have an oil mill of the latest type added to our worthy enterprises, an oil mill with a capacity to handle the cotton seed in the surrounding country would most certainly be one among the best paying propositions in Big Springs at present, besides keeping the seed at home and making them into oil, it would give employment to a good number of persons and centralize more capital here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Midlant and little daughter, Ruth, came in Monday to visit Mrs. Midlant's sister Mrs. J. P. Gage.

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Commercial Club Meeting.

The last meeting of the Commercial Club was held on Thursday night of last week and was one of the best meetings in the history of the Club. The attendance was good and a number of matters of great importance to our town were discussed.

An interesting program which had been fixed for the meeting was carried out and a number of speeches were made on different subjects.

The organizing of a country club and erecting suitable buildings at Hughes Lake was advocated by Ellis Denton.

Geo. B. Litter addressed the meeting on the State Normal School. He said that if the people of Big Springs will do their part he will guarantee the location of the Normal School here. He stated that immediate action should be taken if the school is desired and that the club must get to work.

Several offers of land have been tendered for the location of a school among them being 50 acres by W. R. Cole and D. P. Wyhoge, Wm Fisher offered 65 acres and H. C. Read and L. Lee have 65 acres which they regard as a suitable place for the building in the event if we get a school.

Arm and Ranch announces there are no strings attached to \$1000 in cash prizes which they offer for corn grown in 1909, compete a corn grower does have to be a subscriber to Arm and Ranch or to any other paper. In case you want Farm Ranch however, we can send you The Enterprise one year for the two.

If you want to use some point have any doubts write the agent and ask about Horse Brand of Mound City. It pays to investigate.

Fire Thursday Morning.

What came near being a serious burn occurred Thursday morning back of McCumant Drug Store caused by burning some trash. This has been the second fire in the last few days from the same cause, and it should be a warning to our people not to pile refuse out at the back, and try to burn it, as it is a constant danger of a disastrous fire. It seems strange that it would be a wise course if our merchants and business men when they have trash to put in something and hire a man to haul it away, while this would perhaps be a small expense, but the danger avoided would more than repay. E. L. McCumant says he does not know how the trash caught on fire as they did not burn any that morning.

Home For Sale.

My home on Brown's Addition, consisting of one acre and one lot adjacent to 2 room house, small barn, all fenced, nice garden etc. For price and terms see me or phone 323 Green.

A. E. Prichard.

Shooting at Round House.

In a difficulty at the Round House Monday morning between Foss Whitaker and F. L. Huff there was four shots fired, but neither of them hit any one. Deputy Sheriff Ed Long hastened to the scene of the trouble but on arrival found everything quiet. The trouble has been brewing for some time, but at this writing the trouble seems to be settled.

B. Reagan has again shown his deep and abiding interest in the Big Springs Public Schools by offering a beautiful gold medal to the pupil writing the best essay on story. This is the third time that he has made this generous offer, the medal being won by M. V. Jones Populus year, and by Miss Reba Coffee the year before. Mr. Reagan's loyalty to the school is shown by his efforts to encourage and stimulate the pupils to the highest literary activity is certainly commendable, and entitles him to a warm place in the hearts of the pupils and patrons.

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

Explorer Ernest DeKoven Lemmon will leave Seattle May 1 for Arctic Alaska, thus cleverly escaping the perils of moving day.

A London man, who starved in life as a juggler died recently, worth \$75,000,000. Evidently he turned out to be a juggler of finance.

Lumber is becoming so high priced that the man who discusses politics in the corner grocery store cannot afford to whittle while he talks.

No matter what the uncertainty concerning the advent of spring, there is none whatsoever about the advent of the spring season for fish lies.

They construct dwellings out of blocks of building glass in Siberia, but they seem solid enough so people who live in them can throw all the stones they wish.

That Cleveland woman who says her husband is the "biggest liar she ever knew" doubtless will have the assertion denied by other women who have husbands.

The blizzards of winter will no sooner have retired to their Arctic caves than the tornadoes and strokes of summer will continue the work of populating graveyards.

Japan has 196 warships on her active list, but this number would be considerably and speedily lessened if that much-talked-of tilt with Uncle Sam were should be pulled off.

London girls are shocking English society by wearing gaudy stockings, ruffles and false puffs. American society would be shocked to see its girls dress in any other manner.

"The people should forget kidnappers and kidnaping as soon as possible," says the chief of police of Jersey City. We have no doubt that the kidnappers will eagerly agree with him.

Why is it that a man can argue more pleasantly with any other woman than with his wife, and why is it that she can argue with other men more sweetly, than with her husband?

The German emperor is very particular about the manner in which he is discussed in print. And yet he is just as sensitive as anybody about having his name left out of the paper.

It is reported that somebody is trying to consolidate Spain and Portugal under a republican form of government. We suspect that the job will keep him busy until fall, if not longer.

The custom which forbids the propriety of women removing their hats at a public entertainment is a good one if it would observe it. The exception is always the one in front of you.

A German scientist has discovered a means of making men tall by manipulating the legs and ankles. If there's anything to that, we may expect to see pretty tall statesmen in a decade or two.

"Gathering wool among the financial catacombs" is an expression of the New York Times. The editor must pasture his sheep in the cemetery where lie the shades of the mighty metaphor.

About the only word fit to characterize the state of mind in Great Britain upon the subject of naval supremacy is "panic." There is panic, or something closely resembling it, in both government and opposition.

A professor of the University of Chicago has discovered that baseball is a prehistoric game. It is simply dreadful for modern enlightened humanity to think what happened to the umpires in those savage times.

It isn't so very long ago that people would have smiled at the very idea of Missouri's voting on statewide prohibition; but times have changed, and it is not now regarded as impossible that something may happen.

The weather bureau, which has to make known the significance of great atmospheric disturbances, should be notified of the date on which the presidents of the Central American republics will get together to talk over their troubles.

The philosopher of the Topeka Capital says: "If the wind blows your hat off do not chase it; let the spectators chase it for you." The trouble with the human race is that too many of them chase the other fellow's hat for him.

Russia contemplates another loan as soon as it can be made opportunely. So do some of the people who have signed up for automobiles.

Who says the courage of Old England is deteriorating? Premier Asquith has met the suffragettes with a courage like Parinista's in the "Inferno"—(begging the ladies' pardon). His "arms were pinioned to his sides," yet he gave no assurance of governmental aid and comfort. Kipling may yet have to revise some of his poetry and take the pessimism out of it.

The inventors might now experiment with colorless aunts or smokeless cigars.

Statistics show that the death rate is increasing, but that is because people are living faster.

IN TURKISH DOMAIN 10,000 MASSACRED

SEVERAL SMALL VILLAGES ACTUALLY WIPED OUT BY FANATICAL MOHAMMEDANS.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN KILLED

Armenian Girls Traded for Horses and Repeating Rifles—Atrocities Near Tarsus.

Tarsus, via Constantinople, May 5.—Authentic details of the atrocities committed by the fanatical Mohammedans in the villages and farms in this district are now coming into Tarsus with sickening abundance. The worst particulars of these narratives can not be mentioned, but they set forth without doubt that at least 10,000 lost their lives in this province and some estimates place the total casualties at 25,000. Villages like Osmaneh, Basiche, Hamadiéh Kará, Krystan, Keoy and Kezolook were actually wiped out. Each of these places had populations of from 500 to 600 people.

Young Turks around Tarsus are trading Armenian girls for horses and modern repeating rifles. The entire ten days seems to have been an insensate orgy of lust and violence in the name of race and religion.

In the massacre of fourteen years ago there was no such desire to kill women and children as has been evidenced in the last ten days. However, there have been numerous instances of the murdering of women and children with deliberation and there are other instances where women were brought out one by one and shot down, the bystanders clapping their hands at each fresh execution.

23 Carnegie Hero Medals.

Pittsburg, Pa.: The Carnegie Foundation Commission, at its regular quarterly meeting Tuesday, made awards to twenty-three persons for deeds of heroism. The commission also appropriated \$10,000 to the relief fund for the relatives of the 117 victims of the two mine explosions at the Lick branch mine of the Pocahontas Colliery Company at Switchback, W. Va., on Dec. 29, 1908, and Jan. 12, 1909.

Corporation to Insure Deposits.

Denison: 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 insuring of bank deposits, and it will seek to do a National business. The home office will be in Denison, with branches in important cities in this and other States.

Prizes for Texas Children.

Austin: Two hundred and twenty-five dollars in prizes offered the school children of Texas by the Texas Cotton Seed Crushers' Association is the announcement made in a circular issued by a committee, which states: 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.

Says Apple Rate too High.

Washington: In a decision Tuesday by Commissioner Lane of the Interstate Commerce Commission the rates on apples, via the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company from the Ozark fruit region in Arkansas to points in Oklahoma and Texas, are declared unreasonable, and a new scale of rates is being prepared for this commodity.

Man Killed at Laredo.

