

## A Happy New Year to All

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We extend to the people of Brackettville and the vicinity, our most heartfelt appreciation for the way they have seconded our endeavors to give to Kinney county an up-to-date model department store that is second to none in Western Texas. The year of 1908 has been a very successful one from every standpoint and we will if possible, make the coming year eclipse it.

## PETERSEN & COMPANY

### Predicts Deathless Life.

#### Student of Longevity Declares Man Can Live Forever.

Charles Brodie Patterson, who has made a special study of longevity, told the Medico-Legal Society at the Waldorf-Astoria that in his opinion men and women may be able to live forever. He supported his contention by citing many authenticated cases of long life and arguing that if it is possible to increase the length of life by ten or twenty years it is possible to increase it indefinitely. "There is," said Mr. Patterson "a spirit of life which must be cultivated. Without paying the greatest attention to this inner world it is impossible for us to live indefinitely."

Miss Jessie Fowler said she

knew a man who was now 105 years old and who intended to walk from San Francisco to New York. She said that she had received corroborative proof of the death of a man in England a few weeks ago at the age of 130 years and that her investigations had convinced her that persons who live with care may arrive at almost any age they desire. Clark Bell, who has been president of the Medico-Legal Society for many years retired last night in favor of Stillman F. Kneeland, who has been a member of the organization almost since its foundation. Mr. Bell said his law business required all attention. He took part in the discussion about long life, and said he had discovered that absence of worry, a plentiful supply of work and fresh air and good food go far to prolong life.

In discussion which followed

Mr. Patterson's declaration that an eternity of existence is possible Miss Fowler said that one trouble with persons who set out to live long lives is that they indulge in stimulants.

"Men who drink a quart of beer a day," she said, "may not feel the effects of that quart for many years, but sooner or later it will count against them in their efforts to obtain unusually long life."—New York Herald.

### Settle Up.

The season of the year for annual settlement is now at hand, and it applies to the printing and publishing business, as well as to other lines of trade. Get in touch with the spirit of the times, and don't let the sun go down on what has been a most prosperous and goodly year with any account uncanceled. And above and beyond all, don't forget the newspaper man whose demands are scattered here and there, and although individually are comprehensively small, in the aggregate make up a sum of considerable importance and embody power for the accomplishment of many things that the publisher hopes to do in coming days. The paper come forward with regularity of the weeks, it has chronicled everything it the local firmament worthy of acceptance; it has, in short, given not 30 and 60, but 100 fold for the outlay. Now get busy this month in recompensing the publisher for his efforts in your behalf in the past 365 days. —Western Publisher.

### Notice to Tax Payers.

The tax rolls of Kinney County for the year 1908 are now in my hands and I am ready to collect all or any of the taxes.

TOM PERRY  
TAX COLLECTOR.

### NO MORE FOREVER.

The man after political preference these days might as well understand first as last that he must do some advertising as well as the merchant, if he wants to get there. This fact, was strongly brought out in the late political contest, and it will be even more emphatically demonstrated in campaigns to come.

It is not what the editor says of your record and ability, not what the stump speaker shouts to the assembled host, but what you can offer over your own signature as to the past and promises of the future. The chromo may be thrown in, but that is immaterial. What the people want to know is the candidate's ability to make good with public trust, his sincerity in seeking place to fulfill the wishes of his constituency all of which he can set forth for so much per inch in the newspaper that formerly did this without recompense, but which will do it no more forever. —Western Publisher.

### Immigration.

Records of the immigration office here show that since March last, immigration in this country has been heavier than in any previous year for the same months. Four thousand persons have entered the United States since the 1st of July. These do not include cotton pickers and people who cross the river temporarily.

During the month of November alone 712 persons have entered the country through this port, San Antonio's report of 240 persons through all Mexican border ports for November to the contrary notwithstanding.

While the greater portion of these foreigners were Mexicans

there were people from almost every nation in the world with the exception of those Orientals who are absolutely prohibited from coming in.—Laredo Times.

### Waiting for What Is Dus.

The Elroy (Wis.) Tribune treats a painful subject in the following patient manner: "The most wearisome thing in the life of a country editor is the sending out of several hundred statements to subscribers in arrears and then the waiting—waiting, everlasting for the cash to dribble in. The most refreshing thing is the cheery patron who bustles in and voluntarily planks down shining silver—or about the same feeling is experienced by receiving in one mail 16 letters containing beautifully printed money orders and checks. All of the Tribune subscribers are the best hearted, best meaning people in the world—but—Good morning! who wants a receipt?"

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### A Cowboy Jest.

A tenderfoot thought he could ride, and in front of a lot of cowboys mounted a pony. The pony threw him. A cowboy, helping him up, said:

"Hello! what threw you?"  
"What threw me? Why, she bucked something fearful! Didn't you see her buck?" cried the tenderfoot.  
"Buck?" said the cowboy.  
"Rats! She only coughed."—Detroit Free Press.

Beautiful line of wedding and Birthday presents at Holmes Drug Store.

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Happy New Year To-All.

# The Iron Pot—Still a Mystery

By a Former Secret Service Man

## Ex-Operative Tells of Cleverest of Counterfeiting Plots



*"IT WAS THE VESSEL WHICH HAD HUNG OVER THE FIRE WHEN I VISITED THE COUNTERFEITERS."*

**T**HERE are few mysteries which are never cleared up," commenced Capt. Dickson, as he sat before the cheerful wood fire of his cozy study one night last winter. "Although some of them slumber for years among the things forgotten, until the denouement is accidentally developed by some person who, perhaps, never heard of the original matter. Such was the case which I have come to remember as that of 'The Iron Pot.' It was a vessel of this humble character that finally cleared up a great mystery and brought the guilty to justice.

"A St. Louis gang had their plant in a cleverly constructed cave in a suburban district. It was an artificial cave, dug back in the face of a clay and gravel bluff. The entrance was through the shanty of a poor Irish family, a circumstance that diverted suspicion from it and one to which is partly due the long immunity the gang enjoyed.

"There was no scrap of metal, no coins, chemicals, or other thing used in the art. Only the machine and a few wrenches and similar tools. The gang had skipped out. The Irishman was half-witted, and his wife was too clever to be caught in the traps we laid for her. We had made a water-haul, except for the machine, which was destroyed. The cave was filled up. Acting under orders from Washington we maintained secrecy about the entire matter and nothing of it got into the newspapers.

"I found one thing in the shanty which might or might not offer a clue to the counterfeiters. It was an empty envelope bearing the postmark of an obscure railroad station in the sun-land district of northeastern Arkansas. I had long ago learned that it is the seemingly insignificant things that lead to the discovery of criminals, and while this envelope might mean nothing, on the other hand, it might be of the gravest importance. It had been found beneath the sheet of metal on which the cook stove stood, the tip of one corner, discolored and grimy, attracting my attention. I had secured it and pocketed it without attracting attention.

"If the gang had never existed it could not have disappeared more effectually. We were face to face with a blank wall. This made us the more anxious to capture the counterfeiters. As nothing better offered, the chief

suggested that I follow up the clew of the empty envelope.

"With as cumbersome and complete an outfit as every city sportsman carries into the woods with him, I left the train one day at the wayside station which bore the name of the postmark. Securing a guide and cook, in the person of a lanky native, I had my truck hauled out to the St. Francis river, only two miles distant, where I pitched camp and made preparations for an indefinite stay.

"By making inquiry of my visitors, I learned that about five miles down the river were camped, in a snug cabin built by themselves, three gentlemen from parts unknown. They maintained the place as a sort of club and had spent the spring season there. They left about March and were gone until October, when they returned one night and again took possession of their cabin. Our raid on the cave had been made on the 15th of October, and this caused me to think that perhaps the empty envelope was making good.

"As the three gentlemen did not deign to visit my camp, I decided to make a call upon them.

"I started out in a folding canvas canoe, late in the afternoon, and arrived in the vicinity of their camp just at nightfall. With a sharp cypress tree, aided by a jagged cut from my hunting knife, I succeeded in punching a bad hole in the bottom of the canoe, and with the boat rapidly filling with water, I landed just after sunset at the very door of their cabin. The three men were at home and they welcomed me with the open hospitality of campers, insisting that I spend the night with them. This was just what I had been playing for.

"It was easy to see that the men were crooks. There is always something to disclose the counterfeiter, if the observer is only sufficiently versed in their ways and mannerisms to recognize the telltale signs. I was pretty sure, before the evening was over, that these were the men who had done the job in St. Louis.

"Nothing about the cabin was the least bit suspicious. A large iron pot bubbled invitingly over the open fire, the fragrant odor of boiling meat issuing from under its lid when the steam pushed it up on one side. A steaming haunch of venison, cooking with some vegetables and dumplings, was produced from the pot for our supper, which was served soon after my arrival. In the center of the room was a big table, crudely constructed of heavy oak timbers. The cabin was well

lighted, the lamps being of expensive character and great brilliancy. Guns and fishing tackle and hunting tongs of every kind gave the cabin the atmosphere of a sportsman's club.

"The men talked freely of everything but themselves. They spoke of many cities, but never of their homes. They told me they were college chums who had always made it a custom to spend a few months together each fall in the woods. They were clever men and readily passed for the lawyer, the doctor and the merchant, the characters they respectively pretended to be. The one to whom the other two deferred in everything was a large, powerful man with clean-shaven face and a jaw like a bulldog. His face was too shrewd to be pleasant. He watched me furtively, a sinister, amused smile playing about the corners of his mobile mouth. That smile spoke volumes. It made me lie awake all night. It seemed to say that he knew my real character, and therefore I thought it best to keep on the watch. The man seemed capable of offering me personal violence. But the night passed away without incident. After breakfast, I repaired the leak in my canoe and paddled slowly up-stream, trying to figure out where I had seen the big man with the square jaw before.

"While I was smoking a last cigar before retiring that evening, it came to me where I had seen him. It was on a street car in St. Louis, on one occasion when I was shadowing the shanty at the cave. He had been on the same car and had kept his seat when I alighted near the hut. He had looked at me then as if he wanted to know me the next time he saw me. I was assured that he was one of the counterfeiters, and made up my mind to arrest the three of them the first thing next morning.

"Here I learned a lesson in procrastination. While I hastily gobbled down my breakfast the next day, a trapper, who camped near by and who had gone to the village the night before for supplies, happened along and told me a most disconcerting bit of news. The three men had taken French leave. They had caught a through freight about midnight, taking little or no baggage with them. I hastened to the village, and although I worked the single telegraph wire to its utmost capacity, the three men succeeded in making their escape.

"Sending a full cipher report to Washington, I repaired to the cabin in the swamps and made a careful search of it. Everything within was in the

### Captain Dickson Relates Tale—He Tells of Encountering Desperado Gang and the Ultimate Consequences—Man with Bulldog Jaw and His Daring Escape from the Grip of the Law.

greatest confusion. Clothing and shells, guns and fishing-tackle were strewn about the floor, evidencing a precipitate departure. It was tantalizing to again allow the criminals to escape. I felt deeply chagrined, and resolved never again to put off a matter of this kind. The men had forestalled me by only a few hours, for I had intended arresting them that morning, and there had been nothing in their conduct during my visit to their cabin to indicate that they thought of flight.

"In one corner of the cabin, beneath the very bunk on which I had slept, there was an excavation three feet square and as many deep. The cover was down and dirt was strewn over it which gave it the same appearance as the dirt floor of the house. I discovered it by a hollow hound when I tapped over the spot. It was empty.

"I noticed the absence of the pot which had supplied my supper, but it was rather a subconscious notice of it. The fact really made no appreciable impression on me at the time, nor did it, in fact, until more than a year had passed. It was then recalled by a newspaper dispatch under date of the small village.

"Some of the boys in the village had appropriated the cabin as a sort of clubhouse, after the three men had fled. They would spend Saturdays there, fishing and swimming and hunting. Immediately in front of the cabin was a steep bank, and the river widened out into a broad, deep pool which afforded good fishing and swimming. The boys would throw white pebbles into this hole and dive for them from the bank. One of them had struck his head against something hard at the bottom of the river and had been pulled up a corpse, his skull having been fractured by the impact of the blow.

"The others investigated and found a large iron pot half buried in the soft mud. Its cover was sealed down and its weight had been so great the boys couldn't lift it from its oozy bed. The dispatch stated that the pot was to be raised and its contents examined.

"I was in Little Rock when I read this dispatch and, without waiting for instructions from headquarters, I boarded the first train and set out for the village. I was in a state of feverish excitement, fearing I would arrive there after the pot had been secured. I wanted to be the first to view its contents. I felt sure I knew what was in it.

"After a journey that seemed interminable I arrived at the village and inquired about the pot. My fears had been groundless. With the indifference so characteristic in country people the villagers had forgotten, after the funeral of the unfortunate young man, the incident of the pot. While there had been some talk of raising it, no one had taken the lead, and there the matter had rested.

"Securing a team of mules and some strong ropes and chains, I drove out to the cabin. By dint of much diving I succeeded in fastening the chains about the pot and had my assistants drag it out upon the bank. It was the vessel which had hung over the fire when I had visited the counterfeiters in their lair. Then I remembered its absence, when I had searched the hut after their departure. It was sealed with paraffin and sealing wax, and not a drop of water had passed the lid.

"I contained a complete set of engravers' tools, several bottles of powerful acids, glass stopped and sealed, a number of bars of silver, some three hundred odd counterfeit silver dollars, and the dies with which they had been stamped out. The dies were thickly coated with wax and were as bright and fresh as when they beat out the false coins in the secret cave.

"After swearing my assistant to secrecy, I returned to headquarters with my booty.

"Not many weeks later two of the men were captured. I had given the department a minute description of them, after their unceremonious departure, and their vast machinery had been set in motion for their apprehension. It is a maxim of the service that a man once a counterfeiter is always a counterfeiter. This rule held good with reference to two of the men, at least, for they were captured and convicted of another job. The incidents I have just related were not introduced in evidence against them and consequently escaped the press. The man with the bulldog jaw escaped completely at that time, but I met with him, years after, under circumstances neither of us will forget so long as we live."

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### PRISONER WINS WAY TO LIBERTY WITH TEETH

MAN IN JAIL GNAWS THROUGH TWO HEAVY BEAMS ONLY TO BE RECAPTURED.

Erfurt, Germany.—The police have captured a man named Schaarschmidt, who escaped from the Gera jail three weeks ago. The manner of his flight makes one of the most remarkable of all those told in the romances of prison heroes.

Crossing the one window of his cell within was an oak beam 7x7 inches square. Outside the window was another beam nine inches thick. These were his only bars besides the massive masonry of the building. That is to say, there were no metal bars between these wooden barriers.

But the wood, toughened by age, was enough to make any prisoner



He Spent Seven Months Gnawing Through the Outer Bar.

without tools despair. Schaarschmidt had not even the metal shank from his shoes to make a saw of, for he had only felt slippers in his dungeon.

He got to work with his teeth, however, upon the inside beam. It took him three months to gnaw through this formidable barrier. He could only work when he was certain that his guards were out of sight and hearing. Before their expected return he always covered up the ravages his teeth had made with a structure of brown bread, saved from his rations. This bread patch closely resembled the color of the wood and as his work progressed it had to be handled with extreme care to prevent its crumbling and betraying him.

Schaarschmidt spent seven months in the same patient toil, gnawing like a rat through the outer bar. One night he judged that the apertures were large enough and he squeezed through. The space was so small and the 16 inches of jagged ends of the beam were so rough that he tore his body frightfully.

When he was caught the prison surgeons who examined him found that he had worn his teeth down to stumps and that his body was terribly lacerated. His jaws were developed abnormally by his superhuman exertions to win his way to liberty.

### AUTO RIPS OFF HIS PANTS.

Victim of Peculiar Accident Has to Dress Himself in Barrel.

Greenwich, Conn.—Robert Lee, a bookkeeper in the employ of Maher Bros., was stripped of his trousers in an automobile accident the other day and had to dress himself in a barrel, pending the arrival of first aid to the injured. Apart from the casualty to the garment and the shock to his sensibilities Lee was unhurt, but he was much disturbed in mind until assistance reached him.

Martin Christensen, a contractor, was driving the machine when the emergency brake snapped, and Lee, who was crossing the street, was struck and knocked down. Some part of the gear caught his trousers and peeled them off like the skin of an orange.

Lee leaped to his undressed legs and with a shriek ran into the nearest store. It happened to be one in which half a dozen women were shopping, and then there were more shrieks.

Fortunately, the barrel was near at hand and Lee did an acrobatic act in getting into it. He stayed there until Mr. Christensen, having learned the nature of the accident, went to a clothing store and purchased a new pair of trousers for the victim.

### Real Tramp Is This Canine.

Aberdeen, S. D.—A new kind of hobo has put in an appearance in this part of the state. It is a dog that has all the habits and instincts of the western tramp.

The dog makes trips over the Milwaukee extension, using freight trains at will, for it has made friends with all the train crews.

The dog has been named Boomer, and frequently visits a town, makes friends, and eats a few meals, but it refuses to remain. When the next freight comes along the dog jumps aboard the caboose, wags his tail and barks a farewell.

Wherever it goes it is well-treated. Boomer seems to know all about the trains, when they are due and the direction they are going, and he seldom is carried back immediately toward the place he has just left.

Boomer resembles a shepherd dog with pronounced retriever habits.

### EVENLY MATCHED.



Magistrate (to witness)—And where were you when this assault occurred?

Witness—Just across the street, your honor.

Magistrate—Then why didn't you go to the plaintiff's assistance when you saw him attacked?

Witness—Faix, I wasn't sure then that he wouldn't be the defendant, your honor.

### INTOLERABLE ITCHING.

Fearful Eczema All Over Baby's Face—Professional Treatment Failed.

### A Perfect Cure by Cuticura.

"When my little girl was six months old I noticed small red spots on her right cheek. They grew so large that I sent for the doctor but, instead of helping the eruption, his ointment seemed to make it worse. Then I went to a second doctor who said it was eczema. He also gave me an ointment which did not help either. The disease spread all over the face and the eyes began to swell. The itching grew intolerable and it was a terrible sight to see. I consulted doctors for months, but they were unable to cure the baby. I paid out from \$20 to \$30 without relief. One evening I began to use the Cuticura Remedies. The next morning the baby's face was all white instead of red. I continued until the eczema entirely disappeared. Mrs. P. E. Gumbin, Sheldon, Ia., July 13, '08."

Foster Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

### Rug Industry Has Suffered.

Persia's rug industry has suffered materially as a result of the closing of the bazaars at Tabriz and other Persian cities. The difficulties of transportation on the highways of Persia and the lessened American demand for luxuries have contributed in no small measure to the depressed condition of the Persian rug trade. Prices have fallen recently by one-third and rug exports have fallen off by one-half. Labor there now commands only between five and ten cents a day.

### The Land of England.

Twelve thousand seven hundred and ninety-one persons own four-fifths of the soil of England, their aggregate property, exclusive of that within the metropolitan boundaries, being 40,180, 775 acres. In point of fact, the number of owners of four-fifths of the English land is nearer 5,000 than 12,000. Of these 500 are noblemen, and four or five of these swallow up the rest.—New York American.

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"Say, what do you think?" cried De Ripper.

"Give us the answer," said young Van Dippy.

"I've just found out," cried De Ripper, "that I wear the same sized shoe as the chap who kicked out a victory for Harvard, don't you know?"

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## WHISPER FOR HELP HEARD BY POLICE

DOCTOR'S WIFE TELEPHONES  
ALARM FROM UNDER HER  
BEDCLOTHES.

### TELLS OF BURGLAR IN HOUSE

Awakened by Growl of Dog to Hear  
Robber Rummaging in Next  
Room—Faints After Notifying  
Station.

Williamsport, Pa.—The wife of a physician, Mrs. G. Franklin Bell, played the part of a clever detective in her home while a burglar was ransacking the drawers in several pieces of furniture in an adjoining room, with the communicating door open.

Mrs. Bell was awakened by the low growl of the house dog, which was lying at the head of the stairs. She raised herself in her bed and heard plainly the robber rummaging in the next room. Not daring to call for help, as her husband was not at home, she reached to a table which stood at the head of the bed, and on which two telephones rested, which were used by the doctor for answering night calls.

She pulled one telephone under the bed quilt and then ducked her head snugly under the covers and telephoned to the police station, which was not far from her home.

She whispered through the phone, but loudly enough to be distinctly understood by the officer at the station. The robber went on with his work and evidently never suspected his danger until a policeman came running toward the house blowing his signal whistle in hopes of raising another patrolman whom he could call on for assistance.

Mrs. Bell heard the man run from the room and go down the stairs jumping over the head of the dog, which barked loudly. She then jumped from her bed and, raising a window, informed the officer what was going on.

The officer waited a few minutes for the robber to come out, but no



She Ducked Her Head Under the Covers and Telephoned the Police.

one appeared, and then Patrolman Segebrecht entered the house by a side door. The robber was too clever to be caught in a trap. He hid behind a closed door until he heard the officer walk by, and then he made his escape.

"I never was so frightened in my life," said Mrs. Bell, in talking to a friend about the robbery. "I just knew that I might be killed if I called for help, and then there was no one to help me. The doctor and both boys were hunting. When I heard some one in the next room I thought of the scheme to get one of the phones under the covers. He didn't hear me, I guess, for I called the exchange in a whisper. I got the place right away, and when the man said 'Hello,' all I said was: 'Send an officer to Dr. Bell's; burglars,' and then I almost fainted. I never moved until I heard that whistle down in the yard, and then I knew that I had been saved."

**Kills Steer with His Fist.**  
Springfield, Ill.—Accompanied by friends, Fritz Schaefer, a muscular young German farmhand, residing near Greenview, in Menard county, went to the farm of Henry Austin to trade horses. As Schaefer started home across the lot where a bad-tempered steer was kept, Austin warned him of the danger of entering the lot.

When near the center of the pasture Schaefer's friends, who had remained behind, were horrified to see him attacked by the animal and knocked down by the first onslaught. As the steer charged a second time Schaefer landed a blow behind the animal's ear that dropped it as though shot. When Schaefer's friends gained his side the steer was dead.

**Dutch Plan World's Exposition.**  
The Dutch intend to celebrate the centenary reestablishment of their national independence by a world exposition, to be held at The Hague in the year 1913. The exposition ground and guaranty fund have already been secured.

