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**AFTON SCHOOL VOTES****\$4,000 BUILDING BONDS.**

M. L. Hale, a prominent citizen of Afton, was in Dickens Monday and Tuesday and reported that the bond election in that District the previous Saturday carried. A \$4,000 bond issue was voted to be used in erecting an up-to-date high school building at Afton.

As soon as the bond issue is approved and the bonds sold, work will be begun on the building and it will be completed in time for the next term.

Afton people, ever progressive, have exemplified by their action in this matter that they are cognizant of the advantages derived from a good school and are wide awake to the demands of the boys and girls for a higher education.—Dickens Item.

**MOLLIE BAILEY IS COMING**

It is with pleasure that we have the opportunity to announce that the Mollie Bailey railroad show will exhibit in Spur Saturday May 9th under canvas at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and a repeated performance at 8 o'clock at night. This show is not only one of the oldest shows on the road today, but is one of the cleanest shows going, and nothing will be said or done to offend anyone. Come out to see Mollie, and have a talk with a "pioneer woman with a pioneer show."

**CULTURE CLUB MEETS.**

The Culture Club met Friday afternoon in the Club room in the Spur National Bank building. Only a few were present owing to the inclement weather. The lesson in both, Texas History, with Mrs. Miller as teacher and American Literature with Mrs. Reagan as teacher, were very interesting. All absentees are missing quite a literary feast. Many are the good thoughts brought out by the answer to roll call with current events.

**B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM, MAY 10th.**

Subject, Power.  
"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," By the Choir.  
Prayer.  
"There is Power in the Blood," By the Choir.  
Reading of the Minutes.  
Duett, Dorris Atebury, Evelyn Burgoon.  
The Power of God, C. E. Bran-  
nen.  
The Power of Man, Fos Collier.  
Where the Power of God and Man Meets, Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.  
Chorus—Dismission.

**ENTERTAINED**

Mrs. P. H. Miller was hostess to the Merry Wives Club and a number of other invited friends Friday afternoon, April 10th. Mrs. Miller on this occasion as well as all others showed rare individuality in the contests and other amusements participated in during the afternoon. At the proper time the guests were invited to the dining room where a two course luncheon was served consisting of delicious hot buttered rolls and coffee, ice cream and cake was served to the guests.

**FOR COMMISSIONER**

In the proper column of the Spur will be found the name of W. A. Johnson as a candidate for the office of Commissioner of precinct number three, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Mr. Johnson has been in the county fourteen years, and has seen the great cattle industry gradually give way to the man and the plow. He has seen the many developments in former years which only helps him to better understand the present and future needs of Dickens county. Mr. Johnson has made a wonderful success as a ranchman and stock-farmer, having accumulated one of the prettiest farms which is well improved and well stocked.

Mr. Johnson is a man of his word, a good citizen and stands for the things that are elevating to his community and county.

We have reason to believe that Mr. Johnson will fill the office to which he aspires with credit to himself and county, and he asks that you consider his claim at the polls in July.

**THREE TRUSTEES ELECTED FOR SPUR HIGH SCHOOL**

Last Saturday was election day in Spur and we believe that it was one of the quietest elections that we ever had occasion to witness on such an important question, although a good vote was polled. The election was held for the purpose of electing three trustees for the Spur High School as follows: R. L. Holman, T. A. Tidwell, James F. Williams. The majority of those that took part in the election did not see fit to elect new trustees, so the old members were forced to retain their seat when the final count was made.

**PEACE AND PLENTY.**

"The day of our countries life has but broadened into morning. Do not put uniforms by. Put the harness of the present on. Lift your eyes to the great tracts of life yet to be conquered in the interests of righteous peace, of that prosperity which lies in the people's hearts and outlasts all the wars and errors of men. Come, let us be comrades and soldiers, yet to serve our fellowmen in quiet council, where the blow of trumpets is neither heard nor heeded, and where the things are done which make blessed the Nations of the world in peace and righteousness and love."—Wilson.

Now, since the gracious rains have come to bless the land, let us all join in the spirit of happy springtime, and by so doing banish the wrinkles from our faces and add the roses to our cheeks that nature has intended should be there.

Say folks, we are selling merchandise at the same old stand, and we want your business. If your cash is running short and your face looks good, we can use a few more good accounts, so don't be afraid to ask us. The report has been put out that we were not taking care of the people this year, but we are and want the business.

Boys, the time is coming that you will need a New Buggy. Any young man with the proper amount of pride will have a good buggy and horse. We have the Buggy you will want and more coming, and we want to sell you one for cash or credit.

Cultivator Time—Yes you want one of those John Deere, Hammock Seat, Cultivators. It don't make any difference about the price. What you want is

the best. The weeds are growing and we have a big stock of sweeps, hoes, etc., to fight them with. See Higginbotham for the things the farmers need in Hardware.

Say folks, we are still selling Light Crust Flour at \$3.00, and we have the biggest flour business, so far this year, we have had. There's a reason—the best of flour at the lowest price—and all other Groceries of best quality at reasonable prices, and our cash trade continues to grow. Trust your grocery business to Sanders Taylor and Uncle Bill Perry, and you won't go wrong.

Queen Quality Shoes are leaders of the world. We are trying to build the leading shoe business of the country, and are founding it on the best shoes we can buy. Queen Quality for Ladies, Marshall Shoes for Men. Our Dress Goods Department has new things coming into it all the time. Remember Linweave, the right white goods, and ask to see "New Cloth."

Come on to town Saturday. You know the children will just have to see "Mollie," and you can go to church while they go to the show; but don't forget Bryant-Link Co. wants your business.

**DICKENS COUNTY FARMERS TO MEET IN SPUR.**

A meeting of the Dickens County Agricultural Experiment Association will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Dunn Building in Spur. A quantity of seed will be ready for distribution. Farmers who are not members of the association and business men of Spur are invited to come to the meeting.—Jeff D. Reagan, Vice-President.

**PEACOCK PROPERTY****LOSS OVER \$100,000.**

Below we give the complete list of property loss in the cyclone at Peacock on April 26th:

Peacock Bros., general merchandise, home and business, total loss \$20,000; E. L. Caraway, drugs, home and business total loss \$7,500; J. B. Smith & Co., general merchandise, business total loss \$10,000; J. F. Dolby, market, total loss \$1,500; L. J. Minton, Postoffice, total loss \$1,000; P. H. Miller Lumber Co., partial, \$1,500; H. M. Townsend, dry goods, total loss, \$10,000; W. L. Maxwell building, total loss, \$1,200; T. E. Fleming, grocery, total loss, \$2,500; F. S. Robertson, livery stable and residence, total loss, \$5,000; Peacock Index, owned by J. W. Thompson, total loss, \$1,000; Sam Rash, general merchandise and dwelling, total loss, \$3,000; Mrs. Hugh Metcalf, dwelling, total loss, \$1,000; Miss Lizzie Jones, dwelling, total loss, \$1,000; Mrs. J. D. Ferrell, household effects, total loss, \$1,000; Auta McGough, home, total loss, \$1,500; Miss Cinnie Slayton, two dwellings, total loss, \$2,500; H. H. Owens, home, total loss, \$1,500; S. D. Clack, home, partial, \$600; Waldrup's blacksmith shop \$2,000; W. F. Brittain, home, total loss, \$2,000; J. T. Hulsey, home, total loss, \$1,000; Tom Hunlie, home, total loss, \$1,500; Wichita Valley Ry. \$1,500; W. S. Speegle, home and business, total loss, \$2,500; E. M. Bilberry, telephone and confectionery \$1,500; T. J. Rash, barber shop, total loss, \$600; Gray Realty Co. \$750; Stonewall State Bank \$2,500; Wallie Bradley \$300; Peacock Gin \$15,000, M. L. Sherrod, dwelling, \$500; Dr. Nichols \$300; M. E. Church \$1,000; M. E. Parsonage \$1,000; Mrs. Jenkins \$300; Public Windmill \$100; J. R. Marsh \$500; Dug Vencil \$400; J. J. Mice building \$1,000; G. F. Fork \$1,000; S. C. Galloway \$200; R. A. Robertson \$500.

**ENTERTAINS CLUB.**

Mrs. F. W. Jennings entertained the Club members and other guests on Friday afternoon April 17th. Several games of progressive forty-two were played, Mrs. C. L. Love winning high score was presented with two pretty Tango hair pins. Delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake was served. In the evening several lady friends and their husbands were entertained with 42 and served to cream and cake. Mrs. Jennings has established a reputation as a delightful entertainer and this occasion was a further demonstration of her ability.

**REVIVAL IN PROGRESS.**

The revival meeting at the First Church of Christ is in progress and will continue thru next week. These services are being conducted by Foy E. Wallace and Austin Taylor. Great interest is being manifested and large crowds are in attendance at each service. Everybody is invited to attend.

Y. L. Jones, made a business trip to Stamford last week.

## NEW THINGS!

COME IN and See the New Novelties on Sale in Wash Goods, also in the New Rice Voils. We have on Sale Two Special Lots at 12 1-2 and 25 cts. that are Worth Twice the Price. When you come to Spur, visit the

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# The Sowing of Alderson Cree

By MARGARET P. MONTAGUE

**A Strong Story of Character Building, With Scenes Laid In the West Virginia Mountains Among a Picturesque People**

## PROLOGUE.

Alderson Cree, a West Virginia mountaineer, ejects his boarder, Kip Ryerson. Alderson while hunting is shot from behind. He exacts a promise from his young son, David, to kill Ryerson, whom he suspects. After David goes for aid Alderson relents and prays to live long enough to relieve the son from the promise. Only Martha Lamfide, a character of the mountains, hidden behind the bushes, hears his appeal. Ryerson is arrested, tried, but acquitted. A forest fire is ravaging the mountains. The mountaineers, accused by David of cowardice, band together and order Ryerson out of town. Four years later, on his sixteenth birthday, David had gone out to a neighboring draft to fulfill his promise to his father, but learned that Kip Ryerson was already dead. At twenty-two David is the devoted slave of plain, charming, irresistible Mary Reddin.

## Ellen Daw.

"YE turned yer heffer back ter yer, an' now what are yer goin' ter do fer me?" demanded David softly.

Mary looked at him with round eyes of innocence.

"Oh, Dave!" she said, "I certainly am erbliged ter yer an' I'm goin' ter do er heffer fer yer."

"What is hit yer goin' ter do?" he persisted.

Mary swooped away from him with a quick, butterfly movement and caught up the lower rail of the fence. "I'm er goin' ter let yer help me lay up this fence," she answered, with a saucy look at him and an enchanting gurgle of irresistible laughter.

David laughed, too, in spite of his defeat, and joyous dancing lights flashed in his dark eyes, answering the witchery of her own.

"All right, Mistress Mary," he said, "but mind, hit don't take very long ter lay up er fence an' then there'll yer ter be er another settlin'," he added, with meaning.