Laredo: Tuesday in front of the Sheriff's office, Will J. Hill, ex-sheriff of La Salle County, met Jim Pierce Wright, and fired five shots at him, all taking effect, killing Wright almost instantly.

State Ranger Kills Ranchman.

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

Silver Service for Ships.

Little Rock: Gov. Donaghey 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.

Carnival Week at Clarksville.

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

Wheat Takes Jump.

Chicago: July wheat bounced up 4c Tuesday, from \$1.12 to \$1.16 a bushel. It was a wild day in the pit, and everybody was trying to buy July wheat. Much of the bullish movement was traced to the report that the Government's next crop report, due soon, will be bullish.

Child Burns to Death.

Oklahoma City: Entrapped in an upstairs room the 3-year-old daughter of John White was burned to death, near Edmund, Okla., Tuesday.

DOINGS OF A GREAT STATE

The outlook for a pecan crop in Brownwood section does not seem to be good this year.

Andrews County is receiving many new settlers as a result of large bodies of State school land coming on the market.

A bass weighing six and a half pounds was caught in the Coucho on Friday by Tom Watson, of San Angelo.

Good rains fell in the western and northern parts of Runnels county, Monday afternoon, breaking a four months' drought.

The first passenger train of the Galatin-Rusk extension of the Texas and New Orleans Railroad came into Rusk Sunday on schedule time.

Application has been approved in Washington for the organization of the Cleburne National Bank at Cleburne, Texas, with a capital of \$150,000.

Fire, originating in the annex of the E. A. Dryer Furniture Company in Texarkana, Monday night, spread to the adjoining place and caused losses estimated at \$17,000.

Refusal of consumers to buy bread at 6c a loaf caused the Master Bakers' Association of Oklahoma to reduce the price to 5c Tuesday.

At noon Tuesday with three and a half days of the seven days Y. M. C. A. campaign in Sherman to raise \$20,000, the committee reported a total of only a little less than \$11,000.

Samuel Eberly Gross, formerly of Chicago, was married in Battle Creek, Monday to Miss Ruby Louise Haughey, the groom is 65 years of age and the bride is 18.

School election to issue \$40,000 worth of bonds to build a new school house and for a special tax, was voted on in Longview Tuesday, resulting 165 for and 9 against.

The North Texas Odd Fellows Anniversary Association, which has just had its annual meeting at Collinsville, Grayson County, will meet next year at Aubrey, Denton County.

G. S. Brown, a brakeman on the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf, was crushed to death between two cars Monday in Muskogee. Brown was 25 years old and had relatives in Houston, Texas.

Capt. W. T. Getzendaner, a pioneer of Waxahachie, died Monday morning at his home on West Franklin street, of an acute attack of asthma. He was one of the widest known men in Texas.

Governor Campbell Monday received the letter from Assistant District Attorney Chambers of Bexar County, requesting the assistance of Rangers to effect the enforcement of gaming and saloon laws.

Pythians and Pythian Sisters from Austin left for San Antonio Tuesday, when the first open meeting of the convention of the grand lodge of Texas was held.

The Fort Worth-Glenrose Interurban surveyors have reached Crowley, in the western portion of Johnson County. The line from that point will run down the Brazos Valley.

The 5-year-old daughter of E. J. Winninger of Clarkens, while crossing the railroad tracks Sunday morning was caught by a freight train and her right foot was crushed so badly the amputation was necessary.

While making a daring effort to rescue a small barefoot boy from the tangles of a live wire which was burning and shock him to death, Ignatius Raif, a young blacksmith, was electrified Friday on the sidewalk in Houston.

A company has written to the Denison Board of Trade offering to contract in advance for peanuts grown that section this year at 60c a bushel, Spanish variety, and guaranteeing a fair price to those who do no care to sell the crop before grown.

During an electrical storm, accompanying the rain which fell there Tuesday, Sampson Richardson, a well known colored man of between 60 and 65 years of age, was struck by lightning and instantly killed at Hillsboro.

According to information received from Aguilares, Tex., twenty miles east of Laredo, where prospecting for gas and oil has been in progress some time, two heroic gasers have been struck, which, it is claimed, produce on an enormous scale and undoubtedly mean the establishment of many new industries in this section.

The El Paso Fair Association is making an effort to have President Taft open the fair there on Nov. 1. If plans are carried out successfully notable feature of the day will be a greeting across the international boundary line between President Taft and President Diaz.

A Texas and Pacific freight engine was so badly damaged as the result of a collision head-on with a Missouri, Kansas and Texas engine in the yard at Denton Wednesday, that it had to leave its train and be towed into Fort Worth dead for repairs.

The Civil Service Commission conduct examinations at Austin, Dallas, Houston, Waco, San Antonio, Pasa and Brownsville on June 2 to fill a position in the vacancy the position of local inspector of harbor steam vessels at \$1,500 per year at Galveston and such other places they may occur.

Allison Mayfield was elected chairman of the Railroad Commission Wednesday, at the first meeting of the body since the appointment of Commissioner Williams, who qualified Wednesday.

NEGROES LYNCHED IN EASTERN TEXAS

MOB OF ONE THOUSAND CITIZENS HANG BLACK FIEND.

MARSHALL TWO; TYLER ONE

Marshall Men Make Short Work of Negroes Charged With Killing Officers.

Tyler, May 3.—Jim Jim Hodge was lynched by a crowd of 1000 men at 12:05 o'clock Saturday afternoon. From a huge derrick, used for hoisting stone in the building of the new Smith County courthouse, the lifeless body of the negro swung in the breeze for half an hour before it was cut down. There was no excitement; no howling mob; no evidence of anything except determination.

About the neck of their black-shirted, blue-overalled victim, one of the ropes was adjusted, and fifty or more men lay hold of the end.

A simultaneous pull, and the negro's squirming body was seen to shoot high into the air, and then stop. It turned from side to side from the momentum gathered. There was a twitch or so of the muscles; a struggle—futile in the extreme, and finally the body was still.

Within ten minutes the crowd had dispersed with the exception of the gruesome figure hanging in mid-air within the sight of all who might look.

There was no attempt at disguise. Those who took part in the lynching went about it just as they went about their daily business. Some of the men were in their shirt sleeves, as if they had just come from offices or stores.

County Attorney Roy Butler had already arranged for a special session of the Grand Jury, for the purpose of taking action on the act of the negro, and it was to have convened that afternoon. It is not believed that the body will now get together, although several of the men who took part in the lynching are well known.

The Crime.

Winnie Herman, eighteen years old, was attacked by a negro man Friday evening in her yard two miles east of town. She was securely tied and dragged to the barn, where she remained nearly three hours. Her younger brother found her. She is badly bruised about the neck, arms and waist. She is not certain that she can identify the negro. He wore a black shirt, blue trousers and a dark cap.

Marshall, May 1.—Two negroes, under indictment in connection with the killing of Deputy Sheriff Mark Huffman and the wounding of another officer early Monday morning, were taken from the Harrison County jail between 3 and 5 o'clock this morning by between thirty and forty lynchers and hanged to a large willow tree, near Pope's gin, in the southern section of this place. The soldiers who had been on guard at the jail had been sent away shortly before midnight, no trouble being anticipated by the authorities. The coroner's verdict was that the negroes were hanged by parties unknown. The negroes lynched were Mose Hill and Mat Chase. Jesse Jefferson was not molested by the mob.

Judge Buford and District Attorney Jones came from Longview and a special term of the District Court was ordered, after a consultation with the officers and citizens.

Special jury commissioners were appointed, the Grand Jury was drawn and as soon as the names were placed in the hands of the Sheriff the men were summoned and the Grand Jury was impaneled and went to work Wednesday morning. They were in session all that day, and on Thursday morning Judge Buford received their report. The prisoners signed a waiver of being present when the special venire was drawn and soon the commissioners were busy drawing a special venire of sixty men to serve as petit jurors.

Last night the city was quiet and the streets were clear and quiet at a very early hour and everything had steadied down to normal conditions and no further trouble was anticipated. About 11 o'clock Sheriff Cargill went to the jail and told the State militia that their services were no longer needed and soon they were busy packing up their traps and getting ready to go home. They had been on duty since last Monday and this was welcome news to them and as they were leaving the jail someone started the song, "God Be with You Till We Meet Again."

After the decision of the Court to hold the trial on next Monday everything became quiet, and it seemed that every one was willing to wait and let the law take its course and all danger of lynching seemed to have disappeared. Then, last night, the militia was withdrawn.

About 5 o'clock this morning the fire department responded to a call and found a mob, bringing several people from the scene of the lynching.

