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No Financial Crisis.

America in her greatness seems amply able to cope with the present financial outlook. There was a time not very long ago when the upsetting of financial institutions in one part of the country distracted the entire financial system. The great financial center—New York—no longer reigns supreme. Of course the entire structure is founded on the confidence of the public. The present panic is all in Wall street, and there is no reason why it should not remain there. The first uneasiness was caused by speculators. One financial institution began to totter and then depositors of other institutions became anxious. The flurry seems to have blown over, and while it had its bearings on

the industries of the country, there is no cause for alarm in other parts. Many of the financial institutions that have suffered can directly trace their downfall to high handed gambling. Not that they have gambled themselves, but that gambling started the move that turned loose an avalanche of depositors, which has wrecked many institutions. A few years ago such a condition as recently prevailed would have demoralized the entire country.

Confidence is strong in all the business centers and the stability of the country is unimpaired. The Southwest is in better shape than ever before, and its distance from the seat of the trouble keeps the confidence of its respective institutions secure. There are times when bad

management will embarrass and even destroy an institution, but the previous condition of the country ought and will prevent a national crisis. It is manifestly unfair for legitimate business to suffer at the hands of the speculator. As long as the gamblers exist they have access to the intricacies of our great financial system, but it is to be hoped that they can never gather sufficient strength to bring a panic upon the country at the very climax of its greatest industrial epoch. A financial disorder in any part of the country will vibrate through its length and breadth as does the ripples spread over a pond when the water is troubled. Slight financial troubles in one section will only strengthen other sections, therefore the Southwest has only gained because of the disorder in Wall street.—Trade Review.

Snyder and Roscoe Railway

The Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific bridge across Cottonwood creek has been completed and track-laying is being rushed on toward Wastella which place they will reach in a few days.

The engine has been used this week on the line carrying cars of material out and distributing it at the proper places.

Material is constantly arriving here to be used in the building of this road.—Roscoe Times.

The Merry Merry Marriage Bells

On last Thursday in the County Clerks office in Gail, Mr. M. E. Aston and Miss Rosa Reid, both of Howard county were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Justice J. A. Scarlett. This indeed the most solemn of all contracts was entered into in the very place where such contracts are often rescinded may this, however, be a life long union.

Local and Personal

J. F. Maxey of the Post City neighborhood, and H. M. Simms Real Estate agent for C. W. Post were in Gail last Saturday. Mr. Maxey was here to close a land deal with John B. Slaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Stevens having received a telegram Monday evening calling them to the bedside of their son David at Cleburn, who was very low with typhoid fever, left on the mail hack next morning. A telegram came Tuesday evening reporting him better.

Mrs. J. F. Arnold of South McAlister is visiting her father, our old townsman J. D. Cathey.

A. W. Bouctier of Light neighborhood was here on business Tuesday last.

Miss Alpha Ritchy left last week for Post City where she will teach school. Grogan Ritchey moved there several months ago, and now has charge of Mr. Post's store, and is well pleased with his new home.—Brecker-ridge Democrat.

For the best hacks, and buggies, see D. P. Strayhorn. "They are good for money."

For ridge roll, cresting and finials, call at Arnolds tin shop when in Big Springs, or write him for prices. Also for Gutters, flues and tanks.

D. B. Sudder and family from New Mexico passed through town yesterday on their way to Knapp where they expect to locate.

J. K. Mitchell was here yesterday hunting cotton pickers. He has 12 or 13 bales in the field yet to pick.

Claim for Damages.

The Double U Company have filed a claim for \$40.00 against Borden county for damages for stoves which fell from one of their trail wagons in crossing the bridge at the river. The front wagon cleared the bridge but the driver made too short a turn and ran the trail wagon over the edge, precipitating the stoves. The Commissioners on Tuesday unanimously refused to pay the claim, charging the accident to careless driving.

The County Judge and County Commissioners made a special trip Tuesday to the bridge across the Colorado, it having been reported in unsafe condition. After a careful inspection, the judge and commissioners decided that it was perfectly safe and reliable.