## Evening Dresses



THE costume on the left is in turquoise-blue chiffon taffetas. The empire skirt has for trimming an eight-inch band of white silk lace edged with oriental satin to match the silk, 1 1/4 inch wide at the lower edge, and 3/4-inch wide at the upper edge. A piece of soft lace forms the tucker; it joins the silk lace on the shoulder, which is taken to the waist below an edging of satin and a piece of finely-tucked silk. A revers of lace edged with satin lies over a little puffed sleeve. The waistband is of satin, and is brought down and tied in a loose knot at the side. Heavy silk fringe finishes the ends.

Materials required: Six yards chiffon taffetas 42 inches wide, 2 yards oriental satin 42 inches wide, 4 yards silk lace, 1/2 yard soft lace.

The second is a more simple frock in rose-pink silk voile; embroidered lace trims the skirt; it is taken down each side and round the back, also over the shoulders and across back and front; the material is finely tucked on the shoulders, and below the insertion back and front. A pink glaze silk foundation is worn beneath dress; the waistband is of glaze. Piece lace is used for the little puffed sleeve.

Materials required: Seven yards silk voile 42 inches wide; 1 1/2 yard piece lace, 7 yards embroidered lace, 10 yards glaze silk.

### WHERE ONE COSTUME IS LIMIT.

For the Majority There is No Substitute for the Coat and Skirt Suit.

The great mass of American girls and women cannot make many choices in clothes. They can afford one costume, which must serve for the greater number of hours, and rely on one artistic costume or several simple ones to wear during the other hours.

While there is a tendency to substitute the topcoat for the coat suit this should be yielded to with care and discretion. The pocketbook, one's manner of life, the climate, should be taken into consideration.

For the majority of women there should be no substitute for the coat suit. It passes muster where many other kinds of gowns fail. American women are busy; many are wage-earners, thousands attend to the majority of their own outdoor errands, and lead a life far removed from the well-placed Europeans.

There are secluded women who do not enter actively into any outdoor life and who venture from their houses more often for social occasions and church than on any other errand.

These prefer the blouse suit, for it serves nearly all their purposes. The top coat gives warmth for day and evening.

For all the others a coat suit is almost a necessity, unless one prefers a separate rough skirt with blouses to match. The trouble with the one-piece suit as a daily garment for the middle of winter is that when the material is thin enough for the house the skirt is too chilly for the street; when the material is warm enough for the street, the blouse is too hot for the house.

### Woman Needs Sixteen Bags.

Bags are such essentials for the modish young woman that many bridal gifts take that form. At least 16 bags are needed, including the jeweled bag for slippers and fan and other pretty things for the ball, in addition to the bag the belle keeps at her side during the dance. There is the dainty silk and padded bag for the nightdress when she goes visiting. When at home it lies below the pillow on the lace spread in the up-to-date bed chambers. These bags must have the monogram of the owner in silk, usually they have exquisite lace frillings on the covers. Then there are loose silk bags for fine costumes, especially the hand-embroidered chiffons and laces that must be laid away so carefully to preserve their freshness.

### Toothbrush Bottle.

Just how to carry a wet toothbrush has bothered many a girl. There are many attractive cases for this purpose, both in silver and cut glass, but not all girls can afford to own one of them.

A good substitute can be found in a wide-mouthed round bottle, such as can be bought for a few cents at any drugstore. Tie a wash ribbon tightly around the neck of the bottle so as to leave two long ends. When the toothbrush is inserted these ends are fastened around the handle to prevent it slipping out.

In this way the clothes are protected from dampness, and at the same time the bristles do not get musty from lack of ventilation.

### COAT FOR SMALL BOY.

Pretty and Comfortable Garment He Will Gladly Wear.

A merry little lad in a gay red coat is a pleasing picture on a winter's day. A coat that is warm and light is best for children, and the little garment in the sketch fills both of these requirements. It is of red broadcloth trimmed with black Persian lamb—a dashing combination.

A clever mother could easily copy



this model for her small son, for it is built on plain coat lines. It is the arrangement of the fur that gives it its cachet.

An old coat might be remodeled so that it would not know itself by simply putting on fur, as on this coat. The places where a coat always wears out first are the very ones covered by the fur—cuffs, collar, pocket laps and buttonhole edge. A cord might be sewn on the edge as loops for fastening, or large cloak hooks could be used. Buttons and loops, however, are much easier for children to manage.

### Gowns Made of Scarfs.

Since the coming in of the tunic fashion it is surprising how many gowns are made of scarfs. Those of white Chinese crepe, embroidered or plain, are the ones used. The long fringe is left intact.

It is not much trouble to make these gowns because so much of the drapery is now in the shawl fashion. The top part is run on a bias line after the Greek method, with a large buckle or jeweled ornament at the right shoulder, and the fringe is left as an edge.

The tunic has fringe on it also, and under this is a long simple skirt of white crepe de chine, without trimming. The top part is of sequined net or plain tulle.

### Laundry Bags.

The neatest laundry bags to hang on the closet door are the ones made of two large bordered towels, with three sides sewed and a drawstring run through at the top. The circular bag is best for holding large pieces, such as bed and table linen, large towels and the like, for if one wishes to look for a certain article the bag can be opened on the floor and the article quickly found, but if placed in a closed bag every article must be taken out to find the one looked for.

## STUDENTS LOCKED IN A FREIGHT CAR

COMPELLED TO SHIVER IN DRESS  
SUITS UNTIL RESCUED BY  
THEIR FRIENDS.

### CLIMAX OF FRESHMEN DANCE

Upper Classmen of Medical College at  
Chicago Give Beginners an Un-  
pleasant Experience—Girls  
Routed by Pepper.

Chicago.—As the climax to a dance by the freshmen class of a medical college in this city the other night, the sophomore, junior and senior students captured 20 of the freshmen and locked them in a box car on the Illinois Central tracks.

They were held "prisoners" until others who attended the dance on invitation released them by tearing off the door of the car. All of the freshmen wore evening dress, and when rescued they were thoroughly chilled from the experience.

Previous to taking the freshmen from the hall where the dance was held, the seniors and other students had torn the flags and banners from the walls of the dance hall. Red pepper and formaldehyde were sprinkled over the floor, while the freshmen and their partners were whirling around to the strains of a waltz, and the combination drove the girls from the hall.

Several gallons of sweet cider that was purchased by the freshmen to quench their thirst was confiscated by the other students, and the same thing happened to the ice cream, which was intended for the girls.

Failure of the freshmen to invite the other classes to their annual "blowout" was the cause of the trouble. The freshmen observed the closest secrecy regarding the dance, but the matter came to the ears of the other students during the afternoon.

A meeting of the sophomore, junior and senior classes was called after dinner and plans were laid to circum-



They Were Held Prisoners in a Box Car.

vent the holding of the freshmen so free.

At ten o'clock the dance was under full sway. Uninvited students to the number of 100 marched in a body to the hall and took possession. Banners and flags of the freshmen class decorated the walls, and these were the first objects for assault. Some of the freshmen tried to prevent the others from tearing down the class emblems, but they were thrust aside.

Formaldehyde, which doesn't smell like that of roses, and red pepper were then strewn over the floor. This had the desired result of driving the freshmen's sweethearts from the hall.

The next event on the program was to capture 20 of the freshmen and march them to the Illinois Central tracks, three blocks from the dance hall. Sophomores, juniors and seniors were clad in heavy overcoats, but the freshmen were compelled to shiver in their ballroom attire.

While the freshmen were prisoners in the box car, the other students sang "In the Good Old Summer Time," as they walked away.

### Raccoon Blew Out Lantern.

Chester, N. Y.—James Myers and H. B. Tuttle were out after coons the other night and located one in a tree which it was impossible to climb. They fired 35 shots without dislodging the animal, so they fastened a lighted lantern to the tree six feet from the ground and went for more cartridges. On their return they found that the coon had descended, blown out the lantern light and escaped.

### Woman of Eighty Lived as a Man.

Butte, Mont.—The sudden death at Manhattan of "Sammy" Jones, 80 years old, disclosed the fact that, instead of being a man, as everyone in the vicinity of Manhattan for the last 18 years had thought, Jones was a woman. This discovery resulted when the undertaker took charge of the body. She chewed tobacco and drank and associated freely with men as a cook.

During courtship life is all pie. After marriage it is liable to be also all pie.

### HORRORS!



"What's the trouble, Zambo?"  
"I thought it was missionaries, but it's a load of Altruists."

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to ask you whom you consider the  
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"Is my name to be published along  
with my opinion?"  
"Certainly, sir; it will be given a  
most prominent position."  
"Then you'd better write me down  
as saying that it's my wife's mother."  
—Houston Post.

### Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell  
and completely derange the whole system when  
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### Chinese Idea of Government.

Here is a Chinese idea of prosperity  
in a nation: When the sword is rusty,  
the plow bright, the prisons empty, the  
granaries full, the steps of the temple  
worn down and those of the law courts  
grass-grown, when doctors go afoot,  
the bakers on horseback, and the men  
of letters drive in their own car-  
riages, then the empire is well gov-  
erned.

### "It Knocks the Itch"

It may not cure all your ills, but it  
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Ringworm and all the rest are relieved  
at once and cured by one box. It's  
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Cure.

### "Marriage Service" Defined.

A Boston cynic of the female per-  
suasion defines the "marriage service"  
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in the capacity of cook, laundress,  
seamstress and maid-of-all-work."

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was a former teacher, but the wife  
was a very intelligent and practical  
person, relates the Chicago News.

"For school purposes I don't want  
and dull kids for they roughen up so  
easily," said the wife to the sales-  
woman, adding: "What do you think  
of it, dear?"

"Well," he said absent-mindedly. "I  
have known a good many dull kids at  
school, but I never regarded them as  
any rougher than other children."

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The season of coughs and colds is  
not yet past—they will be prevalent  
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## LOCAL.

J. M. Slaton was in Del Rio Tuesday.

Geo. Rivers returned Sunday from San Antonio.

Gunter's delicious candies at Holmes Drug Store.

Roy Coston was in Uvalde Wednesday on business.

For galvanized tanks See Wm. Haines of Brackettville, Texas

Emil Carke, of D'Hanis was registered at the Rowland Hotel Tuesday.

C. W. Roberts of Waco was registered at the Terrell House Wednesday.

F. J. Rheiner, cashier of the Uvalde National Bank, was in Brackett last Friday.

Deputy Sheriff W. H. Hearne, of D'Hanis was in our city this week on official business.

Joe Filippone returned to San Antonio Wednesday after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Mrs. H. G. Martin and sister Miss Hattie Coston of San Antonio are visiting friends in Brackett this week.

W. F. Ratterree, River Guard Inspector, stationed at Eagle Pass was in Brackett Tuesday on official business.

Judge W. C. Douglas, W. C. Murray and W. D. Dooley were out hunting Tuesday. They brought in two bucks.

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Miss Martha Peterson returned from San Antonio for the holidays.

W. C. Murray of Del Rio was here this week attending District Court.

Phil Foster of Del Rio is spending the holidays with friends in Brackett.

H. Chatterton returned Sunday from a pleasure trip to the Alamo City.

Photographs. Work guaranteed, prices fair. F. Glied, Post Photographer.

Richard Walbrath of D'Hanis was in our city this week on business.

Chas. Kartes, who has been quite sick with the mumps is up and around again.

I. M. Patrick of C. P. Diaz Mexico was visiting relatives in Brackett this week.

The case in District Court Perry vs. Harper a judgement was rendered for the Plaintiff.

Dr. M. J. Byrne returned Monday from a pleasant visit with friends in Del Rio.

Mrs. G. A. Anderson returned last week from an extended visit with relatives in Tempe Ariz.

Roy Coston returned Monday from San Antonio where he spent Christmas with relatives.

Gunter's and Duerler, delicious candies arrive every week at Holmes Drug Store.

Dr. F. J. Gilson returned Monday from Calvert where he spent Christmas with relatives.

Robbie Nance of San Antonio is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Brackett.

Randolph Curtis and Jim Ellejge of Spofford were in Brackett Monday night to attend the ball.

District Attorney Geo. M. Thurmond of Del Rio was in our city this week attending District Court.

Master Martin J. Bochner arrived from Brackett Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with his father.—Rio Grande News.

W. W. Arnett of Uvalde visited friends here this week. We are pleased to report Mr. Arnett much improved in health since his last visit to our town.—Rock Springs Rustler.

Dawson Bros. finished six houses on their large farm on the Las Moras, to be occupied by tenant farmers. They will have many hundreds of acres in cultivation this coming season.

Early eradication of the dread foot and mouth disease, which is now playing such havoc with cattle in a number of eastern states, is predicted by President Ike T. Pryor of the Cattle Raisers association of Texas, who returned a few days ago from Washington. Mr. Pryor held a lengthy conference with Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture while in Washington, and says he was surprised at the extent of measures now being taken by that official to prevent a spread of the disease.—Texas Stockman and Farmer.

Subscribe for the News.

Judge R. Stratton was in San Antonio several days this week on business.

The Misses Emma and Ora Bolton are visiting relatives and friends at Schertz.

R. K. Keene of San Antonio is visiting relatives and friends in Brackett this week.

R. L. Hockman of Del Rio was registered at the Brackett Hotel Tuesday.

The Misses Zuehl, of Spofford, were in Brackett this week attending the holiday dances.

Miss Marion Foster is home from San Marcos to spend the holidays.—Del Rio Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Martin, from the Martin ranch near Spofford, are in Eagle Pass to spend holidays, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. DeBona.—Rio Grande News.

Willie Murphy, of St. Louis, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy of Del Rio, is home on a visit during the holidays. He is accompanied by a friend, Wm. Hofmeister. Mr. Murphy is a fine baker, and his father is trying to get him to locate here. It may be that he will do so.—Del Rio Herald.

The saloon men of San Antonio and other places that have been violating the Baskin-McGregor liquor law, have concluded that they have been helping the cause of prohibition by so doing and in future will observe the law in the hope of undoing the injury to themselves they have done. Most reforms are good at any time, some forced are worse than no reforms. One does not get any credit for being good when they have to be good.—Rio Grande News.

Mr. E. M. Bell, of Spofford, was down Sunday. He is interested in the Monte Vista lands and reports many sales of late. Mr. Bell says that a movement is now on foot to organize a town-site company at Monte Vista and establish a town at that place. Of course it will be necessary for the country to settle a little more before a town-site could be established unless the people settling the town eight are content to make their living by doing each others' washing.—Rio Grande News.

### Card of Thanks.

Mrs. S. L. de la Pena, and little folks, extend a vote of thanks to all those that so kindly helped towards the Christmas Tree; and especially to "Dear Santa Claus."

### Chaplain Gavitt Promoted.

Chaplain Helsey C. Gavitt, 1st Cavalry, has been promoted to a majority. He entered the service in 1898 and was assigned as post chaplain. Two years later he was assigned to the 12th Infantry, and six months subsequent to that was transferred to the 1st Cavalry. During the past seven years Major Gavitt has been rendering yeoman service with his present regiment and a few months ago General Weston, the Division Commander, sent a forceful letter to the Secretary of War setting forth the chaplain's qualities and worthiness, and recommending that he be promoted accordingly.—Manila Times.

### Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranches and lands owned or controlled by the undersigned for the purpose of hunting, fishing or otherwise trespassing 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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Beautiful line of wedding and Birthday presents at Holmes Drug Store.

### Such Is Life.

There are times when everything seems to go wrong. From seven o'clock a. m. till ten p. m. affairs are in twist. You rise in the morning, and the room is cold and the button is off, and the beefsteak is tough, and you start down street nettled from head to foot. All day long things are adverse. Insinuations, petty losses, meanness on the part of customers. The ink bottle upsets and spoils the carpet. Some one gives a wrong turn to the damper, and the gas escapes. An agent comes in determined to insure your life, when it is already insured for more than it is worth and you are afraid some one will knock you on the head to get the price of your policy; but he sticks to you, showing you, pictures of Old Time and the hour glass, and the death's and a skeleton, making it quite certain that you will die before your time unless you take out papers in his company. Besides this you have a cold in your head, and you have a grain of dirt in your eye, and you are a walking uneasiness. The day is out of joint and no surgeon can set it. The probability is that if you would look at the weather vane you would find that the wind is northeast, and you might remember that you have lost much sleep lately. It might happen to be that you are out of joint instead of the day. Be careful and not write many letters while you are in that irritable mood. You will pen some things in the way of criticism or fault finding that you will be sorry for afterward. Let us remember that these spik-ed nettles of life are part of our discipline. Life would get nauseating if it were all honey. The table would be poorly set that had on it nothing but trefete. We need a little vinegar, mustard pepper and horseradish that brings the tears, even when we do not feel poetic. If this world were all smoothness we would never be ready for emigration to a higher and better. Blustering March and weeping April prepares us for shining May. This world is a poor hitching post. Instead of tying fast on the cold mountains, we had better whip up and hasten on toward the warm inn, where our good friends are looking out of the windows watching to see us come up.—Ex.

### Trespass Notice.

We have posted our pastures on the Las Moras creek both east and west anyone caught hunting cutting wood, fishing or otherwise trespassing in said pastures will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All permits previously issued, either verbal or written are hereby revoked. We ask our friends to protect us in this matter and to kindly report to us the names of any and all who may violate this notice. Fires have recently been started in our pastures and the origin has been traced to hunters, and had it not been for quick action with great effort much damage would have been done our properties, and no one will be allowed to hunt or fish in our pastures unless in company with ourselves.

H. G. & T. J. MARTIN.  
 (MARTIN BROS.)

Texas at present probably contains a larger area of partially developed agricultural lands than any state in the union. Dr. J. A. Bonsteel of the bureau of soils lays great emphasis on the magnitude of this subject by a statement showing the land area of Texas to be larger than that of either France or Germany. Dr. Bonsteel says: "No census figures are sufficiently recent to cover the conditions which now exist in Texas, since the growth of that state in population and industry and agricultural development during the past eight years has rendered obsolete all of the

figures compiled in the last federal census. We do know, however, that the great stretches of prairie land in central and northern Texas are rapidly developing not only as cotton lands, but more recently as the great southern home of the corn and alfalfa crops. The corn and alfalfa farming in Texas is becoming a very important and valuable one. When it is realized that upon corn and alfalfa alone the meat production of the state may be vastly increased, and that the public range lands of the northern states are subdivided and occupied by homesteaders, it can be readily seen how the farmers

of Texas are capable of meeting an increased demand for beef and pork products which can be produced at a minimum expense on Texas corn and alfalfa.—Texas Stockman and Farmer.

### Notice to Tax Payers.

The tax rolls of Kinney County for the year 1908 are now in my hands and I am ready to collect all or any of the taxes.

TOM PERRY  
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Get Photos and Postal Cards of the new school house at Holmes. He has them for sale.

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### Changing Collectors.

Despite the fact that telegraphic advices from Washington, from time to time, have asserted that the charges preferred against Col. Robt. W. Dowe, Collector of Customs at Eagle Pass, and against Capt. John W. Vann, Collector of Customs at Brownsville, had not been sustained after full investigation, latest information is to the effect that both gentlemen will be "separated" from their respective positions. In fact, it is officially announced that Capt. Vann's successor has been appointed in the person of Mr. R. B. Creager, a young attorney of Brownsville, while Capt. Vann has been appointed to a Deputyship under United States Marshall C. G. Brewster.

It is no exaggeration to say that these appointments caused not a little surprise. The Republic has no knowledge of the charges preferred against Captain Vann, nor whether he was adjudged innocent or guilty, after their investigation. But concededly, if guiltless of the preferred charges, every consideration suggests that he should have been promptly reinstated in the position from which, pending investigation of the charges, he was temporarily suspended. If he was adjudged guilty, manifestly his shortcomings should not have been condoned by appointment to another and equally responsible office.

As to Mr. Creager, he appears upon the scene as an entirely

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**and**

**Watchmaker,**

## A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All

By the grace and good will of subscriber and advertiser we have been able to live and pay our debts. We not only want to do likewise the ensuing year but want also to largely increase our subscription list. May we not have your support? A good live paper is an index of the character and prosperity of a community, hence it is to the interest of every person living in a community that the paper shall be prosperous. Help us, we will help you. Subscribe for the paper yourself and send it to a friend. Give us your job work and we will execute it in a way that will please you, and then we will all have a good time.

## The Brackett News-Mail.

*Will W. Price, Editor and Proprietor.*

new factor. As far as is known, if he be a Republican he is one of recent conversion. In the past, he has always affiliated with the Democratic party, and upon all occasion has been regarded as one of its most active, virile and vindictive champions.

So far as The Republic is advised, Mr. Creager's sole recommendation for recognition at the hands of a Republican administration, consists in an unreasonable, inexplicable, vindictive yet impotent, personal hostility to Hon. James B. Wells of Brownsville.

Mr. Creager, however, has not yet been confirmed by the Senate.

As to Col. Dowe, it is asserted that he also is to be "separated from the service." Mr. W. W. Collier, late Vice President of the late Woods National Bank of this City, is named as his successor. Mr. Collier is a most estimable gentleman, and if the Federal offices in Texas are to be distributed solely among Democrats, the President could have selected no worthier nor more satisfactory incumbent than Mr. Collier. In fact, no possible complaint could justly be lodged against Mr. Collier, beyond his

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affiliation with that miserable Democratic party.—Texas Republic.

### Mother's Love.

There is an old legend that runs this wise: "At Creation's Dawn an angel came down to earth, and before returning looked about for something to carry back to heaven. There were three things that attracted the attention of the white winged messenger—a bouquet of sweet flowers that had been gathered from one of earth's fair and blooming gardens, the smile of a little baby that had been playing with a sunbeam, and a mother's love. These three the angel carried away, but when it reached the pearly gates of paradise the flowers had withered—the baby's smile had vanished. Only a mother's love remained the same and being found pure and eternal

as the water that flowed by God's throne, all the angels that ranged above exclaimed in unison: "There is nothing on earth pure enough for heaven but a mother's love!" This was a tribute containing a sublime thought. And through all the ages it has been human experience that the angels referred to in that legend, were not extravagant in the message which passed out through the open windows of the "many mansions" along the banks of the "River of Gold."

### \$100.00 Reward

I will pay 100.00 [one hundred dollars] reward for information resulting in the conviction of any party or parties leaving open the gates or injuring the fences of my pastures on the Nueces. See articles 794 and 795 page 144 revised statutes.

DAVE ROSE

FRANK LANE  
Attorney At Law  
Office in Courthouse  
Brackettville, Texas

Notice of Intention to Apply to the Thirty-first Legislature of Texas for the Passage of a Local or Special Law.