J. C. Johnson, of Seminole, Texas, reports a stick vein of silver found on a ranch near Cedar Lake.

It May Be Your Fate

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

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Notice, Home Builder

The Earle Addition adjoins the city on the west and Fairview Heights Addition adjoins the city on the south. Many homes have been built beyond both of these additions, and if you desire the very best location in the city for a home, do not fail to see this property. No grading, therefore no mud in yard. Prices are very reasonable, and your own terms. When our new railroad, our state normal school, our oil mill and our new depot are assured, priors in both of these additions will advance. We have a special proposition to 10 good men to build homes in each addition; six have already accepted this proposition. Buy it before the advance. Call at our home, have conveyance and can show you this property any evening after 6 p. m. Mr. Piner lives in Fairview Heights and he can show you that property during the day.

H. Clay and Earle Read.

Dr. W. T. Ballard, Veterinary Surgeon

Has permanently located at Big Springs to practice his profession. He has a diploma as a veterinary surgeon and will treat animals for all diseases. Calls answered day or night. Office at McCamant's drug store and J. L. Robinson's livery stable. Phone 418 and 29, residence phone 347. All examinations free.

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While tearing away some old wooden structure on First Street Thursday evening Ed Reagan and Jim Thompson fell and sustained some very painful injuries.

Mrs. Thomas, who was called here by the sickness of her son, Prof. C. E. Thomas, left Tuesday night for her home in Bell county. She was accompanied by her son as far as Sweetwater.

Local and Personal

Souvenir spoons at Ward's.
Born to Judge L. A. Dale and wife on the 5th, a girl.
We want your trade. R. L. McCamant & Co.
Judge Littler and S. A. Penix are in Lamesa on business this week.
Our stock of drugs is complete. R. L. McCamant & Co.
Miss Clide Paine and Miss Zula Lovelace returned from a few days visit at Garden City.
Reagan's fountain continues to be the most popular one.
Jones & McGowen want your grocery trade. Try them.
J. D. Wilson from Temple, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Wesley for a few days.
The Dreeben millinery wants your millinery trade.
The Parker fountain pens the best one \$1.50 to \$7.00 at Reagan's.
Monday was a busy day in trading circles, all business men report a splendid day.
Remember the Dreeben when in need of millinery.

We sell the celebrated Bush and Gerts pianos and organs.—Posey Music House. 21-1f

Quite a number of the young people went out to Big Springs for an outing Sunday.

Nice line of cigars and tobaccos at Posey Music House. 21-1f

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

B. O. Guthrie of Burlington, North Carolina, was here this week on a visit to friends.

Big Springs souvenir spoons are the latest. Get them at Ward's.

Mrs. Mary Watkins, left on Monday's train for El Paso, to visit her mother, Mrs. Willie Stegaul.

The handsomest line of souv-Springs are to be found at Ward's. See them.

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

Prof. Long principal of the Stanton school was in our city Saturday shaking hands with old friends.

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

Mrs. Shoft returns to her home at Baird Thursday morning after several days visit with Mrs. Shepley.

Pattern Hats at Mrs. Mattie Gass' at cost. Be sure to see them.

Quite a number of the young people attended the social Thursday night given by Mr. and Mrs. August, in honor of their daughter, Miss Virginia.

Big Springs souvenir spoons at Ward's. See them.

Our printer, J. M. Fryawent over to Sweetwater last week and moved Mrs. Fryar over. Mrs. Fryar says Big Springs seems now, more like home to him.

G. W. Steele one of our most prosperous farmers made his office a pleasant call Monday. We are always glad to have many friends to call and see us when in town.

C. C. Connell of Fort Worth here this week in charge of Connell Lumber Co.'s buss during the absence of L. L. Baugh, who was called to Mississippi last week by the illness of his baby.

Stomach Trouble.
Your tongue is coated.
Your breath is foul.
Headaches comes and goes.
These symptoms show that stomach is the trouble. To move the cause is the first thing and Chamberlain's Stomach Liver Tablets will do that. E to take and most effective.

Letter to I. H. Park.

Big Springs, Texas.
Dear Sir: The real test of a paint is how many square feet will a gallon of it cover? And all the paints cover 300 square feet two coats. Mildly, they vary.

L. H. Perchard; builder, 1108 Dupre St. New Orleans, covered 1900 square feet with three gallons Devco last year; and paints all his jobs Devco. That's how the tale gets to us.

He doesn't say whether one or two coats; if one, there's nothing wonderful in it; if two, they must have very small feet in New Orleans.

Devco doesn't stop at 300 feet; but over 600! Most paints, we suppose, can be stretched to 300 feet, but they're mighty thin, they cover well 150 to 200. When N. R. Watkins, Lott, Texas, painted his house before, it took 13 gallons; Devco 7 gallons. That shows the strength of the paints.

W. B. McCluney painted a house in Crystal Springs, Miss, to test two pure paints; one coat 6 gallons Devco; the other coat 10 gallons of a New Orleans paint. That shows the strength of the paints.

Surfaces differ; one takes more, another takes less. Devco covers more than any other paint; two to one in the case of half the paints. But how many it covers, we don't know till we see the surface.

Yours truly,
R. W. DEVOE & CO
P. S. Biles & Gentry, sell our paint.

See H. B. Arnold for all kinds of job work in sheet metal. Satisfaction and right prices guaranteed. 20-1f

Judge L. A. Dale and Ellis Douthitt were in Lubbock Tuesday on legal business.

For pianos, organs, sheet music and all kinds of musical goods, call on the Posey Music House.

R. L. McCAMANT & CO DRUGGISTS

Phone 418, Big Springs, Tex.

Prescriptions filled at all hours, day or night, by an expert Pharmacist.

We are agents for Star and Crazy Wells Mineral Water.

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L. B. Westermann Contractor and Builder

When you get ready to build anything anywhere at any time let me make your estimates. My reputation for low cost, perfect construction and prompt completion of work has earned for me most of the contracts in this section of the country

I Build Anything of Any Sort of Material

and it is ready for you on the time specified, too. Let me make your figures. . . . Call, telephone or write me

L. B. WESTERMANN
Big Springs, Texas

Our Busy Week

We are too busy this week to write an ad, but will find time to supply your wants in hardware, etc. if you will let us know them. In fact, we are always ready to show you through our immense stock and to quote you our prices, which are the very lowest in town

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

WARNING TO ALL CONCERNED

Simple and Comprehensive Sign Put Up by Small Boy with a Grievance.

The Langworths lived in a corner house so easily accessible from the street that they were constantly annoyed by persons ringing to ask where other possible inhabitants of that block were to be found. Finally, roused to desperation by these interruptions, the family boy attempted to put a stop to the nuisance.

"I guess," said he, complacently, "there won't be any more folks asking if the Browns, the Biddies or the Hansons live in this house. I've fixed 'em."

"What have you done?" queried Mrs. Langworth.

"Hung out a sign."

"And what did you print on it, lad?"

"Just five words," replied Harold, proudly. "Nobody lives here but us." Lippincott's.

PROOF POSITIVE.



"Do you really love me, George?" "Didn't you give me this tie, dear?" "Yes, love. Why?" "Well, ain't I wearing it?"

Never Fails

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. M. CHRISTIAN, Rutherford, Tenn.

Wanted to Confirm It.

Isolde—I don't believe that scandal about Mrs. Giddyun.

Winifred—They why did you tell me about it?

Isolde—I was in hopes that you could confirm it. London Opinion.

For Colds and Grippe—Capudine. The best remedy for Grippe and Colds is Ticker's Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headache also. It's rapid—effects immediately—25¢ and 50¢ at Drug Stores.

Adam had one thing to be thankful for. He never had to weed his pa's onion beds when the other boys were going fishing.

Lewis' Single Binder Clear has a rich taste. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

MADE WELL AND STRONG

By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Barstow, Ky.—"I suffered from ulceration and other female troubles for a long time. Doctors had failed to help me. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended, and I decided to try it. It cured my troubles and made me well and strong, so that I can do all my own work." Mrs. MARY WOOD, R.F.D. 2.

If you belong to that countless army of women who suffer from some form of female ill, don't hesitate to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs.

For thirty years this famous remedy has been the standard for all forms of female ill, and has cured thousands of women who have been troubled with such ailments as displacements, fibroid tumors, ulceration, inflammation, irregularities, backache, and nervous prostration.

If you want special advice write for it to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass. It is free and always helpful.

Make Big Money

On an Investment of Only \$125.00

You can have a pleasant, permanent and profitable business of your own, that will pay you at least \$25 a day. I will give you full detailed particulars and show you how you can make \$100 a week. No experience necessary. Business can be conducted by either man or woman. In only two weeks there is an electric lighting plant.

Duntley Standard Vacuum Cleaners

will do the same work as costly vacuum cleaners, but at a fraction of the cost. It is the only vacuum cleaner that is so simple and so easy to use. It is the only vacuum cleaner that is so durable and so long-lasting. It is the only vacuum cleaner that is so efficient and so powerful. It is the only vacuum cleaner that is so quiet and so clean.

J. W. Duntley, Pres., DUNTLEY MFG. CO., 485 Plymouth Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

LATE STORM REPORTS

224 LIVES ARE LOST

ESTIMATED 400 ARE INJURED BY TORNADOES IN SOUTH, MIDDLE, WEST AND EAST.