Promising Wealth of Panama

There is no doubt but that the Panama Canal is going to cause Uncle Sam to dig deep into his jeans, but when we stop to figure up the enormous profits of the Suez Canal there seems to be a mighty big business reason for the construction of the American waterway. Frank G. Carpenter figures that if Panama should pay proportionately with Suez, the United States government will realize from it something like fourteen per cent every

year. The money actually invested in the canal of Suez was one hundred million dollars, and its receipts last year were over twenty-two million dollars.

After paying all its running expenses it has more than four teen million dollars left for dividends and other purposes, and its stock is now worth more than that of the Standard Oil Company.

The obstacles encountered in digging the Panama ditch have been sufficient to discourage almost any nation, but the bulldog tenacity of the American people has been manifested in this very project, and the United States will surely build the canal, and

build it with American skill and money. If the locks will have to be widened, and it now seems altogether likely, it will be done, and the necessary millions will be forthcoming for this or any other emergency that may have to be met. Congress may continue to struggle and wrangle with the perplexing problems that are bound to come up, but the American people want the canal built, and with the masses back of such a movement the outcome is never in doubt. Too, the American people have profited by the mistakes incident to the Suez project, and once the Panama waterway is a reality there will be no repetition of Egyptian blunders, but Uncle Sam will continue to boss the job and collect the tolls.—Farm and Fireside.

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Plainview School House Nov. 24 1907.—We have been having some cool weather on the plains also damp weather.

Mr. Willie Salyers is drilling a well for Mr. Ed C. Russell.

Mr. Geo. King and family spent last Sunday with their son Thomas King and family.

Mr. Alex Berry and family spent last Sunday with their son, John Berry and family.

Mr. H. C. Parker has rented land of Mr. Luke Riley.

A fruit supper at Jno. G. Lut-

trell's last Friday night was a pleasant affair and a social success.

Mr. N. G. Berry of Tahoka lake was in our community last Sunday.

Mr. O. W. McCarley has gone to Big Springs.

There is still considerable sickness in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas King spent last Friday night with Mrs. King's sister, Mrs. Rains.

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ent of the gallery will cost him the nomination at the next presidential election. We don't want in the White House a president who stirs up class hatred. Our rich men have a right to what is their own. That is guaranteed them by the constitution.

"Is it their own?" interrupted Shirley.

Ryder ignored the insinuation and proceeded:

"What of our boasted free institutions if a man is to be restricted in what he may and may not do? If I am clever enough to accumulate millions, who can stop me?"

"The people will stop you," said Shirley calmly. "It is only a question of time. Their patience is about exhausted. Put your ear to the ground and listen to the distant rumbling of the tempest which, sooner or later, will be unchained in this land, provoked by the iniquitous practices of organized capital. The people have had enough of the extortions of the trusts. One day they will rise in their wrath and seize by the throat this knavish plutocracy which, confident in the power of its wealth to procure legal immunity and reckless of its danger, persists in robbing the public daily. But retribution is at hand. The growing discontent of the proletariat, the ever-increasing strikes and labor disputes of all kinds, the clamor against the railroads and the trusts, the evidence of collusion between both—all this is the writing on the wall. The capitalistic system is doomed; socialism will succeed it."

"What is socialism?" he demanded scornfully. "What will it give the public that it has not got already?"

Shirley, who never neglected an opportunity to make a convert, no matter how hardened he might be, picked up a little pamphlet printed for propaganda purposes which she had that morning received by mail.

"Here," she said, "is one of the best and clearest definitions of socialism I have ever read:

"Socialism is common ownership of natural resources and public utilities and the common operation of all industries for the general good. Socialism is opposed to monopoly, that is, to private ownership of land and the instruments of labor, which is indirect ownership of men; to the wages system, by which labor is legally robbed of a large part of the product of labor; to competition with its enormous waste of effort and its opportunities for the spoliation of the weak by the strong. Socialism is industrial democracy. It is the government of the people, by the people and for the people, not in the present restricted sense, but as regards all the common interests of men. Socialism is opposed to oligarchy and monarchy, and therefore to the tyrannies of business cliques and money kings. Socialism is for freedom, not only from the fear of force, but from the fear of want. Socialism proposes real liberty, not merely the right to vote, but the liberty to live for something more than meat and drink.

