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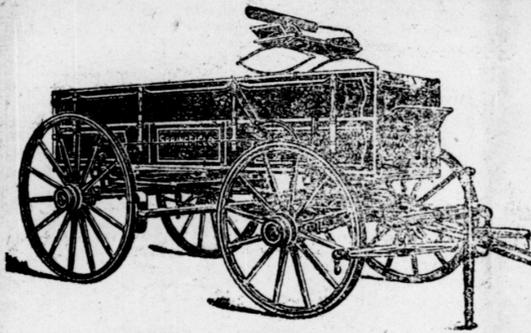
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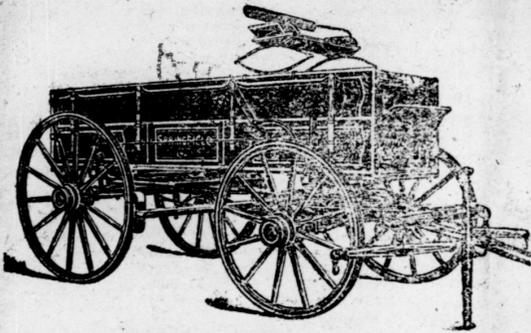
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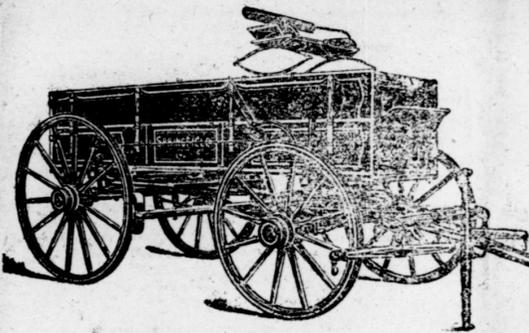
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Alum baking powders may cost a little less than cream of tartar powders like Royal, but many of the highest food authorities both in this country and abroad have declared them to be injurious and not safe to use.

To attempt to cut the cost of living by using low-grade alum powders is unwise economy.

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Lost—one hour of pleasure by not attending the Star and the Universal program.

The heat of summer, allayed by the deluge of rain, and cold drinks, were the main topics of conversation here Monday.

Doc Anderson, of Sanderson, was visiting friends and relatives here Monday.

The young Mexican folks held a dance at the School auditorium Wednesday.

The Black on the 4th of July leads them all in Misses Po Monday.

FRANK S. FRITTER

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The obsequies were conducted by Judge I. L. Martin who was a life long friend, and in accordance with the special request made years ago by Mr. Fritter. The pall-bearers were T. R. McAlpin of Eagle Pass, John H. Stadler, Mike Keplinger, F. O. Long, Capt. Harry F. Wilson and Charles H. Dayhuff, of this County, brother Masons.

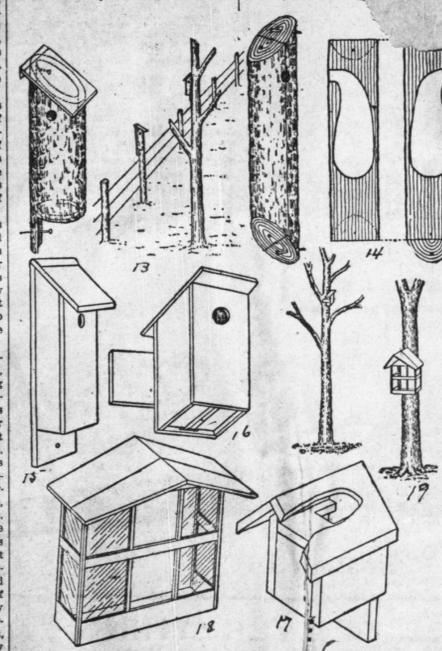
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The movies with millions to stage things dreamed of can't cut'r boys, they can stage Noah's ark and Solomon in all his ancient glory and Rome's pagantry when human torch, writhe in agony to light the tyrant's banquet hall, the Apache was a better thing; the Southland's princely sons with Lee fore'r and aye erased that kind and wrought hence a country united, and no soul e'er lent finer obeisance to the Stars and Stripes, to the emblem of the right of Christian Peoples sway than did that man who was one of us, whose body was tenderly deposited in the ne Masonic Cemetery here by his od Mason brethren on the morning of the 21st, while the band from the U. S. Military station, Fort

years ago only four species are commonly regarded as house—the house wren, the bluebird, tree swallow, and the martin. The movement to protect birds make neighbors of them began, ever, their natures and needs become better understood, and it is known that many other species avail themselves of houses erected for them by their human.

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No. 13, Nests Made From Hollow Log. No. 14, Interior of Hollow Log. No. 15, House for Woodpeckers, Flickers, Nuthatches, Titmice. No. 16, Style of House Suitable for Sparrow Hawks, Screech Owls, Bluebirds and Wrens. No. 17, for Finches, Roof Broken to Show Interior. Nos. 18 and 19, Food Shelter and Method of Attaching it to Trunk of Tree.

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Chiffon figured in large polka dots created a smart looking frock, but modified by the use of a material of a very graceful and conservative line, and utterly without elaboration. A good example of such chiffon polka dots is shown in the illustration.

The concrete pier 41 is to be used as a foundation for the building of the new pier at the mouth of the river. The pier is to be 100 feet long and 10 feet wide.

ITALY IS NOW AT WAR WITH AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

AUSTRIANS HAVE... ALONG THE... LINE.

GIVEN MINISTER

to the Great European... Provoke Changes No... the Great Struggle... Lineup.

From War Fronts... with Austria-Hun... With the issuance of the... mobilization order the Italian... ment issued a proclamation de...

ambassador to Austria... Sunday present... von Burian, the Austro... minister, the fol... of war:

performably with the or... Besty, the king, his au... which, the undersigned am... or to Italy, had the honor to... to his excellency, the foreign... of Austria-Hungary, the fol... communication:

Declaration has been made as... the 4th of this month to the im... and royal government of grave... for which Italy, confident of... od right, proclaimed, annulled... enceforth without effect her... of alliance with Austria-Hun... which was violated by the im... and royal government, and re... liberty of action in this re...

government of the king, firm... d to provide by all means... oposal for safeguarding Ita... and interests, can not fail... to take against every ex... future menace measures... impose upon it for the... national aspirations.

Act regarding the king, declares... burial vaults, himself from now... Act granting to Austria-Hun... of the Girls' Training... at time to use funds the honor to... donated to the state time to his... Dayton in sign minis... spond.

of the Italo-Aus... spond.

placed this day at... the imperial and royal... and he will be... cency if he will... sprints handed to... Avarna."

of the Italo-Aus... spond.

but better than... on boys, lets get... less and work off... of idleness. Look... see what needs fixing... do for yourself and... Boost the town... hard, and remember... working for. Boost!

None better. The rooms... furnished by Mrs. Henze are... comfortable and clean as can be... secured anywhere. If you want... satisfaction—come to me.

The California Exchange... can save you from 25 to 50cts... on all barrel goods. Only the... very best and purest brand... handled.

Miss Mary Herzing returned... home Friday from San Antonio... where she had gone for medical... treatment, and we are glad to... report, is almost entirely re... covered now.

Brackett means to win the... coming Sunday from the strong... Spofford team, so turn out every... body and give them the best... you've got. Brackett can play... ball-so can Spofford. Turn out... and see who is the best man.

The Brackettville Chapter of... Consolidated Film and Supp... the Eastern Star had a special... Company of San Antonio wa... meeting Tuesday night at which... six new members were initiated.

After the initiation refreshments... were served and a good time was... enjoyed by all present.

Misses Clara and Natalie Velt... mann and Mrs. J. M. Ballantyne... and Charles Veltmann went to... Spofford Saturday night to attend... the home talent play given there... under the auspices of the Spof... ford Mother's Club. They re... port the entertainment a success... from all points of view.

"Royal Pinner" and purest... more than other... is one of the finest... Call... bers brewed. The only... California Exchange is... in town that h...

MANY NEW SUBJECTS OFFERED BY GOVERNOR

GIBSON BILL AND EDUCATIONAL APPROPRIATION BILL UP FOR CONSIDERATION THIS WEEK.

MUCH WORK TO BE DONE

There Are Many Subjects Before Both Branches of Legislature to Be Considered, and Another Session Most Likely.

Austin, Tex.—The senate was with... out a quorum Friday, and consequent... ly could transact no business what... ever and was unable to take up the... Gibson bill, which had been made a... special order for 10 o'clock Friday... morning.

The absent senators did not return... Saturday, and although the senate... was called to order at 2:30 in the... afternoon, it immediately stood at re... cess until 10 o'clock Monday morning... on motion of Senator Nugent. This... leaves the senate on the legislative... day of Friday, with, according to most... constructions, the million-dollar rural... school bill as pending business.

The governor sent fourteen new... messages to the legislature Saturday... The fourteen new subjects to invest... gate and report inequalities of tax... renditions of various counties in the... state, and to investigate and report... upon the advisability of segregating... the subjects of taxation to the end... that state taxes may be collected... from certain classes of property and... county taxes from other property, and... means of reducing the cost of collect... ing the public revenue.

Recommendations to be made to the... next legislature:

Amending the road laws of Mad... son and Walker counties, for which... bills were introduced by Messrs. Dove... and Hill.

Changing time of holding court in... the forty-ninth judicial district.

Act to validate sales and convey... ances of lands made by towns and... villages created under Spanish and... Mexican authority and of lands grant... ed by said towns and villages whether... or not afterward chartered under gen... eral laws of Texas.

Act relating to the construction... of the... The... on the 4th... leads them all in...

Misses Po... spond.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hatten, of... Del Rio, were here Sunday the... guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E... Reamer.

Roy Coston and Austin Miller... were in town Friday from the... Coston ranch to attend the... closing exercises at the School.

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An All-Season Street Suit



Admirers of the shep... in cloths for tailored... are many—were giv... variety in models th... from. Those su... checks were ch... but carefully they... to be the m... wailed... short... shoes and...

is among the modest num... with normal waist line... little at the back, where... from the belt. It... at the front, is longer... and is shaped by... at each side. The... somewhat long... sleeves. The... is cut in three... well adjusted... sizes are used... shoes and...

the opposition to de... lay consideration of the Grindstaff or... modified Gibson bill, amending the... Robertson insurance law, failed in the... house Friday afternoon and, after all... available parliamentary expedients to... postpone had failed, the bill went to... a vote and was passed finally, 55 to... 42, with 18 pairs.

With 1,005 delegates, representing... 24,000 churches and 2,500,000 mem... bers, from 18 states of the union and... from Canada and Cuba, the sixtieth... annual meeting of the Southern Bap... tist convention was called to order in... Houston last Wednesday afternoon... Dr. Lansing Burrows of Americus, Ga.,... was by acclamation re-elected... president. The convention goes to... Asheville, N. C., next year.

J. W. Gilpin, aged... druggist and grocer... was shot and killed... rant county jail Satur... He was a prisoner... the time he was kill... an attorney, called... the prisoner. Assis... Cain admitted him... and liberated Gilpin... that he was wante... low. Gilpin had... the steps wher... menced.

Lieutenant Go... married Saturday... hotel in New Or... Cooper, daughter... man Bronson Co... district, now of... the port of Ne...

The new m... port, all ser... receive salary... back into the... city marshal... farmers in...

The con... county hos... been awar... tractor, th... being abo...

The co... concrete... Pier 41... by the G... shed is... to be... stood... of \$200...

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TEXAS

The state... banks just pub... is \$438,162.96... check.

The city council... chise to construc... the city of Pitts... begin at once.

The Liberty... Tex rkana, has... in bonds bonds for... ing.

Preliminary work... on the large oil refin... Promoters have mad... a charter.

The more than \$900... college of industrial... have unanimously ad... tion to wear only cotton... the remainder of the te...

Oil excitement is man... county, where thousands... land in various sections of... have been taken under lease... last two weeks.

The contract has been let... passenger depot for Colem... building is to be of the miss... with stucco finish. The estimat... s \$25,000.

The Bosque county fair and... meet will be held this year on Oc... 3, 7, and 8. Arrangements are be... made to make this the best fair... held by this association.

The Graham mill and elevator com... pany of Graham, has let the contract... for a grain elevator of 8,000 bushels... capacity, to be erected at Megargel... which will be completed in time to... handle the growing crop.

With a cargo of cotton and metal... valued at \$1,134,188, the steamer Tot... wood was cleared at Galveston last... week for Harve. The cargo is the... most valuable that has cleared in two... months.

The plans for Cleburne's new sewer... system have been accepted by the... council. The work of construction... will begin at once. The new sewer... will be laid out to all sections of...

monthly statement... of the savings de... 29 state banks main... tainments, issued by... insurance and... deposits

st Bap... man... considering... tions for the erec... tork edifice, together... an and furnishings, will...

Famous R... One of the... that of the Re... al artillery. Many per... sons who have... attained distinction in... the musical wo... world have been connect... ed with the R... val artillery or its band... was Sims Reeves, who... was the son of... a bandsman, and who... sang in the military... choir at Wool... It is, perhaps, not... at the Royal artillery... band is fifty... years older than the... society, having been... formed in 1762... It has done much for... the advancement... and has always... enjoyed the advantage... of having a suc... cession of eminent mu... sicians as band... masters. It has always... been double-hal... ded; that is to say... the players... are as proficient on... stringed instrum... ents as on wind, and... assume the character... of an orchestra.

Sarcas... in the... Box.

when your wife seized... picked up the fatiron just to... both things over.

man's ideal figure usually has a... mark in front of it.

Let's not gouge other people while... trying out our fortunes.

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Advertisement for Tuff... WINT... FOR... DAISY...

Advertisement for Famous R... eye Artillery Band.

Advertisement for Grape-Nuts... with cream or good milk...

Advertisement for Grape-Nuts... with cream or good milk... "There's a Reason"

room. Ella pointed to the door.

"Lenora, look outside. See if anyone is on that landing. I fancied that the door opened."

Lenora crossed the room and tried the handle. Then she turned towards her mistress in triumph.

"It is locked, my lady," she reported.

"Go down and ask Macdougall to come up. I am going to have this thing explained."

Something of her mistress' agitation seemed to have become communicated to Lenora.

She walked quickly to the back part of the hotel and ascended to the wing in which the servants' quarters were situated.

Here she made her way along a corridor until she reached Macdougall's room. She knocked, and knocked again. There was no answer.

She tried the door and found it was locked. Then she returned to the lift and descended once more to the floor upon which her mistress' apartments were situated.

She opened the door of the suite without knocking and turned at once to the sitting room.

