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Local News

Ice cream served at the City Bakery.

San Antonio Express on sale at the News-Mail office.

Mrs. Kathleen Zuehl, of Spofford was visiting friends in Brackett Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Clamp, of Nueces, were visiting relatives in town Saturday.

Albert Seargeant returned Sunday evening from extended visit with relatives in Sonora.

Walter Wethersbee, a ranchman, of Del Rio, was transacting business in Brackett Tuesday.

A. M. Slaton left Tuesday for Eaton Oklahoma where he will spend some time looking after his cattle.

R. Tatch sole agent for the Fehlis town site lots on the G. H. & S. A. Ry 10 miles west of Spofford Junction.

August Studer and family returned Monday from the Nueces where they spent several days camping and fishing.

Ice cold drinks at the City Bakery.

Work is progressing nicely on the new Court House.

Dr. M. C. Byrne and Ralph Smith were in Eagle Pass Sunday.

J. E. Wright, of San Antonio was in Brackett this week prospecting.

E. M. Bell and H. C. Clamp of Spofford were in Brackett Tuesday on business.

Ralph Smith, the engineer for the new court house was in San Antonio this week on business.

O. W. Zuehl, Dave Owens and Will W. Price attended a Masonic meeting in Del Rio Monday night.

Mrs. T. M. Milam and daughter of Uvalde, are visiting Mrs. Milam's sister Mrs. W. L. Clantp this week.

Fresh fruit at the City Bakery in the Patrick Building.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

To the Voters of Kinney County:

A number of good citizens have asked me to make the race again for the position of County Attorney of Kinney County, and after due consideration I have decided to do so; hence I employ this means of making that fact known, and the methods I will pursue in case of my re-election.

I was elected to the position I now hold without the asking on my part by a big majority, and thought then and think now that a majority of the people of this county wanted the law enforced, and since I have qualified as County Attorney I have done my level best not to disappoint them. Whether I have kept the faith or not I will leave that to the voters of this county to answer this coming November.

I will promise here and now if I am elected I will do as I have done in the past, enforce the law and if you don't want the law enforced vote for the other fellow. I ask no quarter and give none.

Thanking you for the past favors and will appreciate any support you see fit to grant in the future, I am,

Yours very truly,
FRANK LANE.

Proceedings of Commissioner's Court.

The regular August term of Commissioners Court met in Brackett Monday morning August 8th and the following were the proceedings;

Those present; Hon Jos Veltmann, County Judge; N. Castro, commissioner precinct No 1; Albert Schwandner commissioner, precinct No 2; R. E. Cannon, commissioner precinct No 3; Frank Lane, County Attorney; Chas Kartes Clerk and Tom Perry Sheriff.

The quarterly reports of W. F. Holmes, County treasurer, First State Bank County Depository; Tom Perry, Sheriff; Tom Perry, Tax Collector; Jos Veltmann County Judge; Chas Kartes, Clerk; examined and approved.

Geo A. Giddings cashier of the First State Bank made affidavit certifying that W. F. Holmes County treasurer of Kinney county has on deposit in the Bank to-date \$9421.65 cash available funds.

The report of Frank Lane, County attorney, as to the validity of the title to lot No. 2 Block No 6 known as the Combs property selected by the court at a former term for the site for the new Court House, and the abstract accompanying same were examined and approved.

The official bond of H. C. Clamp, as Justice of the Peace of Precinct No 4 was examined and approved.

Ordered by the Court that clerk

give Tom Perry, Sheriff, credit for \$10,00 in cause No. 2050, State of Texas vs Frank Pena; the defendant having given convict bond and that same be charged to the county Judge.

Ordered that the clerk give Tom Perry, Sheriff, credit for the fine and trial fee in cause No 1987 State vs Chas Sims Sr. same having been served in Jail.

Ordered by the court that the clerk give Jos Veltmann, County Judge credit for the following cases same having been placed in the hands of the county attorney for collection:

- No 1919 Manuel Sims \$15.00
- No 1925 John Lust \$55.00
- No 1929 Bud Gundelach \$30.00
- No 1927 Bud Gundelach \$30.00
- No 1994 Ventura Smiguel \$6.00
- No 2005 Louis Garcia \$6.00
- No 2006 Manuel Longoria \$6.00
- No 2007 Jose Maria Rosas \$6.00

Ordered by the court that Genoveva Cardenas allowance be increased from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per month.

It is ordered that the new court house building be located on lot 2, Block 6 immediately adjoining the lot on which the present court building is erected.

Ordered by the court that the petition of Ed Graft et al. to make new road at Mud Creek though reported on favorably, be passed over until some future term of the court until funds are available in the road and bridge fund.

Ordered that the court meet in special session on the first Monday in September.

No further business appearing the court adjourned.

Ice cream and soda water at the City Bakery.

Nice visiting cards printed at the News-Mail office.

George Herzing and family are visiting relatives and friends in San Antonio this week.

John H. Stadler and family who were camping at Silver Lake returned to town Monday.

Mrs. F. W. Church and children, of San Antonio, are visiting O. F. Seargeant and family this week.

Louis Knykendall left Tuesday for San Antonio where he will spend several days with relatives and friends.

The San Antonio Express on sale every day at the News-Mail office.

Confectionery at the city Bakery in the Patrick Building.

We handle the San Antonio Express

Notice.

Our pasture known as A-1, from Mariposa ranch to Del Rio road is posted and all parties are forbidden to hunt, fish haul wood or other wise trespass on the same; if so they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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Doll House Library.

A search for a child's short story, "The Griffin and the Minor Canon," in a volume all by itself revealed to a persistent city shopper the thought and money that are expended on the furnishing of dolls' houses. Book stores had not the story in a single volume, but in a department store one young woman interviewed had recently been transferred from the toy department and was able to contribute a helpful hint.

"I think," she said, "you can find it in one of the dolls' houses downstairs." Curiosity had by that time become a sauce to literature, so the shopper hurried downstairs to inspect the doll houses. Three of the most expensive houses contained libraries consisting of a score of diminutive books and each book contained a child's story complete. One of them was "The Griffin and the Minor Canon."

Keeping It Dry.

An old woman of a wealthy New Jersey family was going visiting. The coachman, who had not been in this country long, had just been equipped with a new uniform and a new silk hat. Before they had gone far it began to sprinkle, and the old woman told the coachman to fasten down the side curtains of the wagonette.

He drove up to a hitching post beside the road and, dismounting, hung his new hat on the post, and began to fasten the curtains.

The old woman noticed his bare head and asked him where his hat was.

"Oh, took it off me head, mum, so as it wouldn't get wet," the coachman replied.

Less Lavish.

"I saw 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' played recently."

"So?"

"I think I'll read the book."

"You may be disappointed. The book mentions only one little Eva and one Lawyer Marks."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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WORK OF THE STATE CONVENTION COMES TO A CLOSE

Democratic Nominees.

Governor—O. B. Colquitt.
Lieutenant Governor—A. B. Davidson.
Attorney General—Jewel P. Lightfoot.
State Treasurer—Sam Sparks.
Comptroller—W. P. Lane.
Railroad Commissioner (regular term)—Allison Mayfield.
Railroad Commissioner (unexpired term)—William D. Williams.
Land Commissioner—J. T. Robinson.
Superintendent Public Instruction—F. M. Bralley.
Commissioner of Agriculture—Ed. R. Kone.
Judge Court Criminal Appeals—A. J. Harper.
Associate Justice Supreme Court—T. J. Brown.
United States Senator—Charles A. Culberson.
Chairman State Executive Committee—J. Sheb Williams (elected.)

PLATFORM WAS ADOPTED AND CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICES WERE NOMINATED.

BAILEY FOR PRESIDENT IN 1912

Policies of Colquitt Fully Indorsed in the Platform and the Nominee Given Assurance of Support by the Convention Delegates.

Galveston, Texas.—The State democratic convention came to a close Wednesday after an interesting session, featured by the complete annihilation of the opponents of O. B. Colquitt and his policies and debate over the platform and by the indorsement of Senator Joseph W. Bailey for the nomination for the presidency in 1912.

Senator Bailey made an address in defense of the platform against a minority report submitted by Cone Johnson and his followers.



JOSEPH W. BAILEY.

It was a glorious day for the Colquitt forces from the minute that Chairman Phillips rapped for order at 11 o'clock in the morning until final adjournment at night. Every step in the proceedings was a triumph for him. Caught in the maelstrom of an overwhelming majority, the opposition fought bitterly; but the more joyful were the Colquitt forces as they swept along, nominating him for governor and carrying all before them.

It was also a day of triumphs for Senator Bailey, having for a climax the enthusiastic indorsement of the convention for the nomination to the presidency in 1912.

The Colquitt platform, carrying all his policies and including a resolution calling upon the legislature to act upon the fire insurance law and go home, was adopted by viva voce vote that shook the building after the opposition had twice been overwhelmed in a division vote on the minority report read by Cone Johnson and signed by himself and three other minority members of the platform and resolutions committee.

Although this minority report included several proposed amendments to the majority report incorporating Johnson's ideas and the Randall plank relating to public servants and public service corporations, the Johnson contingent centered its fight upon section 9, seeking to have an amendment added indorsing to a certain extent the administration of Governor Campbell and the present course of the administration.

Democratic State Platform.

Following is the text of the majority report of the platform committee, which was adopted by the convention:

Representative Government.

We believe that a representative democracy is the most perfect form of government ever devised by the wisdom of man and we are unalterably opposed to every attempt to destroy or impair the excellent system established by our wise and patriotic fathers. We hold it to be the first and highest duty of every representative to faithfully execute the will of his constituency fairly ascertained.

Strict Construction of Constitution.

2. We hold the constitution to be a solemn compact between the government and the people adopted for the protection of individuals and minorities, and we insist upon a strict construction of its letter as well as a faithful observance of its spirit.

For Local Self-Government.

3. We believe in maintaining the federal government in its full constitutional vigor; in preserving the rights of the states of the union; in the time-honored doctrine of local self-government and in simple, economical and honest administration of the government in all its departments.

Tariff for Revenue.

4. We reaffirm the tariff declarations of the democratic state and national platforms of 1896 and we expressly condemn the proposition to remove all duties from the manufacturer's raw material so long as such duties remain on the manufacturer's finished product.

5. Whereas, Section 3 of article 4 of the constitution of the state of Texas limits the power of the executive to convene the legislature in special session to "extraordinary occasions," we declare the calling of the extra sessions of that body on other than "extraordinary occasions" unjust to the taxpayers of the state and unauthorized either by the latter or the spirit of that instrument.

Declare for Submission.

6. In obedience to the instructions given in the democratic primary of July 23, 1910, we call upon the thirty-second legislature of Texas to submit to the people for their rejection or approval a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in this state, but we declare that a vote upon such amendment should not be a test of democracy.

Liberal Educational Policy.

7. Believing that an educated citizenship is the best assurance of good government and good conduct, and recalling the wise and generous provision made by the fathers of the republic of Texas for the establishment of a complete system of public education from the primary school to the university, we remind the legislature that our school system has not kept pace with the educational progress of the times, but has suffered in organization and maintenance.

We demand, therefore, the perfection of the common school system of this state and the adequate provision for the upbuilding of the university, the agricultural and mechanical college, the normal schools and the other educational institutions controlled by the state. Provision should be made for efficient county organizations and rural high schools, encouragement of manual training for district or county agricultural training schools and the separation of the agricultural and mechanical college from the State University. Provision for a liberal and independent income for the state institutions of higher learning should be made.

Reform in Prison Management.

8. We favor divorcing the management of the penitentiaries and our eleemosynary institutions from political control to the end that they will not suffer the disturbance of changes in administrations, and we recommend independent boards of control with tenure of office so arranged as to prevent a complete change of management at any time. We insist upon a faithful application of the wise and merciful policy of moral reform and mental and manual training in all penal institutions.

Political Peace—Adjourn and Go Home.

9. We believe that the general welfare demands that the people shall not be annoyed by constant political agitation, and they should be relieved therefrom in order that they may undisturbed pursue their usual avocations to the end that they may be contented and prosperous, and we promise an intelligent and strict enforcement of the law as it is by lawful judicial laws, only as absolutely necessary to protect the public and the rights and liberties of the people, and we recommend that the thirty-first legislature, now in special session, dispose of the fire rating board law, adjourn and go home.

Square Deal Policy.