In truth, judging from the way in which he fell to work, it would not take long, and Mary, as she watched him, felt a sudden little half fearful thrill go over her.

She knew very well that David loved her and had done so for more than a year, but in all that time she had managed by her quick wit to hold him off so that he had never actually wooed her. Why she thus fenced with him Mary hardly knew herself, for in her own heart she was very well aware that she loved him. But it was all such a strange new feeling that somehow it prompted her always to put up quick, defensive barriers of speech whenever they were alone together.

And David had let himself be held off, for he had had nothing to offer her. But now, after a long winter of scrupulous saving in camp, things were different, and watching his determined face as he tolled over the fence, Mary realized all at once that he was no longer to be baffled, and with the realization she felt herself shaken softly like a spring leaf shivering in the April winds.

And even as she watched him, David laid the top rail upon the fence and, turning suddenly, caught both her hands in his.

"For a long moment he looked down at her in silence, and Mary's eyes fell before his."

"Mary," he said at length softly, "do you know why I come outer camp?"

At the question Mary's old quick wit rose to the defense, and though she knew it was no good now, she nevertheless flung out a laughing retort.

"Reckon yer come out 'cause everybody else did, and it'd be kind er lonesome out there in the mountains all by yerself," she said.

David laughed tenderly, but with a ring of exultation.

"No, that wa'n't ther reason," he answered. "Sides, everybody didn't come out. Ther's er cuttin' crew up in ther yit, an' I could er stayed with them if I'd er wanted ter. But I had er reason fer comin' out, an' you know what hit is."

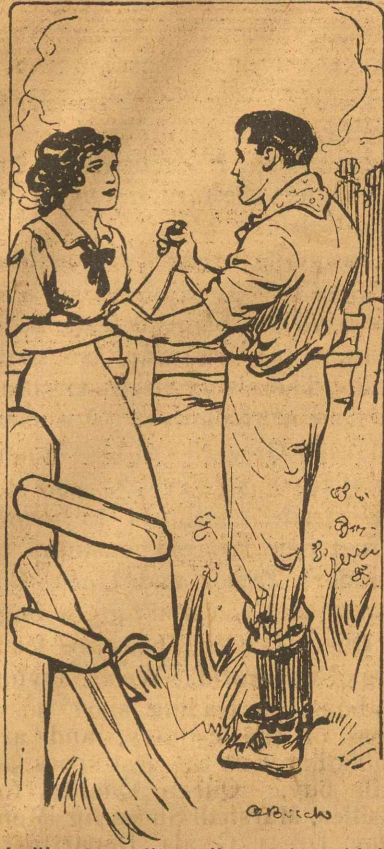
"Deed ef I do," she answered quickly.

"Then I'll hev ter tell yer!" David cried, with a sudden nearer movement toward her.

Mary sprang back and tugged to get her hands free.

"I ain't got no time fer listen ter yer—that's mammy now, calling ther cows," she cried breathlessly.

But David held her fast. "Yer'll not go till I tell yer," he said, in a low,



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passionate voice, and all at once he caught her in his arms and covered her face with kisses.

"Now do yer know?" he cried, panting. "Now do yer know?" Mary struggled in his embrace, half frightened.

"Oh, let me go, let me go, David Cree!" she cried.

"Not till yer say yer know why I come outer camp," he answered hotly. "Oh, I do, I do!" she gasped at length, lying still in his arms and almost sobbing.

And with one last kiss David opened his arms and let her go, and Mary skimmed down the hillside toward home like a frightened bird.

Yet, when she reached the house and stepped across the porch, the frightened look had left her face and another expression was there.

David stood still, leaning against the fence and watching her dainty figure leap down the hillside and disappear from sight, and only one other thing in all his life had ever so moved the very foundations of his soul as had the sudden overpowering rush of his love and the touch of Mary's little fluttering figure that had at length lain still in his arms—and the other thing that had moved him had not been love.

He turned at length from his position by the fence and, coming slowly down the hill, skirted the Reddins' field and made across the bottom lands toward his own home.

As he swung himself over the last fence and dropped into the country road he met Ellen Daw on her slow return from her day spent at the grist mill at Linden—the little postoffice village some five miles from the head of the Jumping Creek Draft.

In the light of his great knowledge all women seemed to David, just then, beings set apart and exalted, sanctified by his love for one. Therefore he stopped and spoke to Ellen with extra politeness, though, as a rule, the girl's wistful, dark visage, with its eager look—as though she searched every face anew, with a fresh upspringing of hope for a thing that she had somehow missed—did not particularly attract him.

"Howdy, Miss Ellen!" he said, putting out his hand to her as she sat above him on her old horse, her bag of milling swung at the back of her saddle.

With a quick gesture the girl pushed her rusty black sunbonnet off her head that she might see the better, and then dropped her work hardened hand into his outstretched one with a certain shy awkwardness, while a slow, dark color went all over her face.

"Howdy," she said briefly, and it seemed as though it was hard for her to say even that.

"How you bin makin' hit?" David persisted.

"Oh, jest tolerble," she answered.

"How's yer paw?" he inquired.

"He's so crippled up with ther rheumatiz this spring that he ain't able ter do er lick'er work," she answered, still with the same constrained manner. Then she added in a lower tone, as though to herself, "Hit keeps me right hard worked."

A sudden realization of how hard worked a lonely girl might be on the top of Drupe mountain, with two disabled old people to look after, flashed over David in the light of his own past struggles, and he answered her low words warmly.

"I jest bet hit is hard," he said, a touch of sympathy in his voice that brought a quick mist to the girl's eyes and a tightening to her throat. She fumbled with her reins a little blindly.

"Well, reckon I must be travadin'," she murmured confusedly. But she

**The Life of a Willful Boy Who Set Upon Himself the Responsibility of Avenging His Father's Murder :: ::**

paused a moment longer, looking searchingly down into his face.

"You bin well?" she inquired.

"Oh, yes, well's common," he answered, and was glad that with that she again gathered up her reins and with a couple of jerks got her horse once more started in its shuffling, uneven gait.

For a moment David watched her go slowly up the road, her figure in its forlornly faded calico swaying slightly from side to side as the old mare rolled along, and in his heart he was conscious of a vague pity for the girl.

But directly the realization of his own wonderful new happiness swept back upon him, and, throwing his head up, he poured forth a soft, sweet whistle of pure ecstasy, swinging along at a jubilant pace through the delicate perfumed light of the vanishing day, and Ellen Daw and her hardships speedily vanished into the background of his mind.

At David's entrance his mother glanced up from her kneading board in greeting, but she did not speak, for her words now were always few.

Her face still wore the expression it had caught when, ten years ago, Alderson Cree had been brought home from his last hunt. The face was old now, wrinkled and worn by the past hard years, but the look stayed always new, with a freshness of horror, as though the blow had just fallen.

Used as David was to that live tragedy, it came to him that afternoon, in the face of his new happiness, with a reawakening of distress, as though a phantom out of the grim past had risen suddenly to mock him, and with a sense that the sunlight of his happiness had been suddenly blighted by a cloud he caught the tin wash basin from its nail on the wall and turned out to the well to make his evening ablutions, with a restless feeling almost of irritation toward his mother.

With the remembrance of her meeting with David Cree still warmly fresh in her mind, Ellen Daw rode slowly on her homeward way, following the main road of the Draft. Halfway up the Draft she passed the schoolhouse, a little square building of gray logs and white strips of chinking and daubing, now, in the idleness of spring and oncoming summer, standing deserted and silent on its grassy knoll, brooding, perhaps, on past and gone sessions, with only an occasional Sunday prayer meeting or preaching to break its peaceful monotony. Ellen half wondered to herself as she passed it whether, in its dreams of different children whom it had hovered, it ever remembered a shy little gypsy-like child from off Drupe mountain, who for three winters had daily trudged the weary miles from the top of the mountain to its door, and who had suffered such agonies of ridicule at the hands of the other children, all because her clothes were shabbier and poorer than any one's else and because she sometimes had only corn bread for her dinner. Ellen hoped the schoolhouse had forgotten, and all the scholars as well, that pitiful little figure of herself.

In all the world only God knew what a lonesome heart Ellen Daw carried with her on her homeward way—and in truth on all her ways through the world, although there was scarcely a person in all the Jumping Creek Draft who had not at one time or another received some little hidden bit of help from the lonesome dark girl, who lived such a dreary, shutaway life on the mountain and who possessed such a meager portion of either the thoughts or hearts of the neighbors whom she so eagerly sought to help with her little secret kindnesses.

Though she saw and heard and felt like other people, her shyness held her tongue in a fatal silence.

Ellen Daw had lived her whole life of twenty-two years, without ever knowing what it was to have any living soul care for her, or, worse still, without ever having come in contact with any one, man, woman or child, who desired any of the store of affection which she was so eager yet so fearful to give.

At her birth her mother had died and her father handing Ellen, the only child, over to Silas Daw and his wife for adoption, had sold his small farm on Drupe mountain and moved away into the mining district of West Virginia, where he shortly married again, and in the vicissitudes of supporting a steadily increasing family probably forgot, or certainly did not care to remember, the existence of his other child in the Jumping Creek neighborhood.

[To be continued.]

# A Glance at Current Topics

## Commission Studies Labor.

Washington, April 28.—Public hearings in important industrial centers from New York to San Francisco will be held during the early summer by the United States commission on industrial relations. This announcement was made by Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the commission. The hearings, according to Mr. Walsh, will embrace in their scope all the main divisions of the inquiry directed by congress.

Among the cities that probably will be visited are New York, Philadelphia,

are making extensive preparations for facilitating the work of the American and other foreign expeditions by having the proper astronomical calculations worked out for each important point in the path of totality.

## French Monument For Canal.

Paris, April 26.—To have a monument erected at Panama in commemoration of the connection of France with the great enterprise of connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans is the desire of people of this country.

The project was explained by Louis Jaray, secretary of the influential group of Frenchmen composing the Franco-American committee, which has already obtained the approval of the French foreign office of the plan.

President Wilson, it was pointed out, had approved the idea when it was mentioned to him last year by William Morton Fullerton of Norwich, Conn., who was visiting America as commissioner of the Lyons International exposition.

It is the wish of the committee that the United States government, if it accepts the suggestion, should select a site for the monument on the canal. A large commission, including some of the most noted men in France, would then visit the United States and Panama in connection with the plan.



Photo by American Press Association.

## Frank P. Walsh Heads Federal Body Which Will Investigate Labor.

Boston, Paterson, Scranton, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Wheeling, Charlotte, Greenville, Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville, Louisville, New Orleans, Detroit, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Chicago, Houghton, Milwaukee, Madison, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Paul, Denver, Trinidad, Dallas, Houston or Galveston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Butte and Lead.

Some of the subjects to be inquired into in each city are irregularity of employment, possibilities of ending irregularity and increasing production through scientific management, the activities of trade unions and employers' associations and the extent and operation of governmental machinery for regulating the conditions of industry.

