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A GOOD ARTICLE

What Vaccination Has Done for the World? By Doctor Henry Page

Office of the Surgeon
Fort Clark Texas, May 1 1908.
To the Editor.
Brackett News-Mail

It is with the greatest satisfaction that I must report to you, for public notice if you so desire, the magnificent and public spirited manner in which the people of Brackett have responded to the appeals of your medical advisers in regard to submitting to vaccination.

Not only have the American people submitted to a thorough and complete vaccination but also the Mexicans have shown a liberality

of spirit that would be an example to any city or town.

Brackett today is the best protected town, against small pox, in Texas and while you may have isolated cases occasionally you cannot have an epidemic until by births and arrivals of persons from abroad you again rear up an unprotected population.

A short history of small pox might be interesting to your readers and will give an idea to those who have refused vaccination of what vaccination has done for the world and how foolish they were in refusing it. There may be a few such persons who may have what may seem to them good reasons owing to their lack of information on the subject, but without knowing the facts I am willing to wager that a majority of such persons opposed the new school house, opposed fixing the sidewalks and

have opposed and will oppose any public measure.

Small pox is one of the few diseases that attacks nearly every person exposed to it unless protected by a previous attack or by vaccination.

Persons may have small pox twice. If this is true you can readily imagine that vaccination is not an absolute guarantee against the disease. You can however be certain that after vaccination you can have only a much lighter attack and if your vaccination is recent and the scar is well pitted the chances are very great that you will not contract the disease at all. For this reason it is an act of wisdom to get vaccinated whenever you are likely to be exposed to small pox. Up to the discovery of vaccination by Jenner in 1796 nearly every person in Europe at one time or other contracted small pox. Of these millions died while it was unusual to see an unscarred face in the public streets. At the present time a community suffers from small pox exactly in proportion to the care in which the locality takes to render itself immune by vaccination. Thus in Montreal, Canada a flourishing anti-vaccination society did much vicious work between 1876 and 1884 that by births and emigration the latter date found Montreal as was Brackett prior to April 23rd. last i. e. a large part unvaccinated. The result was that a sleeping car conductor from Chicago arrived in Montreal Feb. 28th. 1880 with small pox which spread like fire in the great unvaccinated population and in 10 months 3164 persons died and let us hope that all of them were anti-vaccination cranks but of course they were not, they fled and left their victims to perish.

In 1784 the German army adopted compulsory vaccination and but one death occurred from small pox between this date and 1902. In our own army with its constant accession of recruits who have never been vaccinated we occasionally have an isolated case, but since the army has been kept vaccinated we never had a real epidemic of the disease even though our garrisons bordered on unvaccinated towns or our travels take us to places where small pox is always present, such places as Japan and as the Philippines were upon our arrival there.

In the Philippines before the Volunteer Army was well vaccinated we had a number of cases but since that time there has been practically no small pox in the army.

The natives in the Philippines before our arrival contracted small pox as one of the necessary plagues of life and it was present in every village. The American authorities ordered vaccination and now small pox is less feared than it is in Texas.

These examples must suffice for lack of space, but the tale is not half told. Man can doubt the world is round—he can believe the moon to be made of green cheese—he can doubt that Roosevelt is our President, but unless he can seriously doubt all these facts, unless he is built that way and cant help himself he cannot except through ignorance doubt the value of vaccination. Trusting that I have not trespassed too far upon your time and space I am,

Yours Truly,
HENRY PAGE
Capt. Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army

Don't forget that good Old D whiskey at Nance & Fritter's

Local Notes

Mrs. J. H. Harwood, of Del Rio, was on the Creek last week on her way to the ranch.

Mrs. J. S. McLymont of Del Rio was a visitor here last Thursday.

The recent frost that was so destructive in many parts of the county did no damage here.

Farmers are getting in shape to begin work on their Johnson grass. The recent heavy rains has advanced the growth of hay and the crop which is usually cut about the first of June is now ready.

Sheep shearing in this section is in progress and a clear heavy clip is reported.

J. R. Hamilton shipped 3000 muttons last week to Chicago.

Martin & Jones will ship 3000 muttons this week from Standard to market.

Wm. Shely from upper Sycamore was here last week looking for sheep shearers.

A. C. Heidrick, post photographer is now in town and fully prepared for all photo work, the work is well known and prices fair.

School Notes

Myrtle Anderson, Ada Jones, Grover Sator, Content Anderson of the sixth; were perfect in attendance during April.

Roberta Ballantyne, Albert Seargeant, Joe Gonzales of the fifth grade were perfect in attendance during April.

Killing Frost.

A cold wave struck this section Wednesday night accompanied by a heavy frost: Cotton is nearly all killed and the corn, gardens and truck patches badly hurt, although it is thought that but little of the corn is killed. The honey bloom is not injured around Uvalde, but the cool weather is interfering greatly with the work of the bees. The frost has caused great damage all over this section and the farmers are buying seed to replant their cotton.—Uvalde Leader-News.

For Galvanized iron tanks see Wm. Haines Brackett, Texas.

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WHAT SHALL BE DONE WITH THE HIGHWAYS

BY HOWARD H. GROSS, SPECIAL AGENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

JUST now there is no more important question before the American public than the general improvement of the highways to the standard of twentieth century requirements. The volume of traffic over the public highways is equal to or exceeds that of all the railways. The food products of the world pass over these roads to reach the market. Bad roads interfere with the regular distribution of these products, resulting in an erratic and inconstant supply for a fixed and regular demand.

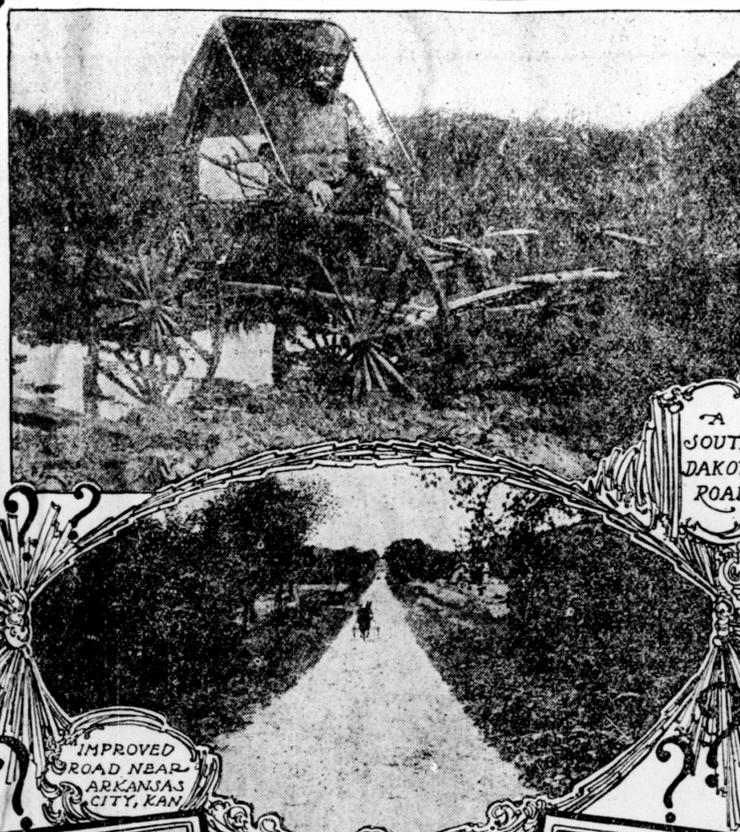
Bad roads have necessitated the practice of rushing the crops to market all in a heap; taking but two or three months instead of spreading this delivery over six to ten months. Scientifically, farm products should be moved from producer to consumer as they are needed for consumption, but the farmer will find the roads in the winter and spring bad and at times practically impassable, and for this very reason he hurries his grain to market as soon as harvested.

This causes congestion on the railroads and works havoc in business conditions. The "moving of the crops" requires an enormous amount of money, and a general upheaval in financial centers every fall is the result of this sudden drain.

The hurried disposition of the year's crop has necessitated the building of large storage houses in the grain centers to care for it. In Chicago the storage charge is nine cents per bushel per year; the carrying capacity of the elevators of that city alone is about 85,000,000 bushels, representing a storage charge of over \$5,000,000 per year. The passing of the food supply into the control of the grain kings means a loss to the farmer and an additional and unnecessary cost to the consumer.

The general improvement of the highways of the country is vastly more important to the people as a whole than the building of the Panama canal, the improvement of the inland waterways, or the irrigation of the semi-arid lands of the west.

Those who have traveled know that the roads throughout Europe are good; the same is true of



A SOUTH DAKOTA ROAD

IMPROVED ROAD NEAR ARKANSAS CITY, KAN.

more forcibly how great is the burden of bad roads than anything else can possibly do.

The Clear Lake earth road leading into Springfield, Illinois, showed an average traffic for four days in March, 1906 of 65½ vehicles per day. Over the same road in June and July the average was 388 vehicles! On the same days in Peoria, 60 miles away, under the same weather conditions but over a hard road, the traffic for March was 166, and the average for June and July 153.

Observations at Champaign over an earth road showed the average for January, February and March to be 63, as against 200 for September and October. The count at Decatur over a gravel road was March and April, 240; July and August, 278. Over an earth road leading into Sullivan, the count for January, February and March was 54; August and September, 316.

While delivering an address upon good roads, the writer was once interrupted and asked if he would favor taxing the widow's cottage to help build the roads. He answered that he certainly would, as the annual tax would probably not exceed 10 or 15 cents, and he gave the following illustration of how bad roads burden the people: A woman goes into a grocery store for a dozen eggs and a pound of butter. When told the prices, she protests. The grocer in defense, says: "Well, you see, madam, the roads are so bad now, very few farmers are coming to town, so butter and eggs are scarce." She pays three cents more for the eggs and four cents more for the butter, and this seven cents represents her bad road tax paid that evening. This is repeated from time to time throughout the year, not only in her case but in hundreds of others in that town and in thousands of towns throughout the length and breadth of the land. There is no doubt that the woman in question would benefit through good roads by at least ten times the amount of the tax on her cottage.