"I am sorry, my lady," she began. "Then she stopped short. The lift boy, who had had a little trouble with his starting apparatus and had not as yet descended, heard the scream which broke from her lips, and a fireman in an adjacent corridor came running up almost at the same moment."

Lenora was on her knees by her mistress' side. Ella was still lying in the easy-chair in which she had been seated, but her head was thrown back in an unnatural fashion. There was a red mark just across her throat.

Lenora shrieked. "She's fainted! And the diamonds—the diamonds have gone!"

A doctor, hurriedly summoned, had just completed a hasty examination when a police inspector, followed by a detective, entered.

"This is your affair, gentlemen, not mine," the doctor said gravely. "The young lady is dead. She has been cruelly strangled within the last five or ten minutes."

The inspector made a casual examination of the room.

"Tell me," he inquired of the young lady who owned the Ashleigh diamonds?

"They've gone!"

"They've been stolen?"

"I don't know. I was sitting in the room when I discovered they were gone."

"Mr. Marshall," the inspector said, "I am going to take you to the station in an expedition."

"I don't want to go," she said. "I shall not go until I have seen the inspector."

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together they carried the sleeping

out of the room into a larger

apartment. A single electric light was

burning on the top of a square mirror

rested upon an easel. Towards this

chair almost opposite to it.

"The battery is just on the left,"

Laura whispered.

Quest nodded.

"Give me the band."

She turned away for a moment and

appeared in the shadows. When

she returned, she carried a curved

rod of flexible steel. Quest took it

from her, attached it by means of a

coil of wire to the battery, and with

soft fingers slipped it on to

Lenora's forehead. Then he stepped

back.

"She's a subject, Laura—I'm sure

of it! Now for our great experiment!"

They watched Lenora intently.

"Lenora," Quest said, slowly and

calmly, "your mind is full of one sub-

ject. You see your mistress in her

chair by the fireside. She is toying

with her diamonds. Look again. She

is there dead! Who was it entered

the room, Lenora? Look! Look!

Who was there? What do you

see there?"

The girl's eyes had opened. They

were fixed now upon the mirror—dis-

tingled, full of unholo things.

"Try harder, Lenora," he muttered,

his own breath laboring. "It is there

your brain! Look!"

For a single second the smooth sur-

face of the mirror was obscured. A

flame crept dimly like a picture into

the room, a fire upon the hearth, a girl

leaning back in her chair. A door

opened. A man came out. A man

came out. A man came out. A man

came out. A man came out. A man

der bruised, his head swimming a lit-

tle. Suddenly a gleam of light shone

down. A trap-door above his head

was slid a few inches back. The flare

of an electric torch shone upon his

face, a man's voice addressed him.

"Not the great Sanford Quest? This

surely cannot be the greatest detec-

tive in the world walking so easily in-

to the spider's web!"

"Any chance of getting out?" Quest

asked laconically.

"None!" was the bitter reply.

"You've done enough mischief. You're

there to rot!"

"Why this animus against me, my

friend Macdougall?" Quest demanded.

"You and I have never come up

against one another before. I didn't

like the life you led in New York ten

years ago, or your friends, but you've

suffered nothing through me."

"If I let you go," once more came

the man's voice, "I know very well in

what chair I shall be sitting before

a month has passed. I am James Mac-

dougall, Mr. Sanford Quest, and I have

got the Ashleigh diamonds, and I have

settled an old grudge, if not of my own,

of one greater than you. That's all.

A pleasant night to you!"

The door banged down with a bang.

"A perfect obolite," he remarked

to himself, as he held a match over

his head a moment or two later, "built

for the purpose. It must be the house

we failed to find which Bill Taylor

used to keep before he was shot.

Smooth brick walls, smooth brick floor,

only exit twelve feet above one's head.

Human means, apparently, are useless.

Science, you have been my mistress all

my days. You must save my life now

or lose an earnest disciple."

Quest felt in his overcoat pocket

"Our friend," he said, "is a

be mad enough to walk into

even, when he finds out what

thinks has happened."

"It wasn't any of Jimmy's lot."

Sanford Quest shook his head.

"French," he said, "keep mum, but

was the elderly family retainer, Mac-

dougall. I felt restless about him.

He has lost the girl—he was married

to her, by the by—and the jewels.

No fear of his slipping away. I shall

have him here at the time

you."

"You've had a rough time,

these things, Mr. Quest,"

he admitted grudgingly.

"Mostly lucky," Quest re-

plied, "and so long, but I

want me to talk to Chas-

ter other little piece of busi-

ness. It was a few minutes

ago when Quest parted

from a room on the ground

floor in Georgia square

and went out into the snow-white

hall. He turned around and

found a figure lying as though

strangled by the fire.

"Lenora," he said, "stay

here, if you can."

He left the room, and

went to the window. The

figure was a man. A man

in a glass. A man in a

glass. A man in a glass.

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Doubtless find this a
Ella."
over her shoulder at
ants who were standing
the background. Her
upon the pale, expres-
sion-
the man who during the
ars had enjoyed her fa-
vorse.
moment a queer sense of ap-
a troubled her. Was it true,
ered, that she did not like the
she banished the thought af-
soon as it was conceived. Ella
are spoiling me, daddy," Ella
you think so now," he remarked,
not know what you will say to
presently."
laid upon the table a very fa-
morocco case, stamped with a
Our diamonds!" Ella exclaimed.
The Ashleigh diamonds!"
The necklace lay exposed to view,
the wonderful stones flashing in the
subdued light.
"In New York," Lord Ashleigh con-
tinued, "it is the custom to wear Jew-
elry in public more, even, than in this
country. Allow me!"
He leaned forward. With long, capa-
ble fingers he fastened the necklace
around his daughter's neck.
"It is our farewell present to you,"
Lord Ashleigh declared.
Ella, impelled by some curious im-
pulse which she could not quite un-
derstand, glanced quickly around to
where the manservant was standing.
For once she saw something besides
the perfect automaton. His eyes, in-
stead of being fixed at the back of his
master's chair, were simply riveted
upon the stones. A queer little feel-
ing of uneasiness disturbed Ella for
the moment. It passed, however, as in
glancing away her attention was once
more attracted to the sparkle of the
jewels upon her bosom.

CHAPTER III.
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ful dinner," she ex-
bringing me home.
well, I can't talk
just going upstairs
and think."

"whether he is all right whether the
jewels are safe."
There was a brief silence then the
girl's voice.
"Are you there, James? . . . Yes,
I am Lenora. Are you safe? Have
you the jewels? . . . Where? . . .
You are sure that you are safe? . . .
No, nothing fresh has happened."
"You are at the hotel," Quest said
softly. "You are going to him."
"I cannot sleep," she continued. "I
am coming to you."
She set down the receiver. Quest
leaned a little more closely over her.
"You know where the jewels are
hidden," he said. "Tell me where?"
Her lips quivered. She made no an-
swer.
"Very good," Quest concluded. "You
need not tell me. Only remember this:
At nine o'clock tomorrow morning you
will bring those jewels to this apart-
ment. . . . Rest quietly now. I
want you to go to sleep."
She obeyed without hesitation.
Quest watched, for a moment, her
regular breathing. Then he touched
a bell by his side. Laura entered al-
most at once.

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companion.
the man
They de-
and Quest hand-
They drove quiet
streets.
In a few minutes
stalled in an easy ch-
airing-room.
"Lean back and make
yourself comfortable," Quest invited,
chair opposite to her.
look through these papers.
The girl did as she was told.
opened her coat. The room was de-
lightfully warm, almost overheated. A
sense of rest crept over her. She was
conscious that Quest had laid down
the letters which he had been pre-
tending to read. His eyes were fixed
upon her. There was a queer new
look in them, a strange new feeling
creeping through her veins.
Quest's voice broke an unnatural
silence.
"You are anxious to telephone some-
one," he said. "You looked at both
the booths as we came through the
hotel. Then you remembered, I think,
that he would not be there yet. Tele-
phone now. The telephone is at your
right hand. You know the number."
She obeyed almost at once.
"Number 700, New York city."
"You will ask," Quest continued,
"whether he is all right whether the
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There was a brief silence then the
girl's voice.
"Are you there, James? . . . Yes,
I am Lenora. Are you safe? Have
you the jewels? . . . Where? . . .
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rested upon an easel. Towards this

chair almost opposite to it.

"The battery is just on the left,"

Laura whispered.

Quest nodded.

"Give me the band."

She turned away for a moment and

appeared in the shadows. When

she returned, she carried a curved

rod of flexible steel. Quest took it

from her, attached it by means of a

coil of wire to the battery, and with

soft fingers slipped it on to

Lenora's forehead. Then he stepped

back.

"She's a subject, Laura—I'm sure

of it! Now for our great experiment!"

They watched Lenora intently.

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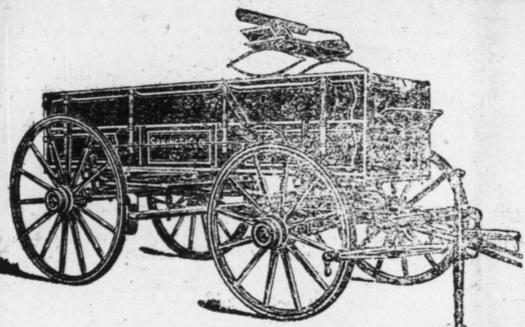
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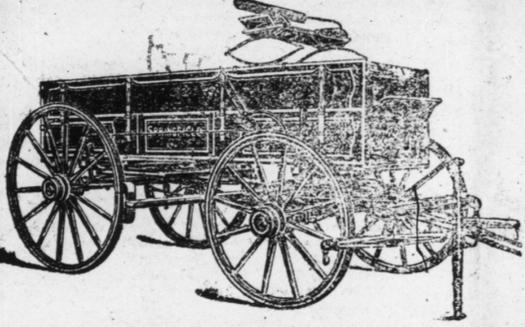
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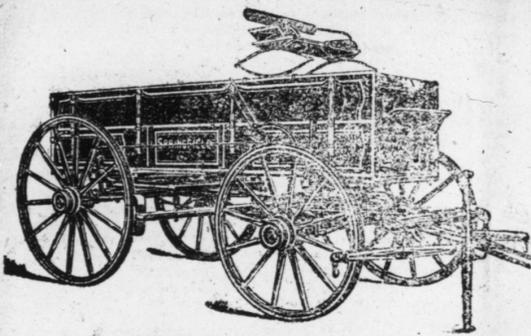
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It is with pleasure that the many friends of Mr. Perry greet his announcement, and as he is well known to the people of this place and the entire county in general, we will comment no further thereon. Mr. Perry is well acquainted with his work, having served in the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector for a number of years in the past, and had always fulfilled his duties in a manner which received no criticism and met with commendation from all. During his time the office was well conducted and all his duties discharged in full and successfully. It is most evident, therefore, that if elected a continuance of the same, successful official duty would ensue, to the protection and best of all concerned.

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Dry Farming Congress Plans Progress.

The approaching session of the Texas Dry Farming Congress, which will be held at Uvalde Aug. 28, 29, 30, 31, will be the best session in several respects ever held. In the first place greater pains have been taken in the preparation of the program, to have the addresses and subjects discussed apply more particularly to conditions in this section of the state.

Great emphasis will be made on stock raising in connection with farming operations. This will be stressed in a short course in agriculture which will be given by strong members of the faculty of the Texas A. and M. College. Among their contributions to the program will be given the following subjects, and numbers of others:

- Judging beef and dairy cattle.
- Feeding cattle—Silos and silage.
- Buying and selling cattle and dairy products.
- Poultry raising.
- Small grains as crops for Southwest Texas.
- Demonstration—Judging poultry.
- Maintenance of soil fertility under dry farming.
- Judging hogs, sheep and goats.
- Sheep and goat raising.
- Feeding hogs.
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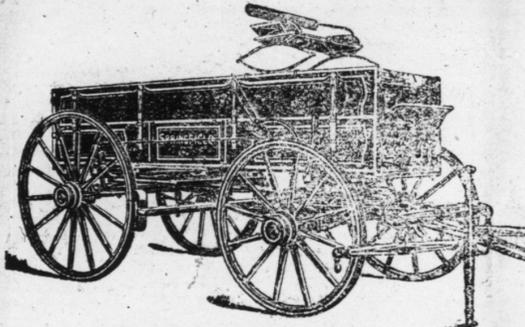
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will give methods of control of the screw-worm fly and helpul methods in avoiding serious losses from that pest. A man of life-long experience will demonstrate pecan budding and discuss all matters connected with that science. Specialists from the State Department of Agriculture will be on the program, one of whom will lecture and demonstrate in home economics, canning and preserving. Of course the other phases of farming in this section, such as crop and seed selection, soil preparation and tillage, etc., will be thoroughly discussed.

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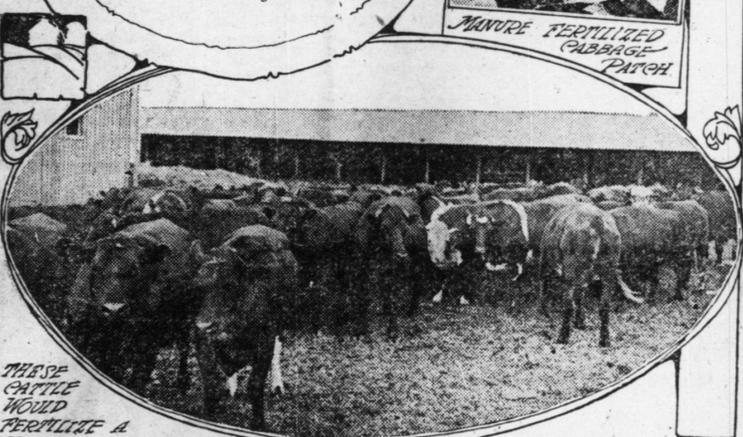
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NATION'S NATURAL FERTILIZER WEALTH WASTED

by Robert H. Moulton

Fertilizers are going to be higher than they have ever been. A famine impends. Yet the American farmer wasted more than four hundred million dollars' worth of manure, the best fertilizer, last year.



THESE CHATTLE WOULD FERTILIZE A HUNDRED-ACRE FARM

FERTILIZERS are going to be higher than they have ever been before, owing to the war. So acute has the potash situation become that Uncle Sam, among all his other diplomatic troubles, has been dicker with the allies and with Germany to let a little miserable shipment of 10 tons of potash fertilizer come through the blockade for the use of the department of agriculture's farm experiment work. Yet with such a fertilizer famine staring the American farmer in the face, he has deliberately wasted during the last year between four hundred million and four hundred and fifty million dollars' worth of manure, the best of all fertilizers. And this, according to authorities on agriculture and fertilizer, is a regular yearly occurrence. It is not theoretical; it is actual loss, and the strangest part of the story is that the great bulk, if not all, of this waste, could be saved just as easily as not. In fact, most of it would be saved if American farmers were, for instance, Dutch or German farmers. It would be saved by the farmers of any of the old countries, where every pound of soil fertility is conserved as automatically and as naturally as though it were minted money. In Germany the size of the manure pile has long been an index to the wealth of the farmer.