## Joint Army and Militia "War."

Washington, April 28.—Plans for joint maneuvers by the United States regular army and the national guard, to include attacks upon Washington and San Francisco by invading armies, together with the establishment of numerous training camps throughout the country, were announced by the war department. It was tentatively decided to begin the maneuvers in the latter part of July.

The attack against Washington will be participated in by troops of the Seventh and Eighth divisions of the eastern department, which will concentrate at Baltimore. The attacking forces will be known as the "red division." A similar number of troops designated as the "blue division," will be concentrated in the vicinity of the national capital as the defense army. The war department instructed the commanding general of the western department to "make such disposition for the organization of the regular and militia troops available as will make the problem most interesting."

## Want Suffrage Holiday For May 2.

Washington, April 28.—A suffrage holiday is what the congress committee of the national association requested of the governors of the different states in order that all women may participate in the great demonstration on May 2.

Mrs. Medill McCormick, chairman of the congressional committee, says that a letter has been written to state executives asking them to proclaim a suffrage holiday May 2 in order that the working women as well as all others may participate in the suffrage demonstration which is to be held in every part of the country on that day. Some of the states have complied with the request.

## Wide Interest in Sun Eclipse.

Berlin, April 25.—German astronomers already are taking a lively interest in a total eclipse of the sun that occurs on Aug. 21. The city of Hamburg is fitting out an expedition at its own expense, and Prussia will give assistance to an expedition headed by Professor Niethe of the Technological institute in Charlottenburg.

A number of German astronomers will attach themselves to American expeditions. Professor Niethe's expedition, which will be chiefly for the purpose of making photographs of the eclipse, will go to the island of Alsten, far up the coast of Norway, where the path of totality first touches the European continent.

The Hamburg expedition will make its observations in Russia. It is understood that the Russian astronomers

## President to Unveil Confederate Status.

Raleigh, N. C., April 28.—President Wilson has accepted the invitation of the state authorities of North Carolina to be present on May 10 and unveil the monument to the women of the Confederacy, which is now being erected on the grounds of the capitol. The monument is the work of Augustus Lukeman, a New York sculptor. The monument is the gift to the state of the late Colonel Ashley Horne, wealthy merchant and farmer of Clayton, N. C. Colonel Horne had already arranged for the erection of the monument when he died last November, had turned the money over to the state, and the work is now almost finished. The donor had conferred with the sculptor and had approved his preliminary model.

Colonel Horne, who was an uncle of Professor Herman Harrell Horne of the faculty of the University of New York, was inspired by the memory of his mother to erect this monument to the women of the Confederacy.

The secretary of the navy, Josephus Daniels, was a life long friend of Colonel Horne, and he will deliver an address at the dedication ceremonies.

Mr. Lukeman in his design has depicted a mother of the Confederacy, seated with a Bible on her lap, while by her side is her son, still only a boy, who clasps a sword, as emblem of the fight. Determination is in both faces, but that expressed by the woman is mingled with sorrow.

## Americans Want China's Trade.

Peking, April 26.—The Americans of north China have formed a society under the style of the American Association of North China to foster the interests of American commerce.

They want a commercial attache to be assigned to duties of investigation throughout China following the practice of other nations, which keep a lively propaganda campaign afoot on behalf of their nationals, and they are appealing to the American state department to appoint such an official.

Foremost among those who recognize the need for activity is the new minister, Paul Reinsch. Dr. Reinsch brings



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to his office a keen perception of the tremendous possibilities which await intelligent effort in this field and a desire to see the American flag holding its own if not topping the bunting of other nations.

Careful investigations have shown him that Americans have great opportunities for a market which is not only valuable, but which it is also necessary to cultivate now in order to have it developed when the opening of the Panama canal will cause the westward drift of trade to become more and more pronounced.

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H. C. Allen, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Friday of last week trading with the merchants and looking after other business matters. He says that he got soaking wet Thursday and has turned his teams out until the rainy season is over.

Buff Orphingtons, chickens that won first prizes at Stamford, Merkel, Plainview and Abilene. Best pen in English class at Abilene; all this season. Mating list free.—Dr. P. C. Wray, Jayton, Texas. 20-8t-p

J. A. Neighbors, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Steel Hill community, was in the city Saturday and spent some time here on business and greeting his many friends. He reports a fine rain Friday night.

G. J. Stearns came in Saturday from his farm home in the Steel Hill country and spent some time here on business.

J. D. Hufstедler was among the many business visitors in Spur Saturday from the Dry Lake country.

E. C. Edmonds, cashier of the First State Bank, attended the Bankers' Convention at Fort Worth this week.

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## Fords & Buicks

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SPUR, TEXAS

J. J. Rogers, of twelve miles west, was transacting business in Spur the latter part of last week. Mr. Rogers was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and reports everything in excellent shape with respect to crop prospects.

Single Comb Mottled AnCona Eggs for Sale. Winter layers as well as summer. First setting \$2.25, second \$1.25, from trap nested layer; 15 eggs setting.—Mrs. Jasper N. Porter, 607 East Reynold Street, Stamford, Texas.

Al Sullivan, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles southeast of Spur, was here Saturday on business and meeting his friends.

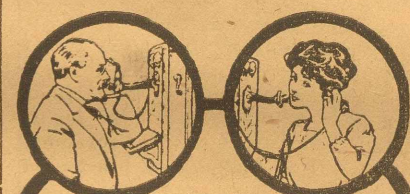
W. F. Shugart, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of six miles east, was in Spur Saturday mingling with friends and trading with the merchants.

Miss Luria Hogan, of Belton, is here on an extended visit to her brother, Cephus Hogan and family.

J. Carlisle, of Gilpin, was in the city Saturday trading with the merchants and shaking hands with his many friends.

Judge A. J. McClain came in Saturday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch and spent some time here on business.

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Peet Eckert, who was painfully hurt by a motor car some two weeks ago, returned Friday from St. Joseph's Infirmary at Fort Worth where he had been sent for treatment. We are glad to note that he has completely recovered.

J. S. Neal came in Saturday from his home in the Tap country and spent some time here on business. Mr. Neal called in at the Texas Spur office while in the city and reports fine rains out his way Friday night.

J. A. Sparks was among the number of business visitors from the Tap country Saturday. Mr. Sparks reports a good rain Friday night, and says that prospects were never better for big crops than at this time.

Mrs. Johnson and son, Scott, left last week for Eastland to spend the summer. Mrs. Johnson has been teaching in the Spur Schools the past several years and will in all probability be employed again.

T. S. Lambert, a leading citizen, farmer and stockman of the Tap country, was here Saturday shaking hands with his many friends and attending to business matters.

J. L. Karr, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of near old Epeula, was in Spur Friday of last week shaking hands with friends and attending to business matters.

Poet Hagins and wife, of Gilpin, were shopping in Spur Friday. He says they haven't had any big rains but good seasons and that he has all of his cotton planted.

Mrs. Jim Foster, one of the teachers in the Spur Schools the past year, visited relatives at Haskell several days last week, returning Friday.

Prof. Blaine Speer, of Dickens, was here the latter part of last week meeting the voters in the interest of his candidacy for County Judge.

A girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith several weeks ago at their home several miles west of Spur.

Prof. Mace returned Friday from Hubbard City where he spent several days on business.

J. P. Simmons bought a new Ford car last week from Godfrey & Powell.

Dr. Daly will be in Spur May 11th and 12th. See him about your Eye trouble.

Mrs. C. D. Copeland is visiting relatives at Mart, Texas, this week.

G. S. Jones has our thanks for cash on subscription this week.



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W. M. Randall, a prosperous farmer and leading citizen of the Steel Hill community, was among the number of business visitors from that section the latter part of last week.

N. Q. Brannen and wife are visiting relatives and friends at Temple and Cleburne this week.

T. A. Randleman has our thanks for cash on subscription this week.

R. P. Cole returned last week from a business trip to Waco and Dublin.

E. Shawe, of Afton, was in Spur Monday on business.

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# New Road to Open Alaska's Wealth



1 and 2.—Copper River railway. 3.—Apex of Valdez glacier. 4.—View of Cordova. 5.—Alaska farmers. 6.—Scene in Ketchikan.

**Government Railway Costing \$35,000,000 Will Penetrate Rich Fields Heretofore Neglected—Coal Mining Alone Will Yield Enormously With Proper and Convenient Transportation Facilities.**

**T**HAT Alaska is to have a railroad built, maintained and operated by the government, and, as a result, that the vast resources of that country are to be opened to the world, is assured by the action of both branches of congress in passing the Alaskan railway bill, which was approved by President Wilson.

Alaska is rich in coal. It has two fields larger than any in the United States, or, possibly, in the world. The Bering river field covers seventy-five square miles, and the Matanuska field eighty-five. They are practically virgin, only one title having been perfected. The rest belongs to the government, and it is the expectation that this land will be opened. The opening of mines in Alaska, together with the building of a railroad and the opening of the Panama canal, it is estimated, will save the government from \$3 to \$5 a ton on its coal burned in the Pacific. Alaska itself now buys coal from British Columbia.

Alaska is said to have more copper than Michigan and Arizona, more gold than California and Colorado, more tin than Wales and more fish than all other American waters combined. The area of its tillable land has been variously estimated at from 2,000,000 to 9,700,000 acres.

#### Alaska Cost Only \$7,200,000.

The original purchase price of Alaska about half a century ago was \$7,200,000. The government has spent all told on account of Alaska \$35,816,674. The production in this territory from 1867 to 1911 was \$429,423,630. Revenues of one kind or another paid into the federal treasury during this period aggregated \$17,117,354. Since 1911 the value of Alaskan products has increased sufficiently to make the total more than a half billion dollars.

The federal railway measure authorizes the construction of a thousand miles of railroad to connect Alaska's coal fields with the coast, the route to be selected by the president, to whom are also left many other important details. An appropriation of \$35,000,000 is authorized for this purpose. The appropriation as the bill passed the senate was \$40,000,000.

The project, says the New York Post, is of more interest than even the expenditure of the vast sum proposed would ordinarily create. Coming soon after the completion of the Panama canal, it is attracting attention as another great engineering project under the direction of the American government. In a sense, too, it compares with the government's undertaking in the sixties to push the Pacific railways

across the unbroken prairies and mountains of the west and thus link together the west and the east.

Moreover, the new project is to be the first test in this country of government ownership of a public utility. It is expected to open to the commerce of the world great resources that until now have been for the most part lying idle; it will afford employment to a large army of men both in its construction and in its maintenance; it will develop Alaska agriculturally as well as in other ways by attracting homesteaders, and it is expected greatly to cheapen various commodities of commerce, notably coal.