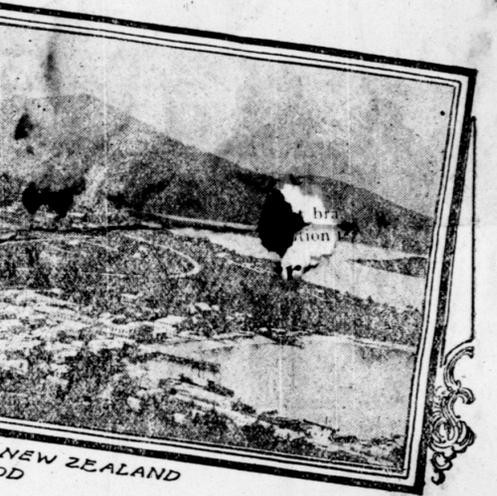
It would be interesting to take a concrete example of state aid, apply it to a typical farm in one of the central western states and see exactly what state aid means so far as taxes upon that farm are concerned. For the purpose of illustration, let us take an average farm of 160 acres in the corn belt of Illinois, and see what the effect upon the taxes on that farm would be if the state should undertake a very vigorous campaign



A SUPERIOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAYS & BRIDGES IN NEW ZEALAND.



A BAD ROAD IN MICHIGAN



A PROSPEROUS NEW ZEALAND ROAD

Australia and New Zealand, countries newer than our own, less populous, and with nothing like our aggregate wealth. The fact that the rest of the world has good roads while we have bad ones is significant; it shows that the plan we have been pursuing has not been successful. In three hundred years less than eight per cent of the highways of our country have been permanently improved and at the rate we are going it would require nearly four thousand years to complete the job. So as roadbuilders the people of the United States have been a failure.

This is all the more surprising when we consider that they are conspicuously successful in every other line of human endeavor. Millions upon millions of dollars have been wasted in every state in the union upon the public roads by ill-timed or misdirected effort and with really very little to show for the expenditure. It is only within the last ten or fifteen years that any real progress has been made along the line of permanently improving the conditions.

The trouble is we have been endeavoring to untangle the snarl by pulling the wrong string. Without any reason for doing so, the farmers of the country, from Maine to California, from the very first assumed that the country roads belonged to them and it was their business to improve them, and this misconception held sway for nearly 300 years.

A few years ago a man in New Jersey made a discovery. It was that the highways are public property, as much so as the state house. This raised the question: "Why, if the highways are public property, should not the public take care of its own; why should not the state and all property therein contribute to building the roads?" Everybody is interested in them, everybody is affected through the markets by the road conditions; they are benefited by good roads and injured by bad ones. The new thought spread throughout the state, and finally New Jersey led the way to better conditions by passing a law by which the state should contribute one-third the money required to improve the roads. Other states followed, increasing the proportion to one-half and in one case, Massachusetts, to three-fourths.

In many cases of the New England states farm property is only a very small portion of the total taxable property, in some cases not ten per cent., and when the cost of road improvement was distributed over all property of the state, the burden was hardly felt, and yet immense sums were raised for road purposes. Best of all, the roads were built under proper supervision, instead of leaving it to the inexperienced hands of the local path master.

Ten years ago New York state began in a small way to aid and appropriated \$50,000 to start the work. The plan grew in favor so rapidly that within five years the state by an overwhelming vote passed a constitutional amendment providing for an issue of \$50,000,000 in bonds to help build the highways. What a record! In five years from fifty thousand to fifty millions! The tax necessary to pay the interest on this enormous

sum and then finally pay off the bonds will hardly be felt by the property owners of the Empire state owing to their immense list of taxable property.

Ohio, after 30 years of building roads by the old plan of local taxation and bond issues, in which the farmer had to pay practically the whole bill, has passed a state aid law which will enable it to build three miles of improved roads where it has been building one, without any increase whatever in taxation upon farm property.

Virginia is the first southern state to join the state aid column for good roads. Kentucky is alive to the situation and is taking steps to change its constitution in order to be in a position to spread the road tax over all the property in the state.

In certain parts of the country, notably in the Mississippi valley, there is an entire misconception as to what the state aid plan of road building means. Some imagine the state would take control of the highways, build expensive roads and tax the people to pay for them; others think it is a scheme to force road building against the wishes of the farmers. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The state does not in any manner, under a state aid law, interfere with the absolute local control of the highways. The voters of every township decide whether any roads shall be improved, what roads, to what extent, when it shall be done, if at all. The state has absolutely no voice in the matter. If, however, the township, by a majority vote, decides to build a road under the state aid plan, it makes application to the state for that purpose; the state engineer thereupon visits the locality, goes over the road proposed to be improved with the local authorities, and decides upon the character of the improvement best suited to the conditions. He then prepares plans and specifications and when these are approved by the highway commissioners or other properly constituted local authorities, the contract is let to the lowest responsible bidder and the work is then done under the supervision of the state engineer. This insures proper construction and that means durability and low cost to maintain the road afterward.

Under a state aid law not a rod of road could be built unless the residents of a township decided to do so. Not a dollar of state money could be expended unless the farmers who live in the rural township voted for improvements.

If it should be alleged that state aid was a plan to compel railroads, corporations, merchants and manufacturers to help build the roads, it would not be far from the truth. Under state aid the farmers control the situation; if they decide to improve the roads the other people are obliged to help pay the bill.

In order to build roads cheaply they should be built extensively. It costs a great deal more proportionately to build a half mile of road than it does to build ten half miles. No contractor cares for a small job but for a large one competition is keen. It takes just as much time and bother to get ready to build half a mile of road as it does to build ten miles. By building in the larger quantities from 20 to 25 per cent. in cost of construction can be saved.

As roads properly built will last for a great many years they should be built as school houses and court houses are built, viz: by a bond issue; thus a township under state aid could build 10, 15 or 20 miles of roads in one year, have the roads to use, and spread the payment of the same over say 10 or 20 years. If this is done and the state aid plan prevails, there will be very little, if any, increase in taxation.

Few people have any idea to what extent bad roads interfere with travel and how they affect the business of the merchant in the country town. The Illinois highway commission has gathered some very valuable data upon the effect of road and weather conditions upon highway traffic. Observations were made at 72 well distributed points in the state and an actual count was made by the vehicles passing upon different days throughout each month of the year, covering all kinds of weather and road conditions.

The report shows that traffic over stone or gravel roads was fairly uniform throughout the year, while upon the earth roads it was subject to the widest variations. The following figures are significant and tell

of road building under state aid, one that contemplates an expenditure of the enormous sum of \$50,000,000 in ten years—enough money to improve all the main highways of the state, connect every community with the market town and county seat and give a complete network of good roads from Galena to Cairo; the plan being that the state should pay one-half the expense and the townships or road districts the other half.

If \$50,000,000 were expended in ten years, the state would be required to raise \$25,000,000 of it. There is in the state property to the total assessed valuation of \$1,250,000,000. To raise \$2,500,000 a year, or \$25,000,000 in ten years, would require a two mill tax upon this property; so a two-mill tax applied to all the property of the state of Illinois at the present assessed valuation (and not taking into account the possible increase in value thereof) would produce the sum required.

The records show that the taxing value of an average 160 acre farm in the corn belt of Illinois is a little less than \$2,000, the actual value being approximately \$10,000. A two-mill state tax on this farm assessed on the value of \$2,000 would be exactly \$4 a year and no more, and in ten years the state tax would be \$40, which would be the farm's proportion of the \$25,000,000 total. Where this farm would pay \$40, one single corporation in the city of Chicago would have to pay \$570,000, another \$190,000, and the railroads of the state over two millions of dollars. Thus we see by a state levy of two mills for ten years, one-half of the \$50,000,000 is provided for. The other half must be raised by local taxation or by a bond issue.

Let us assume that the township in which the farm in question is located votes bonds to the full constitutional limit, that is, goes into debt just as far as it can go and pays the highest interest that the law permits it to pay. The limit of the bond issue is five per cent. of the assessed valuation, so the amount of bonds resting upon the farm would be five per cent. of \$2,000, or exactly \$100, payable one-tenth each year, with interest at five per cent. The total interest on this bond issue, so far as this farm is concerned, for the ten years would be \$27.50.

Thus, if we add the bonds..... \$100.00
Interest on bonds..... 27.50
And the state tax of..... 40.00

We have a total tax on the farm of...\$167.50 which is exactly the amount of the tax that would be levied and collected upon this farm for both state aid and to pay off the road bonds and interest. This amount is about 10½ cents per acre per year and the total charge against the farm for the whole ten years would be \$1,675 per acre. This amount of money paid by the farm under the state aid plan would enable the state to expend \$50,000,000 upon its highways, and the expenditure of that sum would add to the value of farm property at least five and probably ten times as much as the respective farms would be taxed in order to pay the bill.

The following table compiled from figures gathered by the agricultural department in 1904 shows the percentage of improved roadways in each state:

Alabama	3.45	Iowa	1.62	Nevada	.50	South Dakota	.25
Arizona	3.62	Kansas	1.25	New Hampshire	8.55	Tennessee	8.74
Arkansas	.64	Kentucky	16.60	New Jersey	18.22	Texas	1.75
California	18.87	Louisiana	.13	New Mexico	.01	Utah	8.57
Colorado	.58	Maine	9.10	New York	7.96	Vermont	13.45
Connecticut	18.75	Maryland	9.25	North Carolina	2.52	Virginia	2.08
Delaware	2.29	Massachusetts	45.29	North Dakota	.35	Washington	6.17
District of Columbia	68.58	Michigan	10.13	Ohio	23.78	West Virginia	.97
Florida	5.09	Minnesota	7.87	Oklahoma	0.	Wisconsin	16.72
Georgia	2.85	Mississippi	.38	Oregon	7.55	Wyoming	1.46
Idaho	1.18	Missouri	2.52	Pennsylvania	2.10		
Illinois	8.41	Montana	.25	Rhode Island	4.28		
Indiana	34.94	Nebraska	.02	South Carolina	4.48		
						The United States	7.14

DUCKS AND MULE CAUSE OF FEUD

CONRADS AND GROSSMANS KEEP ST. LOUIS JUDGE BUSY BY DISPUTES.

SPITE FENCE IS ALSO IN IT

Fowls Get Mixed and Each Accuses the Other of Unfairness—Wars Between Them Break Out Periodically.

St. Louis.—A gray mule—her name is not Maude—a score of ducks of divers colors and a creek constitute the origin of a feud that exists between the houses of Jacob Grossman and Franz Conrad in Belleville. The war between these families breaks out periodically and always ends in a lawsuit.