To Whomsoever It may Concern:—

Please take notice that the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway Company of Texas, a corporation, intends to apply to the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, to be convened in January, 1909, for the passage of a local or special law, the substance of which law is and will be to extend the time in which said Railway Company shall be required to comply with the provisions of Articles 4366, 4558, and 4559 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas as to the construction of the branch line of said Railway Company from a point at or near the city of San Angelo, Texas, in a general southerly or south-easterly direction to a point on the Rio Grande at or near the town of Del Rio in Val Verde County, or to a point on the Rio Grande near the town of Brownsville, in Cameron County, Texas, passing through some or all of the following named counties, to-wit: Tom Green, Schleicher, Sutton,

Edwards, Val Verde, Kinney, Uvalde, Maverick, Zavalla, Dimmit, Webb, Zapata, Starr, Hidalgo, and Cameron, for the term of two years after the passage of such law or for such other term of extension as the Legislature may grant: and restore and preserve to said Railway Company all of the corporate powers and rights which it may have forfeited or lost, if any, by reason of its failure sooner to construct the portions of its said branch required by law.  
KANSAS CITY, MEXICO & ORIENT RAILWAY COMPANY OF TEXAS.  
By N. J. O'BRIEN  
Vice-President.  
Attest: W. T. TRAMMELL.  
Secretary.

### Sheep And Goat Owners to Meet.

The Southwest Texas Sheep and Goat Growers' Association is hereby called to convene in regular session January 5th, 1909, at 2 o'clock, in the court house at Del Rio, Texas.

The following, among other important questions, will be considered: The revision of the tariff on wool and mohair, and the placing of a tariff on hides by the coming congress.

The passage of the Hudspeth "Wild Animal Bounty" bill.

The passage of a law compelling the railroads to maintain an average speed of not less than sixteen miles an hour with livestock.

The question of central warehouses in Chicago for the concentration and sale of wool and mohair.

The passage of an effective law on "cheating" by the State legislature that may apply to the questions of "advance to herders."

Accurate statistics concerning the sheep and goat industry in Texas.

The enforcement of the "scab" law.

The prosecution of thieves by our association.

Very truly,  
Johnson Robertson, President.

## Our New Years Greeting

The year of 1908 has been the most successful one this Company has known and we thank the public for their patronage in the past and hope for the continuence of the same during the coming year. We have the largest assortment of goods of all kinds in Kinney County, and our prices are the lowest. Our motto is "The best goods for the least money."

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BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS

## NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

The Limestone County Teachers' Institute convened in Groesbeck Friday with about 100 teachers attending.

At a dance six miles from Lovelady Friday night Chester Thompson, son of F. M. Thompson, was cut to death.

While handling a 41-caliber revolver Ernest B. Griesbeck was shot and instantly killed Tuesday afternoon at his home in San Antonio.

A glance at the football scores between Oklahoma University and Texas University for the past five years shows that Texas won three and lost two.

It is very probable that Dallas will install a lift bridge over the Trinity river when the time comes for raising that structure to permit of the navigation of the river.

Col. Michael Meagher of Texarkana, Ark., an extensive land owner in Arkansas and Texas, has donated to Sulphur Springs, Tex., an eighteen-acre tract of land for a city park.

Commissioner Doran Monday received notice of the shipment and the bill of lading for 2,600 street signs, which are to be placed on the streets of Dallas.

Will Cummings, a fisherman, is supposed to have been drowned in the river about ten miles south of Bay City and an effort is being made to find his body.

Lee Nutter, one of the best known ranchmen and cattlemen in the southwest was found dead on the floor of his room in the hotel at Los Vegas, N. M. Tuesday.

Now that the Hill interests have acquired the Colorado and Southern attention is again centered on the Katy, which is still an independent line, extending from St. Louis to the Gulf.

At a meeting of the Feeders and Breeders' executive committee Tuesday held in Fort Worth dates for the holding of the next fat stock show were set—being March 15 to 20 inclusive.

Thursday was known as Woodman of the World day in Cooke County, and nearly every member of the fraternity throughout the county was present as the guests of the Gainesville Camp.

T. B. Wilson of McKinney, one of the largest land owners in the county, has offered to donate 460 acres of land, worth \$100 an acre, to the state for the location of a branch of the A. & M. College.

The home of Mrs. Della Smythe in San Antonio which burglarized last week and in which the robbers got jewelry amounting to \$700 was fired Thursday night, evidently by three negroes, and destroyed.

The new plant of the Case Packing Company in Fort Worth will begin operation some time next week. The company was chartered with a capital stock of \$20,000, but application has been made to increase it to \$50,000.

Several days ago \$97,000 worth of unregistered bonds of the city of Houston were found in the State Controller's office at Austin in an old vault and their existence has brought about conflicting opinions as to their probable value.

Chief among the acts of the State Mission Board of the Baptist General Convention in Dallas Wednesday was the inauguration of a system of State-wide evangelism. It is an entirely new movement, unlike anything of the sort attempted anywhere else.

J. D. Hanlin of Farwell is in Washington to see what can be done toward having the Texas-New Mexican boundary dispute settled. The uncertainty as to the boundary is the source of great annoyance to the people concerned and operates as a bar to the sale of land.

Seated in their room at the Navarro flats in Fort Worth, Texas, about 5 o'clock Monday afternoon playing a friendly game of cards just after ordering some refreshments, O. H. or Dan Grober, shot and killed himself and wife.

The last statements for the National banks of Texas, outside of the six reserve cities, show an increase of individual deposits since the last preceding reports in September, but a shrinkage of loans and discounts. The individual deposits increased from \$78,449,713 to \$96,392,900.

President T. C. Yantis of the Texas Bankers' Association is issuing letters to the Texas congressmen and senators, in which it is set out that all Texas bankers oppose the proposed bill providing for the establishment of a postal saving bank.

D. R. Lipscomb and J. W. Crawford, workmen at lock and dam No. 1 on the Trinity near Dallas, fell twenty feet with an immense steel trestle at the dam Monday morning and were plucked under another falling trestle. Both men were carried to Dallas and placed in the city hospital.

Jim Thornton, aged 11, son of J. J. Thornton, who lives three miles south of Dublin, accidentally shot and probably fatally injured his brother Tuesday.

# BLIND-FOLDED

By EARLE ASHLEY WALCOTT

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### SYNOPSIS.

Giles Dudley arrived in San Francisco to join his friend and distant relative Henry Wilton, whom he was to assist in an important and mysterious task, and who accompanied Dudley on the ferry boat trip into the city. The remarkable resemblance of the two men is noted and commented on by passengers on the ferry. They see a man with snake eyes, which sends a thrill through Dudley. Wilton postpones an explanation of the strange errand Dudley is to perform, but occurrences cause him to know it is one of no ordinary meaning. Dudley is summoned to the morgue and there finds the dead body of his friend, Henry Wilton. And thus Wilton dies without ever explaining to Dudley the puzzling work he was to perform in San Francisco. In order to discover the secret mission his friend had entrusted to him, Dudley continues his disguise and permits himself to be known as Henry Wilton. He learns that there is a boy whom he is charged with secreting and protecting. Dudley, mistaken for Wilton, is employed by Knapp to assist in a stock brokerage deal. Giles Dudley finds himself closeted in a room with Mother Borton who makes a confidant of him. He can learn nothing about the mysterious boy further than that it is Tim Terrill and Doby Meeker who are after him. Dudley visits the home of Knapp and is struck by the beauty of Luella, his daughter. Slumming tour through Chinatown is planned. The trip to Chinatown, Giles Dudley learns that the party is being shadowed by Terrill. Luella and Dudley are cut off from the rest of the party and imprisoned in a hallway behind an iron-bound door. Three Chinese ruffians approach and are knocked down. A battle ensues. One is knocked down. Giles begins firing. Tim Terrill is seen in the mob. A newly formed group of men checks out from Giles' revolver. Policeman Corson breaks down the door with an ax and the couple is rescued. Luella thanks Giles Dudley for saving her life. Knapp appears at the office with no traces of the previous night's debauch. Following his instructions Dudley has a notable day in the Stock Exchange, selling Crown Diamond and buying Omega, the object being to make Knapp's hated rival, Dudley discovers that he loves Luella Knapp. Mother Borton tells Giles Dudley that "they've discovered where 'the boy' is." The mysterious unknown woman employer of Dudley meets him by appointment with "the boy" who is turned over to Dudley with his guards and they drive with him to the ferry boat to take a train out of the city. Dudley and his faithful guards convey "the boy" by train to the village of Livermore, as per the written instructions. The party is followed. Soon after the party is quartered in the hotel a special train arrives in Livermore. The "gang" including Doby Meeker and Tim Terrill, lay siege to the hotel and endeavor to capture "the boy," who comes forward to see the fight. "Tricked again," cries Tim Terrill, when he sees the youngster's face. "It's the wrong boy."

### CHAPTER XXIV. On the Road.

The wrong boy!  
For a moment I could not understand nor believe; and when the meaning of the words came to me I groped in mental darkness. But there was no time for speculation. Half in a daze I heard a roar of curses, orders, a crash of glass as the lamp was extinguished, and over all came the prolonged growl of a wolf-voice, hoarse and shaken with anger. There was a vision of a wolf-head rising above the outline of faces a few yards away, dark, distorted, fierce, with eyes that blazed threats, and in an instant I found myself in the center of a struggling, shouting, swearing mass of savage men, fighting with naught but the instinct of blind rage. I doubt not that I was as crazy as the rest. But in my madness there was one idea strong in my mind. It was to reach the evelin face and snake-eyes of Tom Terrill, and stamp the life out of him. With desperate rage I shouldered and fought till his white face with its venomous hatred was next to mine, till the fingers of my left hand gripped his throat, and my right hand tried to beat out his brains with a six-shooter.

"Damn you!" he gasped, striking fiercely at me. "I've been waiting for you!"

I tightened my grip and spoke no word. He writhed and turned, striving to free himself. I had knocked his revolver from his hand, and he tried in vain to reach it. A trace of fear stole into the venomous anger of the one eye that was unobscured, as he strove without success to guard himself from my blows. But he gave a sudden thrust, and with a sinuous writhe he was free, while I was carried back by the rush of men with the vague impression that something was amiss with me. Then a great light flamed up before me in which the struggling mob, the close hall and room, and the universe itself melted away, and I was alone.

The next impression that came to me was that of a voice from an immeasurable distance.

"He's coming to," is said; and then beside it I heard a strange wailing cry.

"What is it?" I asked, trying to sit up. My voice seemed to come from miles away and to belong to some other man.

"That's it, you're all right," said the voice encouragingly, and about the half of Niagara fell on my face.

Then the mists before my eyes cleared away, and I found that I was on the floor of the inner bedroom and Wainwright had emptied a water jug over me. The light of a small kerosene lamp gave a gloomy illumination to the place. Lockhart and Fitzhugh leaned against the door, and Wilson bent with Wainwright over me. The boy was sitting on the bed, crying shrilly over the melancholy situation.

"What is it?" I asked, gathering my scattered wits. "What has happened?"

"We've been licked," said Wainwright regretfully. "The rest of the boys got took, but we got in here, Fitz and me seen the nasty knock you

got, and dragged you back, and when we got you here the parlor was full of the hounds, and Porter and Abrams and Brown was missing. We found you was cut, and we've tried to fix you up."

I looked at my bandaged arm, and put one more count in the indictment against Terrill. He had tried to stab me over the heart at the time he had wrenched free, but he had merely slashed my arm. It was not a severe wound, but it gave me pain.

"Only a scratch," said Wainwright. I envied the philosophic calm with which he regarded it.

"It'll heal," I returned shortly. "Where is the other gang? Are they gone?"

"No; there's half a dozen of 'em out in the parlor, I reckon."

"You'd better tell him," said Fitzhugh, shifting an unpleasant task.

"Well," said Wainwright, "we heard orders given to shoot the first man that comes out before morning, but before all to kill you if you sticks your nose outside before sun-up."

The amiable intentions of the victors set me to thinking. If it was important to keep here till morning, it must be important to me to get out. There was no duty to keep here, for I need fear no attack on the boy who was with us. I looked at my watch, and found it was near 1 o'clock.

"Tie those blankets together," I ordered, as soon as I was able to get my feet.

The men obeyed me in silence, while Wainwright vainly tried to quiet the

"Well, I want him got out of the way."

"That's easy," said Broderick, with a diabolical wink of his one eye. "I'll have him change places with me."

"Good! How many men are here?" "You don't need to know that. There's enough to bury you."

"Have Meeker and Terrill gone?" "Tom? He's in the next room here, and can count it a mercy of the saints if he gets out in a week. Meeker's gone with the old man. Well, I can't stay a-gabbin' any longer, or I'll be caught, and then the devil himself couldn't save me."

I shuddered at the thought of the "old man," and the shadow of Doddridge Knapp weighed on my spirits.

"Are you ready for an excursion, Fitzhugh?" I whispered.

He nodded assent.

"Well, we'll be out of here in a minute or two. Take that overcoat. I've got one. Now tie that blanket to the bedpost. No, it won't be long enough. You'll have to hold it for us, boys."

I heard the change of guards below, and, giving directions to Wainwright, with funds to settle our account with the house, I blew out the lamp, quietly swung open the shutter and leaned over the sill.

"Hold onto the blanket, boys. Follow, Fitz," I whispered, and climbed out. The strain on my injured arm as I swung off gave me a burning pain, but I got to the ground in safety, and the improvised rope was drawn up.

"Where now?" whispered Fitzhugh. "To the stable."

As we slipped along to the corner a man stepped out before us.

"Don't shoot," he said; "it's me—Broderick. Tell Mother Borton I wouldn't have done it for anybody but her."

"I'm obliged to you just the same," I said. "And here's a bit of drink money. Now, where are my men?"

"Don't know. In the lockup, I reckon."

"How's that?"

"Why, you see, Meeker tells the fellows here he has a warrant for you—that you're the gang of burglars that's wanted for the Parrott murder.

chances of being stopped were too great.

"I must go," I said decidedly. "I can't wait here."

"I have it," said Thatcher. "By hard riding you can get to Niles in time to catch the freight as it goes up from San Jose. It will get down in time for the first boat, if that's what you want."

"Good! How far is it?"

"We call it 18 miles—it's over that by the road. There's only one nasty bit. That's in the canyon."

"I think we shall need the pleasure of your company," I said.

"It's a bad job, but if you must, you must," he groaned. And he soon had three horses under the saddle.

I eyed the beasts with some disgust. They were evidently half-mustang, and I thought undervalued for such a journey. But I was to learn before the night was out the virtues of strength and endurance that lie in the blood of the Indian horse.

"Hist! What's that?" said Fitzhugh, extinguishing the light.

The voices of the storm and the uneasy champing of the horses were the only sounds that rewarded a minute's listening.

"We must chance it," said I, after looking cautiously into the darkness and finding no signs of a foe.

And in a moment more we were galloping down the street, the hoofbeats scarcely sounding in the softened earth of the roadway. Not a word was spoken after the start as we turned through the side streets to avoid the approaches to the hotel.

Thatcher suddenly turned to the west, and in another minute we were on the open highway, with the steady beat of the horses' hoofs splashing a wild rhythm on the muddy road.

With the town once behind us, I felt my spirits rise with every stroke of the horse's hoofs beneath me. The rain and the wind were friends rather than foes. Yet my arm pained me sharply, and I was forced to carry the reins in the whip hand. Here the road was broader, and we rode three abreast, silent, watchful, each busy with his own thought, and all alert for the signs of chase behind.

"There!" said Thatcher, suddenly pulling his horse up to a walk. "We're five miles out, and they've got a big piece to make up if they're on our track. We'll breathe the horses a bit."

The beasts were panting a little, but chafed at the bits as we walked them and tossed their heads uneasily to the pelting of the storm.

"Hark!" I cried. "Did you hear that?" I was almost certain that the sound of a faint halloo came from behind us. I was not alone in the thought.

"The dern fools!" said Fitzhugh. "They want a long chase, I guess, to go through the country yelling like a pack of wild Injuns."

"I reckon 'twas an owl," said Thatcher; "but we might as well be moving. We needn't take no chances while we've got a good set of heels under us. Get up, boys."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

### GOOD THING TO LEAVE ALONE. Physicians Advice to Those Who Are Fond of Mushrooms.

It may be possible that when all the boys are dead they will quit eating toadstools and dying in spasms therefrom. The edible and poisonous varieties of these fungi are too close together in general and species for the average youngster to differentiate them. It continues, after many years, to be the same old story: Eat it; if it kills you it is a toadstool; if it agrees with you it is a mushroom. Some years ago the department of agriculture at Washington issued an elaborate and beautiful set of illustrations of mushrooms and "near" mushrooms, labelling one set "edible" and the other "poisonous." The story leaked out that the printers got the labels mixed, and that the transposition was not discovered until the work had been sent broadcast. The officials did some tall hustling in an effort to call in the issue. A well-known physician said to me the other day: "Owing to the very great difficulty in ordinary life of detecting the true from the false, my mushroom advice has usually been 'let both kinds alone.'"—New York Press.

**Parish Registers.**  
I was once being shown round a village church in the Eastern Counties, and was solemnly informed by the somewhat garrulous parish clerk that the registers went back to the time of William the Conqueror, says J. F. Williams in The Treasury. Lest the same startling opinion may be held by others, let me hasten to say that parish registers were unknown in England before the end of Henry VIII's reign, and happy is that parish which still possesses its records even from that date. For our earlier registers have certainly had a very checkered career, and when we read the story of the treatment which has been meted out to them during the three or four centuries of their existence, we can only wonder that they exist in such numbers as they do.

**Reducing Ocean Record.**  
The first steamer that ever crossed the Atlantic took twenty-four days to make the trip, and the early boats of the Cunard line, organized in 1840, made the transatlantic trip in fourteen days, or in about the same time as the best of the clippers of the Black Ball and other lines. In 1860 the sailing ship Dreadnought made the passage in nine days and seven hours, and it was a long time before a steamer beat that record. It is nearly two decades since the five-day ship came upon the scene, and ever since then the "record has been lowered by hours rather than by days.

## THE WEEK'S EPITOME

A RESUME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

### NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

A Carefully Digested and Condensed Compilation of Current News Domestic and Foreign.

#### WASHINGTON NEWS.

Many of the senators left Washington Thursday to spend the holidays at their homes, as congress will adjourn Saturday until January 4.

In his annual report made to the Secretary of the Interior, Monday, Governor Curry of New Mexico makes a strong appeal for statehood for his territory.

The Postal Savings Bank bill was before the Senate Thursday for over an hour, Senator Burkett of Nebraska making a comprehensive argument in favor of its passage.

Something of a flurry was caused in diplomatic circles in Washington Thursday over the report which generally obtained that Venezuela had declared war against Holland.

Instructions were sent by the State Department to American Minister Furniss at Port au Prince to accord recognition to the new government of Haiti, headed by Gen. Simon.

Albert Perkins of Tennessee, it is understood, will soon resign as an agent of the Department of Commerce and Labor to promote the demands of cotton seed oil and its products in Europe.

William H. Taft, President-elect of the United States, Friday announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania as Secretary of State in his cabinet.

The Senate Wednesday agreed to postpone until after the holidays any action in the Brownsville, Texas, affair, regarding the re-enlistment of negro soldiers who were discharged by the President in 1906.

A decrease in the area devoted in India to cotton culture is shown by the fact that there are 17,333,000 acres under cotton, as compared with 17,710,000 acres one year ago and 19,732,000 acres the year before that.

Secretary Garfield submitted to Congress Wednesday the draft of a proposed bill to enable him to remove the restrictions on the allotments of all Indians, other than members of the Five Tribes, living in what was formerly Indian Territory.

The Secretary of the Interior has withdrawn from entry by the President's order all the public lands in the important petroleum and natural gas field in Northwestern Louisiana, known as the Caddo oil field, and embracing 6500 acres.

The report that congress is considering the final establishment of the line between Texas and New Mexico in the near future is exciting considerable interest. The town of Farwell is just across the line from New Mexico and a very slight change may either throw Farwell into New Mexico or Texico into Texas.

Diplomatic Washington, notably the representation of Latin-America, is watching with deep concern the outcome of the differences between the Argentine Republic and Brazil, whose relations, strained because of the jealousy over naval armament, are aggravated by the alleged interception by the Argentine authorities of an important dispatch sent by Brazil to its legation in Santiago.

There is a well defined movement on foot having for its purpose the creation of an additional civil court for Dallas county and the next legislature will be asked to create one.

Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the New York World, accompanied by a party of friends and several staff writers on Mr. Pulitzer's yacht, the Liberty, is on his way to Panama to investigate the conditions prevailing in the canal zone.

It is feared that the anti-foreign movement at Canton, China, originally caused by the death of a coolie on the steamer Falshan, who is alleged to have been brutally murdered by a Portuguese watchman on the vessel, will culminate in an outbreak against all foreigners.

United States officers Friday discovered and destroyed two of the largest illicit distilleries ever found in Alabama. They were in the northwestern part of Madison county, within a few yards of the Tennessee line.

E. P. Ripley of Chicago president of the Santa Fe road has given out the statement that it is the avowed policy of the Santa Fe not to build any more lines in Oklahoma until the constitution of that State is modified so as not to require the organization of different corporations for each road built.

Oklahoma State banks operating under the State guaranty law, according to a statement issued Friday by the Banking Department showing the condition as of November 27, increased \$4,477,723.50 in individual deposits compared with the previous call for September 23.

The steamer Catalone, inbound from Boston to New York, collided with and sank the British steamer Daghestan, south of Gedney Channel Friday. The crew of the Daghestan was saved and the Catalone anchored, apparently not greatly damaged.

## DESTROY THE COTTON STALKS.

A CONCENTRATED MOVEMENT AGAINST THE BOLL WEEVIL.

Destruction of Cotton Stalks a Good Preventive—Farmers Active in Raising Vegetables.

