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### Capital City Letter

Austin, Texas, Sept. 22 1909. Following a year of disappointments to the farmer, first a total failure of fruits, a discouraging yield of truck, when only a partial grain harvest and a cotton crop cut in half or less, it is encouraging to hear from Capt. J. C. Canty of Galveston, deputy fish and oyster commissioner, that the supply of oysters this year will be unusually large, the yield being much greater than that last year at every point along the gulf, and that the bivalves are unusually fat and luscious. He does not speak in such flattering manner of the supply of salt water fish, but with plenty of oysters the public will try to be content.

While it has not yet been definitely determined where the work shall be started to reclaim the millions of acres of fertile land in Texas now are little value because of the overflows, it was decided at a meeting last week of the state levee and drainage board, which also conferred with the governor, that no time will be lost, but a preliminary investigation be made at once to decide which of the several localities that have been previously best adapted for beginning the work.

The levee rating board is now complete with Robert M. Hamby, of Austin, appointed by the governor; H. L. Wright of Palestine, named at the instance of the insurance men of Texas, and Insurance Commissioner T. B. Love. Each member of the board is to receive \$2500 annually except the insurance commissioner who is paid \$500 in addition to his regular salary. The board will probably meet this week to enter upon its work.

The governor is soon to name a commissioner to select a site for the establishment of a leper's colony as provided by the Thirty-first legislature. There does not appear to be the contest to secure this colony, as occurred between

cities of the state for the West Texas Normal school, and is occurring between various points to secure experimental stations.

Instead of ground and money being offered for the leper colony it may be that the commission will have difficulty in fixing upon a location without meeting with strenuous protests from the people of the place selected. Opposition may be expected even in the midst of the alkali deserts of El Paso county.

The state health department has called a conference of local health officers to be held in Austin on October 7 and 8, the principal purpose being to ratify the code proposed by the state board of health. The county judges throughout the state have been asked to urge upon the commissioner's courts suitable appropriations to defray the expenses of the county health officers so they may attend the conference.

Agricultural Commissioner Kone has returned from another trip over the Western part of the state in the search of a site for the experiment stations, to be located west of the 98 meridian, visiting among other places Sweetwater, Toyah, Lorain and points in Mitchell county. The board will probably be called by the lieutenant governor to meet and decide fully the site for the West Texas stations.

Of the state banks in Texas, approximately 100 in number, \$12 have notified the state banking department of their acceptance of the guarantee plan to secure depositors and 12 have accepted the bonding system. Each bank must make its selection before October 1, or be subject to a severe penalty imposed by law.

The approaching visit of President Taft to Texas is causing no stir at the capital. It is not certain that the governor intends to meet the president at all during the latter's visit to the state, since he has decided not to go to El Paso when the two presidents meet there. Since the president

has shown no desire to call on the governor, the latter appears to entertain no special wish to meet the president, and it is possible that the latter may pass through Texas, spending a week or ten days in passing, without meeting the chief executive of the state.

It is not expected that the governor's official family will follow the lead of the chief, for most of them are planning to meet and greet the president at some time during his stay in Texas.

### Central West Texas Day

Thursday, October 28th, has been designated as Central West Texas Day at the Texas State Fair at Dallas, and the Central West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs has taken the matter in hand and will arrange for a special train to Dallas on that day and it is expected a large number from this part of the state will go.

### Baptist Church

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. Subject, "The relationship of the Church to Christ."

Jr. B. Y. P. U. 3:00 p. m.

Sunbeams at Mrs. S. H. Morrison's at 8:00 p. m.

Sr. B. Y. P. U. at 4:00 p. m.

Preaching at 8:00 p. m. Subject, "No one cares for my soul."

Our services are held at the Court House. We would be glad to have you come and worship with us.

WILSON C. ROGERS, Pastor.

W. H. Brennan, of Seminole, was here Saturday.

\$1,000.00 accident policy for 31c. Ask McGowan Bros.

Mrs. V. Van Gieson and Mrs. J. B. Young of Toyah, visited friends here this week.

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I. H. Park returned Wednesday from Kansas City, where he accompanied Mrs. Park who will remain there several weeks longer.

Our Weatherbird shoes for children are high grade. See them.

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### Hobson Lectures

Monday night Hon. Richmond P. Hobson, Congressman from Alabama, delivered his great lecture, "America's Mission to the World," at the Big Springs Auditorium, and was greeted by a large audience who were delighted with the manner in which Mr. Hobson presented his subject. He is of the opinion that this country should fortify herself against the yellow peril, in other words, the Chinese and Japanese, as he thinks they are preparing to overrun this country and give us a bad time. He says the Japanese are concentrating on the islands of the Pacific ocean and in the next two or three years will attempt to invade this country, peacefully or otherwise. He said that America's Mission is to carry peace to all the world and not war, and that it is in a position to do so from the fact of its location a great wealth.

Mr. Hobson has studied the conditions of which he spoke by visiting the different countries of the world and investigating conditions as they exist.

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I have installed a complete, up to date plant for handling all kinds of feed, especially Kaffir corn and milo-maize. If you have feed you want to sell I will buy it, if you want to buy feed I will sell it to you right. Have just received straight ears of new Texas bran, chaps, nice bright ones, alfalfa and hay and can make you good prices on any quantity. Deliveries made promptly to any part of the city. Quality and price always guaranteed. Phone 250. Office in rear of First National Bank.

C. E. Morris.

The following is a very truthful remark: "The man who grows up in his native town is regarded as a boy by his elders until he is well started down the declivity of life that ends in a hole. The stranger who comes into a place is more often pushed to the front than the young man who has grown up with the town. This is the reason why so many young men become dissatisfied with their home surroundings and long to cast their lot in other quarters."

T. A. Potter, of Sylvestre, was here this week on a visit to his son, J. D. Potter, and his daughters, Mesdames F. O. Vaughan and Guy C. Brown.

J. S. Murphy and family have gone to Kansas City, Mo., where they will make their home. Gil Jackson succeeds Mr. Murphy as manager of the Burton-Lingo lumber yard.

In our shoe department you will find such makes as Nettleton's and Dr. Reed's Cusion Soft Shoes for men and Red-Cross Shoes for women.

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A cartoon appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram last Friday that was one of the best we have seen in some time. It was drawn by Joe Jim Green of this place and represented Uncle Sam with Cook and Peary seated on his knees. "Now boys, tell me the truth" tells the story it is meant to illustrate.

What West Texas needs is a class of people that will send to their friends in other states the newspapers published in their respective towns and cities. West Texas has the methods—truthful, reliable papers galore and the east would gladly have them if their friends in the west only thought enough of them to send them.—San Angelo Standard.

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Samp Connell, sheriff of Williamson county, spent Tuesday here the guest of S. D. Bainbridge and family.

Mrs. J. H. Eply, of Midland, returned home Wednesday after a visit of four days with Mrs. W. V. Eavin of this place.

The Big Springs Baptist Association met at Salem Thursday morning and will be in session the remainder of the week.

J. E. McCarty of Lamesa was here yesterday. He reports the Santa Fe surveyors at his town and says they are hunting a route to get out south from that place.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is today the best known medicine in use for the relief and cure of bowel complaints. It cures griping, diarrhoea, dysentery, and should be taken at the first unnatural looseness of the bowels. It is equally valuable for children and adults. It always cures. Sold by all druggists.

Mrs. J. S. Bledsoe left Friday morning for Dallas on a visit to her mother.

For Rent—Two nice east front rooms suitable for light house-keeping, at Sam Eason place 4 blocks east of court house. Apply to C. C. Smith.

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## A Most Hearty Welcome

to each of you who visit our store, and we are anxious that you become a customer if not already one. Our groceries are fresh, you know we are styled

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- 1. The news items of the home community.
- 2. The things in which you are most interested.
- 3. The births, weddings, deaths of the people you know.
- 4. The social affairs of our own and surrounding towns.

These are the kind of facts this paper gives you in every issue. They are certainly worth the subscription price.

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## EVENTS BOILED DOWN

### DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

### NOTHING GOOD GOT AWAY

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

The amateur aviator continues to come back to earth sometimes with only a dull thud, sometimes with only a few bones broken, but generally the other way.

Of course, more women attend church than men. Men haven't any penicillin hats to exhibit, and are not even allowed to wear in church such hats as they have.

In England what we name a "grinch" is known as a "hump." To "get a hump on yourself" in the United States is quite different from getting a "hump" in England.

The news is borne out to the entire civilized world that King Alfonso of Spain is growing side whiskers. The ulterior motive may be to disguise himself so the anarchists will not recognize him.

The mayor of Tokyo will send 20,000 cherry trees to President Taft at Washington. This is a sort of manifold repetition of history, since it was one cherry tree which originally made Washington famous.

In the city of Washington it is the custom of society women to ring for a messenger boy and have him button their waists up the back. And this, too, at the very center of agitation against cruel and unusual labor for children.

A medical journal in London declares that school children under eight in that city are habitual drinkers. If this is true, and the nation drinks in proportion to the infant tipplers, it is no wonder that the country is on the verge of panic from seeing phantom invasions.