#### Course of the Line.

The bill places great power in the hands of the president. It directs him to locate and acquire, by purchase or construction or by both means, a line or lines of railroads from tide-water into the interior of Alaska and to navigation on the Yukon, Tanana or Kuskokwim rivers. In choosing the route he is to use his judgment as to what will best promote the settlement of Alaska, develop its resources and provide adequate transportation for coal for the army and navy, for troops and munitions of war and for the mails.

The Alaskan railroad commission found that the best plan for railroad construction in Alaska would be to send a line from Cordova due north for 400 miles to Fairbanks, on the Tanana river, in the heart of a wide, sweeping valley that would hold half a dozen conventional states back home. A second railroad, beginning at Seward, would penetrate the region to the northwest as far as the Yukon river, would tap additional coal fields and would awake the echoes on great, solitary plains that have seldom heard any of the noises of civilization, but which may some time be converted into an unbroken expanse of wheat fields. Each of these routes would connect with the great navigable rivers of the interior which are open to trade for three months in each year, and whose waters flow far north and empty into the Bering sea.

#### Canal Company May Operate It.

The president is authorized, if he sees fit, to permit the government railroad to be operated by contract or lease, or it may be operated by the Panama Railroad company. This company has been referred to in the debates on the Alaska railroad bill as an example of successful government ownership, but it has been pointed out in reply that it is not an example of government ownership in the sense in which the phrase is generally used, because it is not a commercial railroad,

its purpose being to transport men and supplies being used up and down the route of the Panama canal.

In constructing and operating the Alaskan railroad the president is authorized to employ in its construction and operation any number of men he may think necessary, choosing them as he pleases, only that those chosen from civil life shall be under the supervision, in the work of construction, of the engineers taken from the army.

#### Meager Population.

To show how meager is the present development of the territory the native population is only 15,000 and the white population about 50,000. These are summer figures. The number of whites is about half that in winter.

In this territory, one-fifth the size of the United States, there are only 466 miles of railroads.

The Copper River and Northwestern railway is only 196 miles long, but it takes two days to traverse its full length. It cost \$20,000,000 to build. It runs from Cordova, on Prince William sound, to the Bonanza copper mines at Kenecott. For 100 miles the line runs up the Copper river, between mountain walls broken only by glaciers. Snowslides come down frequently, interrupting traffic and necessitating long lines of snowsheds. In the summer time icebergs break from the glaciers and carry out bridges, and the melting of the glaciers swells the rivers and floods the tracks. Once away from the coast the construction would not be so difficult.

#### Twenty Cents a Mile For Ride.

Yet glaciers and railway tracks are considered the "easiest" routes of travel in that difficult land. Rates for passengers on the railway are 15 cents per mile and the trains run only weekly or biweekly.

The Alaska Northern railway, from Seward to Cook inlet, is only seventy-two miles long, and literally runs to "nowhere." The interests which set out to construct it through to the valuable Matanuska coal fields were halted by the obstacles placed in the way by nature. It costs 20 cents a mile to ride on it.

Of the White Pass and Yukon railway only eighteen miles lie in United States territory. It runs 200 miles from Skagway, in southeast Alaska, to White Horse. There are only a couple of other lines in the country, at Nome and Fairbanks. Both are very short.

But while the need for railways is urgent, so great are the difficulties of construction because of the glaciers, the bogs, the floods and other obstacles which nature has placed in the way that it is doubtful if private capital would have ventured further in railway construction there.

## Topics of the Sport World

By SQUARE DEAL

Baseball players who deserted the ranks of organized baseball to join the Federals will be taken care of, even if they have failed to win berths with the Federal teams. This was announced by President Gilmore. He confirmed the report that two minor outlaw leagues would be formed next year to provide Federal "farms."

"What will become of the players not strong enough to get regular jobs on your teams?" he was asked.

"Every man who quit organized baseball from major to minor leagues will be taken care of," said Gilmore. "Of course, there are a lot of youngsters who never played in organized ball whose training experience with us will not hurt them. These will be free to get places anywhere."

"Next year we will have at least two minor leagues working in conjunction with us. If we are in organized ball, then they will be; if not they will be 'outlaws,' as we are called now."

Gilmore has published a list of the league's owners and backers, which shows, according to his figures, that there is \$50,000,000 behind the Federals. Twelve millionaires are on the roster, he said. The wealthiest club is that in Brooklyn, where the Wards are credited with capital amounting to \$25,000,000.

"Old Man" Courtney up at Cornell is still very much on the job. Only a year ago he talked of retiring. Now he has forgotten that he ever said that he was going to quit despite the fact that he is sixty-four years old. Courtney has been busy of late in discussing Cornell's rowing problems and prospects with several of the largest Cornell alumni associations of the country.

No doubt the reason for "Pop" Courtney's rejuvenation was the defeat of the Cornell crew on the Hudson last June and the temporary dethronement of Cornell and Courtney from the position of supremacy they have long maintained in aquatics.

Connie Mack says that Joe Bush will be one of his regular pitchers. He intends to rely almost entirely on Bush.

Brown, Shawkey and Houck until warm weather permits Bender and Plank to cut loose.

Hans Wagner will not jump to the Federals next year, as it has been intimated. In fact, if the "outlaws" had tried to induce the old vet to jump from the Pittsburgh Pirates his friends say that it is likely he would have used his big war club or them. Wagner, of



Photo by American Press Association. Wagner, of the Mighty Swat.

the mighty swat, has not very many more years to play ball. He knows this himself, but he doesn't care, for he has played his share. He's not going to desert his friends in the sunset of his baseball career. He is now playing with his usual consistency and seems to have gained in popularity with the fans this year, if such a thing is possible.

## In the Sunday School Class

SENIOR BEREAN LESSON.

A special temperance lesson to be substituted for the regular uniform lesson on "The Prodigal Son" (Luke xv. 11-32) in all senior and adult Bible classes.

I.—Scripture Reading—Num. xiv. 18; Eph. v. 1-18.

II.—Aim of This Lesson—To show the relation of the saloon to infant mortality, feeble mindedness, epilepsy and other destructive inherited tendencies.

III.—The Lesson—The saloon is harmful to human life.

Every institution of society ultimately stands or falls by its effect on human life. The saloon will be no exception. "Already it receives treatment different from that of any other similar trade. Meat markets, grocery and dry goods stores are not hedged about with the restrictions which are peculiar to the saloon. The fundamental difference lies in the fact that what the saloon sells is detrimental rather than beneficial to human life.

The high value placed upon human life.

The valuation of human life has probably never been so high as now. It is this that is the inspiration of practically all movements for peace, for social betterment and justice. "A sound race" is the keynote of the work for social purity, for wisdom in marriage, for the study and prevention of feeble mindedness, epilepsy, idiocy and insanity.

Alcohol and race degeneracy.

The relation of alcohol to race degeneracy has been receiving increasing attention in recent years. For a long time physicians have often observed in the families of drinkers, especially when the drink habit has been conspicuous for more than one generation, signs of physical or mental weakness. Efforts have been made to ascertain the extent of the interrelation of degeneracy and alcoholism by studying the parentages of defective children, or, reversing the process, by studying the children of alcoholic and nonalcoholic parents.

The idiot, the feeble minded and the epileptic.

By the first method, for instance, Shuttleworth (1) reported that of 1,200 cases of idiocy and feeble mindedness at the Royal Albert asylum 13.25 per cent were attributed to alcoholic parentage. Nineteen per cent of the admissions for epilepsy at the Craig Colony For Epileptics in New York in 1911 had alcoholic heredity (2).

A heavy drinker and his children.

A few instances are on record where to parents of normal children one defective child was born known to have had its beginning when one or both parents were under the influence of alcohol. Schweighofer (3) recorded a case where a normal woman married a normal man and had three normal children. After his death she married a heavy drinker and had three children. One became a drunkard, and one was infantile. Both contracted tuberculosis, which had never before been in the family. The third child was a social degenerate and drunkard. By a third marriage, again to a sober man, the mother again produced sound children. Other similar cases have been reported. \* \* \*

Unhygienic conditions in the home of the drinker may undoubtedly be a factor in the higher child mortality among families of drunkards. Money diverted to the liquor seller cannot be paid to the landlord for a suitable home, to the grocer for abundant, nourishing food for mother and children, to the coal dealer for fuel, to the merchant for proper clothing. Conditions may thus be created tending to child sickness and mortality. \* \* \*

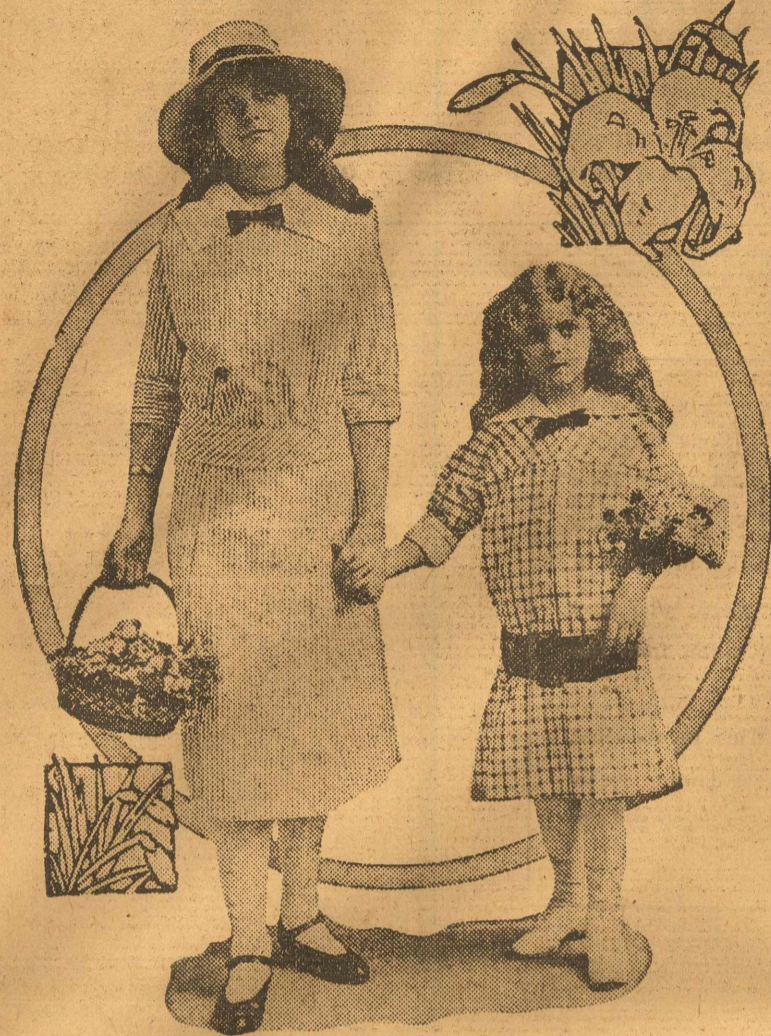
The germ of life.