College Station.—Prof. W. C. Wellborn, vice director of the Texas Experiment station of the A. & M. college of Texas, has recently visited the communities of Taft and Gregory in San Patricio county, Texas, where there has been a colonization movement during the last few years, resulting in several thousand acres of that land being settled by farmers from portions of Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. He finds that they have had fine results in the production of cotton, making an average of three quarters of a bale to the acre. They by general consent, destroy the cotton stalks in the fall, plowing them up and burning them. In this way they have minimized the work of the boll weevil and while they have had some trouble with the pest, it has caused very little loss. The concentrated movement of all in the community in the destruction of the stalks has been of great effort. In addition to cotton they are raising milo maize, kafir corn and other forage stuffs and there are several thousand acres now in winter vegetables, cabbage, beets, etc. Mr. Wellborn says the lands there are cultivated like in any other section—they go through it with a middle buster and follow the general rules of cultivation, without the necessity for subsoiling, deep plowing, etc.

## DIARY OF A SUICIDE.

Dooley of Fort Worth Recites His Feelings.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Friday morning, J. A. Dooley, a life-long resident of Fort Worth, committed suicide at the Texas & Pacific depot by swallowing a quantity of carbolic acid. He left a diary of his feelings during the twelve hours' contemplation of the act, in which he bade good-by to all, said he hated to do it but that he had no home and was sick. He wrote that he had tried to think of some way to avoid suicide, and ended in endearing terms to his mother and sister. A little later he complained because he had no other way to kill himself than by taking carbolic acid. He had a case of unbearable "blues" and his brain was in a whirl. A little later it was "Young man, beware of whiskey and women."

He complained of having to take acid again. He wrote, "It is so hard to give up," and an hour afterward the last notation was made: "It is going to be a bigger job than I at first thought. I hope I make a success of it—I never did make a success of anything else."

The depot policeman saw Dooley throw the acid bottle away, and shortly thereafter he sank to the floor and died.

## Girl Prevented Fire.

Corsicana, Tex.—Facing possible death and with the probabilities that she would receive serious injury and yet performing the dangerous feat almost in safety, while dumdummed clerks—men, women and girls—looked on, Miss Ella Goodwin, employed in a department store of Corsicana, seized an oil stove that had exploded and rushing to the nearest door threw it into the street, preventing what might have been serious damage to the establishment from fire and a possible panic and attendant injuries to shoppers and employes.

## Expected \$15,000 From Onions.

San Antonio, Tex.—Netting \$10,290 on forty acres of onions, W. P. Stiles of Mission, in the lower Rio Grande valley, expects this year to net fully \$15,000 from fifty acres. Conditions were not the most favorable last year, stated Mr. Stiles, who is now in the city. He says this year that every condition is more propitious and he is satisfied that last year's record will be eclipsed. His profits last season were practically \$400 per acre.

## Claim for Cotton Seized.

Washington.—Mr. Cooper called up and passed Friday a bill authorizing the heirs of Mrs. Sarah J. Montgomery to bring suit in the court of claims for the proceeds of 125 bales of cotton seized during the Civil War. It also authorizes the use of evidence taken in a former suit. The cotton is alleged to have been seized in Louisiana, but the heirs live in Houston.

Criminal Assault on Daughter Charged. Nacogdoches, Tex.—Tom Hubbard, a white man aged about 45, has been arrested and jailed on a charge of criminal assault on his 14-year-old daughter. Hubbard is a tiemaker.

## Cut to Death at Dance.

Lovelady, Tex.—At a dance six miles from Lovelady Thursday night Chester Thompson, son of F. M. Thompson, was cut to death and a young Mr. Odum seriously wounded. Ned and Alex McManners are under arrest charged with the crime.

## Hume Will Be Filed.

Austin, Tex.—The will of the late George L. Hume was filed for probate Friday. The estate of the decedent amounts to about \$50,000 and is left to Mr. Hume's widow.

## GOVERNOR BUSY MAN.

APPOINTMENTS AND SUNDAY LAW OCCUPY HIS ATTENTION.

## ALSO APPEALS FOR PARDONS.

Pierce Case, Textbooks—Certain Suits Contemplated by the Attorney General.

Austin, Tex.—The governor will probably be compelled to do some rapid work in the preparation of his message to the legislature. It will be difficult for him to do a great deal on it until near the first of the year. He being from Austin for several weeks because of poor health, and since his return has been besieged all day every day. The annual rush for Christmas pardons has been as large as usual, in fact more delegations and individuals visited the executive office than heretofore, and this week will see it continued. Then the next seven days is taken up with those who want the poor men pardoned in order that they may be home for New Year's Day and start anew on that occasion when all mankind make pledges.

The governor will have several important appointments to make by Jan. 1, including the district judge for Harris and Galveston counties, superintendent of the insane asylum, member of the board of regents, and others. These matters and the Sunday closing agitation in Galveston, San Antonio, Seguin, New Braunfels and Laredo are occupying the governor's attention. All of these things take his time, and the preparation of the message may require an entire absence from the executive office during the first week of January.

Some pathetic scenes occur in the executive office. Mothers plead for their sons, wives for their husbands, and occasionally children for their father. Tears that are shed would turn the strongest heart. Most men turn away with moistened eyes and swear they would pardon all.

## LID ON TIGHT IN GALVESTON.

Bootblacks, Cigar Stands and All Places of Amusement—"The Devil."

Galveston, Tex.—The lid went on Galveston Sunday afternoon with a bang and the consensus of opinion is that "The Devil" caused it all. To start with, the saloons made no pretense of doing business Sunday morning as they had been during the past few weeks. But the blue laws were in full effect during the afternoon, and for one day at least in recent years it can be said that the town was closed.

The afternoon process of screwing down the lid started when Chief of Police W. H. Perrett at the Grand Opera House instructed Manager Weiss to take "The Devil" off the boards upon the conclusion of the first act. A grand closing of moving picture shows, theaters and vaudeville houses, as well as cigar stands and billiard halls.

## Alvin Cattle Shipment.

Alvin, Tex.—Mr. A. M. McFadden shipped thirty-five carloads of cattle to Oklahoma Saturday. There were about 1,000 head in the shipment. The cattle were from his Monto Vedo ranch, about fifteen miles from this city, near the bay. This is the largest shipment from this section for some time.

## Freeze to Death in Silent Vigil.

Ventura, Cal.—Frozen to death while keeping silent vigil for hours beside the dead bodies of his two playmates, who had fallen over a high cliff while lost in the snow drifts of the San Cayetano range, the corpse of John Blats, aged 13, was found by a searching party beside those of Claude and Clifford Sharp, aged 9 and 17, respectively.

## Came After Agar.

Brownsville, Tex.—Three officers of Princeton, Ind., arrived Sunday morning to take Henry E. Agar back to Indiana for trial. Agar was arrested here on a charge of defaulting in Indiana two years ago. He appears to be confident of winning out in the case and seems to be taking things in a matter of fact kind of way.

Temple, Tex.—At Belton, in the county court Saturday, two white men, named Dave Savage and Charley Jones, pleaded guilty to the charge of having stolen an opossum from a Temple restaurant, and were sentenced to one day in jail and to pay a fine each of \$1 and costs, which amounted in each case to a total of \$3.

## Complete Returns of Election.

Houston, Tex.—Bryan's plurality is 158,453; Campbell's, 148,226; A. B. Davidson's, 163,217; populists drop in scale; socialist party now "Third Party."

## Artesian Well in Frio County.

San Antonio, Tex.—An artesian well flowing nearly 1,000 barrels per day, has been brought in on the property of J. M. Long, four miles south of Pearsall in Frio county. This is the second well to be brought in in that section of the country and is of vast importance.

## Cotton From Johnsons Bayou.

Orange, Tex.—The tug Mercedes of Johnsons Bayou arrived here having in tow a barge laden with about fifty bales of cotton.

## WORK STARTED ON GREAT DAM.

TO BE OF NATURAL MARBLE FALLS GRANITE.

Work Started Monday on a Project That Will Produce 10,000 Horsepower and Cost \$250,000.

San Antonio, Tex.—E. C. Linsner of Marble Falls, Tex., is now purchasing supplies to be used in building the great dam at that place, work upon which was begun yesterday. This is to be one of the greatest power-producing projects ever undertaken in Texas. Mr. Linsner said:

"When completed the dam will be one of the biggest ever built for the purpose of deriving kinetic energy from the fall of water. It will produce no less than 10,000 horsepower, which will be used in driving machinery of several industrial enterprises. A cotton mill which it cost \$40,000 to erect has just been completed. As soon as the power generated from the falls over the first dam, which is to be 22 feet high, is contracted for another dam will be constructed further down the stream.

"While the cost of the dam now stated would be about \$2,000,000 if foundations had to be dug, it will in fact cost only \$250,000, the natural granite dam already there being used as a foundation. With the dam filled a lake about ten and one-half miles long and from 1,000 to 2,000 feet wide will be formed."

## ENJOIN SCHOOL TAX LEVIES.

Districts Are Being Placed Unnecessarily in a Sad Plight.

Austin, Tex.—The attorney general's department has been advised that injunction suits are being filed in a number of the independent school districts of the State against the school districts restraining the levying of the school tax.

This action is characterized as being out of place by the attorney general's department, as the Supreme Court a short time ago in an opinion overruling a motion for a rehearing in the Baird independent school district, specifically declared that it had never passed on the validity of any school bonds in any district; that the Baird case only applied to that particular district.

In connection with this declaration, General Davidson came out in an interview in which he advised the people that the bonds were valid and an existing obligation against the districts. The action of taxpayers in these districts in enjoining the levying of the tax places such districts in a sad plight.

## May Pension Admirals' Widow.

Washington.—A bill, providing for a pension of \$20 a month to Julia B. Coughlan, widow of Rear Admiral Coughlan, has been introduced in congress by Representative Olcott of New York. Owing to unfortunate investments in the later years of his life, it is understood that the estate of the admiral is totally inadequate for the support of his widow.

## Thaw Decision Affirmed.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, and now confined in the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane at Patesburg, N. Y., can not be taken to Pittsburgh to testify in the bankruptcy proceedings, according to the decision of the Supreme Court.

## First Strawberries of Season.

Alvin, Tex.—The first strawberries of the season are now on the market and selling at 50 cents per quart. The fields are white with blooms and the plants loaded with berries. The prospects for a big crop are flattering, and a good many tables with berries for Christmas dinner.

## Ellis Plantation Abstract.

Austin, Tex.—The abstract of title to the big L. A. Ellis plantation in Fort Bend county, which was purchased by the State penitentiary system some time ago, has been approved by Assistant Attorney General Washburn. The plantation comprises 550 acres.

## First Snow of the Season.

Texarkana, Tex.—The first snow of the season fell here Monday afternoon. It was accompanied by sleet and considerable rain, and melted about as fast as it fell. The worst spell of winter weather is now prevailing that has been experienced here in two years.

Dallas, Tex.—The main wall of dam No. 1 on the Trinity river has been completed, and it only remains to put in a side wall and to hang the gates. It is believed that if the weather continues favorable to the prosecution of the work the dam will have been completed by Jan. 15; after that there will be twelve feet of water in the river at Dallas. Above the dam the river will be navigable throughout the year.

## John McCoy Killed.

San Antonio, Tex.—John McCoy, a section foreman on the International & Great Northern, was run down and killed early Sunday morning by a street car. He was crossing the track at the time. His body was about cut in two.

## Austin, Tex.—A permit to do business in Texas was granted Monday by the state department to Murch Bros. Construction Company of St. Louis; capital stock, \$50,000. The Texas headquarters are at Dallas.

The Argentine legation in London has been instructed to ask for bids for two Dreadnoughts and six destroyers.

The will of the late George L. Hume of Austin was filed for probate. The estate of the decedent amounts to about \$50,000.

The sidewalk building has taken a new start in Brownwood and many contracts are now being let for cement walks.

Members of the Dallas Builders' Exchange are contemplating the erection of a Builders' Exchange building during the coming year.

At Martingburg, W. Va., Wednesday, four persons were killed by the collapse of a pier and span of a new bridge across the Potomac.

Renfro B. Creager was named Thursday to succeed John W. Vann, relieved of duties as collector of the customs at Brownsville.

An earthquake shock Sunday threw the populace of Payotone Dame, France, into a panic, but did not materially damage anything.

A fire of accidental origin destroyed the plant of the Producers' Turpentine company at Elizabeth, La., Friday night. The loss was about \$500.

The branch wholesale grocery house in Greenville of the Waples-Platter Grocery Company caught fire and was destroyed Sunday morning. Loss about \$13,000.

The Bank of Venezuela has cabled its agents in Paris and Berlin to cancel the unlimited letter of credit given to President Castro when he left Venezuela for Europe.

Elmer Hill, charged with the murder of Mamie Womack at Monticello, Ky., was dragged from the jail and carried four miles to Greasy Creek, and there hanged to a tree.

Jay E. Rice of the Milwaukee Farm Realty Company has bought a 5000-acre tract of Gulf Coast land near Seabreeze, Texas, to colonize Wisconsin and North Dakota farmers.

As a result of a shooting at Burke, a small town eight miles from Lufkin, Saturday, Mrs. Joseph Furguson and her daughter, Bertha, who is 17 years of age, are both seriously wounded.

Seventeen soldiers of the Eighteenth Infantry, stationed at Camp Keithley, Mindanao, P. I., are still ill as the result of drinking poisonous alcohol that killed ten of their comrades on December 15.

Gov. Hoch Tuesday appointed a commission to join with a commission from Oklahoma to investigate the Kansas penitentiary and the charges of inhuman treatment, poor food and unsanitary surroundings.

The Panama Canal will be opened January 1, 1915, according to an official communication received Tuesday by the California reception committee from Joseph Buckner Bishop, secretary of the commission.

In a statement issued by the National Association of New York for the Prevention of Tuberculosis after an investigation of the needs of destitute consumptives in the United States, it is declared there are only 15,000 beds for 600,000 patients, or 400 consumptives for every bed.

The faculty of the A. & M. College of Texas is now arranging for the summer school that is to be held at College Station from June 15 to 30, 1909. Courses are to be arranged for farmers, for teachers and for students, and it is believed that it will be such an attractive proposition that many of each class will take advantage of it.

In order to give them an opportunity to study irrigation, truck, fruit and general farming in that section, E. J. Kyle, professor of horticulture of the A. & M. College of Texas, will take a number of students from the agricultural department of the college to Brownsville during January at the joint executive meeting of the Texas State Horticultural Society and the Texas Nurserymen's Association and the Texas Nut Growers' Association. It is expected there will be a large attendance at this meeting.

A statement issued Friday by the National Ginners' Association estimates the amount of cotton ginned to December 18 at 11,872 bales.

The Wichita theater, the new \$50,000 play house, opened Monday night in Wichita Falls.

It will mean a saving of \$500,000 a year to the cotton growers of the South if the duty on camels' hair press cloth is reduced to about 4c a pound, according to J. W. Allison of Ennis, who appeared before the Ways and Means Committee in Washington Friday in behalf of the Cotton Seed Crushers' Association.

Francis Philip Fleming, governor of Florida from 1888 to 1893, died at his residence in Jacksonville. Ex-Governor Fleming was a native of Florida and served in the Confederate army during the Civil War with distinction.

Each of the grand domains of the Knights of Pythias in the United States and there are about fourteen of them in all, is to consider at the grand lodge meetings early in the year the matter of founding or a rythian Home for the care of those members of the order afflicted with tubercular trouble.

The most complete mystery, so far as any official admission can be obtained, surrounds the destination of the battleship Maine, which left Norfolk Monday under sealed orders.

In an order issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, flour bleached by nitrogen peroxide is declared to be an adulterated product and can not be legally sold in interstate commerce. Because of the large amount of bleached flour now on hand or in process of manufacture the prosecutions will not be recommended until six months from December 9, 1909.

## NEED NORMALS FOR TEACHERS.

LEGISLATURE IS EXPECTED TO DO SOMETHING IN THAT LINE.

State Requires 4,000 Teachers Now and Turns Out 1,300 to 1,500 a Year.

Austin, Tex.—The legislature will doubtless be asked for an appropriation sufficient to create and maintain another State normal school.

The State of Texas requires about 4,000 teachers annually to meet the growth in the schools and fill the vacancies created by teachers who marry, leave the state or enter other vocations that afford greater compensation. The normal schools located at Huntsville, Denton and San Marcos, together with the other institutions that equip certified teachers, provide about 1,300 or 1,500 teachers annually. This makes it necessary to draw from the high schools and from other states the requisite 2,500 or 3,000 instructors to meet the demands of the schools of the State. Another normal institution would tend to relieve this condition. Teachers must be trained in practical instruction, and it is working an injustice on the pupils of the State and retarding educational development to have to rely upon the graduates of high schools and other states to fill the schools with instructors. The indorsement given to the late constitutional amendment has been taken to indicate an awakened interest in school affairs in Texas, and it is believed that the legislature will be responsive largely to this spirit. In such event the creation of another normal school will be probable.

## MORE VOTES THAN EVER.

State Officials Take It as a Healthy Sign of Interest in Affairs.

Austin, Tex.—The fact that in the fast general election there were more votes cast than have been cast in any one election since the establishment of the poll tax requirement is taken to be a sign of the general prosperity and improvement of conditions in the State. Nearly 100,000 more votes were cast in 1908 than in 1906. This shows that the State is now in a better condition than before, for when the people take interest in their own public affairs they are sure to be improving. This change has been greeted by the state officials with enthusiasm, for they take it that Texas is coming out of her lethargy.

## Gompers Gets a Year in Jail.

Washington.—Twelve months in jail for Samuel Gompers, president, nine months for John Mitchell, vice president, and six months for Frank Morrison, secretary, all of the American Federation of Labor, was the sentence imposed by Justice Wright of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia Wednesday for contempt of court in violating an order previously issued enjoining them from placing on the "unfair" or "we don't patronize" list the Buck Stove and Range Company of St. Louis, Mo.

## Cuero Cabbage Car No. 1.

Cuero, Tex.—Our truckers shipped out a car of fine cabbage Tuesday, which is bringing highly satisfactory prices. The cabbage crop here from season, cultivation and fertilization is simply magnificent this season, and there seems to be no trouble about marketing our liberal acreage at fine figures, the product being sold right here on the track by the local agents of the truckers.

## Home-seekers at Westfield.

Westfield, Tex.—During the past two weeks quite a number of home-seekers from the North have been here. Several have bought homes and will stay, and they report that many more will come as soon as they can sell their homes in the North and buy here.

## Missouri Ousted Standard Oil Co.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Declaring that the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the Republic Oil Company of Ohio and the Waters Pierce Oil Company of Missouri had conspired and combined to monopolize the oil business in the state, the Supreme Court of Missouri Wednesday issued a decree ousting all three from the Commonwealth and fining them \$50,000 each.

## Sale of 120,000 Acres.

San Antonio, Tex.—The ownership of the Milton Toole land in Presidio county, a tract of 120,000 acres, has been sold by J. D. Cameron of Kansas City to a syndicate of Oklahoma men. The land will be cut up and put on the market for colonization purposes.

## Large Potato Crop in Prospect.

Westfield, Tex.—From indications a very large crop of Irish potatoes will be planted for next spring's crop. Some cotton is being held, and all such cotton is in strong hands, that can wait until the price is better, even though it takes a few years.

## Offers Site for College.

McKlenny, Tex.—T. B. Wilson, one of the largest land owners in the county, has offered to donate 400 acres of land, worth \$100 an acre, to the State for the location of a branch Agricultural and Mechanical College, provided the Thirty-first Legislature decides to locate it in this county.

Dallas, Tex.—James Daniels of Marfa, Texas, died Tuesday night. Mr. Daniels was a newspaper man by profession. He was about 45 years of age and a bachelor.

## THE EUCALIPTUS TREE.

THE EXPERIMENT BIDS FAIR TO PROVE SUCCESSFUL.

## ARE TO PLANT 10,000 ACRES.

Trees Imported From California Making Rapid Growth—Valuable Acquisition to Coast Country.

Port Arthur, Tex.—The experiment of John W. Gates, if successful, will prove a great blessing to the Texas coast country. Mr. Gates planted several hundred eucalyptus trees last winter, little plants taken from two-inch pots, brought from California. They have made wonderful growth during the year. Many of them are now ten feet high. The eucalyptus is valuable as a fuel and for fence posts, railroad ties and many other purposes. The growth is rapid and for wood the cutting begins four years after planting. In San Francisco the wood is cut into small blocks and sold at 50 cents per sack. Its lasting and heating properties are almost equal to hard coal. It reproduces itself from the stump and the second growth is much more rapid, having the roots to force it. In the parks at San Francisco when the trees are in bloom people suffering from colds or lung troubles sit for hours and breathe the aroma from the blooms, which is very pungent, and after a time becomes offensive, but is certainly efficacious in all throat and lung troubles. A cough medicine is made from the distillation of the bark and honey made from the bloom, which is very bitter and the bees delight in working the flowers, but ruin the honey for table purposes.

There are thirty varieties of the eucalyptus. The Santa Fe railroad is planting 10,000 acres this winter for timber and telegraph poles. The rapidity of the growth and its value for timber and fuel make this a great acquisition in any section where it will thrive and in the great stretch of open prairie along the Texas gulf coast, if it proves a success, will solve the fuel problem and also be a most valuable asset as a timber.

## CLOSING AT NEW BRAUNFELS.

Saloons Closed There for the First Time in Sixty-three Years.

New Braunfels, Tex.—"Liberty and freedom" were cremated in effigy, when the lid went on in New Braunfels Sunday.

The closing up of the town for the first time in sixty-three years was made the occasion of a novel but spectacular demonstration on the part of the populace. A funeral procession, of more than 1000 persons formed on West San Antonio street, and preceded by a band of twenty-five pieces and a coffin containing figures formed to represent the twin principles of "Liberty and Freedom," proceeded through the principal streets of the city, ending at the music pavilion, where, with much pomp and ceremony the effigies were cremated.

The funeral march was a new composition entitled "The Baskin-McGregor Waltz," and is pronounced by music critics to be a gem in its way. In the parade were carried the two democratic banners presented to Donal county in 1858 and 1887 as the banner democratic county of the State.

On either side of the wagon containing the coffin was carried a banner flanking the inscription, "We close of our own accord and not by force."

## Wolf Scalp Bounty Law.

San Antonio, Tex.—Features prudent to embody in the wolf scalp bounty bill to be introduced at the coming session of the State legislature are being considered at a conference now being held here. B. L. Crouch of Corpus Christi is the moving spirit. The details of the bill will be suggested to State Senator Hudspeth of Sonora, who will introduce the measure. An appropriation of \$150,000 will be asked. The amount of bounty per scalp has not yet been determined upon.