A New York boy was looked up two weeks in jail awaiting trial for the larceny of two cents. It must be impressed on the rising generation that stealing on so small a scale must be discouraged by all the drastic means possible. Then they will grow up free and untrammelled to become frenzied financiers.

The comptroller of the currency reports another batch of new national banks, with capital ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000. These comparatively small institutions are started in localities where they meet real business needs, and hence illustrate the successful working of a policy adopted by congress with that end in view.

Isn't it about time for a new terminology of power? Measurement by horse power has existed from time immemorial, and still serves its purpose. But for power upon the water a query of fitness arises, and as to airships in an element where no horse could possibly draw anything the use of the term horse power makes for humor when you come to think of it.

The story from Washington that a British royal commission has reversed Dr. Wiley on arriving at a decision as to what constitutes genuine whiskey is worthy of note because of the fact that there are expert testers not only in England but also in Scotland and in Ireland. There is no denying the fact that many residents of these countries know whereof they speak when they express their opinion on the subject of whiskey.

A sharp summer gale caught the fleet of the New York Yacht club during its run of 152 miles from Vineyard Haven to Portland, and as a result only about six stanch yachts out of more than a score reached the port of destination. The others were driven to shelter with the loss of spars and canvas; but the fact that no serious casualties have been reported is evidence that the New York yachtsmen are something more than "carpet sailors."

It has been decided in Washington that boys who play marbles "for keeps" are gamblers in the meaning of the law and liable to arrest and punishment for so heinous an offense. It is cheering to the law-abiding of the nation to know that in its capital the gambling laws are so strictly enforced, though as the particular boys in question were released with a lecture, there is grave doubt about the propriety of letting loose such dangerous criminals on the community.

A curious case is that of the Wisconsin judge who has abandoned the practice of law and taken up work in a factory. From time to time this jurist has felt the impulse to manual labor, and has wandered off and gratified his inclinations. He seemed to have a dual personality, one of which leads him to learning in the law and active participation in legal pursuits, the other finding pleasure only in toiling with his hands. And yet there are persons not inclined to work with either hand or brain.

It was bound to come. Every forward movement results in a world's gathering of the devotees. Aviation has progressed so far that an international conference is to be held, and France, which has done a whole lot of experimenting, proposes such an assemblage. One outcome may be a set of rules governing the use of airships in war and also as common carriers. Since flying machines can ignore boundary lines something may have to be done to define jurisdiction above the earth.

The second section of the Denver and Rio Grande train No. 5 was held up near Malta Thursday night, near Leadville, Colo. The express car was dynamited. The robbers escaped, but a posse is in pursuit. It is known how much plunder was secured.

The negro, Tom Wilson, charged with killing County Attorney Nickels last Saturday night at the turpentine camp in the northern part of Harrison County, was convicted and sentenced to hang Friday, Oct. 22. The jury was out fifteen minutes.

The Postal Department in Washington is just now concerned over a fight between the Santa Fe, the Rock Island and the Southern Pacific, which is blocking the efforts to get a sixty-hour mail service between Kansas City and Los Angeles.

Right Rev. William George McCloskey, bishop of the Catholic diocese of Kentucky, and the oldest catholic bishop in the United States, both in age and point of continuous service, died Friday in Louisville, of ailments incident to old age. He was 86 years old.

Bishop Seth Ward of Houston, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died Monday afternoon, in Japan. The bishop arrived at Kobe last month on a regular tour of inspection of the Methodist missions in Japan, and he was taken ill shortly after his arrival.

Three persons were injured and many passengers hurried about and brained when Iron Mountain outboard passenger train No. 25, bound for Poplar Bluff, Mo., crashed into and side-swiped a Frisco line freight train at a crossing, Thursday, near St. Louis.

The ninety-ninth anniversary of the independence of Mexico was celebrated throughout the Republic Thursday with much enthusiasm.

Early Friday, at Paxon, a small village on the Rock Island, south of Lawton Okla., in the pasture district, fire destroyed a half block of business property. Loss about \$10,000.

John Reed, the McLennan County Tax Assessor, has just completed the compilation of his report for the year just closed, the report showing a total of \$2,676,083 of taxable values, which is an increase of \$700,000.

According to Judge S. H. Cowan of Fort Worth, Tex., attorney for the National Stock Association and the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, the country is confronted with unheard of prices for beef this winter.

Erries having closed Thursday, it was announced that three aeromats will participate in the \$10,000 airship race from New York to Ribsby during the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

Orders have been issued to all Katy engineers to avoid working steam when passing platforms where cotton is stred. The object is to avoid causing fires from sparks.

Nearly one thousand miles of railroad are under construction in Texas at the time, or will be as fast as the propositions can be reached. The exact total of mileage agreed upon and part of which is under construction is 744 miles.

The Farmers' Union in Hill county, through its executive committee, has made arrangements with W. L. Moody & Co. and other cotton factors to consign all cotton so desired to these Galveston firms, and where cotton is to be sold on arrival the owners can make light draft for \$45 per bale.

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MARTIN, N.J.—I feel that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has given me new life. I suffered for ten years with serious female troubles, inflammation, ulceration, indigestion, nervousness, and could not sleep. Doctors gave me up, as they said my troubles were chronic. I was in despair, and did not care whether I lived or died, when I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; so I began to take it, and am well again and relieved of all my suffering. —Mrs. GEORGE JONNY, Box 40, Martin, N.J.

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If you would like special advice about your case write a confidential letter to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free, and always helpful.

IS SURE TO.



Mrs. W.—So your husband has gone fishing?  
Mrs. H.—Yes.  
Mrs. W.—I hope he will catch a nice lot and bring them home.  
Mrs. H.—I don't know whether he will catch any or not, but he will bring some home. He always takes his pocketbook when he goes fishing.

Fooled Them Thirteen Years;  
Frank Nelson, former state superintendent of public instruction of Kansas, and "Cap." Gibson, the veteran record clerk in Auditor Nathan's office, are great friends. Nelson is now president of a Minnesota college.

When Nelson was still in the state house he and Gibson had a talk one day about teaching school. "I was once a school teacher," volunteered Gibson.  
"Is that so?" asked Nelson. "How long?"  
"Yes, I fooled 'em 13 years," replied "Cap."  
"How is that?" asked Nelson.  
"Oh," said "Cap." "I quit when teachers had to qualify."—Kansas City Journal.

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Agrees with Him About Food.

A trained nurse says: "In the practice of my profession I have found so many points in favor of Grape-Nuts food that I unhesitatingly recommend it to all my patients.

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"Every reader of the above letter! A new and complete book, "The Road to Well-Being," is now ready from the Dept. of Home Remedies."

The contract for the construction of a new heating plant at the University of Texas in Austin was let Monday, the price being a little over \$69,000.

It is reported that the Texas Short Line, the present southern terminus of which is at Grand Saline, is to be extended from Abilene to Paris.

Greenville was visited Thursday by one of the most destructive conflagrations in a year or two. Damage estimated at \$75,000.

The Commissioners' Court of Fisher County has awarded the contract for a new court house. The contract price is \$65,000.

B. G. Lewis, aged 76, and Mrs. Helen Stanley, 67, both of the Paradise community, near Decatur, were married Tuesday.

Aerial police will be used in New Bryan during the Hudson-Fulton celebration for the first time in the history of the country.

Fire destroyed a bridge on the Katy between Fort Worth and Egan Monday. Trains are detoured via the Santa Fe through Cleburne from Fort Worth.

Bids were opened Thursday at the Treasury Department for the construction of a public building at San Angelo, the building to cost \$125,000.

The National Red Cross Monday issued an appeal to all its branches in the United States to procure food and clothing for the benefit of the flood sufferers in Mexico.

Counting one boy who walked from Bryan, the railroads up to 9 o'clock Monday morning deposited 185 students at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for the opening of the thirty-fourth annual session.

The last spike was driven Monday afternoon by the Katy steel gang which has been engaged in laying heavy rails on the line from Deason to Whitesboro.

Reports received in Honolulu by wireless telegraph states that the volcano Kilauea is extraordinarily active. Lava is rising fast and is now only 100 feet from the rim of the crater.

About 3,000 excursionists arrived in Galveston Saturday night and Sunday morning and spent Sunday viewing the sights of the port and enjoying the various attractions and diversions of the seashore.

Local people with Georgia connections are putting in a marble yard for Brady. This is the first institution of the kind in this place. They will open with several car loads of material.

After attaining a velocity of sixty miles an hour at 7 o'clock Monday night, the West Indian hurricane reduced at a late hour in its intensity. Four known dead in New Orleans. Property damage will exceed \$100,000.

The National Lumber and Creosoting Company's creosoting plant, situated near Texarkana was destroyed by fire Sunday, together with about \$25,000 worth of stock. The total loss is estimated at about \$90,000.

Arriving in El Paso Oct. 16, to meet President Porfirio Diaz of Mexico, President William Howard Taft will be greeted by thousands of persons from El Paso, Juarez, Mexico, and from the entire Southwest.