The secret of the harm wrought on posterity by the alcohol user is believed by many students to lie in the effect of alcohol on the cells in which human life begins. These germ cells, of which "the individual is the trustee," are now known to be susceptible to certain chemical agents circulating in the blood. The poisons of lead and of infectious diseases may so affect the germ plasma as to cause lowered vitality, with death during infancy, imperfect development showing itself in convulsions, epilepsy, feeble mindedness and insanity. It is known, as already shown, that in the family of the alcoholic there is a heavier percentage of premature births and of infant mortality. The experiments with the alcoholized fathers of guinea pigs "clearly demonstrate," said the experimenter (Dr. Stockard), "that the paternal germ cells may be modified by a chemical treatment (of the animal) to such a degree that the male will beget abnormal offspring, even though he mated with a vigorous female." Davenport and Weeks found a "constant excess beyond expectation of epileptic and feeble minded offspring from alcoholic parents. From 10 to 20 per cent more children in any fraternity are defective than would be were it not for alcohol." \* \* \*



# Woman and the Home Sphere

Stripes and Checks Are Very Popular For Kiddies' Tub Frocks



Stripes, checks and figured patterns are popular for children's morning dresses, as the washable frocks like those pictured here are called. These are designed in fine gingham and have the wide belts and button trimmings that mothers favor this season. The cuff on the three-quarter length sleeve is also up to date.

## TRIMMINGS OF FLOWERS.

Most Effective Decorative Scheme For Season's Gowns.

The use of a single flower on the corsage is one of the most effective decorative fancies of the season. The flower may be of satin or velvet. It is considered very chic to select a futuristic flower, which is, of course, a somewhat bizarre variation of the natural type. One attractive gown for use at restaurants at some smart evening affair is also suitable for tangoing. It is carried out in one of the smart shades of green, with the vest of embroidered net and the shoulders trimmed with passementerie. A very decided pannier falls over the skirt, which, while rather narrow, is slashed below to permit freedom of motion.

In many of the spring gowns there is evidenced a return of the pannier drawn in at the knees, which is usually becoming to the average figure.

Such panniers are draped with considerable fullness at the waist line in order that the puffed effect may be obtained below the hips. The hem is sharply drawn into the figure.

## Baked Apples.

When baking apples cut through the rind all round just a little way from the stem before putting the apples in the oven. The apples will keep their proper shape without bursting, and the cut part will not show when they are placed on the dish.

## TASTY DISHES.

### Flannel Cakes.

For these take one quart of flour, one tablespoonful sugar, one tablespoonful salt, two large teaspoonfuls baking powder, two eggs and one and one-half pints milk. Sift together flour, sugar, salt and powder. Add the beaten eggs and milk, mix into a smooth batter that will run in a thick stream from the pitcher. Bake on a hot griddle a rich brown color in cakes as large as saucers. Serve with maple syrup.

### Russian Salad Dressing.

To make salad dressing in the Russian style take four tablespoonfuls of mayonnaise; add half a pimento, chopped rather finely. To this add half a dozen sprigs of chives, chopped fine, and stir. Take two tablespoonfuls of chili sauce and a dash of tarragon vinegar. Add to this mixture one tablespoonful of whipped cream. Whip again thoroughly and serve. This will be enough for four people.

### Water Biscuit.

One light quart of flour, one large kitchen spoonful of lard, two teaspoonfuls of yeast powder and one even teaspoonful of salt. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together and mix thoroughly with the lard. Add cold water to make a dough of the right consistency. Roll out and bake immediately. If you want them successful you must be sure to use enough lard.

## TULLE TRIMMING.

The Latest Fad Is to Use It to Adorn Lingerie.

Tulle has become so popular that now we are going to trim even our lingerie with this filmy material.

One innovation is a nightdress made entirely of fine white tulle of a yard and a half width, heavily embroidered round the bottom with white silk floss.

The short elbow length sleeves and yoke are also of tulle with broad bands of pale pink ribbon underneath.

Tulle is used on other nightdresses in deep plaited frills on fine lined or muslin garments.

Some new fans have come out in the shape of eight or ten curled ostrich feathers of different sizes and in two shades, such as dark blue tipped with emerald green or black tipped with crimson. The frame of the blue and green fans is of worked Australian jade. The black and crimson are done in red coral.

## FAVORITE FASHIONS.

The most charming foot ruffles are seen on taffeta gowns.

Some of the new flowered crape dresses have coatee fronts.

Hand bags are made of brown ante-lope skin.

Plaited skirts are seen below the lowest belts of the new coats.

Collars on some of the new suits are made of wide fancy braid.

Striped and plaid linings are as much in evidence as the flowered designs.

An elaborate new nightgown is of striped nainsook and has lapels.

White chiffon collars beaded in vivid colors impart a delightful touch to afternoon frocks.

A curious new shoe is like a wrap of net bordered with taffeta.

## Care of the Eyes.

The day comes to one and all—provided we live the allotted span—when our sight has to be studied. Women should do all work, such as sewing, reading and writing, by daylight as far as possible. Lamps give the best artificial light. The lamp should be placed at your left hand.

# His Changing Nature

By ROBERT LAWSON JOHNSON

JOHN RUNLET was a fine, sturdy fellow until he fell ill with impoverishment of the blood. He was a fine swimmer, skater, boxer, fencer, a champion in tennis and one of the best ball twirlers in the country. But when sickness overcame him he lost his strength and even his life was in danger.

Drs. Hammersly and Phipps, his physicians, consulted on his case and came to the conclusion that they had better resort to transfusion of blood. It was not easy to find one who was willing to give up sufficient blood to fill Jack Runlet's veins, for they were of no ordinary capacity, but several persons volunteered to give each a portion, and in this way the whole was obtained. Runlet was a favorite among women, and two of his sweethearts responded to the call, though neither knew of the offer of the other. Two men, Jack's most intimate friends, offered to give their quantum of blood, and after the four transfusions were effected the patient had in him the blood drawn from two women and two men.

Maud Scarborough and Delia Thorne were the women and Ned Summerfield and George Smith the men. The operators would have preferred that the blood should be transfused in a mixed state. This was because they expected the patient would be affected by the peculiarities of the persons from whom it came, and it would be better that these traits should in a measure neutralize one another. But the operations must be performed separately.

Runlet became well again, thanks to these devoted friends, but not himself. There was very little of his own blood left in him—indeed, he was four other persons in turn. When the blood of one of the women was sent out from his heart he was much like that woman, and since only half of him was man he was manly but half of the time.

When he regained his health and strength the baseball season was opening, and he resumed his position as pitcher, but he was found to be unreliable. At times he had his usual strength, while at others he seemed to

have lost it, both of will and muscle. He concealed his weakness as well as he could, but it was unfortunate that he did so. It would have been better for him to retire. When a match game of great importance was being played a frightened mouse ran across the diamond. Doubtless the blood of one of the women with which his arteries were filled was at the moment being sent through his system, for he became paralyzed with fear. Running to the grand stand, he stood upon one of the plank seats and could not be induced to come down.

But few of those present knew the cause of Runlet's cowardice, though none could understand why a man should be afraid of a mouse. At any rate, the game was broken up, for Runlet, covered by shame, left the field.

The next time a game of importance came off Runlet took his place among the spectators instead of in the box. He had doubtless been under the influence of the blood he had received from one of his women contributors, for he had nearly all that day been acting femininely. He went to the baseball match with a lady's fan in his hand and while waiting for the game to begin alternately fanned himself and sniffed at a bunch of violets pinned to his shirt bosom.

Runlet's club had not found a pitcher to take his place. It lost steadily, and by the end of the fifth inning all hope of winning the game left them.

It is a disputed point what caused a sudden throwing off of Runlet's femininity. The doctors who transfused the blood into him contend that a quantum of woman's blood, which had been thrown through the heart, suddenly gave place to that of a man. Be this as it may, Jack Runlet, bedizened as he was, vaulted the rail that separated him from the field, jumped down into the diamond and demanded the ball. A shout arose, with cries of "Try him again!" "Give it to him!" and the like. Some one tossed the ball to him, and by a succession of remarkable curves he put out every one who attempted to handle the bat from then to the end of the ninth inning, winning the game handsomely.

# All For the Boys and Girls

## MAY DAY IN OLD ENGLAND.

Artistic Poles Used in the Observance Were Left Standing.

In London and other large cities and towns in England several hundred years ago May poles were permanently standing in the streets, usually made of birch and painted in an artistic fashion, sometimes with white and green stripes, sometimes white and blue and sometimes red, white and blue, and then again other colors would be used. After the creation of the pole it was trimmed. Merrymaking and dancing would begin and usually kept up around the May pole until early evening. A number of the young men and women would each take one of the ribbons, or streamers, that hung from it and dance to music back and forth, in and out, in such a manner as to braid the ribbons, always getting nearer the pole as they danced, until the bright colors were plaited in pretty patterns from the top to the bottom.

One of the prettiest girls of the village was elected queen of the May, crowned with flowers and seated upon a floral throne placed near the Maypole. She took no part in the dancing and frolics of her subjects, but received their homage with queenly grace and bestowing in the evening upon those who had done particularly well in the games and dances during the day some recognition of her favor in the shape of a flower from her crown, a branch from her scepter or a bit of ribbon from her decorations.

In the customs of France, however, the flower crowned queen, sitting on her palm covered throne under the canopy of box, demanded a tribute from her subjects, and this was given either as an act of homage or in the shape of a flower. Then there was the contest for the golden violet, which prize was given for the best impromptu poem. While at first the prize was always a violet of gold, in later years both gold and silver were used and many quaint floral designs introduced.

## Speed of the Wind.

When the wind is blowing at ten miles an hour it is a pleasant breeze, at twenty a brisk wind, at thirty a high wind, at forty a very high wind, at fifty a storm, at seventy a great storm, at eighty to a hundred a hurricane. The wind that destroyed Galveston some years ago blew at the rate of eighty-four miles an hour with a force of 35,000 pounds per square foot.

## Children's Playhouse In a Hotel

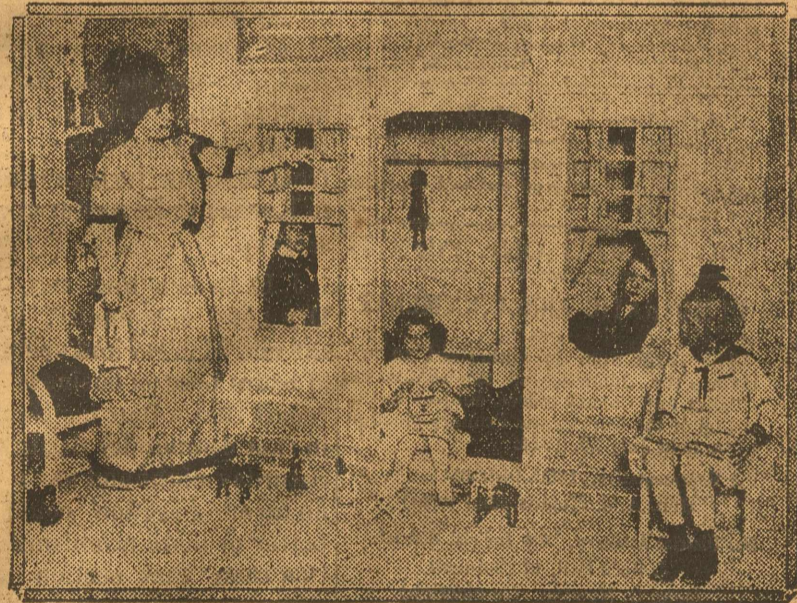


Photo by American Press Association.