10. Realizing that the development and prosperity of Texas require that there shall be harmony between the producers, the merchants, farmers, manufacturers, laborers and capitalists, and that no such harmony can exist except under just and equal laws, we pledge ourselves to the enactment and enforcement of such laws.

For Confederate Women's Home.

11. We favor the adoption of a constitutional amendment making provision for the establishment of a home for the widows of confederate soldiers.

Indorse Democratic Administrations.

12. We congratulate ourselves that the democratic party has controlled the government of the state for nearly forty years, and that during that time no scandal has ever marked its administration, and we expressly commend the present state administration for writing into the statutes of the state the platform pledges of the party.

Appeal to People.

13. With renewed hope in the principles of democracy and a firm and abiding faith in the capacity of the people for self-government we, again

appeal with confidence to the intelligence and patriotism of the voters of Texas.

Resolutions.

We heartily indorse the work now being done by our State Industrial Congress and commend it to the generous support and aid of the people of our entire state.

"Resolved, by the assembled representatives of the democratic party of Texas, That we profoundly regret the illness of our distinguished senior United States senator, Hon. Charles A. Culberson, and hope for him a speedy recovery to his wonted health and vigor and we unqualifiedly indorse the faithful and able service of Senators Culberson and Bailey in the American congress.

"Resolved, That we disapprove of laws requiring a citizen of Texas to leave the county of his residence and attend court at Austin to defend suits involving the title to school lands and recommend to the thirty-second legislature that all such suits in behalf of the state shall be tried in the county where the lands is situated, as required in other land suits.

"Resolved, That we indorse and commend to the favorable consideration of the people of Texas the great industrial and educational movement inaugurated and successfully led in this state by Judge V. W. Grubbs of Hunt County, who has unselfishly devoted many years of his life and a comfortable fortune to the cause of better education in Texas.

"Resolved, That the law providing for a criminal district court for Harris and Galveston counties be so changed that such court shall remain established in Harris County only. In lieu thereof the district courts, or one of them, and the county court in Galveston County shall exercise such criminal jurisdiction as is conferred upon such court by the constitution and laws, and the said criminal district court shall be abolished as to Galveston County."

Text of Minority Report.

Following is the text of the minority report, which was rejected by the convention:

The undersigned, a minority of your committee on platform and resolutions, beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that the platform and resolutions submitted by the majority of the committee be amended in the following particulars:

1. Amend section 4 of the platform by substituting therefor the following: "That we hereby affirm our allegiance to the Weaver national democratic platform of 1908 on the tariff question as sound and democratic and to the best interest of the people."
2. Amend the platform submitted by the majority by striking out section 9 of the same.
3. Amend the platform submitted by the majority by adding another section to read as follows: "We favor a law to prohibit public officials from accepting fees or emoluments from the public service corporations while they hold a commission from the people, to the end that they may be free from any suspicion of wrongdoing."
4. Resolved, That we indorse the course of Hon. Charles A. Culberson and those representatives in congress from Texas for voting in favor of free lumber and free iron ore, and commend them for obeying the provisions of the Denver democratic platform. (Substitute for resolution of majority indorsing Culberson and Bailey.)
5. Amend the majority report by adding thereto the following: "The absolute obedience to instruction of the people by those holding their office in indispensable to the integrity of representative government. We regard it as a wholesome text for civil instruction and as a touchstone by which to test the service of those we trust, and we declare that those who accept the people's office and refuse to obey their instructions are embezzlers of power."

New State Committee.

Galveston, Texas.—Following is the new state executive committee, of which Hon. J. Sheb Williams of Paris is the chairman:

Just before the close of the convention the following names were offered and affirmed as committeemen from the thirty-one senatorial districts:

First district—G. L. Evans, Daingerfield.
Second district—William Kearney, Clarksville.
Third district—Ed. D. Steger, Bonham.
Fourth district—R. S. Fulton, Sherman.

- Fifth district—William Bacon, of Greenville.
- Sixth district—Murphy W. Townsend, Dallas.
- Seventh district—No selection made in caucus.
- Eighth district—P. M. Young, Marshall.
- Ninth District—George Wofford, Athens.
- Tenth district—H. P. Mizell, Waxahatchie.
- Eleventh district—W. P. Hedly, Fairmont.
- Twelfth district—H. S. Morehead, Franklin.
- Thirteenth district—William Bonner, Lufkin.
- Fourteenth district—S. B. Cooper, Jr., Beaumont.
- Fifteenth district—R. W. Braham, Huntsville.
- Sixteenth district—John H. Kirby, Houston.
- Seventeenth district—James B. Stubbs, Galveston.
- Eighteenth district—James R. Ragsdale, Hallettsville.
- Nineteenth district—Paul Page, Bastrop.
- Twentieth district—Ike D. White, Austin.
- Twenty-first district—F. J. Males, New Braunfels.
- Twenty-second district—T. D. Wood, Victoria.
- Twenty-third district—A. Parr, San Diego.
- Twenty-fourth district—Claude V. Burkhead, San Antonio.



O. B. COLQUITT.

Twenty-fifth district—J. W. White, Mason.

Twenty-sixth district—J. K. Coleman, Coleman.

Twenty-seventh district—J. M. Falls, Clifton.

Twenty-eighth district—R. L. Penick, Stamford.

Twenty-ninth district—Nat Henderson, Wichita Falls.

Thirtieth district—Paul Waples, Fort Worth.

Thirty-first district—R. E. Carswell, Decatur.

Hiking for Home.

With valises in their hands and wild collars about their necks, the majority of the delegates and visitors to the State Democratic Convention were seen Wednesday night headed for the passenger station, anxious to return home upon the outgoing trains. The majority wore pleased expressions upon their countenances, expressing satisfaction with the result of their deliberations. There were many others who were downcast but hopeful.

A Strong Appeal.

This telegram was received Wednesday:

"Dallas, Tex., Aug. 11.—Thomas P. Scott, Care Democratic Convention, Galveston: We implore you, on grounds of personal friendship, not to break up the Bailey convention."

Signed by Kirk Hall, W. W. Nelms and 500 others.

No State Secretary Yet.

Following his election as state chairman, Hon. Sheb Williams of Paris stated Wednesday that he would not name the state secretary for several days yet.

Convention Personalis.

Hon. J. R. Bowman, popularly known as "Dick," the private secretary of Governor Campbell and his personal representative, was at the state convention. He was warmly greeted by many friends when he appeared upon the convention floor.

Mr. Bowman was a member of the house of representatives of the thirty-first legislature from Potter County. He was a member of the penitentiary investigating committee, which position he resigned to accept that which he now fills.

Rawlins M. Colquitt, son of Governor-elect O. B. Colquitt, who managed his father's late campaign, returned to the convention from Austin, where he was called before the convention assembled by the death of his younger brother.

Mr. Colquitt showed the effects of the strain under which he has labored and the sorrow he has undergone and is experiencing. He was met by a great many of those here for the convention, who supplemented the messages which have been sent to his father by the convention and by committees with personal expressions of condolence.

MISUNDERSTOOD HIM.



"My friend," said the solemn man on the railroad train, "do you drink intoxicating liquors?"

"Sure!" cried the convivial chap. "Much obliged for the invitation. Got a flask with you?"

Another Tradition Explored.

Two Englishmen were resting at the "Red Horse Inn" at Stratford-on-Avon. One of them discovered a print picturing a low tumbling building underneath which was printed: "The House in Which Shakespeare Was Born." Turning to his friend in mild surprise he pointed to the print. His friend exhibited equal surprise, and called a waiter who assured them of the accuracy of the inscription.

"Pon my word," said the observing Englishman, shaking his head dubiously, "I thought he was born in a manger!"—Success Magazine.

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THE DOCTOR'S IDEA.



Invalid—Doctor, I must positively insist upon knowing the worst.
Dr. Wise—Well, I guess my bill will be about \$85.

Quaint Table Manners.

Jerome S. McWade, the Duluth millionaire, talked at a dinner about the delights of a backwoods vacation. "I go to a quaint backwoods village every summer," he said, "and numberless are the quaint people I meet there."

"Old Boucher, for instance, the janitor of the village church, is most amusing with his quaint ways. I had old Boucher to lunch one day, and the cold lobster was served with a mayonnaise sauce. When my servant offered this sauce to Boucher, the old man stuck his knife in it, took up a little on the blade, tasted it, then shook his head and said: "Don't choose none."

Force of Habit.

Little Girl—Mummy! (No answer.)
Mummy! Are those swallows?
Mummy (deep in her book)—Yes dear. Don't touch them.—Punch.

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MAYOR AND FIREMAN DEAD, FOUR INJURED.

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Mayor Ran Within Danger Line to Caution Firemen—Three Others Hurt—Fire Loss \$300,000.

El Paso, Tex.—With the mayor of the city and one fireman dead, four firemen injured and one of the hand-somest buildings and the largest dry goods stock in the city in ashes, El Paso is now in gloom. Smoke was seen issuing from the basement of the Calisher Dry Goods Company, in the Buckler Block Sunday morning. The fire department was promptly on the scene and fought the unseen fire for three hours, when the flames finally burst through the roof. All efforts were then directed to confine the fire to the Buckler building.

The tragedy came at 9:50 when the falling walls buried Mayor Robinson, who had run within the danger line to beg the firemen to get away, and the six firemen he was trying to save. The mayor and fireman Todd Ware, were instantly killed and Assistant Fire Chief Dave Sullivan and Fireman Robinson are seriously injured. Firemen Smith and Cook escaped without injury by crowding into the entrance of the building. A great crowd on their way to and from church witnessed the tragedy, among them being Mayor Robinson's wife and two children.

The dead: Mayor William F. Robinson, every bone in his body broken; died instantly; Fireman Todd Ware, of Sabinal, both legs and both arms broken and skull crushed; died instantly.

The injured: Assistant Fire Chief Dave Sullivan, scalp wounds and bruises; will recover. Fireman William Robinson, leg and arm broken, internal injuries; serious. Fireman Arthur Hull and L. E. Barber, slight. The total loss will amount to not less than \$300,000, as follows: Mrs. C. N. Buckler, on building, \$60,000; insurance, \$30,000; Calisher Dry Goods Company, stock and fixtures, \$200,000; insurance, \$125,000. American National Bank, which had temporary quarters in the building while its new building was being erected, \$1,500; insured. There were twenty-nine other tenants occupying offices and rooms in the building, all of whom except one lost everything because of their confidence in the ability of the firemen to confine the fire to the basement.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS LOSS

Appalling Devastation by Floods in Japan.

Tokio.—The devastation wrought throughout many districts by the recent floods is appalling. Whole villages and towns have been washed away and many lives have been lost. In sections of Tokio alone 30,000 houses are submerged. Communication by railroad throughout the flooded area has been interrupted. The loss amounts to millions of dollars.

A HUNDRED CARLOADS SYRUP.

Fort Bend County Firm Receives Contract for Large Shipment of Sweetness.

Richmond, Tex.—Fort Bend County has the honor of having recently made one of the largest contracts ever made in the state. Den brothers, three of the most successful planters in the county, were awarded the contract to furnish 100 carloads of syrup to a Northern jobbing firm.

Charters Granted.

Austin, Tex.—The following charters were granted Saturday: The Home Steam Laundry Manufacturing Company of San Antonio; capital stock, \$10,000. Incorporators: J. W. McFarland, J. A. Small and A. F. Ford. Rogers Company of Galveston, a transportation company; capital stock, \$2,500. Incorporators: T. R. Rogers, R. E. Gibson and H. A. Frederick. Gatesville Light and Power Company of Gatesville; capital stock, \$15,000. Incorporators: J. R. Raby, J. A. Gilchrist and C. F. Caruth. J. W. Maxcy Company of Houston and Dallas, a realty company; capital stock, \$250,000. Incorporators: John W. Maxcy, Dwight Horton and W. M. Baugh.

Selling Ranch Lands.

Taylor, Tex.—A couple of land deals involving nearly \$50,000 were consummated Saturday when Francis A. Allison sold 246 acres of the San Gabriel ranch tract to Joe Huser of near Granger for \$29,200, and 223 acres of the same ranch tract to John Hubz for \$16,500.

Aged Negro Dead.

Midway, Tex.—Old Uncle Caesar Brooks, a genuine antebellum negro, supposed to be more than 100 years old, died Saturday from the natural infirmities of age. He leaves an aged wife only, having outlived his children, and has always maintained the respect of both white and colored.