What the value would be of the increased crops that would result from this American plant food, now wasted, can hardly be estimated, but the increased yields of corn, wheat, potatoes, and all farm crops would amount to something enormous. On the basis of using this needlessly wasted strength in manure on the corn crop alone it is estimated that the yield would be increased at least a billion and a half bushels, besides permanently improving the condition of the soil to a tremendous degree. In fact, a good many cornfields of the present day would be so surprised at receiving their quota of this wasted soil fertility that they would not recognize themselves. And yet the Dutch or the German way of handling manure, efficient as it is, is not the best. Americans have discovered the way to prevent all waste in manure and it involves no more labor or expense on the part of the farmer than his present methods through which he loses annually nearly half a billion dollars.

The average successful farmer or gardener will say that this statement doesn't apply to him; that he knows the value of good manure and uses every bit of it that he can get. But is he certain that he makes the best use of all his manure? When he hauls a ton of manure on to the field, is its fertilizing content all that it should be and is he sure that from 10 to 50 per cent of its crop-producing strength has not been dissipated through leaching, fire-fanging, or lack of provision to absorb or conserve the animal urine?

Take as an instance the case of urine alone: A cow will produce 45 to 50 pounds of solid manure a day, but she will also make from 20 to 30 pounds of urine and fully one-half of the nitrogen in her

ration goes into that urine. So it is most important to conserve the urine, for nitrogen is the most expensive element of manure or fertilizer. The other two important plant foods are potash and phosphorus.

Even though manure is highly regarded by all good farmers, nevertheless there is probably no product of equal value which is so miserably neglected and regarding which such real ignorance prevails. The first great source of loss is through the incomplete absorption of the urine, and it is not infrequent to see no attempt being made to save this portion of the manure in spite of the fact that it is richer in both nitrogen and potash than is the dung, and in spite of the fact that these fertilizers are more available for the plant in the urine than in the dung.

The second greatest source of waste of manure is the loss incurred by leaching. If a good-sized manure pile is stacked up against the side of the stable where the water from the eaves can drip on it, or if it is piled on a slope or other exposed place, every heavy rain washes away crisp bank notes in the form of nitrogen and potash. These leached chemicals are the most valuable portions of the pile, the most available for plant forcing.

The third common source of loss is that incurred by heating and fermenting. When manure is put in piles it soon heats and throws off more or less gas and vapor. The fermentation which produces these gases is caused by the action of bacteria, or minute organisms. The bacteria which produce the most rapid fermentation in manure, in order to work their best, need plenty of air, or, more strictly, oxygen. Therefore, fermentation will be most rapid in loosely piled manure. Heat and some moisture are necessary for fermentation, but if the manure is wet and heavy, fermentation is checked because the temperature is lowered and much of the oxygen excluded from the pile. The strong odor of ammonia, so common around a stable, is a simple evidence of the fermentation and the loss of nitrogen which is going on.

Fresh manure loses in the process of decay from 40 to 70 per cent of its original weight. An 80-ton heap of cow manure left exposed for one year lost 66 per cent of its dry substance. Some tests conducted by the United States department of agriculture showed that two tons of horse manure exposed in a pile for five months lost 57 per cent of its gross weight, 60 per cent of its nitrogen, 47 per cent of its phosphoric acid and 76 per cent of its potash, or an average loss of three-fifths.

Five tons of cow manure exposed for the same length of time in a compact pile lost, through leaching and dissipation of gases, 49 per cent in gross weight, 41 per cent of its nitrogen, 19 per cent of its phosphoric acid and 8 per cent of its potash. Here was a terrific waste, veritably, yet not greater than is to be found in most common farm practice. What would any business man or any farmer think of a city real estate investment or a land investment which depreciated in value in this wise? And what if he discovered that he could have prevented it at almost no cost or extra effort to himself?



CORN GROWN WITH MANURE FERTILIZER (left) and CORN GROWN WITHOUT MANURE FERTILIZER (right)

The farm scientists and the theorists can preach all they want to about the economy of the farmer building fine, big sheds to keep the rain off the manure or other such plans, but it goes without saying that the average farmer isn't going to see it that way. But he doesn't have to! The remedy for such losses is simple in the extreme. In fact, exactly the right way of handling manure so as to save all this loss is about the cheapest, cleanest and altogether the easiest way to handle manure.

The first step to prevent the loss of the fertilizing elements in manure is to provide plenty of bedding or litter in the stable to absorb and save all the liquid. The losses due to fermentation can be greatly checked by mixing horse manure with cow manure and making the temporary piles compact so as to exclude the air, and by thoroughly wetting the manure, which will assist in excluding the air and also reduce the temperature.

The ideal way on the average farm is to follow the plan, all through the year, of hauling manure directly from the stable and spreading it at once. There is a generally prevailing notion among farmers that if manure is hauled and spread in mid-summer the sun will scorch it to a cinder and burn all the food out of it. The government agricultural station in Maryland, just outside of Washington, decided to determine this matter accurately, and its analytical experiments have exploded two very common beliefs, the summer-burning theory being one of them. The other common belief which has been blown to atoms is that it is better to plow manure under in the fall than to leave it exposed on the land's surface during the winter and then plow it under in the spring.

LANSING, PRESIDENT FOR JUST ONE DAY

The next president of the United States will be Robert Lansing of New York, the present secretary of state.

Mr. Lansing's term of office does not depend upon the action of any political convention; it is likewise irrespective of any primary or direct election. In point of fact, it dates back to January 19, 1886, when congress passed an act providing that, in the event of the death, removal, resignation or inability of both the president and the vice president of the United States, the secretary of state shall act as president.

March 4, 1917, will fall upon a Sunday, and it is contrary to all precedent—although not in opposition to any law—to hold an inauguration on Sunday. Therefore the incoming chief executive will take the oath of office and commence his term shortly after noon on March 5. President Wilson's term commenced at noon on March 4, 1913; therefore, according to the Constitution, which defines the term of a president as "four years," his tenure of office will be over at noon on March 4, and, even if he is elected to succeed himself, he cannot take the oath of office until noon on the following day. Vice President Marshall, of course, is under the same disability as the president. Therefore the secretary of state, Mr. Lansing, will be president of the United States for the 24 hours and some minutes elapsing between noon on Sunday, March 4, and the time that the new president takes the oath of office on the following day.

This brief term of office is not a mere formality. It is an actual occupation of the power of president, with all his authorities and prerogatives. Mr. Lansing—"President Lansing," for the day—will be empowered to occupy the White House, to issue pardons, to attend to all the other business of which the chief executive has control, and to ride to the capitol, should he desire, as the outgoing president on inauguration day.

Moreover, this is the first time in the history of the nation that a secretary of state has had this honor bestowed upon him and only the second time in the 140 years of the existence of the United States that the office has been held by anyone other than the president and vice president.

THE MARK OF THE DEATH'S HEAD.

From the day of the medieval archer, who notched his crossbow, to the day of the Western mad man, who notched his gun, men have always sought to preserve some mark of military prowess, some tally of their victims. This war has not changed human nature. The modern military aviator, the only soldier who still fights single-handed, does not notch his gun; but he paints a death's head on the wing of his plane to show that he has vanquished his foe in open combat.

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Looks It.
Flatbush—This paper says corrections made recently in maps of Greenland have shown it to be about 150,000 square miles larger than formerly believed.
Bensonhurst—Why, I didn't know Greenland had been having a war of aggression recently.

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Crazy Insects.
Bacon—Prof. H. G. Walters of Langforthe, Pa., says insects frequently suffer from insanity.
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Potash in Texas.
Borings in Texas to a depth of about 600 feet discovered potash salts in thick beds of salt. Some of the samples obtained were bright salmon red, resembling the Staffurst carnallite and analyzing about 14 per cent potassium chloride. This was in a bed overlying three other salt beds with a total thickness of several hundred feet. A large basin is indicated.

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"Dearest, isn't love blind?"
"Yes, even when one has the love-light in his eyes."

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First Stage Hand—What was the row out in front during the first scene, Bill?
Second Stage Hand—The understudy nursemaid got excited and carried in the heroine's baby when it wasn't due to appear until three years later in the fourth act.—Punch Bowl.

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Egbert—But hardly as dangerous, do you think?"

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NEWS HAPPENINGS

WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED THIS WEEK THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Short Mentioning of Interesting Happenings From Day to Day Throughout the World.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The senate bill making common carriers responsible for full value of freight for which they issue bills of lading was passed Thursday.

By reconsideration of action lowering the income tax limit from \$4,000 and \$3,000 to \$3,000 and \$2,000 for single persons, a threatened break in the democratic senate caucus was averted Friday.

An investigation into the means by which the details of a confidential treaty concerning the purchase of the Danish West Indies became public was asked in the senate Friday.

W. P. G. Harding was Friday designated as governor of the federal reserve bank board to succeed Charles S. Hamlin, and Paul Warburg was made vice governor to succeed Frederic Pelano. These changes were made in a rotation system adopted by President Wilson and are for one year.

The commander and crew of the naval tug Pentucket were Thursday commended by Secretary Daniels for bravery during the recent Black Tom island explosion.

Branding as false statements made by Charles E. Hughes in his Detroit speech, administration officials, following a discussion of the subject with the president Tuesday, sent the republican nominee telegrams, one of which asked for a public correction.

The senate Tuesday passed the child labor bill by a vote of 52 to 15, Senator Tillman of South Carolina denouncing what he called the mercenary spirit of some of the Southern opponents of the bill.

Secretary of the Interior Lane and Associate Justice Brandeis of the supreme court will compose the commission of the United States to confer with Carranza's commission on settlement of the Mexican question. President Wilson will announce a third member later.

Costa Rica has ratified the four Pan-American treaties on pecuniary claims, patents, trade marks and copyrights, according to Secretary McAdoo.

Formal notice of President Wilson's nomination for re-election will be given September 15.

George Norris of Philadelphia was Tuesday designated by President Wilson as farm loan commissioner, executive head of the farm loan bank system.

STATE AND DOMESTIC NEWS.

Two cases of yellow fever were found among the passengers of a steamer arriving at New Orleans, La., Thursday from Progreso, Mexico.

Three interned sailors on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm, the German cruiser at Norfolk, Va., who escaped Tuesday by jumping overboard, were recaptured by United States authorities Friday.

There were 7,342 less railroad freight cars and 815 less locomotives in use in the United States during the fiscal year of 1915 than the year preceding, according to figures just announced.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of Texas was brought to a close Thursday at Houston, Texas. Henry N. Pope of Fort Worth was re-elected president.

Miss Kate Hampton, 92 years old, last of the children of Colonel Wade Hampton of the war of 1912 and sister of the late Lieutenant General Wade Hampton of the Confederate army died Thursday at Columbia, S. C.

John B. Murphy, one of Chicago's most famous surgeons, died Friday at Mackinac Island, Michigan.

With the election of officers and a decision to inaugurate an energetic campaign with the legislature for favorable fee laws, the twenty-fourth annual convention of the County and District Clerks' Association came to a close Thursday at Houston, Texas, after a three-day session.

During July 323 cases of typhoid fever were reported to the Texas state board of health, according to a statement issued this week by the board.

Fred L. White of Buckhead, Ga., was chosen president of the National Rural Carriers' Association and St. Louis as the 1917 meeting place at the closing session of the convention at Chicago, Ill., Friday.

South Carolina troops reached the Texas-Mexican border this week.

Convicts will work at San Jacinto battleground, near Houston, Texas, in making needed improvements. Governor Ferguson says he will make the historic spot a "gateway to freedom" for prisoners.

With roads blocked and bridges washed away, relief work in the West Virginia flood district is proceeding slowly. The death list now stands at more than 60 persons.

In a report Friday covering the expenditure of the \$500,000 fund for rural schools, the Texas state department of education showed that institutions in 173 counties of the state had been given aid.

At a conference of the leaders in the national woman's party in Colorado Springs, Colo., Friday the organization pledged itself to oppose President Wilson.

The democratic state convention adjourned Wednesday at Houston, Texas, after a busy session—adopting a platform in which there is neither submission nor the Robertson law—nominating a full slate of state officials and endorsing the national and state officials. Paul Waples was re-elected chairman of the state democratic executive committee.

With a large delegation appointed to the annual meeting of the Texas Good Roads Association in San Antonio, Texas, August 17, the citizens of Lockhart and Caldwell county have inaugurated a vigorous campaign for a portion of the new federal highway appropriation.

A. B. Stickney, founder of the Chicago Great Western railroad, died Wednesday in St. Paul, Minn.

More than 5,000,000 prisoners are now confined in European concentration camps, according to the report of Dr. John R. Mott in New York city.

Rarer colors in dyes brought over on the German submarine merchantman the Deutschland brought as high as \$70 a pound when sold in New York city Thursday.

Damage of \$40,000 was caused Wednesday by a fire at Corpus Christi, Texas, which destroyed the plant of the Corpus Christi Times.

Texas republicans at San Antonio, Texas, Tuesday nominated R. B. Creager, former collector of customs at Brownsville, for governor; Dr. A. W. Atkinson, Dallas, United States senator, and Charles Warnken, Houston, and M. T. Taylor, Bonham, congressmen at large.

J. Frank Hanly and Dr. Ira Landrith were notified formally of their nomination for president and vice president, respectively, by the national committee of the prohibition party at Indianapolis, Ind., Tuesday.

Waco, Texas, was chosen as the convention city for 1917 by the City Marshals and Police Chiefs at their closing session Wednesday at Houston.

Damage of more than \$1,000,000 was caused in the Caba Creek valley in West Virginia by a cloudburst Wednesday.

Rev. H. W. Lewis, governor; Dr. J. R. Richardson, lieutenant governor, and E. H. Conbear, United States senator, was the ticket the prohibition party in session at Dallas, Texas, Tuesday nominated.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Russian, Italian and French armies continue successfully their respective offensives, and, according to the latest official communication, have taken more territory from the forces of the central powers in Galicia, Austria and France.

On the Balkan front the Anglo-French forces have attacked the Bulgarians and occupied the Dolran railway station, forty miles northwest of Saloniki.

Stanislaw, eighty-seven miles southeast of Lemberg, the capital of Galicia and an important railway junction, has been occupied by Russian troops under General Letchitzky.