Eight trainmen killed and fifteen passengers injured, two fatally, is the result of a collision between a passenger and freight train Wednesday on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway, twenty miles west of Nashville, Tenn.

There is quite a scarcity of labor in Hunt County, especially north and west of Greenville. Farmers in the northern and western parts of the county have made fairly good cotton crops, and they are unable to get a sufficient number of cotton pickers to pick the crop out.

Charged with being implicated in the plot to kill President Figueroa of the Republic of Salvador, Gen. Jose Dolores Preza and Gen. Damas Copelin are behind prison bars in the capital of the Republic of Central America, according to letters received in Mexico City Friday.

The Insular Government (Manila) will soon ship to the Bureau of Insular Affairs at Washington nearly half a ton of opium, the proceeds of many customs seizures.

The North-German Lloyd steamship Cassel arrived in Galveston Friday morning, bringing 503 immigrants and tourists from various points in Europe.

Denison is now shipping 40 car loads of water to points south on the Katy every day. The city owns its own water plant and has an abundance.

The first show of violence in the Omaha street car strike occurred Saturday when an interurban was wrecked by strike sympathizers between here and Council Bluffs and the conductor was hit in the face by a brick.

The executive committee of the East Texas Poultry Association met Tuesday, in Tyler, and fixed December 30-31 and January 1, as the dates for holding the next show.

The Jack County Creamery began operations in Jacksboro on Sept. 8, under favorable conditions, and is now progressing nicely with an ever-increasing supply of milk.

Hog cholera costs the farmers of the United States \$40,000,000 annually, according to estimates presented Thursday at the closing session of the Interstate Association of State Board of Live Stock Commissioners.

Gov. Campbell Wednesday appointed to the Texas fire rating board Harry L. Wright of Palestine and Robert M. Hamby of Austin.

Corsicans Odd Fellows Tuesday began preparations for the assembling there October 11 and 12, of the grand encampment of Odd Fellows and the grand lodge of Carlons.



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Next Door South of McCamant Drug Co.

### Local and Personal

Dr. McCoy of Tahoka was here yesterday.

Rexall's the up to date patent medicine. McCamant's.

J. W. Neill, of Auto, was in the city Tuesday.

Beneditto Allegretti's delicious candies for sale at McCamant's.

J. T. Johnson and wife, of Coahoma, were visitors to our town Tuesday.

Patronize home industry. J. O. Gibson for clothes.

I. Curlee and wife visited their son, J. J. Curlee, at Lamesa last week.

J. O. Gibson makes a specialty in cleaning, pressing, alterations, etc., phone 325.

Sterling Silver and plated silverware, every piece warranted.—Reagan's.

W. H. Garten, postmaster and merchant at Sparenberg, was in the city Tuesday.

Rexall's famous remedies of which there is one for each ailment. At McCamant's.

Ask J. O. Gibson to show you the latest things in gray suitings for fall and winter.

R. L. McCamant made a business trip to Dallas the first of the week.

Crayon! crayon! crayon! for school, at Biles & Gentry's.

Ramers' chocolates, the best, at Biles & Gentry's.

Miss Eva Ingham left Monday for Austin where she will enter the State University.

A. G. Bolton, wife and son returned yesterday from a three weeks visit to southern Texas.

Come in and let us make you acquainted with the famous Rexall's remedies. Only at McCamant's.

"Can be depended upon" is an expression we all like to hear, and when it is used in connection with Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy it means that it never fails to cure diarrhoea, dysentery or bowel complaints. It is pleasant to take and equally valuable for children and adults. Sold by all druggists.

#### Strayed.

My small herd of goats strayed from my place on Sept. 5th. Will pay suitable reward for their recovery.

O. C. Bayes, Knott, Texas.

#### Specialist.

I treat all diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, also have glasses and pay special attention to fitting them. Consultation and examination free. Big Springs Sept. 27 and 28, office at McCamant Drug Co.

I. E. Smith, M. D. Weatherford, Texas.

See H. B. Arnold for anything in sheet metal work, will please you if I can. Am no amateur workman.

Rev. Joe Bell of Stanton spent Monday here and attended the Hobson lecture that night.

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

# The Place to Buy

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

# The Western Windmill Co.

## Buy the best--Buy Eupion

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

Ask your grocer for Eupion and take no other

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Razors from \$1.00 up, all guaranteed, at Biles & Gentry's.

J. W. Shive, president of the Coahoma State Bank, was in Big Springs Monday.

A large assortment of pipes, all kinds, at Biles & Gentry's.

Hon. Richmond P. Hobson was the guest of Dr. E. H. Happel and wife during his stay in Big Springs.

A \$1,000 accident insurance policy only 31 cents. Ask how to obtain one at Ward's.

School supplies for every one at Reagan's.

O. G. Kershner and wife have returned from Snyder where they spent the summer.

A fine line of perfumes, toilet waters and soaps just received. Biles & Gentry.

For high grade merchandise at the very lowest price come to our store.

A. P. McDonald & Co. The Shoe Men and Gents Furrishers.

## Millinery Opening

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 28th.

A notable style event. Our showing next Wednesday and Thursday of New Imported and Domestic Models and our exclusive original creations and designs for the coming Fall and Winter Season. This will be the most attractive display we have ever undertaken. The showing is characterized by masterpieces of the foremost style originators. No lady in Big Springs and vicinity can afford to miss seeing this beautiful display of Hats, in particular the celebrated Gage Bros. Hats of Chicago which will be on exhibition during the opening days. You are most cordially invited to attend.

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## MILLINERY

You are most cordially invited to come and inspect our line of Tailored and Pattern Hats which will be on display TUESDAY, September 28, 1909.

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

For fine candies try Jacob's, made last night—Reagan's.

Frank Powell has gone to Corpus Christi where he will attend school.

For Sale—One fine French poodle dog. For price address P. O. Box 364.

A full line of the unequalled Rexall perfumes and toilet waters. McCamant.

950 acres of choice land, 8 miles northeast of town, 360 acres in cultivation, 4 sets of improvements, 4 wells and 3 windmills. This is as good land as there is in Howard county. Price \$20 per acre, half cash, balance easy terms. For particulars call at this office. 49-41

## Read Market and Store

That bread was fine and the pickles were splendid, but oh that Baby Beef furnished by Elew Read (5000 lbs. needed) for the Labor Day Picnic was—well every one on the ground had a compliment for this fine beef.

For juicy steaks, tender roasts, sausage and barbecued meats, do not forget the place.

We have no rents to pay, and we treat our boys so nicely that they work for us for nothing; therefore we can give you more for your dimes and dollars than any one. Do not listen to Mr. Buttinsky, but order a roast today and see for yourself.

Best prices paid for your fat calves, good butter and chickens.

Phone 180

New Market



# WINNING AGAINST FATE

EDWARD B. CLARK

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**W**ASHINGTON.—In the war department in Washington is a letter written by Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles in praise of the deeds of five enlisted men. Gen. Miles' letter is written as simply as becomes a soldier, but it is a pulse-stirring epistle. It is probable that nowhere else in authentic history can there be found an account of a battle won by a force of men when the odds against them were 25 to 1. In no story which can be told concerning the people of the plains is there to be found a tale of greater heroism than that shown by a little contingent of enlisted men of the Sixth United States cavalry down near the Red river in Texas, in the summer of the year 1874. The Sixth cavalry has had a fighting history, but this particular story shines bright in its pages.



they were the besieged, and subsequent events proved that he was not in error. Suddenly the Utes took to shelter behind the rocks which were scattered in the open. They had lost one man from the fire of the besieged. They were afraid to charge, knowing that to sweep up that slope, even with only two rifles covering it, meant death for several of their band. Hall led his men to a position on the flank of the savages and sent in four shots. The bullets were the first notice that the Utes had that they had two parties to deal with. They changed their position again in a twinkling, and located themselves so that they were under cover from both directions, but they sent a volley in the face of the little detachment that had ridden in to the rescue. To charge the enemy with his three men meant certain death to Hall and his troopers. The lieuten-

The Comanches, the Cheyennes and the Kiowas were on the warpath and were leaving a red trail all along the borders of western Kansas. General, then colonel, Nelson A. Miles, was ordered to take the field against the savages. His expedition fitted out at Fort Dodge, and then struck for the far frontier. The combined bands of Indians learned that the troops were on their trail and they fled south to the Red river, of Texas, hotly pursued by two troops of the Sixth cavalry, commanded by Captains Biddle and Compton.

On the bluffs of the Tule river the allied braves made a stand. There were 600 warriors, all told, and they were the finest of the mounted plains Indians. The meager forces of the Sixth, under the leadership of their officers, charged straight at the heart of a force that should have been overwhelming. The Utes broke and fled "over the bluffs and through the deep precipitous canyons and out on to the staked plain of Texas."



## STORM DAMAGE HEAVY

DEATHS ARE FEW BUT PROPERTY LOSS REACHES TO A VERY HIGH FIGURE.