Ever since the Conrads accused the Grossmans of persecuting some of their ducks the embers of enmity have remained warm enough to be fanned into life on the least provocation.

The families live on North Richland street in houses facing each other on opposite sides of the street. Through the opening of Caseyville avenue, which begins at the point where these two houses are situated, a triangular piece of ground was left vacant.

The Grossmans live on the east side of the street and claim that part of the old street that is directly in front of their house. Where Caseyville avenue branches away from Richland street is a small triangular piece of ground claimed by the Conrads. Richland creek runs through the yards of both families.

Several years ago ducks belonging to both families swam the surface of the creek. The ducks became mixed. Each family accused the other of taking ducks that did not belong to them.

The war started. Grossman planted peach trees on the vacant lot in front of his house. When Mrs. Conrad tried to pull up some of these trees, she was whipped by Mrs. Grossman and Mrs. Grossman was fined.

Then the Conrads conceived the spite fence revenge. A fence ten feet high and about 14 feet long was built by the Conrads on the eastern line of the triangular lot they claimed.

This fence was across the street from the Conrad house and did not ob-



Mrs. Conrad Was Whipped by Mrs. Grossman.

struct their view except as to the Grossman house. The view from the Grossman house was more obstructed. In the meantime the ducks continued getting mixed up, and more lawsuits followed.

After the ducks had occupied the center of the stage for several years the mule made her entrance.

The mule wandered from the Conrad premises and was tempted when she saw tender peach blossom buds on the trees in front of the Grossman home. The mule ate the buds of the tree, and Mrs. Grossman drove her into the lot at the side of her house. When Grossman returned home he ordered the mule kept there until damages were forthcoming from Conrad.

The Conrads sued for a writ of replevin against Mrs. Grossman for detaining the mule. The judge decided the Conrads would have to pay the costs of the suit.

Mrs. Grossman showed in court that it was her husband who was detaining the mule. The judge decided the Conrads would have to pay the costs of the suit.

Some of the Grossman ducks swam into the Conrad premises, and Mrs. Grossman sent her son Victor to shoot them home. The Conrads would not allow Victor on the premises, and he had to walk around a block to find a place where he could shoot from. While he was shooting Christ Conrad, scion of the Conradhouse, said things to Victor which caused the latter to swear out a warrant against the latter for disturbing the peace. Christ pleaded guilty to that charge and paid his fine.

He had Victor arrested for using vicious language. The case will be tried in Justice McCullen's court.

She Knew Her Husband (reading)—This paper says I have a big head. His Wife—Oh, don't let that worry you. There's nothing in it.

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Revenge's Furious Appetite.
He who, from a natural sweetness and facility of temper, should despise injuries received, would doubtless do a very great and a very laudable thing; but he who, provoked and nettled to the quick by an offense should fortify himself with the arms of reason against the furious appetite of revenge, and, after a great conflict, master his own passion, would doubtless do a great deal more.—Montaigne

Modern Explanation.
Freshman—Did your father cut your allowance on account of that lark?
Sophomore—No indeed; probably on account of some business misconduct of his in 1904.

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There is a certain point of proficiency at which an acquisition begins to be of use, and unless we have the time and resolution necessary to reach that point, our labor is as completely thrown away as that of a mechanic who began to make an engine but never finished it.—P. G. Hamerton.

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Lindale, Texas, Feby. 16, 1907.
Mr. T. J. Burrow, Troupe, Texas.
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LOCAL.

Bob Albright, of Tularosa was with us Friday.

C. H. Torrey, of San Antonio, was with us Thursday.

Hattie Wickham was very sick the latter part of last week.

Robt. Parsons returned from the Blackman ranch Friday.

John Green and family of Spofford, were in Brackett Friday.

Virge Miller, of Nueces, was on the streets the latter part of last week.

Miss Katie Herman, of Dallas, is visiting Jesse Flanders and faming this week.

Mrs. J. F. McCormick and daughter Miss Nellie were visiting friends in Brackett Friday.

John Stadler had the misfortune to cripple one of his best horses while running after cattle. The horse struck a devil head in his left fore foot.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gay, of Spofford were in town Saturday. Jack had with him a nine months old colt which is a beautiful dark bay and bids fair to make an excellent horse.

Egyptian Windus, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Brackett, returned home Saturday. He was accompanied by Miss Cora who has been visiting near El Paso.

George Herzing our enterprising butcher, showed us some thornless prickly pear of which he is endeavoring to get a start. George has had years experience in feeding pear and thinks it one of the finest winter feeds. Geo. is one of our "pushers."

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cannon of Mud Creek accompanied by Mrs. Cannon's sister, Mrs. Ollie Walker, of Laredo were with us Saturday. Mr. Cannon says the frost did not hurt him and that most of the west part of the county escaped.

J. W. Nolan brought us a sample of his late wool clip which he says is the best clip he has had since he has been in the sheep business. The wool besides being fine in texture is 3 1/2 or 4 inches in length and from his 2,700 sheep he got 17,000 lbs of wool. We are glad to hear of such prosperity and through our columns tell to the world that all is well with old Kinney.

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Mrs. E. A. Jones was quite sick Saturday but is much better.

Old D whiskey barrels for sale at Nance & Fritter's.

W. O. Shel v, J. I. Casey and J. C. Jeffries were in from Live Oak Friday.

T. W. Brockman, of Live Oak, passed through Saturday on his return from Uvalde.

Hugh King and little girl of the King & Covington ranch were in the city Friday.

Geo. Ray and Geo. Leonard spent Friday on the Pinto and caught a nice string of fish.

Uncle Ike Cox, after a few days illness, is able to visit town again we are glad to report.

Henry Veltmann visited Mud Creek Friday. Henry says everything is fine out that way.

A. L. Cashell, one of the old timers of Tularosa was in Friday shaking hands with his many friends.

Sieker Henry and family after several days spent here, left Saturday for their home in Edwards county.

Hancock Fritter attended the meeting of the Liquor Dealers Association at Galveston this week.

Jesse Flanders and family returned Saturday from Dallas where they have been visiting relatives.

Jim Clamp bought two cars of cattle last Friday from J. W. Nolan and sold them at Spofford to Ed Hart of Fort Worth.

W. R. Jackson finished a well on the Fritter & Ross ranch last Friday. It is 200 feet deep and has about 200 feet of water.

L. Sinnott, of San Antonio, was here the latter part of last week putting up a monument at the grave of Mrs. Jas. Cornell.

Judge H. Falcott, our Justice of the Peace, showed us a green rose and said it would suit him better if he were Irish instead of pure blood French.

County Judge W. D. Love of Uvalde was with us Monday. The Judge speaks highly of our county and says our town would be an ideal place for Sanitarium. Judge Love is a candidate for District Judge in his district and if he is elected we believe that he will make a splendid Judge.

Chas. Gilbert, of Laguna, visited Brackett Saturday.

The dance at Ross Hall Friday night was a grand success.

Quality and cleanliness at Holmes' big onyx fountain.

Mrs. Jos. Veltmann was very sick the first of the week.

Albert Schwandner, of West Prong was in the city Monday.

'Go to Holmes' big onyx fountain for the best of everything.

Miss Nettie Hutchison was in from Tularosa the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Seargant are visiting relatives in Sonora this week.

Sam Harwood, from the Harwood ranch, was on the streets Saturday.

Chas. Reno returned Saturday from San Antonio, where he had been for some time.

Chas. Griffith got back Sunday from the Philippines and left Monday for Oklahoma.

Ramon Barera has taken Gregoria Talmantes place as Captain of the sheep shears.

Watch for the date of Heiderick's moving picture show. Better than ever. Ross Hall. Admission 35c.

An expert Stenographer (soldier) desires to give lessons in stenography at moderate terms; will also exchange for lessons in Spanish (Mexican.) Inquire at this office.

A Mexican by the name of Paulo while driving cattle Sunday a short distance below Spofford had his horse to fall with him and seriously hurting him internally but he is much improved at present.

J. Dean, C. L. Schwitzer, Gus McDougall, Fred Smith, John Jensen, tinner from San Antonio came in Sunday evening in an automobile making the run in 10 running hours. They came to put the roof on the new school house.

Sunday Jim Witt's smallest boy got in a buggy to which two horses were hitched. He got to whipping the horses which caused them to run under some trees badly bruising the little fellow but not seriously hurting him.

Joe Rose left Wednesday for Kansas City.

Miss Hattie Jones was on the sick list this week.

Bill Sheley and J. W. Jeffries, of Sycamore, were in with wool Wednesday.

Jim Barksdale, of Kickapoo, was circulating among friends Wednesday.

Ike Cox says he thinks all his frost bitten corn will come out and make good.

George Lee made some nice improvements for the enterprising firm of R. Stratton & Co.

Rob Underwood and Thos. Newberry spent the first two days of the week taking an outing.

O. W. Stadler left Saturday for Galveston to attend the meeting of the Liquor Dealers Association.

Thos. Prothero, the man who delivered two tons of books at Fort Clark left Sunday for San Antonio.

Otto Postell was quite sick the first part of the week and O. B. Castro has been filling his place at the market.

Simon Garcia, Andres Luna, Frank Rose, Jr., Inasro Sanchez visited the Cinco de Mayo celebration at Del Rio.

John Rivas, Will Mendeke, Jacinto Castro, and Phil Bitters had an enjoyable fishing trip on the Chacon Sunday.

There have been quite a number of commendable improvements made at the Patrick Drug Store, making things look up-to-date.

A. C. Heidrick, post photographer is now in town and fully prepared for all photo work, the work is well known and prices fair.

Gilbert L. Paul, Bob W. No. 1 fishing in town Sunday.

C. McReynolds and A. J. Seiders of Denton, were in town Monday prospecting, they say that we have one of the prettiest countries they have seen.

Chaplain Mills preached his farewell sermon at the Episcopal church Sunday morning. He and his family left for Boston on a four months leave.

R. E. Erwin passed through town Sunday on way to his home in Uvalde. Mr. Erwin has been building two houses on the Pinto. He will soon return for other work.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Barksdale, from Kickapoo, were in town Wednesday. Mrs. Barksdale went to visit her sister in Austin. L. F. has our thanks for a subscription to the News-Mail.

T. J. Martin and Mrs. H. G. Martin, of the Martin ranch were Brackett visitors Tuesday. Mr. Martin was here to attend the Republican County Convention.

The expert rifleman contest has begun in Fort Clark. We understand that there will be over fifty in the contest and among these are some of the best shots in the world.