"Socialism is righteousness in the relations of men. It is based on the fundamentals of religion, the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men. It seeks through association and equality to realize fraternity. Socialism will destroy the motives which make for cheap manufacturers, poor workmanship and adulterations; it will secure the real utility of things. Use not exchange, will be the object of labor. Things will be made to serve

not to sell. Socialism will banish war, for private ownership is back of strife between men. Socialism will purify politics, for private capitalism is the great source of political corruption. Socialism will make for education, invention and discovery; it will stimulate the moral development of men. Crime will have lost most of its motive, and pauperism will have no excuse. That," said Shirley as she concluded, "is socialism!"

Ryder shrugged his shoulders and rose to go.

"Delightful," he said ironically, "but in my judgment wholly utopian and impracticable. It's nothing but a gigantic pipe dream. It won't come in this generation, nor in ten generations. If, indeed, it is ever taken seriously by a majority big enough to put its theories to the test. Socialism does not take into account two great factors that move the world—men's passions and human ambition. If you eliminate ambition you remove the strongest incentive to individual effort. From your own account a socialistic world would be a dreadfully tame place to live in—everybody depressingly good, without any of the feverish turmoil of life as we know it. Such a world would not appeal to me at all. I love the fray, the daily battle of gain and loss, the excitement of making or losing millions. That is my life!"

"Yet what good is your money to you?" insisted Shirley. "You are able to spend only an infinitesimal part of it. You cannot even give it away, for nobody will have any of it."

"Money!" he hissed rather than spoke. "I hate money. It means nothing to me. I have so much that I have lost all idea of its value. I go on accumulating it for only one purpose. It buys power. I love power—that is my passion, my ambition, to rule the world with my gold. Do you know," he went on, leaning over the desk in a dramatic attitude, "that if I chose I could start a panic in Wall street tomorrow that would shake to their foundations every financial institution in the country? Do you know that I practically control the congress of the United States and that no legislative measure becomes law unless it has my approval?"

"The public has long suspected as much," replied Shirley. "That is why you are looked upon as a menace to the stability and honesty of our political and commercial life."

An angry answer rose to his lips, when the door opened and Mrs. Ryder entered.

"I've been looking for you, John," she said peevishly. "Mr. Bagley told me you were somewhere in the house. Senator Roberts is downstairs."

"He's come about Jefferson and his daughter, I suppose," muttered Ryder. "Well, I'll see him. Where is he?"

"In the library. Kate came with him. She's in my room."

They left Shirley to her writing, and when he had closed the door the financier turned to his wife and said impatiently:

"Now, what are we going to do about Jefferson and Kate? The senator insists on the matter of their marriage being settled one way or another. Where is Jefferson?"

"He came in about half an hour ago. He was upstairs to see me, and I thought he was looking for you," answered the wife.

"Well," replied Ryder determinedly, "he and I have not to understand each

other. This can't go on. It shan't."

Mrs. Ryder put her hand on his arm and said pleadingly:

"Don't be impatient with the boy, John. Remember he is all we have. He is so unhappy. He wants to please us, but—"

"But he insists on pleasing himself," said Ryder completing the sentence.

"I'm afraid, John, that his liking for that Miss Rossmore is more serious than you realize"—

The financier stamped his foot and replied angrily:

"Rossmore! That name seems to confront me at every turn—for years the father, now the daughter! I'm sorry, my dear," he went on more calmly, "that you seem inclined to listen to Jefferson. It only encourages him in his attitude toward me. Kate would make him an excellent wife, while what do we know about the other woman? Are you willing to sacrifice your son's future to a mere boyish whim?"

Mrs. Ryder sighed.

"It's very hard," she said, "for a mother to know what to advise. Miss Green says—"

"What!" exclaimed her husband, "you have consulted Miss Green on the subject?"

"Yes," answered his wife, "I don't know how I came to tell her, but I did. I seem to tell her everything. I find her such a comfort, John. I haven't had an attack of nerves since that girl has been in the house."