Broom Corn at \$130.

Lawton, Ok.—New crop broom corn reached another high mark Saturday, when it sold for \$130 a ton on the Lawton market.

Had Lost Faith In Doctors and Medicines

"I wish to thank you for the sample of Resinol Soap sent me several weeks ago," writes Mrs. M. F. Clemmer, Sunbury, Pa. "At that time my baby's face was like a raw and bleeding piece of meat. Medicine from three different physicians, besides various salves recommended by friends, all seemed to make the Eczema worse. Then another mother recommended Resinol Ointment which I procured at once, although I had no more faith in it than in the rest I had tried; but never did I spend fifty cents to better advantage. The first and second days I noticed a remarkable change, and now at the end of the third week, my pretty blue-eyed, rosy-cheeked baby is perfectly well again. I think the cure was surely something remarkable. Resinol Ointment and Soap did in three weeks what everything else failed to do in four months. My baby had been positively disfigured, now his complexion is all right again."

Resinol Ointment cures all skin troubles, from pimples to the most disfiguring eruptions and rashes. The first application stops the intense itching of Eczema, itching Piles, Pruritus, etc., and subdues the pain of a burn or scald instantaneously. It is sold in every leading drug store in the world.

Booklet on Care of the Skin and Complexion sent free. Write for it. Resinol Chemical Co., Baltimore, Md.

SOMETIMES.



Henderson—When a man marries he keeps his wife in dresses, hats, shoes—in fact, everything she needs. What does a wife keep her husband in?
Henpeck (absently)—Hot water.

LEG A MASS OF HUMOR

"About seven years ago a small abrasion appeared on my right leg just above my ankle. It irritated me so that I began to scratch it, and it began to spread until my leg from my ankle to the knee was one solid scale like a scab. The irritation was always worse at night and would not allow me to sleep, or my wife either, and it was completely undermining our health. I lost fifty pounds in weight and was almost out of my mind with pain and chagrin as no matter where the irritation came, at work, on the street or in the presence of company, I would have to scratch it until I had the blood running down into my shoe. I simply cannot describe my suffering during those seven years. The pain, mortification, loss of sleep, both to myself and wife is simply indescribable on paper and one has to experience it to know what it is.

"I tried all kinds of doctors and remedies but I might as well have thrown my money down a sewer. They would dry up for a little while and fill me with hope only to break out again just as bad if not worse. I had given up hope of ever being cured when I was induced by my wife to give the Cuticura Remedies a trial. After taking the Cuticura Remedies for a little while I began to see a change, and after taking a dozen bottles of Cuticura Resolvent in conjunction with the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment, the trouble had entirely disappeared and my leg was as fine as the day I was born. Now after a lapse of six months with no signs of a recurrence I feel perfectly safe in extending to you my heartfelt thanks for the good the Cuticura Remedies have done for me. I shall always recommend them to my friends. W. H. White, 312 E. Cabot St., Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 4 and Apr. 13, 1909."

The Summer Girl.

"How'd you like to be engaged to a millionaire?"
"I was engaged to one all last summer, and he seldom spent a dime. I want to be engaged to a young man who is down here for two weeks with about \$300 in his roll."

A woman may or may not try to avoid muddy crossings; it all depends upon her understanding.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets first put up 40 years ago. They regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated tiny granules.

Better a nagless wife than a horseless carriage.

DRIVEN ALMOST CRAZY.

Bakersfield, Cal., Woman's Awful Suffering.

Mrs. H. W. Heagy, 1515 L St., Bakersfield, Cal., says: "Doctors failed to help me and I was in despair. The kidney secretions scalded terribly and passed too freely. I often staggered as if drunk. I could not lie in bed over half an hour. My side was numb, sight affected, and a tingling sensation covered my body. It actually seemed as if I would go crazy. I was saved from fatal Bright's disease by Doan's Kidney Pills and my health improved wonderfully."

Remember the name—Doan's. For sale by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

In the Desert.

Here is a glimpse of the horrors of a western desert, taken from the Goldfield (Nev.) News: "Another desert victim is reported, and Archie Campbell, manager of the Last Chance mining property near Death valley, came to Goldfield yesterday to endeavor to establish the identity of the unfortunate."

"Mr. Campbell encountered the unknown man on the desert in a frightful condition. He was in the last stages of desert exhaustion, devoid of clothing, sunburned, blistered and crazed, with his tongue swollen enormously, a pitiable object, and unable to speak."

"He was tenderly conveyed to camp and everything possible done for him, but kind aid came too late, for an hour after he had absorbed the first cup of water he expired."

A Bernhard Trick.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, who is supposed to be something of an artist as well as an actress, was recently called upon in one of her marvelous creations to enact the role of a sculptor, and to model a certain bust in view of the audience. This fairly electrified the critics, but when going into rhapsodies over the technical skill in handling the clay which Mme. Bernhardt exhibited they showed that they knew little of the artistic tricks of actors and actresses; as a matter of fact, she does nothing of the kind. The bust is modeled and baked, and over it is placed damp clay of the same color. This the talented actress merely pulls off, exposing the beautifully modeled head underneath.

One Side Enough.

Senator William Alden Smith tells of an Irish justice of the peace out in Michigan. In a trial the evidence was all in and the plaintiff's attorney had made a long and very eloquent argument, when the lawyer acting for the defense arose.

"What are you doing?" asked the justice, as the lawyer began.
"Going to present our side of the case."

"I don't want to hear both sides argued. It has a tendency to confuse the court."—Washingtonian.

More Likely.

It is said that the Nicaraguans would rather fight than eat. But don't jump at the conclusion that this is an indication of great courage. It may mean poor cooking.

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A Treasure.

"Your new maid looks very discreet."
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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 30c bottle.

The lamb that plays around a mint bed tempts fate.

TUBERCULOSIS IN THE PRISON

Per Cent. of Sufferers Is Enormous and There Seems but One Remedy.

From several investigations that have been made by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, it is estimated that on an average about fifteen per cent. of the prison population of the country is afflicted with tuberculosis. On this basis, out of the 80,000 prisoners housed in the penal institutions of the United States at any given time, not less than 12,000 are infected with this disease. If the Philippine Islands and other insular possessions were taken into consideration the number would be much larger. Some of the prisons of Pennsylvania, Kansas and Ohio show such shocking conditions with reference to tuberculosis that many wardens admit that these places of detention are death traps. Similar conditions could be found in almost every state, and in the majority of cases the only sure remedy is the destruction of the old buildings and the erection of new ones.

And They Wondered!

Judge Nicholas Longworth, who used to sit on Ohio's supreme bench, looked unnaturally grave, and a neighbor, in recognition of his facial depression, named a pet owl "Judge Longworth." It was the very next day that an ex-convict maid broke up his wife's garden party. "Oh, madam," said she. "Madam! Judge Longworth has laid an egg."

Important to Mothers

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At the Shore.

Polly—I wonder how Cholly manages to keep that wide-brimmed straw on in a wind like this.
Dolly—Vacuum pressure.—Judge.

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For Tax Assessor.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce John H. Stadler as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Kinney County at the next November election.

For County and District Clerk.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce H. E. Veltmann as a candidate to the office of County and District Clerk of Kinney County at the ensuing November election.

John Dooley authorizes the News-Mail to announce him as a candidate for county and District Clerk at the ensuing November election.

For Sheriff & Tax Collector.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce Tom Perry as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Kinney County at the next November election.

J. F. Ray authorizes this paper to announce him as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Kinney County at the ensuing November election.

For County Treasurer.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce W. F. Holmes as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Kinney County at the next November election.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce Chas. Kartas as a candidate for County Treasurer of Kinney County at the ensuing November election.

For County Judge.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce R. E. Cannon as a candidate for the office of county Judge of Kinney County at the ensuing November election.

Jos. Veltmann authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of Kinney County at the next November election.

Commissioner Precinct No. 1.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce N. Castro as a candidate for reelection to the office of County commissioner of Precinct No. 1 of Kinney Co at the ensuing November election.

The News-Mail is authorized to announce Will Veltmann as a candidate to the office of County Commissioner of Precinct No. 1 of Kinney County at the ensuing November election.

For Commissioner No. 3.

W. O. Vincent authorizes this paper to announce him as a candidate for county commissioner of Precinct No. 3 at the ensuing November election.

VETOED.

"Thought you were going to quit keeping house and live in a hotel?"
"We did intend to."
"What made you change your minds?"
"The cook wouldn't leave."

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Local News

San Antonio Bread at Arredondos every day.

The Jail is receiving some repairs this week.

J. W. Nolan was in from the ranch Monday.

Fruit at the City Bakery opposite the Central Meat Market.

J. E. Wright shipped a car load of horses to eastern Texas Wednesday.

Mrs. Kornrum, of San Antonio, is visiting her daughter Mrs. J. H. Stadler.

Tobacco and cigars at the City Bakery opposite Central Meat Market.

E. S. Roberts, of Hereford is registered at the Terrell House this week.

B. K. James, of Uvalde was in our city the first of the week on business.

F. E. Wood, of Houston was registered at the Terrell house Monday.

Pies cakes, coffee cakes and San Antonio bread at J. J. Arredondo's every day.

Mrs. Jas. Cornell, of Sonora, is visiting relatives and friends in Brackett this week.

H. L. Wipkey left Tuesday for Washington D. C. where he will enter the government hospital.

A postal card from R. O. R. Bergath states that he is on his way back to the United States.

Lee Elledge, the obliging and popular ticket agent at Spofford was in Brackett Tuesday morning on business.

Oscar Miller returned the latter part of last week from Galveston where he received treatment in the Sealey hospital.

John H. Stadler and W. A. Smith will leave to-day for Eagle Pass where they will play base ball with Uvalde against Eagle Pass during the Dry Farming Congress.

Mrs. T. J. Martin and baby came in yesterday morning from their ranch in Kinney county. She was accompanied from Cline by Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Martin. They all are stopping at the Stevenson hotel. T. J. Martin came in from the east Wednesday night to join them.—Uvalde Leader-News.

Ice cold cider served at J. J. Arredondo's.

Frank Weaver, of Loss Creek, was in town Wednesday on business.

Call at the city Bakery when you want something good to eat.

Miss Marion Foster, of Del Rio is visiting her sister Mrs. H. E. Veltmann this week.

J. C. Lian, a ranchman of Edwards county was in Brackett Wednesday on business.

Pies and cakes at the city Bakery opposite the Central Meat Market.

Judge J. D. Guinn left Friday for Eagle Pass where he spent several days on business.

The San Antonio bread, the best in town can be found at Arredondo's.

Miss Maudie McAlpin left last Saturday for Brackett where she will visit her grandmother until school re-opens in September.—Eagle Pass News-Guide.

Confectionery at the City Bakery opposite the Central Meat Market.

W. W. Young, of Sanderson, arrived in Brackett Wednesday on account of the illness of his son Paul who is sick with fever. We are pleased to report that Paul is improving nicely.

Ice cold cider and soda water at Arredondo's.

Judge Jos Veltmann and family, Mrs. Nora Horn and son Henry and Miss Frances Murphy returned Sunday from Silver Lake where they have been camping for the past month.

Pies, cakes, and coffee cakes at Arredondo's.

Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton and daughters, Misses Hetty and Naney, who have spent the past month with Jude J. D. Guinn and family at Silver Lake, returned to their home in Houston Monday.

Ice cold cider and soda water served at Arredondo's.

W. A. Muse, of Louisville, Ky., arrived in Brackett last week. Mr. Muse is foreman on the new court house. He has had twenty four years experience and understands his business thoroughly. Work was suspended on the building for a few days this week on account of sand which was shipped several days late.

A Treat to the Little Ones.

A large number of little tots enjoyed a Birthday party at the home of J. W. Nolan on Sweeny Street given in honor of little Misses Thelma and Birta Phillip of San Antonio. The occasion being their third Birthday anniversary. Various amusing games were played in which they all joined.

Delicious ice cream and dainty cakes were served which the little ones enjoyed immensely. Those who enjoyed the hospitality of the small hostesses. Were Thelma McIntosh Maude and Kathleen Nance, Hazel Stafford, Ross Katherine and Agnes Fritter, Alfred and George Rose, George and Philip Herzing, Carrie and Margaret Kieffer, Lillian, Myrtle, and Johnnie Miller, and Martin Petersen.