The Spanish steamship Ganekogorta Mendí, 3,061 tons gross, was sunk Friday by an Austrian submarine. Her crew was saved.

The Danish steamer Danevegin, bound from Hparanda, Sweden, for Hull, has been sunk by a submarine in the North sea.

Petrograd, Russia, admits the evacuation of Hamadan, Persia, under pressure of Turkish attacks.

Dutch smugglers on the Belgian border are reported to be getting as much as \$4 a pound for what pepper they succeed in getting across the frontier into the hands of German soldiers.

Turkey has refused to grant the request of the United States that a neutral committee be permitted to undertake relief work in Syria.

Andre Godin, Egyptologist and poet, has been killed at the front in France by an aerial torpedo. His unpublished papers, the result of prolonged research, are to be edited by his fiancée, Mme. Berthe de Nyse.

A sentence of penal servitude for life has been imposed on the two ring-leaders of the bomb attempt on the life of Premier Count Okuma on January 12 at Tokio, Japan.

The Greek steamer Elethria, bound from Saloniki to Volo with a cargo of oil, owned by an American company, and 1,200 passengers, principally disbanded troops, caught fire Friday off the island of Skisitho. Forty persons were killed and many were injured. The captain beached his vessel.

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Mexia's postal receipts for July was \$824.09, as against the same month in 1915 was \$758.20.

Fire at Sonora did about \$15,000 damage to the Corner Drug store and City Grocery company.

Many new residences are in-course of construction in Terrell and several brick buildings nearing completion.

The building permits for Tulsa, Okla., for July total \$280,000. Permits for June totaled \$227,015.

A gas franchise has been granted the Central Texas Gas company to enter Brownwood and furnish gas for lighting, heating and fuel.

July was a record breaking month at the Wichita Falls postoffice, the receipts being \$6,661, or about \$300 more than the biggest month previously recorded.

The Christian Science society at Gainesville has purchased for \$5,000 property on which will be erected a modern edifice for its church services.

Final arrangements have been made by the city officials for sufficient funds for installing a water and light plant in Miami and work on same will begin promptly.

Work has begun on part of the Jefferson highway route on the north boundary of Camp county, a concrete road being under construction through Cypress bottom near Pittsburg.

Excavation work is now well under way on the new courthouse at Wichita Falls. The court house is expected to cost about \$220,000, complete.

At a meeting of the Sherman school board the trade was closed for the purchase of property, the price paid being \$17,500. A \$100,000 high school building will be erected on the lot.

The Paris Rotary club will start a fund for the purchase and installation of a large pipe organ in the new \$150,000 high school building that is to be erected on the site of the one that was destroyed in the big fire.

Committees for the different features of the Brownwood fire fall fair are now busily themselves with the different tasks of making the fair for this year better and bigger than any previous year.

When the Santa Fe sand house at Cleburne collapsed Joe Phillips was killed and Clinton Hobbit and Bennie Donaldson received painful bruises on heads and limbs. The sand house is used in drying sand for use in engines.

The North Texas Compress company at Gainesville is building an enormous brick fire wall around the center of its cotton sheds adjoining the engine room and press. It is two feet thick, 27 feet high and 1,200 feet long.

The two candidates from McLennan county for United States senator in the primaries July 22, Congressmen R. L. Henry and Dr. S. P. Brooks of Waco, have filed their expense accounts. Mr. Henry's expenses were \$4,620.37 and Dr. Brooks' \$3,759.33.

It cost more than \$25,000 for candidates for various offices, to conduct their campaigns in Tarrant county, according to the sworn statements filed by those who participated in the races.

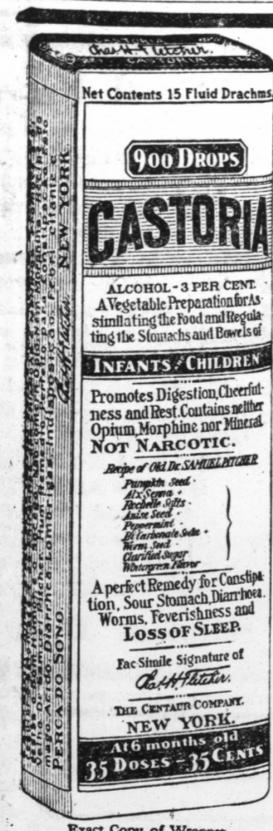
The owners of Club lake, a fishing and hunting lake near Terrell, have offered to sell the lake to the city of Terrell for water purposes with privileges of fishing and hunting reserved for \$16,000 or with no privileges reserved for \$20,000.

Texas fever has appeared at Georgetown in malignant form and many cattle are dying from it. J. F. Gearwood lost seven head of thoroughbred cattle ranging in value from \$300 to \$1,500 each.

The board of trustees for the state school for the deaf has selected the design and plans of architects for the new \$65,000 school building. It is to be modern in every respect, following the latest ideas in school construction and sanitation.

Some crops in West Texas are being slightly damaged by prairie dogs, despite the effort made to eradicate them during the winter. More drastic steps will be taken in the matter this fall.

As soon as the 1916 city tax rolls are completed, early in September, the Fort Worth officials will ask for a bond issue of more than \$800,000. Of this amount \$363,000 will be for the sewage disposal plant and \$300,000 for street improvements.



Children Cry For



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PORT OF MISSING WHEELS

Writer Throws Some New Light on the Eventual Fate of Bicycles.

Perhaps you have wondered what has become of all the old bicycles. Not so long ago everybody had one—father, mother, children and aunts from the country. And then, in the night, motor cars got cheaper and all the bicycles disappeared. Like the Palm Beach suits they are all here in Florida. There are bicycles everywhere, on the flat, hard, beautiful roads, on the curbstones, leaning against the piazzas, in the streets. If the motor car has swept them from the northern streets, it has not done that here. Men, women and children on bicycles whirl about the streets, tingling their little bells and the motor-car drivers look out for them. Just beyond the veranda at Palm Beach were hundreds of bicycles waiting to be hired. Out on the shaded roads were other hundreds bearing their gayly attired burdens.

In the lobby, where I was making my way to the desk, were dozens of women dressed for wheeling—Margaret Tuttle, in Saturday Evening Post.

Logical. Parson—How is it I haven't seen you at church lately? Hodge—J ain't been.

He's a wise man who makes the mistake of guessing a woman's age too young.

Cockroach a Troubler.

Recently while inspecting a large plant attention was called to a peculiar incident. On a branch circuit there was some peculiar trouble. Fuses would blow out at various intervals running from one-half to twenty-four hours, says the Popular Science Monthly. At first no attention was paid, but when the ground detector started to show signs of trouble, first on one side and then on the other, investigation was made. Covers were removed from the outlet boxes and from one box a shower of live and dead cockroaches fell on the head of the examiner. On looking into the box, it was found that the insulation around the joints and especially at the points had been entirely eaten away, the vibration doing the rest toward creating the trouble.

Filtration. If all urban population of the United States were supplied with filtered water, or water of equal purity, the urban typhoid fever death rate would be 14 per 10,000, states George A. Johnson, consulting engineer of New York city. A reduction of 67 per cent in the typhoid rate immediately following filtration has been amply demonstrated.

How disappointed most men must feel every time they look into a mirror!

The man in the moon is the only chap who seems to thrive on a highball.

MOST ACCIDENTS IN HOMES

Majority of Injuries Can Be Traced to the Carelessness of Individuals.

The "safety first" movement is ordinarily understood to mean caution in public, in crossing streets or boarding cars, or carelessness in the factory in handling tools or machinery, but, according to the report of the coroner of Cook county, Illinois, there is more need for "safety first" methods in the home than in the street or factory. In 11 years of the Chicago coroner's incumbency the total number of deaths by accident investigated by his office was 29,854. Of these 15,241 were "accidents at home" and 14,623 "outside the home."

Most of the accidents at home are traceable to carelessness. Burns and scalds caused many deaths, asphyxiation, poisoning, suffocation, falls, exposure and neglect, careless use of matches, firearms, gas and oil stoves, gasoline, liquid stove polish, defective stovepipes and flues, soot, etc., cost thousands of lives. In Cook county in 1915, 105 children under five years of age were killed by scalds and burns.

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From April, 1916, American Journal of Clinical Medicine

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"There's a Reason"

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce Jos. Veltmann as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of Kinney County at the ensuing election in November.

FOR COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK

The News-Mail is authorized to announce Chas. Indlekofer as a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk of Kinney County at the ensuing election in November.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce Jim T. Nolan as a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk of Kinney County at the election in November.

We are authorized to announce John Villeral as a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk of Kinney County at the ensuing election in November.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce John H. Stadler as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Kinney County at the ensuing election in November.

FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO 1

The News-Mail is authorized to announce F. A. Rose as a candidate for the office of Constable of Precinct No. 1, Kinney County, at the ensuing election in November.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

We are authorized to announce H. E. Veltmann as a candidate for the office of County Attorney of Kinney County at the election in November.

FOR SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR.

We are authorized to announce J. C. Beckett as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Kinney County at the ensuing election in November.

We are authorized to announce Tom Perry as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Kinney County at the ensuing election in November.

FOR COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3.

We are authorized to announce August Wipf as a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 3 at the ensuing election in November.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce J. A. Hansbrough as a candidate for County Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, Kinney County at the ensuing election in November.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce Geo. Herzog as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Kinney County at the ensuing election in November.

We are authorized to announce Mrs. Laura M. Gilson as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Kinney County at the ensuing election in November.

FOR JUSTICE PEACE PREC. NO. 1.

We are authorized to announce Harry A. Longcor as a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, at the ensuing election in November.

We are authorized to announce Jaun Rivas as a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, at the ensuing election in November.

FOR COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce Pat Fritter as a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, at the ensuing election in November.

We are authorized to announce Wm A. Veltmann as a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, at the ensuing election in November.

The best is what you want, isn't it? Then why not go to that place, the Manhattan.

The past few days has been hot sultry weather with but slight promise for rain.

Real, good cigars for good fast smokers at the California Exchange.

Ben Nolan was in town the first days of the week and made the News-Mail office a pleasant call.

F. O. Long of Spofford was here the greater part of the week in attendance upon the Commissioners Court which was then in session.

The News-Mail

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It takes two to make a fight; therefore stay single.

From vacation to the school-the transition will be short from play to study.

Progressiveness in ideas is all right but it is progressiveness in putting those ideas to work that counts so much. Forging ahead in deeds is the true spirit of growth.

Prosperity is beginning to pick up good in the surrounding country which greatly benefited from the rains and beneficial of late. What benefits this country benefits us.

Enthusiasm is a good thing to help along the growth of any town; so rake up all the enthusiasm you can on this town, supplement it with some of your energy, and watch it move!

Some men cannot or will not understand a thing; with them it is a most useless thing to argue with them as they do not see light in any manner. Each town has several of these people.

The Allied drive continues and slowly, one by one, they are gaining ground. But the rate of speed at which they are traveling will probably land them in Berlin some years from now.

The price of paper is continually going up, and pretty soon extra copies of paper will be almost a luxury. Already big printing concerns are beginning to consolidate forces to save expense.

Judging men by what they think is not always a good way, for sometimes one will unthinkingly say or do something which is calculated to impress an observer as belonging to that of the evil type, whereas he is of a good character.

In spite of all lessons being brought home daily to the U. S. from the European warfare, and our own Mexican trouble, the U. S. is but slowly absorbing the lessons. The people want preparedness but the favored few act as they see best.

If some of us were to be judged by the way we have helped the town we would receive the lowest mark that it is possible to be given. Most of us are willing to let the rest do the work, but we don't mind sharing in the prosperity that results.

The fair deal is the best a man can expect; and we all expect that even if we fail to render a like return to the one from whom we expect it. Help your neighbor if you expect to be helped. Don't think the paper cannot appreciate your help, for it is always awaited.

The Great Rumor factory has established branches of importance all over the border these days, and most of them are working overtime keeping their patrons supplied. We have a branch here which sometimes works overnight in its efforts to keep up. It pays no dividends but nearly everyone who works for it does for nothing.

Cool Favorites

in warm weather. Your favorite drink is here, so this may be your rendezvous for the hot summer months. Whenever you feel the call of a thirsty throat--just look at these few:

Chocolate Ice Cream Soda, the real and 17 other good flavors; **Cherry Melba Sundaes**; **Lemon Phosphate**, the cold sizzling thirst quenching kind and 16 other kinds; **Malted Milk and Egg**, a most delicious lunch, and ten other egg drinks.

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Local News

J. M. Slaton was in from the ranch the first part of the week. Sample Shoes, all kinds, prices low, at the Economy Cash Store.

J. C. Hybarger was in town the first part of the week on business.

Frank Rose, Jr., left Monday morning for Del Rio on a short business trip.

Ladies and Misses Princess Slips, 75¢ and \$1.00, at the Economy Cash Store.

William Lawsen of Standart was in town this week attending the meeting of the Commissioners Court.

Dewey Seargeant and Wilson Lane, accompanied by R. W. Lane went to Del Rio Sunday on business.

Dr. W. W. Nipper has resumed his civilian clothes after having donned a lieutenant's uniform for about a month.

First in quality, purity and merit are the drinks at the California Exchange.

The new barbecue stand was thrown open to the public Monday afternoon, and is now serving fresh barbecue.

LOST—a pair of nose glasses by J. F. Nance. One dollar reward if returned to News-Mail Office.

Mrs. L. Fontana and Miss Margaret Filippone returned Monday evening after a week's visit with friends in Del Rio.

The Commissioners Court was in session this week. We will publish all the proceedings of the Court in our next issue.

Closing out Ladies Long Kimonas, 50¢, at the Economy Cash Store.

The News-Mail the latter part of last week got out a lot of nice job work for Hobbs and Company of Spofford. Who's next?

Budweiser and Schlitz, famous beers with favored taste, at the California Exchange.

When you say a Manhattan meal, then you know what you mean. Our ice cream and drinks are the best in town. So why not try it?

Jesus Davalos' boy, who about a week ago injured his eye by running into a brush while playing and receiving a scratch on his eye which has blinded him, is still unable to see altho he has received medical treatment. It is thought that only an operation or long treatment will restore his eyesight, as it is thought that the ball was not in any way injured.

Nice Sun Bonnets, all colors, 25¢, at the Economy Cash Store.

Wonderful? No, but a natural consequence of the place whose policy is the best—the Manhattan.

Dewey Seargeant, R. W. Lane and Wilson Lane returned Tuesday afternoon from a short trip to Del Rio.

Misses Hope Victor and Bettie Sutherland left Thursday for a week's visit at Brackett. —Uvalde Leader-News.