"She is certainly a superior woman," admitted Ryder. "I wish she'd ward that Rossmore girl off. I wish she"—He stopped abruptly as if not venturing to give expression to his thoughts, even to his wife. Then he said: "If she were Kate Roberts, she wouldn't let Jeff slip through her fingers."

"I have often wished," went on Mrs. Ryder, "that Kate were more like Shirley Green. I don't think we would have any difficulty with Jeff then."

"Kate is the daughter of Senator Roberts, and if this marriage is broken off in any way without the senator's consent, he is in a position to injure my interests materially. If you see Jefferson, send him to me in the library. I'll go and keep Roberts in good humor until he comes."

He went downstairs, and Mrs. Ryder proceeded to her apartments, where she found Jefferson chatting with Kate. She at once delivered Ryder senior's message.

"Jeff, your father wants to see you in the library."

"Yes; I want to see him," answered the young man grimly, and after a few moments' more badinage with Kate he left the room.

It was not a mere coincidence that had brought Senator Roberts and his daughter and the financier's son all together under the Ryder roof at the same time. It was part of Jefferson's well prepared plan to expose the rascality of his father's secretary and at the same time rid himself of the embarrassing entanglement with Kate Roberts. If the senator were confronted publicly with the fact that his daughter, while keeping up the fiction of being engaged to Ryder junior, was really preparing to run off with the Hon. Fitzroy Bagley, he would have no alternative but to retire gracefully under fire and relinquish all idea of a marriage alliance with the house of Ryder. The critical moment had arrived. Tomorrow, Wednesday, was the day fixed for the elopement. The secretary's little game had gone far enough. The time had come for action. So Jefferson had written to Senator Roberts, who was in Washington, asking him if it would be convenient for him to come at once to New York and meet himself and his father on a matter of importance. The senator naturally jumped to the conclusion that Jefferson and Ryder had reached an amicable understanding, and he immediately hurried to New York and, with his daughter, came round to Seventy-fourth street.

When Ryder senior entered the library, Senator Roberts was striding nervously up and down the room. This

he felt, was an important day. The ambition of his life seemed on the point of being attained.

"Hello, Roberts," was Ryder's cheerful greeting. "What's brought you from Washington at a critical time like this? The Rossmore impeachment needs every friend we have."

"Just as if you didn't know," smiled the senator uneasily, "that I am here by appointment to meet you and your son!"

"To meet me and my son?" echoed Ryder, astonished.

The senator, perplexed and beginning to feel real alarm, showed the financier Jefferson's letter. Ryder read it, and he looked pleased.

"That's all right," he said, "if the lad asked you to meet us here it can mean only one thing—that at last he has made up his mind to this marriage."

"That's what I thought," replied the senator, breathing more freely. "I was sorry to leave Washington at such a time, but I'm a father, and Kate is more to me than the Rossmore impeachment. Besides, to see her married to your son Jefferson is one of the dearest wishes of my life."

"You can rest easy," said Ryder. "That is practically settled. Jefferson's sending for you proves that he is now ready to meet my wishes. He'll be here any minute. How is the Rossmore case progressing?"

"Not so well as it might," growled the senator. "There's a lot of maudlin sympathy for the judge. He's a pretty sick man by all accounts, and the newspapers seem to be taking his part. One or two of the western senators are talking corporate influence and trust legislation, but when it comes to a vote the matter will be settled on party lines."

"That means that Judge Rossmore will be removed?" demanded Ryder sternly.

"Yes, with five votes to spare," answered the senator.

"That's not enough," insisted Ryder. "There must be at least twenty. Let there be no blunders, Roberts. The man is a menace to all the big commercial interests. This thing must go through."

The door opened, and Jefferson appeared. On seeing the senator talking with his father, he hesitated on the threshold.

"Come in, Jeff," said his father pleasantly. "You expected to see Senator Roberts, didn't you?"

"Yes, sir. How do you do, senator?" said the young man, advancing into the room.

"I got your letter, my boy, and here I am," said the senator, smiling affably. "I suppose we can guess what the business is, eh?"

"That he's going to marry Kate, of course," chimed in Ryder senior. "Jeff, my lad, I'm glad you are beginning to see my way of looking at things. You're doing more to please me lately, and I appreciate it. You stayed at home when I asked you to, and now you've made up your mind regarding this marriage."