Notice to Stockmen.

There is some fresh branded steers branded with U upside down on the left side in the pastures between the head of Mud Creek and the Pinto Mountain belonging to Jim Borroum & Co. in charge of Herbst Bros.

Lots for Sale Cheap.

I am agent for four lots. They are in Block 82 lots 4, 5, 6 and 7. They are situated on top of the hill west of town, north side of El Paso street. They will go for a bargain address or see Will W Price Brackettville Texas.

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Pleasant Affair.

To Mr. and Mrs. Seargeant is accorded our appreciation and thanks for another very enjoyable social function, when on Monday night they so cordially welcomed the following guests to a progressive high-five party.—Mesdames Church, Cornell, H. E. Veltmann, Hodges and Lowe, Misses Mary Veltmann Marion Foster, Hope Anderson, Theresa Nolan, Alice Veltmann, Sadie Dooley, Edith Dudley, Natalie and Clara Veltmann and Blanche Seargeant. Messrs H. E. Veltmann Aaron Slator, Louis and Emmett Kuykendall, Sam Fritter, Coleman Slator M. C. Byrne, Alick Wickham, Moss Slator and Albert Seargeant.

Tables were placed on the porch and in the yard for the "progressors" and every one entered the game with a desire to win so that at all tables the games were very interesting. After several hours of "pleasant work" we were asked something like this—"Would you prefer sherbet or ice-cream?" and very soon all were enjoying their preferred dainty and cake.

The word punch was quite in evidence for on a little side table delicious fruit punch was placed for all those who did or did not get their cards punched but of course, the card punch was a great deal hardest gotten.

To Theresa Nolan was awarded the ladies first prize a neat box of stationery while Moss Slator added to his wardrobe a very pretty white necktie as reward for his good luck. A candle stick and tray was given for the booby prize and since Mrs. Hodges had farthest to go of any of the ladies, Mrs. Seargeant thoughtfully gave it to her.

After listening to a few songs the guests prepared to leave lingering long where they had spent such an enjoyable evening each one glad of this opportunity of receiving Mr. and Mrs. Seargeant hospitality.

She Was Puzzled.

The census enumerator in Lindsborg was being given the family particulars by the lady of the house; all went fine, questions and answers were flying thick and fast, but when the census man asked if the lady's husband who had immigrated from Sweden was naturalized there was a sudden halt. The lady was puzzled. After an appealing look at the enumerator she said, I do not understand. The question was repeated. Is your husband naturalized? Naturalized, naturalized? she said and the puzzled expression of her face deepened. Then all at once the flashlight of comprehension lit up her features and she replied, yes, yes, his eyes are natural, they are blue.—Lindsborg Kansas News.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranch known as the Mariposa ranch for the purpose of hunting, fishing or cutting wood will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All permits previously issued, either verbal or written are hereby revoked.
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These Shoes are as far superior to the old fashioned boiler-plate work shoes as the electric light is to the tallow-dip.

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ALAMO BEER



TEXAS BEER

Spofford Locals

Mrs. F. Voelker of San Antonio is the guest of Mrs. O. W. Zuehl this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Elledge spent Tuesday with friends and relatives in Brackettville.

Dr. I. P. Sessions left for Rockdale Monday where he will visit friends and relatives.

W. I. Clark left for Eagle Pass Tuesday where he will attend the Dry Farming Convention.

E. M. Bell and Harry Clamp spent Tuesday in Brackettville attending to business matters.

Albert West came in from Uvalde Tuesday and will spend the week on the West ranch east of here.

R. L. Dawson of Abbott is spending the week here looking after his cattle and land interests.

Miss Katherine Zuehl accompanied by her Brother Freddie visited friends in Brackettville Monday.

Buck Williams spent Saturday with friends here returning to the Park and Williams ranch Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gay spent Monday with friends and relatives here returning to the ranch Monday evening.

Mr. Tom Barclay and his sister Miss Mary, who have been the guests of Dr. I. P. Sessions and family on the ranch south of town,

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and

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RESIDENCE

returned to their home in Ennis Saturday morning.

Jno J. Burke is spending the week in San Antonio.

J. T. Green and Family, O. F. Maples and family and Miss Kate Curtis spent Monday and Tuesday fishing on the Las Moras.

Gus Black accompanied by his son Allen spent Saturday with friends here returning to the Black ranch Saturday evening.

O. W. Zuehl and Dave Owen attended the Masonic Lodge meeting in Del Rio Monday night returning home on the Tuesday morning train.

Dr. A. J. Boyd and Willie Hobbs Jr. returned home Sunday from High Rolls, N. M. where they spent some time in the interest of Willie Hobbs health.

A FOE TO GRAFT.

"Is he a foe to graft?"
"I should say he is. He would even prohibit linen showers for brides-to-be."

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that on the fourth Saturday in August, 1910, the same being the 27th day of August, A. D. 1910, there will be held at the Court House at Sanderson, Texas, a Democratic Convention for the Ninety-ninth Representative District of the State of Texas. Said Convention will be composed of the delegates from the several counties of said district. The business of said convention shall be to canvass the vote of the primary election which was held on the 23rd day of July, 1910, and to declare the nominee; and to transact such other and further business as may come before said convention. Convention called at 10 o'clock a. m.

HOWELL JOHNSON.

Chairman Democratic Executive Committee 99th Representative District of the State of Texas.

AN ARMISTICE ONLY.

Maud—So Helen and Jack have made up their quarrel, have they?
Ethel—Yes, but only temporarily. They are going to be married soon.

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Brackettville, Texas.

Office in Post Office Building
Opposite the Court House.

COMEDY BETWEEN THE ACTS

Unfortunate Dilemma Caused by the Man Who Went Out to Get Some "Fresh Air."

A little comedy between acts enlivened things at a Broadway theater one night recently, says a New York exchange. A middle-aged man accompanied by his wife sat directly behind a pretty young girl and her escort. At the end of the first act the middle-aged man went out for "fresh air." He came back bringing the smell of the fresh air and gayer spirits with him. His wife gave him a startled glance and like a flash her hand went up to his vest. There, dangling from the top button was a bunch of brown, curly puffs. There was a dynamical second as the wife held the puffs in her white gloved hand and looked at them. Now, she was not a jealous wife, just a common-sense little woman ready to meet an emergency. She looked at the heads about her. The pretty girl's back hair looked as if a piece had fallen out. The wife leaned over to the side away from the girl's escort and whispered. The girl slipped a hand down and back, and the wife stealthily laid the bunch of puffs which husband had carried away on his vest button in the owner's hand. The latter kept them concealed, gently and artfully reached up, pinned them into place, and escort, watching the rising curtain, was none the wiser.

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Candidates Expenses.

The campaign expenses of the candidates for governor were as follows:

William Pomdexter: For maintaining the Cleburne office, with Luther Nickles as manager, the total was \$10,144.13. The total of maintaining the Dallas headquarters was \$467.79. The total of personal expense account was \$899.79. The grand total, \$15,111.71.

Cone Johnson, one of the four contestants in the recent Democratic primaries for the gubernatorial nomination, has filed a report of his campaign expenses, showing he spent a total of \$6,221.70, \$2062 of which was for printing.

The expense of R. V. Davidson during the political campaign preceding the Democratic primaries were \$10,421.47, according to the sworn statement of secretary Basford of his campaign committee.

O. B. Colquitt spent \$11,778.63 in his campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, according to a statement made public by his headquarters. Of this amount \$634.43 was personal expenses, an account which will be filed in Kaufman county, according to law and \$11,144.20 was spent at his headquarters in Austin.

Angoras for Sale.

About 300 head fine goats (no muttons) practically all the original stock registered and only the best buck used. Write or call for full particulars, Edward Miller Montell, Texas.

THE REFUGEES.

"Now, stranger, it isn't etiquette in Frozen Dog to ask a man why he came here."
"I know all about that. It's the same way in Paris."

JOHN J. FOSTER

Lawyer

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Del Rio, Texas

SOCIETIES



Las Moras Lodge No 444 A. F. & M. meets first and third Saturday in month in Masonic Hall, over the Post Office. A cordial invitation to all visiting Brethren. WILL W. PRICE, Worshipful Master; Dr. M. C. BYRNE Secretary.



The Brackettville Chapter U. D. 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. AGNES DOOLEY, W. M. MRS. ROSA G. PERRY, 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. THOS. SCARBOROUGH, Noble Grand; WILL W. PRICE, Secretary.



Rosewood Camp No. 128 W. O. W. meets every Wednesday night in their Hall over Stratton & Company's store. Visiting Sovereigns invited to attend. Dr. F. J. GILSON, C. C. A. A. BITTER, Clerk.



Las Moras Lodge No. 2383 W. O. W. meets every Friday night in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Visiting Sovereigns invited to attend. CHAS. KARTER, C. C. JOE FILLIPPONE, Clerk.

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NEWS THAT IS NEWS, WHEN IT IS NEWS, FOR ALL.

DOINGS OF DAY AND WEEK

Happenings the Wide World Over of Important Events Condensed to Good Reading.

DOMESTIC.

As a result of cerebral hemorrhage, State Senator G. C. Stokes of the Thirteenth District died in San Antonio Friday. He was stricken at Austin ten days ago and was rushed to San Antonio for treatment. On reaching there he was unconscious and remained in that state until he died.

An arraignment of President Thomas L. Lewis, international organizer and the executive board of the United Mine Workers, and a complaint of the disbursements of the funds, by Frank Feehan, president of the Pittsburgh district, occupied most of Saturday's session of the National Convention of Mine Workers at Indianapolis.

Saturday thirty-seven members of the Columbus, Ohio, police force flatly refused to obey orders to serve as guards on street cars. The other men who finally accede to Mayor Marshall's demand and went on duty are seriously disaffected. The mutineers were not assigned to other duty and Mayor Marshall said they would be dismissed from the force.

Surpassing even the success of the pageant of last year's cotton carnival, which was then pronounced one of the finest civic parades ever beheld in the South, the civic parade Friday, as it wound its way through avenues filled with more than thirty thousand people, was a revelation of beauty and structural detail to the citizens and visitors of Galveston. About one hour was consumed in passing a given point, and as creation after ceation of the brain and handwork of man came into view, the citizen felt justifiable pride in the pageant spread out before the eyes of his guests.

Lawyers' expense accounts, running as high as \$300,000, a single fee already paid amounting to \$750,000 and contingent fees still pending that would aggregate about \$5,000,000 figured in the investigation of the Indian land affairs by the special committee appointed by the house of representatives at Sulphur, Oklahoma, Saturday.

Joseph Wendling, who was returned to Louisville Saturday after a remarkable chase, to stand trial on the charge of killing little Alma Kellner, is a prisoner of the commonwealth of Kentucky, for the jurisdiction of Chief of Detectives John P. Carney, who made the long distance race for his prisoner, and of the Louisville police, ceased when Jailer Pfanzler received the noted prisoner at the Jefferson County jail.

With the selection of Denver for the conclave of 1913 and the election of officers, headed by William B. Mesh of Cincinnati as grand commander of the business of the thirty-first triennial convocation of the Knights Templar was practically concluded at Chicago Thursday. It required three ballots to gain the coveted prize. First—Denver 111, Los Angeles, 106, New Orleans 76. Some of the New Orleans strength went to Denver on the second vote, which was Denver 130, Los Angeles 105, New Orleans 45. On the last ballot New Orleans withdrew in favor of the leader and the count made Denver the winner, 160 to 100 for Los Angeles.

General Sebastian Salinas and Dr. Barrios, representatives at Washington of the Madrid faction in Nicaragua, had an interview at the state department Saturday with Huntington Wilson, acting secretary of state, and presented a formal representation, which, if accepted, in their opinion would bring about a settlement of the troubles which have been seething in the Central American republic.

The fourth annual meeting of the South Texas Gardeners commenced in Brownsville Friday. Rev. J. W. Rowland of the Methodist Church delivered the invocation. Mayor Kowalski followed with a speech of welcome to the gardeners. He spoke of the great development of the valley brought about by these thrifty gardeners. J. H. Arbense of Sarita replied to the mayor's address, after which the program was taken up.

The first bale of cotton to be raised in Harris County was received in Houston Wednesday. The bale weighed 545 pounds and was raised by S. D. Frazier at Alief and was classed strictly middling.