Where do you do your playing? In the green fields, or if it is a rainy day no doubt in the house. But suppose you lived in a giant hotel in the city where thousands of people make their home, around which you can find only hard pavements and streets made dangerous by heavy traffic. What then? Look at the youngsters in the picture. They live in a hotel. They are children the same as you are, liking their fun as much as other youngsters. The parks are open to them, of course, but to please them the hotel has made one of its large rooms into a nursery where any kind of amusement is permitted. Here is a house built for them exclusively furnished throughout with small tables, chairs, beds, etc.—in fact, everything needed to complete their happiness.

## TAMING THE ROSE.

"Wild flower tamer's come to town!"  
All the posies cried.  
"See him stalking up and down!"  
Let us run and hide!"

So the wild flowers hid away—  
All of them but one.  
Wild Rose said, "I'm going to stay  
Just to see the fun."

Wild flower tamer came to her  
With his wondrous powers,  
And a primrose she became,  
Tamest of the flowers.

—St. Nicholas.

## Guessing.

Why is a sneeze like Niagara? Because it is a catarrh-act.

What letters of the alphabet are most like a Roman emperor? The C's are.

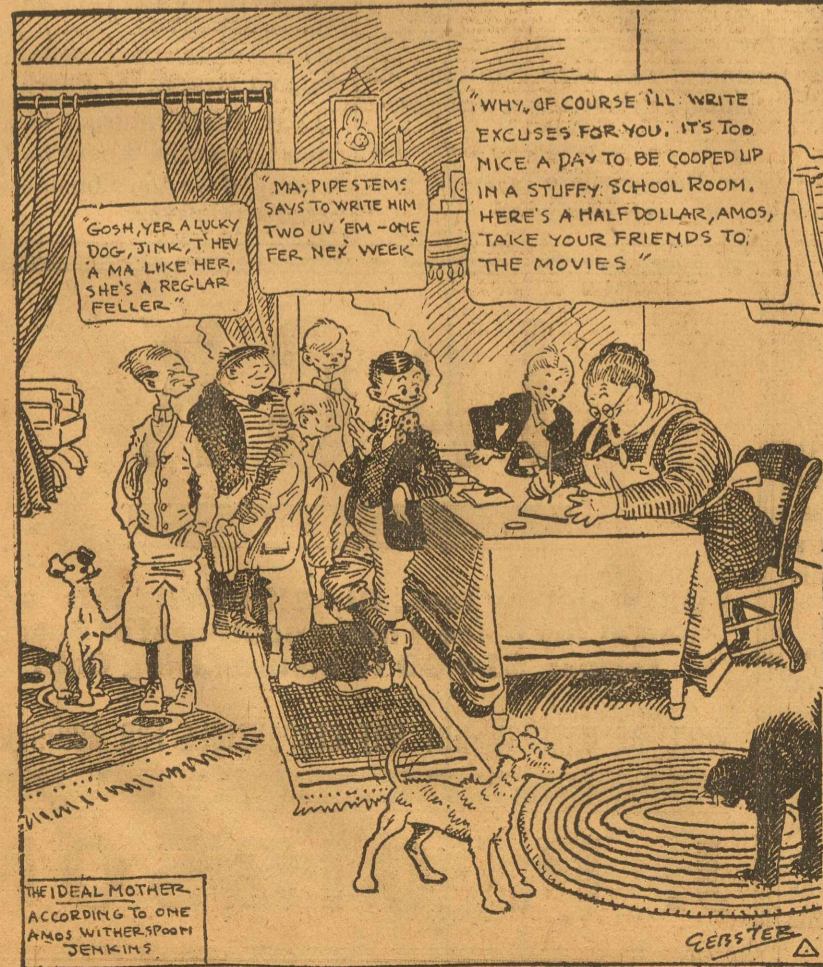
Why do pianos bear the noblest characters? Because they are grand, upright and square.

## THE UNITED STATES CAPITAL.

The capital of the United States has been located at different times at the following places: At Philadelphia from Sept. 5, 1774, to December, 1776; at Baltimore Dec. 20, 1776, to March, 1777; Philadelphia, March 4, 1777, to September, 1777; Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 27, 1777, to Sept. 30, 1777; York, Pa., Sept. 30, 1777, to July, 1778; Philadelphia, July 2, 1778, to June 30, 1783; Princeton, N. J., June 30, 1783, to Nov. 20, 1783; Annapolis, Md., Nov. 26, 1783 to Nov. 30, 1784; Trenton, N. J., from November, 1784, to January, 1785; New York, Jan. 11, 1785, to 1790.

Then the seat of government was removed to Philadelphia, where it remained until 1800, since which time it has been in Washington.

## When Mother's "a Good Sport"



THE IDEAL MOTHER ACCORDING TO ONE ANGUS WITHERSPOON JENKINS.

—New York Globe.



# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

**IN** Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

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#### DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following as candidates for District and County offices, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election to be held July 25, 1914:

For Representative, 105th District:  
Hon. A. J. Hagins (2nd term)

For District Attorney, 50th Judicial District:  
J. Ross Bell, of Paducah  
Isaac O. Newton (re-election)

For District and County Clerk:  
Cephus Hogan  
C. C. Cobb (re-election)

For Tax Assessor:  
T. J. Harrison (2nd term)  
G. B. Joplin  
E. L. Harkey

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
J. B. Conner  
T. Wylly Morgan  
G. T. Snodgrass

For County Judge:  
O. S. Ferguson (2nd term)  
Blaine Speer

For County Treasurer:  
B. A. Crego (re-election)  
J. B. Yantis

For Commissioner Precinct No. 3:  
S. R. Bowman  
W. A. Johnson

Mr. Williams, who has been visiting his brother, Leslie and wife the past several weeks, returned home last week.

J. F. Speer, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was here Friday of last week on business and greeting his many friends.

#### LOCAL AND PERSONAL (Left over from last week)

G. F. White, of Weatherford, owner of the White Ranch nine or ten miles southeast of Spur, spent several days here last week visiting his son, Sam, and looking after business interests. He shipped several cars of cattle from Roaring Springs last week to Kansas to be pastured in that section.

J. E. Brown and son, of the Dry Lake community, were in the city Monday and spent several hours here on business. They report that a four inch rain fell in that community Saturday and Saturday night and as a result no farming section could be in better or more promising condition than that section at this time.

Miss Hardin, who has been teaching in the Spur Schools during the past two terms, left Monday for her home at Greenville. Miss Hardin is loved by her pupils and appreciated by patrons, and it is probable that she will again be employed for the coming term of school.

Misses Thelma Harkey, Myrtle Rogers and Clyde Waltmon returned Sunday from Floydada where they visited friends. They report that the rain extended only about four or five miles up on the Plains.

J. D. Martin, of several miles north, was in the city the latter part of last week greeting his friends and trading with the merchants.

Miss Grimsley, who has been in Spur on an extended visit to her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, returned this week to her home at Stamford.

S. W. Rather, a prosperous farmer and ranchman and leading citizen of the Cat Fish community, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time here on business and shaking hands with his many friends. Mr. Rather is one of the best fixed men of the country.

Uncle Tom Smith and sons, W. H., Frank and Riley, came in Monday from their home southwest of Spur and spent several hours here trading and on other business. They report plenty rain and everything in the very finest condition in their section of the country.

George Gaddis, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, had his residence blown from the foundation during a rain and wind storm in that section Friday of last week. No one was injured and the damage will be very small.

L. B. Haile came in Monday from Afton, hauling out supplies Tuesday. Mr. Haile brought us in some Plymouth Rock and Brown Leghorn eggs from which we intend to raise some fine chickens.

R. C. Forbis came in Monday from his ranch home in the north part of the county and spent some time here on business. While here Mr. Forbis bought a new Ford car, having sold his old one to Luke Davis.

E. R. Rorie was in Saturday from the Line Camp east of Spur and spent some time here shaking hands with his many friends.

J. L. Karr, a prominent citizen and one of the most successful farmers of the country, was in the city Saturday from his farm home near old Espeula.

M. L. Blakeley came in Tuesday from his home in the Afton country and spent some time here trading and on other business. He reports that his section of the country has had plenty rain and is now in ideal condition for farming.

The Spur ball team and the Red Mud team played a match game Sunday on the Red Mud diamond. It is said that with one or two exceptions high-class ball was played with the result of a score of six to nine in favor of Red Mud.

J. H. McCamant came in Tuesday from his farm and ranch home twelve miles southwest and spent several hours here on business.

Tom McArthur, a prominent farmer and ranchman of the Tap country, was here Saturday on business and greeting friends.

Y. L. Jones returned Saturday from Dallas where he spent several days on business.

F. A. Prideaux left this week for Dallas where he will be located in the future. Since the beginning of Spur Mr. Prideaux has been manager of the Spencer Lumber Company, having recently closed out the business at this point.

Mrs. J. R. Walker and children left Wednesday for Fort Worth where she will remain some time under the treatment of a specialist.

Mrs. Tom Johnson, of Jayton, and Miss Jo Grimsley, of Stamford, were visitors last week at the home of Mrs. J. A. Smith.

Mrs. C. E. Brannen and children returned Sunday from an extended visit to relatives at Jayton and Peacock.

Estle Berry and Gus Berry, of Comanche county, are in the city visiting their sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Perry.

C. H. Perry returned last week from Comanche where he spent several days on business and visiting relatives.

# JACK

I will stand my Jack. BLACKHAWK, this season at my place 4 miles southeast of Spur. Terms: \$10.00 to insure Living Colt.

WILL BE CAREFUL BUT NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS

## J. P. GIBSON



# Live Topics For Farm Readers

## YOUR ONION PATCH

It Should Be as Free as Possible From Weed Seed.

USE FERTILIZERS IF NEED BE.

In Northern States Sow as Soon as Condition of Soil Will Permit as There Is Danger of Early September Frosts.

A reader makes inquiry as to the matter of raising onions. The land intended for the patch should be as free as possible from weed seeds, and it is better if it was plowed last fall. Onions are heavy feeders on soil fertility and for this reason the land on which they are to be grown should be rich.

## THE GROWING CALF.

The newborn calf should be allowed to draw the milk from its dam for three days.