## FROM FLORIDA TO TEXAS LINE

New Orleans, Mobile, Jackson, Gulf port and Numerous Other Cities in Pathway of Hurricane.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 22.—With lines of communication still interrupted and with practically no information whatever from any of the larger cities and towns, it is now known that the equinoctial storm of the past forty hours has covered all the coast country from Florida to Texas, extending with its full force as far north as the Alabama boundary, through Southern Mississippi and Louisiana and up the river as far as Natchez and Vicksburg. Later, the storm turned northward with diminishing force, reaching Jackson, Miss., giving Memphis a touch of its tail and passing on to Nashville and the north.

It is now established that none of the great cities in the path of the storm suffered any appalling disaster, though of course, they were all hit and damaged to some extent. There were four lives lost at New Orleans.

Jackson, Miss., reports the killing of two men, who were crushed under a falling building. At all these places and at other localities of less importance there was destruction of property.

But as to the interior country the greatest apprehension has been entertained, and from all that area there has been absolutely no information. Telegraph and telephone wires are down and the railroads are out of commission. And as the hurricane was accompanied by heavy rainfall, it is to be assumed that the country roads are overflowed, washed away and deprived of bridges.

## GOVERNOR JOHNSON DEAD

Three Times Governor of Minnesota, and Otherwise Great Man.

Rochester, Minn., Gov. Johnson, three times elected Governor of Minnesota, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States in 1908 and looked upon by many throughout the country as the probable Democratic National standard bearer in 1912, died at St. Mary's Hospital here at 3:25 o'clock Tuesday morning, following an operation last Wednesday.

## Wounded in 1861; Now Dead.

Amarillo: After suffering for forty-eight years from effects of a poisoned arrow shot from the bow of a savage Indian, Col. J. T. Pollard died Tuesday at his home at McLean, Tex. Col. Pollard, who was a close personal friend of Gen. Sam Houston and of Col. Charles Goodnight and other notable Texans of the earlier days, had resided in the state sixty-four years.

## St. Louisan Buys 267,367 Acres.

El Paso: One of the biggest deals recorded in many years was the sale Tuesday by W. F. Payne of this city to W. L. Wright of St. Louis of the famous Frontera grant. The property is located on the Mexican Central, forty miles south of Juarez, and contains 267,367 acres, and the price paid for it was \$1 per acre.

## Many Lives Lost.

Havana, Cuba: News is constantly arriving from the towns in Pinar del Rio telling of disaster caused by the latest hurricane. Many lives were lost. It is impossible to ascertain the number, for telegraph communication is completely interrupted.

## Suit Involves Millions.

Vicksburg, Miss.: A suit filed in the Chancery Court here Tuesday under the anti-trust laws, with thirty or more insurance companies as defendants, involves maximum damages aggregating \$250,000,000.

## Judge Eugene Williams Dead.

Waco: Judge Eugene Williams, one of the most prominent lawyers in Waco, died in a street car late Tuesday from congestion, or heart disease, it has not been determined which.

## Tyler City Tax Rolls.

Tyler: The City Assessor and Collector has completed the city tax roll for this year. The total amount of real and personal property assessed is \$4,468,210, as against \$4,226,584 last year, showing a gain of \$241,726.

## Veins of Lignite Coal.

Sulphur Springs: While in search of more water Will Wilson and Hub Bird were having wells dug on their premises in the western part of town this week, when they struck veins of lignite coal of a very good quality.

## \$2,000,000 Cement Plant Proposed.

Sapulpa, Okla.: C. J. Crawford of Cape Girardeau, Mo., is in the city this week, accompanied by Mr. Anderson, the industrial agent of the Frisco. Mr. Crawford wants to erect a \$2,000,000 cement mill in this city.

## Bank Aid for Flood Victims.

Washington: The National Red Cross Monday issued an appeal to all its branches in the United States to procure food and clothing for the help of the flood sufferers in Mexico.

# Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna

Cleanses the System Effectually. Dispers colds and Headaches due to Constipation. Acts naturally, acts truly as a Laxative. Best for Men, Women and Children—Young and Old. To get its beneficial effects always buy the Genuine, manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. SOLD BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS one size only, regular price—50¢ per bottle.



Aunt—Well, Johnny, I suppose you had a nice sojourn in the country? Johnny—Um, well, I had lots of nice apples an' peaches an' watermelons an' things, but I guess them sojourn things wasn't ripe yet.

## COVERED WITH HIVES.

Child a Mass of Dreadful Sores, Itching, Irritating Humor for 2 Months—Little Sufferer in Terrible Plight.

## Disease Cured by Cuticura.

"My six year old daughter had the dreadful disease called hives for two months. She became affected by playing with children who had it. By scratching she caused large sores which were irritating. Her body was a complete sore but it was worse on her arms and back. We employed a physician who left medicine but it did not help her and I tried several remedies but without avail. Seeing the Cuticura Remedies advertised, I thought I would try them. I gave her a hot bath daily with Cuticura Soap and anointed her body with Cuticura Ointment. The first treatment relieved the itching and in a short time the disease disappeared. Mrs. George L. Fridhoff, Warren, Mich., June 30 and July 13, 1908."

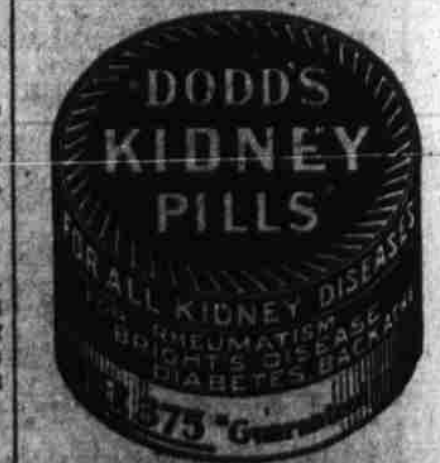
## Hypocrite in the Hereafter.

Dr. Madison C. Peters was discussing the question, "Will the comings man marry?" He instanced a certain type of bachelor. "This man," he said, "is a hypocrite. He uses his religion as a cloak." "And what will he do in the next world, eh?" said the reporter. "Oh," said Dr. Peters, "he won't need any cloak there."

## Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the signature of *Wm. D. Little*. In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

"I am convinced," said the proprietor of the jeweler's shop, as the plate glass window shattered into a million fragments and the chauffeur and his machine began to nestle behind the counter, "that the taxicab has come to stay."—London Globe.



## SICK HEADACHE

CARTER'S LIVER PILLS. They also relieve the most distressing cases of Biliousness, Indigestion and Bowel Complaint. A perfect remedy for Headache, Neuralgia, Irritability, Stomach Troubles, Flatulence, Constipation, Pains in the Side, TORPID LIVER. Small Pills. Small Dose. Small Price. Genuine Must Bear Face-Signature. REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.



forcements were needed and it was necessary as well, to inform the troops at a distance that bands of hostiles had broken away from the main body and must be met and checked.

The whole country was swarming with Indians and the trip to Camp Supply was one that was deemed almost certain death for the couriers who would attempt to make the ride. The commanding officer of the forces in the field asked for volunteers and Sergt. Zacharias T. Woodall of I Troop stepped forward and said that he was ready to go. His example was followed by every man in the two troops, and that day cowardice was his head.

The ranking captain chose Woodall, and then picked out four men to accompany him on the ride across the Indian-infested wilderness. The five cavaliers went northward under the starlight. At the dawn of the first day they pitched their dog tents in a little hollow and started to make the morning cup of coffee.

When full day was come they saw circling on the horizon a swarm of Cheyennes. The eye of the sergeant told him from the movements of the Indians that they knew of the presence of the troopers and that their circle formation was for the purpose of gradually closing in to the killing.

Sergt. Woodall and his four men chose a place near their bivouac which offered some slight advantage for the purposes of defense. There they waited with carbines advanced, while the red column closed in its lines. The Cheyennes charged, and while charging sent a volley into the little prairie stronghold. Five carbines made answer, and five Cheyenne ponies carried their dead or wounded riders out of range, for in that day mounted Indians went into battle tied to their horses.

Behind the little rampart Sergt. Woodall lay sorely wounded and one man was dying. Let the letter of Gen. Miles tell the rest of the story. "From early morning to dark, outnumbered 25 to 1, under an almost constant fire and at such a short range that they sometimes used their pistols, retaining the last charge to prevent capture and torture, this little party of five defended their lives and the person of their dying comrade, without food, and their only drink the rainwater that they collected in a pool, mingled with their own

blood. There is no doubt that they killed more than double their number, besides those they wounded. The simple recital of the deeds of the five soldiers and the mention of the odds

against which they fought, how the dying defended the dying and the dying aided the wounded by exposure to fresh wounds after the power of action was gone—these alone present a scene of cool courage, heroism and self-sacrifice which duty as well as inclina-

tion prompt us to recognize, but which we cannot fitly honor. When night came down over the Texas prairie the Cheyennes counted their dead and their wounded and then fled terror-stricken, overcome by the valor of five American

soldiers. Heroism was the order in the old plains' days. In the White River valley of Colorado a detachment of troops was surrounded by Utes, and for four days the soldiers, starving and thirsting, made a heroic defense against the swarming Utes. Relief came from Fort D. A. Russell, whence Col. Wesley Merritt led a force to the rescue in one of the greatest and-quickest sides of army history.