From plowboy and cowboy, editor and lawyer, to the leadership of the Republican party in Texas, is the record of J. O. Terrell, of San Antonio, who was nominated Wednesday by the republicans for governor of Texas. He is a native Texan and inherits his sterling qualities of citizenship from his father, the Hon. Jonathan Terrell, one of the Texas pioneers. This Terrell was a warm personal friend of General Sam Houston and one of the men who fought bitterly against displacing him as governor just previous to the Civil war.

Importation of Wild Animals



THE return of Colonel Roosevelt and party from Africa, with the cargo of animal specimens which had been killed during their invasion of the jungle, caused a New York dealer in wild beasts to talk interestingly of the business in which his firm is engaged. There are nearly a dozen firms in New York city that carry on an immense business in the transportation of animals fresh from the jungle. And this number, of course, does not include such immense foreign animal firms as the Hagenbecks. It is a paying business, as indeed, are all businesses where the demand exceeds the supply. The demand for wild beasts is far greater than the supply, and as a consequence prices are good, and the dealers men of wealth. The extent of this demand may be appreciated when one considers that most of the great cities in the United States have zoological parks or menageries, and that the animals are constantly being purchased by them. Then there are private collectors and circuses and the like, that are ever ready to pay the highest prices for desirable animals. The animal dealer who could secure and bring to this country three or four gorillas would make a small fortune. But no dealer has ever succeeded in doing this. The gorillas die in a few weeks in captivity; they could not stand an ocean trip for a day.

A rusty old German liner lumbers noisily into Quarantine, and then lies motionless on the tide. An officer, with broad, red, bewhiskered face, stands at the head of the companion ladder, and he smiles a peculiar smile, as a husky screaming, ululation rises from below. "The animals are getting hungry," he explains; "you know we have several hundred of them on the 'tween decks. What to see them? All right." In another minute probably the most competent animal man in the world is at our side. He is not a trainer, or even a tamer; he is more. He is a sort of animal cook, and his special business is the personal management of wild animal tours. He receives them—lions, tigers, leopards, elephants, everything else—at Hamburg, where they have been brought fresh from their native wilds, and not only superintends their shipment aboard a vessel bound for New York, but he sails with them to make sure that they arrive safely and in good health. And he is sure that if the tiger gets off on his diet and needs a nice fresh live rabbit to tone up his system, this man will be aware of the fact almost before the tiger is—and, ergo, a nice big jumping bunny is sacrificed in accordance with the precepts of wild beast materia medica. Then, too, one can never tell just when the big bo is going to rouse from his last gorge; when he does he wants a toothsome young goat, and he wants it quick. It is a part of the animal man's duties to anticipate the bo's appetite with all possible expedition.

He is a quiet, unassuming man, with stoop shoulders and bushy whiskers, and he leads the way to the 'tween decks without a word. Perhaps the uninitiated may believe that a tour through the animal section of a freight-carrying vessel is an unimpressive experience. Well, let them try it and see! This can be said at the outset—it is somewhat different from a menagerie. It means something to come into close proximity to a hundred and odd wild animals that have been ruthlessly snatched from their lairs in Africa or Asia, or elsewhere, and clapped into little barred boxes, not as large as dry goods cases; slammed in and out of dark holes in the vessels of several seas on the way to Hamburg; then finally placed in the stygian 'tween decks of a German hooker.

The swinging cross seas of the North Atlantic have not improved their tempers, or their nervous systems, and the visitor at Quarantine is quickly impressed with that fact. The howls and whines and the barks cease abruptly as the strangers enter. For they bring the smell of land, and the great beasts sniff inquiringly, and hungrily, too.

The cages lined both sides of the gloomy space, with a little passageway between the boxes. Perhaps this passageway was three feet wide, not more. The cages were piled two and sometimes three deep. In the bottom cage, for instance, would be a tiger; in the next above a smaller animal, say, a leopard or a lynx, and above that a parrot, or a bunch of neerkats. Think of it! A three-foot passageway, with ferocious animals, stretching along for 100 feet on all sides. Talk about nightmares! The reporter's hair stiffened out like so many pieces of wire, and he wished most fervently that he had not come. It was more agreeable, he felt, to see these animals in a menagerie where the cages are ample and the bars an inch thick.

"Better keep in the middle of the aisle," says one of the animal men; "these fellows sometimes reach out for you."

Words such as these, of course, hardly tended to reassure.

It really was too dark to see much. One caught a view of the cages stretching away in gloomy perspective until lost in the darkness, of

rows of glowing green eyes and great teeth with the flash of red tongue writhing between. A zebra switched the reporter with his tail and he turned, only to jump almost out of his skin as an elephant touched him on the other shoulder with his trunk. He was hardly over his scare when, zip! a leopard reached out after his coat tail.

In one way this lower deck section was a good place to visit; the joy and relief in being able to leave it furnished the biggest and most absorbing sensations that this monotonous world has held for the reporter in the last few months at least.

Bartels & Co. are the largest dealers in wild beasts in this country.

"A large wild animal dealer," said our informant, "imports considerably more than a hundred large wild animals each year. For instance, our record for one year which I happen to have at hand, shows that we imported in that period 20 elephants, 35 camels, 20 tigers, 5 lions, 45 leopards, 20 pumas, 18 panthers and hundreds of birds and monkeys and small things. Cubs—lion and tiger and bear cubs—are in special demand by wealthy families. They are reared and petted like kittens, but in the end they outgrow their playfulness and the families who bought them from us are only too willing to pay us to come and take them away when they attain any sort of growth. We have received many orders for hippopotami, but the beasts are hard to capture and ninety-nine times out of a hundred they do not live through the voyage. In fact, menageries throughout the country have to depend of late years upon the progeny of the hippopotami in Central Park, New York, for specimens.

"Like all animal dealers, we maintain expert animal catchers in all parts of the world, and it is these men who fill the ships which arrive here. The Hagenbecks have two collecting stations, one in Calcutta and the other in Aden, Arabia. From this point the animal catchers go forth and spend months in the wilds, returning to the stations with their catch. We ourselves send catchers direct from this country—at present we have men in South America, on the hot sands of Africa, in the Himalayas, and elsewhere, filling our orders. One of them was recently in Arabia on a camel hunt, two are now in the East Indies trapping tigers, and so they are spread about in places where wild beasts abide.

"Sometimes we receive an order for a large number of elephants. We telegraph this order to our catchers in the elephant country, who, after organizing the natives into a hunting band, proceed to collect the desired number. A huge inclosure is built in one of the main elephant paths, and at night when the big animals come to feed they are driven into the inclosure or keddah by means of fires and shouts and the firing of guns. Beaters on tame elephants then ride into the inclosure and rope the beasts, and in a short time they become accustomed to being led about. Elephants are naturally mild, and were this not the case they never could be captured, because of their great, hulking strength.

"The natives also captured elephants in pits, a barbarously cruel method in which more than 50 per cent. are killed by the fall. The animal catchers take tigers and lions in pits also. They dig a hole, cover it with matting and place on this matting a dead goat. At night the lion or tiger steals from his lair, sees the goat and springs upon it. The matting, of course, gives way and down into the pit goes the roaring beast. Then the catchers run up and throw nets into the pit and the struggling animal soon becomes hopelessly entangled. Nooses are then lowered into the pit and the beast is dragged out to the cage. Six out of every ten are killed in this process. Leopards and jaguars and the smaller animals are caught in

traps just as mice are caught, and monkeys are also trapped. Such great beasts as the rhinoceros and the like are not captured by the animal men, but are secured from native potentates, who give them away as a mark of special esteem or barter them for brass and other trifling but showy gewgaws.

"We take comparatively few lions from the wilds now. It is cheaper to buy them in captivity. Polar, grizzly and Russian bears also are mainly bought and sold in captivity; but other wild beasts are taken in their lairs."

FOOD IN LONDON IS CHEAPER.

"For many years," said a man who came back from a European tour the other day, according to an exchange, "I have been in the habit of getting into an argument with friends after my return about the prices of food in the best restaurants in New York and London. I have been contending that New York restaurants were putting up their prices all the time and some of my friends have tried to convince me that you could get a meal cheaper at the higher priced restaurants in New York than in London.

"I determined this time to collect some real data for comparison and as a result I have kept the bills of many meals I had in London. It is my intention to duplicate the meals I had over there at some of the restaurants here, item for item. I did this with one of them the other day and demonstrated that for such a meal London is a lot cheaper than New York.

"Here is the bill for a luncheon I had at one of the most expensive hotels in London:

Table with columns s, d and items: Hors d'oeuvres varies, Pilaffe of sweetbreads, Asparagus, Cheese (Neufchatel), Coffee, Beer.

Totals 6 9. "Now, six shillings in pence at \$4.885 to the pound is \$1.65. As for the dishes themselves they could not have been surpassed anywhere. For the hors d'oeuvres I had a dozen different dishes to select from.

"Did you ever find hors d'oeuvres varies on the bill of fare of a New York restaurant? Try it. Of course you may get them at a table d'hotel, but I mean on the carte du jour of a restaurant where you pay separately for each thing you eat.

"In Paris there is a restaurant in the Avenue de l'Opera, where you can have about twenty different varieties of little fish and cold salads and appetizers for about 15 or 16 cents. It took me a long time to find this in a first-class house here, and then when I did so it was in a restaurant which is not usually considered among the most expensive in the city. Here hors d'oeuvres varies masqueraded under the title of 'buffet russe.' They charged me 50 cents for it, as against the 18 charged in the London restaurant.

"My pilaffe of sweetbreads tasted exactly like that I had in London and cost exactly the same, 50 cents. I ordered some asparagus. On the bill of fare they had asparagus with Hollandaise sauce for 40 cents, but I wanted it cold, with French dressing. They did not tell me it would be any more, but for it they charged me 70 cents. For the Neufchatel cheese they charged 20 cents and for the coffee 15. The robbery came on the beer.

"In London if you want a little pitcher of beer they serve you an excellent brew of Pilsener or Wurzburger in a little sealed vessel holding a pint for a shilling. I asked the waiter to bring me a small pitcher of beer on draught, knowing they did not serve the beer as in London. He brought me a pitcher and charged me 70 cents for it.

"Now my bill came to \$2.65, or exactly \$1 more than the same food and drink had cost me in London. I gave the New York waiter a quarter and he scarcely nodded. I gave the London waiter sixpence and he thanked me so that I could hear him."

CONDITION PRECEDENT.

"The religion of some people is too lenient," said Bishop Heslin in a recent address in Nantucket.

"Some people suggest to me, in their view of religion, a little girl whose teacher said to her: 'Mary, what must we do first before we can expect forgiveness for our sins?'

"We must sin first," the little girl answered.—Nashville Banner.

UNFASHIONABLE EVENT.

Among other events, we shall have a sack race for ladies. Professionals barred. "What do you mean by professionals?" "Those who have been wearing tube gowns."—Answers.

TEXAS NEWS HAPPENINGS

The directors of the El Paso Fair have agreed to offer \$2,500 in baseball prizes, as follows: First prize \$1,000, second \$600, third \$400, fourth and fifth \$300 and \$200 respectively.

Walter F. Colquitt, 14-year-old son of Hon. O. B. Colquitt, died Sunday evening at Austin of typhoid fever after an illness of two weeks. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Rains have fallen over the Texico part of the Panhandle most every day of the past week, culminating in a very hard and general downpour for several hours. It is estimated that over four inches of water fell.

The El Reno Packing and Provision Company's plant has started operation. The entire output for more than a month has been contracted for by Chicago concerns.

The County Commissioners of Cardell, Okla., have sold the court house bonds that were voted in the last election at par. They will let the contract in a few days for the building. The bond issue was for \$75,000.

The first bale of cotton was brought to Mart Thursday by Howard Brown of Science Hall. It weighed 478 pounds and was sold to Wilson Bros. at 15.40c. The premium given by the merchants was \$42.

Mrs. M. A. Hood of Sherman has a hen whose industry entitles her to mention. She has presented her owner with 108 eggs, only taking an occasional holiday and has as yet shown no desire to set.

The first bale of new cotton was brought to Halland and ginned and sold Tuesday afternoon by W. C. Dushak. The price paid for it was 14c and the merchants gave Mr. Dushak a premium of \$40.

Brownwood was visited with a slow rain, which fell for two hours, but not enough to do more good than to lay the dust. However, to the north of town reports say good rains fell.