Jefferson let his father finish his speech, and then he said calmly:

"I think there must be some misapprehension as to the reason for my summoning Senator Roberts to New York. It had nothing to do with my marrying Miss Roberts, but to prevent her marriage with some one else."

"What?" exclaimed Ryder senior.

"Marriage with some one else?" echoed the senator. He thought he had not heard right, yet at the same time he had grave misgivings. "What do you mean, sir?"

Taking from his pocket a copy of the letter he had picked up on the staircase, Jefferson held it out to the girl's father.

"Your daughter is preparing to run away with my father's secretary. Tomorrow would have been too late. That is why I summoned you. Read this."

The senator took the letter and as he read his face grew ashen and his hand trembled violently. At one blow all

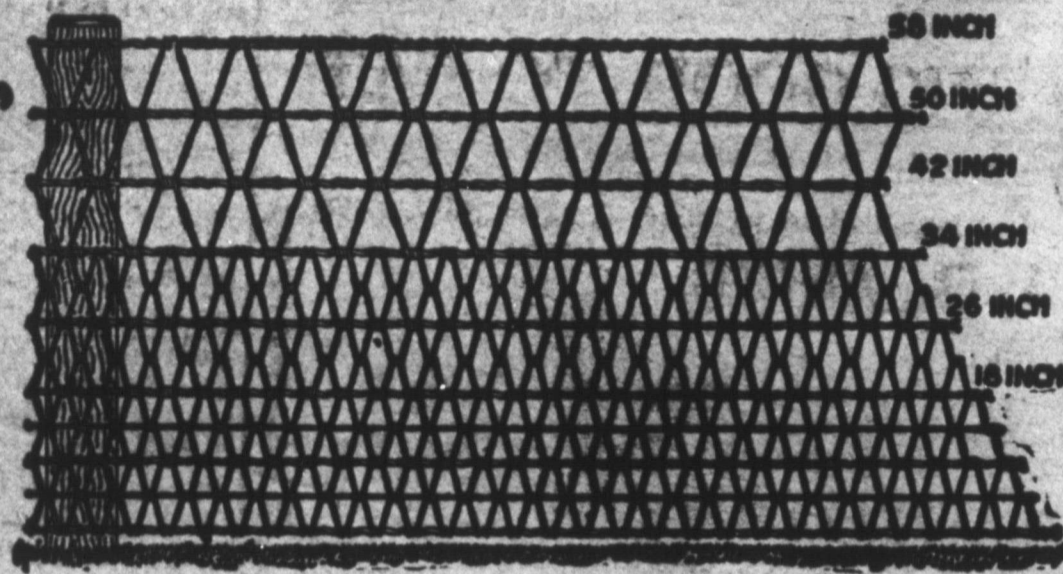
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 so often put: Will you accept
 the nomination? His refusal
 to answer the question has led
 to the circulation of many false
 reports, and unfriendly news-
 papers have taken advantage of
 his silence to misrepresent his
 attitude. Mr. Bryan will not
 ask for or seek a nomination and
 he will not assume to decide the
 question of his availability. He
 has been so amply recompensed
 by his party for what he has
 done and what he has endeavor-
 ed to do that he can not claim
 a nomination as a reward, nei-
 ther should his ambition be con-
 sidered, for he has had honors
 enough from his party to satis-
 fy any reasonable ambition. The
 only question that ought to
 weigh with the party is whether
 the party can be strengthened
 and aided now by his nomina-
 tion rather than by the nomina-
 tion of some one else. If he can
 serve the party by being the candi-
 date he will accept the commis-
 sion and make the best fight he
 can.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Young people should acquire
 the habit of correct speaking and
 writing, and abandon as early
 as possible any use of slang
 words and phrases. The longer
 you put this off, the more diffi-
 cult the acquirement of correct
 language will be; and if the
 golden age of youth, the proper
 season for the acquisition of
 language be passed in its abuse,
 the unfortunate victim will most
 probably be doomed to talk
 slang for life. You have merely
 to use the language which you
 read, instead of slang you hear
 to form a taste in agreement
 with the speakers and poets in
 the country.