After Merritt's legion had thrashed and scattered the Utes it was supposed that none of the savages was left in the valley. Lieut. Weir of the Ordnance corps, a son of the professor of drawing at the Military academy, was on a visit to the west, and was in the camp of the Fifth cavalry. A tenderfoot named Paul Hume had wandered out to the camp to look over the scene of the great fight. He knew Weir and he suggested a deer hunt.

The ordnance officer agreed to accompany him and off they started after having received a warning not to wander too far afield. The hunters, eager for the chase, went farther than they thought, and soon they changed from hunters to hunted.

A young lieutenant of the Fifth cavalry, William H. Hall, now stationed in Washington with the rank of brigadier general, was ordered to take a party of three men with him and to make a reconnaissance, for it suddenly became the thought of the commanding officer that there might be savages lurking about. Hall and his men struck into the foothills and circled the country for miles. In the middle of the afternoon they heard firing to the right and front. It was rapid and sharp, and Hall led his men straight whence it came.

ant thought quickly. He believed that if Weir and Hume could reach him, that the party of six, together, might make a retreat back to the camp, holding the pursuing Utes in check. It was a desperate chance, but better than staying where they were to starve and thirst or to be surprised and killed in a night rush of the savages.

Weir and Hume heard the shots of the troopers and knew that help, though it was feeble, was at hand. They saw the hovering smoke of the carbines, and thus located exactly the position of the troops. They started to do what Hall thought they would do. They made a dash for some rocks 20 yards nearer their comrades than were those behind which they were hiding.

The cavalry lieutenant knew that the path of Weir and Hume would be bullet spattered all the way, and that if they escaped being killed it would be because of a miracle. Then this striking lieutenant did something besides think. The instant that Weir and his comrade made their break from cover, Hall stood straight up and presented himself a fair and shining mark for the Ute bullets.

The Utes crashed a volley at him, ignoring Weir and Hume. The shots struck all around Hall, making a framework of spatters on the rock at his back, but he was unhurt, and Weir and his comrade were behind shelter at the end of the first stage of their journey. Hall dropped back to shelter and then in a moment, after Weir and Hume had a chance to draw breath for their second dash, he stood up once more, daring the death that seemed certain. The hunted ones struck for the next spot that offered shelter the instant that the Ute rifles spat their volley at the man who was willing to make of himself a sacrifice that others might live. Hall came through the second ordeal of fire unhurt, and once more he dropped back to shelter to prepare for the third trial with fate.

The Ute chieftain was alive by this time to the situation. He ordered his braves to fire, the one-half at Hall and the other half at the two who were now to run death's gauntlet. Hall stood up. Weir and Hume dashed out. The Utes divided their fire. Hall stood unhurt. Weir and Hume dropped dead within ten yards of the man who would have died for them.

Hall led his men back over the track that they had come, holding the Utes at bay. Aid came near the end of the perilous trail. Lieut. Hall is now in the military secretary's department at Washington with the rank of a brigadier general. His men told the story of that day in the White River valley, and a bit of bronze representing the medal of honor is worn by the veteran in recognition of a deed done for his fellows.

A woman never gets old enough not to think it isn't a shame for a woman who is as old as somebody else to dress the youthful way she does.—New York Press.





# WHISPERING SMITH

By FRANK H. SPEARMAN.

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**SYNOPSIS.**  
Murray Sinclair and his gang of wreckers were called out to clear the railroad tracks at Smoky Creek. McCloud, a young road superintendent, caught Sinclair and his men in the act of looting the wrecked train. Sinclair pleaded in a sycophantic manner, but McCloud, declaring it only amounted to a nuisance, ordered the whole outfit and ordered the wreckage burned. McCloud became acquainted with Dickie Dunning, a girl of the west, who came to look at the wreck.

**CHAPTER III.—Continued.**

"From the divide it looked like a mountain on fire. I'm sorry Mr. Sinclair is not here."  
"Why, indeed, yes, so am I."  
"Because I know him. You are one of his men, I presume."  
"Not exactly; but is there anything I can do—"  
"Oh, thank you, nothing, except that the pretty bay colt he sent over to us has sprung his shoulder."  
"He will be sorry to hear it, I'm sure."  
"But we are doing everything possible for him. He is going to make a perfectly lovely horse."  
"And whom may I say the message is from?" Though disconcerted, McCloud was regaining his wits. He felt perfectly certain there was no danger, if she knew Sinclair and lived in the mountains, but that she would sometime find out he was not a conductor. When he asked his question she appeared slightly surprised and answered easily: "Mr. Sinclair will know it is from Dickie Dunning."  
McCloud knew her then. Every one knew Dickie Dunning in the high country. This was Dickie Dunning of the great Crawling Stone ranch, most widely known of all the mountain ranches. While his stupidity is not guessing her identity before overwhelmed him, he resolved to exhaust the last effort to win her interest.

"I don't know just when I shall see Mr. Sinclair," he answered, gravely, "but he shall certainly have your message."  
A doubt seemed to steal over Dickie at the change in McCloud's manner. "Oh, pardon me—I thought you were working for the company."  
"You are quite right, I am; but Mr. Sinclair is not."  
Her eyebrows rose a little. "I think you are mistaken, aren't you?"  
"It is possible I am; but if he is working for the company, it is pretty certain that I am not," he continued, heaping mystification on her. "However, that will not prevent my delivering the message. By the way, may I ask which shoulder?"  
"Shoulder!"  
"Which shoulder is sprung?"  
"Oh, of course! The right shoulder, and it is sprung pretty badly, too, Cousin Lance says. How very stupid of me to ride over here for a freight wreck!"  
McCloud felt humiliated at having nothing better worth while to offer. "It was a very bad one," he ventured.  
"But not of the kind I can be of any help at, I fear."  
McCloud smiled. "We are certainly short of help."

Dickie brought her horse's head around. She felt again of the girl as she replied: "Not such as I can supply, I'm afraid." And with the words she stepped away, as if preparing to mount.  
McCloud intervened. "I hope you won't go away without resting your horse. The sun is so hot. Mayn't I offer you some sort of refreshment?"  
Dickie Dunning thought not.  
"The sun is very warm," persisted McCloud.  
Dickie smoothed her gauntlet in the assured manner natural to her. "I am pretty well used to it."  
But McCloud held on. "Several cars of fruit were destroyed in the wreck. I can offer you any quantity of grapes—crates of them are spoiling over there—and pears."  
"Thank you, I am just from lunch."  
"And I have cooled water in the car. I hope you won't refuse that, so far out in the desert."  
Dickie laughed a little. "Do you call this desert? I don't; and I don't call this desert by any means. Thank you ever so much for the water, but I'm not in the least thirsty."

"It was kind of you even to think of extending help. I wish you would let me send some fruit over to your ranch. It is only spoiling here."  
Dickie stroked the neck of her horse. "It is about 15 miles to the ranch house."  
"I don't call that far."  
"Oh, it isn't," she returned, hastily, professing not to notice the look that went with the words, "except for perishable things!" Then, as if acknowledging her disadvantage, she added, swinging her bridle rein around: "I am under obligations for the offer, just the same."  
"At least, won't you let your horse drink?" McCloud threw the force of an appeal into his words, and Dickie stopped her preparations and appeared to waver.  
"The horse is pretty thirsty, I suppose. Have you plenty of water?"  
"A tender fall. Had I better lead him down while you wait up on the hill in the shade?"

"Can't I ride him down?"  
"It would be pretty rough riding."  
"Oh, Jim goes anywhere," she said, with her attractive indifference to situations. "If you don't mind helping me mount."  
"With pleasure."  
She stood waiting for his hand and McCloud stood, not knowing just what to do. She glanced at him expectantly. The sun grew intensely hot.  
"You will have to show me how," he stammered at last.  
"Don't you know?"  
He mentally cursed the technical education that left him helpless at such a moment, but it was useless to pretend. "Frankly, I don't."  
"Just give me your hand. Oh, not in that way! But never mind, I'll walk," she suggested, catching up her skirt.  
The rocks will cut your boots all to pieces. Suppose you tell me what to do this once," he said, assuming some confidence. "I'll never forget."  
"Why, if you will just give me your hand for my foot, I can manage, you know."

He did not know, but she lifted her skirt graciously, and her crushed boot rested easily for a moment in his hand. She rose in the air above him before he could well comprehend. He felt the quick spring from his supporting hand, and it was an instant of exhilaration. Then she balanced herself with a flushed laugh in the saddle, and he guided her ahead among the loose rocks, the horse nosing at his elbow as they picked their way.  
Crossing the track, they gained better ground. As they reached the switch and passed a box car, Jim shied, and Dickie spoke sharply to him. McCloud turned.  
In the shade of the car lay the tramp.  
"That man lying there frightened him," explained Dickie. "Oh," she exclaimed, suddenly, "he has been hurt!" She turned away her head. "Is that the man who was in the wreck?"  
"Yes."  
"Do something for him. He must be suffering terribly."  
"The men gave him some water awhile ago, and when we moved him into the shade we thought he was dead."  
"He isn't dead yet!" Dickie's face, still averted, had grown white. "I saw him move. Can't you do something for him?"