The Fort Worth and Denver reports show there were a number of showers Wednesday and Thursday morning along the line of the road and some indications that the rain was general to a large scope of the Panhandle country.

The sixth annual encampment and the eighteenth regular session of the Texas State Epworth League was opened Wednesday at Epworth-by-the-Sea, Corpus Christi, under circumstances which indicated brilliant success.

Commenting on the statement that no more bleached flour would be permitted sold, Pure Food Commissioner Abbott stated that the State Department had as yet made no ruling. "We are awaiting the decision in the Federal Courts before making any ruling," said Dr. Abbott, "and pending that no announcement will be made."

The Attorney General approved and the Secretary of State filed the charter of the Stamford and Eastern Railway of Stamford, eighty miles long, projected from Stamford, Jones County, to Graham, in Young County, through Haskell, Shackelford and Stephens Counties. The capital stock of the road is \$90,000.

The State Board of Codifiers, appointed by Gov. Campbell to codify and annotate the statutes, in accordance with the act of Thirty-First Legislature, met in Austin to confer upon the work. It was announced that practically all of the work, with the exception of annotating the statutes, has been completed and the statutes will have been thoroughly revised before the Thirty-Second Legislature meets. At that time the board will be ready to report.

The thirty-seventh semi-annual convention of County Judges and Commissioners adjourned at Wichita Falls Friday, to meet in Waco in February. W. W. Bogel of Marfa has sold 16,000 acres of land, including the San Estaban ranch, to Kansas people for \$135,000.

With only one or two small counties census reports out, State Superintendent of Education Brally estimates that there are 975,000 children of scholastic age in Texas, according to this year's scholastic census. The state board of education will make the apportionment of the available school fund for the fiscal year of 1910-1911 and it is believed that it will be \$6.50 for each child shown on the scholastic census.

The first bale of cotton for this season reached Santa Anna Thursday. It was grown by Jim Carter and sold to W. J. Hunter for 14 1/2c; premium \$37.

Amarillo was chosen unanimously for the third time as the meeting place for the Panhandle Associational Regiment of the United Confederate Veterans' annual session.

The Governor's office was advised by telegraph Sunday morning that four peace officers had been ambushed at San Benito while on their way to arrest Mexicans accused of the killing of an engineer. One officer died.

Two children of Edward John Reams of North Fort Worth, Gracie, aged 8 years, and Arbie, aged 4, lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the house.

The third big rain in three successive days general over the Panhandle, fell Tuesday. Big crops are assured, as at least four inches of rain fell. Grass is fine. Stock water plentiful.

Strenuous efforts are being put forth by the Postoffice Department to establish branch postal savings banks late next fall in at least one second or third class office in each State.

THE CIRCULAR STAIRCASE

By MARY ROBERTS RINEHART
ILLUSTRATIONS BY ROY WINTER

SYNOPSIS.

Miss Innes, spinster and guardian of Gertrude and Halsey, established summer headquarters at Sunnyside. Amidst numerous difficulties the servants deserted. As Miss Innes looked up for the night she was startled by a dark figure on the veranda. Unseen noises disturbed her during the night. In the morning Miss Innes found a strange link cuff-button in a hamper. Gertrude and Halsey arrived with Jack Bailey. The house was awakened by a revolver shot and Arnold Armstrong was found shot to death in the hall. Miss Innes found Halsey's revolver on the lawn. He and Jack Bailey had disappeared. The link cuff-button mysteriously disappeared. Detective Jamieson arrived. Gertrude revealed she was engaged to Jack Bailey, with whom she talked in the billiard room a few moments before the murder. Jamieson accused Miss Innes of holding back evidence. He imprisoned an intruder in an empty room. The prisoner escaped down a laundry chute. Gertrude was suspected. A negro found the other half of what proved to be Jack Bailey's cuff-button. Halsey reappears and says he and Bailey left in response to a telegram. Gertrude said she had given Bailey an unloaded revolver, fearing to give him a loaded weapon. Cashier Bailey of Pan Armstrong's bank, defunct, was arrested for embezzlement. Halsey said Armstrong wrecked his own bank and killed Bailey. Paul Armstrong's death was announced. Halsey's fiancée, Louise Armstrong, was found at the lodge. The lodgekeeper said Louise and Arnold had a long talk the night of the murder. Louise was prostrated by the whole story. It developed that Dr. Walker and Louise were to be married. A prowler was heard in the house. Louise was found at the bottom of the circular staircase. Louise said she had heard a knock at the door and answered it. Something brushed past her on the stairway and she fainted.

CHAPTER XVII.—Continued.

"You heard no other sound?" the coroner asked. "There was no one with Mr. Armstrong when he entered?"

"It was perfectly dark. There were no voices and I heard nothing. There was just the opening of the door, the shot, and the sound of somebody falling."

"Then, while you went through the drawing room and upstairs to alarm the household, the criminal, whoever it was, could have escaped by the east door?"

"Yes."

"Thank you. That will do." I flatter myself that the coroner got little enough out of me. I saw Mr. Jamieson smiling to himself, and the coroner gave me up, after a time. I admitted I had found the body, said I had not known who it was until Mr. Jarvis told me, and ended by looking up at Barbara Fitzhugh and saying that in renting the house I had not expected to be involved in any family scandal. At which she turned purple.

The verdict was that Arnold Armstrong had met his death at the hands of a person or persons unknown, and we prepared to leave. Barbara Fitzhugh flooked out without waiting to speak to me, but Mr. Harton came up, as I knew he would.

"You have decided to give up the house, I hope, Miss Innes," he said. "Mrs. Armstrong has wired me again."

"I am not going to give it up," I maintained, "until I understand some things that are puzzling me. The day that the murderer is discovered, I will leave."

"Then, judging by what I have heard, you will be back in the city very soon," he said. And I knew that he suspected the discredited cashier of the Traders' bank.

Mr. Jamieson came up to me as I was about to leave the coroner's office.

"How is your patient?" he asked with his odd little smile.

"I have no patient," I replied, startled.

"I will put it in a different way, then. How is Miss Armstrong?"

"She—she is doing very well," I stammered.

"Good," cheerfully. "And our ghost? Is it laid?"

"Mr. Jamieson," I said suddenly, "I wish you would come to Sunnyside and spend a few days there. The ghost is not laid. I want you to spend one night at least watching the circular staircase. The murder of Arnold Armstrong was a beginning, not an end."

He looked serious.

"Perhaps I can do it," he said. "I have been doing something else, but—well, I will come out to-night."

We were very silent during the trip back to Sunnyside. I watched Gertrude closely and somewhat sadly. To me there was one glaring flaw in her story, and it seemed to stand out for every one to see. Arnold Armstrong had had no key, and yet she said she had locked the east door. He must have been admitted from within the house; over and over I repeated it to myself.

That night, as gently as I could, I told Louise the story of her stepbrother's death. She sat in her big, pillow-filled chair, and heard me through without interruption. It was clear that she was shocked beyond words; if I had hoped to learn anything from her expression, I had failed. She was as much in the dark as we were.

CHAPTER XVIII.

A Hole in the Wall.
My taking the detective out to Sunnyside raised an unexpected storm of protest from Gertrude and Halsey. I was not prepared for it, and I scarcely

knew how to account for it. To me Mr. Jamieson was far less formidable under my eyes, where I knew what he was doing, than he was off in the city, twisting circumstances and motives to suit himself and learning what he wished to know about events at Sunnyside in some occult way. I was glad enough to have him there, when excitements began to come thick and fast.

A new element was about to enter into affairs; Monday, or Tuesday at the latest, would find Dr. Walker back in his green and white house in the village, and Louise's attitude to him in the immediate future would signify Halsey's happiness or wretchedness, as it might turn out. Then, too, the return of her mother would mean, of course, that she would have to leave us, and I had become greatly attached to her.

From the day Mr. Jamieson came to Sunnyside, there was a subtle change in Gertrude's manner to me. It was elusive, difficult to analyze, but it was there. She was no longer frank

Liddy heaved a sigh. "Girl and woman," she said, "I've been with you 25 years, Miss Rachel, through good temper and bad—the idea! and what I have taken from her in the way of sulks!—but I guess I can't stand it any longer. My trunk's packed."

"Who packed it?" I asked, expecting from her tone to be told she had wakened to find it done by some ghostly hand.

"I did; Miss Rachel, you won't believe me when I tell you this house is haunted. Who was it fell down the clothes chute? Who was it scared Miss Louise almost into her grave?"

"I'm doing my best to find out," I said. "What in the world are you driving at?" She drew a long breath. "There is a hole in the trunkroom wall, dug out since last night. It's big enough to put your head in, and the plaster's all over the place."

"Nonsense!" I said. "Plaster is always falling."

But Liddy clenched that. "Just ask Alex," she said. "When



There Was Something Baffling in the Girl's Eyes.

with me, although I think her affection never wavered. At the time I laid the change to the fact that I had forbidden all communication with John Bailey, and had refused to acknowledge any engagement between the two. Gertrude spent much of her time wandering through the grounds, or taking long cross-country walks.

Halsey played golf at the Country club day after day, and after Louise left, as she did the following week, Mr. Jamieson and I were much together. He played a fair game of cribbage, but he cheated at solitaire.

The night the detective arrived, Saturday, I had a talk with him. I told him of the experiences Louise Armstrong had had the night before on the circular staircase, and about the man who had so frightened Rosie on the drive. I saw that he thought the information was important, and to my suggestion that we put an additional lock on the east wing door he opposed a strong negative.

"I think it probable," he said, "that our visitor will be back again, and the thing to do is to leave things exactly as they are, to avoid rousing suspicion. Then I can watch for at least a part of each night and probably Mr. Innes will help us out. I would say as little to Thomas as possible. The old man knows more than he is willing to admit."

I suggested that Alex, the gardener, would probably be willing to help, and Mr. Jamieson undertook to make the arrangement. For one night, however, Mr. Jamieson preferred to watch alone. Apparently nothing occurred.

The detective sat in absolute darkness on the lower step of the stairs, dozing, he said afterwards, now and then. Nothing could pass him in either direction, and the door in the morning remained as securely fastened as it had been the night before. And yet one of the most inexplicable occurrences of the whole affair took place that very night.

Liddy came to my room on Sunday morning with a face as long as the moral law. She laid out my things as usual, but I missed her customary garrulousness. I was not regaled with the new cook's extravagance as to eggs, and she even forbore to mention "that Jamieson," on whose arrival she had looked with silent disfavor.

"What's the matter, Liddy?" I asked at last. "Didn't you sleep last night?"

"No, ma'am," she said stiffly. "Did you have two cups of coffee at your dinner?" I inquired.

"No, ma'am," indignantly. I sat up and almost upset my hot water—I always take a cup of hot water with a pinch of salt, before I get up. It tones the stomach.

"Liddy Allen," I said, "stop combing that switch and tell me what is wrong with you."

he put the new cook's trunk there last night the wall was as smooth as this. This morning it's dug out, and there's plaster on the cook's trunk. Miss Rachel, you can get a dozen detectives and put one on every stair in the house, and you'll never catch anything. There's some things you can't handcuff."

Liddy was right. As soon as I could, I went up to the trunkroom, which was directly over my bedroom. The plan of the upper story of the house was like that of the second floor, in the main. One end, however, over the east wing, had been left only roughly finished, the intention having been to convert it into a ballroom at some future time. The maids' rooms, trunkroom, and various storerooms, including a large airy linen room, opened from a long corridor, like that on the second floor. And in the trunkroom, as Liddy had said, was a fresh break in the plaster.

Not only in the plaster, but through the lathing, the aperture extended. I reached into the opening, and three feet away, perhaps, I could touch the bricks of the partition wall. For some reason the architect in building the house had left a space there that struck me, even in the surprise of the discovery, as an excellent place for a conflagration to gain headway.

"You are sure the hole was not here yesterday?" I asked Liddy, whose expression was a mixture of satisfaction and alarm. In answer she pointed to the new cook's trunk—that necessary adjunct of the migratory domestic. The top was covered with fine white plaster, as was the floor. But there were no large pieces of mortar lying around—no bits of lathing. When I mentioned this to Liddy she merely raised her eyebrows. Being quite confident that the gap was of unholty origin, she did not concern herself with such trifles as a bit of mortar and lath. No doubt they were even then heaped neatly on a gravestone in the Casanova churchyard!