## Cameron Poultry Shipments.

Cameron, Tex.—The Cameron Produce Company has bought and shipped about 10,000 turkeys since October 1. It shipped three solid carloads of dressed turkeys, a total of 68,000 pounds.

## Fire in Cotton Yard.

Mount Pleasant, Tex.—Saturday afternoon fire at the local cotton yard damaged about 75 bales of cotton. The loss is about \$1500, fully insured.

Victoria, Tex.—Holiday week the live stock shipments from over the Victoria division of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio during the past week light, as follows: J. B. Wells, four cars steers, Sample to Taylor; E. L. Carrall, one car hogs, El Campo to Victoria; Pauncey & Sturges, two cars mixed, Simply to Algiers.

## Trampled to Death by Horse.

Schulenburg, Tex.—Ferd Klesal, 29 years old, a local drayman, was trampled to death by a horse Sunday night. Klesal was returning from Weimar, when his horse shied, threw him out of the buggy and kicked him on the head, face and chest. Death resulted almost instantly.

Laredo, Tex.—The second dry Sunday was in evidence in Laredo, which found every saloon in the city closed up hard and fast.

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Poisonous ingredients are found in the low-priced baking powders. Their active principle is a mineral acid derived from sulphuric acid, oil of vitriol

Study the label and buy only baking powder made from cream of tartar

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All parties caught hunting or fishing in my pastures, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All permits heretofore given, either verbal or written, is hereby revoked.

GEO. W. HOBBS.

**Trespass Notice.**

We have posted our pasture Elm Mountain. Anyone caught hunting, cutting wood, or otherwise trespassing in said pasture will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All permits previously issued, either verbal or written are hereby revoked.

FRITTER & ROSS.

**Notice to Trespassers.**

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers in the pastures known as Dolores, Pinto, Las Moras and Cow Creek for the purpose of hunting, fishing or hauling wood will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All permits previously issued, either verbal or written are hereby revoked.

T. B. JONES

**Trespass Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that all trespassing in my pasture known as the Cox pasture for the purpose of hunting or otherwise trespassing will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All permits previously issued either verbal or written are hereby revoked.

R. W. LANE.

Advertise in the News.

## Nervous Indigestion

The action of digestion is controlled by nerves leading to the stomach. When they are weak, the stomach is deprived of its energy. It has no power to do its work. If you want permanent relief, you must restore this energy. Dr. Miles' Nervine restores nervous energy, and gives the organs power to perform their functions.

"For many years I was an acute sufferer from nervous indigestion; at times I was so despondent life seemed almost a burden. I tried all kinds of remedies and various physicians with little or no relief, until one night last summer I saw Dr. Miles' Nervine and Heart Cure advertised. I resolved to make one more trial which I did in the purchase of one bottle of Nervine and one of Heart Cure. In a few days I began to feel better, which encouraged me so much that I continued the medicine until I had taken more than a dozen bottles. I am very much improved in every way; in body, mind and spirits since. I make a special point to recommend the medicine, and I feel a sincere pleasure in knowing that several persons have been benefited through my recommendations."

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Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold by your druggist, who will guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. If it fails, he will refund your money.

Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

**PEDESTRIANS' WOES IN 1910**

*Glimpse into the Future That Many Will Be Inclined to Think is Not Overdrawn.*

Chug-chug! Br-r-r! br-r-r! Honk-honk! Gilligillug-gilligillug!

The pedestrian paused at the intersection of two busy cross streets. He looked about. An automobile was rushing at him from one direction, a motorcycle from another; an auto-truck was coming from behind, and a taxicab was speedily approaching.

Zip-zip! Zing-glug!

He looked up and saw directly above him a runaway airship in rapid descent.

There was but one chance. He was standing under a manhole cover. Quickly seizing it he lifted the lid and jumped into the hole just in time to be run over by a subway train.—W. R. Rose, in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**HER BLUSHES HIDDEN.**

Alfred G. Vanderbilt, at the Long Branch horse show, said of the sheath skirt:

"You know those thick double veils, similar to a Turkish woman's, that they have been wearing in Newport this summer? Well, they say in Newport that the other day an extremely pretty girl appeared in a very daring sheath skirt.

"Her father took her to task about it.

"Don't you think," he said, "that the skirt you wore this afternoon is most immodest?"

"But, papa," said she, "I wear one of those thick double veils with it."

**AN IMPROBABLE STARTER.**

"And so you are not married yet?"

"No."

"Engaged?"

"No."

"Expect to be?"

"No."

"What's the matter?"

"Well, papa says that my husband must be a keen and experienced man of good health and good habits. Mamma says he must be frugal, industrious, attentive and moral; and I say that he must be handsome, dashing, talented and rich. We are still looking for him."

**STRENUOUS EXPRESS.**

The empress dowager of China is a woman of spirit. One of her chief recreations is wrestling with the women of the court. In her palace is a vast apartment set aside for the practice, and each afternoon she has a turn or two with her attendants. Some time ago it was suggested to the empress that fencing would be a variation. She agreed to the proposal, and a European drill sergeant was engaged. But the first lesson settled the empress' views. Fencing was too tame. After the demonstration she went up to the instructor, took his foil from him, flung it to the other end of the room, and seized the sergeant. After a severe struggle she made him touch the ground with both shoulders.

**Notice.**

Our pastures in Uvalde and Kinney County are legally posted. Hunters will kindly keep out as hunting is prohibited. A special officer will be employed and have charge of the ranch until January 1st, 1909.

MOORE & ALLEN.

**Notice to Trespassers.**

Notice is hereby given that all trespassing in the pasture known as the Dolores pasture for the purpose of hunting, fishing, or hauling wood will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

CHAS. GAEBLER.

**Trespass Notice.**

Hunting, fishing, wood hauling or otherwise trespassing in my pasture strictly forbidden. Persons violating this notice will be prosecuted to full extent of law.

J. D. JENNINGS.

**Notice to Hunters.**

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers in the pasture known as Perry pasture for the purpose of hunting or otherwise trespassing will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All permits previously issued either verbal or written are hereby revoked.

TOM PERRY.

**Notice to Trespassers.**

Notice is hereby given that all trespassing on our ranch for the purpose of hunting or otherwise trespassing will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All permits previously issued either verbal or written are hereby revoked.

E. L. WITT & SONS

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Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranches and lands owned or controlled by the undersigned 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.

DOOLEY & STADLER

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FLEMMING & DANIDSON.

**Trespass Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranch owned by the undersigned for the purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood or hunting hogs will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. No verbal permission recognized. Must have written permission signed by A. M. Slator and must state every person in party or permit is void.

J. M. SLATOR & SONS.

Try one of those celery high balls at the X-10-U-8 Saloon.

**SOCIETIES**

**Las Moras Lodge No. 444 A. F. & A. M.** meets 1st and 3rd Saturday in each month in Masonic Hall, over Stratton & Co.'s store. A cordial invitation extended to all visiting Brethren. E. A. Jones, W. M. J. F. Ray, Sec'y.

**Echo Lodge No. 279 I. O. O. F.** meets every Thursday night at their Lodge room in Filippone Hall, Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend. Davis David, N. G. Will W. Price Sec

**Rosewood Camp No. 128 W. C. W.** Meets every Wednesday night in K. P. Hall F. J. Gilson C. C. J. E. Wright Clerk.

**Third United States Cavalry Garrison No. 103 Army and Navy Union** meets every Tuesday night at the I. O. O. F. Hall. Visiting comrades are cordially invited to attend. Geo. W. Kesterson, Commander; Daniel Ring, Adjutant.

**Keithley Camp No. 13191 Modern Woodmen of America** meets in the Woodmen Hall on the first and third Saturday of each month. J. S. Pape Consul. H. M. Sager Clerk.

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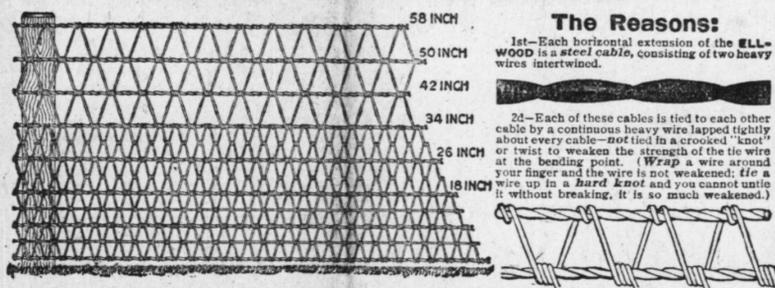
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DOWE HOLDS HIS JOB

Has Been in Washington, Where He Made Satisfactory Explanation of His Conduct on the Border.

Washington, Jan. 16.-Robert W. Dowe will keep his job as collector of customs at Eagle Pass. This is the result of his visit, which was reported in The News several days ago.

Varigated charges were made against Mr. Dowe several months ago. Treasury inspectors were sent to Eagle Pass, and after their reports were studied with much care both by the treasury officials and by the president, Mr. Dowe resigned, and his resignation was accepted by the presi-

dent. Mr. Dowe came to Washington last Monday. He has had several interviews with the treasury officials, and as a result they, Secretary Cortelyou in particular, asked the president to withdraw his acceptance of Mr. Dowe's resignation, and this he did this afternoon. It was learned that the only charge against Mr. Dowe which greatly impressed the treasury officials was that he had received compensation from the Mexican government for suppressing insurrectionary movements on the frontier. Mr. Dowe explained this matter satisfactorily to Secretary Cortelyou.

Mr. Dowe will move his family to San Antonio and make that his home, though of course his duties will keep him at Eagle Pass most of the time. San Antonio is in the Eagle Pass collection district.-Galveston News.

We'll Not Give His Name.

He called on a young lady recently to spend the evening and when he got ready to leave he realized that a heavy rain was falling. He had no umbrella or rubber coat and when the girl's father asked him to remain at the house he readily consented. The next morning when he was invited to a seat at the table he reluctantly accepted. He was very nervous and agitated. He sat opposite a mirror and discovered that he had forgotten to comb his hair. Then he dropped his fork on the floor and as he stooped to pick it up he upset his coffee. Matters went from bad to worse until finally in despair the young man quit eating and put his hands under the table. The loose end of the table cloth was lying in his lap; when he touched it he turned pale. He thought it was his shirt and in his nervous excitement when dressing he had forgotten to put his garment in his trousers. That accounted for the smiles and embarrassment. There was no time to lose. He hurriedly stuffed the supposed shirt into his trousers.

Ten minutes later when the family arose from the table there was a crash. The dishes lay in a broken mass on the floor. The young man pulled three feet of tablecloth out of his pants and fled through the back door.

We believe the laws of Texas should be enforced, not only as applied to liquor and gambling, but all laws should be enforced; but the governor of the state has no right to withhold any man's commission who has been duly elected by the people.-West Times.

Not unless the governor is greater than the people; not unless the people ought to and pre-

ferred to surrender their prerogatives to the state's chief executive. Of course there will always be those in office who will surrender the authority the public will give them in inches and end of the matter. And there will be a respectable contingent of the public who will not surrender their rights.-Galveston News.

Practise of Law.

It will be news to some readers that Judge Goggin has come back to his first love-the practice of law. In view of the fact that he was not a candidate for election at the last general election as judge of the 41st judicial district. He goes into partnership with Waters D. Goggin, a lawyer eminent at the El Paso, which, by the way, includes some conspicuously good lawyers. The new firm will practise as Davis & Goggin. It is safe to predict for them the success that waits upon such a strong alliance of ability, experience and proven fidelity.-Eagle Pass News-Guide.

Gypsies Want to Get In.

Luis Mitchell, of New York, a gypsy, is in Eagle Pass to assist some of his countrymen to get into this country. It seems that quite a number of gypsies had been ordered out of Monterey, Mexico, by the civil authorities who claimed they were undesirable citizens, and they are on their way to this border with the hope of getting into the United States. The immigration authorities are on the lookout for them, and it is doubtful that persons who have been chased out of Monterey as undesirable citizens will be per-

mitted to land in the United States. The bunch who left here two weeks ago for Las Vacas hoping to cross over at Del Rio, were turned back at that point by Inspector Smith.-Eagle Pass News-Guide.

The United State Supreme Court.

Attention has been called to the fact that the next President will have appointments to make to the Supreme Court. That the majority of the Justices may change in the next four years has not, however, been generally understood. Justices are permitted to retire at the age of 70 on full pay. Of the nine members of the court five are now above 70 and one will attain that age before 1913. Their present ages are as follows:

- Chief Justice Fuller, 75. Justice Harlan, 72. Justice White, 73. Justice Brewer, 71. Justice Peckham, 70. Justice Holmes, 67.

The next President may, therefore, determine the tendencies of the Supreme Court, not merely

so far as personal fitness is concerned, but toward certain broad questions. Pre-eminence among these is that of nationalism as contrasted by state rights. This involves the ability of the Federal government to regulate great corporation-a matter of the greatest importance to the Republic.-Kansas City Star.

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WASHINGTON.

After years of patient waiting on the part of the United States there is a prospect of the settlement by a method satisfactory to this country of the disputed claims with Venezuela, the refusal of which government to arbitrate them resulted last spring in breaking off of friendly relations between the two countries.

The Interstate Commerce Commission Friday ordered a reduction of rates on petroleum and its products, including refined oil, from Missouri and Kansas points to Oklahoma points. The average reduction is 8c per 100 pounds. This action was taken as a result of a complaint made last September by the State of Oklahoma against the Rock Island, Santa Fe and Frisco.

That the Senate amendments to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, raising the salary of the president to \$100,000, of the vice president and speaker of the House of Representatives to \$20,000 each, with an allowance for carriage of \$5,000 each for the vice president and speaker, are not to be approved without some opposition, which was shown in the Senate Friday when Senator Borah of Idaho made a point of order against them as new legislation, and then asked that they be allowed to lie over until the other amendments are disposed of.

The Ananias Club was discussed by Senator Truman Thursday said that statements made by Attorney General Bonaparte and Pastmaster General Meyer in reply to his charges made against him by the president in relation to his contemplated purchase of Oregon timber lands made him eligible to membership in that organization. He again defended his action and said in fighting the "unscrupulous men" who are determined to "destroy" him, he was prepared for anything, even assassination.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, before the Twenty-eighth annual meeting of American Forestry Association in Washington, Wednesday, said: The time is coming in this country when trees will be as scarce as diamonds unless immediate steps are taken to preserve our forests.

Brigadier General Robert Maitland O'Reilly, who has served as surgeon general of the army since September 21, 1902, was placed on the retired list Thursday on account of his age.

Gen. Marshall, chief of engineers, and the board of engineers of Washington have endorsed the recommendation of the district engineer that \$100,000 be appropriated for that section of the inland waterway lying between Matagorda bay and the mouth of the Brazos.

An appropriation of \$161,018,000 for pensions was agreed upon Wednesday by the committee on appropriations in the drafting of the annual pension appropriation bill. This amount is over \$2,000,000 less than the appropriation last year, which was \$163,053,000.

DOMESTIC.

Considering the price, \$150 per acre, asked by the syndicate which controls the fifteen acres of land on Buffalo bayou adjoining San Jacinto battle-field an excessive price, the commissioners appointed by Governor Campbell to make the purchase of this land expect to institute condemnation proceedings.

The Young Men's Industrial club of Mexia, Texas, has received a copy of the bill recently introduced in congress for the erection of a \$50,000 public building in that city.

J. B. Rinehart, former cashier and vice president of the Farmers' and Drivers' National Bank of Waynesburg, Pa., which institution failed over two years ago for \$2,000,000, was found guilty Friday of wrecking the bank and was immediately sentenced to serve fifteen years in the penitentiary.

Prof. W. C. Welborn, vice-director of Texas Experiment Station, has just returned from a trip among the teachers of the state. He finds there is a growing interest in the teaching of agriculture in the public schools and says the teachers are finding it the most interesting subject they have in the course. He addressed over 1,000 teachers while he was absent on his tour this week.

J. F. Hutchinson, formerly of California, who put out about \$25,000 orange trees about a year ago in the Brownsville country, estimated the damage to citrus fruits because of the recent freeze to be about 2 per cent.

The body of Isaac E. Lambert, the Emporia attorney and politician, was found in the ruins of the Copeland hotel, Topeka, Kansas, which was destroyed by fire early Thursday. The head was missing.

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SYNOPSIS.

Giles Dudley arrived in San Francisco to join his friend and distant relative Henry Wilton, whom he was to assist in an important and mysterious task, and who accompanied Dudley on the ferry boat trip into the city. The remarkable resemblance of the two men is noted and commented on by passengers on the ferry. They see a man with snake eyes, which sends a thrill through Dudley. Wilton postpones an explanation of the strange errand Dudley is to perform but occurrences cause him to know it is one of no ordinary meaning. Dudley is summoned to the morgue and there finds the dead body of his friend, Henry Wilton. And thus Wilton dies without ever explaining to Dudley the puzzling work he was to perform in San Francisco. In order to discover the secret mission his friend had entrusted to him, Dudley continues his disguise and permits himself to be known as Henry Wilton. He learns that there is a boy whom he is charged with secreting and protecting. Dudley, mistaken for Wilton, is employed by Knapp to assist in a stock brokerage deal. Giles Dudley finds himself closeted in a room with Mother Borton who makes a confidant of him. He can learn nothing about the mysterious boy further than that it is Tim Terrill and Darby Meeker who are after him. Dudley visits the home of Knapp and is stricken by the beauty of Luella, his daughter. Slumming tour through Chinatown is planned. The trip to Chinatown, Giles Dudley learns that the party is being shadowed by Terrill, Luella and Dudley are cut off from the rest of the party and imprisoned in a hallway behind an iron-bound door. Three Chinese ruffians approach the imprisoned couple. A battle ensues. Tim Terrill is seen in the mob. A newly formed mob is checked by shots from Giles' revolver. Policeman Corson breaks down the door with an ax and the couple is rescued. Luella thanks Giles Dudley for saving her life. Knapp appears at the office with no traces of the previous night's debauch. Following his instructions Dudley has a notable day in the Stock Exchange, selling Crown Diamond and buying Omega, the object being to crush Decker. Knapp's hated rival, Dudley discovers that he loves Luella Knapp. Mother Borton tells Giles Dudley that "they've discovered where 'the boy' is." The mysterious unknown woman employer of Dudley meets him by appointment with "the boy" who is turned over to Dudley with his guards and they drive with him to the ferry boat to take a train out of the city. Dudley and his faithful guards convey the boy by train to the village of Livermore, as per the written instructions. The party is followed. Soon after the party is quartered in the hotel, a special train arrives in Livermore. The "gang," including Darby Meeker and Tim Terrill, lay siege to the hotel and endeavor to capture "the boy" who comes forward to see the fight. "Tricked again," cries Tim Terrill, when he sees the youngster's face. "It's the wrong boy," Dudley and Terrill meet in battle of man to man. Dudley is kept unconscious by Terrill's assistant and awakes to find himself in a hotel room under care of his guards. "The hotel is guarded by Terrill's men who are instructed to kill the first man who tries to escape. Dudley gives the note to the one-eyed man. The boy is left behind and Dudley and his remaining guards make their escape by horseback and by stealing a locomotive. Dodderidge Knapp and Decker meet face to face on the stock exchange. Decker is defeated. Dudley and Knapp prevent a coup to control the directors and declare Knapp's stock invalid.

CHAPTER XXVII.—Continued.

There was none of the sounds of riot I had expected to hear as we drew up before it. The lantern blinked outside with its invitation to manifold cheer within. Lights streamed through the window and half-opened door, and quiet and order reigned.

I found the explanation of the change in the person of a policeman, who stood at the door.

"Has there been trouble here, of ficer?" I asked.

"Oh, is it you, sor?" said Corson's hearty voice. "I was wondering about ye. Well, there has been a bit of a row here, and there's a power of broken heads to be mended. There's wan man cut to pieces, and good rid dance, for it's Black Dick. I'm taking him to the morgue they'll be taking him to, though it was for the receiving hospital they started with him. It was a dandy row, and it was seventeen artists we made."

"Where is Mother Borton?"

"The ould she-devil's done for this time, I'm a-thinking. Whist, I forgot she was a friend of yours, sor."

"Where is she—at the receiving hospital? What is the matter with her?"

"Aisy, aisy, sor. It may be nothing. She's upstairs. A bit of a cut, they say. Here, Shaughnessy, look out for this door! I'll take ye up, sor."

We mounted the creaking stairs in the light of the smoky lamp that stood on the bracket, and Corson opened a door for me.

A flickering candle played fantastic tricks with the furniture, sent shadows dancing over the dingy walls, and gave a weird touch to the two figures that bent over the bed in the corner. The figures straightened up at our entrance, and I knew them for the doctor and his assistant.

"A friend of the lady, sor," whispered Corson.

The doctor looked at me in some surprise, but merely bowed.

Mother Borton turned her head on the pillow, and her gaunt face lighted up at the sight of me.

"Eh, dearie, I knew you would come," she cried.

The doctor pushed his way to the bedside.

"I must insist that the patient be quiet," he said with authority.

"Be quiet?" cried Mother Borton. "Is it for the likes of you that I'd be quiet? You white-washed tombstone raiser, you body-snatcher, do you think you're the man to tell me to hold my tongue when I want to talk to a gentleman?"

Mother Borton had raised herself upon one elbow; her face, flushed and framed in her gray and tangled hair, was working with anger; and her eyes were almost lurid as she sent fierce

glances at one after another of the men about her. She pointed a skinny finger at the door, and each man as she cast her look upon him went out without a word.

"Shut the door, honey," she said quietly, lying down once more with a satisfied smile. "That's it. Now me and you can talk cozy-like."

"You'd better not talk. Perhaps you will feel more like it to-morrow."

"There won't be any to-morrow for me," growled Mother Borton. "I've seen enough of 'em carved to know when I've got the dose myself. Curse that knife!" and she groaned at a twinge of pain.

"Who did it?"

"Black Dick—curse his soul. And he's roasting in hell for it this minute," cried Mother Borton, savagely.

"Hush!" I said. "You mustn't excite yourself."

"There's maybe an hour left in me. We must hurry. Tell me about your trouble—at Livermore, was it?" said she.

I gave her a brief account of the expedition and its outcome. Mother Borton listened eagerly, giving an occasional grunt of approval.

"Well, honey; I was some good to ye, after all," was her comment.

"And you had a closer shave for your life than you think," she con-

tinued. "Tom Terrill swore he'd kill ye, and it's one of the miracles, sure, that he didn't."