DAMAGE IN CHICAGO HEAVY

Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Illinois Are Hardest Hit.

St. Louis, Mo., May 3.—Later reports from the storm-swept area place the dead at 224 and estimate 400 persons were injured. Gradually the property loss grows larger. Chicago authorities estimate that city alone suffered \$2,000,000 damage.

Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Illinois are the States which suffered the most severely.

Scores of dwellings in Chicago's suburbs were demolished or unroofed and their occupants injured. Towns were woeed and cut off from all communication with the world. Trains were damaged and their progress halted by the falling of telegraph poles across the tracks.

One report is from St. Francis County, Arkansas, where near Wheatley, one person was killed and three fatally injured. Wheatley is sixty miles southwest of Memphis, and only a few miles from Brinkley, where many persons were killed in a recent tornado.

Eleven were killed and twenty-five injured when a tornado struck the town of Golden, Mo., twelve miles from Little Rock, Mo., about 5 o'clock, completely demolishing the town.

Light flurries of snow fell early Saturday in St. Louis. Reports from Vandalia, Ill., and Shelbyville, Mo., say snow fell at those towns Saturday. St. Paul is blanketed with a foot of snow, while reports from Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin state the blizzard raging there has abated but little.

Detroit, Mich., May 3.—Three vessels lost, one of them with her crew of seven men, and a fourth found floating, deserted, on Lake Michigan with the fate of her crew unknown, is the day's summary of disaster from storm and ice on the Great Lakes.

St. Louis, Mo., May 1.—The list of dead in the wind, rain, hail and snowstorm which swept across the country between the Northern Lake region and the Gulf States gradually has grown through the day as reports have crept in over disabled telegraph and telephone wires. The list now totals almost 100, with hundreds injured and it is thought the loss of life and property will be found to be greater when more complete information is obtainable.

Throughout Wisconsin and in parts of Minnesota the storm has been succeeded by a great blizzard. The heaviest snowstorm of the year has fallen at Duluth, La Crosse and Superior.

Thirteen persons are known to have been killed in Missouri, two north of Summerville, Texas County, and eleven at Golden, Barry County.

Two sections at the extreme eastern and western borders of Arkansas, were the greatest sufferers from the wind, according to reports. In Washington and Crawford Counties, in the northwestern part of the State, fifteen are reported dead. The same part of the storm which visited this section extended across the borders into Barry County, Missouri.

Chicago was the worst sufferer of the cities. Three persons were killed there in accidents and otherwise, many injured and \$2,000,000 damage done.

Reports of forty-four dead have been received at Memphis from points in that section, including parts of Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi.

In the Northern States the gale was accompanied by heavy snow. Throughout Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Ohio there were heavy rains and hail. The storm began soon after noon Thursday and continued until Friday morning. A tornado blew down 600 feet of the west wall of the Northern Indiana penitentiary at Michigan City and troops are mobilizing to prevent trouble with the prisoners.

A tidal wave in Lake Michigan did great damage in Waukegan and Kenosha.

The storm that seems to be almost co-extensive with country has apparently broken all records in the number and variety of freakish atmospheric disturbances. Tornadoes, snow, sleet, rain, hail, lightning, flood, flame and electrical phenomena are among its features.

Bullet Kills Society Girl. Birmingham: Miss Virginia Whetstone, a popular young society girl of Birmingham, died Sunday from a wound inflicted by a pistol shot last Friday.

laka. Before they get in good shooting distance Dick heads them over us and then he drops out of the dove. Just as soon as you kill 50, the limit, Dick will get out of the water, sit on the seat by you and won't decoy another duck. That bird beats anything you ever saw."

Real Hope of the World. Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people? Is there any better or equal—hope in the world?—Lincoln.

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. 4. 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 purpose shall ever be levied 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] duly 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 11, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution."

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

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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.

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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 funds 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-taxpaying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, shall vote in favor of such 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.

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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.

GRANITE MOUNTAIN QUARRIES

Texas Deposit Could Supply United States for 200 Years, It Is Said.

The Granite mountain quarries at Granite Mountain, Tex., are said to be the largest in the world. During the last 30 years there have been shipped from these quarries 250,000 carloads of granite, averaging 50,000 pounds per car. The removal of this enormous quantity is hardly noticeable. It appears as if children had been playing around the mountain's base and had chipped off a few pieces of stone. The mountain covers 100 acres and is 200 feet in height. The granite ex-



Quarries at Granite Mountain, Tex., tends into the ground to an unknown depth. Experts who have inspected this wonderful store of building stone declare that the mountain contains sufficient granite to supply the whole United States with building stone for 200 years.

This mountain of granite came into commercial prominence at the time plans were adopted for the construction of the \$3,000,000 state capitol at Austin. The building commissioners were charged under the law to select Texas stone and were casting about for the necessary material when the owners of Granite Mountain sought to have their product selected for the purpose. A geologist was sent to the quarries by the commission to investigate the quality of the granite, and he made a report that it was unfit for building purposes. The owners of the mountain immediately sent samples of the granite to experts in various portions of the United States, and the reports of these experts were unanimously favorable. The state capitol building commissioners thereupon selected this stone for the big building. The owners of the quarries furnished the granite free of cost to the state, the contractors for the building paying the expenses of quarrying, cutting and transportation. In quarrying the granite for the state capitol building 300 convicts were employed and in cutting and polishing the stone 200 Scotch granite workers found employment. The contractor was fined \$10,000 for importing these Scotchmen in violation of the foreign contract labor law.

The jetty at Galveston, by which means that port secured permanent anchorage, was built of granite from Granite Mountain. Granite from these quarries is being used in the construction of the United States government jetty for that future deep water port. The great sea wall at Galveston, which has a length of more than five miles, is built of the same material.

One peculiarity of this mountain of stone which makes it different from all other quarries is that the formation lies in layers, varying in thickness from four inches to 30 feet. In quarrying, if large blocks are desired, they are taken from one of the thick layers. If smaller pieces are wanted a quarry of less thickness is opened. It is said that on account of these natural seams in the stone the expense of extracting these blocks is less than in any quarry in the world.

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THE LION'S SHARE

BY OCTAVE THANET
AUTHOR OF THE MAN OF THE HOUR

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SYNOPSIS.
The story opens at Harvard where Col. Rupert Winter, U. S. A., visiting, saw the suicide 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 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 orderly, Sergt. Haley, to watch over Cary Mercer.

CHAPTER II—Continued.
"Cary was rich, but after he had spent his youth with incredible industry and a great deal of ability to build up a steel business and had put it into a little combination—not a big trust, just a genuine corporation—some of the financial princes wanted it for a club—to knock down bigger game. I reckon—and proceeded to cheapen the stock in order to control it. Cary held on desperately, bought more than he could hold, mortgaged everything else; but they were too big for him to fight. It was in 1903, you know, when they had an alleged financial panic, and scared the banks. Cary went to the wall, and Phil with him, and poor Phil killed himself. Afterward Cary's wife died; he surely did have a mean time. And, to tell you the truth, Bertie, I think there has been a little tinkle in Cary's mind ever since."

"Did you hold any of Cary's stock?"
"He was placing his puzzle together."
"Yes; but my stock was all paid for, and I held on to it; now it is over par and paying dividends. Oh, the property was all right, had it been kept in honest hands, and run for itself. The trouble with Cary was that in order to keep control of the property he bought a lot of shares on margin, and when they began to run downhill, he was obliged to borrow money on his actual holdings to protect his fictitious ones. The stock went so low that he was wiped out. He wouldn't take my advice earlier in the game; and I know that it would only be losing money to lend it to him. Later—still sometimes I have been rather sorry I didn't. Would I better try the spade, Bertie, or the diamond?"

The colonel advised the spade. He wondered whether he should repeat to his aunt the few sentences which he had overheard from Mercer and his companion; but a belief that old age worries easily, added to his natural man's disinclination to attack the feminine nerves, tipped the scales against frankness. So, instead, he began to talk about Archie, what was he like? was he fond of athletics? or was he a bookish lad? Aunt Rebecca reported that he liked riding and golf; but he was not very rugged, and since his father's death he had seemed listless to a degree. "But he is better now," she added, with a trace of eagerness quite foreign to her usual manner. "Janet Smith has roused him up; and what do you suppose she has done? But really, you are the cause."

"I?" queried the colonel.
"Just you, Archie, Janet argued, is the kind of cause that must have some one to be devoted to."
"And has he taken a fancy to her? Or to you?"
Aunt Rebecca's eyes dulled a little and her delicate lips were twisted by a smile which had more wistfulness than humor in it. "I'm not a lovable person, anyhow, he does not love easily. We are on terms of the highest respect, even admiration, but we haven't got so far as friendship, far less comradeship. Janet is different. But I don't mean Janet; she has grown absurdly fond of him; and I think he's fond of her; but what she did was to make him fond of you. You, Gen. Rupert Winter; why, that boy could pass an examination on your exploits and not make a question. Janet and he have a scrap-book with every printed word about you, I do believe. And she has been amazingly shrewd. We didn't know how to get the youngster back to his sports while he was out of school; and, in fact, an old woman like me is rather bewildered by such a young creature, anyhow; but Janet rode with him; you see a remarkable rider; I helped her, because I remembered some anecdotes about you at West Point."