She reined up at a little distance. McCloud bent over the man a moment and spoke to him. When he rose he called to the men on the track. "You are right," he said, rejoicing Dickie; "he is very much alive. His name is Wickwire; he is a cowboy."  
"A cowboy!"  
"A tramp cowboy."  
"What can you do with him?"  
"I'll have the men put him in the caboose and send him to Barnhart's hospital at Medicine Bend when the engine comes back. He may live yet. If he does, he can thank you for it."

**CHAPTER IV.**  
George McCloud.  
McCloud was an exception to every tradition that goes to make up a mountain railroad man. He was from New England, with a mild voice and a hand that roughened very slowly. McCloud was a classmate of Morris Blood's at the Boston "Tech," and the acquaintance began there continued after the two left school, with a scattering fire of letters between the mountains and New England, as few and as far between as men's letters usually scatter after an ardent school acquaintance.  
There were just two boys in the McCloud family—John and George. One had always been intended for the church, the other for science. Somehow the boys got mixed in their studies, and John got into the church. For George, who ought to have been a clergyman, nothing was left but a long engineering course for which, after he got it, he appeared to have no use. However, it seemed a little late to shift the life alignments. John had the pulpit and appeared disposed to keep it, and George was left, like a New England farm, to wonder what had become of himself.

It is, nevertheless, odd how matters come about. John McCloud, a prosperous young clergyman, stopped on a California trip at Medicine Bend to see brother George's classmate and something of a real western town. He saw nothing sensational—it was there, but he did not see it—but he found both hospitality and gentlemen, and, if surprised, was too well-bred to admit it. His one-day stop ran on to several days. In leaving, John McCloud, in a seventh heaven of enthusiasm over the high country, asked Morris Blood why he could not find something for George out there; and Blood, not even knowing the boy wanted to come, wrote for him, and asked Bucks to give him a job. Possibly, being oversolicitous, George was nervous when he talked to Bucks; possibly the impression left by his big, strong, bluff brother John made against the boy; at all events, Bucks, after he talked with George, shook his head. "I could make a first-class railroad man out of the preacher, Morris, but

not out of the brother. Yes, I've talked with him. He can't do anything but figure elevations, and, by heaven, we can't feed our own engineers here now." So George found himself stranded in the mountains.  
Morris Blood was cut up over it, but George McCloud took it quietly. "I'm no worse off here than I was back there, Morris." Blood, at that, plucked up courage to ask George to take a job in the Cold Springs mines, and George jumped at it. It was impossible to get a white man to live at Cold Springs after he could save money enough to get away, so George was welcomed as assistant superintendent at the Number Eight mine, with no salary to speak of and all the work.

One day, coming down "special" from Bear Dance, Gordon Smith, who bore the nickname Whispering Smith, rode with President Bucks in the privacy of his car. The day had been long, and the alkali lay light on the desert. The business in hand had been canvassed, and the troubles put aside for chicken, coffee and cigars, when Smith, who did not smoke, told the story of something he had seen the day before at Cold Springs that pleased him.  
The men in the Number Eight mine had determined to get rid of some Italians, and after a good deal of rowing had started in to catch one of

them and hang him. They had chosen a time when McCloud, the assistant superintendent of the mine, was down with mountain fever. It was he who had put the Italians into the mine. He had already defended them from injury, and would be likely, it was known, to do so again if he were able. On this day a mob had been chasing the dago, and had at length captured one. They were running him down the street to a telegraph pole when the assistant superintendent appeared in scant attire and stopped them. Taking advantage of the momentary confusion, he hustled their victim into the only place of refuge at hand, a billiard hall. The mob rushed the hall. In the farthest corner the unlucky Italian, bleeding like a bullock and insane with fright, knelt, clinging to McCloud's shaky knees. In trying to make the back door the two had been cut off, and the sick boss had got into a corner behind a pool table to make his stand. In his pocket he had a pistol, knowing that to use it meant death to him as well as to the wretch he was trying to save. Fifty men were yelling in the room. They had rope, hatchets, a sprinkling of guns, and whisky enough to burn the town, and in the corner behind a pool table stood the mining boss with mountain fever, the dago and a broken billiard cue.

Bucks took the cigar from his mouth, leaned forward in his chair, and stretched his heavy chin out of his neck as if the situation now promised a story. The leader, Smith continued, was the mine blacksmith, a strapping Welshman, from whom McCloud had taken the Italian in the street. The blacksmith had a revolver, and was crazy with liquor. McCloud singled him out in the crowd, pointed a finger at him, got the atten-



"I'm Coming to Medicine Bend, Superintendent!"

tion of the men, and lashed him across the table with his tongue until the blacksmith opened fire on him with his revolver. McCloud all the while shaking his finger at him and abusing him like a pickpocket. "The crowd couldn't believe its eyes," Gordon Smith concluded, "and McCloud was pushing for the blacksmith with his cue, when Kennedy and I squirmed through to the front and relieved the tension. McCloud wasn't hit."

"What is that mining man's name?" asked Bucks, reaching for a message slip.  
"McCloud."  
"First name?" continued Bucks, mechanically.  
"George."  
Bucks looked at his companion in surprise. Then he spoke, and a feeling of self-abasement was reflected in his words. "George McCloud," he echoed. "Did you say George? Why, I must know that man. I turned him down once for a job. He looked so peaceable I thought he was too soft for us." The president laid down his cigar with a gesture of disgust. "And yet there really are people along this line that think I'm clever. I haven't judgment enough to operate a trolley car. It's a shame to take the money they give me for running this system, Gordon. Hang'd if I didn't think that fellow was too soft." He called the

flagman over. "Tell Whitmyer we will stay at Cold Springs to-night."  
"I thought you were going through to Medicine Bend," suggested Smith as the trainman disappeared.  
"McCloud," repeated Bucks, taking up his cigar and throwing back his head in a cloud of smoke.  
"Yes," assented his companion; "but I am going through to Medicine Bend, Mr. Bucks."  
"Do."  
"How am I to do it?"  
"Take the car and send it back to Morrow on Number Three."  
"Thank you, if you won't need it to-night."  
"I shan't. I am going to stay at Cold Springs to-night and hunt up McCloud."  
"But that man is in bed in a very bad way; you can't see him. He is going to die."  
"No, he isn't. I am going to hunt him up and have him taken care of."  
Ten weeks later McCloud was sent from Medicine Bend up on the Short Line as trainmaster, and on the Short Line he learned railroading.  
"That's how I came here," said George McCloud to Farrell Kennedy a long time afterward, at Medicine Bend. "I had shivered and starved three years out there in the desert. I lived with those cattle underground till I had forgotten my own people, my own name, my own face—and Bucks came along one day with Whispering Smith and dragged me out of my coffin. They had it ordered, and it being a small size and 'onhandy,' as the undertaker said, I paid for it and told him to store it for me. Well, do you think I ever could forget either of those men, Farrell?"  
In all the group of young men then on the mountain division, obscure and

unknown at the time, but destined within a few years to be scattered far and wide as constructionists with records made in the rebuilding operations through the Rocky mountains, none was less likely to attract attention than McCloud. Bucks, who, indeed, could hardly be reckoned so much of the company as its head, was a man of commanding proportions physically. Like Glover, Bucks was a giant in stature, and the two men, when together, could nowhere escape notice; they looked, in a word, their part, fitted to cope with the tremendous undertakings that had fallen to their lot. Callahan, the chess-player on the Overland line, the man who could hold large combinations of traffic movement constantly in his head and by intuition reach the result of a given problem before other men could work it out, was, like Morris Blood, the master of tonnage, of middle age. But McCloud, when he went to the mountain division, in youthfulness of features was boyish, and when he left he was still a boy, bronzed, but young of face in spite of a lifetime's pressure and worry crowded into three years. He himself counted this physical make-up as a disadvantage. "It has embroiled me in no end of trouble, because I couldn't convince men I was in earnest until I made good in some hard way," he complained once to Whispering Smith. "I never could acquire even a successful habit of swearing, so I had to learn to fight."