John Herzing was in Tuesday and told us that the farmers are at work replanting and still have great hopes of making good crops. He also says the corn was not as badly hurt as at first thought.

Brother Boehmer's suggestion in our last issue about our town needing "high life" is good but we cannot conceive of a practical way to apply it, unless we could prevail upon "Old Plevius" to give us a shower of same instead of aqua pura. Although as being vaccinated has become so common, it might be suggested that "high life" be injected instead of the virus now used.

Fire at the Ross Hall.

About 5 o'clock Friday evening some young men were cleaning and filling lamps at the Ross Hall preparing for a dance. One of the boys lit a lamp and in the stirring around it was turned over setting fire to the scenery and curtains on the stage and scorching the ceiling. Prompt action in fighting the fire soon had it extinguished.

We are told that Mr. J. L. Sullivan deserves special credit for cool and effective work.

The School Trustee Election.

Last Saturday the election was held to elect trustees for the Brackett Independent school district. The election was quite, and the result shows how well the people are satisfied with the present board which has shown beyond any doubt that it is composed of the right men in the right place, they being progressive citizens ever willing to do for the school anything that will push it forward. We hope for them that they will get the hearty co-operation of all during the term of which they are elected.

The vote cast at the election was as follows: W. F. Holmes, 40; O. F. Seargeant, 40; Henry Veltmann, 41; Chas Kartes, 41; J. K. Neil 1.

District Court.

District Court will convene in Brackett Monday morning, May 13. The following is the list of the jury:

- GRAND JURY.
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| John Y. Long | John Y. Long |
| Albert Schwandner | Albert Schwandner |
| J. M. Slaton | J. M. Slaton |
| Jan J. Burke | Jan J. Burke |
| Max Heiber | Max Heiber |
| Frank Weaver | Frank Weaver |
| John Shedy | John Shedy |
| F. G. Bliss | F. G. Bliss |

PETIT JURY.

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|----------------|----------------|
| Jim J. Casey | Jim J. Casey |
| T. D. Carzill | T. D. Carzill |
| Fred West | Fred West |
| O. W. Stadler | O. W. Stadler |
| N. Asher | N. Asher |
| G. A. Anderson | G. A. Anderson |
| G. Dietzel | G. Dietzel |
| Henry Senna | Henry Senna |
| A. C. Shely | A. C. Shely |
| B. D. Rose | B. D. Rose |
| Henry Schmidt | Henry Schmidt |
| Jesse Flanders | Jesse Flanders |
| Wm. Sharp | Wm. Sharp |
| George Herzing | George Herzing |
| F. W. Dudley | F. W. Dudley |
| M. J. Schaffer | M. J. Schaffer |
| W. B. Hudson | W. B. Hudson |
| Sibe Brooks | Sibe Brooks |

Ministrel Troupe.

The 3rd Cavalry Ministrel Troupe will give an entertainment in the Post Hall Saturday evening May 9.

Private C. H. Caddagan of C. troop of Ministrel fame in New York City is in charge. Liberty P. Johnson, headquarters clerk, a black face comedian of some repute in the eastern states, is worth going to see.

The 3rd cavalry ministrel made a decided hit in Manila and Stotsenburg where they gave a number of shows during their tour in the Philippines.

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Nueces Newslet.

Shippers are offering 17, 18 and 20 dollars for fat cows.

John Whistler and wife have gone to Del Rio to attend district court.

Dave Rose has been laid up again for a few days but is up and around again.

Leo Clamp has bought a bunch of mixed yearlings from L. Samora at private terms.

John Long of Live Oak, has been in our settlement buying fat cows for immediate shipment.

Mr. Howerton's irrigation plant is about completed and will be in operation in a few days.

Mr. Cashell has completed the road to the new mine in his pasture, and work will commence in the near future.

It is getting dry again and we are needing rain, although there is plenty of water out and all kinds of stock are in tip top condition.

Dave Rose had a fine field of cotton and had just finished chopping, when frost came, he is now hard at work replanting. Amos Weaver is the work.

Mrs. Yeates met with a very painful and severe accident last week by slipping and falling and dislocating the knee joint. She is now getting better slowly but will be unable to walk for some time.

A severe frost hit our locality on the night of the 25th inst. killing all the garden truck and most of the corn, as it is now too dry to plant very little corn, as it is now too dry to plant very little corn will be raised this year.

What is the use of sending off for your fine wines and whiskeys when you can step in at Nance & Fritter's and get them.

Proposals for transportation. San Antonio, Texas, April 15, 1908. Sealed proposals, in triplicate will be received here until 11 a. m. May 15, 1908, for furnishing transportation (drayage by wagon) of military supplies for Fort Clark and San Antonio, Texas and Ft. Logan H. Roots, Ark. during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1908. U. S. reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids or any part thereof. Full information on application. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked "Proposals for Transportation of Route No. " and addressed to Robt. K. Stevens, C. Q. M.

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REPUBLICAN MEETING

The Republican County Convention Adopts Interesting Resolutions.

A Republican convention of Kinney County was held at the court house Tuesday night. There was a large attendance and the meeting was very enthusiastic. The following were the proceedings:

The convention was called to order by T. J. Martin, chairman, when the following proceedings were had to wit:

First. The office of secretary being vacant, Mr. Jos. Veltmann was elected permanent secretary of said convention.

Second. The following persons were elected delegates to the state convention to be held at Fort Worth, May 15th, 1908. viz: T. J. Martin, Jos. Veltmann, Fred Ray and W. W. Price. Alternates: R. C. Ballantyne, H. J. Veltmann, Sr., R. O. R. Bergath, W. D. Dooley.

The following persons were elected delegates to the congressional convention to be held at Floresville, May 12, 1908, viz: T. J. Martin, Wm. Sharp, Jos. Veltmann, and J. F. Ray. Alternates: Jas. Trusdale, Jim Clamp, Geo. Rivers and R. W. Dowe.

Third. On motion made and carried, the chairman appointed a committee on resolutions, and thereafter the committee in a body re-assembled with, and submitted the following resolutions to the convention viz:

RESOLUTIONS.

"We your committee on resolutions have the honor to submit the following:

Resolved; that the republicans of Kinney County in convention assembled, abiding in the faith of the great wisdom of President Theodore Roosevelt, realizing him to be one of the greatest presidents the nation has ever produced, do hereby endorse his administration as a whole.

"We glory too in the fact he

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has been, and is now, the president for the people, ever doing what is wisest and best for our glorious country, and we do heartily approve of his actions against unlawful trust which are a menace to the well fare of this country.

"We concur fully in the laws which he desires enacted by the present congress, as being materially necessary; and to him we owe the honor of bringing about the greatest and most beneficial project in American history---the construction of the Isthmian canal.

We heartily endorse the administration of Cecil A. Lyon as National Committeeman and state chairman as wise, and best for the upbuilding of the party in Texas; and deplore the action of some, who have sought to divide our ranks merely for personal gain. We recommend the continuance of his policies in this state, believing them to be founded strictly in accordance

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with republican principals, and delegates elected at this convention to the congressional and state conventions are hereby instructed for the re-election of Cecil A. Lyon as national committeeman.

They are also instructed to vote for the election of Cecil A. Lyon, of Sherman, and Sloan Simpson of Dallas, as two of the delegates at large to the National convention at Chicago.

And it is further resolved, that the delegates to the congressional district convention held at Floresville, Texas, be instructed to select delegates to the national convention to be selected by said congressional convention, who will vote for

William H. Taft, as the Republican nominee for President of the United States in the coming election, provided the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt cannot be brought about.

Signed by the committee.
 W. L. Clamph Jim Clamp
 T. J. Martin J. F. Ray
 R. O. R. Bergath Geo. Rivers
 Will W. Price W. D. Dooley
 R. C. Ballantyne.

Fourth, after hearing said resolutions read; on motion same were adopted by the convention.

Fifth, there being no further business the convention adjourned.

SILENCED.

"Look at this bill," he said. "Twenty dollars for sufficiency--for men and dogs that fade away and die." She smiled coldly. "Yes," she said, "that fade away and die and go to meet the \$25 worth of Havana cigars and Egyptian cigarettes you consume every month."

To the Democrats of Kinney County.

All democrats are cordially invited to meet at the court house Saturday night, May 9th, 1908, for the purpose of organizing.

F. J. GILSON, Secretary.

WILD DUCK PEST.

Wild ducks are giving some of our farmers a merry run for their money, says the Holtville (Cal.) Tribune. On Farmer Coon's place a few days ago thousands of them could have been seen eagerly devouring the new sown grain. The grain growers of Silsbee also are complaining.

Mr. Jans owns something like 200 acres six or eight miles southwest of El Centro. He has irrigated 80 acres of his place and planted barley. Before the grain had hardly sprouted the ravenous and half-starved wary bird was on the scene ready for action. Unless the valley get together and exterminate this pest they might as well cease trying to raise grain.

School Notes.

Lalla Rokh McKnight, of the sixth grade received the head mark in spelling last week.

Myrtle Anderson of the sixth grade made one hundred in the April Grammar examination.

Myrtle and Content Anderson, Ada Jones, Blanche Seargeant and Grover Siator were perfect in attendance during April.

Roberta Ballantyne, Albert Seargeant and Joe Gonzales were perfect in attendance during April.

Who Wants to Buy the old School House?

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of Brackett Independent School District up to 12 o'clock June 1st, 1908, for the old school building. The entire building will be sold, the purchaser to remove building and leave the grounds clear of debris. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board.
 Chas. Kartes, Secretary.

Notice to the Public.

O. F. Seargeant is authorized to collect and receipt for all accounts due me, for professional services; all those who are indebted to me will please call at his office in the Brackett News-Mail Building and settle same.
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There is one form of the abuse of wealth in politics from which England at present is comparatively free. She does not suffer from the problems of corporations in politics. It is a rare thing for a statutory company, such, for instance, as a railway company, or for a joint stock company of any kind, to contribute from its funds to the campaign chests of political parties. The thing is not unknown—there was a case about a year ago in which the directors of one of the great railway companies were found to have subscribed to the moderate party in the London county council elections. But on the whole the practice is frowned upon both by public opinion and by the general sense of the commercial community. Nor does the political necessity for it exist in England. Three reasons, I believe, writes Sydney Brooks in Harper's Weekly, are usually given to explain the intimacy of the alliance between corporations and politics in the United States. The first is that in an expanding, half-developed country the number of good things to be picked up in the way of concessions is beyond comparison greater than in such a land as England. The second reason why the trusts cannot leave politics alone in America is that politics cannot leave the trusts alone, and their action and reaction seem to be enormously intensified and complicated by the American system of government in self-contained compartments.