"But, my dear aunt—"
"Don't interrupt me, Bertie, it's a distinctly American habit. And we read in the papers that you had learned that Japanese trick fighting—Jiu-Jitsu—was a wonder—"
"Is not, I assure you, that beast of a language?"
"Never mind, if you are not a woman, you'll have to be; you can take lessons in Los Angeles; there are quantities of Japs there. Why, even in Chicago, Janet picked up one, and we practiced him, and Archie took lessons, and practice every day. There's a book in my bag; in the rack there's a very interesting book; Janet said I have both read it so we could talk to Archie. You would better skim

it over a little if you really aren't an expert, enough so you can talk Jiu-Jitsu, anyhow; we can't be destroying Archie's ideals until he gets a better appetite."
"Well, upon my word!" breathed the colonel. "Do you expect me to be a fake hero? I never took more than two lessons in my life. That reporter interviewed my teacher, who was killed in the Japanese war, by the way; he went to the army after my second lesson. He didn't know any English beyond 'yes' and 'if you please'; and he used them both on the reporter, who let his own fancy go up like a balloon. Well, where is the book?"

He found it easily; and with a couple of volumes of another kidney, over which he grinned.
"The Hound of the Baskervilles and the Leavenworth Case? I've read them, too," he said; "they're great! And do you still like detective stories? You would have made a grand sleuth yourself, Aunt Becky." Again he had half a mind to speak of the occurrence at the station; again he checked the impulse. "I remember," he added, "that you used to hold strenuous opinions."
"You mean my thinking that the reason crimes escape discovery is not that criminals are so bright, but that detectives in general are so particularly stupid? Oh, yes, I think that still. So does Sir Conan Doyle. And I have often wished I could measure my own wits, once, with a really fine criminal intellect. It would be worth the risk."
"God forbid!" said the colonel, hastily.

There came a tap at the door.
"Millicent!" groaned Aunt Rebecca. "I know the creaking of her stays. No, don't stay, Bertie; go and get Janet and a rescue bridge party as quick as you can!"
"The original and only Aunt Rebecca," thought the colonel at the door, smiling. But, somehow, the handsome old dame never had seemed so nearly human to him before.

CHAPTER III.
The Train Robbers.
When the colonel awoke next morning the train was rumping over hills and brick factory chimneys announced Council Bluffs. The landscape was wide and monotonous: a sweep of limitless corn fields in their winter disarray, or bleakly fresh from the plow, all painted with a palette holding only drabs and browns; here and there a dab of red in a barn or of white in windmill or house; but these livelier tints so scattered that they were no more than pin spots on the picture. The very sky was as dimly colored as the earth, lighter, yet of no brighter hue than the fog which smoked up from the ground. Later in the spring this same landscape would be of a delicate and charming beauty; in summer or autumn it would make the beholder's pulse throb with its glorious fertility; but on a blurred March morning it was as dreary as the reveries of an aging man who has fallen.

Nevertheless, Rupert Winter's first conscious sensation was not depression, only a little tingle of interest and excitement, such as stings pleasantly one who rises to a prospect of conflict in which he has the confidence of his own strength. "By Jove!" he wondered, "whatever makes me feel so kiddish?"
His first impulse was to peep through his curtains into the car. It wore its early morning aspect of muffled berths and stuffy curtains, among which Miss Smith's trix, carefully finished presence in a fresh white shirt-waist, attended by the pleasant whiff of cologne water, gave the beholder a certain refreshing surprise. One hand (white and firm and beautifully cared for) held a wicker bottle, source of the pleasant whiffs; her sleek black braids were coiled about her comely head, and the hair grew very prettily in a blunted point on the creamy nape of her neck. It was really dark brown hair, but it looked black against the whiteness of her skin. She had very capable-looking shoulders, the colonel noted, and a flat back; perhaps she wasn't pretty, but in a long while he had not seen a more attractive looking woman. She made him think of a Bonne Céline rose, somehow. He could hear her talking to some one behind the berth's curtains. "Could those doleful moans emerge from Archie? Could a Winter boy be whimpering about the jar of the train in that fashion? Immediately he was aware that the sufferer was Randall, for Miss Smith spoke: "Bring the tea, and lie down again, I'll attend to Mrs. Winter. Don't you worry!"

"Getting solid with Randall," commented the colonel. "Which is she—mentaled the colonel. "Which is she—kind-hearted, or an accomplished villainess? Well, it's interesting, anyhow."
By the time he had made his toilet the train was steaming speed ready to halt in Council Bluffs, and all his suspicions rushed on deck again at the sight of Miss Smith and Archie walking outside.



Looking to Right and Left.

He joined them, and he had to admit that Miss Smith looked as pleased as Archie at his appearance. Nor did she send a single furtive glance, slanting or backward, while they walked in the crisp, clean air. Once the train had started and Miss Smith was in the drawing-room, breakfast with Mrs. Winter and Archie, he politely attended Mrs. Millicent through to morning meal in the dining-car. "I was so good a meal that he 'naturally, although illogically, thought after of Miss Smith's prospects of innocence, and cheerily he sought Hay. He found him in the smoking compartment of the observation car, having for companions no less personages than the magnate and a distinguished-looking New Englander, who, Rupert Winter made no doubt, was a Harvard professor of rank and repute among his learned kind. He knew the earmarks of the species: The New Englander's pencil was flying over little improvised pad of telegraph paper, while he listened with absorbed interest to Haley's rich Irish tones, ere was a little sideways lunge of Hay's mouth, a faint twinkle of Haley's eye and simple eyes which the colonel, appraised at very nearly their real use. He knew that it isn't his Irish-Canadian nature to perceive a wide-spread and not put something worth-hug into it. Besides, his sharp ear had brought him a key to the discoloration of the sergeant's face, which he entered: "Yes, sir, them wir torchures is terrible!"

He glanced suspiciously from of Haley's audience to the other newspaper cartoonist had pictured all kinds of bodies of preying creatures, whether of the earth or air, high brows, the round head, the cat features, the thin cheeks, straight line of the mouth, and mild, inexpressive eyes of the man before him. He had been extolled as a far-sighted benefactor of the wretched and exalted picturesquely as king of pirates who would scuttle business of his country without quail.

Winter, amid his own questions and problems, could not help but scrutinize of a man whose power was greater than that of medieval king. He sat consuming a cigarette, and he saw, I did enjoy it; didn't you no between his fingers than his lips; as the hand? No? Well, it was glancing under drooping eyelids north watching. It was the rubber questioner to narrator. At the colonel, they were 24 and we were 26, entrance he looked up, as did Haley; we were on the seventh round; who rose to his feet with an unceremonious salute. "I'd be glad to spawl on my left, dummy on my right, vid youse a minute, if I might, go to the lead. She had four oral," said Haley, "about where I P's spades, a little club, the queen of your dress-shuts case, sor."
The colonel, of course, did not see, the ten and the nine of spades, past any remarks about a suit-case, drive out of his mind a curt bestowing, queen; I had the jack of spades, and army with the about the Philippines, men and a little club. I hadn't Haley had told him that he had seen, you understand; Millicent had

taken five tricks and they had taken one; they needed six to win the game, we needed two; see? Well, Millicent hadn't any diamonds to lead me, and unhappily she didn't think to lead trumps through dummy, which would have made a world of difference. She led a club; dummy put on the jack. I knew Miss Smith had the ace and one low heart; no clubs, a lot of low diamonds, and she might or might not have a spade. I figured that she had the ace and a little one; if she would trump in with the little one, as ninety-nine out of a hundred women would have done, her ace and her partner's king would fall together; or, at worst, he would have to trump her diamond lead, after she had led out her king of spades, and lead spades, which I could trump and bring in all my diamonds. Do you take in the situation?"

"You mean that Janet had the king of spades alone, the ace and the little trump and four worthless diamonds? I see. It is a chance for the grand coup; I reckon she played it."
"She did!" cried the colonel with unctious. "She slapped that ace on the trick, she modestly led her king of spades, gathered in my jack, then she stole my child away, my little jack of trumps; it fell on dummy's king, and dummy led out his spades and I had to see that whole diamond suit slaughtered. They made their six tricks, the game, and the rubber; and I wanted to clap my hands over the neatness of it."
"She is a good player," agreed Aunt Rebecca, "and a very pleasant person. You remember the epitaph, don't you, Bertie? 'She was so pleasant.' Yet Janet has had a heap of trouble; but, after all, happiness is not a condition but a temperament; I suppose Janet has the temperament. She's a good loser, too; and she never takes advantage of the rules."