When, one day in Boney street in Medicine Bend, he threw open the door of Marion Sinclair's shop, flung his hat sailing along the show case with his war cry, and called to her in the back rooms, she thought he had merely run in to say he was in town.  
"How do you do? What do you think? You're going to have an old boarder back," he cried. "I'm coming to Medicine Bend, superintendent of the division!"  
"Mr. McCloud!" Marion Sinclair clasped her hands and dropped into a chair. "Have they made you superintendent already?"  
"Well, I like that! Do you want them to wait till I'm gray-headed?"  
Marion threw her hands to her own head. "Oh, don't say anything about gray hairs. My head won't bear inspection. But I can't get over this promotion coming so soon—this whole big division! Well, I congratulate you very sincerely!"  
"Oh, but that isn't it! I suppose anybody will congratulate me. But where am I to board? Have you a cook? You know how I went from bad to worse after you left Cold Springs. May I have my meals here with you as I used to there?"  
They laughed as they bantered. Marion Sinclair wore gold spectacles, but they did not hide the delightful good-nature in her eyes. On the third finger of her slender left hand she wore, too, a gold band that explained the gray in her hair at 26.  
This was the wife of Murray Sinclair, whom he had brought to the mountains from her far-away Wisconsin home. Within a year he had broken her heart so far as it lay in him to do it, but he could not break her charm nor her spirit. She was too proud to go back, when forced to leave him, and had set about earning her own living in the country to which she had come as a bride. She put on spectacles, she mutilated her heavy brown hair and to escape notice and secure the obscurity that she craved, her name, Marion, became, over the door of her millinery shop and in her business, only "M. Sinclair."

Cold Springs, where Sinclair had first brought her when he had headquarters there as foreman of bridges, had proved a hopeless place for the millinery business—at least, in the way that Marion ran it. She could, however, cook extraordinarily well, and with the aid of a servant-maid, could always provide for a boarder or two—perhaps a railroad man or a mine superintendent to whom she could serve meals, and who, like all mountain men, were more than generous in their accountings with women. Among these standbys of hers was McCloud. McCloud had always been her friend, and when she left Cold Springs and moved to Medicine Bend to set up her little shop in Boney street near Fort, she had lost him. Yet, somehow, to compensate, Marion for other cruel things in the mountains, Providence seemed to raise up a new friend for her wherever she went. In Medicine Bend she did not know a soul, but almost the first customer that walked into her shop—and she was a customer worth while—was Dickie Dunning of the Crawling Stone.

**CHAPTER V.**  
The Crawling Stone.  
The valley of Crawling Stone river marked for more than a decade the dead line between the overland route of the white man and the last country of the Sioux. It was long after the building of the first line before even an engineer's reconnaissance was made in the Crawling Stone country. Then, within ten years, three surveys were made, two on the north side of

the river and one on the south side, by interests seeking a coast outlet. Three reports made in this way gave varying estimates of the expense of putting a line up the valley, but the three coincided in this, that the cost would be prohibitive. Engineers of reputation had in this respect agreed, but Glover, who looked after such work for Bucks, remained unconvinced, and before McCloud was put into the operating department on the Short Line he was asked by Glover to run a preliminary up Crawling Stone valley. Before the date of his report the conclusions reached by other engineers had stood unchallenged.

The valley was not unknown to McCloud. His first year in the mountains, in which, fitted as thoroughly as he could fit himself for his profession, he had come west and found himself unable to get work, had been spent hunting, fishing, and wandering, often cold and often hungry, in the upper Crawling Stone country. The valley in itself offers to a constructionist no insuperable obstacles; the difficulty is presented in the canyon where the river bursts through the Elbow mountains. South of this canyon, McCloud, one day on a hunting trip, found himself with two Indians pocketed in the rough country, and was planning how to escape passing a night away from camp when his companions led him past a vertical wall of rock 1,000 feet high, split into a narrow defile down which they rode, as it broadened out, for miles. They emerged upon an open country that led without a break into the valley of the Crawling Stone below, the canyon. Afterward, when he had become a railroad man, McCloud, sitting at a campfire with Glover and Morris Blood, heard them discussing the coveted and impossible line up the valley. He had been taken into the circle of constructionists and was told of the earlier reports against the line. He thought he knew something about the Elbow mountains, and disputed the findings, offering in two days' ride to take the men before him to the pass called by the Indians the Box, and to take them through it. Glover called it a find, and a big one, and though more immediate matters in the strategy of territorial control then came before him, the preliminary was ordered and McCloud's findings were approved. McCloud himself was soon afterward engrossed in the problems of operating the mountain division; but the dream of his life was to build the Crawling Stone line with a maximum grade of eight-tenths through the Box.

The prettiest stretch of Crawling Stone valley lies within 20 miles of Medicine Bend. There it lies widest, and has the pick of water and grass between Medicine Bend and the Mission mountains. Cattlemen went into the Crawling Stone country before the Indians had wholly left it. The first house in the valley was the Stone ranch, built by Richard Dunning, and it still stands overlooking the town of Dunning at the junction of the Frenchman creek and the Crawling Stone. The Frenchman is fed by unfailing springs, and when by summer sun and wind every smaller stream in the middle basin has been licked dry, the Frenchman runs cold and swift between its russet hills. Richard Dunning, being on the border of the Indian country, built for his ranch-house a rambling stone fortress. He had chosen, it afterward proved, the choice spot in the valley, and he stocked it with cattle when yearlings could be picked up in Medicine Bend at ten dollars a head. He got together a great body of valley land when it could be had for the asking, and became the rich man of the Long Range.

The Dunning's were Kentuckians. Richard was a bridge engineer and builder, and under Brodie built some of the first bridges on the mountain division, notably the great wooden bridge at Smoky creek. Richard brought out his nephew, Lance Dunning. He taught Lance bridge-building, and Murray Sinclair, who began as a cowboy on the Stone ranch, learned bridge-building from Richard Dunning. The Dunning's both came west, though at different times, as young men and unmarried, and as far as western women were concerned, might always have remained so. But a Kentucky cousin, Betty, one of the Fairfield Dunning's, related to Richard within the sixth or eighth degree, came to the mountains for her health. Betty's mother had brought Richard up as a boy, and Betty, when he left Fairfield, was a baby. But Dick—as they knew him at home—and the mother wrote back and forth, and he persuaded her to send Betty out for a trip, promising he would send her back in a year a well woman.

Unsympathetic.  
Mrs. Malaprop—Young Sharp will have to apologize before I'll speak to him again.  
Miss Interest—Did he insult you?  
Mrs. Malaprop—Did he? The last time I met him I told him that my uncle, Lord de Style, had locomotive attacks, and he had the impudence to ask if he "whistled at crossings." He's an unsympathetic brute.

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Rev. O. G. Jones returned Monday morning from Barstow where he attended the meeting of the El Paso Presbytery.

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Never refer to a woman's age, especially in company; some family Bibles have been suppressed by the women on this account.

Dennis Cane, 94 years of age, has accomplished the feat of walking from New Orleans to El Paso. He was a Confederate soldier and served under Gen. Lee.

October 7th will be Texas day at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition and elaborate preparations are being made for that day.

Learned men tell us that in Latin the word "editor" means something "to eat." In the United States its meaning is altogether different. It means to scratch around like blazes to get something to eat.

Hobson's lecture closed the present season for the Big Springs Chautauqua and the people of our town ought to be very thankful to the management for the course of high-class entertainments which have been furnished.

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# OPENS BIG TUNNEL

## PRESIDENT TAFT SWINGS GATES OF GUNNISON RIVER SORE.

### MIGHTY WORK IS FINISHED

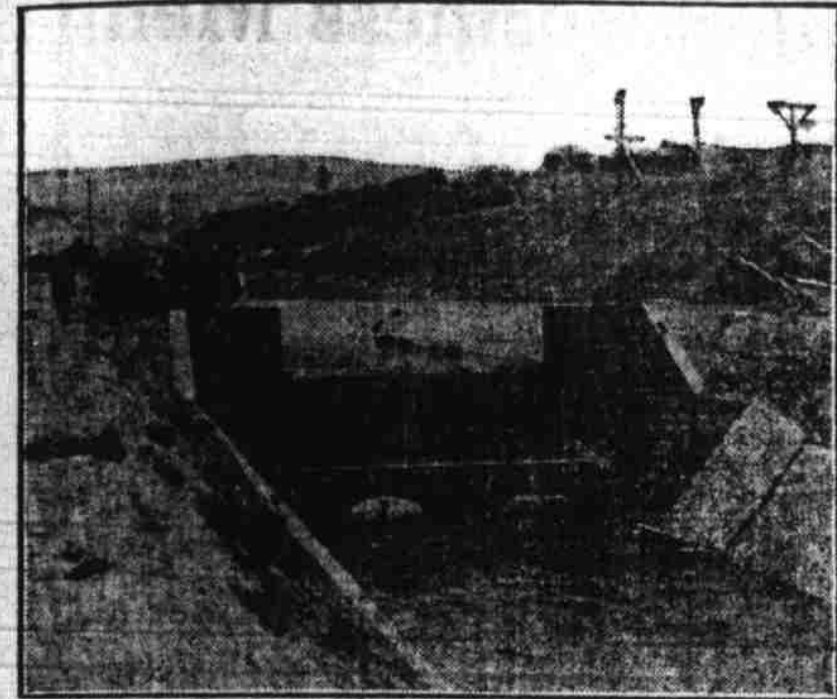
Patrols of Mountain Torrent Are Brought Six Miles Under a Granite Ridge to Revive Beautiful But Semi-Arid Uncompahgre Valley.

Montrose, Col., Sept. 23.—As many thousand people cheered themselves here and canaan boomed this afternoon, President William H. Taft opened the gates of the Gunnison river tunnel and admitted to the Uncompahgre valley the waters of a mountain torrent brought from its rocky bed

up with an illuminated parade and pyrotechnic display.