"Well, Mother Borton, Tom Terrill's laid up in Livermore with a broken head, and I'm safe here with you, ready to serve you in any way that a man may."

"Safe—safe?" mused Mother Borton, an absent look coming over her skinny features, as though her mind wandered. Then she turned to me impressively. "You'll never be safe till you change your work and your name. You've shut your ears to my words while I'm alive, but maybe you'll think of 'em when I'm in my coffin. I tell you now, boy, there's murder and death before you. Do you hear? Murder and death."

She sank back on her pillow and gazed at me with a weird light in her eyes and a sly look on her face. "I think I understand," I said gently. "I have faced them and I ought to know them."

"Then you'll—quit your job—you'll be yourself?"

"I can not. I must go on."

"And why?"

"My friend—his work—his murder."

"Have you got the man who murdered Henry Wilton?"

"No."

"Have you got a man who will give a word against—against—you know who?"

"I have not a scrap of evidence against any one but the testimony of my own eyes. I was compelled to confess."

"And you can't use it—you dare not use it. Now I'll tell you, dearie, I know the man as killed Henry Wilton."

"Who was it?" I cried, startled into eagerness.

"It was Black Dick—the cursed scoundrel that's done for me. Oh!" she groaned in pain.

"Maybe Black Dick struck the blow, but I know the man that stood behind him, and paid him, and protected him, and I'll see him on the gallows before I die."

"Hush," cried Mother Borton trembling. "If he should hear you! Your throat will be cut yet, dearie, and I'm to blame. Drop it, dearie, drop it. The boy is nothing to you. Leave him go. Take your own name and get away. This is no place for you. When I'm gone there will be no one to warn ye. You'll be killed. You'll be killed."

Then she moaned, but whether from pain of body or mind I could not guess. "Never you fear. I'll take care of myself," I said cheerfully.

She looked at me mournfully. "I am killed for ye, dearie."

I started, shocked at this news.

"There," she continued slowly, "I didn't mean to let you know. But they thought I had told ye."

"Then I have two reasons instead of one for holding to my task," I said solemnly. "I have two friends to avenge."

"You'll make the third yourself," groaned Mother Borton, "unless they put a knife into Barkhouse first, and then you'll be the fourth belike."

"Barkhouse—do you know where he is?"

"He's in the Den—on Davis street, you know. I was near forgetting to tell ye. Send your men to get him to-night, for he's hurt and like to die. They may have to fight. No—don't leave me now."

"I wasn't going to leave you."

Mother Borton put her hand to her throat as though she choked, and was silent for a moment. Then she continued:

"I'll be to blame if I don't tell you—I must tell you. Are you listening?"

Her voice came thick and strange, and her eyes wandered anxiously



"I TELL YOU NOW, MY BOY, THERE'S MURDER AND DEATH BEFORE YOU"

about, searching the heavy shadows with a look of growing fear.

"I am listening," I replied.

"You must know—you must know—I must tell you. The boy—the woman is—"

On a sudden Mother Borton sat bolt upright in bed, and a shriek, so long, so shrill, so freighted with terror, came from her lips that I shrank from her and trembled, faint with the horror of the place.

"They come—there, they come!" she cried, and throwing up her arms she fell back on the bed.

The candle shot up into flame, sputtered an instant and was gone. And I was alone with the darkness and the dead.

CHAPTER XXVII.

A Link in the Chain.

I sprang to my feet. But before I had covered the distance to the door, it was flung open and Corson stood on the threshold. At the darkness he wavered and cried:

"What's the matter here?"

"She is dead."

I shuddered as I stood beside him and brought the lamp from the bracket in the hall.

Mother Borton lay back staring after the mystic being who had come for her, but settled into peace as I closed her eyes and composed her limbs.

"She was a rare old bird," said Corson when I had done, "but there was some good in her, after all."

"She has been a good friend to me," I said, and we called a servant from below and left the greswome room to his guardianship.

"And now, there's another little job to be done. There's one of my men a

prisoner down on Davis street. I must get him out."

"I'm with you, sor," said Corson heartily. "I'm hopin' there's some heads to be cracked."

I had not counted on the policeman's aid, but I was thankful to accept the honest offer. In the restaurant I found five of my men, and with safety attempt an assault on the Den.

The Den was a low, two-story building of brick, with a warehouse below, and the quarters of the enemy, approached by a narrow stairway above.

"Step quietly," I cautioned my men, as we neared the dark and forbidding entrance. "Keep close to the shadow of the buildings. Our best chance is in a surprise."

There was no guard at the door that stood open to the street, and we halted a moment before it to make sure of our plans.

"It's a bad hole," whispered Corson. "A fine place for an ambush," I returned dubiously.

"Well, there's no help for it," said the policeman. "Come on!" And drawing his club and revolver he stole noiselessly up the stairs.

We were not two-thirds the way up the flight before a voice shot out of the darkness.

"Who's there?"

There was no more need for silence, and Corson and I reached the landing just as a door opened that let the light stream from within. Two men had sprung to the doorway and another could be seen faintly outlined in the dark hall.

The two men jumped back into the room and tried to close the door, but I was upon them before they could swing it shut. Four of my men had followed me close, and with a few blows given and taken the two were prisoners.

"Tie them fast," I ordered, and hastened to see how Corson fared.

I met the worthy policeman in the hall, blown but exultant. Owens was following him, and between them they half-dragged, half-carried the man who had given the alarm.

"Aren't there any more about?" I asked. "There were more than three left in the gang."

"If there had been more of us, you'd never have got in," growled one of the prisoners.

"Where's Barkhouse?" I asked.

"Find him!" was the defiant reply.

We began the search, opening one room after another. Some were sleeping rooms, some the meeting rooms, while the one we had first entered appeared to be the guardroom.

"Hello! What's this?" exclaimed Corson, tapping an iron door, such as closes a warehouse against fire.

"It's locked, sure enough," said Owens, after trial.

"It must be the place we are looking for," I said. "Search those men for keys."

The search was without result.

"It's a sledge we must get," said Owens, starting to look about for one.

"Hould on," said Corson. "I was near forgetting. I've got a master-key that fits most of these locks. It's handy for closing up a warehouse when some clerk with his wits a-wandering forgoes his job. So like enough it's good at unlocking."

It needed a little coaxing, but the bolt at last slid back and the heavy door swung open. The room was furnished with a large table, a big desk and a dozen chairs, which sprang out of the darkness as I struck a match and lit the gas. It was evidently the council room of the enemy.

"This is illigant," said the policeman, looking around with approval; "but your man isn't here, I'd say."

"Well, it looks as though there might be something here of interest," I replied, seizing eagerly upon the papers that lay scattered about upon the desk. "Look in the other room while I run through these."

A rude diagram on the topmost paper caught my eye. It represented a road branching thrice. On the third branch was a cross, and then at intervals four crosses, as if to mark some features of the landscape. Underneath was written:

"From B—follow 1½ m. Take third road—3 or 5."

The paper bore date of that day, and I guessed that it meant to show the way to the supposed hiding-place of the boy.

Then, as I looked again, the words and lines touched a cord of memory. Something I had seen or known before was vaguely suggested. I groped in the obscurity for a moment, vainly reaching for the phantom that danced just beyond the grasp of my mental fingers.

There was no time to lose in speculating, and I turned to the work that pressed before us. But as I thrust the papers into my pocket to resume the search for Barkhouse, the elusive memory flashed on me. The diagram of the enemy recalled the single slip of paper I had found in the pocket of Henry Wilton's coat on the fatal night of my arrival. I had kept it always with me, for it was the sole memorandum left by him of the business that had brought him to his death. I brought it out and placed it side by side with the map I had before me. The resemblance was less close than I had thought, yet all the main features were the same. There was the road branching thrice; a cross in both marked the junction of the third road as though it gave sign of a building or some natural landmark; and the other features were indicated in the same order. No—there was a difference in this point; there were five crosses on the third road in the enemy's diagram while there were but four in mine.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Valuable Fish Catch.

The annual fish catch of England is valued at \$53,960,000.

Habitual Constipation

May be permanently overcome by proper personal efforts with the assistance of the one truly beneficial laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs & Elixir of Senna which enables one to form regular habits daily so that assistance to nature may be gradually dispensed with when no longer needed, as the best of remedies when required are to assist nature, and not to supplant the natural functions, which must depend ultimately upon proper nourishment, proper efforts, and right living generally.

Get the beneficial effects always by the genuine, CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. SOLD BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS. ONE SIZE ONLY—REGULAR PRICE 50¢ PER BOTTLE.

CAUGHT.



"I'll give you a penny if you can spell fish."

"C-o-d."

"That ain't fish."

"What is it, then?"

MIX FOR RHEUMATISM

The following is a never failing remedy for rheumatism, and if followed up it will effect a complete cure of the very worst cases: "Mix one-half pint of good whiskey with one ounce of Toris Compound and add one ounce Syrup Sarsaparilla Compound. Take in tablespoonful doses before each meal and at bedtime." The ingredients can be procured at any drug store and easily mixed at home.

A Running Broad Jump.

"One day," related Denny to his friend Jerry, "when Oi had wandered too far inland on me shore leave Oi suddenly found that there was a great big haythen, tin feet tall, chasin' me wid a knife as long as yer arm. Oi took to me heels an' for 50 miles along the road we had it nip an' tuck. Thin Oi turned into the woods an' me run for one hundred an' twenty miles more, wid him gainin' on me steadily, owin' to his knowledge of the country. Finally, just as Oi could feel his hot breath burnin' on the back of me neck, we came to a big lake. Wid one great leap Oi landed safe on the opposite shore, leavin' me pursuer confounded and impotent wid rage."

"Faith an' that was no great jump," commented Jerry, "considerin' the runnin' start ye had."—Everybody's Magazine.

Satisfaction.

Stern Officer (on German frontier)—Passport, sir!

Gentle Graduate of Yale—Jerushy John! Forgot all about—that is, I did not know I had to show it here. I—well—hold on! Here! (Produces a bar-ribboned and seal-secured document) Here you are at last. Excuse me, I did not know you were the proper officer.

Officer (tries to read the Latin)—Ha—Dicitum—Ha—His Emporium—Ha! (Returns sacred parchment.) Yis, sare! It is sufficient! Excuse me! It is of the high royal household. Special envoy. Much apology. Hourly! Go at once.

Graduate (relieved)—Great Scott! That was a close shave! That's the best thing a Yale diploma ever did for me.—From the Bohemian.

HER MOTHER-IN-LAW

Proved a Wise, Good Friend.

A young woman out in Ja. found a wise, good friend in her mother-in-law, jokes notwithstanding. She writes:

"It is two years since we began using Postum in our house. I was greatly troubled with my stomach, complexion was blotchy and yellow. After meals I often suffered sharp pains and would have to lie down. My mother often told me it was the coffee I drank at meals. But when I'd quit coffee I'd have a severe headache."

"While visiting my mother-in-law I remarked that she always made such good coffee, and asked her to tell me how. She laughed and told me it was easy to make good 'coffee' when you use Postum."

"I began to use Postum as soon as I got home, and now we have the same good 'coffee' (Postum) every day, and I have no more trouble. Indigestion is a thing of the past, and my complexion has cleared up beautifully."

"My grandmother suffered a great deal with her stomach. Her doctor told her to leave off coffee. She then took tea but that was just as bad."

"She finally was induced to try Postum which she has used for over a year. She traveled during the winter over the greater part of Iowa, visiting, something she had not been able to do for years. She says she owes her present good health to Postum."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

INSISTS THAT PLATFORM DEMANDS SHALL BE RELIGIOUSLY OBSERVED.

### IS STRONG FOR SUBMISSION

Full Rendition, Removals from Office, Text-Book Board, Insurance and Banking, Subjects Covered.

The message of Governor Campbell, read to both houses of the Legislature, reviews at length the work of his administration and in conclusion makes a number of recommendations. In part the message follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives: As members of the Thirty-first Legislature, you have each voluntarily undertaken an important task. Your duties are important and your responsibilities are serious. You have assembled under favorable conditions. The State Treasury is on a cash basis. The State is generally prosperous and the people are contented and happy. The law is supreme in Texas and the laws are now very generally enforced and obeyed.

The laws enacted and the reforms wrought under the present administration in behalf of the great masses of the people of Texas, have been under fire for nearly two years and have repeatedly received the emphatic endorsement of the Democratic voters of our State and have been approved and reaffirmed by the organized Democracy in convention assembled. The platform of the opposition party demanded the repeal or modification of many of these important laws, and that party, its candidates and its platform were repudiated and defeated by about 150,000 majority. Desperate efforts have been employed by sinister agencies to discredit these laws and to defeat the operation of these reforms, but the people have willed otherwise and the laws have come to stay. Such changes as may be sought by the friends of the laws to strengthen them and to facilitate their more beneficial and effective operation and which may be dictated by experience, may, with propriety, be made, but these laws were demanded by the people, they were enacted by their trusted representatives and in spirit and substance they should stand. They are just and right and ought to stand. The results of the recent political contests involving these laws and reforms strikingly demonstrate that the agencies of corrupt and sinister special interests cannot dominate and control in Texas. The patriotism of our people and the freedom of speech which obtains in Texas makes it certain that her incorruptible electorate can be safely trusted to uphold the public official who keeps the faith and redeems his pledges made to them. Those who have contended that modifications and exceptions in their interest should be made in the laws enacted by the last legislature, might have placed their propositions upon the Democratic primary election ticket and thus tested them at the ballot box, or they could have uncovered their schemes in the last Democratic convention and their plans were suggested time and again as open to them. This course was open under the law, but they chose rather to undertake the defeat of candidates who stood for these laws. In this they signally failed in every instance. The State Democratic convention, following the lead of nearly all the county conventions, endorsed the laws as they stood and placed the party candidates upon a platform committed to their perpetuation. The enemies of the legislation and reforms enacted by the last legislature chose to submit their demands for repeal, changes and modifications thereof in the Republican state platform, of course, which binds all representatives of that party faith. Democrats are bound by party action, by the verdict rendered at the polls and by the platform made by its convention.

**As to Full Rendition.**  
The county tax rolls for 1906, 1907 and 1908, disclose the gross inequalities obtaining throughout the state prior to the recent tax legislation, and they further show that an earnest effort was made in the large majority of the counties to comply with the laws respecting rendition, assessment and equalization. In a few counties, however, the law was little short of unenforceable. These counties received the full benefits of the reductions in the state ad valorem tax rates from 20 to 6 1/4 cents, and the state school ad valorem tax rate from 20 to 16 2/3 cents, and received the full benefit increase in the apportionment of the available school fund, but by the dereliction and disregard of duty on the part of their trusted tax officials, they contributed practically nothing by the increase of values resulting in such general good. This is so manifestly unfair and unjust that an effective remedy should be speedily provided by law.

**In Making Appropriations.**  
In making appropriations it would be well to keep in mind the fact that under our present system of taxation, the tax rate for the years 1909 and 1910 will be fixed by the appropriations made by this legislature. Increased appropriations mean not a possible deficit, but an increased ad valorem tax rate, and, of course, heavier taxes, and every economy consistent with the State's absolute necessities and with efficiency in the administration of the State government should be observed.

### Removals from Office.

Article 24-E of chapter 14 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirtieth Legislature should be amended so that suits for removal from office may be instituted and prosecuted either in the county of such officer's residence, or in the district court of Travis county, at the option of the attorney general. Laws should also be enacted providing that resignations or expirations of terms of office shall not abate actions for the removal from office, and the law should further provide that county officers who are removed from office for malfeasance or misfeasance or for any dereliction shall not thereafter hold office in this state until their eligibility is established and restored by act of the legislature.

**State Prohibition.**  
The Democratic platform demands the submission by your honorable bodies of a constitutional amendment to the voters of the State for adoption or rejection, providing for constitutional State prohibition. This demand is embodied in the fifteenth plank of the Democratic platform, and reads as follows:

"We demand the submission by the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas of a constitutional amendment to the people of the State of Texas for adoption or rejection, prohibiting within the State of Texas the manufacture, sale, gift, exchange and intra-state shipment of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors and medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication, except for medicinal and sacramental purposes.

"We recommend that the prohibition amendment demanded by the recent primary election be submitted to all qualified voters at a special election to be held in 1909. We declare that at such election a vote for or against the amendment shall not be considered a test of Democracy, as it is not the purpose of this convention to commit the Democratic party for or against State prohibition."

Upon the principle that the people should have what they want, and in view of the party pledge, the submission of the amendment is respect fully urged.  
It is not a question of expediency, and it makes no difference how Democrats view the question of State prohibition. A man's position upon State prohibition is not involved in the platform demand, but when Democrats by their votes place a demand upon the law-making power in the platform of their party, I respectfully urge that such action should bind every man who holds a Democratic commission. I further recommend that the amendment be submitted to the qualified voters of Texas at an election to be held during the present year to the end that this question may be disposed of without delay.

**Banks and Banking.**  
The message recommends a law providing for protection to the depositors in the State banks of Texas. The guarantee system advocated by Mr. Bryan is championed. Also the passage of a law definitely and strictly regulating the business of private bankers and of those banks chartered prior to the adoption of the constitution of 1876.

**Freight and Passenger Rates.**  
It is a matter of common knowledge that the local freight rates applying upon Texas traffic are higher than that applying upon the local traffic of almost any State in the Union, and the faithful efforts of our Railroad Commission to reach a proper adjustment and to give the people needed relief have been resisted by every means and every subterfuge that could be devised by corporate cunning. In the enforcement of the Railway Commission law the commissioners should be fortified with ample funds to meet every necessity. About seventeen States have reduced the passenger rates to two cents per mile per passenger, and not one of them has given railways enough land in value to equal all the railroads in such States. This Texas has done. During the last regular and called session of the Legislature I recommended that the passenger rates in Texas be reduced by legislative enactment to a maximum of two cents per mile. A bill having that object in view was introduced, and, of course, it was resisted by the railways and by every other agency that could be brought to their aid and assistance. This measure failed mainly as a result of the promise of the railways to give the people better service and necessary relief from the unusual burdens imposed upon commerce and traffic, in the way of freight rates.  
The conditions have not improved, and instead of reduction of freight rates, the railways have increased the rates applying on interstate traffic having origin or destination in Texas an average of nearly ten per cent which increase upon the commerce and upon the products of the forests, factories and farms, of this State will amount to at least \$3,000,000 per annum. The anti-pass law also largely increased their revenue from passenger earnings. I therefore again earnestly urge upon the Legislature the enactment of a law reducing passenger rates to two cents per mile.  
The great masses of the people of Texas have reason to expect that their interests will be cared for by the Legislature, and as this reduction in passenger rates is justified by the increasing volume of business and by existing conditions I see no reason why justice should not now be done.

**Public Health.**  
The health department of the state has been ably and faithfully administered. Every precaution to prevent the introduction and spread of contagious and infectious diseases in the state has been taken. The health department has been often handicapped however by reason of limited authority and funds, and on account of the limited agencies at hand and of this the Democratic convention took cognizance.

### Praise for Text Book Board.

At the meeting, on February 1, all members being present, the bids of thirty-five publishers and book concerns were opened and full and ample hearing before the board was given each bidder. After the hearings were finished, the members of the board entered upon the examination of the books submitted, and thereafter the board adopted and entered into contracts for all of the books designated by the law for adoption and use in the public free schools of Texas. In the performance of their duties, the members of the board sought the best books, and, I believe, observed all the properties. It is manifest that the school children of Texas received the benefit of the best judgment of each individual member of the board, honestly and faithfully exercised. The text-books adopted have been repeatedly pronounced by capable and disinterested educators to be as good as the best, and the cheapest and best books that the Texas schools have ever had. It is a matter of common knowledge among educators that, taken as a whole, no state in the Union has a better state adoption than the books selected by the last State text-book commission for use in our schools. Unscrupulous political miscreants who were doubtless hired by disgruntled and disappointed school book concerns whose books were not adopted, some for political purposes and others doubtless for pay, and maybe out of malice, have misrepresented these books and have slandered and libeled the members of the state text-book board. They have scrupled at nothing to foment discord in political and official circles.  
Such legislation as will punish such offenders and prohibit effectually such frauds upon the school children and the public schools of this state should be enacted.

**Laws of the Thirtieth.**  
The governor insists that the tax laws and all other laws of the Thirtieth legislature have borne good fruit. Speaking of law enforcement the message says:

"The mandate of the constitution is clear and the duty of the governor, with respect to enforcing the law, is plain, but the governor's powers are not adequate, and adequate statutory powers as contemplated by the constitution should be promptly provided by legislation suited to present conditions as well as for future contingencies, obedience to all criminal laws should be a condition in liquor dealers' bonds and jurisdiction should be given to the district courts of Travis county."

**School Fund Mismanagement.**  
It is learned from official sources that the permanent school fund of many counties has through mismanagement and in some cases evident design, been seriously impaired, and in several counties wholly squandered. It is therefore urgently recommended that immediate steps be taken by appropriate legislation for the reimbursement of this fund by the counties and requiring its complete rehabilitation. Adequate laws for the protection and preservation of this fund in future should be enacted without delay. As to public lands the governor says:

"The situation with reference to the public lands of this state presents an important matter that should receive legislative attention. I am advised that large tracts of lands belonging to the various institutions of the State are now being occupied and used contrary to law but no department of the state government has been provided with the necessary funds or assistance to procure the testimony upon which to base actions against unlawful occupants. Some provision should be made for the purpose of recovering and protecting these lands from being illegally acquired and from being held in violation of the laws of the State.

**Insurance and Banking.**  
Insurance laws of the Thirtieth are defended with zeal. As to the Robertson law, the message says:

"For the reason fully set out in the report of the commissioner, I recommend that this law be amended so that the feature requiring the deposit of the securities be eliminated and that the provision authorizing waiver by the commissioner be eliminated, but that all life insurance companies doing business in the state shall invest 75 per cent of their reserves on their Texas policies, is a feature of the law that should not be disturbed.

**Oil and Rice.**  
With respect to the oil and rice industry, the platform of the Democratic party reads as follows:

"Recognizing that the oil and rice industries are of great importance to the growth of the State, we recommend legislation that will protect them, and we also recommend that adequate provision be made for fixing and regulating the charges of canal and pipe line companies."  
This demand of the party is worthy of your careful attention, and I respectfully urge the enactment of appropriate and adequate legislation in respect to the same.