"She certainly loves a straight game," reflected the colonel. "I confess I don't like the kind of woman that is always grabbing a trick if some one plays out of the wrong hand."
He said something of the kind to Millicent, obtaining but scant sympathy in that quarter. "She's deep, Bertie; I told you that. She's very reply, but I'm watching. I have reason for my feeling."
"Maybe you have been misinformed," ventured her brother-in-law with proper meekness.
"Not at all," retorted she, sharply. "I happen to know that she worked against me with the Daughters."
"Daughters," the colonel repeated, inanely, "your daughters?"
"Certainly not! The Daughters of the Revolution."
"It's a mighty fine society, that; did a lot during the Spanish war. And you are the state president, aren't you?"
"No, Rupert," returned Mrs. Melville with dignity. "I am no longer state regent. By methods that would shame the most hardened men politicians I was defeated; why! didn't you read about it?"

"You know I only came back from the Philippines in February."
"It was in all the Chicago papers. I was interviewed, myself. I assure you the other candidates (there were two) tried the very lowest political methods. Melville said it was scandalous. There were at least three luncheon given against me. It wasn't the congress, it was the lobby defeated me. And their methods! I would not believe that gentlemen could stoop to such infamy of misrepresentation." The colonel chewed his mustache; he felt for that reporter of the Chicago paper; he was evidently getting a photographic record now; he made an inarticulate rumble of sympathy in his throat which was as the clucking of the driver to the netted horse. Mrs. Melville gesticulated with Delsartian grace as she poured forth her woes.

"They accused me of a domineering spirit; they said I was trying to set up a machine. I! I worked for them, many a time, half the night, at my desk; never was a letter unanswered; I did half the work of the corresponding secretary; yet all the crucial moment she betrayed me! I learned more in those two days of the petty jealousy, the pitiless malevolence of some women than I had known all my life before; but at the same time, to the faithful hand of friends—the colonel had the sensation of listening to the record again—"whose fidelity was proof against ridicule and cruel misrepresentation, I return a gratitude that will never wane. Rupert"—she turned herself in the seat and waved the open palm of her hand in a graceful and dramatic gesture,—"those women not only stooped to malignant falsehoods, they not only trampled parliamentary law underfoot, but they circulated through the hall a cartoon called the 'Making of the Slate.' Of course, we had our quarters at a hotel, and after the evening meeting, after I had retired, in fact, a bell-boy brought me a message; it was necessary to have a meeting at once, to decide for the secretaryship, as we had found out Mrs. Ellensere was false. The ladies in the adjoining

rooms and the others of us on the board who were loyal came into my chamber. Rupert, will you believe it, those women had a grotesque picture of us, with faces cut out of the newspapers—of course, all our pictures were in the papers—and they had the audacity and the meanness to picture me in—the garments of night!"
"That was pretty tough. But where does Miss Smith come in?"
"She was at the convention. She is a Daughter. I've always said we are too lax in our admissions."
"Who drew the picture?"
"It may not be Miss Smith, but—she does draw. I'm sure that she worked against me; she covered up her footprints so that I have no proof; but I suspect her. She's deep, Bertie, she's deep. But she can't hoodwink me. I'll find her out."

The colonel experienced the embarrassment that is the portion of a rash man trying to defend one woman against another; he retreated because he perceived defense was in vain; but he did not feel his growing opinion of Miss Smith's innocence menaced by Mrs. Melville's convictions.
She played too square a game for a kidnaper—and Smith was the commonest of names. No, there must be some explanation; Rupert Winter had lived too long not to distrust the plausible surface cleft. "It is the impossible that always happens, and the impossible most of the time," Aunt Rebecca had once said. He quite agreed with her whimsical phrase.

Nothing happened to arouse his suspicions that day. Haley reported that Cary Mercer was going on to San Francisco. The conductor did not know his name; he seemed to know Mr. Keatcham and was with him in his drawing-room most of the time. Had the great man a secretary with him? Yes, he seemed to have, a little fellow who had not much to say for himself, and jumped whenever his boss spoke to him. There was also a valet, an Englishman, who did not respond properly to conversational overtures. They were all going to get off at Denver.

Haley was not misinformed, as the colonel perceived with his own eyes—and he saw Cary Mercer bow in parting to the great man, who requited the low salute with a gruff nod. Here was an opportunity for a nearer glimpse of Mercer, possibly for that explanation in which Winter still had a lurking hope. He caught Mercer just in the car doorway, and politely greeted him: "Mr. Mercer, I think? You may not remember me, Col. Winter. I met you in Cambridge, three years ago—"
It seemed a brutal thing to do, to recall a meeting under such circumstances; but if Mercer could give the explanation he would excuse him; it was better than suspecting an innocent man. But there was no opportunity for explanation. Mercer turned a blank and coldly suspicious face toward him. "I beg pardon," he said in his southern way. "I think you have made a mistake in the person."

"And are you not Mr. Cary Mercer?"
The colonel felt the disagreeable resemblance of his own speeches to those made in newspaper stories by the gentleman who wishes his old friend to change a \$50 bill or to engage in an amusing game with a thimble. Mercer saw it as well as he. "Try some one from the country," he remarked with an unpleasant smile, brushing past, while the color mounted to the colonel's tanned cheek. "The next time you meet me," Rupert Winter vowed, "you'll know me."
A new porter had come on at Denver; a light brown, chubby, bald man with a face that radiated friendliness. He was filled with the desire for conversation, and he had worked on the road for eight years, hence could supplement "Over the Range" and the other guide books with personal gossip. He showed marked deference to the colonel, which that unassuming and direct man could not quite fathom, until Archie enlightened him. Archie smiled a queer, chewed-up smile which the colonel baffled with:

"Why are you making fun of me, young man?"
"It's Lewis, the porter; he follows you round and listens to you in such an awestruck way."
"But why?"
"Why, Sergt. Haley told him about you; and I told him a little, and he says he wishes you'd been on the train when they had the hold-ups. This is an awful road for hold-ups, he says. He's been at five hold-ups."
"Oh, he says, hold up your hands and they won't hurt you."
"Well, I reckon his advice is sound," laughed the colonel. "See you follow it, Archie."
"Shall you hold up your hands, Uncle Bertie?" asked Archie.
"Much the wisest course; these fellows shoot."
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Our Literary and Debating society is the best going, had a pleasant literary program which was rendered with credit to all. The debating was very warm all the way through. At times things were serious, while at other times the speakers created quite a good deal of laughter. Question: Resolved that the United States had reached her zenith and is now on the decline.

Verdict given the negative. B. F. Hill and A. A. Scott affirmative, H. J. Skipper and J. A. Kinard negative.

I suppose there will be a joint debate between Richland and Center Point if the parties concerned can come to gether, if so I guess it will be a battle royal as our boys will contest every inch of the ground.

Quite a number of the boys were in town Monday trading horses.

Rev. McCarley filled his regular appointment at Center Point Sunday.

H. J. Graham and family visited at Big Springs Sunday.

Miss Mary Washman is staying with Mrs. Ben Miller for a few days.

Hunting the precious metal seems to be the order of the day. I feel a delicacy in speaking of it but I'm trying to give the news, it is reported that H. J. Skipper, B. F. Hill, M. G. Story, Richard Harrison, Henry and Walter (the boys) and oh my! I don't know whether there are others or not, left for the breaks north of here last night (left at night) Well I don't know for what purpose but I hope if they have gone fishing they will be successful.

J. A. Kinard attended the Mitchell County Singing Convention Sunday and reports a royal time. A question as to organizing a district singing convention of Howard and Mitchell counties and others probably was discussed.

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Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	6,667 52
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,000 00
Banking house furniture and fixtures	2,485 00
Other real estate owned	11,348 70
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	7,294 43
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies & Savings Banks	233 08
Due from approved reserve agents	91,739 94
Checks and other cash items	427 65
Notes of other Nat'l Banks	3,135 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	48 30
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$10,262 00
Legal tender notes	6,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas (5 p. c. of circulation)	2,350 00
Total	\$380,926 79
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	40,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	8,300 89
Nat'l Bank notes outstanding	49,100 00
Due to other Nat'l Banks	2,472 55
Due to State & Private Banks and Bankers	10,155 92
Due to Trust Companies & Savings Banks	446 71
Individual deposits subject to check	214,549 72
Cashier's Cks Outstanding	1 00
Total	\$380,926 79

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Howard, I, J. W. Shnell, 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. SHNELL, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest:
G. L. BROWN,
R. D. MATTHEWS,
J. D. BIRDWELL, } Directors.

Our Education.

The following paper was read by A. J. Sewell at the Richland Literary Society Friday night:

We live in an age of great educational interests and movements and rightly claim that the masses are reading and studying more than ever before, and yet the thoughtful and careful observant cannot but feel that there is something wanting in our process of education. True education should normally develop the entire being; but with our increased facilities and more general spread of knowledge, there is a corresponding increase of abnormal developments and, like a bird with but one wing, the great mass vainly essays lofty, and continues flight. Passion never ran higher than it is running today, and human life and public honesty were never more cheaply bought. The mere mental surface is smooth and admirable, but the moral under current is weak and sluggish, a condition entirely antagonistic to thorough education.