Somebody rather pertinently suggests that people should have telephone hours as well as hours when they receive callers. The telephone breaks in on everybody's time in a way that would not be tolerated if the people who use it came in person. This is true in the home, in business establishments and in offices. A patient is in a doctor's office, for example, keeping a special engagement and with his own time limited, or he is in a dentist's chair, when the telephone bell rings and the doctor or dentist leaves him and engages in a long conversation over the wire. Everyone, comments the Indianapolis Star, has been irritated by the tyranny of this instrument and the manner in which it penetrates privacy and trespasses on time. A system of telephone etiquette ought to be established.

Congressman Olmstead asked the agricultural committee of the house to tell him how much it costs to keep a hen a year. Whether he wants to keep a hen and does not wish to go at it blindly, or whether he desires to engage in a statistical calculation in regard to the poultry industry is not known, nor is it important. The significant thing is that a member of the committee could tell him what he wanted to know. One ventured the opinion that the "keep" of a hen costs "next to nothing," while another fixed the expense at \$1.75 a year. What is an agricultural committee for, asks the Indianapolis Star, if it is not primed on subjects like this; and what does it cost to keep a hen, anyway?

Is profanity on the streets and in other public places getting to be more prevalent in this community than elsewhere? asks the Boston Herald. An intelligent and observant visitor here says it is. He has traveled far and wide and he testifies that one hears the name of the Almighty taken in vain more frequently by men and boys in our eastern cities, and particularly in Boston, than in any of the less boasted or boastful centers of culture and civilization. This is a rather serious indictment of our manners and morals. If it is warranted by the facts it might be well to call for the more rigid and vigorous enforcement of the ancient law on the subject. It covers the offense.

By the retirement of Dr. Reginald Heber Fitz from the Hersey professorship of the theory and practice of physics at the Harvard medical school that institution loses the active services of one of the most distinguished members of its staff. He is generally recognized in his profession as standing at the head of it in this section of the country at least.

The Pima Indians, who live on the banks of the Gila river (pronounced in Spanish Heela), are the most civilized of any North American Indians. They live in houses, manufacture useful articles and are known for simplicity of character, peacefulness and honesty.

The new locomotive shops which the Grand Trunk of Canada system is building at Battle Creek, Mich., will be among the largest in the country. The machine shop, which has a length of over 800 feet, is to be built entirely of steel, brick and cement.

"The vermiform appendix is the only thing in nature, so far as is known, that is absolutely useless," says the Lancet. Absolutely useless! And it has helped many a surgeon out of financial difficulties.

SERIAL STORY

LANGFORD of the THREE BARS

By KATE AND VIRGIL D. BOYLES

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SYNOPSIS.

George Williston, a poor ranchman, high-minded and cultured, searches for cattle missing from his ranch—the "Lazy S." On a wooded spot in the river's bed that would have been an island had the Missouri been at high water, he discovers a band of horse thieves engaged in working over brands on cattle. He creeps near enough to note the changing of the "Three Bars" brand on one steer to the "J. R." brand. Paul Langford, the rich owner of the "Three Bars," is informed of the operations of the gang of cattle thieves—a band of outlaws headed by Jesse Black, who long have defied the law and authorities of Kemah county, South Dakota. Langford is struck with the beauty of Mary, commonly known as "Williston's little girl." Louise Dale, an expert court stenographer, who had followed her uncle, Judge Hammond Dale, from the east to the "Dakotahs," and who is living with him at Wind City, is requested by the county attorney, Richard Gordon, to come to Kemah and take testimony in the preliminary hearing of Jesse Black, Jim Munson, and James R. McAllister's court for the preliminary hearing. Jesse Black springs the first of many great surprises, waiving examination. Through Jake Sanderson, a member of the outlaw gang, he had learned that the steer "Mag" had been recovered and thus saw the uselessness of fighting against being bound over. Richard Gordon, the county attorney, who is unpopular because of his many failures to secure convictions in court, wins the admiration of Louise, which is mutual. County Attorney Gordon accompanies Louise Dale on her return to Wind City. He tells her of the dis-appointments of his office, of witnesses that can be bribed and of the system of tampering with justice which prevents him from securing a conviction. He has the girl's sympathy. While Williston stands in the light in his door at night, a shot is fired at him. The horse is attacked and a battle ensues between Williston and his daughter, on one side, and the outlaws on the other.

CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

As her strained sight stared out into the darkness it was borne to her intuitively, it may be, that something was creeping up on her. She could see nothing and yet knew it to be true. Every fiber of her being tingled with the certainty of it. It was coming closer and closer. She felt it like an actual presence. Her eyes shifted here, there—swept her half-circle searchingly—stared and stared. Still nothing moved. And yet the nearness of some unseen thing grew more and more palpable. If she could not see it soon she must scream aloud. She breathed in little quickened gasps. Soon, very soon, she would scream. Ah! A shadow, down by the biggest cottonwood! It bodily sought a nearer and a smaller trunk. Another slinking shadow glided behind the vacated position. It was a ghastly presentation of "pussy-wants-a-corner" played in nightmare. But at last it was something tangible—something to do away with that frightful sensation of that crawling, creeping, twisting worming, insinuating, nearer and nearer, so near now that it beat upon her—unseen presence. She pressed her finger to the trigger to shoot at the tangible shadows and dispel that enveloping, choking, blanket horror, when God knows what stayed the action of her fingers. Call it instinct, what you will, her hand was stayed even before her physical eye was caught and held by a blot darker still than the night, over to her right, farthest from the spring. It lay perfectly still. It came to her, the wily plan, with startling clearness. The blot was waiting for her to fire futilely at grinning shadows among the trees and, under cover of her engrossed attention insinuate its treacherous body the farther forward. Then the play would go merrily on till—the end. She turned the barrel of her rifle slowly and deliberately away from the moving shapes among the cottonwood clump, sighted truly the motionless blur to her right and fired, once, twice, three times.

The completeness of the surprise seemed to inspire the attackers with a hellish fury. They returned the fire rapidly and at will, remaining under cover the while. Shrinking low at her window, her eyes glued on the still black mass out yonder, Mary wondered if it were dead. She prayed passionately that it might be, and yet—it is a dreadful thing to kill. Once more the wild firing ceased. Mary responded once or twice just to keep the deadly chill from returning—if that were possible.

Under cover of the desperadoes' fire, at obtuse angles with the first attempt, a second blot began its tortuous twisting. It accomplished a space, stopped; pulled itself its length, stopped, waited, watchful eyes on the window whence came Mary's scattered firing still into the clump of trees. They had drawn her close regard at last. Would it hold out? Forward again, crawling flat on the ground, ever advancing, slowly—very slowly,

but also very surely, creeping, creeping, creeping, now stopping, now creeping, stopping, creeping.

All at once the gun play began again, sharp, quick, from the spring, from the sheds. The blot lay perfectly still for a moment—waiting, watching. The plucky little rifle was silent. But so it had been before. Quarter length, half, whole length, cautiously with frequent stops, eyes so steely, so intent—could it be possible that this gun was really silenced—out of the race? It would not do to trust too much. The blot waited, scarcely breathed, crept forward again.

A sudden bright light flashed up through the darkness under the unprotected wall to Mary's left. Almost simultaneously a kindred light sprang into being from the region of the cattle-sheds. The men down there had been waiting for this signal. It meant that for some reason the second effort to creep up unobserved to fire the house had been successful. The flare grew and spread. It became a glare.

When the whole cabin seemed to be in flames save the door—the dry, rude boarding had caught and burned like paper—when the heat had become unbearable, Williston held out his hand to his daughter, silently. As silently she put her hand, her left hand, in his; nor did Williston notice that it was her left, nor how limply her right arm hung to her side. In the glare, her face shone colorless, but her dark eyes were stars. Her head was held high. With firm step, Williston advanced to the door. Deliberately he unbarred it, as deliberately threw it open and stepped over the threshold. They were covered on the instant by four rifles.

"Drop your guns!" called the chief, roughly. Then the desperadoes moved up.

"I take it that I am the one wanted," said Williston. His voice was calm and scholarly once more. In the uselessness of further struggle, it had lost the sharp incisiveness that had been the call to

action. If one must die it is good to die after a brave fight. One is never a coward then. Williston's face wore an almost exalted look.

"My daughter is free to go?" he asked, his first words having met with no response. Better, much better, for the sake of a man like Williston to die in the dignity of silence, but for Mary's sake he parleyed.

"I guess not!" responded the leader, curtly. "If a pullin' idiot hadn't missed the broad side of you—as pretty a mark this side heaven as man could want—then we might talk about the girl. She's showed up too damned much like a man now to let her loose."

His big, shuffling form lounged in his saddle. He raised his rifle with every appearance of lazy indifference. They were to be shot down where they stood, now, right on the threshold of their burning homestead. Williston bowed his head to the inevitable for a moment; then raised it proudly to meet the inevitable.

A rifle shot rang out startlingly clear. At the very moment the leader's hawk eye had swept the sight, his rifle arm had twitched uncertainly, then fallen nerveless to his side, while his bullet, playing a faltering and discordant second to the first true shot, tore up the ground in front of him and swerved harmlessly to one side. Instantly the wildest confusion reigned—shouts, curses, the plunging of horses mingled with the sharp screech of fire-arms. The shooting was wild. The surprise was too complete for the outlaws to recover at once. They had heard no sound of approaching hoof-beats. The roaring flames licking up the dry timber and rendering the surrounding darkness the blacker for the contrast had been of saving grace to the besiegers after all.

In a moment the desperadoes rallied. They closed in and imposed a cursing, malignant wall between the rescuers and the blazing door of the shanty and what stood and lay before it. Mary had sunk down at her father's feet and had no cognizance of the fierce though brief conflict that ensued.

Presently she was dragged roughly to her feet. A big, muscular arm had heavy grasp of her.

"Make sure of the girl, Red!" commanded a sharp voice near, and it was gone out into the night.