Closing out Men's Palm Beach Suits, \$5.50, at the Economy Cash Store.

A number of the Mexican laborers who had been working at Camp Clark have been released although some are still on the job.

Satisfaction guaranteed when you buy of the brand sold by the California Exchange Saloon.

The California Exchange Saloon have taken down the partition in their building and are making some new improvements.

We are in receipt of a communication from the editor in which he states that he expects to be back home by Sunday, the 20th.

Nice Gingham School Dresses at 75¢, at the Economy Cash Store.

Mr. DeWitt, the Postmaster, after spending several days here, is again sourjoining in his ranch in the northern part of the county.

The best and the most famous of all drinks, true and tried, at the California Exchange.

Mrs. M. Fairchild left the latter part of last week for Hayden, Arizona, where she will make her future home with relatives in that city.

Lew Rust, manager of the Del Rio and Western Telephone Company, was over here from Del Rio Wednesday paying the local telephone office a call.

Ladies Pink and Blue Vests, 15¢, at the Economy Cash Store.

A. L. Cashell of Tualrosa was in town Monday and made the News-Mail office a pleasant call. He was sort of surprised to find the editor gone.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nance and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Herzog motored Sunday to Eagle Pass and from there to Del Rio, reporting a good time.

One of the wooden bridges on Ann street, near the Telephone office, was taken out the latter part of last week, and some culverts put into position. This is the right idea, and means less expense than before.

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Preparing For School.

With the school days only two weeks ahead, the thought of all beginning to turn again to the opening of the school. This term all pupils of scholastic age and who can, must attend.

In the past year and years the Brackett Public Schools have been making good, and every year sees an improvement over former years in educational value of our Grammar and High School training. And it is the intention of the present corps of teachers, led by the ableness of Prof. T. S. Cox, to make the coming term a better and a more profitable one than the past year.

It has always been a pleasure to our people to recognize the growing value of our schools, as well as to see that it is gaining ground and recognition everywhere. Such a school is a most valuable addition and means much to all concerned, not merely for the sakes of their children, a paramount value, but in that it attracts attention to our splendid systems, and invites and draws other citizens to our town.

The teachers for this year have all been proven and tried, and as the greater part of these were teachers in our schools last year, a continuance of the same good work is expected. Prof. T. S. Cox has made possible such valuable and rapid development, and he is widely known as one of the best organizers in Texas. His work was especially distinctive and its importance can be seen in the excellent records of our school last year, a year which proved to be one of the biggest in its history. Our School Board fortunate, indeed, in securing his services again.

So prepare for school this year the year of a bigger and better school, and help to place Brackett in the front ranks in efficiency and in character and educational building of the highest order.

"What Love Can Do."

Tonight the Star Theater will have one of the kind of feature plays that will really entertain a movie fan and means both a amusement as well as education. With Adele Farrington cast in the leading part of this famous five reel Red Feather, supported by a wonderful cast, it is an unusual offering, and one which merits a good attention. The story winds around the principal character and illustrates the mighty power of love, and as to what this passion can do when the emotions of men and women are played upon by the little god. It is a story of sacrifice, of joy and happiness, and of love, of lightning changes which Chance makes with our lives, and of the supreme test in the crucible whence the silent, all-suffering love comes out untarnished and brighter than ever.

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Capt. Wilson Called In.

On the 12th inst, Captain Harry F. Wilson, of the Philippine Scouts, retired, received communication from the War Department, assigning him to active duty and was detailed as an acting Quartermaster, ordering him to report to the Southern Department for duty.

Captain Wilson has been on the retired list for some time, and his new appointment, which creates him as Captain in the Quartermaster Department in the army in the United States, was warmly welcomed by his many friends here. As yet Captain Wilson has not been assigned to any station, nor entered into the

active service, but he expects it any day.

Captain Wilson stated he was glad to get into the harness once more, and it is to be hoped that he will be stationed in some place near here.

Second Democratic Primary.

The attention of our readers is called to a notice published in this issue of the News-Mail, calling the attention of Kinney County Democrats to the fact that there will be held in this County, in proper precincts, a second Democratic Primary for the purpose of determining the choice of the Democratic Party for U. S. Senator. Hon. O. B. Colquitt and Hon. Chas. A. Culberson are the two candidates who are to be voted upon. At the regular Primaries which took place on July 22nd, 1916, neither of these two candidates received a majority. It is, therefore, for this reason that the second "run off" primary is called to determine the question. All the Kinney County Democrats are expected to attend the polls and vote; the date is next Saturday, the 22nd.

Trucks Take Calves.

For the past week several loads of good calves have been taken by Val Verdé Irrigation Trucks, which brought them from the northern part of the county, to Del Rio, where, it was reported to us, they will be fed.

These calves were all healthy looking, and spoke good for the county, as they are still in good condition. Conjectures as to their destination and purpose were current for several days.

Trucks Come In.

Eleven trucks came in Monday afternoon; twenty three trucks are expected soon.

The above arrivals proceeded at once after making their way through Fort Clark to the camp on the target range where they will at once proceed to take station.

The new buildings at the Camp are ordered to be rushed through and Mr. McNally, who is in charge of the Construction work, is to begin as soon as possible on the building of several screened kitchens, and to finish as soon as it can possibly be done, the new camp hospital, as well as the additions to the Fort Hospital.

The rumor factory is busy night and day and one has to judge hard to find the real truth of things as they are. That two troops of regulars, in all probability of the 14th Cavalry, and machine gun, will be stationed here for patrol duty is almost certain.

The Guardsmen are expected to arrive this week, but, as usual, the rumor factory can't exactly decide which one will be stationed here. With the arrival of the trucks there will be a good opportunity to see how the new Spofford-Brackett road will stand up under the heavy strain of travel that the trucks will give it.

Business houses and everybody is prepared for their coming, and the moment is anxiously awaited.

Early Resided.
There will be no meeting of the local Health Society Tuesday evening because of the illness of so many of the members. From the Wakefield Star.

For Sale.

My house and nine lots, and some good, household effects. For examination and prices see me. Good bargains.

A. L. Stewart.

Democrats, Take Notice!

As at the last primary neither of two candidates for Senator secured a majority required, it is now announced that a Democratic Primary will be held on August 26th, to decide the nomination between Chas. A. Culberson and O. B. Colquitt. Democrats take notice! Signed by Paul Waples, Chairman State Democratic Com. Attest: Chas. J. Kirk, Secy.

Local News

Ladies' Tango Bloomers, \$5. at the Economy Cash Store.

Good quality Huck towels, large size, \$1.50 per doz., at the Economy Cash Store.

We are in receipt of a communication from Prof. T. S. Cox, in which he states that he expected to be again in Brackett some time in the near future.

Dave Rose of the Nueces was here this week attending the meeting of the Commissioners Court. He called around at our office, as usual, to learn the news.

Crockery, Agate Ware, Tin, Glass Ware, dirt cheap, at the Economy Cash Store.

The number of truck drivers at the Camp are now busy making trips to Spofford each day and helping in the hauling. New members for the Guardsmen are coming in each day.

Subscribe for the News.

Commissioners Court finished their session on Wednesday afternoon.

Mark Bean and Mr. Alexander from Rocksprings were visiting here this week.

Nice Line Fine Dress Gingham, 12 yds. \$1.00, at the Economy Cash Store.

Slight showers have fallen the past few days around here and refreshed the ground some.

With all the candidates practically in the field now, the election is beginning to warm up.

Mrs. J. H. Nipper of Uvalde is here this week the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Nipper and family.

Miss Lela McFadden of Henze has accepted a position as governess at the school at the Coisy ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanaborough and family of Standart were here Wednesday night attending the Star Theater.

Mrs. L. D. Anderson and daughter, Ella May, are visiting here, the guests of Mike Keplinger and family.

Mrs. A. J. Connell and children have returned from an extended visit with relatives and friends in San Antonio.

Art ticking for Sofa Pillow, Laundry Bags, Lounge Covers and other purposes, at 10¢, worth 20¢, at the Economy Cash Store.

As the Spofford locals failed to show up this week that column does not appear. We hope to have them again with us the next week.

H. E. Veltmann spent several days this week on business in San Antonio. He was accompanied by his father, Henry Veltmann.

Misses Margaret Elledge and Margaret Salmon have returned to their homes in Spofford after a visit with their mother and family.

Miss Mattie McKnight of Vicksburg, Mississippi, is spending the week here as the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. W. Nipper, and family.

We are glad to learn that our little neighboring town, Macie, now has regular passenger service and mails, so the Railroad Commission ordered.

Mrs. Edward Ward arrived here Sunday night and joined her husband, after having visited for an extended period with relatives in Sayre, Pennsylvania.

J. W. Nolan was in town the first part of the week, and we are glad to note that he is greatly improving in health since his return here from San Antonio.

Several reasons have been advanced us as to why the editor is taking a trip, but we have been unable to decide as to which, although it is reported as a vacation.

Randolph Partrick blew into town the first part of the week and called around. It took us five minutes to see all of him, but we found, upon elaborate investigation, that he was the same old Randolph.

Sunday afternoon a party motored out to Kickapoo Springs and spent an enjoyable day fishing and picnicking. A nice catch of fish was reported. Those there were: Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hybarger, Mrs. O. W. Stadler, Kathlee Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. Burtle Jones, Jim and Ben Nolan.

The further side of the target range, just beyond it, is being cleared up by the gang of Mexicans, and it is thought from that fact that there will be more guardsmen stationed here than was thought would first be placed here. The reservation can easily hold many more without any inconvenience.

Advertise in the News.



ANNOUNCEMENT

The following prices f. o. b. Detroit, effective August 2nd, 1915:

Ford Runabout . . . \$390.00
Ford Touring Car . . . \$440.00
Ford Town Car . . . \$640.00

No speedometer included in this years equipment otherwise cars fully equipped.

There can be no assurance given against an advance in these prices at any time. We guarantee, however, that there will be no reduction in these prices prior to Aug. 1st, 1916. Having accomplished our sales of over 300,000 cars in one year, profit-sharing checks will be distributed, \$50 each, after Aug. 15. Mail profit-sharing check, properly endorsed, at once. No profit sharing for cars delivered during Aug., Sept. and Oct. 1915.

Ford Motor Co. Henry Veltmann, Local Dealer.]

THE CONVENTION OF TEXAS DEMOCRATS

SUBMISSION PLANK AND ROBERTSON LAW NOT INCLUDED IN THE PLATFORM.

PRESIDENT'S MEXICAN POLICY IS INDORSED

State Committees Chosen and Nominations Accepted—Gov. Ferguson Makes Address—The Convention Closed After Much Debating.

Platform and Resolutions Adopted by the Democrats.

A synopsis of the platform adopted by the State Democratic Convention follows:

The national administration is heartily and cordially indorsed and the Wilson Mexican policy is openly and unanimously indorsed.

The administration of Governor Ferguson is indorsed.

Laws are recommended to prohibit pools and combines in price fixing of agricultural products and to enable a better marketing of perishable products.

In pledging a liberal policy toward organized labor the eight-hour day is recommended for all classes and equal pay for men and women in the same class of work.

Investment of foreign capital in Texas is welcomed and assured of full protection.

Better care of the insane is urged even though it cost half million dollars additional.

Two million dollars for rural schools is recommended with a reasonable increase in the salaries of public school teachers.

Creation of a state highway commission with a tax on motor vehicles is urged.

Attention is called to the pressing need of reform in judicial procedure.

Factories in Texas engaged in manufacture of cotton or worsted would be exempt from taxation for ten years.

Controlling manner of and purpose of using campaign funds is believed better than a control of the amount, and the "campaign liar" is denounced.

Notes given for purchase of home-stead drawing not more than 6 per cent would be free from taxation.

Laws are recommended defining and regulating petitions presented for specific legislation.

Urged legislation to stop practice of issuance of anticipatory warrants except for emergencies.

Secure deep water, commit Texas democrats to doctrine of state rights in railway regulation, recommend four-year terms for all state officers, and deplore the death of Jonathan Lane.

Houston, Tex.—The democratic state convention adjourned Wednesday after a session of much oratory—adopting a platform in which there is neither submission nor the Robertson law—nominating a full slate of state officials and indorsing the national and state officials.

Submission as a platform demand was rejected by the convention. This was presented as a minority report, signed by William Lewis Hill, Samuel Palmer Brooks, D. W. Odell and A. H. Randell, the defeated candidate for congress in the Sherman district. Odell and Randell are antis.

The submissionists polled their largest vote on the proposition to write submission into the platform. Their smallest vote was on the temporary organization of the convention.

The result of the four roll calls taken in the two days was as follows: On temporary organization: Ferguson forces 635, opposition 190.

On credentials committee report: Ferguson 596, opposition 237.

On submission: Ferguson 524, opposition 299.

On campaign expenses: Ferguson 573, opposition 200.

Governor Ferguson opened the fight against making submission a platform demand, and declared that it had not received a majority of all the votes cast; that the El Paso platform was silent when submission had been defeated by a majority of 23,000, and he appealed to all his friends to leave it out of the platform and to avoid strife during the coming two years.

Samuel Palmer Brooks, General M. M. Crane, Thomas H. Ball and D. W. Odell championed the cause of submission. Yancey Cummins of Hill closed the debate for those who were opposed to submission having a place in the platform of the party. The pro (or submissionists) lost by the following vote: 524 to 299. It was a victory for Ferguson and his friends in the convention.

President's Mexican Policy Indorsed. In order that those living in states remote from Texas may know the real feelings of the citizens of Texas, upon

Peace Officers End Session. Houston, Tex.—The election of officers, selection of Waco as the next meeting place and the speeches of acceptance constituted the work of the City Marshals and Police Chiefs' Union at Houston Wednesday.

Ammunition Explodes; Kills Fifty. Koenigsburg, East Prussia.—An explosion of ammunition which was about to be shipped from the depot Tuesday caused the death of thirty men and twenty women.

whose ears the tootin of war has sounded; upon whose ears the hoof-beat of the cavalry horse has fallen; in whose ears the crack of the rifle and the shout of the American soldier has rung in the controversies with Mexico, we, the democrats of Texas, are glad of an opportunity to openly and unanimously indorse the Mexican policy of President Wilson, and we sincerely approve the caution, the wisdom and the patriotism which he has exercised in dealing with the trying and troublesome conditions that have sorely taxed his patience in the conduct of our international and domestic relations with Mexico.

Nominations for state offices follow: W. G. Love of Harris county eulogized Governor Ferguson in the highest terms for his constructive acts.

Senator Hudspeth of El Paso second renominated and responded in a speech of acceptance.