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ROADS.

The improvement of the facilities of travel and transportation, of our Highways, Water Ways Canals and rivers, is now agitating the public mind more than all other questions, save only that of the financial crisis. The Trans Mississippi Congress which recently met at Muskogee Okla. presented a number of subjects for discussion, but none evoked such an outburst of applause as that of the improvement of the public highways. Mr. Tom Walsh of Colorado, the gold king, said: "If our civilization were judged by our roads, we would be placed at the lowest mark in the scale, for among all the civilized nations of the earth, there is none so poor and so slow in the march of progress, but can boast of better than ours. That as a matter of fact we have neither roads, road system nor road government." The prosperity of a country depends greatly upon the ease and cheapness of transportation. With good roads we market our crops at a saving of time and expense and deliver them quickly at the time when we can get the highest market prices. From almost every quarter come reports of steps taken, to improve the public highways. Dallas early in the Fall voted for a bond issue of \$500,000 for that purpose and Comanche \$170,000 and recently Commissioner's Court of Ellis county ordered the purchase of 4 road graders for their dirt roads. Howard county within the last 2 years has expended a good deal of money in repairing her roads, and greatly improved travel and freighting from this locality to Big Springs. It has instructed the road overseers to work all road hands for the full 5 days for the road year ending Feb. 1, 1908 and to report the names of all parties failing to comply with such order. What is Borden county doing to benefit her roads? and how much money has she expended for

that purpose? and is she doing what she can and ought to do for the betterment of her highways? So long as we rely entirely upon road hands to make and keep up our roads, we will never have good roads. The necessity of good roads and bridges warrants a judicious liberal expenditure of county funds.

Practical Education.

Practical education is a thing of moment at the present time. Industrial schools, though not very old, are rapidly gaining in importance, and destiny seems to point to a time when every school will be equipped with industrial features. A literary education is not all-sufficient. It is not enough for us to know what has been done, but we must know what is to be done and how to do it. Life is divine and time a sacred trust. Each individual is endowed with life, but the time allotted to each is problematical. It, therefore, behooves every boy and girl, man and woman, to take from every passing minute everything that it contains for them. Life is lived only once. A moment of wasted time is gone forever. The wheels of time never turn backward, neither do they slaken their pace.

An unskilled hand is like a dull tool, and those who are not whetted with the very best advantages, even though they labor unceasingly, are squandering time. One lick of a skilled artisan will accomplish more than many blows by the untutored hand. Industrial education in its strictest sense would make the laborer skilled and every task a science. A school is not complete without its industrial department. They are being added to the city schools and are found to be the saving of many boys, who would otherwise be cast on the shoals of disaster, to wander aimlessly through their respective terms of existence, only to at last drop life's precious moments into the dark vacuum of procrastination. The men of the hour are the men who both know and do things. Knowledge will sink into the slumbers of the grave, while works remain as monuments to the living hordes who must in turn play their part in the game of knowledge and pass on. If they would be factors in a progressive era they must have knowledge, though knowledge unapplied is of little worth. Every man who at the close of his career finds himself nearer the goal than when he started adds a cog to the wheel of progress. Then industrial schools will add more cogs than any other institution extant.—Trade-Review and Industrial Record.

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Needless Tax on Alcohol.

The immense development of the automobile as a vehicle in common use, both for business and for pleasure, is making such drafts on the supply of gasoline as to compell an advance on the price of that commodity. It is realized that the supply of mineral oil in the world is not unlimited. Gasoline comes from that and as oil gradually advances in price gasoline goes up with it.

On the other hand experiments show that denaturalized alcohol, alcohol which has had something added to it which makes it impossible to be used for drinking purposes, is available in all parts of the world at very low cost, and it makes as efficient a power as gasoline, while not less safe to handle.

Our government puts the same revenue charge on wood alcohol, alcohol that is for use solely in arts, or denaturalized, as it is called, that it does on alcohol that is available for drinking purposes. For many years an effort has been made to have the tax removed for the benefit of American industry of all kinds. No foreign country has a tax upon the raw alcohol and many branches of arts and crafts are conducted successfully in spite of all American competition because they have this kind of material exempt from heavy excise tax.