I brought Mr. Jamieson up to see the hole in the wall, directly after breakfast. His expression was very odd when he looked at it, and the first thing he did was to try to discover what object, if any, such a hole could have. He got a piece of candle, and by enlarging the aperture a little was able to examine what lay beyond. The result was nil. The trunkroom, although heated by steam heat, like the rest of the house, boasted of a fireplace and mantel as well. The opening had been made between the flue and the outer wall of the house. There was revealed, however, on inspection, only the brick of the chimney on one side and the outer wall of the house on the other; in depth the space extended only to the flooring. The breach had been made about four feet



from the floor, and inside were all the missing bits of plaster. It had been a methodical ghost.

It was very much of a disappointment. I had expected a secret room, at the very least, and I think even Mr. Jamieson had fancied he might at last have a clew to the mystery. There was evidently nothing more to be discovered; Liddy reported that everything was serene among the servants, and that none of them had been disturbed by the noise. The maddening thing, however, was that the nightly visitor had evidently more than one way of gaining access to the house, and we made arrangements to redouble our vigilance as to windows and doors that night.

Halsey was inclined to pooh-pooh the whole affair. He said a break in the plaster might have occurred months ago and gone unnoticed, and that the dust had probably been stirred up the day before. After all, we had to let it go at that, but we put in an uncomfortable Sunday. Gertrude went to church, and Halsey took a long walk in the morning. Louise was able to sit up, and she allowed Halsey and Liddy to assist her downstairs late in the afternoon. The east veranda was shady, green with vines and palms, cheerful with cushions and lounging chairs. We put Louise in a steamer chair, and she sat there passively enough, her hands clasped in her lap.

We were very silent. Halsey sat on the rail with a pipe, openly watching Louise, as she looked broodingly across the valley to the hills. There was something baffling in the girl's eyes; and gradually Halsey's boyish features lost their glow at seeing her about again, and settled into grim lines. He was like his father just then.

We sat until late afternoon, Halsey growing more and more moody. Shortly before six he got up and went into the house, and in a few minutes he came out and called me to the telephone. It was Anna Whitcomb, in town, and she kept me for 20 minutes, telling me the children had had the measles and how Mme. Sweeney had botched her new gown.

When I finished, Liddy was behind me, her mouth a thin line.

"I wish you would try to look cheerful, Liddy," I groaned, "your face would sour milk." But Liddy seldom replied to my gibes. She folded her lips a little tighter.

"He called her up," she said oracularly, "he called her up, and asked her to keep you at the telephone, so he could talk to Miss Louise. A thankless child is sharper than a serpent's tooth."

"Nonsense!" I said brusquely. "I might have known enough to leave them. It's a long time since you and I were in love, Liddy, and—we forget."

Liddy sniffed. "No man ever made a fool of me," she replied virtuously.

"Well, something did," I retorted.

CHAPTER XIX.

Concerning Thomas.
"Mr. Jamieson," I said, when we found ourselves alone after dinner that night, "the inquest yesterday seemed to me the merest recapitulation of things that were already known. It developed nothing new beyond that story of Dr. Stewart's, and that was volunteered."

"An inquest is only a necessary formality, Miss Innes," he replied. "Unless a crime is committed in the open the inquest does nothing beyond getting evidence from witnesses while events are still in their minds. The police step in later. You and I both know how many important things never transpired. For instance: The dead man had no key, and yet Miss Gertrude testified to a fumbling at the lock, and then the opening of the door. The piece of evidence you mention, Dr. Stewart's story, is one of those things we have to take cautiously; the doctor has a patient who wears black and does not raise her veil. Why, it is the typical mysterious lady! Then the good doctor comes across Arnold Armstrong, who was a graceless scamp—de mortuis—what's the rest of it?—and he is quarreling with a lady in black. Behold, says the doctor, they are one and the same."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Sameness.
"There is a certain sameness about natural scenery," said the man who looks bored.

"Do you mean to compare a magnificent mountain with the broad expanse of the sea?"

"Yes. Wherever you find a spot of exceptional beauty somebody is sure to decorate it with sardine tins and biscuit boxes."

Not So Bad.
Nervous Lady—Don't your experts frighten you terribly, professor? I hear that your assistant met with a horrible death by falling 4,000 feet from a balloon.

Professor—Oh, that report was greatly exaggerated.

Nervous Lady—Exaggerated! How? Professor—It wasn't much more than 2,500 feet that he fell.—Puck.

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE

LEGISLATURE

WHAT THEY ARE DOING

In the House.

Austin, Tex.—Shortly after the secretary of the senate announced in the house the passage of Senator Hudspeth's bill repealing the present fire rating board law the house Saturday voted favorably on the measure submitted by its committee creating a new fire rating board, the vote being 69 to 32.

In the house Saturday a free conference committee report on the state bond refunding bill by Senator Ward was adopted. A call of the house was necessary to secure a quorum of the members.

This conference report is an entirely new bill. It provides for the issuance of a batch of new bonds, 1910 bonds, which take up an issue of 1870, due July 1, 1910, and an issue of 1879, due Sept. 1, 1910, amounting to \$1,353,500. The new bill fixes the rate of interest born by the bonds at 3 per cent.

The house bill provided at 4 1-2 per cent interest rate. The bonds mature in forty years, with a twenty-year redemption option.

The house adopted a free conference committee report on the Bowles prize fight pictures bill. The measure was passed by both branches of the legislature last week, but was returned by the governor Friday for minor corrections, the principal change being to make the caption and the body of the bill conform.

The Denison city charter bill, providing a commission form of government and permitting a majority of the city commissioners to elect certain municipal officers over the opposition, if any, of the mayor, was passed.

The Van Zandt County road law, reducing the length of time required by citizens to work on the county roads from ten to five days, was passed.

A bill by Messrs. Robertson of Travis and Schluter, appropriating \$1,290 to repair three boilers in the state deaf and dumb institute, was passed.

The senate bill appropriating \$2,500 for the North Texas asylum for the insane, was passed to a third reading.

New House Bills.

Bills introduced in the house were: By Looney—Prohibiting the sale, gift or exchange of intoxicants in bawdy and designation houses, degrading such places, and making each violation of this act a misdemeanor, punishable as such. By Gilmore and Currey—Van Zandt County road law.

Substitute for Car Shed Bill.
Subcommittee substitute bill for the house car shed measure was favorably reported by the house committee on labor Saturday. The new bill eliminates a constitutional question raised against the original bill by a correction. It also cuts out a provision of the original bill which excluded from those protected by the act car inspectors.

Governor Signed West Texas Bill.
Governor Campbell Saturday signed the house bill passed by the special session of the legislature providing for the reorganization of the seventh judicial district, a West Texas district. He has had an opportunity to sign very few bills during the present special session, as few have yet come to him.

Ten-Mile Law.
Austin, Tex.—In the senate Friday a resolution of sorrow in the death of Senator C. C. Stokes of Crockett was adopted as the first order.

Senator Cofer and his prohibition associates offered a resolution to require that judiciary committee No. 2 report the house ten-mile law, which was laid to rest by the committee on Thursday.

Senator Cofer spoke at length in favor of the adoption of the resolution. After concluding his speech, Senator Cofer was roundly applauded.

Senator Meachum moved to table, and said that the anti, following the opinion of the distinguished gentleman from Cooke County only recently nominated for the presidency, by the State convention, would not discuss the question.

The resolution was then tabled by a vote of 16 to 14, thus finally disposing of the ten-mile law at this session.

Until After Adjournment.
The senate judiciary committee No. 2 Thursday postponed action on the house bill in favor of the ten-mile law until August 18, which date is several days after the necessary adjournment of the special session of the legislature.

The "daylight" bill by Mr. Nickles was passed to engrossment Thursday, after two important changes in the platform measure. Instead of requiring saloons to close at 6 o'clock each week-day evening, the bill, as amended through the efforts of Mr. Briscoe and Mr. Moller, prescribes 7 o'clock p. m. as the closing hour. The second concession on the part of the prohibitionists came with the adoption of an amendment by Mr. Moller, making each violation of this act a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail, instead of a felony.

Senate Killed Quart Bill.

Austin, Tex.—When the senate convened Saturday after recess the pending business was the quart bill signed by fifteen senators. It held the unlucky calendar number of 13 and was killed in exactly ten minutes. There were two reports on it, an adverse majority and a favorable minority report. Without debate the motion to adopt the minority report was lost by a vote of 11 to 12 and the majority report adopted by a vote of 13 to 11.

The bill signed by fifteen senators requiring the saloons to be closed from 7 p. m. to 7 a. m. was, at the request of Senator Meachum, leader of the anti, allowed to lie on the table subject to call.

Then came the senate bill prohibiting the sale of liquor within ten miles of the State University, its branches, and the A. and M. College. The motion to adopt the favorable minority report thereon was lost, 10 ayes and 15 noes. The alignment was the same as on other votes except Senator Holsey, who voted no, saying: "I believe this bill is unconstitutional."

"I congratulate the senator from Lamar (Mr. Sturgeon)," said Senator Weinert, "for he has converted one vote to our side." The remark was received with laughter and the adverse majority report was then adopted, 15 to 10, killing the bill.

Next on the calendar was the Cofer bill amending the election law so as to provide for the nomination of state officers by majority vote instead of by the present plurality method. The senate killed it without discussion, the adverse majority report being adopted by this vote:

Ayes—Harper, Hudspeth, Hume, Kaufman, Meachum, Murray, Paulus, Peeler, Real, Senter, Terrell of McLennan, Watson, Weinert, Willacy—14.

Noes—Alexander, Brachfield, Bryan, Cofer, Greer, Holsey, Mayfield, Sturgeon, Terrell of Bowie, Terrell of Wise, Veale, Ward—12.

Two Bills Signed.

Governor Campbell signed two bills Thursday. The first was the pure food bill, securing a considerable sum of money for the Agricultural and Mechanical college, and the second provides for the refunding of more than \$1,000,000 State bonds.

Austin, Tex.—The following messages from Governor Campbell were received in the house of representatives Thursday:

To the Legislature: By virtue of authority vested in me by section 40, article 3, of the constitution of the state of Texas, I hereby designate and present to you for your consideration the following subjects and suggest legislation thereon:

1. Legislation providing for the incorporation of the city of San Antonio, Bexar county, Tex., and to grant it a new charter; to provide for a commission form of government; to define its powers and to prescribe its duties and liabilities and to provide for the approval of said charter by the qualified electors of said city, and to declare an emergency and to repeal all acts in conflict therewith.

2. The enactment of a law to repeal chapter 72 of the special laws of the thirty-first legislature creating a special road law for Lamar County, approved March 17, 1909, and to enact a law authorizing and empowering Lamar County or any political subdivision of said county by a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property tax payers, qualified voters of such county, or political division thereof, voting thereon, to issue bonds and levy and collect taxes, to pay the interest on such bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, and such other legislation in respect thereto as may be deemed appropriate. Very respectfully,

T. M. CAMPBELL,
Governor of Texas.

To the House of Representatives: Complying with concurrent resolution No. 5, I herewith have the honor to return for amendment and correction house bill No. 5, entitled "An act to prohibit the exhibition of prize fight or glove contests and obscene, indecent or immoral show or exhibition, by means of moving picture films or other devices in moving picture shows, theatres or any other place whatever, etc.," and declaring an emergency. Very respectfully,

T. M. CAMPBELL,
Governor of Texas.

Discussion in House.

The plank in the democratic state platform recommending that the thirty-first legislature dispose of the fire rating board law and "go home" was assailed in a resolution introduced in the house Thursday by thirteen members, and a heated discussion followed as to how far legislators should heed so-called demands, and the matter was only put aside temporarily by a point of order to the effect that the half hour for resolutions had expired.

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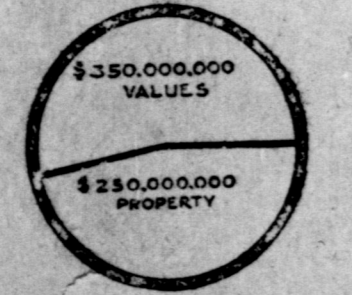
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Every dollar of new money coming into the State gives added value to investments already made. The money which is flowing into our State will treble and quadruple the price of land and the investor is sure of a comfortable fortune through the natural increase of land and without effort on his part. There are \$700,000 per day coming into Texas and making investment in farms, factories, railroads.

There are two classes of property—natural and artificial.