Story of the Great Tunnel.

First of the big government reclamation projects to be undertaken, the Gunnison river tunnel has been one of the most difficult to carry through. The simple waters of the Gunnison flow through narrow valleys unsuited to agriculture or through deep, rocky canyons, while only a few miles to the west the lovely Uncompahgre valley has been suffering for water. The Gunnison, descending in ever deepening gorges, finally plunges into the Black canyon, one of the most magnificent mountain gorges in the world. This unpromising spot was selected as the starting point of the tunnel. Brave engineers lowered themselves into the Black canyon at points where the granite walls rise almost perpendicularly hundreds of feet, and after their surveys were completed active work was started on the immense project.



Concrete Drop on the South Canal.

six miles underneath a great granite ridge. As the flood that henceforth will make incomparably fertile this lovely valley, came pouring through the canal that conducts it to the Uncompahgre river, men and women fairly wept for joy, and the president himself was visibly affected. The opening of the gates was preceded by prayer and followed by national airs played by a band.

Mighty Project Completed.

Thus was fittingly signaled the completion of the Gunnison river tunnel, the first project undertaken by the United States government reclamation service. Work on the project was begun four and a half years ago and had progressed steadily ever since. Together with its main and distributing canals, the tunnel will irrigate 150,000 acres of land in a valley naturally one of the most fertile in Colorado, but which has been semi-arid because of the annual summer droughts and the inadequacy of the Uncompahgre river.

This day of the opening of the tunnel



Along the South Canal.

nel was made the chief day of the Western Slope fair, now being held here. All the morning special trains kept coming in, from various parts of the state, and at 10:30 there was a parade of the visitors. Early in the afternoon the explosion of a bomb told the people that the special train bearing President Taft and other government officials had entered the city limits. A second bomb announced his disembarkment at the station, and a third was sent up as the distinguished guest, escorted by a great procession, started for Elks' park.

President Taft Welcomed.

At the park, after introductory remarks by F. D. Catlin, chairman of the Gunnison tunnel opening committee, Mayor J. Q. Allen turned the key of the city over to the guests. Then John C. Bell delivered the formal address of welcome, to which President Taft responded briefly and happily. The exercises here concluded with remarks by Senator Charles J. Hughes and Gov. John Shafroth. At four o'clock trains started for the west portal of the tunnel, where President Taft opened the gates, and speeches were made by I. W. McComb, consulting engineer of the reclamation service, and Senator Horace T. Delong of Grand Junction.

After the return to Montrose there was a reception to President Taft and staff, and this evening speeches were delivered by a number of well-known Coloradans, the celebration winding

At great expense and under enormous

difficulties, a wagon road was built to the east portal of the tunnel. It is 15 miles long, and, climbing the granite ridge between the canyon and the Uncompahgre valley, descends the rocky wall on shelf-work.

Simultaneously work was begun at each end of the tunnel and at a point several thousand feet from the west end, where a shaft was sunk. As fast as the tunnel was driven through the shale and solid rock, it was timbered, and then the heavy timbers were covered with impervious cement. This gives a tunnel of solid concrete built to withstand the wear of ages. All the flumes, culverts, division gates, drops and other work along the lines of the main canals are built of steel and concrete.

There is no dam across the Black canyon at the point where the river is turned into the tunnel. Instead of this the tunnel itself taps the river from beneath its granite bed. By this plan neither floods nor slack wa-

ter can prevent the tunnel taking from the river all the water needed.

Has Immense Capacity.

A few statistics of this tremendous project are worth setting forth. The tunnel is 30,500 feet long, and 11 by 13 feet inside measurement. The main canal is 30 feet wide at the bottom and 83 feet wide at the top, and the average depth of the water is ten feet. The capacity is 1,300 cubic feet of water a second. After the water leaves the west portal of the tunnel it is conducted through 12 miles of canal to the Uncompahgre. There is a drop of 214 feet in this distance, and this great fall will be utilized for creating power. A series of concrete drops has been constructed and the immense body of water rushing over them is capable of generating at least 10,000 horse power, which will be utilized in lighting the entire Uncompahgre valley by electricity.

The cost of the tunnel and distributing canals is over \$5,000,000, and perpetual water rights will be sold to actual settlers at about \$35 an acre.

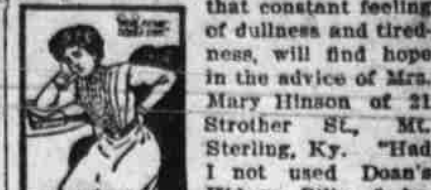
Boer War Cost Many Horrors.

Tremendous was the drain on the horseflesh of the world caused by the Boer war. In that war England sent 339,329 horses and 103,900 mules to South Africa, four times as many animals as the Germans took to France in August, 1870. Tamerlane led 93,000 horses over the Hindoo Koosh in the conquest of Delhi.

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His Size Was Known.

"I want some collars and neckties for my husband!" she snapped.

"Yes, madam."

The clerk offered her the latest thing.

"What size are these?" asked the lady.

"Why, twelve and a half, madam!"

"How on earth did you guess that?"

"Ah," replied the clerk, smiling, "gentlemen who let their wives select their collars and ties always take that size!"

Itching Piles Permanently Cured by a Jar of Resinol Ointment.

About three weeks since I was suffering agony from itching piles, I got a sample jar of Resinol and after bathing with warm water and applying the Resinol, I was in a few days entirely relieved of the itching and believe I am permanently cured.

W. W. Evans, Carrollton, Ky.

Cobblestones for Baltimore.

The Brooklyn Standard Union says that "those people from the rural regions who leer at Manhattan's horse cars may take note that the Baltimore city council is preparing to pave a street with cobblestones."

For Colds and Gripp—Capudine.

The best remedy for Colds and Croup is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness of the cold. Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately. 25c and 50c at Drug Stores.

A train of thought won't do you much good unless you get up enough steam to carry it through.

# FALL PAINTING.

The majority of property owners are under the impression that spring time is the only painting time. But the fall of the year offers several advantages to the painter. One of the most important is that surfaces are almost sure to be dry, and there is no frost or inner moisture to work out after the paint is applied.

Pure white lead—the Dutch Boy Painter kind—mixed with pure linseed oil (tinted as desired) gives a winter coat to a building that is an armor against the severest attacks of the winter rain, sleet, winds and snow.

National Lead Company, 1902 Trinity Bldg., New York city, makers of pure white lead, Dutch Boy Painter trademark, are offering to those interested a complete painter's outfit, consisting of a blow pipe and lead tester, book of color schemes, etc. State whether you want exterior or interior decorating.

Carnations Go to Sleep.

Florists often suffer losses through a habit carnations have of sometimes "going to sleep" and never opening again. A series of experiments made in the Hull botanical laboratory and described in the Botanical Gazette makes it seem probable that this "sleep" is caused by the effect of illuminating gas, to which, even in very small quantities, these flowers are surprisingly sensitive.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dread disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. It is Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. It is a Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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The Old Man's Joke.

"Mary," called her father, "has that young man gone yet?"

"No, pa," replied the maid. "But he's going right now."

"Then ask him to empty the pail underneath the ice box before he goes, will you? I forgot it."

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E. S. Wells, Chemist, Jersey City, N. J.

The man who has the greatest command of language is the one who knows when to keep quiet.

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Each of the chief organs of the body is a link in the Chain of Life. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link, the body no stronger than its weakest organ. If there is weakness of stomach, liver or lungs, there is a weak link in the chain of life which may snap at any time. Often this so-called "weakness" is caused by lack of nutrition, the result of weakness or disease of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. Diseases and weaknesses of the stomach and its allied organs are cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. When the weak or diseased stomach is cured, diseases of other organs which seem remote from the stomach but which have their origin in a diseased condition of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, are cured also.

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## Where Sitting Bull Was.

Doane Robinson, head of the department of history of the state of South Dakota, says of Sitting Bull and the Custer massacre: "The Indians tell me that Sitting Bull was a medicine chief; that he was the greatest influence among the Sioux at that time by reason of his constant agitation against the whites, and that he did not personally engage in the fight against Custer, but that he was back on an elevation between the Little Big Horn and the Big Horn making medicine."—Indian School Journal.

## A TRAIN LOAD OF TOBACCO.

Twenty-four Carloads Purchased for Lewis' Single Binder Cigar Factory.

What is probably the biggest lot of all fancy grade tobacco held by any factory in the United States has just been purchased by Frank P. Lewis, of Peoria, for the manufacture of Lewis' Single Binder Cigars. The lot will make twenty-four carloads, and is selected from what is considered by experts to be the finest crop raised in many years. The purchase of tobacco is sufficient to last the factory more than two years. An extra price was paid for the selection. Smokers of Lewis' Single Binder Cigars will appreciate this tobacco.

—Peoria Star, January 16, 1909.

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## IF IT IS THE FLAVOR LASTS

# WRIGLEY'S PEPPERMINT PEP-SIN GUM

## THE FLAVOR LASTS

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