Do not abuse the calf when teaching it to drink by jamming its head in the milk up to its eyes.

Keep all the young calves warm. Chilling does not make them tough. It only retards their growth and knocks off the profits.

A sour, dirty feeding pail may cause the death of a calf. It pays to be sure that everything is right and regular.

As the calves grow older a mixture of ground oats, wheat bran and a very little cornmeal fed dry in a trough is very helpful.

## CARE OF BROOD SOWS.

Results of Kansas Experiment Station of Help to Farmers.

The Kansas experiment station has been carrying on some experiments during the past three years along the line of the care of brood sows that should be of definite practical value to hog raisers everywhere. In 1911 from thirty-three of the station sows litters averaging 7.6 per sow were raised. The next year twelve Duroc-Jersey sows weaned ninety-six pigs. Last year an equally good showing was made from a still larger number of sows. The care of the litters was started when the sows were bred. The mothers were forced to take a moderate amount of exercise every day during the period of gestation. The feeds given during the period included corn, shorts, wheat bran, tankage, oilmeal and alfalfa hay. For the early portion of the period the ration consisted of a little corn, some shorts and tankage and all the alfalfa hay the sows would eat. Bran and oilmeal were added the last few weeks. The aim in feeding was to bring the sows to farrowing time in a laxative condition and in good thrift and medium flesh.

## Don't Blame Cow For Stringy Milk.

Usually the cow is not to blame for stringy milk, the trouble being due to bacteria (bacillus mucosus) in the milk utensils. Sometimes this is traceable to contaminated washing water or to contaminated stables or setting the milk in dusty places. Clean up, disinfect and whitewash the stables. See that the water is pure. Perfectly scrub, cleanse and sun dry the milk utensils and set milk in a clean place where there is a current of fresh air. When the milk comes from the udder in stringy condition garget is present and probably has come from bacteria infecting the udder. Isolate such a cow and milk her three times a day. Do not let the milk get on to the stall floors. Massage the udder at each milking time and at night rub with a mixture of equal parts of fluid extract of poke root and belladonna leaves and six parts of warm sweet oil. Give two teaspoonfuls of saltpeter twice daily in drinking water for four or five days a week.—Kimball's Dairy Farmer.

## Keep Calves From the Orchard.

Scores of young orchards are going to pot every year because the owners think they can work the tracts as a calf pasture proposition before the trees get to a bearing age. The two things don't go together, and if the calves are to have the right of way it would be better to quit monkeying with the trees and take a grub hoe and dig them out. If, on the other hand, they are counted on to become something beyond sticks for the calves to scratch their backs on the bovines would better be pastured elsewhere.

## SAVING THE YOUNG LAMB.

Poisonous Condition Often Results From Tightening of the Bowels.

A sheep raiser whose young lambs seem all right when dropped, but soon begin to droop and generally die, wants to know the cause. In our case we have observed that this condition is usually due to constipation, says a correspondent of the National Stockman. For some reason the first milk of the ewe has not caused the bowels to be evacuated, and a poisonous condition soon results. When this condition is general it may be assumed that the whole ewe flock is affected by some abnormal condition, such as improper feed, low vitality or lack of exercise. The lambs should be watched carefully the first day or two, and if the bowels seem stubborn an injection of warm soapy water should be given. This can do no harm in any case if done in a sanitary way and the syringe is inserted very carefully. At the same time if found necessary the lambs may be given one-fourth of a dram of castor oil in a little milk by means of a nipple.

By observing great care and extreme cleanliness we have saved many lambs by this kind of treatment. At any time, when a lamb is troubled with tenacious, waxy excrement it should be promptly removed by using the syringe and warm water; in such cases the improved condition is prompt.

Sometimes young lambs droop because the ewe does not permit them to nurse. In this case the ewe and lamb should be confined in a small pen and watched at short intervals until nursing becomes normal. Often the ewe shows a great attachment for her lamb, yet will not permit it to nurse; in such cases the attendant must see that the habit of normal nursing is established. This sometimes requires several days.

## Live Stock For Rundown Farms.

The first step that should be followed in restoring the fertility of a rundown farm should be to increase the number of animals kept on the place. Cattle, sheep and hogs are better than none, but the dairy cow is the best fertility restorer of the lot. Every effort should be made to increase the manurial product of the farm. Another aid is to grow the clovers as green manures. After this a crop should be raised which will require clean cultivation and dispose of the weeds. Clover should be sowed again and plowed under or may be used as a meadow for one season and then plowed under with a cultivated crop following. As the soil becomes richer the clover crop will not have to be produced so often.

## PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Philadelphia has a professional woman chauffeur.  
California shipped 1,500,000,000 oranges last year.  
Street railways in Cleveland killed thirty-three persons in 1913.  
Aunt Dorcas, an Atlanta negress, is believed to be 104 years old.  
Men's collars manufactured in Eng-

land every year number about 20,000,000.  
Divorce decrees were granted to 708 women in New York city last year.  
It is believed that previous to civilization baldness was unknown among American Indians. The uncivilized Indian apparently is yet free from pelagra and almost immune from cancer.

# SETTLING THE FEUD

By HARRY J. M'CORD

A GIRL about seventeen years old, in calico dress, sunbonnet and cowhide boots, was walking through a wood in Kentucky on her way to a spring for water when, making a short cut in a bend in the path, she came upon a man asleep. He was young, but there was a hunted look on his face that made him look older.

There was a feud of long standing between the Griggses and the Backuses, and a few days before Abel Griggs had been shot and killed by Josh Backus. Since the killing all the Griggses had been looking for Josh in order to cut another notch on their rifles to make up for the latest Backus notch, said notches denoting the number killed.

The girl was Mahulda Griggs, and she looked down on Josh Backus. He had been driven by a cordon of Griggs' men, who were closing in on him, to the wood near Mahulda's home. He knew there was no escape for him and had thrown himself on the grass in despair. Having been long without food or sleep he had fallen into a slumber.

He awoke with a start and saw Mahulda looking down on him. Each knew who the other was, though they had never met before. Josh sat up and, handing his gun stock foremost to Mahulda, said huskily:

"You're a Griggs, I reckon, and I might as well own up that I'm Josh Backus as killed Abel Griggs. I'm sure to be taken and shot. I'd rather be killed by you than any of the Griggs men, and I'll be obliged to you if you'll put a bullet into me where it will kill me quickest."

The girl took the gun.  
"Reckon I ort to kill you," she said, "seein' you killed one o' the best of us Griggs people."

"Put the ball thar," said the other, rising to his feet and tapping his heart with his finger.

"What did yo' kill Abel fo'?"  
"To match the killin' of Jim Backus."

"Reckon you'll be killed to match the killin' o' Abel, and then another Griggs 'll be killed to match the killin' o' yo'."

"That's the way of it. Come, do the shootin'. Like enough, some one'll come along."

"I don't want to kill yo'," said the girl, bringing the gun to her shoulder. "It's the best thing yo' kin do fo' me."

She aimed at him, then lowered the gun.

"I might hide yo'."  
"Hide me! You, a Griggs, hide a Backus!"  
"Reckon."

"Ef your people would find it out they'd kill yo' fo' doin' of it."

"Sartin."

"Well, what yo' goin' to do?"  
"Hide yo', I reckon."

He stepped up to her, took her hand in his and looked intently into her eyes, where he saw a struggle between pity and self sacrifice on the one hand and revenge and possible death for herself on the other. And he saw, too, the moment when the decision came.

She took off her sunbonnet and handed it to him, then divested herself of her dress, which she also gave to him. He understood and put them on. When he was in her outer garments she put on his woolen shirt, trousers and hat.

"Yo' go down the path to the spring," she said. "It's on the edge o' the clearin' what yo' kin see across. Ef yo' don't see nary one go over. Ef yo're in danger I'll show myself til yo' git cl'ar of 'er."

"But they'll shoot yo' fo' me."

"Reckon not. Ef they do they'll have to hit me."

"Mayn't I have a kiss befo' I go?" he asked with a trembling voice.

"Reckon."

She received the kiss passively; then they parted to go in different directions, the man taking the bucket, the girl the gun. When he reached the spring he filled the bucket, at the same time casting his eye over the clearing. He knew that one of the cordon of Griggses was not far away; but, seeing no one, he started across. He hadn't gone far before he heard a voice:

"Hello thar! Yo' Mahuldy! What yo' goin'?"

He kept on without replying. Presently he heard the same voice say, "Mahuldy, ef that's yo', yo' come yere or I'll shoot at yo'!"

Backus kept on without reply. Then suddenly he saw a sun flash on a rifle barrel, and for a moment he hesitated. Then came the rifle's crack, but no bullet came near him. He shuddered, for he believed that Mahulda had shown herself and had received the fire. Hearing no further sound, he ran to the wood beyond the clearing.

The Griggses, who had fired supposedly at Backus and seen him fall, ran up to him. There lay Mahulda, pale and bleeding.

Quite likely the bullet that hit her saved her life. Her own people could not kill her, and the sacrifice she had made filled their hearts with compassion. When she recovered a meeting was called among the Griggses, and Mahulda was sent to the Backuses with a proposition to end the feud. There she met Abel Backus, who had little difficulty in persuading his people to agree to drop the killing.

Some months later a mingling of Griggses and Backuses celebrated the wedding of Josh Backus and Mahulda Griggs.

# Violating the Laws of Gravity

## On the Gridiron.

"What did the detectives do with you?"

"They acted like a hospitable club friend."

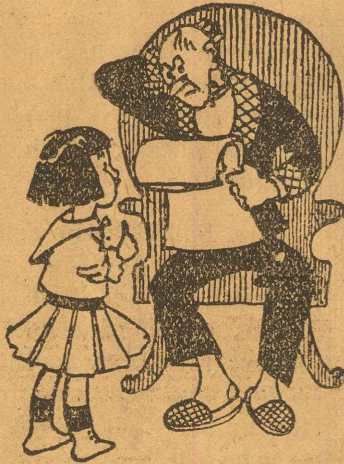
"How was that?"  
"They took me to the grill room."—Baltimore American.

## Ways of the World.

"I wonder why it is said that 'all the world loves a lover!'"

"I guess it's because the world thinks it's such fun to hear his letters read in court."—Catholic Standard and Times.

## Wisdom.



"Papa, Susie asked, 'was it a very wise person who said, 'The good die young?'"

"Yes," replied the father. "I suppose he must have been very, very wise."

"Well," said the child, after meditating for some time on the import of his answer, "I'm not really so much surprised about you, but—mamma—no, I don't see how mamma got growed up!"—Pittsburgh Press.

## Up Against It.

A retail dealer in leather goods, doing business in Baltimore, wrote to a firm in southern Massachusetts ordering a carload of the merchandise. The firm wired him:

"Cannot ship your order until the last consignment is paid for."  
"Unable to wait so long," telegraphed the leather merchant. "Cancel the order."