### Other Subjects Treated.

Great praise is given the attorney general's department for enforcement of anti-trust laws and credit given for many important victories; legislation to prohibit the sale of frosted and other beverages in local option districts is urged and many reforms suggested in the criminal laws of the state; it is recommended that boot-legging in local option territory shall be made a felony and that all technicalities which tend to defeat justice shall be effaced.

# At The State Capital

DOINGS OF THE LEGISLATORS NOW IN SESSION AT AUSTIN.

Austin, Tex.—Saturday's legislative proceedings amounted to little. The Senate was not in session, the House only for two hours.

Upon Monday the two houses are to meet in joint session for the purpose of counting the vote for governor and lieutenant governor, and upon Tuesday they are to again meet in joint session for the purpose of inaugurating these officers.

It is not likely, therefore, that legislative proceedings will be in full blast before the middle of this week. Speaker Kennedy has not yet completed his committee assignments.

In the meantime a goodly sized bunch of bills has been piled in for committee attention. Twenty-six bills and two joint resolutions were offered Saturday, making a total of 125 bills and seven joint resolutions in the House up to this time. In the Senate sixty-two bills and three joint resolutions are in the record. Grand total for the two houses is 197 bills and joint resolutions. However, many of these bills are duplicative, literally so, or as to subject. Taking the entire list it contains not more than 100 propositions for amendment or addition to the existing code. Neither does it contain a great deal that might be truthfully termed radical. Indeed, many of the measures propose only minor changes in the laws.

**State Teachers' Association.**  
For the purpose of formulating for presentation to the State legislature certain recommendations of the late meeting of the State Teachers' Association, a subcommittee of the executive meeting of the association met in Dallas Saturday and was engaged through a large part of Saturday in the discussion and arrangement of the matters. It is stated that the entire committee, made up of a representative from each of the congressional districts, will in a few days meet in Austin and will present to the legislature the recommendations of the association as formulated by the committee.

### Pass Bill.

Austin, Tex.—The amendment to the anti-pass law proposed by Senators Hudspeth, Perkins and Senter, providing for the right of contract by the newspapers with the railroads in which the newspapers are allowed to trade advertising for transportation, will be one of the bills before the body Monday.

### State Takes Charge of Alamo.

Austin, Tex.—Senator J. M. Terrell of Bowie Saturday prepared a bill providing for the State to take charge of the Alamo as requested by the Daughters of the Republic in a recent meeting. It will provide that the State take charge of the Alamo, and it is under the charge of the state superintendent of public buildings and grounds instead of a commission.

### Investigate Penitentiary System.

Austin, Tex.—The Senate Committee on Penitentiary Affairs Friday unanimously reported favorably the concurrent resolution by Senator Brachfield providing for a complete investigation of the penitentiary system of Texas by a joint committee composed of members of the House and Senate.

### For Collin County.

Austin, Tex.—Senator Perkins and Representatives Bowles and Spradley Monday will introduce a bill locating

### Small Show For Juveniles.

Austin, Tex.—Senator Senter says he does not think the Senate will pass the proposed law providing for the establishment of an industrial school for youngsters sent from the juvenile courts if an appropriation necessary for new buildings, etc., and entailing a new additional burden upon the state permanently is demanded. He says he has sounded most of the members of the Senate upon the matter.

### Williams Wants the Lid Off.

Austin, Tex.—Speaker Kennedy received the following Wednesday: "Cimby, Tex.—Congratulations. Take the lid off and let the people see the school book deal.—R. K. Williams."

### Provide More for Lunatics.

Austin, Tex.—Senator Julius Real of Kerrville, who represents the San Antonio district, will make efforts in this legislature to have the state make more ample provisions for the lunatics. His bill calls for an appropriation of about \$100,000.

### San Antonio, Tex.—Vicente Miller, a

news butcher who was injured in a wreck on the International & Great Northern railway near Palestine not long ago, was awarded damages of \$15,000 against the railroad by a jury in the Fifty-seventh District court Friday.

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a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College in the Thirty-sixth Representative district, that being Collin county.

**Terrell's Bill.**  
Austin, Tex.—Another bank deposit guaranty measure is being drafted for early introduction in the House, this time by Representative Terrell of Bexar county.

**Drainage District Bonds Valid.**  
Austin, Tex.—The attorney general's department has announced that the bonds heretofore approved by the attorney general under the drainage district law are valid, notwithstanding that the open law is invalid.

**Canales Will Lead Off.**  
Austin, Tex.—According to present plans, Mr. Canales of Brownsville, the only Mexican member of the legislature, will make the first speech in the House in favor of submitting the statewide prohibition amendment.

**Station and Postoffice Names.**  
Austin, Tex.—Senator Ward will on Monday introduce a measure requiring that all railroads name their stations after the postoffice names of the towns.

**Prohibition Submission Amendment.**  
Austin, Tex.—The first tryout on the prohibition submission amendment is scheduled to take place in the House beginning at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

**Many Sanitarium Bill Supporters.**  
Austin, Tex.—The anti-tuberculosis sanitarium bill promises to have a number of supporters before the present legislature. Dr. D. R. Fly of Amarillo is one of the first men to arrive in the interests of this measure.

**Inauguration to Take Place Tuesday.**  
Austin, Tex.—The joint committees appointed by the House and Senate will meet on Monday at 11 o'clock in joint session to count the votes cast for governor and lieutenant governor before a joint session of the two bodies of the legislature. On Tuesday the governor and lieutenant governor will be sworn in in joint session of the two bodies in the House of Representatives. The oath of office will be administered by Chief Justice Gaines of the Supreme Court.

**To Knock Out Race Betting.**  
Austin, Tex.—Senators Mayfield and Meachum and Representative Robertson of Travis Friday introduced in the Senate and House, respectively, duplicate bills prohibiting betting on horse races at any time, at any place, under any conditions.

**Another Amendment.**  
Austin, Tex.—Means that now present themselves for the correction of the school district bond matter, and that involving the validity of county line districts, embrace another amendment to the constitution.

Austin, Tex.—Representative Chaney of Jefferson has prepared and will introduce a bill to regulate irrigation companies. It prescribes severe penalties for discrimination in rates or service; authorizes the commissioners court in any county where irrigation companies operate to fix rates and to examine the books and records of such companies.

Austin, Tex.—Senator Coffey will introduce a bill for the establishment of a training school for the juveniles of Texas and says that he considers it essential to the welfare of the State's incorrigibles. An appropriation of \$35,000 for buildings and equipment will be asked for.

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## FRAPS ON PLANT FOOD.

EXPERIMENT STATION BULLETIN NOW READY, AND FREE.

### GOOD ADVICE FOR FARMERS.

Dr. Fraps of A. and M. College Experiment Station, Warns Farmers Against Buying Formulas.

College Station, Tex.—Of especial interest is a bulletin which is now ready for distribution by the Experiment Station of the Texas A. and M. College, in regard to commercial fertilizers. It is prepared by Dr. G. S. Fraps, the chemist, and contains analysis by J. B. Rather, assistant chemist.

Dr. Fraps gives an interesting description of "plant food" and explains exactly what it is and why it is so named. He shows wherein certain soils are deficient in the materials that are known as "plant food," and he gives explicit directions how the missing constituents may be supplied.

A remarkable statement in the bulletin is that which calls attention to the value of cotton seed meal as a fertilizer, and the double value that marketable product has. "He says 'feeding stuffs contain plant food. After they are used by the animal most of the plant food is passed. A small portion is retained by the growing animal and a portion is used by cows in the elaboration of their milk, but the largest part passes off. The plant food in that which passes is equally as valuable as the food, pound for pound. The farmer who feeds cotton seed meal and wastes his manure, gets only the feeding value of his meal. One who buys cotton seed meal for use as a fertilizer, gets only its fertilizing value, but one who feeds the meal and saves the manure secures both the feeding value and a portion of the fertilizing value of the feed. How much of the fertilizing value he may secure depends upon the success with which loss is prevented, but since cotton seed meal has a fertilizing value of about \$25 per ton, one who feeds meal and saves the manure, should get at least \$15 per ton more value than one who uses the meal as a fertilizer only or feeds the meal and wastes the manure."

Dr. Fraps calls attention to the fact that all experiment stations recommend home mixing of fertilizers, from proper formulas, but he does not condemn the purchase of commercial offerings, but rather, while recommending the home mixing, his bulletin rather leans to the purchase of the ready mixed because of the saving in time, labor and probably in the cost of the materials. He explains that manufacturers of fertilizers are purchasers in large quantities of the materials necessary to the mixing of a valuable fertilizer and that they have the machinery and equipment for the proper mixing. In this way the manufacturer can supply the article more conveniently, probably more cheaply. However, he warns the farmers to know what they are buying when they do purchase a commercial fertilizer.

Dr. Fraps warns the farmers against buying "formulas" by which to do their own mixing. He says some of these "secret formulas" have been offered in Texas, and he gives the analysis of one which he says contains no plant food whatever. He advises the farmers that the Texas Experiment station will provide a number of formulas for any person who desires to do home mixing, and that it will be free of any charge.

The bulletin is especially interesting and it will be sent to all those who make requests for it.

**Killed Himself Accidentally.**  
Ganado, Tex.—Hugo Wendell, a prominent young man of this community, accidentally shot and killed himself while returning from a hunt about noon Sunday. He only recently married. The deceased was 25 years old.

**Child Falls in Boiling Water.**  
Sherman, Tex.—The 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Covey, 1292 West Center street, while playing in the yard Saturday, toppled into a kettle of boiling water. Though discovered almost at once, the child received severe scalds and burns from the neck to the knees.

**Pressed 44,000 Bales.**  
Lockhart, Tex.—Superintendent W. L. Inman of the compress reports that he has up to date pressed 44,000 bales of cotton this season and that he expects at least 5,000 more. Of the amount pressed 30,000 of them were local cotton.

**Gin Company Organized.**  
Taylor, Tex.—A number of the progressive farmers of the Type community, south of Taylor, have organized themselves into a stock company for the purpose of building, equipping and operating a gin in that community.

**Lockjaw Death in Guadalupe.**  
Seguin, Tex.—Alfred Hoepke, son of Fritz Hoepke, living seven miles north of town, stuck a nail in his foot about a week ago and died Saturday of lockjaw.

**Killed Winter Oats.**  
Taylor, Tex.—E. J. Voelkel, a farmer, states that the late freeze of last Sunday and Monday killed the fall and winter crop of oats in his section and that the spring crop will be the only crop of oats raised this season.

## DIRECTORY.

### COUNTY OFFICERS:

Jos. Veltmann, - County Judge  
 Chas. Kartes, - County and Dist. Clerk  
 W. F. Holmes, - County Treasurer  
 Frank Lane, - County Attorney  
 J. H. Stadler, - Tax Assessor  
 Tom Perry, - Sheriff and Tax Collector  
 Charles F. Hodges, - Surveyor  
 N. Castro, Commissioner Prec. No. 1  
 Albert Schwandner, - Com. Prec. No. 2  
 R. E. Cannon, - Com. Prec. No. 3  
 J. F. McCormick, - Com. Prec. No. 4  
 R. R. Whistler, - J. P. Precinct No. 1

### CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Services first and third Sunday in each month.  
 High mass at 9:30 A. M.  
 Rosary and Benediction at 7:30 P. M.  
 Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 A. M.  
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### LOCAL.

Harry Gilson was in Del Rio Sunday.

Gunther's delicious candies at Holmes Drug Store.

S. F. Thornton, of Standart was in town Monday.

John Y. Long, of Live Oak was in town Wednesday on business.

A. Lee Boyd of Abilene was registered at the Terrell House this week.

O. J. Woodhull of San Antonio was in Brackett last Saturday on business.

Miss Minnie Rowland was on the sick list several days this week.

Beautiful line of wedding and Birthday presents at Holmes Drug Store.

Miss Mary Veltmann was visiting friends in Del Rio Saturday and Sunday.

Mr and Mrs John H. Stadler spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Del Rio.

Miss Eunice Perry returned Tuesday from a pleasant visit with relatives in Del Rio.

Gunther's and Duerler's delicious candies arrive every week at Holmes Drug Store.

Joe Filippone returned to San Antonio Tuesday after an extended visit with relatives and friends in Brackett.

R. E. Cannon, the faithful Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, was transacting business at the county seat Monday.

Robbie Nance left Wednesday for San Antonio.

H. J. Whitecotton, of Montell was in our city Monday.

Dr. M. C. Byrne spent Sunday with friends in Del Rio.

Mr and Mrs O. W. Stadler are expected home tomorrow.

Mrs. W. J. Murphy returned to San Antonio Wednesday.

J. P. Laird of Uvalde was in our city Tuesday on business.

Geo. M. Brown of Del Rio was in Brackett Saturday on business.

Henry Salmon, of Spofford, was visiting friends in our city Sunday.

Karl Kartes, our faithful little printer, is laid up with the mumps this week.

B. F. Corder, of Sanderson was registered at the Terrell House Monday.

Mrs L. L. Martin, of Uvalde was visiting relatives and friends in Brackett this week.

Chas. F. Hodges, our popular county surveyor, was in Spofford on business Tuesday.

Tr. M. C. Byrne, our popular Dentist, moved his office to the Terrell House Monday.

Mr and Mrs J. S. Gay of Spofford were visiting relatives and friends in town Wednesday.

Joe Jennings left Sunday for Cotulla where he will be gone several days on business.

W. R. Jackson the successful well driller returned Tuesday from a business trip to San Antonio.

Judge and Mrs I. L. Martin, returned to Uvalde Tuesday after spending several days in Brackett.

Hugh King, of Edwards county was in Brackett this week and took out a load of ranch supplies.

Get Photos and Postal Cards of the new school house at Holmes. He has them for sale.

S. A. Rainey and little daughter Miss Minne of Bardsdale were visiting relatives in Brackett this week.

Mr and Mrs Jim Hutchison returned Monday from a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Del Rio.

J. A. Cope, the hustling commission man of Sonora, was greeting friends in Brackett this week.

O. W. Zuehl, the accommodating and obliging station agent of Spofford, was in Brackett Monday evening on business.

The cemetery association met with Mrs Chas F. Hodges on January 8th, and will meet with Mrs F. J. Gilson on the first Friday in February.

Mr. Harry Warren, customs inspector, at Lajitas, arrived in Eagle Pass this week on sick leave. Mr Warren is wrestling with an attack of rheumatism, and his many friends hope for his early recovery.—Eagle Pass News-Guide.

A. F. Moss, of Oxford, who bought the Jennings pasture recently was in Brackett this week on business. Mr Moss will take possession on the first of April and will move his family here. He made the News-Mail office an appreciated call and ordered the News-Mail sent to him.

R. Stratton returned Wednesday from a business trip to the Alamo City.

J. C. Lynn of Rock Springs was in Brackett yesterday on business.

L. Henze was in from the ranch Monday and took out a load of ranch supplies.

Miss Blanche Seargeant was visiting friends in Del Rio Saturday and Sunday.

C. M. Slater of Uvalde was in Brackett several days this week on business.

Judge Jos Jones returned to Del Rio Sunday after spending several days in Brackett attending county court.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas Cornell, of Sonora, were visiting relatives in Brackett this week. They came and left in an Automobile.

J. H. Tucker was in from the ranch Monday and made this office a pleasant call and had us to add his name to our subscription list.

The skating rink at the Ross Hall under the management of J. E. Fritter is getting to be quite a place for amusement. The hall is crowded every night.

County Court adjourned Monday. It was one of the heaviest dockets Brackett has had in several years. Frank Lane our efficient county attorney got seventeen convictions.

Latest reports from George Herzing who is in the Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio states that he is getting along very nicely, and the chances now are all in his favor of not having a stiff limb.

A Noble Outcast—a play composed of O. F. Sergeant, J. E. Wright, F. J. Gilson, H. E. Veltmann, Misses Alice Veltmann Leila Slaton, and Kittie Wickham went to Del Rio last Saturday and was greeted by a large house.

When you hear a man sneering at the local paper because it is not as big, cheap and newsy as the city papers, you can safely bet he does not squander any of his wealth in assisting to make it better and that generally the paper has done more for him than he has for it. The man who can not see the benefits arising from a local newspaper is about as much benefit to a town as a delinquent tax list.—Colorado Citizen.

B. C. DeWitt received a wire Wednesday morning stating that his uncle H. G. Hunt had died at his home in Brackettville Tuesday night. Mr. Hunt was for several years in the livery business in Sonora and was a member in good standing of the Woodmen of the World, having become a member of that order in Sonora in 1895. He was about 50 years of age and is survived by his widow and three children. The News extends its sympathy to the family and relatives in their sorrow.—Sonora News.

A Washington dispatch says: "Analysis of the returns of the recent presidential election discloses that one county of the United States, Zapata County, Texas, cast its vote unanimously for the republican presidential electors. This Statement was made recently to Franklin K. Lane of the interstate commerce commission, and he took occasion to investigate the matter. In substantiation of the statement he is in receipt of a certificate of W. R. Davie, secretary of the state of Texas, declaring that Zapata County cast its 420 votes solidly for the Taft and Sherman electors. The population of the county is less than 3000. Careful investigation fails to disclose a similar case in the history of the American political election." A little further investigation and analysis might have established the truth or falsity of a generally current assertion that the vote of Zapata County was almost double its poll tax payments.



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 Sealed bids will be received by the Commissioner's Court of Kinney County Texas, on Monday February 11th A. D. 1909 and opened at 10 o'clock a. m. on said date from any banking incorporation, association or individual banker in said county or elsewhere as the depository of the funds of said Kinney County until February term A. D. 1911 of said Commissioner's Court.  
 Each bidder will state what rate interest it or he is willing to pay for such deposit per annum, and each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one half of one per cent of the county revenue for the preceding year, as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder.  
 The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.  
 Given under my hand and official seal at my office in Brackett Texas, the 8th day of January A. D. 1909.  
 Jos. Veltmann, County Judge (SEAL) of Kinney County, Texas.

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**WILL GET SCALP  
BOUNTY LAW.**

**Charles Schreiner Does Not  
Think the Governor  
Will Veto It.**

That a wild animal bounty law will be enacted by the Thirty-first Legislature is the opinion of Charles Schreiner of Kerrville, president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association.

"I think," he said, "that the legislators of this State will readily see the necessity for the passing of the bill now pending, and I am also inclined to think that the Governor will not veto the bill this time. The extermination of the wolf and other wild animals is absolutely necessary, not alone from the point of view of Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, but also in the interest of everybody in this State."—San Antonio Express.

A New York newspaper recently offered a limited number of cash prizes to the best answers of this question: "When Should a Woman Propose?" Ernest G. Countryman of Syracuse N. Y., thinking he was fairly good authority on woman, entered the contest. He was awarded the first prize, five dollars, on this answer: "When all other 'pöses' have failed."

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**TROUBLE OVER  
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**Mexican Officer Relieved Because He Refused To Honor It.**

Del Rio, Tex. Jan. 18.—Some days ago a party from Fort Clark started into Mexico on a hunting trip. Arriving in Las Vascas, their permits were prepared by the Collector of Customs, Ramon Lyaguirre, as has been usual in such cases, but Lieutenant Colonel Ybanis, in charge of the military forces, declined to permit the party to proceed unless their arms were left behind.

This they declined to do. The collector then took the matter up with the City of Mexico and received instructions from the Minister of War directing that the party be allowed to proceed. The Lieutenant Colonel again refused. The Minister of War was again appealed to and reinforced his first order by a second. Military authorities from Monterey have investigated the matter and as a result Lieutenant Colonel Ybanis has been relieved from command.—San Antonio Express

For galvanized tanks See Wm. Hallies of Brackettville, Texas

**F. J. GILSON, M. D.**  
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In concluding an account of "a quiet wedding" a Kansas editor says: "J. J. Anderson, father of the bride, who never before had shed a tear, found several of them rolling down his sunburned cheeks as he came forward to kiss the bride, remarking that she was his 'last baby.' Immediately several of the ladies began to shed tears, everybody was somewhat excited, and in the slight confusion the writer hereof found himself embracing a lady who stood conveniently near and who proved not to be his wife. He immediately apologized to the lady and was forgiven. He apologized again later to his wife with no very definite returns up to this date."

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, then the editor, then the liberal advertiser—which was all good. The next day it snowed and he created the man who does not believe in advertising; another who does not take the home paper—and then

He rested And then the devil got into the moulding room and created the man who takes the paper for several years and fails to pay for it. After he had completed that sorry job, and having a few lumps left, he created the excuse of a man who settles his subscription by informing the post master to mark his paper "refused."—Ex.

An old time cattleman out on the plains writes an exchange: "I want to say a few words regarding dehorning cattle. By all means let them run until the November after they are one year old. Always dehorn in the fall and never dehorn calves. Never breed polled cattle simply to avoid dehorning, if you think the polled breed better than one with horns then all right, but anyone knows that polled cattle are more vicious than horned cattle, if the latter are dehorned at the right time. Now to the point. Leave the cattle with horns until they learn that they are weapons of defense and offense, then dehorn and have them realize that they have been deprived of the weapons with which they can inflict injury.

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**Notice to Tax Payers.**

The tax rolls of Kinney County for the year 1908 are now in my hands and I am ready to collect all or any of the taxes.

**TOM PERRY**  
TAX COLLECTOR.

**ARE WOMEN DISCOURTEOUS?**

A western writer holds that women all over the country are less considerate of those behind the counter than men. That the clerks feel that women regard them as inferior and often suffer in silence from the attitude of superiority displayed by many of the women customers. He holds that a man making purchases in the men's department will pass some little pleasantries and meet the men as equals, if only for the time being. The above will supply food for considerable thought and careful observation. Perhaps the New England women are the exception, to prove the rule.—Boston Herald.

**Trespass Notice.**

We have posted our pastures on the Las Moras creek both east and west anyone caught hunting cutting wood, fishing or otherwise trespassing in said pastures will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All permits previously issued, either verbal or written are hereby revoked. We ask our friends to protect us in this matter and to kindly report to us the names of any and all who may violate this notice. Fires have recently been started in our pastures and the origin has been traced to hunters, and had it not been for quick action with great effort much damage would have been done our properties, and no one will be allowed to hunt or fish in our pastures unless in company with ourselves.