Natural property, such as land, cannot, of course, be created by man; we can only increase its value. Artificial property, such as buildings, machinery, etc., can be created by man, and its value can also be enhanced. With natural property we are limited in our methods of increasing values, while there are no restrictions to development through artificial property. We may gridiron the State with railroads, dot it with factories, build cities and fill the valleys with happy homes, but we cannot create another acre of land. The investor may come to Texas and buy land, and if he cared to do so, can sell it later and leave the State, with all the property he brought into the State, but the investor who builds railroads, factories, irrigating canals, etc., cannot take that back with him, and he has established permanent values.



Permanent Property.

Ownership may change hands, but the property remains as a permanent addition to the wealth of the State. He has added to the property values of Texas, just as much so as if he had gone down to the Gulf of Mexico and lifted so much land out of the sea and added it to the State's domain. Texas needs builders.

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Treasurer's Quarterly Report.

In the matter of county finances in the hands of W. F. Holmes Treasurer of Kinney county, Texas and the First State Bank of Brackettville, Texas, County Depository.

Commissioner's Court Kinney county Texas. In regular quarterly session, Aug. term, 1910.

We the undersigned, as county commissioners within and for said Kinney county, and the Hon. Jos. Veltmann county judge of said Kinney county, constituting the entire commissioners' court of said county, and each of us, do hereby certify that on this the 8th day of Aug. A. D. 1910, at a regular quarterly term of our said court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of W. F. Holmes Treasurer of Kinney county, Texas, and the First State Bank County Depository for the quarter beginning on the 8th day of May. A. D. 1910, and ending on the 8th day of Aug. A. D. 1910 and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the commissioners' court of Kinney county, stating the approval of said Treasurer's report by our said court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said county treasurer since his last report to this court and for and doing the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's and County Depositories hands on the said 8th day of Aug. A. D. 1910, and have ordered proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said Co. Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867, Chapter 1 Title XXV, of the revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at the regular session approved March 20, 1897.

And we, and each of us, further certify that we have not actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of the said Treasurer belonging to Kinney County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's report, on this the 8th day of Aug. A. D. 1910, but have read and ordered recorded the certificate of Geo. A. Giddings, Cashier of First State Bank of Brackettville Texas, in which certificate is certified that the true and actual amount as reported by said County Treasurer is now on deposit in said bank (this done in conformity to a letter of instructions issuing from the Attorney General's office of the state of Texas dated May 29, 1907, which said letter is recorded in the minutes of the Commissioners' Court Vol. 4 page 254,) and find the same to be as follows, to wit:

JURY FUND			
Balance on hand as shown by treasurer report on the 7th day of May 1910	1249 20		
Amount received since said date	950 00		
Amount disbursed since said date		70 64	
By amount to balance		2128 56	
Total	2199 20	2199 20	
Balance to credit of said Jury Fund as actually counted by us on the 8th day of Aug. 1910, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 8th day of Aug. A. D. 1910, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that date, making a total balance of			
		2128 56	
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND			
Balance on hand as shown by treasurer report on the 7th day of May 1910	2714 81		
To amount received since said date	13 02		
By amount disbursed since said date		2717 88	
By amount to balance		.05	
Total	2717 88	2717 88	
Balance to credit of said Road and Bridge Fund as actually counted by us on the 8th day of Aug. A. D. 1910, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 8th day of Aug. A. D. 1910, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that date, making a total balance of			
		05	
GENERAL FUND			
Balance on hand as shown by treasurer's report on the 7th day of May 1910	12757 31		
To amount received since said date	218 50		
By amount disbursed since said date		5747 27	
By amount to balance		7228 54	
Totals	12975 81	12975 81	
SCHOOL FUND			
Balance on hand as shown by treasurer's report on the 7th day of May 1910	70 65		
To amount received since said date		70 65	
By amount disbursed since said date			
By amount to balance			
Total	70 65	70 65	
SCHOOL FUND COUNTY DEPOSITORY			
Bal. on hand as shown by Co. Depository on the 7th day of May. 1910	5529 64		
To amount received since said date	103 57		
By amount disbursed since said date		535 00	
By amount to balance		5098 21	
Total	5333 21	5333 21	
PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND COUNTY DEPOSITORY			
Balance on hand as shown by County Depository on the 7th day of May 1910	22475 80		
To amount received since said date			
By amount to balance		22475 80	
Total	22475 80	22475 80	
RECAPITULATION			
Aug 8 balance to credit jury fund	2128 56		
Aug 8 balance to credit R. & B. fund	0000 00		
Aug 8 balance to credit general fund	7228 54		
Aug 8 balance to credit school fund	5098 21		
Aug 8 balance to credit per. school fund	22475 80		
Total cash on hand belonging to Kinney Co.	36931 11		
Witness our hands, officially, this 8th day of Aug. A. D. 1910.			
Jos. Veltmann, County Judge; N. Castro, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Albert Schwandner, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; R. E. Cannon, commissioner Precinct No. 3.			
Sworn to and subscribed before me, by Jos. Veltmann County Judge, and N. Castro and Albert Schwandner and R. E. Cannon County Commissioners of said Kinney County, each respectively, on this, the 8th day of Aug. A. D. 1910.			
CHAS. KARTES Clerk Kinney County Texas.			

Citation By Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Kinney Co; Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to summon Unknown Heirs, of William B. Scates, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 63rd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 63rd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Kinney County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Brackett, 12th Monday after the first Monday in August A. D. 1910 the same being the 24 day of October A. D. 1910, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 15th day of August A. D. 1910 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 748, wherein Jim Clamp is Plaintiff, and unknown Heirs William B. Scates are Defendant's, and said petition alleging.

I: That on the 2nd, day of January, A. D. 1903, your plaintiff as owner, became lawfully seized and possessed of a certain tract, parcel or piece of land and premises, and on said date went into and is still in possession of the same, and is entitled to the continued possession of the same, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, through his own possession, as well as the possession of those under whom he claims and holds the same, the said land and premises being particularly described as follows to wit:

2188 acres of land, lying and being situated in Kinney County, and State of Texas, about one and a half miles South East from Brackett, and described as follows:

"Lying and being situated in said Kinney County, and state of Texas, and being the North one-half of original survey No. 236, said original survey containing one League of land, and patented to Wm. B. Scates, on February 27th, A. D. 1850, by patent No. 151, Vol. 9 particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a rock set in the ground for the North corner of said original survey No. 236, and East corner of survey No. 234, in the name of S. A. Maverick.

Thence S. 58. E with N. E. line of No. 236, crossing Lindsey Creek 5351 varas to the East corner of said survey No. 236, which is also the East corner of this survey, a stone set in the ground. Thence South 32, West 2308-1 and 2 varas to a stake in the S. E. line of said survey No. 236. Thence North 58, West crossing Lindsey Creek 5351 varas to a stone set in the ground in N. W. line of No. 236 and S. E. line of No. 234. Thence North 32, E. with S. E. line of No. 234, 2308-1 and 2 varas to the place of beginning, containing 2188 acres of land.

Jim Clamp vs unknown heirs of Wm. B. Scates, page 2.

II. That plaintiff now here pleads, and at a trial of this cause will prove and show the court that his title to the hereinabove described tract of land is by warranty deeds, running back to and from the sovereignty of the soil, all and each of which deeds are duly registered and recorded in the county clerk's office of Kinney County, as by law required, the record of which deeds is hereby referred to, made apart hereof, and will be used in evidence at a trial of this cause, and is as follows:

a. For a valuable consideration paid by plaintiff, plaintiff acquired said tract of land from Nannie A. Clamp and Agnes Clamp, feme soles by deed dated January 2nd, 1903, recorded as

aforsaid in Vol. A. 10, page 300-301.

b. That Nannie A. and Agnes Clamp for a valuable consideration acquired said tract of land from C. A. D. Clamp and Asenath C. Clamp, by deed dated March 22, 1902, recorded as aforsaid in Vol. A. 10, page 32-4.

c. That C. A. D. Clamp and Asenath C. Clamp acquired said tract of land by inheritance from E. M. Clamp, by and through W. L. Clamp, by deed dated December 14th, 1901, recorded as aforsaid in Vol. 9, page 617-18.

d. That E. M. Clamp for a valuable consideration paid, acquired all said tract of land from W. L. Clamp, by deed dated August 28, 1897, recorded as aforsaid, in Vol. A. 9, pages 34-35.

e. That W. L. Clamp for a valuable consideration paid, acquired an undivided one and a half interest in and to said tract of land from E. M. Clamp, by deed dated August 17, 1894, recorded as aforsaid, in Vol. A. 8, page 424-5.

f. That E. M. Clamp for a valuable consideration paid, had thereto-acquired said undivided one and a half interest in said entire tract of land from C. C. Clamp, by deed dated Sept. 27th, 1893, recorded as aforsaid in Vol. A. 8, page 338.

g. That C. C. Clamp jointly with W. L. Clamp, for a valuable consideration paid, had thereto-acquired an undivided one and third interest of, in and to said entire tract of land from W. W. Arnett, by deed dated August 27, 1883, recorded as aforsaid in Vol. A. 4, page 355.

h. That said W. W. Arnett, W. L. Clamp and C. C. Clamp, for a valuable consideration paid, acquired said entire tract of 2188 acres of land from J. R. Scates and Sarah B. Hill (formerly Sarah B. Scates) who was joined.

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I. That J. R. Scates and Sarah B. Hill (formerly Sarah B. Scates) acquired said entire tract of land 2188 acres by inheritance from their deceased father Wm. B. Scates and Theodocia C. Scates their mother, they being the sole surviving heirs of the said Wm. B. Scates and Theodocia C. Scates.

1. That said 2188 acres of land is the North part of a League of land acquired by and patented to said Wm. B. Scates, by the officers of the state of Texas, the sovereignty, i. e. the Commissioner of the General land office, and the Governor of the state of Texas, on February 27, 1850, by patent No. 151, Vol. 9, which said original patent is recorded as aforsaid in Vol. A. 4, page 341, and which said 2188 acres apart of said League and being the North part thereof is fully described hereinabove.

III. That the plaintiff and those under whom he claims, hold and have had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of the lands and tenements hereinabove described in this petition, under title and color of title for more than three years after the defendants cause of action, if any, accrued, and before the commencement of this suit, and this he is ready to verify.

4. That the plaintiff and those under whom he claims and holds have had peaceable and adverse and continuous possession of the land hereinbefore described in this petition, cultivating, using and enjoying the same and paying taxes due thereon, and holding and claiming under deeds duly registered, for a period of more than five years after defendants cause of action, if any, accrued, and before the commencement of this suit, and

this he is ready to verify.

5. That the plaintiff and those under whom he holds and claims have had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of the land and premises hereinbefore in this petition described, cultivating using and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years, after defendants cause of action, if any, accrued, and before the commencement of this suit, and this, he is ready to verify.

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VI. That the claims of the defendants, if any, to the land and premises hereinabove described in this petition, are unknown to this plaintiff.

VII. That plaintiff brings this suit for the purpose of removing any cloud that seemingly might appear cast by defendants upon plaintiff's title to said land and premises as herein before alleged, so as to forever settle by judgement and decree of this court, the right and title to said land, and its continued possession to the plaintiff.

VIII. Premises considered, plaintiff prays; that this petition be by your Honors clerk filed, that citation do issue and be published as by law provided in such cases, that the said defendants, whose residence are unknown to plaintiff, be cited to appear and defend herein, and that upon a final trial hereof, that plaintiff have his judgement and decree of court, that the title to said land be forever quieted and vested in this plaintiff, for his writ of restitution to issue in time and terms of law, and for such other and further relief and orders of this court that he may be entitled to, either in law or equity, and he will ever pray &c.

W. L. CLAMP,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforsaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, Chas. Kartes, Clerk of the District Court of Kinney County.

Given Under my Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Brackett this the 15 day of August A. D. 1910.

[SEAL] CHAS. KARTES
Clerk, District Court, Kinney County.

By O. F. SEARGEANT Deputy, SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand on the 15th day of August A. D. 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m., and I executed the within Citation, by publishing the same in the Brackett News-Mail a newspaper published in the County of Kinney State of Texas once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof. Said publication was made respectively on the 19th and 26th days of August and 2 and 9th 16th 23rd and 30th day of September and 7 day of October A. D. 1910 and a printed copy thereof is returned herewith.

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