## Passing It Along.

"You've gone to a great deal of trouble and expense to give your boy an education."

"I wouldn't mind that," replied Farmer Cornstossel, "if Josh wouldn't come home and expect to learn me as much in two or three weeks as he found out during the whole term."—Washington Star.

## Rubbing It In.

Patience—Every one at the meeting said I had a perfect figure.

Patrice—Indeed! How many women were there?

"Just fifteen."

"Well, I read in the paper only yesterday that only about one person in fifteen has perfect eyesight."—Yonkers Statesman.

## Against the Law.

"I thought the postal authorities had barred guessing contests from newspapers," remarked Gabe.

"They have," said Steve.

"Well, why do they let them print the weather forecasts every day?" demanded Gabe.

## One Less Mouth to Feed.

"How does the poor woman support herself in her affliction at losing her husband?"

"I suppose the same way she supported herself all the time he was living."—Baltimore American.

## As a Father Should Be.

"That's a patient man."

"Yes, His family is one of those which insist that the test of a good father is a willingness to go without overshoes himself while others have sleds and skates."—Washington Star.

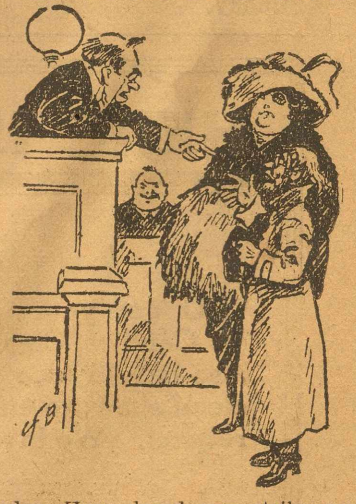
## Deciding It For Him.

Cissie—Are you going to marry my sister Ethel?

Embarrassed Caller—Well—er—I really don't know yet, you know.

Cissie—That's what I thought. Well, you are!—London Tatler.

## Saw His Chance and Took It.



Judge—How dared you strike your wife, sir?

Husband—Well, she had her back to me and the kitchen door was open, so I took a chance.—New York Globe.

## Space Scarce.

"These collapsible opera hats are a great convenience."

"So?"  
"Yes, you have no idea how much room they save in a flat."—Louisville Courier-Journal.



**ITEMS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY.**  
BY CORRESPONDENTS

**STEEL HILL ITEMS.**

Crops are looking better since the rain, and the farmers also.

Large crowds from the adjoining communities attended the Children's Day exercises Sunday at the church. They report a nice time and a fine dinner.

Mrs. D. A. Moore and son, Jack, are on the sick list this week.

Mrs. G. J. Stearns don't seem to be improving any. She has been in ill health for a long time but we hope she will be improving by next writing.

Dr. James P. Gibson spent Saturday night with Calvin Moore.

Prof. Tarleton is wearing a broad smile the train didn't come in Monday, so he could not go to his home in Cleburne.

Merle Rash and Harvey Holly, of Jayton, came up Saturday evening looking after their matrimonial affairs.

Hobson Odam, Jim Henderson, Jim Gibson, Donnie and Guy Merriman spent Sunday evening with Ed and Jack Moore.

Tennon Curry sailed into our midst last week, from Abilene, and will make this his future home.

Little Tommy, don't rush me around for not writing for I have been sick.

Harvey Holly tried to borrow a buggy Sunday. I don't know what he wanted with it.

G. T. Luttrell has closed a contract with Bob Stevens to irrigate twenty-five acres of land with the waste milk from his Jersey cow. Mr. Luttrell feels an equity with Rockefeller and D. A. Moore is as spry as a bird, since the rain.

That's right Rambling Bill, bound fo' yuh to think o' sompin good. It sure would be nice to have a Correspondents meeting and the Editor to watch us eat the dinner and make us behave.—Lonesome Kid.

**GILPIN HAPPENINGS.**

Health in our community is not so good this week as all the farmers have the "itch," and they are "scratching" some.

Prof. Walden and Wasson, of Girard, were visitors in Spur Saturday and Sunday. On returning Sunday evening their car stuck in a mud hole and they come to find out that one of the tires was punctured; so they had some "time" before arriving at home.

P. E. Hagins made a business trip to Jayton Monday.

Several of our young people visited in Jayton Saturday and Sunday.

On Friday night, May 15th, at Duck Creek schoolhouse, the closing entertainment of our school will take place. The following program will be rendered:

Opening Address, C. C. Walden.

Reading, Odel Clark.

Oration, E. Hawkins.

Dialogue—Taking the Census—Lily Hagins, E. Boothe.

Play—Days of the Week—Willie Taylor, Sallie Taylor, Agnes Hagins, Effie Hagins, Lucy Hagins, Vera Curley and Sorena McAdams.

Reading, Eunice Hawkins.

Dialogue—Elder Sniffers Courtship—C. Bennett, Mary Bennett.

The Debator—A Farce in One Act—By Poet Hagins, Orville Boothe.

Reading, Adrin Bennett.

Reading, Eunice Sampson.

"Fooling With the Wrong Man—A Drama in Three Acts—Cast: C. Bennett, Miss Lydia Franklin, W. Hagins.

Reading, Oca Clark.

Dialogue—Bachelor Button—Mattie Hagins, Ross Bilberry. Jack Frost and Tom Ruddy, Williard Sampson, Clarence Bilberry.

Reading, Lawson Clark.

Reading, Arthur Clark.

"Which Is Best," Emmett Hagins, George Hagins, Elmo Clark.—A School Chap.

**DRAPER GLEANINGS.**

Had another fine rain Friday night, filling all tanks and water holes.

Farmers are busy planting and scratching their cotton that was planted before the rain.

The ball game Saturday evening between Wichita and Croton went 6 to 0 in favor of Croton.

W. L. Thannish has been on the sick list for several days, and we are sorry to hear that he is no better.

Mr. Hyatt gave the young folks a party Saturday night. A good time was enjoyed by all present.

Bro. Owens (for some reason unknown to the writer) failed to fill his regular appointment Sunday morning, and disappointed a large crowd.

Mr. Thacker and family, of Croton, took dinner with J. R. Rodgers Sunday.

M. C. Hobson has been right sick but we are glad to know that he is improving.

Several of Croton's best singers attended singing at Wichita Sunday evening.

R. W. Dismuke and family, of near Afton, visited W. T. Lovell

and family Sunday and Monday.

Miss Bessie Hobson and Bessie Thacker, of Croton, visited Miss Nettie D. Murcheson Sunday.

The singing at M. C. Hobson's Sunday night was enjoyed by all, a large crowd being present.

Mrs. Lovell and daughter, Miss Edith, spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. C. C. Haile, of Draper.

Prentiss Counts and wife took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Murcheson Sunday.

E. B. Shaw and W. T. Lovell were elected as delegates to the Farmers Union meeting at Houston, May the 7th and 8th.—Rambling Bill.

**TAP TELLINGS.**

Cotton planting is the order of the day.

The recent rains did considerable damage to gardens.

L. S. Scott brought out another planter Monday, and is now planting four rows of cotton at a round.

Grandpa Parsons made a flying trip to Spur this week.

Ye scribe, wife and two little girls got caught in a severe hailstorm near Red Mud Sunday evening. We used the spring-seat of the wagon for protection. Some hailstones were nearly as large as hen eggs. This strip of hail did not extend west of Red Mud to the settlements.

The singing at Frank Allcorn's Sunday evening was largely attended and highly enjoyed by all.

Everybody is invited to attend the School Entertainment at the Red Top schoolhouse Friday night, May 15th. Red Mud and Peaceful Hill schools have thrown together and are going to kill a big 'un. Ten Nights in the Bar-Room will be on exhibition that night. I'm sure an excellent program will be rendered as the teachers of both schools are working very hard for a successful entertainment.

A fine girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edd McArthur Sunday. We wish for Miss McArthur many happy days in this life, and may she grow to be a useful woman.

Charlie Hinson has resigned his position with the Dog Poisoning outfit and will plant a crop on this season, which is good judgment.

Mrs. Belle Martin visited Mrs. J. H. Sparks Monday.

Fount Harrell had another bad attack of appendicitis the other night. It seems that Fount is not going to be able to escape the knife, "but here's hoping that he will."—Kid-a-lude.

**DRY LAKE ITEMS.**

We believe everybody has had all the rain they need for the present.

Our school closed Friday and

had entertainment Friday night, notwithstanding the bad weather. The program was well prepared and every one was highly entertained.

Bob Davis and family and Mr. Johnson and family took dinner with H. H. Hill and wife Sunday.

Misses Susie Bobo and Esther Davis spent Sunday night with Miss Lottie Johnson, that being the last night our teacher spent in the neighborhood. She will leave at once for her home at Ranger.

Little Audie Markham has been quite sick the last few days but is improving at present.

Mr. Markham what have you lost? I notice you look as if you were hunting for something everywhere you go.

Aunt Mary Cline has been quite sick for several weeks but is some better at present.

Messrs. Dopson and Johnson went to Cat Fish Tuesday on business.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry will fill his regular appointment here Saturday night before the second Sunday.

Sunday School every Sunday morning.—Sunbeam.

I have bought the business of the Spur Grain & Coal Co., and will have a complete stock of all kinds of feed and coal. I am in the business to stay and will appreciate your patronage. Call and see us at the same old stand.—C. H. Senning.

Mack Brown, Miss Creola Richburg, Chester Edwards and Miss Iva Joplin spent last Sunday week in Dickens with Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Cobb. They report a very pleasant day.

Mollie Bailey show will exhibit in Spur Saturday May 9th. Two performances will be given—afternoon and night.

**AN OUTING.**

Master George S. Link spent several days last week at the Alamo Stock Farm with J. C. McNeil and family. Among the guests in the house party, at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeil are the following young people of Spur: Ruby and Jeff Davis Reorgan Jr., Robbie and Donnalita Sandifer, Erma Baker, Robert Bartlett and Bonny Fields.

Mrs. Simmons entertained the younger set at her home in the east part of the city Monday evening of last week. Several interesting contests and games were features of amusement. Delicious punch and wafers were served. All present voted thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Simmons.

We are pleased to state that we now have a complete stock of everything in the way of Coal and Feed, and will appreciate your business—Spur Grain & Coal Co.

Mrs. Y. L. Jones and daughter little Miss Nan, returned Saturday to Spur, after an extended visit to relatives in Fort Worth, Dallas, Comanche, Texas and Shreveport La.

Bring the children to Mollie's show, Saturday May the 9th. The clowns will be there in large numbers to furnish the fun.

Miss Minnie Fite is visiting Misses Shields of Dickens and Emma Buchanan north of Dickens.

J. P. Simmons, wife and Mrs. Springer drove over to Dickens Wednesday in their new Ford.

James MaHone Jr. spent several days in Stamford last week visiting friends.

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