Afterward she heard—oh, many, many times in the night watches—the eerie galloping of horses' hoofs, growing fainter and ever fainter, heard it above the medley of tramping horses and yelling men, and knew

it for what it meant; but to-night—this evil night—she gave but one quick, bewildered glance into the sinister face above her and in a soft, shuddering voice breathed, "Please don't," and fainted.

CHAPTER X. In Which the X Y Z Figures Show what Mysteriously.

Jim Munson, riding his pony over the home trail at a slow walk, drooped sleepily in his saddle. It was not a weirdly late bedtime, half-past ten, maybe, but he would have been sleeping soundly a good hour or more had this not been his night to go to town—if he chose. He had chosen. He would not have missed his chance for a good deal. But his dissipation had been light. The boss never tolerated much along that line. He had drunk with some congenial cronies from the Circle E outfit complimentary to the future well-being and increasing wealth of this already well-known and flourishing cattle ranch. Of course he must drink a return compliment to the same rose-colored prosperity for the Three Bars, which he did and sighed for more. That made two, and two were the limit, and here was the limit overreached already; for there had always to be a last little comforter to keep him from nodding in his saddle.

It was a sleepy night, cool and soft and still. He could walk his horse all the way if he wanted to. There was no haste. The boys would all be in bed. They would not even wait up for the mail, knowing his, Jim's, innate aversion to hurry. Had he not been so drowsy, he would like to have sung a bit; but it required a little too much effort. He would just plod along.

Must all be in bed at Williston's—no light anywhere. A little short of where the Williston branch left the main trail he half paused. If it were not so late he would ride up and give them a hail. But of course they were asleep. Everything seemed still and dark about the premises. He would just plod along.

"Hello, there! Where'd you come from?" he cried of a sudden, and before he had had time to carry his resolve into action.

A man on horseback had drawn rein directly in front of him. Jim blinked with the suddenness of the shock.

"Might ask you the same question," responded the other with an easy laugh. "I'm for town to see the doctor about my little girl. Been puny for a week."

"Oh! Where you from?" asked Jim, with the courteous interest of his kind.

"New man on the X Y Z," answered the other, lightly. "Must be gittin' on. Worried about my baby girl."

He touched spurs to his horse and was off with a friendly "So long," over his shoulder.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

WAS A LESSON FOR 'AB'AHAM."

Good Old Uncle Job Felt Called Upon to Rebuke Sinner.

"Yas, suh," begun Uncle Job, surveying his hearers with an expression of virtuous sadness; "yas, suh, I sholy gib dat trifling Ab'aham a lesson he neveh forgot!" Then, seeing an inquiring look in the eyes of some of his hearers, and hearing a question from the lips of one of them, he decided to go more into details about the nature of the lesson he had imparted. "What'd I do tuh him? I's gwine tuh tell you alls. Ab'aham fair drawn de lightning on hisself 'w'en he hed de 'dacity tuh 'vite me tuh he house tuh eat er tuhkey dinner. Tuhkey," repeated Uncle Job, after a telling pause, "w'en dat liverashous 'rascal neveh raised any tuhkey in he life 'cept often some wite man's roost. Hit shoy was er fine tuhkey, but I showed dat Ab'aham dat stolen goods profiteth little. Dat tuhkey was er big gobble, an' dere was nobody but me an' Ab'aham dere; an' I seasoned dat bird wif admonitions tuh be good an' wahnings from de wrath to come. Hit sholy would hev tasted good ef hit hedn't been stole. But de sauce ob a deed well did an' a sinneh rebuked almos' made hit relish, an'," concluded Uncle Job, with pious satisfaction, "though hit was er hard pill, I's bound to say I held out to de end an' finished dat tuhkey, spite ob Ab'aham's hint dat he spected hit tuh las' him er week."—Youth's Companion.

House Eleven Hundred Years Old.

St. Albans possesses the oldest inhabited house in the country. This distinction is said to belong to the old Round house, now the Fighting Cocks inn, which stands close to the River Ver. It is a curious structure—of octagonal shape—of early Saxon origin, having been built as a boathouse to the ancient monastery founded at St. Albans by King Offa about the year 795, and is thus over 1,100 years old. A subterranean passage, now blocked up, runs from the basement to the ruins of the monastery, a distance of about 200 yards. There is a shed at the back of the house, where it is said Oliver Cromwell stabled his horse, himself once sleeping under its roof during the civil war.—Collecting.

STUDY OF INITIAL POINTS ON BOXING

EXPERT TERHUNE TELLS OF PROPER START FOR THE AMBITIOUS BOY.

NEED PERFECT LEFT LEAD

When This Feature Is Mastered, the Manner of Blocking It with Least Damage Should Be Studied—Position of Feet, Etc., Counts.

BY ALBERT PAYSON TERHUNE. (Athletic Expert of New York Evening World. Author of "Muscle Building," etc.)

Now pull on your gloves and let's begin the boxing lesson. Never pull on the gloves with the teeth. It is bad for the gloves and not especially good for the teeth. Draw on the gloves carefully and fasten them.

Now get on guard! The left foot should be about half a yard in advance of the right, the weight resting equally on the ball of each foot. Keep the toe of the left foot straight in front, turned neither to right nor left. The right foot should toe out at a 45 degree angle. The right heel should be directly in a line with the left. Keep the legs straight when thus on guard. Don't bend the knees. Now for the upper half of the body: Keep this part of the body erect, bending neither far forward nor far backward. The shoulders should always be

portune moment when the blow is about to land, but by doing this first with a slow motion and having your sparring partner execute the blow slowly, this knack may be acquired. The second effort to master that point should be done with a little more speed and so on, until finally the pupil finds himself acquiring just the right twist at the right moment, no matter



Guard for Left Lead for Head.

how fast or unexpectedly the blow may be delivered. Many boxing "professors" consider that, because defense is the rock-bottom principle in boxing, this should be given an unusual amount of time, and therefore the lad who is attempting to perfect himself in the game often finds it necessary to keep up a constant practice at it.

This lead and this parry are the ground work of boxing. Study them carefully, comparing your own pose with those in the illustrations. That will be enough for one lesson.

GETTING THROUGH JAP LINES.

Chinese Spy Carried a Message from One Russian General to Another.

Chinese honesty is proverbial, but would seem to have its exceptions. Rev. John H. K. De Forest of Auburn-dale, Mass., for 35 years resident in Japan and high in the confidence of Japanese statesmen and officials, told of an episode of which he had personal knowledge while with the army of Kuroki in Manchuria:

"Some of the spies used by both sides during the war were Chinese," he said. "Complications not infrequently resulted.

Kuropatkin one day had a particularly important message to send to Gen. Stoessel. To get through the Japanese lines seemed almost out of the question, but the Russian commander went to a Chinese famous for his skill and intrepidity. The old fellow didn't want to risk it, but Kuro-patkin coaxed him to do it, giving him \$300 and promising him \$200 when he returned.

"When he reached the vicinity of the Japanese lines, with an intention that had evidently been with him from the start, he went straight to Kuroki, insisting that his business was very pressing.

"He explained in full to Kuroki that the Russian general had given him a task which he could not perform because of the admirable disposition of the Japanese forces, that therefore he had done the next best thing and come straight to the illustrious leader of the triumphant Japanese.

"Kuroki read the dispatch, gave it back to him, bade him go on to Stoessel with it and return with the answer to the Japanese camp, where he would receive \$500 and be permitted to carry the answer on to Kuropatkin and collect his remaining \$200. The Chinaman carried out his instructions in detail and collected for his exploit \$1,000."

Real Antiquarian Fare.

The news from St. Petersburg that some Russian scientists have been making a meal of the flesh of a 100,000 year old mammoth recalls a remarkable dinner given by a Brussels antiquary named Goebel.

"At that dinner," said one of the guests, "I ate apples that ripened more than 1,800 years ago; bread made from wheat grown before the children of Israel passed through the Red Sea, and spread with butter that was made when Elizabeth was queen of England, and I washed down the repast with wine that was old when Columbus was playing barefoot with the boys of Genoa."

The apples which formed part of the dessert were grown before Pompeii was overwhelmed; in fact, they were rescued from its ruins. The wine was recovered from an old vault in the city of Corinth, and the wheat was found in a chamber in one of the Pyramids. It is interesting to know that this antiquarian fare was all excellent, the fruit particularly being described as of as fine flavor as if it had just been taken from the trees.

Would Close Opium Dens.

According to Viceroy Tuan Fang there are 1,830 opium shops in the Shanghai foreign settlements, and he wants orders from Peking to close them.

Important Swiss Industry. More than 13,000 persons in Switzerland are employed in the ribbon industry.



On Guard.

squared back, and the chest out. Never lean so far back that you lose your exact poise or so far back that you cannot hit with lightning swiftness. In advancing, the weight should be thrown more on the left foot than the right. But when on guard the weight should be equal on both feet.

Now for the hands and arms. The two hands, when on guard, not only wait to ward off any attack for the face, but the left is supposed to be where it can guard the heart and the right where it can guard that nerve center known as the solar plexus. The solar plexus is just below the point where the ribs begin to separate into an inverted V. The left arm should be advanced beyond the right, the arm from glove to elbow being turned inward enough to "cover" the heart, the elbow being several inches in advance of the body. The right forearm should be partly across the body in order to shelter the solar plexus.

Don't keep the face turned full toward your opponent. Turn it a little to the right. Don't stick the chin out.

Now, for the first move: This is the straight left lead. Push the left hand straight toward your opponent's face, just as if it were being drawn thither by an elastic band. In other words, steadily and in a straight line. Don't draw back to deliver the blow. Don't bend the knees. Merely bend the body slightly forward to add force to the blow. Don't hit stiffly. Let the shoulder go forward with the blow. The instant the blow is landed, bring



Straight Left Lead for the Head.

the left arm back to first position again, as when you were standing on guard.

Now for the way to parry this straight left lead for the face: When your opponent leads with his left for your face, raise your right arm, keeping the wrist higher than the elbow, throwing the forearm upward and out, with the hand turned out. Thus you will catch the blow on the fleshy part of the forearm, where, owing to the slant, it will not jar you too hard. Of course it requires some science to slant the forearm just at the op-

FOOD FOR STRICKEN.

TORNADO SUFFERERS WELL SUPPLIED TUESDAY.

REBUILDING WORK BEGUN.

Relief Committees in All the Cities Are Turning Their Attention to It. Pluck at Purvis.