There is a renewal of the movement to remove the tax and it

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should be successful this time. It has been shown that more than 100 industries are more or less dependent upon alcohol as the basis of their operation and there is but a very small revenue accruing from the tax as it stands.

The government would lose practically nothing if it were taken off, while American industries would gain to a degree that is not to be computed. It ought to be taken off.

Road Work.

J. W. Chandler, road overseer of the Gail and Big Springs road has been working on both sides of the river this week with nine or 10 men, grading, ditching and putting in culverts where they were needed.

Fence for the Future

If you only wanted a fence to use for a single season, we'd say buy the cheapest you could find. Some cheap fences are "good" for just about a year,—then peter out fast. Those are the most expensive fences to buy, where one looks to the future. Buy the guaranteed

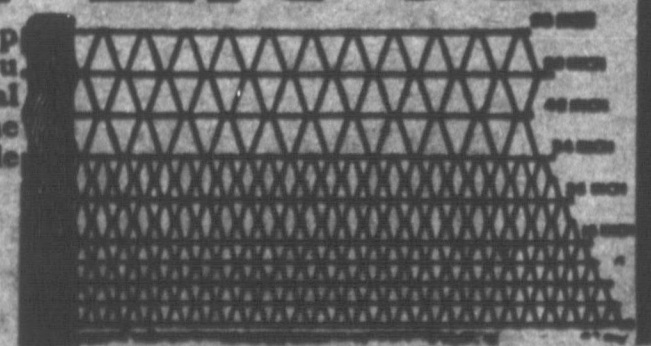
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Plainview School House, Dec. 1. —The last few days has been pretty weather and cotton picking has been the order of the day.

District Court has been in session at Tahoka.

Messrs. Albert Mayfield and Marine Herman made a flying trip to Tahoka Monday.

Party last Friday night at Mr. Hermans, a good time and all seem to enjoy themselves.

Mr. O. W. McCarley has gone to Big Springs.

The family of A. H. Moyer's spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. King.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Beach gave a dinner Sunday Dec. 1st, and the families of A. L. Jones, R.

I. Rains, John T. Brooks, T. E. King, Jno. Berry, Preston Majors and G. Mayfield and Miss Lula and squire Luttrell all attended and report a nice time.

Singing at Mr. Ed Baldrige's Sunday night.

Mrs. G. T. and Mrs. Miller went shopping in Tahoka Monday.

Mrs. Baldrige and daughter Annie spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spears of near Julia are visiting relatives of this community.

Mr. Geo. T. Beach has gone to Big Springs.

Mr. Brooks is erecting a house on his place.

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A musical entertainment was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Russell Thursday night.

Mr. Willie Salyers is drilling a well for Ed C. Russell.

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'A Good Strong Lobby' A Legislative Necessity.

Jeff up'd an' declar'd that it was a well known fact in gubernational history that no legislatur' can organize an' begin for to do business less'n it's got a good strong lobby for to tell it which to pass, which to kill, an' which to run through the trimmin' machines—a lobby that had plenty of money an' know'd how to spend it. He said that a generous lobby was the life and soul of modern legislatur's, becase ef it hadn't 'a' been invented, ever last one of 'em would 'a' been d'sbanded long ago; thar wouldn't 'a' been nobody for to treat the boys an' pay the'r board bill ever Sat'dy night.

Right thar I jumped up an' axed Jeff, ef that was the case, why did the Georgy legislatur' make motions like it was gwine to put the lobby in the pastur' wi' the dry cattle. Jeff tuck me right up; he said that ever'body ought to know that them motions was jest a sign to the lobby that the statesmen would meet 'em arter dark some're close to the Kimball House bar room, whar they might argue p'int's, to say nothing of quarts. I had to

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jump up ag'in to say that the membership of the legislatur' was made up of ginnywine Prohibitionists. Jeff waved me down; he said that prohibition didn't count in a big town whar they burnt candles all night long for to keep up the'r sperrits.—Joel Chandler Harris in Uncle Remus's Magazine for December.