Senator McCollum of Waco placed William F. Hobby in nomination for lieutenant governor and a second speech was made by Harry Fisher of Harris county. Hobby was unanimously renominated, as were all of the other candidates for state office.

On nomination by Senator Hanger, Hon. Paul Waples of Fort Worth was unanimously re-elected chairman of the state democratic executive committee.

Governor Ferguson's Address. Governor Ferguson's address, accepting the nomination, was, in part, as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Convention: As I stand before you to accept for the second time the nomination of the democratic party of Texas for the highest office within our state, I am profoundly grateful and deeply sensible of the honor of your repeated trust and good will. It is with a feeling akin to reverence, of genuine humility and a fervent sense of the responsibility involved that I accept again this distinguished honor and expression of your confidence.

"By the help of God, I hope, day by day, to prove myself more worthy of your esteem.

"To be a humble member of this great party is an honor, and to be the honored representative of this great organization of democrats should make glad the heart of any man and deeply inspire him to the greatest effort in return for the confidence imposed.

"Official life has its pangs and its pleasures, its sunshine and its shadows, its triumphs and its tribulations, but through it all, if we have our self-respect, the task is easy. I had rather receive all censure and know that I am right than to have the cackling applause of the countless multitude and know that I am wrong.

"I had rather feel that I had performed an efficient service than to be decorated with a medal and the muckraker barked at my heels, than to be conscious that I had neglected those who needed my assistance in order for me to escape the censure of those whom I know to be an enemy to the public good. I have labored long and earnestly through many periods of my life, and with no thought of claiming more for myself than other governors might claim. I want to say that the hardest work of my life has been performed while I have been governor. The office involves unceasing attention to official relations, physical strain and a high and acute mental tension.

"But all of this I place to small account, if my people have received the benefit and if the great political party of which I rejoice to be a member has lived up to its great usefulness and power.

"Regardless of what others may say, I know that from the minute of my inaugural address to this good hour, the well-being of my state has been before my mind and stamped indelibly upon my heart, and every energy which I possess has been consecrated to accomplishment of the democratic will and to the happiness of my people.

"I can not be more faithful to you in the future than I have been in the past. But as a natural consequence, experience and acquaintance with official duties have better qualified and fortified me to deal with the many perplexing and increasing problems of the office with which you have again honored me."

New State Committees. The new committees were elected as follows: State Executive committee—1. A. C. Stuart, Bowie; 2. C. E. Sheppard, Hopkins; 3. Pat Warner, Lamar; 4. R. P. Head, Cooke; 5. J. P. Yates, Hunt; 6. Homer B. Fisher, Dallas; 7. W. N. Jones, Wood; 8. S. S. Baker, Pannaola; 9. J. S. Calcutt, Navarro; 10. W. M. Odell, Johnson; 11. Joe Cavitt, McLennan; 12. W. C. Boyett, Brazos; 13. J. H. Patner, Houston; 14. V. H. Stark, Orange; 15. W. M. Foster, Montgomery; 16. John Lang, Harris; 17. James B. Stubbs, Galveston; 18. L. H. Maghenah, Austin; 19. D. C. Giddings, Washington; 20. L. F. Lochridge, Travis; 21. John C. Jones, Gonzales; 22. W. E. Folwer, Goliad; 23. Joseph K. Wells, Cameron; 24. Claude V.

Flour Up Forty Cents a Barrel. Portland, Ore.—Millers announced Wednesday that the price of flour in the Northwest will be advanced at least 20 cents a barrel, and probably as high as 40 cents, as a result of the jump in wheat quotations.

Elena Wins Cup Race. Newport, R. I.—The Astor cup race Wednesday was won by the Elena, which crossed the line at 3:12:30. No other yacht was in sight when she finished.

Slides Hurt Business of Canal. Washington.—Slides in the Panama canal decreased the number of ships passing through the canal from 1,088 in the fiscal year 1915 to 787 in the year closing July 1 last. Expenses of operation and maintenance totalling \$6,999,750 exceeded receipts by \$4,599,919.

Kuropatkin Over Turkestan. London.—General Alexis Kuropatkin has been appointed governor general of Turkestan.

Birkhead, Bexar; 25. Milburn McCarthy, Tom Green; 26. E. E. Hendricks, Brown; 27. M. P. McElhannon, Bell; 28. Guy R. Holcomb, Jones; 29. Will A. Miller, Jr., Potter; 30. J. W. Mitchell, Tarrant; 31. A. D. Rogers, Wise.

Platform and Resolutions—1. R. P. Durrough, Bowie; 2. J. K. Brim, Hopkins; 3. J. Frank Parish, Fannin; 4. Andrew L. Randell, Grayson; 5. O. H. Rodes, Rains; 6. Murphy W. Townsend, Dallas; 7. R. M. Smith, Wood; 8. S. R. Thrasher, Gregg; 10. R. S. Noblett, Navarro; 11. S. P. Brooks, McLennan; 12. J. R. Astin, Brazos; 13. G. C. Gregg, Trinity; 14. W. P. Hobby, Jefferson; 15. W. L. Hill, Walker; 16. J. F. Wolters, Harris; 17. A. R. Rucks, Brazoria; 18. I. E. Clark, Fayette; 19. J. B. Price, Bastrop; 20. R. J. Eckhardt, Williamson; 21. F. C. Weinert, Guadalupe; 22. A. B. Davidson, De Witt; 23. Archie Parr, Duval; 24. J. F. Carl, Bexar; 25. C. B. Hudspeth, El Paso; 26. Scott Woodward, Erath; 27. J. N. Falls, Bosque; 28. John Moyers, Palo Pinto; 29. Mike Kerrian, Hardeman; 30. Marshall Spoons, Tarrant; 31. J. W. Chancellor, Montague.

Permanent Organization—1. Joe Hughes, Bowie; 2. L. W. Davidson, Franklin; 3. George McDonald, Fannin; 4. Hayden W. Head, Grayson; 5. F. E. Wilcox, Collin; 6. Alex Pope, Dallas; 7. E. H. McKinnon, Van Zandt; 8. A. R. Fox, Gregg; 9. E. A. Landman, Madison; 10. J. M. Alderice, Ellis; 11. Bart Moore, McLennan; 12. W. O. Beene, Limestone; 13. I. D. Fairchild, Angelina; 14. Benton McMillan, Jasper; 15. W. D. Pullen, Polk; 16. John M. Moore, Fort Bend; 17. W. L. Hall, Wharton; 18. Steve Machemahal, Lavaca; 19. Tom Cratcher, Burleson; 20. Wilston Escaville, Burnet; 21. L. H. Scholl, Comal; 22. Frank Moffett, Jackson; 23. P. A. Hunter, San Patricio; 24. R. H. Ward, Bexar; 25. James Callan, Menard; 26. J. I. Guion, Runnels; 27. P. S. Short, Coryell; 28. W. P. Sebastian, Stephens; 29. P. L. Parrish, Crosby; 30. Ben M. Terrell, Tarrant; 31. A. B. Conley, Wise.

Credentials—1. A. L. Lincoln, Cass; 2. T. R. McLean, Titus; 3. D. Lyday, Fannin; 4. George W. Dayton, Cooke; 5. B. M. McMahon, Hunt; 6. George Dutton, Dallas; 7. George C. Reeves, Wood; 8. William Lane, Harrison; 9. Virgil Haynie, Kaufman; 10. A. B. Honeycutt, Johnson; 11. Z. A. Booth, Falls; 12. B. H. Marks, Limestone; 13. Ned Morris, Anderson; 14. S. W. Sholars, Jr., Tyler; 15. E. A. Berry, Madison; 16. Keet McDade, Waller; 17. W. M. Holland, Matagorda; 18. George Herder, Colorado; 19. Quintus U. Watson, Lee; 20. W. D. Caldwell, Travis; 21. J. B. Hatchett, Caldwell; 22. W. G. Murray, Wilson; 23. Roy Miller, Nueces; 24. Tom J. Martin, Gillespie; 25. John J. Foster, Val Verde; 26. A. H. Wilburn, Llano; 27. R. Bailey, Coryell; 28. E. T. Brooks, Tarrant; 29. J. M. Hill, Falls; 30. Ed

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CLASSIFICATION WIPED OUT

Commodity and Division Rates in This State Condemned as Unduly Discriminatory or Prejudicial in Famous Shreveport Case.

Washington.—In a supplemental report on the Shreveport case the interstate commerce commission Saturday decreed what is believed to be the destruction of the work of the Texas railroad commission. It applies the principles laid down in the original report so they cover the entire state. It does away with the division of the common point territory made in the original report and recognizes the division that has long existed in the making of rates, both state and interstate.

Under that division on the common point territory, railroads filed tariffs naming rates of the most ludicrous character yet in technical compliance with the terms of the order.

The Texas classification is unconditionally wiped out by the order, and class and commodity distance scales are prescribed to become effective on or before November 1. In the original report the commission ordered the railroads to remove discrimination, leaving it to their option whether they would reduce interstate rates or raise state scales. The commission in its order left no such option. It condemned the class and commodity rates in Texas as unduly discriminatory or prejudicial to Shreveport, and said further that any interstate rates maintained by the railroads in Texas in excess of the scales mentioned in the report would be unjust and unreasonable.

That is a reverse order of saying that state rates lower than those scales will be an undue burden upon interstate commerce.

The order, which covers all of the contested points in the consolidated Texas and Louisiana cases growing out of contentions arising subsequent to the decision in the original case, the interstate commission holds to its original ruling that it is unlawful to charge a higher rate on freight moving from Shreveport toward Texas points than upon like freight moving from Texas points toward Shreveport. It then proceeds to prescribe the maximum rates to be applied between Shreveport and Texas points in order to remove declared undue prejudices to Shreveport.

Commodity rates between Shreveport and points in Texas on beef cattle, stock cattle, horses and mules; stone (rough), sand and gravel; common brick, fire brick, junk, lignite, cordwood and tan bark; machinery (gin and irrigation); glass, fruit jars and bottles; iron and steel articles; potatoes and turnips; fruits, melons and vegetables; empty barrels and kegs; blackstrap molasses; cotton seed and products; unshelled peanuts; flour, wheat, corn and hay; agricultural implements, except hand implements; bagging and ties; binder twine; cans, cases and pails (tin); baskets; chocolate raw materials; dry goods; window glass; glassware (table); horse and mule shoes; oil (refined petroleum); iron and steel pipe; wrapping paper; printing paper; tin articles; wire and nails; door locks; tools, files and rasps; and on other articles taking the same rates, respectively, are found unreasonable and unduly prejudicial to Shreveport as compared with rates for the transportation of the same commodities for like distances within Texas. Reasonable maximum rates between Shreveport and Texas points are prescribed and undue prejudice ordered removed.

The class rate scale prescribed begins with distances of ten miles and less and runs up to 400. Rates on hauls more than 400 miles long are to be blanketed just as they are now under the division of the state into common points and differential territory. The scale begins with 23c first class for hauls of ten miles and less and ends with 5c for such hauls on class E.

It ends with a rate of 106c first class on hauls over 350 and not in excess of 400 miles, and a class E rate of 26c on distances exceeding 400 miles, the rates 106c and 26c first class E class are blanketed. The jumps are 10 miles up to distances of 150, 25 miles in distances up to 250 and 50 miles in distances exceeding 250.

The class rates for joint line application may be made by adding to the rates prescribed in the scale differentials of 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 4, 4, 3, 2, and 2c. The class scale for differential territory is constructed by allowing differentials over the common point class scale for hauls over 400 miles and not more than 420 miles by adding 2c to the first two classes and 1c for each of the other eight classes. On hauls, 700 miles long, there may be an addition of 30c to the first class rate and 10c to the class E rate.

On live stock the scale provides a minimum of 22,000 on cattle and 23,000 on horses and mules in cars of 36 feet 7 inches in length.

Rates for cars longer than 40 feet may be made by adding 2* for each foot or fraction in excess of 40 feet. The scale begins with hauls for 10 miles or less of 6c for beef cattle 10c for horses and mules. It runs up to 43c on both cattle and horses on hauls of more than 700, but not more than 800 miles.

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Yale to Admit Women. Women have beaten their way into old Yale. The school of medicine at that university has guardedly, cautiously let down the sex bars and will admit a limited number of girl students. They must, however, bring testimony that they have "an equipment which will insure continuance of the high standard of the institution," says the New York Sun.

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak. Old people who are feeble, and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking regularly Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It purifies and enriches the blood, and builds up the whole system. 50c.

Saved an Empress. With the filing of the will of Mrs. Sarah Gray Crane in the Surrogate's court a trust fund of \$75,000 became available for the trustees of Amherst college. Dr. Edward A. Crane, her husband, had left the bulk of his estate in trust for the benefit of his widow. After her death it was to go to Amherst. How Doctor Crane saved the life of Empress Eugenie from a Paris mob of September 4, 1870, was told in the will. He planned the secret flight of the empress from Paris to Deauville when the republic was proclaimed after the news of the Sedan surrender. He arranged passage on Lord Burgoyne's yacht and took her to England. The empress rewarded Doctor Crane with a handsome pearl.—New York Times.

Perfectly Simple. "Charles, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "this article says that the old-fashioned stump speaker has almost disappeared."

"Yes?"

"Well, it's easily explained. The government has imposed so many restrictions on cutting down trees that the supply of stumps has probably given out."

Taking No Chance. Mr. Robbins came home well pleased with his achievement at the employment agency.

"I engaged two cooks today," he said.

"Why two?" said the wife. "We need only one."

"I know," said Mr. Robbins, "but one comes tomorrow, the other a week from tomorrow."—Paul Mall Gazette.

Does Coffee Disagree?

Many are not aware of the ill effects of coffee drinking until a bilious attack, frequent headaches, nervousness, or some other ailment starts them thinking.

Ten days off coffee and on POSTUM

—the pure food-drink—will show anyone, by the better health that follows, how coffee has been treating them.

"There's a Reason" for POSTUM Sold by Grocers

The City of Numbered Days

By FRANCIS LYNDE

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The power of a good woman over the man who loves her—what a great force it is! Brouillard, head over heels in dishonest speculation, wants to go to Amy and tell her everything. He needs her sorely, but he fears she will throw him over if she learns what he has been doing and how deeply he is involved.

CHAPTER XIX—Continued.

"You want counsel and you are not willing to buy it with the coin of confidence," he said at length, adding: "It is just as well, perhaps. I doubt very much if I am the person to give it to you."

"Why do you doubt it? Isn't it a part of your job?"

"Not always. I am not your conscience keeper, Brouillard. Don't misunderstand me. I may have lived a year longer than you have, but you have lived more—a great deal more. That fact might be set aside, but there is another: In the life of every man there is some one person who knows who understands, whose word for that man is the one only fitting word of inspiration. That is what I mean when I say that I am not your conscience keeper. Do I make it clear?"