No observant person can well deny this condition, made manifest in the movements made for the general uplifting of our race. The great prohibition movement, for instance, good in itself and improving government in one sense, has engendered a spirit of passion and harshness, by no means helpful but hurtful to the great social body, the effectiveness of which must so largely depend upon social cohesion. Unity of spirit, as well as, unity of movement, in order to have happy homes, social enjoyment and sound government. To break down the saloon, is a great and worthy undertaking, but the good of such work is neutralized by the breaking up of the peace of society and engendering of a spirit of passion entirely out of keeping with proper education. That the condition prevails, he who runs, may read, and no amount of regret on the part of the few, can change it. To my mind, the fault lies in incomplete education, the product of the process unwise in either the school or the home, and possibly, in both, and the masses are being

See

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made wise in one thing and more ignorant in another, or in other words, the mental concepts are being developed beyond the moral, and hence, a half educated people, only capable of half-way work, are found each succeeding day.

With the abnormal developments under a false system of education, the learning and genius as Socrates, Aristotle, Solon, and Pericles, were unequal to the tasks of saving the masses, and preserving the glory of the most wonderful of ancient people, and our modern masses seem to be drifting in the direction of Greece, intent in gain and pleasure, or swept by passion into a most hurtful social condition.

We have a great free school system and an army of devoted men and women teachers, but the result is, by no means, satisfactory so far, as bringing the people into a cohesive mass, and in true solidity to find the conserving force of society and of sound government, is concerned.

The mere reading of books and surface gleaning, from literature as a mere pleasure, with no aims of using it as a means to a higher end, is of little profit, and yet, I venture to affirm, and think that the librarian will indorse the affirmation, that two-thirds of the books in demand are of the light fiction variety, conducive to neither solid thinking, or the gaining of any quantities of value leading to proper concepts relating to the privileges and responsibilities of individual citizenship.

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Junior Union at 3 p. m. at Opera house.

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

Senior Union at Y. M. C. A. Chapel 4:30 p. m.

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THE STATE LEGISLATURE

SUBSTITUTE MEASURE PASSES HOUSE AND GOES TO OTHER BRANCH.

GUARANTY BILL IN SENATE

Without a Dissenting Voice the Senate Passes Guaranty Bill.

Austin: After a rather stormy day in the House, the new substitute guaranty of deposits bill, as prepared by the House authors of the guaranty bill, was substituted for the Senate (Alexander-Terrill of McLenan) bill, and the subject will again be up to the Senate. A feature of the proceedings was Mr. Curton's speech, wherein he showed that President Grover Cleveland and Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle had advocated the mutual guaranty principle as to circulation, asserting that it was right to make banks stand behind each other and pay each other's losses.

Austin: Considerable speculation is being indulged in as to what the Senate will do with the Hill-Gaines amendment to the general appropriation bill, appropriating \$1,068,900 to discharge part of the public debt which matures on July 1. Several of the senators seen have indicated that they will vote for the proposition, believing that the Waters-Pierce fine could not be put to better use than in wiping out a big slice of the State's indebtedness. It is understood the governor is not in thorough accord with this appropriation, that in itself might be sufficient grounds for the senate to adopt it. Then again, it is said the attorney general believes that it would be the proper thing to do with this money, and that may cause some of the senators to again inject politics into legislative matters.

Outside of the general appropriation bill, and the bank guaranty proposition, it is believed the legislature can dispose of the other propositions now pending within a very short time, nevertheless it does not now look as if the legislature will be able to adjourn before the expiration of the full thirty days.

Monday's Proceedings.

House killed Tuberculosis Commission bill.
Senate passes bill authorizing surety company agents to form rating association, after materially amending same.
House passed bill appropriating \$100,000 to start Rusk prison iron works.
Senate will consider penitentiary railroad bill tomorrow. Attorney General Davidson gives opinion saying bill as it passed House is valid.
A new substitute guarantee of deposits bill will be offered as substitute for Senate bill in House tomorrow. Chances for measure are fair.

The fact that the Governor is still submitting subjects of legislation daily and that the air is full of rumors to the effect that he will call another special session if the guarantee of deposits bill doesn't come through in good form, and that he has decided that he will veto the appropriation bill unless it shall be cut down, all tend to unsettle the legislative mind and to cause the legislators to wonder where they "are at."

As the bill stands, the totals are \$4,784,577.66 for the first year and \$3,963,138 for the second year; grand total \$8,747,715.61.
The total amount of appropriations thus far made by the Thirty-First Legislature, exclusive of the general appropriation bill, is \$1,700,317.09, which

New House Bills.

No. 7, by Standifer (by request): Providing for the appointment of Deputy District Attorneys for the criminal district composed of Galveston and Harris Counties.

No. 69, by Fant and Fuller: Providing that any legislator who absents himself from the Legislature on account of illness of himself or family shall be entitled to his per diem pay provided he gives his written reason to the above effect for being absent.

IN THE SENATE

The Senate Friday failed to furnish its daily explosion, but the House, having a clear field, furnished sensation sufficient to satisfy the habitues of the galleries who relish that sort of thing. In the forenoon the House solemnly declared that no final bill or reception should be given by the students of the University of Texas with the official sanction or recognition of that institution, otherwise no money would be paid from the State Treasury for the support of said institution.

Alexander-Terrill Bill.

The Alexander-Terrill guarantee of deposits bill, which passed the Senate Thursday, provides that every bank and trust company incorporated under the State banking laws shall at its option protect its depositors either by waiving benefit of the depositors' guaranty fund, or of the "depositors' bond security system," thereby provided.

Bills in the Senate.

The following bills were introduced in the Senate Friday:
By Mr. Holroyd: Providing that all

almost equals the net amount of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company fine paid into the State treasury, the latter being \$1,718,009.14. This, added to the total amount carried by the general appropriation bill as it stands in the House indicates a grand total of \$10,411,032 made available for expenditure by this Legislature.

In addition, several other bills carrying appropriations are pending, among them one to appropriate \$100,000 for the penitentiary iron industry, whereas in the Senate it is proposed to appropriate from the general revenue, \$300,000 to complete the State Railroad and to repay the school fund \$150,000, taken from it two years ago for this railroad.

It seems that the total appropriations by this Legislature will reach at least \$10,500,000.
The total appropriations made by the Twenty-Seventh Legislature was \$6,200,000. Increase in Confederate pensions and the establishment and enlargement of various State institutions are the chief causes of the growth in appropriations.

Governor Submits Proposition.

At the request of Judge Pardue and others of San Antonio, Gov. Campbell Friday submitted to the Legislature the subject of additional County Courts for civil and criminal business or with criminal jurisdiction alone, legislation thereon to provide for the "appointment" of the Judges of such courts. In substance this is the same proposition submitted to the first called session of the Legislature, upon which there was no bill introduced. The recent visit of several San Antonians, who solicited the measure, makes it virtually certain that Bexar County is the county particularly designed to be affected by any legislation that may be enacted upon the subject. The additional County Court for civil business, sought to be given Bexar County by the bill introduced and passed by Representative Terrill at the regular session of the Legislature was vetoed, it will be recalled, on the ground that the civil business of Bexar County did not justify an additional court of such character.

Another proposition suggesting amendments to the law passed at the regular session, relating to occupation taxes on retail dealers in intoxicating malt liquors, was submitted in the same measure. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to require a license for each place at which such retail business may be conducted. It is contended that under the law passed at the regular session a license granted a retail dealer in nonintoxicating malt liquors entitles him to the privilege of selling his goods anywhere in the county.

Thus far this session the Governor has submitted thirty subjects.

Six Bills Approved; One Vetoed.

Austin: This being the last day upon which Governor Campbell could act upon bills passed at the first called session of the Legislature, Governor Campbell cleared up his docket of such bills, approving six and vetoing one. The bill vetoed was that which was meant to validate sales of real estate made by the executors under foreign wills, which was disapproved because of a defective caption. The bills approved were as follows:
The court stenographer's fee bill. This measure will go into effect ninety days after adjournment regardless of the emergency clause, as the necessary vote on final passage of the Senate is not shown.
Bill regulating fraternal beneficiary organizations.
Companion bills authorizing the Automatic Tax Board to meet a month earlier and Tax Assessors to complete their listing of property a month earlier.
The concurrent resolution authorizing the A. and M. College to accept the Adams fund was filed for record in the Department of State.

No. 72, by Munson: Regulating elections in districts embracing two or more counties so as to require district chairmen to certify to county clerks the name of district nominees, and providing that a majority of the votes cast on a proposition to go in the State platform, etc., shall prevail in lieu of an election. (This same bill was introduced last session.)