New Orleans, La.—Food in plenty Tuesday reached the tornado sufferers in every part of Louisiana and Mississippi, clothing and cook stoves were supplied commissaries where the destitution was greatest, and the relief committee here and in other cities were able to turn their attention to the rebuilding of some of the ruined towns. Instructions were given to hold most of the money contributed, of which there is now in sight between \$25,000 and \$50,000, until investigation showed how best to aid in the rebuilding.

Purvis, Miss., the most needy of all the stricken communities, furnished a striking example of business pluck Tuesday, when the Bank of Purvis reopened. There was no roof over the banking rooms, the safety deposit vault was accessible by a path through a hedge of debris, militia guarded the building, and of the 2,500 residents of Purvis scarcely 700 remained in town, but nevertheless the bank announced that it was prepared to pay out money and to receive deposits.

Preparations for accepting relief offered by the federal government went forward rapidly under the direction of the governors of the devastated states.

MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE.

Charged With Killing Simpson Mardi Gras Night.

Houston, Tex.—Former Police Officer J. H. Lee was convicted of murder in the second degree in the Criminal District Court Wednesday afternoon and the jury assessed punishment at twenty years in the penitentiary. Lee was surrounded by his family when the verdict was returned and the consequent scene was affecting. He was charged with killing J. S. Simpson, a brother police officer, on last Mardi Gras night.

The circumstances of the killing were detailed by the witnesses of the state in practically the same manner as recited at the preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Donald. The strong point in the prosecution was the allegation that shooting occurred after the defendant had passed his gun over the boss' saloon, and this was rebutted by the statement of the defendant himself with the declaration that he did not know Simpson was unarmed.

BIG ORDER GIVES HOPE.

New York Central Wants 45,000 Tons—Other Roads May Follow Suit.

Chicago, Ill.—Orders placed by the New York Central with the Lackawanna and the Illinois Steel companies for 45,000 tons of steel have given rise to the hope that other roads will follow suit and that these and the orders placed by the Pennsylvania are but the beginning of a great revival of activity for the steel rail industry. Of these orders by the New York Central lines, 20,000 tons will be taken by the Lake Shore, 14,000 tons by the Michigan Central, 2,000 tons by the Lake Erie & Western and 8,000 tons by the Boston & Albany.

Weevils Shown at Yoakum. Yoakum, Tex.—Mr. Thomas C. Cudd, a farmer residing near here, was exhibiting twenty large, fat weevils that were caught in his cotton field. The gentleman states that weevils are making an early start this year, having wintered very well. Mr. Cudd believes that the weevils are very plentiful for this time of year.

Suicide Follows Robbery. Remig, Tex.—Mr. Dave Gilchrist, the stock feeder for the Gilmer mill at this place, was robbed a few nights since of \$3,000 while asleep. Brooding over his misfortune, which was all the money he had, he swallowed six ounces of chloroform on Monday, which produced death in a few hours, although physicians tried hard to save him.

Overflowed Cottons All Right. Bryan, Tex.—The Brazos river is again within banks opposite this place. In the opinion of experienced planters the cotton which has been overflowed will come out all right. The corn which was under water has been killed. There will be considerable replanting of corn in the belief that there is time yet to make a crop.

Police Interfered. New York.—The police Tuesday night prevented a scheduled ten-round boxing bout between Perry McGovern and Johnny James of England at the Old Bow Athletic Club.

Taylor, Tex.—Farming south of Taylor have begun harvesting of oats. The crop is very good in this section, in some places the yield averaging seventy-five bushels to the acre.

SETTLER—“WELL, I DUNNO THAT I HAD MUCH THE WORST OF IT”



Getting a Home in the Pioneer Days.



Getting a Home To-Day.

KIRBY MILLS TO RESUME.

EMPLOYEES SCATTERED AND DIFFICULTY IS EXPECTED.

It Will Mean Work for 2,500 Men and a Pay Roll of \$125,000 a Month. Other Matters.

Beaumont, Tex.—There was a meeting in this city Wednesday evening of a number of mill managers of the Kirby Lumber Company with General Manager B. F. Bonner for the purpose of carrying out the order of the receivers, issued several days ago, to resume the operation of seven of the sixteen mills of the Kirby Lumber Company, which have been closed down since last fall.

This conference was merely for the purpose of discussing the details of the plans for resuming operation. The orders for starting the mills came from the receivers several days ago, and this meeting is the first direct action toward executing these orders. The mills to be started are those at Call, Bessmay, Kirbyville, Bronson Ragan, Brownell and Fuqua. The Silsbee mill has never been closed down.

The resumption of operation at these mills means the employment of 2,500 men and the distribution of a pay roll amounting to about \$125,000 a month. The general manager at each mill and foreman has instructions to start the mills and logging crews as soon as possible, and some of the mills may start up next Monday, but it will probably be several days later before all the mills are running. However, it is up to each mill to get started as soon as the required number of men can be secured.

The resumption of operation of these seven mills will make a very material improvement in general business conditions throughout East Texas. It will mean the distribution of \$125,000 per month among the employees, and this means a general improvement in all lines of business as a result. Fully two-thirds of the employees of these mills left the country when the mills closed down, and by their resumption, therefore, that many men will be returned to East Texas, with their families, and the prosperity of the piney woods will again prevail.

Stach Killed Himself. San Antonio, Tex.—Leonard Stach, aged 50 years, a German, and who formerly followed the occupation of a bartender in this city, was found dead in Maverick Park Tuesday morning with a bullet in his heart. He had been dead several hours. A pistol found in his hand shows clearly that death resulted from his own hand.

Neck Broken by Fall. San Antonio, Tex.—Jon Hof, a carpenter residing at 514 Matagorda street, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon by a fall from the third story of the high school building. He was working on the building at the time. He stepped too near the edge of the building and fell. His neck was broken. He is survived by a wife and two children.

Garrison, Tex.—The negro, Cornelius Bryant, who was shot Wednesday at the sawmill of Kindred & McNair, died before a physician from here could reach him. Another negro by the name of Chapman did the shooting. Chapman is in the hands of the authorities of Rusk county.

Heavy Shipments of Onions. Laredo, Tex.—Under the stimulus of the fine weather prevailing now from thirty-five to forty carloads of Bermuda onions are being shipped daily. Nearly five hundred cars have already been shipped this season.

Newton, Tex.—At an election held in Newton county Saturday, April 25, 1908, to determine whether or not a road tax of 15c on the \$100 valuation should be levied, the majority was largely in favor of the tax.

ROOSEVELT'S PLEA IGNORED.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL CUT TO TWO WARSHIPS.

House Was Muddled Up With Its New Rules and Couldn't Even Listen To It.

Washington.—By an overwhelming vote President Roosevelt's four battleship program failed in the senate, just as it did in the house. The amendment for four battleships was introduced by Senator Piles and the fight for its adoption was led by Senator Beveridge. Twenty-three votes were cast for the increased program, the number largely being made up of the recently elected senators. Fifty senators voted to support the house and the recommendation of the Senate Naval Committee in favor of building only two battleships. The debate on the battleship amendment lasted three days, to the exclusion of all other matters. It was begun by Senator Beveridge with an eloquent appeal for the support of the president and a suggestion that the larger navy might be needed for war. Members of the committee upbraided the Indiana senator for this veiled hint of war with another country and sought to make him admit that he meant war.

As finally passed the appropriations were provided for two battleships and two submarines and other necessary craft and increases the pay of officers and enlisted men as well as increasing both the pay and the strength of the marine corps.

Closed in Honor of Moffatt.

Houston, Tex.—In respect to the memory of Barney Moffatt, the fireman who was killed in the Fifth ward fire of the Mercantile Grain Company Sunday, the city hall and all municipal offices were closed from 10 until 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. The city hall flag was lowered to half-mast, and the street forces were given an hour's rest.

Handle Factory Fire.

Houston, Tex.—At 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon fire broke out in the upper story of the building occupied by the Houston Hoop and Handle Manufacturing Company, corner of Moffatt and Sims street, in the Fifth Ward, and before it could be extinguished damaged to the extent of about \$5,000.

Burns Crushed to Death.

Houston, Tex.—Thursday night, about 10:30 o'clock, Peter Burns, a white switchman on the crew of engine No. 73, was killed by being mashed between the engine and a box car in the International & Great Northern yards near the tunnel.

Hondo, Tex.—In the district court here Tuesday the case of the State vs. W. Van Herring, charged with perjury, was dismissed by the district attorney, the state's witnesses, residing in Mississippi, not appearing.

Taylor, Tex.—It is reported that the cold wind last Sunday killed a considerable acreage of young cotton in this territory, which will have to be replanted.

Corpus Christi, Tex.—District Court convened Monday, Judge W. B. Hopkins presiding and District Attorney Kleimer present.

Cameron, Tex.—On account of no business for this week in the district court Judge Scott has returned to his home at Franklin. District Attorney Lane returned to Franklin. Both will return Monday to take up the criminal docket.

Alta Loma, Tex.—The Alta Loma dairy has received the machinery for their large condensed milk factory.

Hearne, Tex.—The Houston & Texas Central railway company is handling several stock trains each day.

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Use Where Needed. Starboarder—I'm going to buy the landlady a bottle of hair restorer. Hallroom—Why she seems to have a good head of hair. Starboarder—Oh, hers is all right. I'm going to get her to use it on the mattresses.—Philadelphia Record.

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fitch* in Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Insect Chemists. Falling to bite sugar from several lumps, some marked bees under observation of Gaston Bonnier, a French naturalist, flew away, returning in an hour or two with other workers, after first visiting a fountain. Settling on the sugar, they were seen to pump water from their crops, when they sucked up the syrup so formed.

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"After an attack of rheumatism, running sores broke out on my husband's legs, from below the knees to the ankles. There are no words to tell all the discomforts and great suffering he had to endure night and day. He used every kind of remedy and three physicians treated him, one after the other, without any good results whatever. One day I ordered some Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Resolvent. He began to use them and in three weeks all the sores were died up. The burning fire stopped, and the pains became bearable. After three months he was quite well. I can prove this testimonial at any time. Mrs. V. V. Albert, Upper Frenchville, Me., July 21, 1907."