"Granting your premises—yes. Go on."

"I will. We'll paste that leaf down and turn another. Though I can't counsel you, I can still be your faithful accuser. You have committed a great sin, Brouillard, and you are still committing it. If you haven't been the leader in the mad scramble for riches here in this abandoned city, you have been only a step behind the leaders. And you were the one man who should have been like Caesar's wife, the one whose example counted for most."

Brouillard got up and thrust out his hand across the desk.

"You are a man, Castner—and that is better than being a priest," he asserted soberly. "I'll take back all the spiteful things I've been saying. I'm down under the hoofs of the horses, and it's only human nature to want to pull somebody else down. I'm one of the few men in Mirapolis whose presence has been a blessing instead of a curse—who hasn't had a purely selfish greed to satisfy."

Again Castner shook his head.

"There hasn't been much that I could do, Brouillard, it is simply dreadful—the hard, reckless, half-demonic spirit of this place! There is nothing to appeal to; there is no room or time for anything but the mad money chase or the still madder dissipation in which the poor wretches seek to forget. I can only try here and there to drag some poor soul out of the fire at the last moment, and it makes me sick-sick at heart!"

"You mustn't look at it that way," said Brouillard, suddenly turning comforter.

"You have been doing good work and a lot of it—more than any three ordinary men could stand up under. I haven't got beyond seeing and appreciating, Castner; truly I have not. And I'll say this: 'If I had only half your courage . . . but it's no use, I'm in too deep. I can't see any farther ahead than a man born blind. There is one end for which I have been striving from the very first, and it is still unattained. I'm past help now. I have reached a point at which I'd pull the whole world down in ruins to see that end accomplished.'"

The young missionary took another turn up and down the room and then came back to the desk for his hat. At the leave-taking he said the only helpful word he could think of.

"Go to your confessor, Brouillard—your real confessor—and go all the more readily if that one happens to be a good woman—whom you love and trust. They often see more clearly than we do—the good women. Try it; and let me help where a man can help."

For a long hour after Castner went away Brouillard sat at his desk, fighting as those fight who see the cause lost, and who know they only make the ruin more complete by struggling on.

Cortwright's guess had found its mark. He was loaded to break with "front feet" and options and "corners." In the least speculative period he had bought and mortgaged and bought again, plunging recklessly with the sole object of wringing another hundred thousand out of drying sponge against the time when David Massingale should need it. At first the undertaking seemed easily possible. But with the drying of the speculative sponge it became increasingly difficult. More and more he had been compelled to buy and hold, until now the bare attempt to unload would have started the panic which was only waiting for some hedging seller to fire the train.

The sweat stood out in great drops on his forehead when he finally drew a pad of telegraph blanks under his hand and began to write a message. Painstakingly he composed it, refer-

ring often to the notes in his field-book, and printing the words neatly in his accurate, clearly-defined handwriting.

When it was finished he translated it laboriously into the department code. But after the copy was made and signed he did not ring at once for a messenger. Instead, he put the two, the original and the cipher, under a paper weight and sat glooming at them searching blindly for some alternative to the final act of treachery which would be consummated in the sending of the wire.

Since, by reason of Cortwright's tamperings with the smelter people and the railroad, the "Little Susan" had become a locked treasure vault, the engineer, acting upon his own initiative, had tried the law. As soon as he had ascertained that David Massingale had been given sixty days longer to live, solely because the buccaneers chose to take his mine—rather than his money, Brouillard had submitted the facts in the case to a trusted lawyer friend in the East.

This hope had pulled in two like a frayed cord. Massingale must pay the bank or lose all. Until he had obtained possession of the promissory notes there would be no crevice in which to drive any legal wedge. And even then, unless some pressure could be brought to bear upon the grafters to make them disgorge, there was no chance of Massingale's recovering more than his allotted two-thirds of the stock; in other words, he would still stand committed to the agreement by which he had bound himself to make the grafters a present, in fee simple, of one-third of his mine.

Brouillard had written one more letter to the lawyer. In it he had asked how David Massingale could be unsalvageably reinstated in his rights as the sole owner of the "Little Susan." The answer had come promptly and it was explicit. "Only by the repayment of such sums as had been actually expended in the reorganization and on the betterments—for the modernizing machinery and improvements—and the voluntary surrender, by the other parties to the agreement, of the stock in dispute," the lawyer had written; and Brouillard had smiled at the thought of Cortwright's reaction to anything which was once well within the grasp of his pudgy hands.

Falling to start the legal wedge, Brouillard had dipped—also without consulting Massingale—into the matter of land titles. The "Little Susan" was legally patented under the land laws, and Massingale's title, if the mine were located upon government land, was without a law. But on a former reclamation project Brouillard had been brought in contact with some of the curious title litigation growing out of the old Spanish grants; and in at least one instance he had seen a government patent invalidated thereby.

As a man in reasonably close touch with his superiors in Washington, the chief of construction knew that there was a Spanish grant involvement which had at one time threatened to at least delay the Niquola project. How it had been settled finally he did not know; but after the legal failure he had written to a man—a college classmate of his own—in the bureau of land statistics, asking for data which would enable him to locate exactly the great Coronida grant. To this letter no reply had as yet been received. Brouillard had cause to know with what slowness a simple matter of information can ooze out of a department bureau. The letter—which, after all, might contain nothing helpful—lingered on the way, and the crisis, the turning point beyond which there could be no redemption in a revival of the speculative craze, had arrived.

Brouillard took up the draft of the Washington telegram and read it over. He was cooler now, and he saw that it was only as it came from the hand of a traitor, who could and would deliberately wreck the train of events it might set in motion, that it became a betrayal. Writing as the commanding officer in the field, he had restated the facts—facts doubtless well known in the department—the probability that congress would intervene and the hold the opposition was gaining by the suspension of the work on the dam. If the work could be pushed energetically and at once, there was a possibility that the opposition would become discouraged and voluntarily withdraw. Would the department place the men and the means instantly at his disposal?

"If I were the honest man I am supposed to be, that is precisely the message I ought to send," he mused reflectively. "It is only as the crooked devil in possession of me will drive me to nullify the effort and make it of no effect that it becomes a crime; and the fact that I can never be sure that the Cortwright gang hasn't the inside track and will not win out in spite of all efforts. That is the touchstone of the whole degrading business. I am afraid Cortwright has the inside track. If I could only get a little clear-sighted daylight on the damnable tangle!"

CHAPTER XX Love's Crucible

Obedying a sudden impulse, Brouillard thrust the two copies of the telegram under the paper-weight again, sprang up, put on his hat, and left the building. A few minutes later he was on the porch of the stuccoed villa in the Quadjenal road and was saying gravely to the young woman who had been reading in the hammock: "You are staying too closely at home. Get your coat and hat and walk with me up to the 'Little Susan.' It will do you good."

The afternoon was waning and the sun, dipping to the horizon, hung like a huge golden ball over the yellow immensities of the distant Buckskin as they topped the final ascent in the steep trail and went to sit on the steps of the deserted home cabin at the mine.

For a time neither spoke, and the stillness of the air contributed something to the high-mountain silence, which was almost oppressive. Work had been stopped in the mine at the end of the previous week, Massingale declaring, morosely, that until he knew



"See How the Great Dam—Your Work—Overshadows It."

whose ore he was digging he would dig no more. Presumably there was a watchman, but if so he was invisible to the two on the cabin step, and the high viewpoint was theirs alone.

"How did you know that I have been wanting to come up here once more before everything is changed?" said the girl at length, patting the roughly-hewn log step as if it were a sentient thing to feel the caress.

"I didn't know it," Brouillard denied. "I only knew that I wanted to get out of Gomorrah for a little while, to come up here with you and get the reek of the pit out of my nostrils."

"I know," she rejoined, with the quick comprehension which never failed him. "It is good to be out of it, to be up here where we can look down upon it and see it in its true perspective—as a mere little impertinent blot on the landscape. It's only that, after all, Victor. See how the great dam—your work—overshadows it."

"That is one of the things I hoped I might be able to see if I came here with you," he returned slowly. "But I can't get your point of view, Amy. I shall never be able to get it again."

"You did have it once," she asserted. "Or rather, you had a better one of your own. Has Gomorrah changed it?"

"No, not Gomorrah. I could shut the waste-gates and drown the place to-morrow for all that Mirapolis, or anything in it, means to me. But something has changed the point of view for me past mending, since that first day when we sat here together and looked down upon the beginning of the reclamation construction camp—before Gomorrah was ever thought of."

"I know," she said again. "But that dreadful city is responsible. It has robbed us all, Victor; but you more than any, I'm afraid."

"No," he objected. "Mirapolis has been only a means to an end. The thing that has changed my point of view—my entire life—is love, as I have told you once before."

"Oh, no," she protested gently, rising to take her old place, with her back to the porch post and her hands behind her. And then, still more gently: "That is almost like sacrifice, Victor, for love is sacred."

"I can't help it. Love has made a great scoundrel of me, Amy; a criminal. If man's laws were as closely meshed as God's."

"I can't believe that," she dissented loyally.

"It is true. I have betrayed my trust. Cortwright will make good in all of his despicable schemes. Congress will intervene and the Niquola project will be abandoned."

"Tell me," she begged briefly; and

since he was staring fixedly at the scored slopes of Jack's mountain, he did not see that she caught her lip between her teeth to stop its trembling.

"As you know, I had a debt to pay before I could say: 'Come, little girl, let's go and get married.' So I became a stockholder in Cortwright's power company, knowing perfectly well when I consented that the hundred thousand dollars' worth of stock he gave me was a bribe—the price of my silence and noninterference with his greedy schemes."

"But you didn't mean to keep it; you know you couldn't keep it!" she broke in; and now he did not need to look to know that her lips were trembling piteously.

"I did keep it."

She dropped quickly on the step beside him and a sympathetic hand crept into his.

"You kept it until the unhappy day when you gave it to my father, and he—and he threw it away." She was crying softly, but his attempt to comfort her was almost mechanical.

"Don't cry about the money. It had the devil's thumb-prints on it, and he merely claimed his own and got it." Then he went on as one determined to leave nothing untold. "Cortwright had bought me, and I served him as only a man in my position could serve him. I became a promoter, a 'booster,' with the others. There have been times when a word from me would have pricked the bubble. I haven't said the word; I am not saying it now. If I should say it I'd lose at a single stroke all that I have been fighting for. And I am not a good loser, Amy."

For once the keen, apprehending perception failed.

"I don't understand," she said, speaking as if she were groping in thick darkness. "I mean I don't understand the motive that could—"

He turned to her in dumb astonishment.

"I thought I had been making it plain as I went along. You wanted something—you needed it—therefore it must be purchased for you. And the curious part of the besetment is that I have known all along that I was killing your love for me. If it wasn't quite dead before, it will die now—that I have told you how I am finging the last vestiges of uprightness and honor to the winds."

"But how?" she queried. "You haven't told me."

"With the dam completed before congress could intervene, Mirapolis would of course, be quite dead and ready for its funeral. But if the Cortwright people industriously insist that the spending of another million or two of government money is only another plum for the city and its merchants and industries, that, notwithstanding the stillness of the water, will still

will be saved by legislative enactment, the innocent sheep may be made to bleed again and the wolves will escape."

She shuddered and drew a little apart from him on the log step.

"Do your part in this horrible plot, Victor!" she asked.

"It is as simple as it is despicable. In the first place, I am to set the situation before the department in such a light as to make it clearly a matter of public policy to take advantage of the present Mirapolitan crisis by pushing the work vigorously to a conclusion. After thus turning on the spigot of plenty, I am expected to crowd the pay rolls and at the same time to hold back on the actual progress of the work. That is all—except that I am to keep my mouth shut."

"But you can't, you can't!" she cried. Then, in a passionate outburst: "If you should do such a thing as that, it wouldn't kill my love—I can't say that any more; but it would kill me—I shouldn't want to live!"

He looked around at her curiously, as if he were holding her at arm's length.

"Shall I do what you would have me do, Amy? Or shall I do what is best for you?" The opposing queries were as impersonal as the arm's-length gaze.

The tears had burned out of the steadfast eyes which were resting, with the shining soul looking out through them, upon the crimsoning snow peaks of the distant Timanyonis.

"How little you know the real love!" she said slowly.

He got up stiffly and helped her to her feet and together they stood looking down upon the city of the plain, lying now under the curved, sunset shadow cast by the mighty, impending sweep of the great dam.

Monseur Poudreaux Bongras, rosy, smiling and roached and waxed to a broad burlesque of second-empire ferocity, looked in vain among his dinner guests that evening for the chief of the reclamation service, and Brouillard's absence held a small disappointment for the Frenchman. Rumor, the rumor which was never quiet and which could never be traced conclusively to its source, was again busy with exciting hints of a new era of prosperity about to dawn, and Bongras had hoped to drop his own little plummet of inquiry into the reclamation service chief.

MORE TROOPS ARE SENT TO MEXICAN BORDER

By President's Order "Between 20,000 and 25,000 Troops Will Be Added to the Border Forces."

Washington.—All the national guard units included in President Wilson's call of June 18 not yet on the Mexican border were ordered there by an order issued Saturday by the war department.

Between 20,000 and 25,000 additional troops will thus be added to the border forces. National guard forces there will number approximately 125,000 and the total of all troops on the border or in Mexico will be 175,000.

Secretary Baker made a formal announcement that the troop movement had nothing whatever to do with the Mexican situation as such, and was solely to relieve the thousands of troops now held in mobilization camps only because they lacked a few recruits to bring units up to fixed minimum strength.

Saturday's order sent the troops from Ohio, Vermont and Kentucky to the border as soon as transportation can be arranged for them and will move all the others as soon as they are properly equipped.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

To remove the water of the Pacific ocean would require the filling of a tank a mile wide, a mile deep and a mile long every day for 440 years.

HARD FIGHTING IN FRANCE AND GALICIA

ITALIANS ALSO MAKE MARKED PROGRESS AGAINST THE AUSTRIAN FORCES.

TURKS STOP THE RUSSIANS

Russians in Turkish Armenia Have Been Driven Back by the Turks. Germans Aiding Austrians in the Carpathians.

Latest News From War Fronts.

French and Russian forces have gained additional important successes over the armies of the central powers in Northern France and Galicia, respectively.

A sustained attack over a front of three and three-quarters miles by the French against the third German line north of the Somme resulted in the capture of all the trenches to a depth of from a third to two-thirds of a mile. The line of the victorious French advance extends from Hardecourt to the Somme river at Buscourt.