No. 71, by Cable: Providing that a license to run a "frosty joint" must be taken out for each joint simply specifying in order to make the statute clear.

tion. Later in the day, after the members had partaken of dinner and perhaps felt better, they reversed their action as expeditiously as an engineer, reverses a locomotive when he sees a broken rail ahead, and removed the ban from the ball.
Subjects Submitted by Governor.
1. Legislation creating the North Zurich independent school district in Madison County, Texas, and such legislation with respect thereto as may be deemed necessary.

banks chartered before 1878 shall be placed under the supervision of the Department of Insurance and Banking, or all other State banks, that they shall be subject to the examination by the examiners of that department, but that they shall not come under the provisions of the bank guarantee law.

By Messrs. Harper and Sturgeon: Authorizing cities, towns and villages to construct permanent street improvements and assess part of the cost against property owners whose property adjoins.

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Saiting a Diamond Mine.

Howard DuBois, the noted mining engineer, told a good story to the Tech men recently, illustrating the "art" of salting a diamond mine. The story was told of a man in South Africa who, while walking one day over his property, suggested that they assay some of the soil.
In the search that ensued eight rough diamonds were found and offers began to fly through the air at a rapid rate for the land, when the host's wife called out to her husband: "Why, John, where are the other two?" The sequel of the story was left to the imagination.—Boston Record.

By Elimination.

"All the latest popular novels," sang out the train boy. Then, holding out a copy of the "The Guest of Queensay" to a prosperous-looking passenger, he urged: "Buy Booth Tarkington's latest work, sir!"
The man looked annoyed.
"No! I am Booth Tarkington himself."
"Then buy a copy of 'Three Weeks,'" persisted the boy. "You ain't Elinor Glyn, too, are you?"—Everybody's Magazine.

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When she was five years old her aunt took her to church; it was her first experience.
When she got home her mother asked her how she liked the service.
"Oh, well, God was there in a white nightgown, and he didn't speak loud enough for the people to hear what he said; so they kept saying over and over: 'We bewitched thee to let us hear thee, good Lord.' I didn't like it very much."—Judge's Library.

Too Wise.

"Will you take a chance on kissing a pretty girl?" asked the young lady with the tame tickets at the church fair. The crusty and confirmed bachelor held up his hands in horror. "What, me!" he gasped. "No, indeed, I don't take any such chances as those. Chap took a chance like that one time and six months later he married the young lady."

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"Mamma has given me orders that when a young man gives me anything I must give it right back."
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"What for?"
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Meets Saturday May 15, at the Court House at 2 o'clock p. m. Every body invited especially all farmers and farmers friends. We wish to organize and select a President and Secretary. Bring your wives and sweet hearts.

PROGRAM.

Music provided by W. R. Purser.

Benefits to be derived by such an institute, L. A. Dale, S. W. Cooper and J. T. Johnson.

Growing hogs in Howard county, C. J. Robinson, L. Coffee, J. C. Baumgarten and J. M. Bates.

How to secure a fair price for Milomaize and Kaffir corn. B. Reagan and Wm Fisher.

Come prepared to make short talks on any subject bettering the farmers condition.

H. C. Wallace, President.
Fox Striplin, Secretary.

Souvenir spoons at Ward's.

To be sure that your prescriptions will be filled correctly bring them to Reagan's.

The sheds at the Cole Wagon Yard are being torn away preparatory to building the new hotel and work will begin as soon as the plans can be finished and accepted.

A MEASURE OF MERIT

Big Springs Citizens Should Weigh Well This Evidence

Proof of merit lies in the evidence. Convincing evidence in Big Springs is not the testimony of strangers. But the endorsement of Big Springs people.

That's the kind of proof given here. The statement of a Big Springs citizen.

Rev. C. A. Evans, Methodist minister, living south of Court House, Big Springs, Texas, says: "I was annoyed considerably for sometime by a too frequent action of the kidney secretions and hearing of Doan's Kidney Pills, I procured a box at J. L. Ward's drug store. After using three boxes I do not hesitate to say that they gave satisfactory results and corrected the trouble. I take pleasure in endorsing them."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Two Children Burned at Sweet-water.

While trying to kindle a fire with some oil Thursday evening the can exploded and set fire to the two little girls of Mrs. Denbond, from the effects of which the two children died a few minutes later. The entire residence was destroyed with its contents.

Iron Tonic Pills, a great nerve tonic, at Ward's. 12-tf

Judge W. W. Dillard of Coahoma is in town.

We have it: What? Anything you want. R. L. McCamant & Co.

Try the Posey Music House for anything in Musical instruments. a22-tf

Mrs. J. V. Hanson, who has been quite sick for two weeks, is reported improving and her many friends hope she will soon recover.

Furnished Rooms.

Two furnished rooms for rent. Apply to Mrs. A. R. Wylie, phone 127.



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FOR MEN

Two Bargains in Homes.

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.

R. T. Piner,
Big Springs, Texas.

Program at Christian Church Sunday.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., subject: "Growth," Sunday evening at 8 15, subject: "Is the young man safe."

E. S. Bledsoe, Pastor.

Mrs. Hartman of Marlin, who was visiting her son, S. A. Hartman, west of town, has returned home.

Make You Feel Good.

The pleasant purgative effect experienced by all who use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and the healthy condition of the body and mind which they create, makes one feel joyful.

S. B. Lefevre, living on G. C. Cauble's place has been having a good deal of sickness in his family, but we are glad to report the sick ones better.

A Nice Little Home.

On East Third street, lot 70x150 three rooms, north front, city water, good neighborhood, price \$750.00, one third cash.

R. T. Piner,
Big Springs, Texas.

Souvenir spoons are the latest find. Get them at Ward's.

President Neill of the Farmers State Union will speak at Center Point School house next Tuesday night.

See the new style Sailors at Mrs Mattie Gass. They are the thing of the hour.

Mrs. A. E. Prichard and baby left Wednesday night for McCullough county on a visit to relatives.

If you want fresh groceries, and want them right now, give Jones & McGowan your order.

D. C. Porch, living six miles east of town, who was called to Rannels county last week by the death of his father, has returned.

Jones & McGowan have moved their stock of groceries into the Ambrose building and now have one of the neatest stores and the freshest stocks of goods in town.

Baptist Church Building.

As many of our friends are making inquiry about our new church building, I desire to answer the questions through your paper for the benefit of all the public.

Some want to know if we still intend to build. Others ask how long it will be before we begin building, etc.

To the first question, we answer yes. All can rest assured that we will build.

To the second question, I will say we have been delayed in making some changes in the plans for a larger Auditorium. Also that we do not feel safe in contracting for the building with less than \$10,000 in Bank as the building, including ground and furnishings complete, will cost close to \$20,000, and will be a building commensurate with the spirit of christianity and of our city.

I will now say to the readers of this, whether you be a Baptist or a friend; if you are in sympathy with us and want to have a part in helping to build substantial church edifices which will be a credit to the cause of religion and to our beautiful little city. You can give your subscription, or pay it into any of the banks in town. Every man, woman and child, ought to have a part in building good and beautiful houses of worship in their town. They are the greatest advertisements of the moral and religious status of any town or city.

Yours for the progress of christianity and prosperity of the good people of Big Springs and community.

W. Dean C. Rogers, Pastor.

STERLING LABEL CLOTHES

The kind that stand the test of hard service and always look dressy.



If you would have your "hubbys" look their best, bring them to Bonner's and fit them out in Sterling Label Clothes. We show a large assortment of these stylish suits for men in all the new snappy spring styles and fabrics. Priced \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00 to \$22.50.

One lot clothing at exactly half-price. Men's fine union made pants \$2.50 to \$5.00 Boys' knee pants 50c to \$1.25 a pair

W. P. BONNER

One Price—The Lowest

BIG SPRINGS,

TEXAS

Jones & McGowan want to sell you groceries and have a fresh, clean stock to select from.

Quite a number of the members of the Masonic Lodge here went to Coahoma Tuesday night to attend the lodge at that place. All report a very pleasant time.

Who sells the most paint and best paint? Reagan—The Horse Shoe brand.

The Miller-Hightower players at the Airdome this week certainly have made the hit of the season, judging from the vast crowds and continued laughter with each play on during the week. Mr. Ray was certainly lucky in securing this company for their play house.

Jones & McGowan are the people that want your business and will supply your wants with fresh goods.

Tuberculosis Exhibit.

The Tuberculosis Exhibit, under Dr. Brumby State Health Officers will give an exhibit here next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, same being May 13, 14 and 15th, for the benefit of our people. This exhibit is certainly worth seeing and each person in the county should try to come one of these three days and learn how to prevent the spread of this most dangerous of diseases to the human family.

Bring your formula or stock receipts to Reagan, who wants to fill them.

A pure, wholesome, reliable Grape Cream of Tartar Baking Powder

The cream of tartar used in Dr. Price's Baking Powder is in the exact form and composition in which it occurs in the luscious, healthful grape.

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