The Particulars. "The particulars—? "Well, Capt. Feebles was shot in the back, originally, and went around with his back bent a good deal like an interrogation mark, until he got a portly slab of back pension. Then he straightened up his back until it was decidedly concave instead of considerably convex, dyed his whiskers a fighting black and set out in pursuit of a buxom widow, who, being a widow, knew exactly how to be caught while maintaining all the symptoms of being captured to the very best of her ability.—Smart Set

Paving the Way. "George," said the pretty girl, "I know you're awful bashful." This was portentous, with leap year so new. He blushed assent. "And you'd have proposed to me except for that?" This, too, he was bound to acknowledge.

Well, I would have accepted," she went on, "and so that's settled." Discussing the matter later she expressed a natural pride that she had not taken any advantage of the season.

Stupid Jeweler. "Yes, George—that is, Mr. Fickel proposed last night," said the truthful Dora, "and we're engaged now; and I'm the first girl he ever loved, too."

"Indeed!" replied Miss Wise. "I don't notice your ring." "Oh, he gave me one, but he had to take it back to get it fixed. The stupid jeweler made the inscription read, 'George to Genevieve,' instead of 'George to Dora.'—Philadelphia Press

FRIENDS HELP.

St. Paul Park Incident.

"After drinking coffee for breakfast I always felt languid and dull, having no ambition to get to my morning duties. Then in about an hour or so I felt weak, nervous derangement of the heart and stomach would come over me with such force I would frequently have to lie down.

"At other times I had severe headaches; stomach finally became affected and digestion so impaired that I had serious chronic dyspepsia and constipation. A lady, for many years State President of the W. C. T. U., told me she had been greatly benefited by quitting coffee and using Postum Food Coffee; she was troubled for years with asthma. She said it was no cross to quit coffee when she found she could have as delicious an article as Postum.

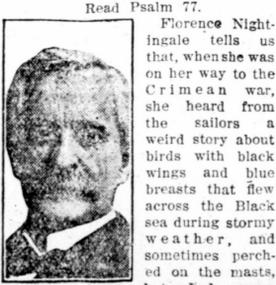
"Another lady who had been troubled with chronic dyspepsia for years, found immediate relief on ceasing coffee and beginning Postum twice a day. She was wholly cured. Still another friend told me that Postum Food Coffee was a Godsend to her, her heart trouble having been relieved after leaving off coffee and taking on Postum.

"So many such cases came to my notice that I concluded coffee was the cause of my trouble and I quit and took Postum. I am more than pleased to say that my days of trouble have disappeared. I am well and happy."—"There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

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

THE GOSPEL FOR HARD TIMES

By REV. A. C. DIXON, D. D.,
Pastor of the Chicago Ave. (Moody's) Church, Chicago.



Read Psalm 77. Florence Nightingale tells us that, when she was on her way to the Crimean war, she heard from the sailors a weird story about birds with black wings and blue breasts that flew across the Black sea during stormy weather, and sometimes perched on the masts, but had never been caught. On dark nights they went to the Mohammedan graveyards, roosted on the boughs of the cypress trees, and mingled their doleful notes with the sighing of the winds. The Moslems declared that the spirits of the wicked dead dwelt in these birds, and that their plaintive notes were the wailing of the lost.

Now, into most of our lives there come at times birds with black wings and blue breasts. We cannot capture and destroy them, and they almost turn our hearts into a cemetery. We have "the blues." Webster says that the word "blues" is a contraction, he might have said a concentration, of "blue devils." It is a word used in classic English, as is the word "dumps." There is a state of mind which Shakespeare could describe only as the "dumps, so dull and heavy," and these hard times are apt to produce that state of mind.

While the author of this Seventy-seventh Psalm was writing the first nine verses there was in his mind a whole flock of these birds with black wings and blue breasts. I believe that God allowed him to have the blues, in order that he might give us the Divine analysis of this state of mind. Having diagnosed the disease, he then gives us the cure.

Let us pluck the feathers from the wings of these blue-breasted birds and examine them one by one, that we may learn just the stuff that the blues are made of.

The first black feather is A Morbid Taste for Sorrow. "My soul refused to be comforted." There was comfort to be had, but he did not want it. He preferred discomfort.

Some people are never quite so happy as when they are miserable. They get their griefs. The second feather is, A Distorted View of God. "I remembered God, and was troubled."

The remembrance of God ought to have given him pleasure. Infidelity speaks of a God "whose every thought is a star and whose dreams are constellations." He thinks not of men. Such a view of God is enough to give any one the blues.

The third black feather is A Complaining Spirit. "I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed." The more you complain the more cause you will have for complaining. The squid blackens the water about it that it may hide itself in the blackness. It shuts out its own vision, in order that it may shut out the vision of others. And thus a complaining spirit darkens everything about us.

Another black feather is Insomnia. "Thou holdest mine eyes waking." It is hard to be cheerful when we cannot sleep. The darkness of the mind enters our soul, and gas light will not banish it. The fitting of black wings makes a rustle in our rooms that does not soothe us. Our nerves become tom-toms on which devils beat, rather than harp-strings upon which angels play.

Still another black feather is The Memory of Good Times Gone. "I call to remembrance my song in the night."

Once he was a nightingale, filling the air with music; now he is a screech-owl, filling it with discords. The fact that he was once happy makes him miserable to-day. Former wealth makes present poverty more oppressive; former health makes present sickness harder to bear.

So much for the analysis of the blues. Let us look for a moment at God's Cure; at the means by which these birds of black wing and blue breast may be driven away, or taken and destroyed.

First, let there be a clean-breasted confession. "This," says the Psalmist, "is my infirmity."

God is not to blame if I am blue. He would make me bright and cheerful. I take the fault as my own. He does not say that it is a sin. There is quite a difference between sin and infirmity. Infirmity is weakness of a good thing, as an infirm eye, or hand, or faith, or love.

Confession of sin brings forgiveness, but there must be no apology. If we whitewash our souls we shall not have them washed white. Paul said: "I rejoice in infirmity, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Again, faith in God is a good cure for the blues. The Psalmist says: "Thy way is in the sanctuary." Go to church. Find his way in the sanctuary; walk in it, and it will grow brighter until the perfect day.

BUYING PAINT BLINDLY.

Many people look upon paint buying as a lottery and so it is, the way they do it. It is not necessarily so, however. Pure White Lead and linseed oil are the essential elements of good paint. Adulterations in white lead can be easily found by the use of a blowpipe. Adulterations in linseed oil can be detected with a fair degree of certainty. See that these two elements are pure and properly put on and the paint will stay put.

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"This money producing machine has a smooth demonstrator who will, after getting a prospective victim interested, turn the crank and grind out a \$20 note, which, it is needless to say, is genuine. The victim shows the bill to a bank cashier, hears it pronounced good, and his mercenary nature being aroused he sees visions of gigantic wealth, and hands over to Mr. Sharper \$500, or at least \$250, for the instrument that is going to make him a Rockefeller. "It is needless to say that the subsequent specimens turned out are such miserable imitations that they would hardly fool a blind man, but the ignoramus is in a place where he can't make a roat for his lost money."

THE TOASTMASTER.

"The cook says they ain't nobody in the kitchen named William Thomas," reported a new bellboy at the St. Francis hotel in San Francisco.

"Well, who said there was?" retorted Clerk Van Orden. "I told you to take that telegram to William Thomas, the toastmaster."

"Well, I seen the man what makes toast; he's got a French name."

"Take the telegram into the white and gold room and give it to William Thomas, who's presiding at the D. K. E. banquet."

"Oh, sure!"

NOTHING TO SAY.

The man who had sculptured the Egyptian sphinx was standing off and looking at his handiwork.

"But what does it mean?" inquired the bystanders.

The sculptor hesitated.

"I—I don't know," he answered. "Consult your Baedeker."

As for the sphinx, it grinned slightly, but said nothing.

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Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranch known as the Mariposa ranch for the purpose of hunting, fishing or cutting wood will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All permits previously issued, either verbal or written are hereby revoked.

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"There's such a demand, eh?"

"You bet there's a demand. Especially among old maids and widows that live alone. They buy these hats and hang a couple on the hall rack. Then, when a beggar or tramp gets too rambunctious at the door they turn and say:

"George is home. There's his hat. George! Oh, George! Will you come down here and turn this rascal away?"

"Then the tramp sneaks, thinking there's a man in the house.

"Restaurants, when they open up new stands, generally lay in 25 or 30 hats. They hang them in the lobby to make people think business is brisk."—New York Press.

STUDENTS MORE TEMPERATE.

"When I was a student at Heidelberg, 25 years ago, the amount of beer the students consumed was something astonishing," said Mr. J. N. Osborne of St. Louis.

"In fact many of them drank to excess, and the fellow who could put away the biggest quantity was a sort of hero.

"Now all that has changed, as my son, who is studying at Heidelberg, writes me. He says that while a good many of the students still use beer, a goodly number are teetotalers and that the wholesale swilling of the old days has gone. I think that everybody will be glad to know that sobriety has taken the place of intemperance among the young men at one of the foremost seats of learning in the world."

EAGLES HATCHED BY HEN.

Shamokin, Pa., comes to the front with an entirely original story. Two young eagles were hatched out under a hen.

Two months ago Roman Ukleski, of Shamokin, received from his brother in Germany two eagle's eggs. He placed them under a hen and awaited results. Tuesday night the eggs, having ripened, bore forth fruit and two tiny little eagles are being cared for by the proud mother hen. There will be further doings when the lords of the air attain their full growth.

THE BOY'S IDEA.

It is told of an English bishop that while dining recently at the house of one of his friends, he was pleased to observe that he was the object of marked attention from the small son of his host, whose eyes were riveted upon him. After dinner the bishop approached the boy and said:

"Well, my young friend, you seem to be interested in me. Do you find that I am all right?"

"Yes, sir," returned the boy, with a glance at the bishop's knee breeches, "you're all right, but won't your mamma let you wear trousers yet?"

INVALIDS' CHURCH QUARTERS.

"An invalids' room is an occasional feature of the modern church," said an architect. "A very convenient feature it is, too, especially for health resorts.

"These rooms are usually erected on one side of the pulpit and a little above it. They have little windows through which the invalid congregation may look out. They have also couches, rocking-chairs, reclining chairs.

"Thanks to these rooms, invalids, well wrapped up, may listen every Sunday morning to good music and an edifying sermon."

NOT USELESS.

"Do you like problem plays?" "Not exactly," answered Miss Cayenne. "Yet they seem to me to serve a certain useful purpose. They satisfy the appetite for scandal without insisting on personalities."

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