The village of Maurepas, which has been the center of much severe fighting during the last few weeks, was partly occupied by the French in the same assault. German prisoners to the number of 1,000 and 30 machine guns were captured.

On the eastern front the Austro-Germans have been forced to give up the entire Stripa line from Tarnopol to Buczacz, which they had held since last winter. The capture of the Stripa line by the Russians followed the taking of several towns in the region of Tarnopol.

The Russian success comes closely on their turning of the flanks of the Stripa position in the north by the capture of Brody and in the south by the taking of Stanislaw. The advance of General Letchitsky continues south of Stanislaw.

In Galicia, Petrograd says the Russians are making progress along the middle Sereth, having crossed the Jorpe river and occupied two towns. Farther south in the Monasterzyka region the Russians have gained ground, while the advance from Stanislaw toward Halicz and Lemberg continues.

Berlin says the regrouping of the Austro-German forces in the Stanislaw region is being carried out in accordance "with our plans." The Russians have been checked in the Zabl region in the Carpathians with the loss of 700 prisoners, according to Berlin.

Austrians in the Carpathians are aiding the pathian passes, while it is reported large bodies of Turks are being thrown into the same district.

The duke of Aosta forces continue to advance south of Gorizia in the direction of Trieste, and his troops have occupied Oppacchias Sella, six miles southwest of Gorizia. The Austrians are putting up a strong defense against the attempted Italian advance east of Gorizia.

Heavy attacks have been delivered by the Germans in the Somme region. French artillery stopped attacks against French positions north and south of the river, while the attack against the British near Pozieres resulted in a surprise.

The French and British, according to Berlin, also have been active and delivered numerous attacks north and south of the Somme. The Germans, however, claim to have thrown back the Anglo-French forces at all points.

Fighting continues around the Thiaumont work in the Verdun region. French attacks there being checked by the Germans. Paris claims the repulse of German attacks near Fleury.

Russian forces in the Mush-Bitlis district of Turkish Armenia have been driven back farther by the Turks and the Turkish advance into Persia also is making progress. Constantinople asserted.

Petrograd says obstinate fighting continues north of Bitlis and that the Turks are retreating in the region of Bokana, Persia.

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DISCOVER LOVE IS TOO STRONG

Trial Separation of Artistic Los Angeles Couple Proves to Be a Fizzle.

PRETTY WIFE UNHAPPY

Finds Protection of Matron's Name of Little Value—Men Friends Are Unreliable and Hubby Looks Good.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The "trial separation" of two members of the Los Angeles' artist colony, pretty little Lylla Lama, the "Ariadne" in Clawson's painting of that name, and the "idyll" in many other paintings which Sam Francisco and Los Angeles painters have produced, and her husband, B. W. Widner, an artist, has fizzled out. The attractive Mrs. Widner is tired of it. The couple agreed to separate for a period of from three to six months, due, it is said, to the husband's jealousy of attention from his wife's dancing master, and her suspicion of a woman who called up her husband frequently on the telephone. He was to go to Chicago and stay there unless she sent for him. This, says Mrs. Widner, is the way it worked out.

"He wanted to come back at the end of two weeks, and by that time I'd made up my mind that there wasn't going to be any permanent separation in the Widner family, but I was determined to stick out the three months, at least. They are now up."

"Things might have been different if they had turned out the way you read about them. The divorcee, for instance, is always supposed to revel in 'freedom.'"

"Matron's Name Didn't Help. Her matron's name is supposed to save her from the annoyances that beset the unmarried girl, but she is supposed to unavail all the privileges of the latter."

"It certainly wasn't that way with me. I never was so tied down in my life, even before it leaked out that our separation was premeditated."

"Lots of places I wanted to go I couldn't, because I didn't have anybody to take me. You can't always get even your most agreeable men friends, you know, every time you happen to want them."

"I thought this part of it would be different after the first couple of weeks, but it got worse instead of better."

"Then there are lots of other little things that are hard to explain. I didn't realize that it would be so, of course."

"Lots of Places I Wanted to Go I Couldn't."

but when it was supposed that my husband and I had just simply separated I found that I didn't like the way people treated a 'grass widow.'"

"Then when the 'trial separation' became known I was in such an indefinite status that it was worse, than ever."

LAD IS TEASED, USES GUN

Boy, Who Was Mountaineer, Made Jibing Onion Weeders in Ohio Scatter.

Kenton, O.—A real Kentucky mountaineer of fiction type—6 feet 1 1/2 inches tall and weighing 160 pounds, although only fourteen years old—awoke the quiet settlement of Alger on the Scioto marsh, the center of the greatest onion raising district in Ohio, when he started a cannonade that sent the natives to the trenches.

He was Charles S. Hale, who hails from Greensburg, Ky., and who came to Harbin county to weed onions.

The youth bought a gun and threatened to shoot the hats off any one who opened their heads to him. He says the other weeders were teasing him. The trouble came when officers tried to arrest him. The bullet hit Harvey Porter. Spectators scattered. The lad was sent to the Lancaster industrial school.

Solomon Might Answer.
A paragrapher asks why it is that the man with a short, plump neck always wears a shut-in collar to hide it, while the man with a turkey neck and a big Adams apple always wears a low, turnback collar that gives you a splendid view of the scenery south of his chin, and why is it that the pigeon-toed man wears the whitest and most conspicuous shoes? And the bow-legged girl the shortest of skirts?

Biblical Warning.
Here is a warning written by St. Peter that if heeded would tend to greatly fortify good-intentioned individuals against divers schemes that are assiduously worked in the present age to separate them from their coin for no really good purpose: "Through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you; whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."—Houston Post.

Old Russian City.
Kiev, sometimes called Kieff, is one of the oldest cities in Russia. It is called the "Mother of Russian cities." Ecclesiastically and intellectually, Kiev is one of the most important. It was founded before the Christian era. It has nearly one hundred magnificent churches, many of them with gilded domes and pinnacles which, viewed from a distance, give the city a strikingly beautiful appearance.

Timely Warning.
A bow-legged man was standing before the office stove warming himself. He gruffly refused to buy a paper from the newsboy who thrust his head in at the door. "Say, mister," called the paper peddler, as he prepared to make his getaway, "you had better get back from the fire; you're beginning to warp." And then the door slammed.

Quantities That Count.
"The longer I live the more deeply am I convinced that that which makes the difference between one man and another—between the weak and the powerful, the great and the insignificant—is energy, invincible determination, a purpose once formed and then death or victory."—Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton.

Everything Due to Effort.
In all human affairs there are efforts, and there are results, and the strength of the effort is the measure of the result. Chance is not, "Gifts," material, intellectual, and spiritual, are thoughts completed, objects accomplished, visions realized.—James Allen.

Difference of the Sexes.
The powder puff is upheld by suffrage leaders as an "aid to salvation." A shining nose is a handicap to the cause, they say. Yet men patiently put up with bald heads that gleam and glisten.—Detroit News.

How It Happened.
Editor—"I am told that in your account of that fashionable wedding you actually mentioned the groom's name. Don't you know that is contrary to custom?" Reporter—"Yes, I'm sorry, sir, but you see it happened to creep in among the out-of-town guests."—Life.

Grand Opening.
First Comedian—"Did you score a hit with your new specialty?" Second Comedian—"Did I? Why, the audience gazed in open-mouthed wonder before I was half way through." First Comedian—"Wonderful! It is seldom that an entire audience yawns at once."—St. Paul Dispatch.

Optimistic Thought.
Nothing is illustrious that is not also attended by labor.

Church of Christ.
Bible Study and Communion Service every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Preaching regular after the month of August. A cordial invitation and welcome is extended to all.

Church Notice.
Services will be held every second Sunday in each month at 1 o'clock P. M., at the Fehlis School House, by Pastor Langer Lutherar Minister. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Hunters Notice.
I wish to notify all hunters that hunting will not be permitted in my pastures, all trespassers being dealt with according to law. No permits given anyone. Tom Perry.

Trespass Notice.
Notice is hereby given that the Mud Creek Pasture owned by R. R. Russell is posted, and no hunting, fishing, woodhauling, trapping or trespassing allowed. R. R. Russell. By C. O. Strickland.

Trespass Notice.
Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranch owned and controlled by the undersigned for the purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood or hunting hogs will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. There will be no permits issued to camping parties. A. M. Slaton.

Best Gift to Bestow.
If it were within my power to promise the people in this land everything, I would not promise them pleasure. I would promise them that stern happiness which comes from the sense of having done in practical fashion a difficult work which was worth doing.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Unsympathetic.
Our little girl is fond of sympathetic people and showed a slight cut on her finger to her older sister, who said, "O, that will soon heal." The little miss said, "You are so unloving you haven't a bit of sorriessness in you."

Choose Success or Failure.
The only road to advancement is to do your work so well that you are always ahead of the demands of your position. Our employers do not decide whether we shall stay where we are or go on and up; we decide that matter ourselves. Success or failure are not chosen for us; we choose them ourselves.—Hamilton Wright Mable.

Of Uncertain Gender.
"Mr. George Buker," reports the Jintown Herald, "has had the misfortune to lose the valuable bay horse that has long been a familiar sight on the streets of our village. He died last Friday night, and the Buker family was very sorry to lose her, as they had become very fond of it."—Youth's Companion.

Do Your Best.
Do the best you can and you will find that the best is worth doing.

SOCIETIES
Las Moras Lodge No. 444 A. F. & M. meets first and 3rd Monday every month in Masonic Hall in the Old Court House. A cordial invitation to all visiting Brethern. W. O. Vincent, Worshipful Master; Will W. Price Secretary.

The Brackettville Chapter No. 60 Order of The Eastern Star meets on the first and Third Tuesdays of each month at 8 p. m. Visiting members are cordially invited. Mrs. Maud Hodges, W. M. Will W. Price, Secretary.

Echo Lodge No. 279 I. O. O. F. meets every Thursday night at their Lodge room in Fillippone Hall. Visiting Brethren cordially invited to attend. Frank J. Rose Jr. Noble Grand; Will W. Price, Secretary.

Rosewood Camp No. 123 W. O. W. meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday night in their Hall over the Post Office. Visiting Sovereigns invited to attend. A. A. Bitter C. C. Charlie Indle-koffer Clerk.

Las Moras Camp No. 2383 W. O. W. meets every Monday night in the G. A. R. Hall. Visiting Sovereigns invited to attend. J. C. Castro, C. C. O. B. Castro Clerk.

Notice to Trespassers.
Notice is hereby given that cutting wood will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All permits previously issued, either verbal or written are hereby revoked. G. Davidson.

Making Opportunity.
I admire the spirit that never gives up. We've got to have it in our daily life. The man without it never will get anywhere. Opportunity will not seek us out. We must watch for it and when it comes we must be quick to grasp it. We must make all we can out of it.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

With a Whoop!
Children cause care, anxiety and trouble. Surely they do, and a little trouble is good for most people. It takes them out of themselves and removes the self-center. It was David Harum who remarked, "Fleas are good for a dog because they keep him from broodin' on being a dog." The home that never has been entered with a whoop, a yell or a bawl is a sad place.

Subscribe for the News.

BIG STRIKE IMPENDS ON ALL RAILROADS

Four Brotherhoods Make Unprecedented Wage Demand.

ASK FOR \$100,000,000 A YEAR

All Plans for Settlement Have Been Rejected by Brotherhood Leaders, Who Are Now Engaged in Taking Strike Vote and Will Return For Another Conference Early In August.

The most important strike vote in the history of labor disputes is now being taken by the more than 300,000 engineers, conductors, firemen and brakemen employed on the railroads of the United States to enforce their demand for an increase in wages estimated by the railroad managers at \$100,000,000 a year.

In many ways the situation thus created is absolutely unprecedented. Never before has a demand for so large a raise in pay been presented to a single group of employers at one time.

If the employees vote to leave the service the leaders of the four train service brotherhoods will have the power to declare the biggest strike ever experienced.

Never before has a strike on all the railroads of the country even been seriously threatened. The "big four" brotherhoods of train employees have heretofore confined their concerted wage movements to one section of the country at a time, and while the engineers and firemen or the conductors and brakemen have frequently joined in such movements this is the first case in which all four organizations have combined to enforce an increase in wages.

While the demands apply only to freight and switching service, excepting the passenger service, all of the employees who are members of the organizations, as well as all nonunion train employees, are being called upon to vote for a strike.

The train employees are demanding an eight hour "basic" day—in other words, that they shall be paid the same wage for eight hours or 100 miles or less that they now receive for ten hours or 100 miles or less. This would make the hourly rate one-eighth of a day's pay or the equivalent of twelve and one-half miles instead of one-tenth of a day's pay or the equivalent of ten miles. They also demand "time and a half" for overtime, or a rate of pay executive command higher than the regular rate for all time over eight hours or

more than a trip at a speed of twelve miles per hour.

The demands were formulated by a committee of the executive officers of the four brotherhoods in Chicago last December, and were first submitted to a referendum vote of the men. The demands were formally served on the railroads on March 30, with a request that the railroads appoint a conference committee representing all the roads to negotiate with a committee representing the organizations.

The railroads promptly replied with a notice that in connection with the proposals of the employees they desired to have considered certain provisions in the present schedules, which if continued in connection with the higher basis of pay, would lead to unfair results and in many cases would multiply the inequities of double compensation for the same time or service. Arrangements were made for a conference to be held at New York beginning on June 1 for the purpose of discussing the demands. The roads were represented by the national conference committee of the railroads and the employees by the executive officers and general chairmen of the four brotherhoods. The conference lasted two weeks. The brotherhood leaders refused to consider any modification of their demands and the railroads were unwilling to grant a further large increase in wages to the highest paid class of their employees without a mandate from some tribunal representing the public. On June 15 the conference committee gave the brotherhoods a formal reply desiring to grant the demands, but proposing that the entire controversy be settled, preferably by submission of the entire question to the interstate commerce commission or else by arbitration under the Newlands law. Both plans for a settlement were rejected by the brotherhood leaders, who announced their intention of taking a strike vote and returning for another conference early in August.

Write to Your Congressman.
Chicago.—In an editorial demanding that congress empower the interstate commerce commission to intervene in the railway wage controversy the Chicago Tribune says:

If there ever was a time for citizens to write their congressmen it is now. The nation will have to intervene in this railroad strike for self protection. The nation wants justice done to both sides. Justice will not come from permitting a fight between the railroad employees and employers.

All that can possibly come of it will be intense suffering throughout the country.

The public will not long maintain the role of innocent bystander.

The interstate commerce commission should be empowered to prevent this threatened railroad strike. Congress can so empower it.

This is a national emergency. Write to your congressman about it.

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