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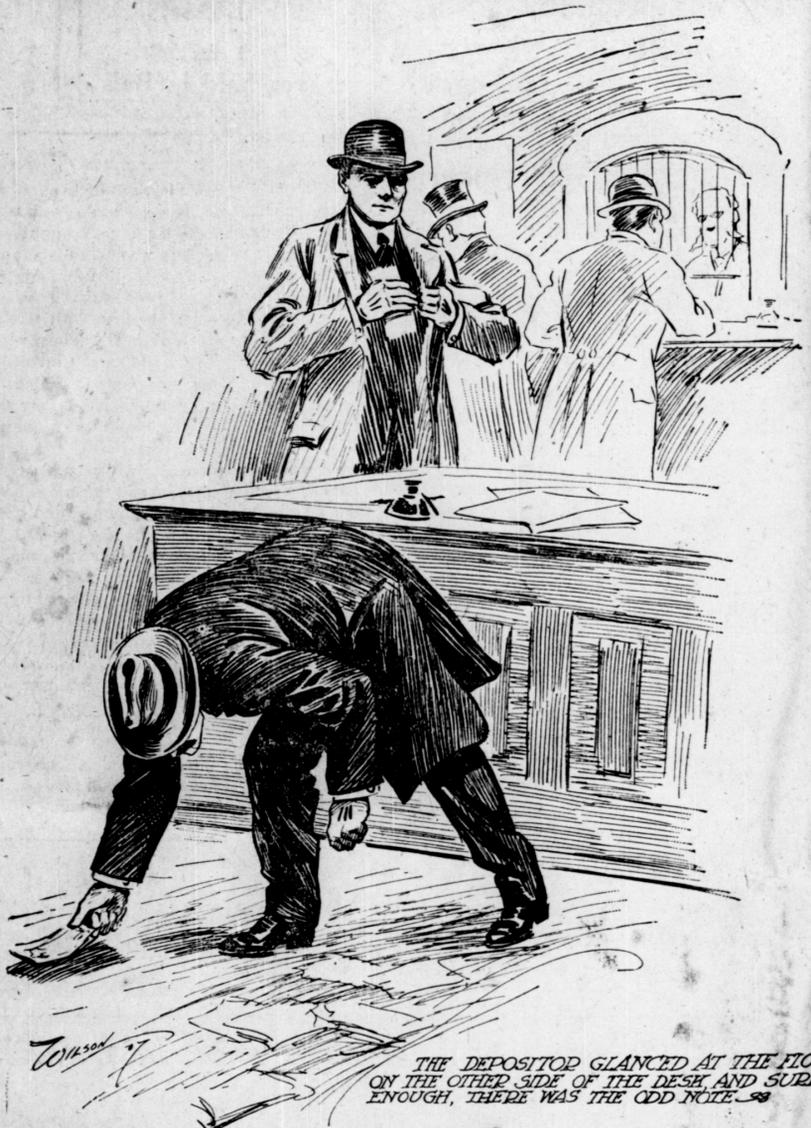
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# The Versatile Rogue

By George Barton

Frank Macy, Born in Freeport, Ill., Is Doubtful Hero of One of Superintendent Froest's Investigations.



THE DEPOSITOR GLANCED AT THE FLOOR ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DESK AND SURE ENOUGH, THERE WAS THE ODD NOTE.

**T**HIS is a fragment from the biography of a versatile rogue—a man whose adventurous career leaps at a bound from Chicago to Cape Town, and whose criminal history is a part of the police archives of New York, Chicago, London, Paris, Vienna and Berlin. Beginning as a prototype of the Artful Dodger, he has gone from pocket-picking to bunco steering, and then run the entire gamut of crime, stopping only—providentially, perhaps—at murder.

Frank Macy, the doubtful hero of this queer story, was born at Freeport, Ill. There are many old residents in that place who still recall him as a precocious baby, a smart boy, and a clever youth. Freeport soon proved to be too small to satisfy his bulging genius, but even before he left his birthplace he made little excursions from the paths of virtue which, in the boy, are so often prophetic of the man's career. When he reached man's estate he was tall and as straight as an Indian. He had coal-black hair and a shallow complexion, which lighted up brightly whenever he was in a humor to be affable with his fellow-man.

It was in Chicago that Frank Macy first distinguished himself in crime. A little more than a dozen years ago an advertisement appeared in the Chicago papers stating that a wealthy widow, about to take a long trip abroad, was willing to sell her favorite horse "Dobbin."

After the money had been paid, and within 24 hours, Dobbin began to undergo a most curious transformation. What had been a magnificent specimen of horseflesh began to show strange signs of decrepitude. He shriveled up, as it were; it seems almost impossible to properly describe this marvelous transformation in mere words.

The scene now shifts from Chicago to Low's Exchange in Trafalgar Square, London. Wilkie at that time was the London correspondent of an American paper, and while standing in the corridor of this hostelry he was surprised to see his old-time "Gyp" friend, Frank Macy, enter and place his name on the hotel register. Macy

looked prosperous. He was dressed in swaggar style, wore a long coat, carried a heavy cane and had a sunburst of diamonds reposing amidst the folds of a blood-red cravat—in fact, he looked too vulgarly rich to be true. Wilkie consulted the hotel register and found that his erstwhile criminal friend had registered as Frank Lacy. The change of attire and the assumed name were suspicious and the American lost no time in going to the telephone and calling up Frank Froest, one of the brightest detectives in Scotland Yard. Wilkie told Froest that it might be worth his while to come up to Low's and have a look at the latest addition to the American invasion of London.

Not long after the meeting in Low's Exchange all London became excited over what was called the "Cutlass Mystery." It began when a well-dressed, elderly gentleman of considerable wealth was found on the sidewalk with his head badly cut and the blood flowing from several saber wounds. He said he had no recollection of how he came to be in such a plight, and resolutely declined to give the police any information upon the subject. Two days later another man was found similarly wounded and in the same condition. He was not as close-mouthed as the first individual, and went so far as to say that his misfortune was the result of a card party in which he had participated the previous night. He was unable, however, to give the locality of the house, having been taken there by an obliging caddy whom he had sought with a request to be conveyed to some place where he could satisfy his desires to dally with the goddess of chance. In less than 24 hours from this time still another man was found with two saber cuts about his head, and then the "Cutlass Mystery" became the reigning sensation of London.

The next chapter in the history of this curious rogue occurred at the little watering place of Margate. A musical instrument dealer of London was taking his holiday at this resort and was enjoying himself in a manner such as is possible only to a London tradesman. As he was strolling along the strand he came face to face with Lacy, who was then a fugitive from justice. He grasped him by the coat,

"Mr. Lacy," he exclaimed, "I am so glad to see you."

"Why?" asked Lacy.

"Why?" retorted the other, "because now you will pay me for the mandolin you bought from me about a month ago."

Lacy laughed.

"You will pay me, won't you?" cried the dealer, hysterically. "You wouldn't rob a poor man, would you?"

"Fade away," said the versatile rogue, "I'm havin' me holiday now, and I can't be disturbed by vulgar tradesmen."

Lacy immediately realized the mistake he had made and, learning the character of the telegram that had been sent to Scotland Yard, made quick preparations for shortening his vacation at the cozy seashore resort. He acted with characteristic disregard of conventionalities. He summoned a fisherman and hired him to take him out in a small boat, and hailed a Castle liner which was bound for South Africa. By the aid of a clever "cock and bull" story, he induced the captain to take him aboard and before the Scotland Yard man reached Margate Lacy was calmly sailing the sea on his way to Cape Town.

Superintendent Froest immediately telegraphed to the authorities at Cape Town, describing Lacy, and instructing them to apprehend the man on his arrival at that port. Lacy managed to get ashore, and strolled about the African city, admiring the botanic gardens and the astronomical observatory with the enthusiasm of a tourist whose only desire is to profitably while away an idle hour. He was inspecting the fine new docks of the place when the agent of Scotland Yard clapped his hand on his shoulder and placed him under arrest. Lacy submitted with perfect good grace and was formally lodged in jail at Cape Town. Arrangements were made to have him returned to England the following day.

How the Bulging Genius of This Lad Became Too Large for His Home Town—How He Spread It Out and His Ultimate Downfall—This Is a True Story.

the train. He was arrested "for keeps" this time, taken back to London, tried, sentenced and imprisoned.

After he had served his time he started on a tour of the continent, accompanied by a mysterious blonde woman who passed as his wife. He played cards, engaged in the pastime of bunco steering and varied these performances occasionally by assuming the part of the wronged husband. He had a scheme by which the bank could be broken, and offered to show the man how he could take a thousand dollars and come out with a profit of ten thousand. The man accepted this glowing offer, but instead of going to the house that was designated he notified the District police and the versatile rogue was once more arrested—this time under the name of Frank Tracy. He was released on bail, however, and soon after again sought the historic atmosphere of London.

His latest exploit is really deserving of a chapter in itself, but because of lack of space must be condensed into a few paragraphs. Superintendent Froest, who was always on the lookout for queer characters, learned that Tracy—as he now called himself—was in London 24 hours after he had set his feet on English soil. He instructed his subordinates to be on the lookout for Tracy, but otherwise did not give much thought to the man.

One morning the telephone bell at Scotland Yard rang, and the voice of an excited individual, who proved to be a clerk in a banking house near Leadenhall street, informed the authorities that a thief had entered the institution that morning and robbed one of its depositors of £200. There was much excitement; a crowd had gathered in the corridors, and in the confusion the thief had escaped with the money.

"Pardon me," said the stranger, "but you have dropped one of your notes."

The depositor glanced at the floor on the other side of the desk and, sure enough, there was a bank note.

"Thank you," he replied gratefully, and stooped down to pick up the odd note. The act only consumed two or three seconds, but when the depositor straightened up and was about to add the missing note to his pile he found, to his amazement, that the original package of money had gone, and with it the stranger. He gave the alarm and rushed out of the bank, but when he reached the street the crowd was so great that it was impossible to find his man.

When Superintendent Froest received news of the theft, he immediately dispatched one of his men to the bank, but, not satisfied with this, he resolved to go there in person as soon as he had finished the work in his private office at Scotland Yard. That only consumed a few minutes, and at its completion Mr. Froest pulled down the top of his roll-desk and hurried towards Leadenhall street. At Oldgate, where Cornhill and Leadenhall street converge, he saw a tall, well-dressed man, hurrying along amidst the crowd. It did not take him many seconds to recognize the man as his old friend, the versatile rogue, who had lived successively under the titles of Frank Macy, Frank Lacy and Frank Tracy. Instinctively the superintendent associated the fellow with the theft of the bank in Leadenhall street. He walked up and took Tracy by the arm.

"My dear friend," he said, "I would like you to go down to the office with me and have a talk over old times."

Tracy made no resistance—indeed, this was characteristic of the man. The moment an officer of the law touched him he surrendered without a struggle. The two men proceeded to Scotland Yard and Tracy, when searched, was found to possess the £200 which had been stolen from the depositor in the bank that morning. He was tried for that offense, convicted and served his time.

The versatile rogue is at liberty once again, and for the time being is honoring the United States with his presence. This brief sketch is not offered as a story of his life. It is only what it purports to be—a fragment from the life of a versatile rogue.

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## CREW SAVED BY SONG AND PRAYER

CAPTAIN'S WIFE ENCOURAGES SAILORS WHO LOSE HEART DURING HEAVY STORM.

## SPURS MEN TO COMBAT FIRE

Tells Bible Stories to Frightened Tars and They Work Fiercely Until Rescued by a Passing Tramp Steamer.

New York.—It was the courage and fortitude of Mrs. Helen Hudson, the bride of Capt. Hudson, that thwarted death which threatened the crew of the schooner Henry Clausen, Jr., for three days in mid-ocean.

With the vessel waterlogged and twisted into a mass of wreckage by a tropical hurricane, Mrs. Hudson kept the men at a task that they deemed hopeless, by the Bible stories that she related and the hymns she sang. This kept the derelict afloat.

Seated on the shattered planks of the forward hatchway the captain's wife sang while the men manned the only pump that had not been disabled. As the sailors fought the sea that surged in through the rents in the ship Mrs. Hudson's voice kept time to the chugging of the pump.

When calm came over the ocean, the craft caught fire and the flames spread rapidly over the upper part of the ship, which dried quickly under the fierce rays of the tropical sun. The pump suddenly became disabled and the sailors, in a frenzy of fear, rushed aft, intending to jump into the sea rather than face their greatest enemy, fire.

But Mrs. Hudson met them on the quarter deck. Standing beside her injured husband, she bade the tars, in the name of God, to fight the fire. The men stopped, abashed. As they did so she grasped a bucket half filled with rainwater, and, shouting the words of the "Sicilian Meriner's Hymn," jumped forward and dashed it over the flames.

Her brave act was a talisman to the men. With a hearty cheer, each one



Standing Beside Her Injured Husband She Bade the Tars to Fight the Fire.

grasped a bucket and formed a bucket brigade.

While the fire fighters were hard at work plying their losing battle, suddenly the cry of "sail ho" was heard. The vessel sighted proved to be a tramp steamship, who immediately came to the rescue. This ship took the crew into Messina.

Such was the news brought to New York by the Italian steamship Rocca. The captain had talked with Capt. Hudson and his wife who are now waiting for home passage at Messina.

According to this captain's story, the Henry Clausen, Jr., was a trim three-masted schooner, laden with lumber from Gulfport, Miss., to the Azores. The skipper, Capt. Hudson, was from Bath, Me. It was his honeymoon trip, his wife being a New England girl.

She it was who introduced the angelic prayer among the sailors of the craft, which at first caused some grumbling.

When the hurricane overtook the ship it was about 500 miles from St. Michaels. Early in the fight with the elements Capt. Hudson became disabled by a falling spar. The mate took command, and reported that the men were in a paroxysm of terror and refused to obey orders, huddling in the lee of the wrecked forecastle hatch, the forecastle being awash.

On hearing these tidings, Mrs. Hudson went on deck, and despite the furious seas that were breaking over the decks, crawled to where part of the stricken crew huddled. Then it was she bade them trust in God and told them how the Saviour had quieted the raging waters of Galilee. Her mighty trust in the Divine Ruler inspired them, and they were soon induced to go to work at the only pump that was left. This they worked while Mrs. Hudson sang from the Gospel hymns of old New England.

When the crew was later rescued by the lifeboats of the tramp steamship, as their boats had been early swept away, each man saluted Mrs. Hudson as the one who had saved their lives.

Wise Woman.  
He—Will you share my lot?  
She—Yes, when you have a house on it that is paid for.—Judge.

Used Dolls to Set Fashions.  
Long before women's newspapers were started, and fashion plates in their modern form were thought of, women derived their knowledge of the fashions from dolls dressed in modern costumes, which were sent from one country to another, more especially from Paris, which then, as now, was the leading center of the mode.

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**MR. WILLIAM A. PRESSER, 1722 Third Ave., Moline, Ill., writes:** "I have been suffering from catarrh in the head for the past two months and tried innumerable so-called remedies without avail. No one knows how I have suffered not only from the disease itself, but from mortification when in company of friends or strangers. "I have used two bottles of your medicine for a short time only, and it effected a complete medical cure, and what is better yet, the disease has not returned. "I can most emphatically recommend Peruna to all sufferers from this disease."

### Read This Experience

Mr. A. Thompson, Box 65, R. R. 1, Martel, Ohio, writes: "When I began your treatment my eyes were inflamed, nose was stopped up half of the time, and was sore and scabby. I could not rest at night on account of continual hawking and spitting. "I had tried several remedies and was about to give up, but thought I would try Peruna. "After I had taken about one-third of a bottle I noticed a difference. I am now completely cured, after suffering with catarrh for eighteen years. "I think if those who are afflicted with catarrh would try Peruna they would never regret it."

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## MOUNTAIN CAT FOILED BY COWBOY'S LARIAT

LION PURSUING UNARMED MAN AND WIFE WAS ALMOST ON HIS PREY.

Farmingdale, S. D.—Unarmed and far from help, pursued by a hungry mountain lion, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bigelow of this place were saved by a cowboy's lariat.

Mr. Bigelow, who is a United States commissioner, was on his regular weekly trip to Underwood and was accompanied by his wife, when Mr. Bigelow saw at a distance what he thought to be a yearling calf running toward them at full speed. As the animal came closer the occupants of the buggy recognized it as an unusually large mountain lion. At the same



"Trusty Bill" Caught the Animal Around the Neck.

moment the lion caught sight of the buggy and started toward it. Unarmed, powerless to protect themselves, the two immediately applied the whip to the bronchos they were driving.

It was a serious predicament, for not only is the range section of South Dakota a country of magnificent distances, but the grazing lands are more deserted at this time of the year than in the summer. While Mrs. Bigelow clung to the swaying buggy, the horses were whipped into a mad gallop, tearing at reckless speed over gullies and knolls.

All the while the mountain lion, in its easy, loping gait, kept pace with the buggy.

At a point east of Billy Christian's ranch one of the traces came unfathened and it was necessary to come to a full stop, with the lion gaining on every bound. The commissioner reached over the dashboard and fastened the trace. The horses were well-nigh exhausted, for they had traveled six miles at top speed.

At this moment, when the terrified man and woman were considering how best they could meet the lion's attack, a cowboy, known as "Trusty Bill," came in sight, riding a broncho. Seeing the plight of the two in the buggy, he gave spur and quirt and started to the rescue. The lion, between two foes, hesitated, evidently fearing it had lost its prey. The cowboy rode fearlessly up, and with a mighty swing of the lariat managed to leg the animal. The lion was free in an instant and continued on toward the buggy.

"Trusty Bill," however, gathering up his lariat, hurried it again and this time caught the animal around the neck and under one leg. Putting on spur, he dragged the animal over the prairie till it was subdued and could be "hog tied." They brought the lion to Farmingdale and put it in a stout cage, and it is their intention to ship it as a present to President-elect Taft.

**Teeth Kicked Out; Replanted.**  
Pasadena, Cal.—Louis Torrana, having had three teeth neatly and quickly kicked out by a pony, Dr. W. C. Smith, specialist in odd operations of that character, assisted by Drs. G. C. Sharpe and George Abbott, has succeeded in replacing the ivories so that within 24 hours from the time of the accident that young man seems just as well as ever.

The operation is one of the most unusual ever attempted here. The medical men thoroughly sterilized the sockets, and the teeth were set back in place and bound securely with wire.

It is said they will grow back firmly in place with time and be just as serviceable as the tooth in which the nerve has been killed.

**Fresh Bread Broke Plunge.**  
New York.—David Alexander, a cap-maker, fell into a soft thing when, after a drop of 35 feet from a fourth floor window, he landed unhurt on a yielding cushion of newly baked bread and fresh fish.

The food was much depressed by the occurrence. Plump sturgeon lost their figures and the loaves were so transformed that even regulars of the bread line might have hesitated to accept them as a hand-out.

Alexander stepped upon a chair to reach a bird cage which hung above an open window. The chair gave way and Alexander shot through the window feet foremost.

**Long Descent and Long Life.**  
Mr. John Rogers of Tewksbury, England, who claims descent from the Baron Rogers, who lived at the time of the Crusades, has just celebrated the hundredth anniversary of his birthday.

## COULD NOT SHAKE IT OFF.

Kidney Trouble Contracted by Troubles in the Civil War.

James W. Clay, 666 W. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md., says: "I was troubled with kidney complaint from the time of the Civil war. There was constant pain in the back and head and the kidney secretions were painful and showed a sediment. The first remedy to help me was Doan's Kidney Pills. Three boxes made a complete cure and during five years past I have had no return of the trouble."

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## NO TEMPTATION.



Wag (referring to Miss Oldbird)—Um, I should think it would be more suitable if she were standing under "elderberries" instead of mistletoe-berries.

## TOLD TO USE CUTICURA.

After Specialist Failed to Cure Her Intense Itching Eczema—Had Been Tortured and Disfigured But

Was Soon Cured of Dread Humors.

"I contracted eczema and suffered intensely for about ten months. At times I thought I would scratch myself to pieces. My face and arms were covered with large red patches, so that I was ashamed to go out. I was advised to go to a doctor who was a specialist in skin diseases, but I received very little relief. I tried every known remedy, with the same results. I thought I would never get better until a friend of mine told me to try the Cuticura Remedies. So I tried them, and after four or five applications of Cuticura Ointment I was relieved of my unbearable itching. I used two sets of the Cuticura Remedies, and I am completely cured. Miss Barbara Kral, Highlandtown, Md., Jan. 9, '08." Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

## Lay Hold of the Common Good.

If men hate the presumption of those who claim a reputation to which they have no right, they equally condemn the faint-heartedness of those who fall below the glory which is their own. Lose, then, the sense of your private sorrows and lay hold of the common good!—Demosthenes.

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Millions of suffering eyes have found in Dr. Mitchell's famous salve a real blessing. Reject the offer of any dealer to sell a drug for your eye. Dr. Mitchell's Eye Salve is a simple, healthy remedy to be applied to the lids. It cures without entering the eye. Sold everywhere. Price 25 cents.

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"Why do you lay the scenes of your stories in the far north? Because you know all about that country?"  
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**For Colds and Gripp—Capudine.**  
The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

Nearly every man, when he reads a good joke and remembers and tells it well, thinks to himself afterward: "What a witty fellow I am getting to be!"

Look out for the imitations of WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT—if you haven't tasted them. If you have, you'll look out without being told.

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## Wagner Fooled the Critics.

Here is a story of Wagner's visit to London in 1855: After the first Philharmonic concert the critics reproached him for conducting a Beethoven symphony without the score. At the second concert, to satisfy his audience, Wagner had a "partition" on his desk, which he frequently consulted. The critics declared the improvement was marked. The score, however, was Rossini's "Barbier de Seville."

## Friendly Advice.

"If I ever marry," said the bachelor who was beginning to be old, "I shall be careful to pick out a lady whom I can treat as my equal."

"Oh, say, old chap," answered the married man. "I wouldn't do that if I were you. I can tell you from experience that a woman who would submit to such treatment wouldn't be worth having around the house."

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Women, worn and tired from overwork, need a tonic. That feeling of weakness or helplessness will not leave you of itself. You should take Wine of Cardui, that effectual remedy for the ailments and weaknesses of women. Thousands of women have tried Cardui and write enthusiastically of the great benefit it has been to them. Try it—don't experiment—use this reliable, oft-tried medicine.

## TAKE CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Mrs. Rena Hare, of Pierce, Fla., tried Cardui and afterward wrote: "I was a sufferer from all sorts of female trouble, had pain in my side and legs, could not sleep, had shortness of breath. "I suffered for years, until my husband insisted on my trying Cardui. The first bottle gave me relief and now I am almost well." Try Cardui. "Twill help you."

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